

# TOWN OF PLYMPTON



*SELECTMAN JOE FREITAS*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2013



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**Of the Town Officers and Committees**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**



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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The 2014 Annual Town Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2014  
At 7:00 PM at the Dennett Elementary School  
(The Wednesday preceding the Town Election)

**TOWN ELECTION**

May 17, 2014 at the Town House  
(Third Saturday of the month)

Polls will be open for the 2014 Election of Officers from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**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

**2013 CENSUS**

2,835

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

2,066

**NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

William R. Keating

**US SENATORS**

Edward J. Markey

Elizabeth Warren

**SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT**

Thomas P. Kennedy

**TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**

Thomas J. Calter

## MEETINGS TIMES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES 2013- 2014

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 Committee	Second Monday	7:00 pm
Board of Appeals	as posted	
Board of Assessors	as posted	
Board of Health	First and Third Tuesday	5:00 pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	7:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday	6:00 pm
Community Preservation Committee	Fourth Tuesday	7:00 pm
Conservation Committee	First and Third Tuesday	7:30 pm
Council on Aging	Second Thursday	9:00 am
Cultural Council	as posted	
Finance Committee	as posted	
Historical Commission	as posted	
Historic District Committee	as posted	
Library Trustees	as posted	
Old Home Day Committee	as posted	
Open Space Committee	Third Wednesday	7:30 pm
Planning Board	First and Third Monday	7:30 pm
Recreation Committee	as posted	
School Committee - Dennett	Fourth Monday	4:30 pm
School Committee - Silver Lake	Second Thursday	7:00 pm
Veteran's Agent	by appointment	
Wage and Personnel Committee	as posted	
Website Committee	as posted	
Wiring Inspector	Monday	6:00 pm

**Meetings times and dates may change if a holiday occurs or is otherwise posted. See Agendas in Town Clerk's office or outside Town House in white mail box to right of entrance door to confirm meeting time and place.**

**You may also visit the Town website: [www.town.plympton.ma.us](http://www.town.plympton.ma.us)  
Look for: Agendas/Minutes.**

# **PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS 2013**

## **MODERATOR**

John A. Traynor Jr. (2016)

## **SELECTMEN**

Joseph A. Freitas (2014)

John P. Henry (2015)

Mark E. Russo (2016)

## **TOWN CLERK**

Tara Wick (2015)

## **ASSESSORS**

Jocelyn Anderson (2015)

Steven Lewis (2014)

Richard Nordahl (2016)

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

John E. Doyle (2015)

Arthur B. Morin Jr. (2016)

Arthur F. O'Callaghan Jr. (2014)

## **CONSTABLES**

David Batchelder (2014)

David E. Smith (2014)

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 YEARS**

Marilyn Browne (2016)

Mark Gabriel (2015)

Lisa M. Hart (2014)

Susan F. Ossoff (2016)

Maxwell C. West (2014)

## **HIGHWAY SURVEYOR**

James M. Mulcahy (2015)

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Irving R. Butler Jr. (2017)  
Paul D'Angelo (2015)  
William E. McClellan (2018)  
John D. O'Leary Jr. (2016)  
John D. Rantuccio (2014)

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

#### **(Dennett Elementary)**

Christopher Badot (2013)  
Stephanie Domey (2016)  
Shelly Karparis (2014)  
Gail Knight (2015)  
Robert Ruggiero (2014)  
Brian Wick (2015)

### **SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Douglas A. Hall (2014)  
Maureen A. Springer (2015)

### **TREE WARDEN**

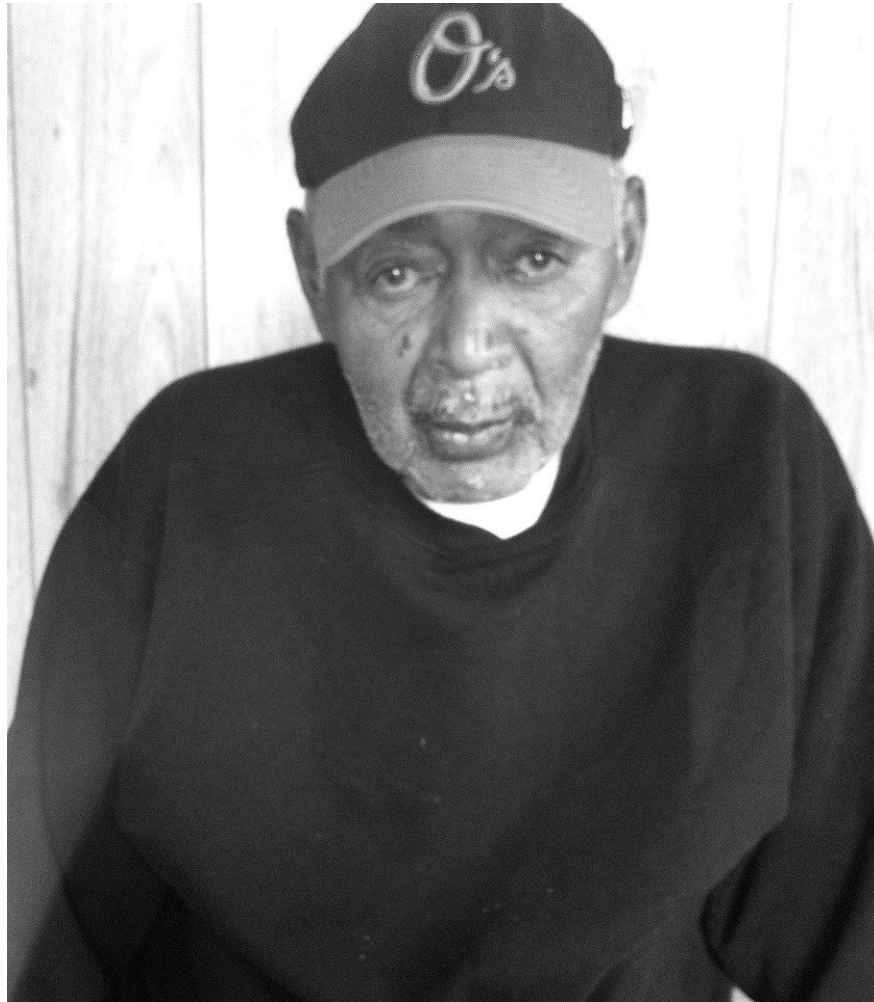
William N. Hayes Jr. (2015)

### **TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Miranda A. Boyles (2016)  
Thomas E. Cosato, Sr. (2014)  
Patricia L. Detterman (2014)  
Susan T. Vetterlein (2015)  
Christine Winslow (2016)

## In Memoriam

Mr. John J. Andrews  
“Jack”



October 26, 1929 - July 01, 2013

Retired Officer – Town of Plympton  
Plymouth County, Retired Deputy Sheriff  
Transfer Station Employee  
Korean War Veteran  
Resident of Plympton for 54 years



## In Memoriam

Ms. Gail Anne Briggs



January 12, 1944 – May 16, 2013

Open Space Committee  
Churchill Park  
Cato's Ridge

## **In Memoriam**

Helvi M. Lehto



October 26, 1917 - October 04, 2013

Plympton Garden Club  
Plympton Historical Society  
Library Volunteer  
Plympton resident for 45 years

## PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS 2013

**Agricultural Commission** – Richard Burnet (2014), Richard Harlfinger (2014), Russell W. Keirstead (2014), Jeffrey LaFleur (2013), Richard Nordhal (2015), Linda Schauwecker (2013),

**Animal Inspector/Animal Control Officer** – Frank Bush (2014)

**Building Commissioner - Inspector of Buildings** Thomas Millias (2014)

**Local Building Inspector** – Robert Piccirilli (2014)

**Burial Agent** - James Mulcahy - (2014)

**CERT Coordinator** – David Smith (2015)

**Chief of Police** – Patrick Dillon – (2014)

**Civil Defense Committee** – Fire Chief Warren Borsari (2014), and James Mulcahy (2015)

**Community Preservation Committee** – Deborah Anderson, (2013), Vice Chair, Rick Burnet (2014, Agricultural Representative) Irving Butler, Jr., (2015, Planning Board Representative) David C. Chandler Sr., (2015, Treasurer/Collector Representative), Susan Ossoff (2013, Highway Representative), Mark E. Russo (2014), Chair, Jane Schulze (2013, Historical Representative), Colleen Thompson (2014), Secretary,

**Conservation Commission** – Rick Burnet (2014), Timothy Dempsey (2014), Ami Dion (2015), Linda Leddy (2015), John Mathias (2014), Jeff Smith (2016),

**Council on Aging** – Dorothy Cushman – Coordinator/Treasurer (2015), Evy Hanningan - Secretary (2014), Sandra Henry (2014), Barbara Knox (2015), Jean Langley (2016) Christine Maiorano – Director (2014), Shirley Martin (2015), Patricia Mustacaros (2014), Sue Walker (2016) Patricia Mustacaros – Director of Old Colony Elder Services (2014), Senior Aide – Tricia Detterman

**Director of Veteran's Services** – Roxanne Whitbeck (2013)

**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

**Cultural Council** – Martha Burns, (2015), Susan Healey, (2018), Martin Mitchell, Co-Chair (2015), Lisa Reilly, Co-Chair (2018)

**Emergency Management Director** – Fire Chief, Warren Borsari (2014)

**Fire Department** – Chief, Warren Borsari (2014)

**Forest Fire Warden** – Fire Chief, Warren Borsari (2014)

**43 D Coordinator** – Kenneth Thompson, (2014)

**Historical Commission** – Edward J. McCune III (2014), Martin P. Mitchell (2015), Jill Palenstijn (2016), Jane Schulze (2015), Jon Wilhelmsen (2014), Associate: Richard Burnett

**Historic District Commission (PHDC)** – Stuart Chase (2015), Edward J. McCune III, Alternate (2015) Charles C. Nickerson (2015), Carol Quindley (2015), Marylouise Sayles - Alternate (2016), Jonathan Shaw (2016), Richard Stover (2016)

**Jason Park Study & Development Committee** – Robert Doucette (2014), Gregory Fairbanks (2015), Jacqueline Freitas, (2014), Joseph A. Freitas (2015), Pam Modericker (2015), Jim Mulcahy (2015), and Tim Snow (2014)

**Memorial Day Commemoration Committee** - Kim Adams (2016), Tricia Detterman (2016), John Doyle (2016), Lisa Krance (2016), Peter Kupic (2016), Steve Lewis (2016), Steve Lyons (2016), Chris Rankin (2016), Tim Snow (2016)

**Old Home Day Committee** – Ali (Mary) Conant (2015), Sherri Slater, (2014)

**Open Space Committee** – Christian Lawrence, (resigned 9/2013) (2015), Linda Leddy, (2014), Vicki Maloney, (2015), Francis J. Perfetuo Jr., (2015), Brad Prescott, (2015), Ted Taranto (2015)

**Plumbing & Gas Inspector** – Douglas G. Hawthorne Jr. (2014), Edward Sealey (Alternate) (2014)

**Police Chief**, Patrick S. Dillon,

**Police Full-Time:** Daniel L. Alix, Sergeant, Robert J. Costa, Jr., Brian Cranshaw, Douglas Mazolla, John Mulready, Stephen M. Teri, Elisha Sullivan (resigned October 01, 2013) Brent Petersen, (2013) to Full-time September 06, 2013,

**Police Part-Time:** Robert Akin, Ron Clark, Dana Fowler, Scott Peterson, Christopher Saucier, Terms - *All-Indefinite*.

**Police Matrons:** Cheryl Davis, (2015), Elizabeth Channel (2015),

**Police Special Officers:** James Boulter, Michael Gagnon, Glen Lindsey, Dana Smith

**Recreation Commission** - Steven Beckwith (2015), Susan Day (2015), Andrew Karparis Fulfilled an open seat (2015), Justin Keene (2016), Ann M. White (2015)

**Registrars of Voters** – Ami Dion, (2015), Lisa Krance (2016), Shirley Martin, (2014),

**Superintendent of Insect Pest Control** – William Hayes Jr., (2014)

**Town Accountant** – Barbara Gomez (2014)

**Town Building Needs/Complex Study Committee** – **Until dissolved** Barry DeCristofano, John Doyle, James McGuiggan, Susan Ossoff, Bradf Prescott

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

**Town House – Building Committee** – Nancy Butler, John Henry, Jake Jacobson, Robert Karling, Tara Wick (appointments – until completion of project)

**Treasurer/Collector** – Colleen P. Morin (2015)

**Tree Warden** – William Hayes, Jr. (2014)

**Veteran's Services** – Roxanne Whitbeck (2014)

**Wage & Personnel Board** – David C. Chandler, Sr., (2014), James Mustacaros, (2014), Alan Wheelock (2013),

**Wiring Inspector** – Robert Karling (2014), Scott Varley, Deputy (2014)

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – David F. Alberti, (2016), Arthur Morin Jr., (2015), John O'Leary, (2014), Kenneth Thompson, (2015)

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Robert Karling (2014)

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2013**

The Town Clerk's Office is the primary provider of information and quality services to the people of Plympton. We will work cooperatively and in coordination with Town Officials, Committee Members, and the citizens who volunteer their time to better our community.

By state mandate, the Town Clerk's Office is responsible for recording and maintaining records including but not limited to:

- Vital Records – Registrations and certified copies of Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Town Meeting – Attendance records, minutes and reporting
- Elections – Monitoring of timelines, recording of results
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Application acceptance, Hearing Postings and Decisions
- Bylaw revisions and submissions to the Attorney General
- Business Certificates and Raffle Permits - Issuance and maintenance of database
- Ethics – Disseminating ethics rules, administering of oaths, and recording and management of compliance database and quiz documentation

On a state and federal level, the Town Clerk's office performs a wide range of functions to achieve established goals and to help with compliance with state statutes. Elections require months of preparation beginning with determining the sequence of events leading up to Election Day, registering voters, organizing poll workers and police details, poll location set up, and ending with the final tally results that is recorded and reported to the State Election Division. We had a busy election year in 2013 having to run and manage 3 elections within one year. It was a great opportunity to walk through all of the mandated processes while developing and implementing our own new systems through our office to help make everything run smoothly and efficiently. By the time the 3rd election was successfully completed, we had perfected our new systems and had more confidence with regard to the management of running an election, but we were happy to put our busy election year behind us!

The Town Clerk's Office also serves as Plympton's liaison to the Administrators of the Annual and Decennial Census by gathering and maintaining the most accurate information per household in the Town of Plympton. The United States Census Bureau (officially the Bureau of the Census, as defined in Title 13 U.S.C. § 11) is the government agency that is responsible for the United States Census. It also gathers other national demographic and economic data. As a part of the United States Department of Commerce, the Census Bureau serves as a leading source of data about America's people and economy.

It was a great year to get to know more of the residents in our wonderful community. As part of the Town Clerk's Office effort to keep our residents informed of events and meetings that are occurring in the town, if you provide us with your email, we will be happy to subscribe you to the automated system through our town website. Whenever a new event or document is posted to the web site you have an opportunity to receive a copy of that posting in your personal email box automatically. You can provide the email using the following link to the website: <http://www.town.plympton.ma.us/subscribe>, or contact us directly at 781-585-3220.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

# SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2013

The election officials were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick. They were the Warden: Patricia Detterman, Clerk and Teller Nancy J. Butler, and the remaining Tellers Cindy Bloomquist, James Mustacaros, Jean Reynolds.

The ballot box was inspected by the Town Clerk, the Clerk of Elections, Elections Officials, and Police Officer John Mulready. The box was inspected, declared empty, then closed and locked.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m.

At noon, Teller Patricia Mustacaros was sworn in as a teller to release Cindy Bloomquist.  
At 12:30 pm, Teller Colleen Thompson was sworn in to release James Mustacaros.

At 5:30, Teller Jean Cohen was sworn in to release Colleen Thompson.

At 6:00 p.m. all Absentee Votes were processed by the warden and inserted into the ballot box for counting.

It was a slow uneventful day with a low turnout of approximately 20% of registered voters.

Counters Helen Reynolds, Tim Snow, Grace Heinonen, and Kelly Heath were sworn in. The Final Tally Clerk Lisa Hart was sworn in. The Check In and Check Out Books were reviewed and confirmed to match. The ballot box was emptied at 8:15 p.m. by Election Officials. The police officer observed it was empty and relocked.

Town Of Plympton					
Official Results- 1 Polling Location, 1 Precinct, 5 Palmer Road, Plympton, MA 02367					
Tuesday, April 30, 2013 State Primary Election					
	Regular	Absentee	Provisional	UOCAVA	Totals
<b>TOTAL NUMBER BALLOTS CAST:</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>REPUBLICAN PARTY</b>	<b>174</b>				
<b>Gabriel E. Gomez</b>	<b>89</b>				<b>89</b>
Michael J. Sullivan	78				78
Daniel B. Winslow	7				7
Blank	0				0
					0
<b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b>	<b>241</b>				
<b>Stephen F. Lynch</b>	<b>133</b>				<b>133</b>
Edward J. Markey	108				108

	Regular	Absentee	Provisional	UOCAVA	Totals
Blank	0				0
<b>Total Registered Voters:</b>	2065				
<b>Democrat:</b>	336				
<b>Republican:</b>	304				
<b>Unenrolled:</b>	1416				
<b>Green Party USA, Green Rainbow, Libertarian, Inter 3rd Party</b>	9				
<b>% Voter Turnout:</b>	20				
<b>Total Ballots Cast:</b>	415				

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

# **PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND MINUTES**

## **(combined)**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 15, 2013**

**\*Please note that the formatting for the Town Meeting Section for the purpose of the Annual Town Report has been changed from previous years to include the Warrant information as printed followed by the corresponding *amendments and minutes as voted in italics*.**

Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr declared there being a quorum present (35) and preparation and posting of the warrant and the procedure was accomplished in accordance with the law and, therefore, the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor welcomed everyone to the 306th Annual Town Meeting and 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. We were asked to keep in our thoughts our men and women serving in uniform who are stationed around the world, and especially those serving in Afghanistan. He led us in the Pledge to Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Traynor stated we will begin the Annual Town which addresses Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) then at 8:00 pm we will recess the Annual Town Meeting to begin a Special Town Meeting to address funding issues in this year's fiscal spending which ends June 30, 2013.

Mr. Traynor introduced the Board of Selectmen, Joe Freitas, Barry DeCristofano, and John Henry: Chairman, Town Council Ilana Quirk and Town Clerk Tara J. Wick, the Finance Committee Mark Gabriel, Mark Russo, Lisa Hart, Susan Ossoff and Max West as well as Barbara Gomez: Town Accountant. The Tellers were Patricia Detterman and Nancy Butler. Police Officer present was Ron Clark.

There were 135 registered voters present and 13 non-registered Plympton citizens present.

**VOTED:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to allow the following non-residents to participate in the meeting. Town Council: Ilana Quirk, Town Accountant: Barbara Gomez, Town Assessor: Deborah Stuart, Police Chief: Patrick Dillon, Veteran Agent: Roxanne Whitbeck, Principal Dennett School: Peter Veneto, Supt Silver Lake Regional School: John Tuffy, and Asst. Supt. Silver Lake Regional School: Joy Blackwood

**UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Traynor reviewed the Procedural Rules as set forth by the Laws of the Commonwealth as well as the Plympton Town Bylaws, and referenced the book "Town Meeting Time" rules used as guidance.

**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**

Susan Ossoff, Chairman of the Finance Committee, addressed the assembly and explained the summarized the Handout FY2014 Budget Information.



**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: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 1, VOTED** *(On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) 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:*

*Max West, 19 Trout Farm Lane, addressed the assembly with a summary and full report per handout with an overview of the Ambulance Study Committee Recommendations.*

*Barry DeCristofano, 198 Main Street, addressed the assembly with an overview of the Town Building Needs Study Committee and an RFP Overview that has been submitted to the Central Register in May.*

*John Henry, Board of Selectman, 225 Main Street, recognized Barry DeCristofano for his years of service received by the townspeople with a standing ovation.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 2** To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2013 as permitted by and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 2 VOTED** *(On the motion of Colleen Morin, 11 Granville Baker Way) To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2013 as permitted by and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §53F, or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2013 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3 VOTED** *(On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) to vote to waive the reading of individual wage and salary figures in favor of line item approval. John Traynor read until "hold" and then go back to those put on hold.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 3 VOTED** *(On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) to see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2013 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.*

# WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2014

## 3% Merit

### A. Firefighters (Part-time)

Deputy Chief	24.52
Captain	22.86
Lieutenant	21.73
Firefighter	20.62
Certified EMT	20.62
EMT Standby at \$8.00/hour (calls within that same shift shall be paid at the EMT Rate of pay per hour)	
EMT Paramedic Standby at \$10.00/hour	
Full Time FF/Paramedic	23.08 - 25.96

### B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	18.81 - 21.05
Truck Driver/Laborer	17.97 - 19.19
Laborer	14.66 - 15.68

### C. Town Labor

Laborer	14.66 - 15.37
Sr. Disposal Attendant	16.93 - 17.70
Disposal Attendant	15.09 - 15.82

### D. Clerical/Election Workers

Clerk	10.51 - 12.61
Senior Clerk/Warden	13.66 - 15.23

### E. Permanent Staff(all departments)

Clerk	13.66 - 15.23
Senior Clerk	15.76 - 17.08
Administrative Assistant	17.96 - 21.01
Asst. to Treasurer/Collector	18.39 - 22.06
Asst. Town Clerk	18.39 - 22.06

### F. Library

Clerk	11.57 - 14.40
Circulation Clerk	13.88 - 16.07
Library Technician	15.76 - 17.08
Senior Library Technician	17.74 - 21.01

### G. Senior Aide

15.76 - 17.08

### H. Other Employees

Special Police Officer	14.07
Police Matron	16.23

**I. Salaried Employees**

\*Library Director

\*Includes 3% merit and onetime adjustment of \$1.50/hr

35,280.00 - 42,229.00

Assist. Assessor

24,426.00 - 44,125.00

**J. Land Use Administrator**

23.00-25.00

*Hold placed on Library Director*

*David Chandler, Wage and Personnel, 94 Mayflower Road, make correction as was VOTED at a Wage and Personnel meeting from \$42,229.00 to \$44,954.00.*

*Motion by Barry DeCristofano to accept with Library Director correction.*

*Seconded by John Henry.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**VOTED** (on the motion of Barry DeCristofano to advance to Article 5 for immediate consideration and continue until 8:00p.m. when adjourned for the Special Town Meeting. Seconded by John Henry.)

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 5 VOTED** (On the motion of Colleen Morin, 11 Granville Baker Way) To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,500.00 from Free Cash to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2014 or take any other action relative thereto.

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$242,481.00 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 section 34-2a of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6 PASS OVER**(On the motion of James Mulcahy, 3 Brackett Terrace) The Town vote to pass over Article 6. The state gave a number and he is not sure if the number is accurate.

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to reauthorize revolving funds for certain Town departments and officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time. The funds are as follows: or take any other action relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 14 Spending Limit
Assessors	Board of Assessors	Inspection Fees	Subsidizing the Town's map updates	\$5,000

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 14 Spending Limit
Recreation Commission	Recreation Commission	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 Support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events.	\$20,000
Tax Title	Treasurer/Collector	Miscellaneous and legal fees charged on tax title accounts and one half of interest collected on Tax Title accounts when paid. In addition, said account shall also be credited with miscellaneous fees and legal fees and one half of the Interest accrued on Tax Possession from the sale or auction of said Tax Possession.	Processing Tax Titles and Tax Possessions, including legal fees, miscellaneous expenses and salaries of staff in the Treasurer/Collectors department and Land Court fees.	\$20,000

**ARTICLE 7 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry to accept Article 7 as printed in the warrant)*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the total sum of \$104,691.46 to pay the annual lease payments for the 2013 Fire Department Pumper Tanker (\$and the 2008 Smeal Pumper and the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own programs or take any other action relative there to.

Discussion: David Batchelder, Prospect Road, question why were they all put together?

Response: Dale Pleau, Town Coordinator, In the processing the tanker last year, the finance company offered 2.14% for 5 years to save \$8,000. Refinance period is the same amount of money. The Town will save \$1400/year with a lower rate and the same term.

**ARTICLE 8 VOTED** *(On the motion of Warren Borsari, Fire Chief, 88 Upland Rd) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the total sum of \$104,691.46 to pay the annual lease payments for the 2013 Fire Department Pumper Tanker (\$and the 2008 Smeal Pumper and the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own programs or take any other action relative there to.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,971.49 to pay the annual lease payments for the First Response and Fire Command vehicle or take any other action relative there to.

**ARTICLE 9 VOTED** *(On the motion of Warren Borsari, Fire Chief, 88 Upland Rd) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,971.49 to*

*pay the annual lease payments for the First Response and Fire Command vehicle or take any other action relative there to.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation FY 2014 estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2014, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$4500

**Reserves:**

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$9000

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$9000

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$9000

From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$58,500

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10 VOTED** *(On the motion of Mark Russo to move as printed) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation FY 2014 estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2014, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:*

**Appropriations:**

*From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$4500*

**Reserves:**

*From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$9000*

*From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$9000*

*From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$9000*

*From FY 2014 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$58,500*

*Or take any other action relative thereto.*

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# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECESSED TO CONDUCT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 8:00 P.M.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED 8:53 P.M.

**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.

**ARTICLE 4** *(On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) 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.*

**UNANIMOUS**

### **ARTICLE 11** PLYMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$21,000 of which \$16,800 will come first from the Historic Resources Reserve and then \$4,200 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund improvements to the Plympton Historical Society Building including additional insulation, installing gutters and paving the approach to handicap access ramp as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;

Said project to be directed and supervised by the Plympton Historical Society with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months;

And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the appropriate Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee;

Or take any other action thereon.

*Sponsored by the Plympton Community Preservation Committee*

**Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

### **ARTICLE 11** **VOTED** *(On the motion of Mark Russo)* PLYMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECT

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*Or take any other action thereon.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 12** JASON PARK RECREATION FIELD

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$9000 from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund the development of a recreation field at Jason Park as described in an application submitted to the Jason Park Study and Building Committee Community Preservation Committee;

Said project to be directed and supervised by the Jason Park Study and Building Committee with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months;

And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Open Space Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee.

Or take any other action thereon.

*Sponsored by the Plympton Community Preservation Committee*

**Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

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*Said project to be directed and supervised by the Jason Park Study and Building Committee with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months;*

*And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Open Space Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee.*

*Or take any other action thereon.*

**MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 13** TOWN HOUSE ALARM SYSTEM

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$15,000 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, toward the total cost of an alarm system in the Town House for the portion of the system which will protect the historical part of the building (police station) and the vault as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee; and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$23,000 to pay for the portion of the alarm system protecting the non-historic and non-vault portion of the building.

Said project to be directed and supervised by the Board of Selectmen and Town Coordinator with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months;

And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee;

Or take any other action thereon.

*Sponsored by the Plympton Community Preservation Committee*  
**Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

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*Or take any other action thereon.*

**SUPER MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 14** **TOWN HOUSE VAULT SHELVING**

*To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3000 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund the purchase of shelving for the Town House vault as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;*

*Said project to be directed and supervised by the Town Clerk with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months;*

*And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Budgeted Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee;*

*Or take any other action thereon.*

*Sponsored by the Plympton Community Preservation Committee*  
**Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 14 VOTED** *(On the motion of Rick Burnett as printed)* **TOWN HOUSE VAULT SHELVING**

*To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3000 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund the purchase of shelving for the Town House vault as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;*

*Said project to be directed and supervised by the Town Clerk with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months;*

*And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Budgeted Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee;*

*Or take any other action thereon.*

**SUPER MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 15** *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and/or borrow under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sec 7.9 or any other lawful authority the sum of \$142,641.00 to purchase and equip a sander truck, complete with sand/salt spreader and snowplow and onboard pre-wetting system to replace the Town's 1988 International sander truck or take any other action relative thereto.*

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**



**ARTICLE 15 VOTED** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$79,173.00 from Free Cash and Transfer \$63,468.00 from Capital Stabilization Fund to to purchase and equip a sander truck, complete with sand/salt spreader and snowplow and onboard pre-wetting system to replace the Town's 1988 International sander truck or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and/or borrow under M.G.L. Ch. 44 Sec 7.9 or any other lawful authority the sum of \$28,804.00 to purchase a pick-up truck or enter into a lease purchase agreement for the same, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 16 VOTED** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$26,500.00 from Free Cash the sum of \$26,500.00 to purchase a pick-up truck, or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**SUPER MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,900.00 to purchase and equip a lawn mower for the Cemetery and Park Departments or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 17** *To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,900.00 to purchase and equip a lawn mower for the Cemetery and Park Departments or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,693.00 to purchase and install a power angle snow plow for the Town's 2008 International Dump Truck or take any other action relative thereto

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 18 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,693.00 to purchase and install a power angle snow plow for the Town's 2008 International Dump Truck or take any other action relative thereto*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and/or borrow under M.G.L. Ch44 Sec7.9 the sum of \$19,500.00 for further improvements at the Transfer Station or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 19 VOTED** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,500.00 for further improvements at the Transfer Station or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer available funds the sum of \$12,000.00 for improvements to the Winnetuxet Road dam or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 20 VOTED** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town transfer vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 for improvements to the Winnetuxet Road dam or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer available funds or borrow under M.G.L. Ch44 Sec.7.9 the sum of \$50,000.00 to make roadway repairs and or improvements at various locations within the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 21 PASSOVER** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer available funds or borrow under M.G.L. Ch44 Sec.7.9 the sum of \$50,000.00 to make roadway repairs and or improvements at various locations within the Town or take any other action relative thereto.*

**SUPER MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$6400.00 to purchase two (2) semi-ruggedized laptop computers and related software and equipment to replace aging units for police patrol vehicles or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 22 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6400.00 to purchase two (2) semi-ruggedized laptop computers and related software and equipment to replace aging units for police patrol vehicles or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2950.00 to purchase two (2) Electronic Control Devices (Tasers), cartridges, training cartridges, holsters and replacement batteries for the Police Department or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 23 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,950.00 to purchase two (2) Electronic Control Devices (Tasers), cartridges, training cartridges, holsters and replacement batteries for the Police Department or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6800.00 to purchase new computer server and to replace to replace aging units for police patrol vehicles or take any other action relative thereto

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 24 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,800.00 to purchase new computer server and to replace to replace aging units for police patrol vehicles or take any other action relative thereto*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,800.00 to purchase new portable police radios to replace old and aging radio units or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 25 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$12,800.00 to purchase new portable police radios to replace old and aging radio units or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay the annual lease payments for police patrol vehicle on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 26 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay the annual lease payments for police patrol vehicle on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 27** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of up to \$35,000.00 for the replacement of computer hardware and software/application software systems, and networking infrastructure in the existing aged Computer Lab at the Dennett. This request includes replacement of 31 system units, with appropriate software licensing and fees, set-up services, two network switching units or take any other action relative thereto.

**Dennett School Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 27 VOTED** *(On the motion of Bob Ruggiero) To see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of up to \$35,000.00 for the replacement of computer hardware and software/application software systems, and networking infrastructure in the existing aged Computer Lab at the Dennett. This request includes replacement of 31 system units, with appropriate software licensing and fees, set-up services, two network switching units or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 19,933 for the purpose of renovating the Parsonage Road basketball court or take any action relative there to.

**Recreation Commission: Not Recommended by BOS 0-3**

**ARTICLE 28 VOTED** *(On the motion of Andy Karpas) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$ 19,933 for the purpose of renovating the Parsonage Road basketball court or take any action relative there to.*  
**SUPER MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2014 Interim-Year valuation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 29 VOTED** *(On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2014 Interim-Year valuation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 30** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for maintenance and development of the Harry Jason Park or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 30 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of Joe Freitas) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for maintenance and development of the Harry Jason Park or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 31** To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court through it's local representatives to establish the position of appointed Highway Surveyor or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 31 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court through it's local representatives to establish the position of appointed Highway Surveyor or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 to create and partially fund a Land Use Administrator to support the Building Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Building Department: Not Recommended by BOS 0-3**

**ARTICLE 32 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 to create and partially fund a Land Use Administrator to support the Building Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 33** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with FRIEnergy, LLC or their assign the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any action in relation thereto

**Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 33** *(On the motion of John Henry to move as read) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with FRIEnergy, LLC or their assign the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any action in relation thereto*  
**SUPER MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 34** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with DG Clean Power LLC or their assign the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any action in relation thereto  
**Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 34 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry to move as written) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with DG Clean Power LLC or their assign the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any action in relation thereto*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 35** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow \$255,000 to acquire and equip an ambulance and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding five years for said equipment or take any action relative thereto  
**Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 35 VOTED** *(On the motion of Chief Warren Borsari) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$130,000 and transfer \$125,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund to acquire and equip an ambulance and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding five years for said equipment or take any action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 36** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds up to \$75,000.00 to lease or purchase, equip and maintain a modular unit to house firefight ter/EMT's outside the fire station or take any action relative thereto  
**Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 36 VOTED** *(On the motion of Chief Warren Borsari) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$46,040.00 from Free Cash and raise and appropriate by taxation \$28,960.00 to purchase, equip and maintain a modular unit to house firefight ter/EMT's outside the fire station or take any action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 37** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$28,600 to purchase 12 sets of structural personal protective equipment or take any action relative thereto  
**Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 37 VOTED** *(On the motion of Chief Warren Borsari) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$28,600 to purchase 12 sets of structural personal protective equipment or take any action relative thereto*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 38** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$50,000 to enter into a public safety dispatching agreement or take any other action relative thereto.

**Public Safety: Not Recommended by BOS 1-2**

**ARTICLE 38 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$50,000 to enter into a public safety dispatching agreement or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 39** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$2,500 to purchase durable goods for the emergency shelter or take any action relative thereto

**Fire Chief: Not Recommended by BOS 0-3**

**ARTICLE 39 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of Chief Warren Borsari) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$2,500 to purchase durable goods for the emergency shelter or take any action relative thereto*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 40 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of Irving Butler) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section, "Transfer of development rights bylaw" This new section will be known as SECTION 9 and change the current SECTION 9 "DEFINITIONS" to SECTION 10 or take any action relative thereto.*

**TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

xx10 Purpose and Intent: The purpose of this By-law is to allow the development rights from one property (the sending parcel) to be transferred to another property (the receiving parcel) while contemporaneously restricting the sending parcel from future development. The Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) By-law allows for the maintenance of low- density land uses, open spaces, historical features, critical environmental resources, and other sensitive features of the sending parcel to be preserved while providing compensation to the property owner. The TDR program is consistent with the Plympton Master Plan's goals to further the conservation and preservation of natural and undeveloped areas, wildlife, flora, and habitats for endangered species; protection of ground water, surface water, as well as other natural resources; balanced economic growth; the provision of adequate capital facilities, including transportation, water supply, and solid, sanitary, and hazardous waste disposal facilities; the coordination of the provision of adequate capital facilities with the achievement of other goals; the development of an adequate supply of affordable housing; and the preservation of historical, cultural, archaeological, architectural, and recreational values.

xx20. Applicability. The provisions of Section xx00 shall apply to land identified as follows:

- a) Sending areas: Land controlled by the applicant within the Agricultural-Residential District.
- b) Receiving areas: Land controlled by the applicant in any zoning district.

Properties within the designated sending and/or receiving areas may either be developed under existing By-laws and regulations or may file for a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Special Permit. A TDR Special Permit shall be required for the determination of sending area development rights; and a TDR Special Permit shall be required for the approval of receiving area development plan. The two Special Permits may be combined into one single concurrent

Special Permit or may be filed separately. The determination of development rights shall require a preliminary plan submittal for the sending parcel(s).

xx21. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for TDR special permit(s).

xx22. Determination of Sending Area Development Rights: To establish the development rights available for transfer, the sending parcel(s)'s owner shall file a preliminary plan for the sending parcel(s) with the Planning Board. The preliminary plan with supporting information as deemed necessary by the Planning Board shall comply with all existing density and dimensional limitations in effect at the time of application. The preliminary plan for the sending parcel(s) shall also comply with Planning Board's Rules and Regulations without the need for major waivers. The determination of major waivers lies at the discretion of the Planning Board.

xx23. The sending parcel(s)'s owner shall provide a written report to the Planning Board that identifies the importance of the sending parcel(s) to remain in a natural state because the parcel(s) contain one or more of the following features: visual prominence, potential vista impairment, ecological significance, fragility, importance as farmland, value for recreation and/or future Town open space. The Planning Board shall note the importance of the sending parcel in the Sending lot(s) Special Permit decision.

xx24. The base development rights (number of lots) of the sending parcel(s) as established by the Planning Board from the Preliminary Plan shall be multiplied by 1.50, and this increased amount shall be the number of development rights available under a potential TDR application. Fractions of a unit shall be rounded down. For example, if the base development rights equals 10 units,  $10 \times 1.5 = 15$  units available for a TDR application. If the base development rights equals 15 units,  $15 \times 1.5 = 22.5$ , which is rounded down to 22 units.

If the Planning Board determines that one or more of the sending parcel(s) is of particularly significant importance, the base development rights of those parcel(s) may be multiplied by 2.0 instead of 1.50. Examples of particularly significant importance include:

1. three (3) or more "approval not required" lots (i.e. lots having the minimum frontage and area requirements of the underlying zoning district and fronting on a public way or a way which the municipal clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way) that are contiguous to each other or another parcel from which development rights are being transferred;
- public drinking water resources;
  - habitat for rare or endangered species (as determined by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program);
  - parcels contiguous to State or Town conservation land;
  - parcels containing structures, features or trails of noteworthy historical significance;
  - parcels with special recreational value.

The determination of particularly significant importance lies at the discretion of the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall note the total number of development rights available for use under a potential TDR application in the Preliminary Plan decision.

Subsequent to the issuance of a certificate of development rights to the owner of a sending parcel(s), and prior to the approval of a transfer of the development rights to a receiving parcel(s), said certificate shall be assignable as a matter of right by a recordable document from the assignor to the assignee. The assignee shall, within fourteen (14) days of recordation of an assignment, transmit to the Planning Board a certified copy of the same, in order to

enable the Planning Board to keep current its certificate ledger. The assignment of a certificate of development rights shall not be deemed to be a transfer of those development rights.

xx25. Any lot or lots from the sending parcel(s) deemed to qualify for a transfer of development rights must, prior to any utilization of transferred development rights on a receiving parcel(s), be permanently restricted from future development by way of a permanent conservation restriction in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 184, Section 31-33, as most recently amended, running in favor of the Town or non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is conservation of open space, or by being donated to the Town of Plympton for conservation purposes or by being conveyed to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, and any other purposes set forth by the Planning Board. Draft restriction(s) or donation language on the sending lot(s) shall be submitted to the Planning Board with the application. The Planning Board shall require the restriction or donation language on the sending parcel(s) to be recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds/Land Court prior to the issuance of any building permit on the receiving parcel(s). On property which will be protected by way of a conservation restriction, a management plan(s) shall be provided to the Planning Board, which describes how existing woods, fields, meadows or other natural areas shall be maintained in accordance with best management practices.

xx26. All instruments implementing the Transfer of Development Rights shall be recorded in the manner of a deed(s) at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds for both the sending and, when identified, the receiving parcel(s). The instrument evidencing such TDR's shall specify the map and lot numbers of the sending and receiving parcel(s).

xx27. The Plympton Town Assessor shall be provided by applicant, all pertinent information required by such Assessor to value, assess and tax the respective parcels at their fair market value as enhanced or diminished by the TDR's. This information shall include both the sending parcel(s) and, when identified, the receiving parcel(s) and shall be obtained from the clerk of the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

xx28. The record owner of the sending parcel(s) or the receiving parcel(s) shall, within thirty days of the expiration of the appeal period from the special permit decision authorizing TDR's (or within thirty (30) days of the date on which the disposition of any such appeal is filed in the Town Clerk's office), record at the Registry of Deeds the special permit decision. Evidence of said recording shall be transmitted to the Planning Board within twenty (20) days of the recording of the special permit document with the Registry of Deeds. Evidence to the Planning Board shall include the date of recording and the deed book and page at which the recording can be located.

xx29. The record owner of the sending parcel(s) shall, prior to the issuance of any building permit for the receiving parcel(s) and only after discussion and written agreement with the Planning Board, record at the Registry of Deeds either: a Conservation Restriction as defined by M.G.L. c. 184 §31-33, running in favor of the Town or non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is conservation of open space, prohibiting in perpetuity the construction, placement, or expansion of any new or existing structure or other development on said sending parcel(s); or a transfer of the deed of said sending parcel(s) to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is conservation of open space, or by being donated to the Town of Plympton for conservation purposes. Evidence of said recording shall



be transmitted to the Planning Board indicating the date of recording and the deed book and page number at which the recording can be located. The grant of the special permit to transfer development rights shall be expressly conditioned upon evidence of the recordation of such restriction or donation prior to the issuance of any building permit for the receiving parcel.

xx30. Approval of Receiving Area Development Plan. To establish the development rights available for receipt, the receiving parcel(s)'s owner shall submit a development plan(s) for the receiving parcel(s). The development plan shall conform to all regulations applicable in the zoning district in which the receiving area is located, except density and dimensional requirements. The minimum area of a receiving area shall be 5 acres, except for (a) receiving areas in the village district, and (b) receiving areas having frontage on or access from Routes 58 and 106. The maximum area of a receiving area shall be 60 acres?

The base density of the receiving area (before the TDR's are transferred) shall be established by having a Net Usable Land Area (NULA) plan for the entire receiving area(s) submitted to the Board. The NULA acreage is established by subtracting all water bodies, wetlands, marshes, bogs, flood zones, and land within a sixty-five (50) foot wetland buffer area to these regulated lands. The remaining upland area is the NULA. The base number of units that could be developed on the receiving parcel(s) equals six (6) times the NULA. Fractions of a unit shall be rounded down.

Each transferred TDR that is to be used on the receiving area for both (a) age-restricted housing and (b) affordable housing may be multiplied by 2.0 instead of 1.5. Fractions of a unit shall be rounded down.

The base number of units that could be developed on the receiving parcel(s) plus the number of TDR's available to be transferred shall be the total number of units allowed on the receiving parcel(s).

The Planning Board shall have the authority to modify the number of parking spaces otherwise required by Section 3300 if one or more of the units are age-restricted.

The following Dimensional Standards shall apply:

Frontage: 40' Front Setback: 30' from street layout line or edge of pavement, whichever is less  
Rear Setback: 25' to property line or edge of pavement (if alley access is used), whichever is less.  
Side Setback: 25' to property line or edge of pavement (if alley access is used), whichever is less.  
Route 58 Setback: 40' (notwithstanding the foregoing)  
Building to Building Setback: One-half (1/2) of the sum of the heights of the buildings, provided that the Fire Chief certifies that there is adequate fire access to all sides of each building.  
Height: 35' or 3.5 stories (subject, however, to Footnote 8 in Section 2320)

The following Building Types shall be used:

Single-family dwelling, Two-family dwelling, Townhouse dwellings, Multi-family dwelling containing no more than eight dwelling units, or a Mixed use project, provided that first story is used for commercial purposes and upper story(ies) is (are) used for residential purposes

The Receiving Area Development Plan shall show all existing legal restrictions, easements or limitations on development. The receiving parcel(s) shall have public water and public septic services available or said services shall be provided as part of the TDR special permit development approval.

xx50. TDR Special Permit Criteria: A TDR special permit may be granted by the Planning Board for the receiving parcel(s) upon its written determination that the benefits of the proposed transfer of development rights to the receiving parcel(s) outweigh the detrimental impacts of the development in the receiving area, the surrounding neighborhood, and the Town. The Board shall review and make a positive finding on each of the following criteria:

xx51. The development complies with the Plympton Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan;

xx52. The development preserves or provides one or more of the following: Natural areas; wildlife, flora, and habitats for endangered species; protection of ground water, surface water, or other natural resources; visual or vista importance; farmland; and/or recreation opportunities;

xx53. The development provides adequate water and sanitary facilities;

xx54. The development design is appropriate to the natural topography, soils and other characteristics of the site;

xx55. The development design integrates into existing development patterns.

xx56. Projected traffic generation from development onto local roads and intersections is within the capacity of the road network and does not create any safety concerns. If deemed necessary by the Planning Board, traffic mitigation improvements may be required to address capacity, safety and access management issues;

xx57. The design and layout of streets, parking and loading of the development is acceptable to the Planning Board.

xx60. Governance: Special permit applications and decisions shall be governed by the filing and public hearing requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 40A, §.9. The Planning Board as S.P.G.A. shall have the ability to adopt rules and regulations governing the granting of special permits following the procedures set forth in MGLc.40A.

**Planning Board: No Recommendation by BOS 0-0**

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 41** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,000 to make upgrades to the Town house to comply with the “Americans with Disabilities Act” or take any action relative thereto

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 41 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation \$25,000 to make upgrades to the Town house to comply with the “Americans with Disabilities Act” or take any action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 42** To see if the town will vote to accept and adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32B, Section 20 in order to establish an “Other Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund” (OPEB) in compliance with the mandated standards of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for the reporting, accounting and funding of Other Postemployment Benefits or take any action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 42 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the town will vote to accept and adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32B, Section 20 in order to establish an “Other Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund” (OPEB) in compliance with the mandated standards of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for the reporting, accounting and funding of Other Postemployment Benefits or take any action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 43** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the OPEB Trust Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 or take any action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 0-0**

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**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 44** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton’s Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 6.11, “TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS”, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 6.11, Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers:

Section 6.11.1. PURPOSE By vote at the State election on November 6, 2012, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes. The law provides that it is effective on January 1, 2013 and the State Department of Public Health is required to issue regulations regarding implementation within 120 days of the law’s effective date. Currently under Plympton Zoning Bylaws, a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center is not a permitted use in the Town and any regulations promulgated by the State Department of Public Health are expected to provide guidance to the Town in regulating medical marijuana, including Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. The regulation of medical marijuana raises novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and address such novel and complex issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and other uses related to the regulation of medical marijuana. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers so as to allow the Town sufficient time to

engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

#### Section 6.11.2. DEFINITION

“Medical Marijuana Treatment Center” shall mean a “not-for-profit entity, as defined by Massachusetts law only, registered by the Department of Public Health, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments), transfers, transports, sells distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.”

#### Section 6.11.3. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2014. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of medical marijuana in the Town, consider the Department of Public Health regulations regarding Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws to address the impact and operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and related uses.

Or take any action relative thereto.

#### **BOS: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 44 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plympton’s Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 6.11, “TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS”, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 6.11, Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers:*

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**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 45** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the General Stabilization Account or take any action in relation thereto.

**Finance Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 45 PASSOVER** *(On the motion of Susan Ossoff) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the General Stabilization Account or take any action in relation thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 46** To see if the Town will vote to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 8:00 am on Saturday, May 18, 2013 in the Plympton Town House for the sole purpose of conducting the Annual Town Election and;

To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One (1) Selectmen for three (3) years

One (1) Assessor for three (3) years

One (1) Assessor for three (1) year (to fill an unfulfilled term)

One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years

Two (2) Finance Committee Members for three (3) years

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years

One (1) Moderator for three (3) years

One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years

One (1) School Committee member for three (3) years

One (1) Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for one (1) year (to fill an unfulfilled term)

and further that this Annual Town Meeting warrant will be dissolved immediately upon the closing of the polls on that date. The polls will be open at 8:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 6:00 PM:

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*One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years*

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**UNANIMOUS**

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT AND MINUTES (combined)  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
May 15, 2013**

**\*Please note that the formatting for the Town Meeting Section for the purpose of the Annual Town Report has been changed from previous years to include the Warrant information as printed with the corresponding *amendments and minutes as voted at the Town Meeting followed below in italics.***

The Special Town Meeting held on May 15, 2013 was called to order by Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr., at 8:02 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor declared there was a quorum, the warrant was properly served, and read the call to the meeting. The Tellers were Patricia Detterman and Nancy Butler. Police Officer present was Ron Clark. Town Council Ilanna Quirk was present. There were 135 registered voters present and 13 non-registered Plympton citizens present.

**ARTICLE 1** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500 from available funds to be added to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting Article 4, Line 195, Elections and Registrations to cover the costs of the Special Election for a Senator in Congress or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Town Clerk: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 1 VOTED** *(On the motion of Tara J. Wick, Town Clerk) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500 from available funds to be added to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting Article 4, Line 195, Elections and Registrations to cover the costs of the Special Election for a Senator in Congress or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 2** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$23,500 from available funds to be added to the May, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 77, Veterans Benefits for the balance of the fiscal year or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Veterans Agent: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 2 PASS OVER** *(On the motion of Susan Ossoff) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$23,500 from available funds to be added to the May, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 77, Veterans Benefits for the balance of the fiscal year or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,500 to cover Transfer Station unpaid bills for fiscal year 2012 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 3 VOTED** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,500 to cover Transfer Station unpaid bills for fiscal year 2012 or take any other action relative thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 4** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 210 Treasurer/Collector Salary to be added to Article 4, Line 220 Treasurer/Collector Expenses or take any action in relation thereto.

**Treasurer/Collector: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 4** **VOTED** *(On the motion of Colleen Morin, Treasurer) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 210 Treasurer/Collector Salary to be added to Article 4, Line 220 Treasurer/Collector Expenses or take any action in relation thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$24,000 from available funds to be added to the May, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 41, Medicare or take any action in relation thereto

**Town Accountant: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 5** **VOTED** *(On the motion of Colleen Morin, Treasurer) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$24,000 from Free Cash to be added to the May, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 41, Medicare or take any action in relation thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$23,500 from the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 20 Group Health to be added to the Town Building and Land Maintenance Account or take any action in relation thereto.

**BOS: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 6** **VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry, Selectman) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$23,500 from the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 20 Group Health to be added to the Town Building and Land Maintenance Account or take any action in relation thereto.*

*(On the motion of Lisa Hart, Finance Committee, to amend the motion so that the money can be transferred into #255 Town House)* **SIMPLE MAJORITY ON AMENDMENT**

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000 from the Sale of Lots and Graves Account to do improvements and updates on the Hillcrest Cemetery or take any action in relation thereto.

**Highway Surveyor: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 7** **VOTED** *(On the motion of Jim Mulcahy) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000 from the Sale of Lots and Graves Account to do improvements and updates on the Hillcrest Cemetery or take any action in relation thereto.*

**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,300 from available funds to purchase valuation software or take any action in relation thereto.

**Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0**



**ARTICLE 8 VOTED** *(On the motion of Susan Ossoff) To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,300 from Free Cash to purchase valuation software or take any action in relation thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow UP TO \$26,000 to acquire an 7 passenger van for the Council on Ageing and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding three years for said vehicle or take any action relative thereto

**Council on Aging: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 9 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash UP TO \$26,000 to acquire an 7 passenger van for the Council on Ageing and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding three years for said vehicle or take any action relative thereto*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 415 (Wiring Inspector) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Building Department: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 10 VOTED** *(On the motion of Susan Ossoff) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 415 (Wiring Inspector) or year or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,558 to purchase server, firewall and backup hardware and software for the town house or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOS: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 11 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,558 to purchase server, firewall and backup hardware and software for the town house or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,000 to fund a consulting account for the Board of Selectmen or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOS: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

**ARTICLE 12 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry to make an amendment) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 to fund a consulting account for the Board of Selectmen or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**PASSES BY MAJORITY ON AMENDMENT**

**ARTICLE 12 VOTED** *(On the motion of John Henry to make an amendment) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 to fund a consulting account for the Board of Selectmen or take any other action relative thereto.*  
**MOTION FAILS BY MAJORITY**

**ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 350 (Dog Officer Expense) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Animal Control Officer: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

***ARTICLE 13 VOTED*** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 350 (Dog Officer Expense) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

**UNANIMOUS**

Selectmen Barry DeCristofano made a motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 8:52 p.m. to return to the Annual Town Meeting. Joe Freitas seconded.

**UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)  
Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

# PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

## TOWN OF PLYMPTON

### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

The Town Clerk, police officer, and tellers checked the ballot box. It was emptied and then locked. All workers were sworn in by the Town Clerk; Lisa Hart, Cindy Bloomquist, Patricia Leslie, Jean Reynolds, and Warden Patricia Detterman. Ballots were counted. Provisional Ballot announced and given. 1:25 change of check-out tellers. New Tellers sworn in; Colleen Thompson and Susan Vetterlein. Debra A. Silva assisted Doris Silva (mother) in the voting booth. The day was uneventful and all procedures ran smoothly.

Town Of Plympton					
Official Results- 1 Polling Location, 1 Precinct, 5 Palmer Road, Plympton, MA 02367					
Saturday, May 18, 2013 Annual Town Election					
<b>SELECTMAN, 3 Years Vote One</b>					
Russell D. Benassi	20				20
John E. Doyle	271				271
<b>Mark E. Russo</b>	<b>373</b>				<b>373</b>
All Others	2				2
Blank	0				0

<b>ASSESSOR, 3 Years, Vote One</b>					
Richard E. Nordahl	57				57
Blank	604				604
All Others	5				5
<b>ASSESSOR, 1 Year, Vote One</b>					
Richard E. Nordahl	5				5
Blank	654				654
All Others	7				7
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 Years Vote One</b>					
Arthur B. Morin	490				490
Blank	176				176
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE, 3 Years Vote Two</b>					
Susan F. Ossoff	506				506
Marilyn M. Browne	72				72
Blank	750				750
All Others	4				4

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 Years Vote Two</b>					
<b>Christine M. Winslow</b>	<b>522</b>				<b>522</b>
<b>Miranda A. Boyles</b>	<b>42</b>				<b>42</b>
Blank	760				760
All Others	8				8
<b>MODERATOR, 3 Years Vote One</b>					
<b>John M. Traynor</b>	<b>88</b>				<b>88</b>
Blank	572				572
All Others	6				6
<b>PLANNING BOARD, 5 Years Vote One</b>					
<b>William McClellan</b>	<b>11</b>				<b>11</b>
Blank	651				651
All Others	4				4
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 Years Vote One</b>					
<b>Stephanie M. Domey</b>	<b>41</b>				<b>41</b>
Blank	603				603
All Others	22				22

<b>SL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1 Year Vote One</b>					
<b>Thomas P. Beale</b>	<b>27</b>				<b>27</b>
Douglas A. Hall	<b>40</b>				40
Blank	594				594
All Others	5				5
	Regular and Absentee	Provisional	UOCAVA	Totals	
<b>TOTAL NUMBER BALLOTS CAST:</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>666</b>	
<b>Total Registered Voters:</b>	2066				
<b>Total Residents:</b>	2835				
<b>% Voter Turnout:</b>	32				

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**TOWN OF PLYMPTON**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2013**

The tellers were sworn in by the Town Clerk. The ballot box was inspected by the tellers and Police Officer Steve Teri. The box was empty and locked, the numbers were returned to 0000. Patricia Mustacaros was sworn in at noon. She replaced Cindy Bloomquist at the check out table. At 4:00 the Town Clerk swore in Susan Vetterlein and Irving Butler, Jr., and they replaced Pat and Jim Mustacaros at the check out table. There was one provisional ballot.

<b>Town Of Plympton</b>	
<b>Unofficial Results- 1 Polling Location, 1 Precinct, 5 Palmer Road, Plympton, MA 02367</b>	
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2013</b>	
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>	
<b>Gabriel E. Gomez</b>	<b>420</b>
Edward J. Markey	266
Richard A. Heos	9
Blank	1
Other	1
<b>TOTAL NUMBER BALLOTS CAST:</b>	<b>697</b>
<b>Total Registered Voters:</b>	2064
<b>Total Residents:</b>	2835
<b>% Voter Turnout:</b>	33.77%

## RESIGNATION LETTERS 2013

Deborah Dempsey  
82 Winnetuxet Rd.  
Plympton, Ma  
January 19, 2013

Town Clerk  
Town Of Plympton

Mrs. Wick,

Due to family circumstances, I regrettably resign from the Library Board of Trustees, effective immediately. It has been a pleasure working with our dedicated Library Director and talented board of volunteers

Sincerely

Deborah L. Dempsey

March 7, 2013

Town of Plympton  
Town of Plympton Recreation Commission  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton, MA 02367

Please accept this letter of resignation as a member of the Town Recreation Commission effective immediately. I will not have the appropriate time to give as a volunteer to the committee due to family obligations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a member of the recreation commission for the last 5 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Day

March 18, 2013

Plympton Board of Selectman  
Town Hall  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton, MA 02367

Gentlemen:

I am submitting my resignation from the Conservation Commission effective the date due to personal issues.

I have enjoyed my brief tenure on the Conservation Commission.

Respectfully,

Robert Jacobson

Cc: Jeff Smith, Conservation Commission

15 Popes Farm  
Plympton, MA 02367  
April 10, 2013

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

Dear Sirs,

Please accept my resignation, effective immediately, from the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. Although this is a difficult decision for me, and I have enjoyed the time I have spent serving on the School Committee, I feel that I have no other choice at this time, due to increased demands in my personal life, including caring for a sick family member.

I wish all the members of the Silver Lake School Committee well and thank everyone for the privilege of serving.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia Hines

Cc: Silver Lake School Committee, Mr. John Tuffy, Town Clerk  
April 12, 2013

To: Chief, Patrick Dillon  
Town of Plympton

From: S.P.O. Mark Shubert

Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to thank You and the Town of Plympton for allowing me to Take part in your Special Police Program for the last Year, However due to family and full time employment Commitments I was unable to participate as much as I Would have liked, So at this time I would like to step down And resigned from my position and give you the opportunity To appoint someone that would fulfill your obligations.

Respectfully, Yours  
Mark Shubert

September 10, 2013  
Plympton Board of Selectmen  
Re: Open Space Committee Resignation-Lawrence

Dear Sirs:

This letter/email should serve as official notice of my resignation from the Plympton Open Space Committee (POSC). I have served on this committee for the better part of 8 years, and it has been a privilege.

Community service is important to me, and as my children have reached school age, more and more of my "free" time has been allocated to coaching and organizing their sports in town. So I am resigning from the POSC in part to focus more keenly on this aspect of our their lives, and by extension, our community. Furthermore, the POSC requires and deserves a dedication of time and effort that I can no longer consistently provide.

The committee is as focused and committed of a body as it has ever been during my time here, and so I have no doubt it is in capable hands.

Respectfully,

Christian Lawrence  
45 West St.



Chief Patrick Dillon  
Plympton Police Department  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton, MA 02367

Chief Dillon & Selectmen,

It is with both happiness and sadness that I wish to inform you of my resignation from the position of Police Officer as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. I would like to take a moment to extend my thanks and gratitude to you for hiring me two years ago. My time here in Plympton has taught me a great deal and has made me a better police officer than what I came here as.

I would also like to take a moment to thank my fellow Officers here at the department. When I started your Officers welcomed me with open arms. They taught me a great deal about working in such a close knit community, one that was vastly different from my roots as a city police officer. The Officers of this department are some of the most dedicated people that I have had the pleasure to meet. As you are well aware, our role as officers in this town, and in this department, goes beyond the typical job description as a patrolman. This is something that most departments do not experience, the line in the sand is often very clear. As you are aware, budgetary constraints, personnel shortages, and manning issues have impacted this department's growth. Having said that, I would commend every employee of this department for doing so much, caring so much, and working so hard to give the citizens a department they can be proud of. Time and again I have heard a resident remark that their experience here was better than an experience they had in the past with another department. That the officers were there to help them any way they could, even if it was not a police matter. That even they no longer lived in town, they knew they could come back here and get the help they needed. The level of service your Officers provide to the town is extraordinary and is recognized by your residents.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the towns people. I thank you for welcoming me into your town. It was a pleasure working for you and with you. I have learned many things in my short time here and you are responsible for that. I will treasure the conversations I have had with many of you and promise to pass on the wisdom I have learned.

Thank you once again.

Respectfully,

Elisha Sullivan

# **TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORTS**

## **7/1/20012-06/30/13**

### **TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated 7/1/12	\$16,818.00
Expended:	\$16,818.00
Returned to Treasury 6/30/13	\$0.00

### **ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**

Appropriated 7/1/12	\$13,865.00
Expended:	\$13,865.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/13	\$0.00

### **TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

Appropriated 7/1/12	\$30,809.00
Expended	\$30,809.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/13	0.00

### **CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION**

Appropriated 7/1/12	\$0.00
Expended:	\$0.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/13	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

## **JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013 DOG LICENSES**

325 Spayed or Neutered	@	7.00	\$ 2275.00
35 Male or Female	@	10.00	\$ 350.00
3 Kennel License	@	30.00	\$ 90.00
2 Hobby Kennel License	@	60.00	\$ 120.00
4 Commercial Kennel License	@	150.00	\$ 600.00
12 Late Fines	@	25.00	\$ 300.00
1 Free/Service Dog	@	0.00	\$ 0.00

Subtotal \$3135.00

Less Fees 270.00

\$ 2865.00

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 Rabies Certificate. All kennels are required to be inspected by the Animal Inspector before issuing a kennel license.

Respectfully submitted

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

## **2013 - JURY LIST**

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

Respectfully,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2013

There were 27 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2013.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2013

### Date

April 30	Margaret Anne Siedlecki Grand Rapids, MI	Dale Sherwin Dunaitis Grand Rapids, MI
May 18	Casey Lynn Fuller Wareham	Derek John Ferguson Wareham
25	Juliet Russell Levangie Plympton	Brandon Robert Fuller Plympton
Sept 14	Kate Elizabeth Foster Plympton	Jonathan Adam Paton Plympton
Oct 20	Weslwsn Antunes Dias Plympton	Leslie Marie Barros Plympton
27	Richard Edward Childers, Jr. Pembroke	Stephanie Michelle Cushing Pembroke
Nov 23	David William Keirstead Plympton	Yiran Zhang Plympton

## DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
January 9	Arnold D. Fuller	84	Vine Hills Crematory Plymouth, MA
20	Warren P. Bailey	80	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA
February 6	Alice Colson Vautrinot	93	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA
March 23	Dolores M. Moulton	83	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA
April 24	Nancy J. Smith	82	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA
May 16	Gail Anne Briggs	69	Vine Hills Crematory Plymouth, MA
31	Robert J. O'Neil	63	Pine Hill Cemetery West Bridgewater , MA
June 2	Elisabeth Robinson Vetterlein	89	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA
10	Duane Scott Fulmer	59	Vine Hills Crematory Plymouth, MA
July 1	John J. Andrews	83	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA
1	Patricia Ann Billings	78	Central Cemetery, Halifax, MA
10	Martha V. Rigel	82	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA
10	Ethel M. Heffernan	81	Mayflower Cemetery, Plymouth, MA
August 13	Donald A. Costa	63	Vine Hills Crematory Plymouth , MA
October 4	Helvi M. Lehto	95	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA
7	Susan Elizabeth Harlfinger	44	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
November 13	Kathleen M. Bruni	58	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA
17	Barbara Cleveland	97	Hanover Center Cemetery Hanover, MA
25	David G. Murdock	85	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA
27	Chester J. Krolewicz	89	Couch Cemetery, Marshfield, MA
30	Joseph Alfred Govoni	84	Vine Hills Crematory, Plymouth, MA
December 11	Charles H. Lawson	50	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA

## NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2013

Date of Death	Name	Age	Residence
January 17	Frederick Worthington Nelson	75	Middleboro, MA
April 5	Alfred Walter Martin	93	Worcester, MA
August 2 (burial date)	Emily Grice		
6 (burial date)	David Benson		
6 (burial date)	Donald Benson		

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

2013 Department activities were as follows: (443) Calls and responses for animal control. (59) Routine inspections of kennels and places keeping animals in the Town. (5) Animals ordered quarantined. (2) Dogs brought to shelter. (5) Dogs returned to owners. (2) Unattended livestock removed from a public way. (7) Injured wildlife removed. (0) Hearing complaints. (0) District 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.

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.

(\*From 2009 ACO Annual Report)

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank C. Bush, ACO/ Inspector



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The 2013 real estate market reflected an increase in sale price and reduction in the short sale and foreclosure activity that served to depress the market value of residential property since the latter half of 2007. The FY2014 average single family valuation is \$326,136 which is a 3% increase over the FY2013 average value of \$316,689.

Sales from July, 2011 through June, 2013 were analyzed for the FY2014 certification. During the second half of calendar year 2011 into the first half of 2012 the decline in sales and sale prices of residential property slowed, an upturn in 2012 carried through 2013. Overall, single family sales were 2% above assessments. The average sale price of the arms' length single family homes used in adjusting base rates for the Fiscal 2014 triennial certification was \$361,600. The FY2014 tax rate is \$16.97 per thousand.

In April, 2013 the Assessors contracted with Vision Government Solutions, Inc. for valuation software and consulting services in preparation for the FY2014 triennial certification.

Per Department of Revenue guidelines a full field review of all properties was completed resulting in updated property information for many parcels across town. VGSi portal offers online property record cards fully integrated with Vision GIS, Google, Bing, and Yahoo maps providing aerial and street views of parcels. Vision GIS enhanced functionality includes parcels, wetlands, bogs. Additional layers will be available in 2014. This application adds value to residents, emergency personnel, committees, boards, realtors and appraisers who now have online access to assessing data from a laptop, tablet or smart phone.

### TOWN VALUE BY CLASS FY2014

Class	Value	% of Levy	Tax Revenue
Residential	\$ 336,058,938	70.03%	\$ 5,702,920.18
Commercial	\$ 75,713,262	15.78%	1,284,854.06
Industrial	\$ 13,908,900	2.90%	236,034.03
Personal Property	\$ 54,180,816	11.29%	919,448.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 479,861,916</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 8,143,256.72</b>

The Assessors' Office is responsible for committing motor vehicle excise taxes to the Tax Collector. In 2013 the Assessors committed 4176 Motor Excise bills representing \$515,782.00 in tax revenue.

The Board welcomed Wendy Jones as the Senior Clerk to the office In May.

The staff expanded informational services in 2013 with home delivery of a Guide to Veterans and Senior Exemptions, Tax Deferrals, and other Exemptions available for tax relief. Online offerings include property record cards, assessment maps and forms in PDF format that can be viewed or downloaded. Forms available include application forms for auto excise abatement, Chapter Land, Statutory Exemptions, Income and Expense, Farm Excise Form of List, Forms of List, Abutters List Request. The Assessors will continue to update the site with documents and forms to facilitate resident and taxpayer access to services provided by the office staff.

The Assessors' Office hours are: Monday - Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm and Monday evenings 6pm to 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Nordahl, Chair

Jocelyn A.P. Anderson, Clerk  
Steven Lewis, Member

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

The 2013 year has seen several changes in the department of the Board of Health. A highly qualified Certified Health Officer/Registered Sanitarian has been hired. Cathleen Drinan has agreed to work part time for the Town of Plympton, officiating at percolations, doing reviews of plans, all inspections and advising on health and emergency planning issues. Ms. Drinan also brings much knowledge of the new updated and complex regulations of the DEP for onsite septic systems & well water requirements in addition to a strong knowledge of State & Federal Food Regulations.

Since the work level is increasing as the town grows and the commonwealth mandates increase, we again found it necessary to hire additional office personnel. Cathleen Ferguson has been hired as our new Office Clerk. She has previously held both state and municipal positions and is therefore knowledgeable in dealing with state regulations and the legal requirements for reporting and record keeping.

Two of the Board Members, the Administrative Assistant, the Health Officer and the Office Clerk attended the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Certification Classes in Taunton, Massachusetts in November, 2013. These classes were paid for with a PHEP Grant through the Plymouth 5 Emergency Preparedness Coalition (P5EPC). Art Morin, the Board of Health Clerk, newest member of the board also attended seminars on Perc-Rite Drip Dispersal systems and another on Understanding Mold Problems.

The Administrative Assistant also attended monthly meetings of the P5EPC which helps the board meet the requirements for membership in this group. This coalition along with the Plympton/Middleboro Medical Reserve Core purchased 20 emergency cots, including 2 Bariatric cots capable of holding up to 600 pounds for the Town of Plympton to use. In an emergency the Bariatric cots might be necessary if any life saving equipment/monitors needed to be attached to the cot along with the occupant. They are required, one for every 10 cots by the Federal Government. All of these cots must be available for loan to other areas in an emergency.

Health services for the town continued to be supplied by the Cape Cod Visiting Nurse Association (CC/VNA). Blood Pressure and Health Assessment Clinics were available on the last Tuesday of the month from 12:30PM to 1:30PM at the Town House, Selectmen's Meeting room or Community Meeting room, whichever was available. Seventy-one residents were seen at these clinics. The CC/VNA also provides a FLU Clinic for the town. It was held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and though it was open to all residents age 4 and above, very few residents took advantage of the service.

The BOH Health Officer observed 20 percolation tests and did 27 septic inspections regarding the repair or construction of septic systems in the town. The Health Officer also did 15 food inspections and 4 house inspections.

A total of 84 permits were issued in calendar year 2013, they are as follows:

Food (Regular)	8
Food (Seasonal)	4
Food (Mobil)	1
Milk & Cream	3
Tobacco Sales Location	2
Installer's Permits	13
Construct/Repair	
Septic System	9
Title 5 Inspector Permits	10
Septic Hauler's Permits	7
Trash Hauler's Permits	5
Well Permits	7

Respectfully submitted,

**Plympton Board of Health**

Arthur F. O'Callaghan, Chairman

Art Morin, Clerk

John (Jack) E. Doyle, Treasurer

Cathleen Drinan, RS, Health Officer

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

2013 was a busy year for the Selectmen. Several initiatives that were begun in prior years came to fruition in 2013 and several new projects were begun.

The 6 megawatt solar project that was proposed and permitted in 2012 began generating electricity in October. The power is being purchased by the Plymouth Public Schools as part of a green initiative by that community. Under a PILOT agreement authorized at town meeting and negotiated and signed by the selectmen, Plympton will receive \$65,000 a year for the next 20 years. The annual town meeting authorized a second solar farm in 2013. Negotiations for that facility are currently underway.

As a result of funding approved at town meeting and the hard work of the Plympton Fire Department our ambulance service was upgraded from basic life support to the advanced life support level in November, a milestone achievement.

The Board along with the professional expertise of Police Chief Dillon negotiated an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Duxbury to provide state of the art public safety dispatching at no cost for Plympton. This 5 year contract fulfills Duxbury's desire to become a regional dispatch center and significantly improves police, fire and EMS operations for Plympton.

This Board is dedicated to exploring regional options to reduce costs and improve services for Plympton residents.

The Board has worked for the last two years to achieve a Green Communities designation for Plympton. Thanks to enlightened votes at town meetings and much hard work Plympton was notified in December 2013 that the town had been designated a Massachusetts Green Community. This comes with a grant of \$141,500 to be used for energy conservation improvements. The bulk of this grant will be used in the coming year at the Dennett School to affect substantial annual savings in energy consumption and costs.

As always the Selectmen would like to thank the residents of Plympton for placing your trust in us. A heartfelt thanks to all the hard working volunteers and employees that make our community such a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Freitas – Chair  
John P. Henry  
Mark Russo - Clerk

**SELECTMEN'S SALARIES**

Appropriated	\$ 600.00
Expended	\$ 600.00

**UTILILTIES**

Appropriated	\$ 60,750.
Expended	\$ 59.087

**SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated	\$ 25,100.
Expended	\$ 22,672.

**TOWN REPORTS**

Appropriated	\$ 1,500.
Expended	\$ 1,026.

**COMPUTER MAINTENANCE**

Appropriated	\$ 19,520.
Expended	\$ 19,089.

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriated	\$ 47,000.
Expended	\$ 46,988

**TOWN HOUSE**

Appropriated	\$ 59,244.
Expended	\$ 57,797.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriated	\$ 510.
Expended	\$ 350.

**BLANKET INSURANCE**

Appropriated	\$ 113,937.
Expended	\$ 113,658.

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2013 was an active year for the Building Department issuing a combined total of 226 permits. The total of all fees; including Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Gas were \$34,347.

With the completion of the Sysco project in the previous year, the shift in building projects in 2013 was toward residential with six new homes and thirty three improvement projects. A trend toward individual solar projects also seems to be on the increase, with four new installations this past year.

Although not comparing to the previous years, we still experienced some growth in value with 19 commercial permits; which were issued for various improvements. One of the most notable commercial improvements was that The Lite Control Company has completed the move of their entire manufacturing and Corporate Headquarters to their Spring Street site, showing a continued investment in Plympton.

We, of course, look forward to continued growth and prosperity for Plympton in 2014; and, as always, all of us in the Building Department will strive to provide the most knowledgeable and responsive service possible to all Plympton residents.

Office hours: Clerical: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Building, Plumbing, Electrical Inspectors and Zoning Officer:  
Monday evening 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### PERMITS ISSUED:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u>
New Homes	11,726	6
Additions	2,590	8
Outbuildings	908	5
Repair/Remodel	2,555	23
Roof/Siding	613	8
Mechanical	50	1
Commercial	1,350	2
Solar	1,072	2
Demolition	75	1
Signs (Town)	na	na
Wood Stoves	504	11
Swimming Pools	480	1

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Millias, Inspector of Buildings/Building Commissioner  
Robert Karling, Electrical Inspector, Zoning Officer  
Douglas Hawthorne, Plumbing and Gas Inspector  
Ivy Matheny, Administrative Assistant

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

2013 was another active year for the Plympton Community Preservation Committee (CPC). We were very pleased with the completion of the Library project in the autumn of 2012 and continued to monitor the progress of the other two 2012 projects. As the year began the CPC worked with the new group of applicants to fine-tune their project proposals. The three project applications accepted for advancement by the CPC were: the Jason Park Project; the Plympton Historical Society Project; and the Plympton Town House Alarm System and Shelving for the Town Vault.

A public hearing was held in early March to solicit input and questions regarding the projects from the general public, as well as Town committees and boards. After the public meeting concluded, the CPC voted to proceed with these projects. The Plympton Town House Alarm System and Shelving for the Town Vault was divided into two separate projects. Throughout the spring, the CPC prepared the four warrant articles and continued working with the applicants to fine-tune the projects for presentation at Town Meeting.

In March a Boston Globe article was brought to the attention of the CPC by a member of the Board of Selectmen. The article reported on a state Ethics Commission conflict of interest violation by a member of the Kingston CPC. Chairman Mark Russo contacted Town Counsel and the Community Preservation Act Coalition to clarify CPC's responsibilities and resources on this issue. Printed responses from these two sources, as well as information from the state Ethics Commission regarding free legal advice on this issue, were given to each member of the CPC.

All four projects were approved by Town voters at Town Meeting. We are happy to report that the projects presented to the CPC, and eventually to the voters, are for things that will help to keep Plympton's resources viable and usable to its citizens, both now and in the future.

During the summer the CPC made some slight refinements to the Plympton Community Preservation Plan which is available on the Town's website. In August, we began the application process again by soliciting project applications. In addition, the summer saw the completion of the Historic Commission Survey of Historical Assets project. This survey will put Plympton historical assets in a position to be nominated for the National Registry of Historical Places, which in turn will make an asset eligible for many grants. August also saw the opening of a temporary access off of Ring Road to Cato's Ridge. The Churchill Park project continues to move forward. The land purchase was finalized this year and plans are underway to create the parking area and paths in 2014. The Historical Society 2013 project and the Jason Park project also moved toward completion during the summer.

By October the Jason Park project was virtually complete and under budget. The only remaining task is for additional liming and fertilizing to be done in the spring of 2014. The Plympton Historical Society project is complete. Both projects went smoothly, without issues and the results look great.

In addition to our regular CPC meetings, several committee members attended the tri-annual CPA Conferences held in Bridgewater for CPCs from towns in southeastern Massachusetts. These meetings covered topics such as changes to the CPA and how they will affect the towns

and the fund, the possibility of cooperative projects between neighboring towns and how local CPCs can share their members' expertise. These meetings are great resources for our Town.

In the autumn we received three new applications for CPA funds. We have begun the process of examining and evaluating these applications. Those that best meet the CPA criteria will be further vetted and tweaked, selected and presented to Town Meeting for voter approval.

We are happy that people continue to find projects that will preserve our Town's historic integrity as well as ways to help our townspeople relax and enjoy recreation within our borders. We look forward to more projects in the coming years that will use CPA funds for all aspects of the CPA: historical preservation; open-space; affordable housing; and recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Russo, Chairman  
Deborah Anderson, Vice-Chair  
David Chandler, Accounting Officer  
Colleen Thompson, Secretary  
Richard Burnet  
Irving Butler  
Susan Ossoff  
Jane Schulze  
Suzanne Walker



## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

In 2013, the Conservation Commission was busy with several duties including 1) administering the state Wetlands Act and the local wetlands bylaw on behalf of the town and 2) carrying out the provisions of the state Conservation Commission Act pertaining to open space protection and management.

The Commission works with the other town departments to ensure that all the state and local standards of building, planning, zoning, health and environmental protection are met. The Commission's authority and the standards it enforces are derived from the state Wetlands Act and the Plympton Wetlands Bylaw. The Wetlands Act requires that any use or activity proposed within the 100 foot buffer area of a wetlands or within 200 feet of a river must first be authorized by the Commission. The local Bylaw reinforces those requirements and provides additional standards for activities within 25 feet of the wetlands.

In 2013, as part of its responsibilities in the chain of departmental oversight, the Commission reviewed 25 applications for building, planning and/or health projects and determined that they did not fall under the Commission's jurisdiction.

In addition, the Commission reviewed and made decisions under the Wetlands Act and local Wetlands bylaw for an additional 24 projects. Some of these projects presented complex proposals that required extensive investigation and deliberation before decisions were made. Site visits are routinely made during the review process and hearings are held for public comment on every application.

In 2013, as a result of the creation of the town's first parks by the 2012 town meeting, the Conservation Commission became the town agency responsible for setting policies and overseeing management and development of these new areas—Churchill Park off Main Street, and the Cato's Ridge Conservation Area, behind Ring Road. Working with the advice of the Open Space Committee, the Commission adopted policies for the use of the Cato's Ridge area and the temporary access to it granted by local landowners. The Commission also monitored the ongoing legal negotiations to finalized acquisition of Churchill Park, and approved the proposed terms of the Conservation Restriction to be held by Wildlands Trust. Follow-up activities to support the Park's opening will be a priority in 2014.

During 2013, Commission member Jake Jacobsen resigned, and new member Ami Dion joined. Our thanks to both of them for their contributions.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Smith, Chair  
Rick Burnet  
Tim Dempsey  
Ami Dion, Secretary  
Linda Leddy  
John Mathias

## REPORT FOR THE PLYMPTON COUNCIL ON AGING

The Plympton Council on Aging continues to fulfill its mission statement of linking seniors to resources and information with our monthly newsletter. We have connected seniors with legal advice, fuel assistance, transportation services and home caregivers. We provide handi-persons to assist seniors who choose to remain in their homes. However, our most important asset is our Outreach Worker who provides needed transportation and support to those who need home visits, groceries, medications, and doctor visits.

We started in 2013 with Peggy Palmer as our Outreach Worker. She retired in May. The COA Board after extensive interviewing of candidates chose Tricia Detterman to replace Peg Palmer. With budget restraints we have had to establish policies that set limits and restrictions on the services we formerly provided for transportation. In the future we hope to be able to receive additional funds for extending the area we can drive our seniors to when they need to get to doctors.

Our new Toyota Sienna van arrived in September and what a blessing that has been ! We are most grateful to the Town for enabling our seniors to have safe transportation. Funding for COA continues to be provided by a grant from the state's Office of Elder Affairs and from subsidies from the Town of Plympton's Finance Committee.

Other services we provide include Blood Pressure clinics which are offered the last Tuesday of every month at the Town House from 12:30 pm -1:30 pm by the VNA of Cape Cod and coordinated by the Board of Health. Exercise classes are offered at the Woodlands on County Road every Thursday from 10:30 am -11:30 am. Zumba Gold classes are offered on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. at the Plympton Historical Society building. Any senior in town is invited to stay active & healthy. We have added a Yoga class on Wed. at 5:00 pm at Plympton Historical Society building as well and found this to be a popular option.

The Upland Club hosted two events for our senior population this year. In August , the annual chicken barbecue luncheon was held with almost 50 in attendance. In Dec. the Club prepared a delicious roast beef dinner which was well attended as well. We are very grateful for their generosity and support of our senior population. They also hosted a Holiday Party on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meals on Wheels are a program in Plympton available twice a week and received by a few who meet the state income guidelines. Volunteers deliver meals to the door and provide a social link to shut-ins.

Many in our community receive reimbursement each month for handi-person services which they must pay for ie. yard work and snow shoveling. Again, COA tries to provide services that meet the needs of our senior population. We strive to make the lives of our seniors better & happier.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Maiorano, Director  
Dorothy Cushman, Treasurer  
Tricia Detterman, Senior Aide  
Evelyn Hannigan, Secretary & Coordinator

Patricia Mustacaros, Old Colony Elder  
Services Representative  
Barbara Knox, Shirley Martin, Sue Walker,  
Elaine Rouse, Jean Langley  
Sandi Henry, Advisor

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON CULTURAL COUNCIL 2013**

The Plympton Cultural Council regrants funds for cultural projects that benefit our community to the greatest possible effect. The amount granted the Plympton LLC for fiscal year 2013-2014 was \$4,250.00

Public funding for the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences is provided through central agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, through appropriations from state Legislature and from the National Endowment of the Arts. The MCC in turn distributes funds to 320 local cultural councils, including the Plympton LCC, in order “to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve vitality of our communities.”

The amount of money allocated to each cultural council is determined by using one of the state’s local aid formulas established by the legislature. The formula is based on population and equalized property values in order to provide low-income communities with relatively larger allocations. Bigger communities get bigger distributions, but greater weight is given to needier communities. A minimum funding level-which affects more than half LCC’s – is set in order to insure that the smaller communities receive significant amount of money. Grant recipients this year are:

Community and School Association  
Silver Lake Middle School  
Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra  
Plympton Council on Aging  
Jameson, Scott  
The Pilgrim Society  
South Shore Arts Center  
Root, John  
Soule Homestead Education Center  
Maichack, Gregory  
Bethany Phillips with Geri O’Reilly

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Reilly, Chair  
Martin Mitchell, Co-Chair  
Susan Healey  
Martha Burns  
Edward McCune

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

The Plympton Fire Department is proud to present the 2013 Annual Town Report. As your Fire Chief I am honored to work closely with a dedicated team of men and woman that make up our organization. I am pleased to offer the following summary and highlights of our year in review.

The Town's Ambulance Service is now operating at the Advanced Life Support Level. The Department staff consists of 7 Paramedics, 6 Basic EMT's, 8 firefighters, 7 Firefighter/Paramedics, and 9 Firefighter/EMT's. Last year brought continued challenges for the Fire Department. The winter storm "NEMO" with Hurricane Force Winds and extended power outages was yet another in a series of natural disasters the town has faced in recent years.

Responses for Motor Vehicle Accidents, Ambulance requests, Structure Fires, and Brush Fires continue to increase our call volume. Safety inspections for homes and businesses are yet another top priority.

The Plympton Fire Department continues to promote Fire Safety Education throughout our community. Preparing our elderly residents for disasters, visits to the Elementary School, and Pre-school visits to our Fire Station are some examples of the outreach programs we offer.

This year The Fire Department took delivery of our new Tanker/Pumper. This vehicle is tasked with bringing the much needed water to the calls for fire suppression. Our Brush Breaker that we acquired from The Bureau of Forest Fire Control is now in service ready to respond to outside fires.

As your Emergency Management Director we are continuing to work with Federal, State, and local officials to plan for any emergencies that come our way. The latest change involves adding an additional Emergency Shelter at the Silver lake High School in Kingston. In the coming year we will continue to develop a Comprehensive Emergency Plan to meet the needs of our residents and guests who live and work in our town.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the town's departments and committees, The Board of Selectman, for their continued help and support and the dedicated Officers, Firefighters and EMT's of The Plympton Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren J. Borsari  
Fire Chief / EMD / Forest Fire

# REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FY-13

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2012	6,359.00
Expended	<u>-6,359.00</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2013	0

## PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2012	7,610.00
Expended	<u>-7,492.06</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2013	117.94

## LABOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated July 1, 2012	79,915.00
Expended	<u>- 78,987.23</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2013	927.77

## SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriated July 1, 2012	55,238.00
Expended	<u>-55,238.00</u>

## GENERAL HIGHWAY

<b>Appropriated July 1, 2012</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>
Expended	
Fuel	14,102.30
Utilities electric	2,186.74
Utilities gas	5,274.15
Meetings/Mileage	390.06
Telephone	967.79
Tools	8,209.90
Road Maintenance	32,005.05
Office Supplies	794.01
Vehicle Repairs	3,017.62
Building Maintenance	425.98
Vehicle Supplies	2,274.64
Uniform Items	3,515.30
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	3,623.92
Licenses	220.00
Dues & Memberships	125.00
Equipment Repair	227.08
Labor/Overtime	7,629.74
Expended	<u>-84,989.28</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2013	10.72

## TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

<b>Appropriated July 1, 2012</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
Expended	<u>- 4,989.60</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2013	10.40

## SNOW & ICE

<b>Appropriated July 1, 2012</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
Expended	<u>-174,964.90</u>
	-134,964.90

## WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Appropriated July 1, 2012	151,950.00
Salaries, Dept Head	7,471.36
Salaries, Clerical	9,768.00
Salaries, Other	32,275.61
Utilities, Electric	484.85
Disposal, Operating Services	91,539.82
Telephone	778.64
Office Supplies	3,815.83
Miscellaneous	3,374.58
Building Repair/Maintenance	660.32
Expended	<u>-150,169.01</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2013	1,780.99

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Mulcahy  
Highway Surveyor

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

While no new permits were issued by the Plympton Historic District Commission (PHDC) in 2013, work did proceed on the restoration of a fence and gate at the old Harrub house at Harrub's Corner, under permission granted by the commission during 2012.

The PHDC reviews all changes to the built environment within the Harrub's Corner Local Historic District. Centered on the intersection of County Road (Route 106) and Lake Street, the Harrub's Corner district is comprised of seven properties. The commission is charged under state law to protect and preserve the district's historic assets and character: building and demolition permits may not be issued within the district without either a certificate of appropriateness, a certificate of non-applicability, or a certificate of hardship from the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Shaw, Chair  
Stuart Chase Vice-Chair  
Charles Nickerson  
Carol Quindley  
Richard Stover  
Marylouise Sayles (alternate)  
Ed McCune (alternate)

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The Plympton Historical Commission (Commission), the 5-member board, responsible for community-wide historic preservation planning and the administration of the demolition delay bylaw, continued to work closely with residents and town officials in 2013 to help mitigate the impacts of development pressure on the historical character of the town.

The Plympton Historical Commission (Commission), completed the first phase of the Plympton Historic Asset Inventory Survey in late June 2013, with the help of our preservation consultant, Kathleen Kelly Broomer. The project obtained Community Preservation Act funding at the May 2012 town meeting, and, in order to fully leverage the Community Preservation funds, applied for and received a MHC Survey and Planning Grant to offset the overall cost. With the successful completion of Phase 1, the Town received the \$10,000 reimbursement to the Plympton Community Preservation funds in October 2013. This phase resulted in the survey of 108 properties, two area forms and historic context write-ups for the 5 survey areas identified in the 2011 Historic Asset Inventory Pre-Survey (Pre-Survey). Copies of the survey forms can be found at the Plympton Public Library and the Commission hopes to also make them available at [historicplympton.com](http://historicplympton.com).

Over the coming months, additional historic asset inventory work will be done to complete the properties identified in the Pre-Survey as well as any additional properties noted in the "Further Study Recommendations" section of the Phase 1 Final Report.

The Commission also plans to pursue consideration of two additional National Register of Historic Place District (NR District) nominations as recommended in the Phase 1 Final Report. The first NR District is under consideration for the area surrounding the old Town House (PHS Building) and the second would comprise the buildings within the existing Harrub's Corner Local Historic District. Additional consideration will be given to the inclusion of a selection of homes on Elm Street in the existing Plympton Village National Register Historic District as outlined in the Phase 1 Final Report.

The Commission Historic Marker Program saw one additional marker created in 2013 for a home outside the district. The Commission hopes to greatly expand participation within this program with the completion of Phase 1. Additional program details can be found at [historicplympton.com](http://historicplympton.com).

The Commission reviewed and approved no requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in 2013.

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.

Finally, the Commission would like to extend its sincere thanks to Ed McCune for his service as a member of the Commission. We truly appreciate his time, dedication and contributions to the work of the Commission and the town as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Wilhelmsen, Chair  
Ed McCune  
Martin Mitchell  
Jill Palenstijn

Jane Schulze

Associate Members:  
Richard Burnett



## **REPORT FOR THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Plympton Historical Society is a nonprofit organization comprised of over 100 community members who support its work with member dues of \$15 annually and donations. Volunteers work in the building at 189 Main St. to collect & preserve artifacts and memorabilia from Plympton's history, assist in genealogical research inquiries and organize fundraisers throughout the year. We always welcome new members.

In 2013 our fundraising events were successful. In June over 60 attended our 6<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of the Town's (306<sup>th</sup>) Birthday. After Tea, sandwiches & desserts, Plympton's Unsung Hero Awards were given to Gail Briggs posthumously, Rita LaPointe, and Polly Nordahl. Despite the heat, representatives of the Virginia Cavalry dressed in uniform gave a presentation to the crowd outside. This included campfire, tent and memorabilia display. Representing the Union soldiers of the Civil War and our own Samuel Cole Wright, Dale Julius from Bridgewater spoke of his bravery and courage during the war. The second annual "Artisans and Antiques Festival" in November was attended by over 200 people. Christmas Past returned for a third year with Village Café & 2 houses open for residents to find cookies donated by our members. Soups, chowders and chili were served at PHS where caroling and keyboard music put everyone in the spirit. Despite the icy weather, attendance was good. Santa arrived on the Green and was escorted to the Church by excited families who found cookies & cocoa waiting. Anne Sayles read "The Night before Christmas". The Boy Scouts lined Main Street with luminaries for the event again. Their contribution to the success of the event is appreciated. We are most grateful for the support from our community for these events that help sustain our organization and building. In addition to events, the proceeds from the sale of Plympton pottery at Sunrise Gardens goes to PHS.

We are most grateful for the support of the Community Preservation Committee which enabled further improvements to the building this year including gutter installation, wall & attic insulation and asphalt paving to make the handicap ramp accessible. The building is used by the Plympton Garden Club for meetings and workshops, for Zumba classes on Monday and Friday mornings, for Yoga classes on Wed. and for PHS business and events. The Garden Club improved the landscaping in front of the building which showcases the entrance. We are most grateful for their support and assistance. We are also very grateful to Tim Sauchuk who installed a memorial garden to recognize the contributions of Charles Bricknell, Elisabeth Dennett and Edwina Wood as his Eagle Scout project. We welcome building use by other organizations in the town.

Board:

Chris Maiorano-President

Deb Anderson

Tina Davey

Thayer Eldridge

Evie Hannigan

Sandra Henry

Pat Mustcaros

Helen Reynolds

Dominique Sampson

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Throughout 2013, the Library continued to work on our long range goals. We expanded our library programming; maintained and developed our popular collection of books, dvds, books-on-cd, magazines and electronic resources; and provided space for community gatherings.

The library offered over 136 programs and provided venues for friends and neighbors to meet through ongoing events including our preschool story times, the community knitting group, a book discussion group, and a bimonthly poetry group. Our well-established 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday coffee times provided an additional time and place for the community to gather. This year we offered guest speakers who covered everything from the history of the Boston Harbor islands to a preview of our Town meeting issues and finances to hints on researching family genealogy. Our seasonal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Socials included an ice cream sundae event, holiday gathering, and a humorous presentation on "Clutter Control". We are always on the lookout for new and interesting programs. We would love to hear from anyone who wants to share a special talent, hobby or interest with others.

The Plympton Cultural Council and other grants provided funding for a children's concert with Roger Ticknell, the always popular pastel painting workshop and two visits from Big Ryan. Additional funding provided a local speaker from Massachusetts Audubon.

Every year we gear up to keep our children busy and engaged during the summer months. Nomar the gnome was our mischievous, roaming summer mascot for our "Dig into Reading" program. Weekly hunts for the gnome provided extra incentive for library visits. Eight workshops covered topics from rocks, snakes, geckos and more, while five Dennett staff members provided leadership for three Lunch @ the Library story times and a special concert. Many thanks to all our program volunteers who helped make this a fun and successful summer.

We are still busy providing the basics such as offering book recommendations, providing computer assistance, and locating whatever is needed. We are especially grateful for our dedicated and hard-working staff that always make it look so easy. Meanwhile the never ending flow of newer technologies and electronic resources constantly challenge our financial resources and expertise. Our greatest strength comes from our membership in the SAILS network. Through the Network we are able to provide over 28,000 items in various electronic formats including e-books, audio books, streaming video and music.

We are pleased to report that the interior of the library, with the exception of the children's room, was painted this year. We were fortunate to have assistance from the Project Labor crew who came and painted for the cost of supplies and a good lunch. We are gradually sprucing things up with our recent refurbishing of the window seat and now clean, freshly painted walls. We hope to have the Labor crew back this spring to start on the exterior of the building.

We are also grateful for the outpouring of community support through two very special projects. Thanks to Cullen Wnek, an Eagle Scout, we now have a wonderful stone patio in the back corner off the children's room for outdoor events in the warmer months. The Plympton Garden Club has also started the process of overhauling our landscaping. We look forward to a new spring look.

As always, a very sincere thank you to all of our hard working volunteers who provide program leadership, shelve or cover books, or generally assist wherever needed. You are all vital to our continuing success.

Please visit our website at [www.plymptonlibrary.org](http://www.plymptonlibrary.org) to review your account, to reserve a book or movie, to access our electronic resources, or to check on library events. You may also keep informed by friending us on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Batson, Director  
Kathy Keirstead, Sr. Technican  
Christine Champ, Circulation  
Karen Cook, Circulation

Patricia Detterman, Trustee Chair  
Christine Winslow, Vice Chair  
Kristine Boyles , Secretary  
Miranda Boyles  
Tom Cosato  
Susan Vetterlein

## **REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE**

The Committee begins meeting in March to start organizing the Memorial Day Commemoration Day event. Over the past five years the Committee has fine-tuned the event to run like a well-tuned clock. The Committee Members are very dedicated and patriotic. Some of them are Veteran's themselves and understand the importance of honoring this very special day.

Kim Adams and Tim Snow have taken great care to ensure the safety of parade participants and created a parade line-up. The "staging" area is located along Bonny Pond on Center Street. Kim and Tim work closely with Town Boy Scout Troop 53 and Girl Scout Troop 80210 during the year. The Scouts assist with the placing of the small American flags at the Veteran's Grave sites at the Hillcrest Cemetery and Cemetery behind the First Congregational Church. The Boy Scouts have donated their time, energy and resources to create projects for the Town. The projects are part of their Eagle Scout Award. Tim Snow is always at the ready with his Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts to prepare the Town Green by spreading the mulch at the gazebo and Civil War monument statue.

The Town Veteran's Agent, Roxanne Whitbeck is working with the Highway Department to replace the broken and missing Veteran's grave markers in the Hill Crest Cemetery and the Cemetery behind the First Congregational Church.

Chief Petty Officer, US Navy (Retired) Steve Lyons is our liaison in finding parade participants from Military units. Steve also reads the "Fallen Soldiers List."

Sargent First Class US Army (Retired) Steve Lewis is in our Honor Guard and reads the list of present Town Veterans.

Peter Kupic and his son are an essential part of setting up the sound equipment on the gazebo. This task requires skill. One has to know which button to press and which cord gets plugged into which speaker...

Music, marching bands, where are they? We all want to know. It has been a challenge for this Committee to obtain a trumpeter to play "Taps." We were very fortunate to have Mr. Don Besegai play Taps in the past. He was unable to play this year.

We would like to take this time to thank the Rankin family that reside at 259 Main Street, (Town Green) for taking care of the American Flag and pole on the Green during the year. Chris Rankin hangs the buntings on the gazebo each year for this event.

The programs are created by Ivy Matheny and Lisa Krance each year. This year's cover was an American Flag with the words, "Land of the Free Because of the Brave." On the back cover a special tribute was made to Mr. Samuel Cole Wright of Plympton. A Sergeant in the Union Army 1861-1865 American Civil War – Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient for his actions during the Battle of Antietam.

Jack Doyle organizes the gift certificates that are awarded to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Dennett Students that recite the day of the event.

Lisa Krance posts the meeting dates, takes the meeting Minutes.

Tricia Detterman joined the Committee this year. She has graciously accepted the position as the Greeter at the Gazebo.

Special thanks, to Ms. Alicia Girard of the Dennett Elementary School.

Ms. Girard coordinates the sixth grade students in the preparation and recitals of: "What Memorial Day Means to Me?" Flanders Fields and the Gettysburg Address for the day of the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Adams  
Tricia Detterman  
Jack Doyle,  
Lisa Krance  
Steve Lewis  
Steve Lyons  
Ivy Matheny  
Chris Rankin  
Timothy Snow  
Roxanne Whitbeck (Veteran's Agent)

# **REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Plympton.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2013.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the Sixteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Old Colony Management Systems Report; the Old Colony Major Bottleneck Study in Avon and Stoughton; the Town of Halifax Stormwater Mapping Project; the Plymouth Complete Streets Policy; and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Technical Studies to the member communities; and, continued participation in the South Coast Commuter Rail Task Force, provided technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton, and Stoughton, related to the potential rail service, and developed the priorities areas of regional significance. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program in areas such as regionalization: water; wastewater; 911 services; zoning bylaw revisions; expedited permitting; a Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) HD Zone Plan as well as the creation of a Regional Housing Plan and a Regional Clean Energy Plan. During the past year, with assistance and guidance from member community advisory committee members, the Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has continued the ongoing administration of over \$1.3 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 90,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA also completed development of the 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging, and continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with over 700 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 360 issues of concern from residents or families. In Addition, OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the Towns of Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield and Stoughton. During 2013 the Council processed approximately \$650,000 in loans for both septic systems and sewer connection for the communities under the Septic Loan Program.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In

2013, the Council elected Lee Hartmann, of Plymouth as Council President; Fred L. Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Treasurer; and, Frank P. Staffier of Avon as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Richard Whitney for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rantuccio, Delegate  
James Mulcahy, Alternate  
Troy E. Garron, Delegate At-Large

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

During 2013, the Plympton Open Space Committee (OSC) continued to focus on the new parks that were approved with near-unanimous support at the 2012 town meeting. At that meeting, residents voted to create Churchill Park on Main Street by purchasing the 11 acre Messinger property using CPC funds. Residents also voted to designate the adjacent town-owned land called Cato's Ridge as a Conservation Area.

In 2013, the Committee focused on two goals: 1) finalizing the transfer of the Churchill Park property to town ownership, and 2) making the Cato's Ridge Conservation Area available to residents.

The purchase of the Churchill Park property was delayed while various documentation and legal hurdles were addressed. The sale was completed in the summer of 2013, once these requirements were met. The assistance of Representative William Keating and the cooperation of the Messinger family in this process were greatly appreciated. The committee then began the process of designing the new park's layout, which will provide trails, benches, a small parking area and a short boardwalk. Total net cost to the town, which is being paid for by the CPC grant, will be approximately \$20,000. The Committee anticipates that Churchill Park will open during summer 2014.

The Cato's Ridge Conservation Area lies directly behind the new Churchill Park. It has not been accessible to most residents because it is surrounded by private property. Because of the unexpected delay in finalizing the transfer of the Churchill Park property to the town, access to Cato's Ridge during 2013 would not be available unless temporary access could be created. Thanks to the very generous agreement of two Ring Road residents – Mr. and Mrs. David McMorro and Mr. Roger O'Neil – residents can now walk into 77 acre Cato's Ridge through a temporarily-granted path over these two properties. (Please note that horses and bicycles are not permitted via this access.) During Spring 2013, members of the Open Space Committee, local scouts and other volunteers cleared the paths and existing old cart roads on Cato's of debris, and erected informational signs, so that residents could begin enjoying the Area. Several group walks were held to familiarize residents with the trails. Informal surveys indicate that many people are consistently enjoying this new in-town opportunity.

The town's Conservation Commission is the designated town agency overseeing both parks. The OSC works closely with the Commission regarding the Parks' operation and plans.

In the coming year, the OSC will focus on securing donations of materials, labor and money to build the connecting long boardwalk between the two parks. Anyone interested in helping, please contact a member of the Open Space Committee. This 600 foot boardwalk will go from Churchill Park over the Jones River Brook to Cato's Ridge, providing unparalleled access to this beautiful area

In addition to these park activities, the OSC co-sponsored a workshop in November for residents to learn about the options and financial benefits of conserving some or all of their lands, which was presented by the Compact for Cape Cod and the Wildlands Trust. About 25 people attended. A similar session will be provided in 2014.



The OSC had a great loss in May, 2013 with the passing of Gail Briggs, whose commitment to open space preservation and to the creation of the parks was an inspiration to us and to so many others in town. She is greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Respectfully submitted:

Christian Lawrence, Chair through Aug, 2013.

Vicki Maloney, Chair as of Sept, 2013

Ted Taranto- Secretary

Linda Leddy

Frank Perfetuo

Brad Prescott

CJ Quinn

Jane Schulze

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board had a relatively quiet year in 2013, after several very busy periods.

The Board took care of routine business and plan endorsements.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D'Angelo  
Irving R. Butler Jr., Chairman  
William E. McClellan  
John (Jack) D. O'Leary Jr.  
John D. Rantuccio

## 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 2013.

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.

As a result of a winter with average snow cover, the 2013 season began with dry conditions and below average number of spring mosquitoes. Detection and treating larval mosquitoes was limited with the spring brood, because of the low water table, lack of larvae. Over 10,000 acres were aerial laticided using the Project plane and ground larviciding using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 31, 2013 and ended on September 20, 2013. The Project responded to 13,692 spray requests for service from residents. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 69,712 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

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

The first virus isolations identified, in Plymouth County was on June 25, 2013, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health State Lab, a *Culex pipiens/restuans* complex, a bird biting species was found to have West Nile Virus (WNV) in the town of Whitman. The first isolate of Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV) from a *Culex pipiens/restuans* complex, in the town of Hanover on July 29, 2013. The 2013 season had a total of 20 EEE positive pool (50 or less mosquitoes) isolates, and 48 WNV positive pools trapped in Plymouth County as follows:

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### WNV 48 positive pools

WNV_city/towns_2013		
CITY_TOWN	WNV_pos_pools	MOSQUITO DISTRICT
ABINGTON	2	Plymouth
BRIDGEWATER	11	Plymouth
BROCKTON	1	Plymouth
CARVER	1	Plymouth
HALIFAX	5	Plymouth
HANOVER	1	Plymouth
HANSON	1	Plymouth

WNv_city/towns_2013		
CITY_TOWN	WNv_pos_pools	MOSQUITO DISTRICT
HINGHAM	1	Plymouth
LAKEVILLE	4	Plymouth
MARION	2	Plymouth
MIDDLEBORO	3	Plymouth
PEMBROKE	1	Plymouth
PLYMOUTH	1	Plymouth
ROCHESTER	2	Plymouth
ROCKLAND	2	Plymouth
WAREHAM	1	Plymouth
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3	Plymouth
WHITMAN	3	Plymouth
<b>2013 PCMCP TOTAL CITIES/TOWNS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48 CONFIRMED POSITIVE POOLS</b>

EEE 20 positive pools

EEE_city/towns_2013		
CITY_TOWN	EEE_pos_pools	MOSQUITO DISTRICT
CARVER	1	Plymouth
KINGSTON	1	Plymouth
HALIFAX	2	Plymouth
HANOVER	3	Plymouth
HANSON	2	Plymouth
HINGHAM	2	Plymouth
PLYMPTON	1	Plymouth
ROCKLAND	2	Plymouth
MATTAPOISETT	1	Plymouth
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3	Plymouth
WHITMAN	2	Plymouth
<b>2013 PCMCP TOTAL 11 CITIES/TOWNS</b>	<b>20 CONFIRMED POSITIVE POOLS</b>	

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Vector Control Plan to Prevent WNV and EEE in Massachusetts", the season began with all 28

Plymouth County Mosquito Control towns at “Low Risk Level ” for WNV. The season ended with eleven Plymouth County towns, Abington, Brockton, Rockland, Whitman, Hingham, West Bridgewater, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Hanson, Plympton, Kingston, and Halifax. Marshfield and Carver at the “Moderate Level” for WNV.

The season began with eleven towns at the “Moderate Risk Level” for EEE virus, West Bridgewater , Bridgewater, Middleboro, Lakeville, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Plympton, Kingston, Halifax, Marshfield and Carver . The season ended with one town, Middleboro at “Critical Risk” level and eight towns at “High Risk” level, Hanover, Rockland, Whitman, Hanson, Plympton, Halifax, and West Bridgewater. The towns of Norwell, Pembroke, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Kingston, Carver, Lakeville, Brockton, Abington, Hingham, and Mattapoisett end the season at “Moderate Risk” level for EEE virus.

There was no aerial intervention to reduce human biting bridge vector mosquitoes and enzootic transmission of EEE in the state this year. There were two confirmed human cases of West Nile virus in Plymouth County. There was a fatal EEE human case in Norfolk County that had a travel history in Plymouth County, in the town of Whitman. One fatal EEE horse case was reported in Middleboro with an onset date of 18 September 2013. PCMCP ended its trapping program on 16 September and DPH finished trapping on 9 October.

The Project conducted a joint research project with Bristol County Mosquito Control Project. The goal of this project was to study ways to improve the effectiveness of spring larvicide applications through the use of some new techniques that have been recently developed. The research involved using a combination of the insecticides B.t.i. and B.s., both chemicals environmentally selective bacterial agent. The research was very successful and we were able to demonstrate improved efficacy.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health, Massachusetts State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project website [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) and the 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.** 1,036 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September. During the summer 561 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

**Water Management.** During 2013 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 600 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.

Machine Reclamation. 255 linear feet of upland ditch was reconstructed in Plympton using the Project's track driven excavator.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Plympton this year we aerially larvicided 240 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

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 three days with more than 167 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquillettidia perturbans*. In the Town of Plympton the three most common mosquitoes were *Cs. melanura*, *Cq. perturbans* and *Ae. vexans*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.org](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira  
Superintendent

Commissioners:  
John Kenney, Chairman  
Michael F. Valenti, Vice-Chairman/Secretary  
Kimberly King  
Cathleen Drinan

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

As the Chief of Police, it is with great pride that I submit this town report. I am pleased to report that the department is making continuous progress towards its long term goal of providing efficient and effective law enforcement services. 2013 had many challenges to our police department; all were met with a professional attitude and competence by our police officers.

Due to the dedicated work hard work of our officers, 118 criminal cases were successfully closed and the offenders prosecuted. We continue to hold a high priority on traffic enforcement and crime prevention in our town. All officers continue to be recertified annually in core tasks including firearms, Tasers, first aid/CPR/defibrillator, defensive tactics and legal updates. As in previous years, most of this training was accomplished at the Plymouth Police Academy's training facility and in combination with instruction from trained Plympton officers.

Plympton officers are committed to improving our emergency response plans, making them compatible with other municipal departments and conducting tactical training to meet these types of challenges. Over the past year Plympton officers participated in an active shooter drills conducted with other area police departments. This training was conducted at the elementary school with the assistance of the administration and staff. Our officer and officers from surrounding towns now have a better working knowledge of our school its location and layout.

I am proud to report that our D.A.R.E. program continues to be presented in our elementary school. I am also pleased that we have taken proactive steps in improving our communication capabilities by entering into an agreement with the Town of Duxbury. This agreement will provide enhanced dispatch services for all of our residents and all public safety officers in Plympton.

As we move ahead I look forward and remain committed to working with town officials to improve or replace our obsolete police facility and to see we maintain a good working environment for our officers.

Please know that I welcome questions and comments from any of our citizens, businesses, and visitors. I ask that you call our department to report any suspicious activity that you may witness, and also to please remember to protect your property by securing your homes and locking your vehicles. The department wishes to thank the many members of the community who continue to support our police department and we will continue to provide the best possible service to keep Plympton a safe and pleasant community in which to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick S. Dillon  
Chief of Police

# PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2013 Statistics

### Citation Violation Breakdown

Written Warnings	446
Verbal Warnings	324
Civil	133
Criminal	69
Arrests	37

### Offense Listing

A&B with Dangerous Weapon	2
A&B	7
A&B, Domestic	1
A&B on +60	1
Assault with Dangerous Weapon	2
Sexual Assault with an Object	1
Home Invasion	1
Witness, Intimidate	1
Telephone Calls, Annoying	<del>1</del>
Threat to Commit Crime	1
Attempted B&E	1
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	2
B&E Building Daytime for Felony	12
B&E for Felony, Armed	1
B&E Building Nighttime for Felony	4
Enter Dwelling at Night for Felony	1
Larceny from Building	8
Larceny Over \$250	13
Larceny Under \$250	5
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	1
All other Larceny	1
Shoplifting +\$100 by Concealing Merchandise	4
Shoplifting by Asportation	2
B&E Vehicle/Boat Nighttime for Felony	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
RMV Document, Forge/Misuse	1
Credit Card Fraud over \$250	1
Identity Fraud	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	2
Vandalize Property	22
Tagging Property	1
Destruction of Property +\$ 250	7
Motor Vehicle/Malicious Damage to	2
Drug, Possess to Distribute Class	2
Drug, Possess Class A	2
Drug, Possess Class B	1
Marijuana, Possess	2
Firearm, Store Improperly	1



Firearm, Store Improperly Large Capacity	1
Dangerous Weapon, Carry	1
Firearm, Intoxicated Licensee	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
OUI Drugs	2
OUI Liquor	4
OUI Liquor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	5
OUI Liquor, 5 <sup>th</sup> Offense	1
Protective Custody	1
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1
Liquor, Person under 21 Possess	2
Trespass	3
Warrant of Apprehension	2
Abuse Prevention Order, Violate	4
Harassment Prevention Order, Violate	1
Burglarious Instrument, Possess	2
Trash, Litter	3
Trash, Litter from MV	1
Wiretap, Unlawful	1
Attempt to Commit Crime	1
Conspiracy	3
Warrant (Straight/Default)	16
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Record Requests</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Firearms Licenses</b>	<b>136</b>

## **REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

At the 2013 annual town meeting, voters approved funding to renovate the Parsonage Road basketball court. Funding included the purchase of new basketball hoops, installation of tennis net, resurfacing the court and fencing to surround the court. When completed, residents will have the ability to play either tennis or basketball at the location.

The project was completed with donated labor from local businesses (Naturescape and Thompson Tree Service) which included the removal of the old hoops, tree cutting, and installation of the new materials. Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Cook removed the outdated play equipment, cleared the site of trash and installed a bench adjacent to the court.

For the second year, the Recreation Commission also installed an ice skating rink on the baseball field behind the fire station. To complete this project, volunteers installed the perimeter edging. With commission funding, a 100' x 50' liner was installed and filled with water. Information about hours of operation can be found on [www.plympton sports.com](http://www.plympton sports.com) . The project has been well received by residents and well attended on nights of operation.

The Recreation Commission continues to look to the future and is working closely with the Plympton Community Preservation Committee to secure funding to renovate the Winnetuxet Swimming Hole. The project would include the cleaning of the banks and beach of the swim hole of overgrowth, installation of a new picnic table and bench, kayak launch on the river, site cleanup and updating the drive entrance. A sign will also be installed to make note of the past history of the site as a cotton mill. The purpose of the renovation is to restore the site to its natural beauty. Swimming will not be permitted after completion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Karparis (Chair)  
Steve Beckwith  
Kevin Kaupp  
Justin Keene  
Ann White

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**2013 ANNUAL REPORT**  
Town of Plympton, Massachusetts

Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Shelly Karparis, Chairman	Term Expires 2014
Mr. Brian Wick, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2015
Ms. Gail Knight, Secretary	Term Expires 2015
Ms. Stephanie Domey	Term Expires 2016
Mr. Robert Ruggiero	Term Expires 2014

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
Dr. Mary Sullivan Kelley	Administrator of Special Education
Ms. Kathryn Levine	Interim Assistant Administrator of Special Education
Ms. Christine Healy	Director of Business Services

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

*NO SCHOOL* announcements will be broadcasted on radio stations WATD (95.9 FM) and WBZ (1030 AM) and on television stations WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5), WHDH (Channel 7), WFXT (Fox 25) and WLVI (Channel 56) between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

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

The 2013-2014 school year has brought some changes to our Administrative team. We sadly bid farewell to Mr. Richard Kelley, our High School Principal. We wish him all the best in his retirement. We welcome Mr. James Mulcahy in his new role as High School Principal and Mr. Steven Blette as our new High School Assistant Principal. We look forward to working with them both for many years to come.

The district is working toward adopting a Strategic Plan that will guide us as we move toward the future. Our schools have diverse needs but all have one common goal of providing the students with the best educational opportunities possible. We would like to thank all of the parents, staff and community members who took the time to give guidance to where our schools should focus for the future.

As we begin to prepare for Fiscal 2015 we are continuing to be mindful of the economic challenges that face the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton, while we strive to provide the quality education that is expected at Silver Lake.

The Silver Lake Regional School Committee would like to thank the Silver Lake Regional employees for their dedication to our schools. We are also grateful for the continued support of the three communities-Halifax, Kingston and Plympton.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Hanson, Chair  
John Creed, Vice-Chair, Legislative Agent  
Maureen Springer, Secretary  
Joseph Chaves, Treasurer  
Edward Desharnais, Assistant Treasurer  
Mark Guidoboni  
James Lormer  
Douglas Hall  
Paula Hatch

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

The 2013 Plympton School Committee consisted of five elected members, each serving for three years on a staggered-year election schedule. The members of the School Committee during the 2013- 2014 school year are: Chair – Shelly Kaparis (2014); Vice Chair – Brian Wick (2015); Secretary – Gail Knight (2015); Robert Ruggiero (2014) and Stephanie Domey (2016). The years in parenthesis indicate the expiration of that member's current term. Chris Badot also served during 2013, but chose not to run for re-election at the end of his term in 2013. Stephanie Domey was elected during the 2013 election cycle to fill the open seat.

The Plympton School Committee is responsible for the Dennett Elementary School and those students who require out of district placement for special needs or vocational education. The Silver Lake Regional School Committee is responsible for Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools and has prepared a separate report. The responsibilities of the Plympton School Committee include preparation of the annual school budget; establishing and reviewing educational goals and policies; hiring and reviewing the Superintendent; and conducting collective bargaining with the Plympton Teacher's Union.

In March, the School Committee approved a budget for submission to Town Meeting with input and approval of the Finance Committee. The budget was approved by popular vote at the 2013 Town Meeting.

The budget reflected a 5.5% increase in funding of education and related services performed at Dennett Elementary. This increase was due in large part to the addition of a much-needed in-house special education teacher and the acquisition of new textbooks at various grade levels.

Out of District SPED saw an increase of almost 56%. This large increase was due to additional students and the increased needs of existing students to access State and Federally mandated programs, and the transportation costs associated with the access. Out of District Vocational Education saw an increase of 53%. This increase was due to more students within the Town electing to attend Regional Vocational Schools with programs not offered at Silver Lake Regional High School. The district does its utmost to budget as accurately as possible for these mandated services. However, costs are subject to change, based on the needs of the Town's Special Needs population and enrollment at Regional Vocational Schools. In the 2013-2014 school year, we are seeing some projected surpluses in both of these areas due to the changing needs of the Town's population and strategic cost control wherever possible. All surpluses are remitted to the Town.

A Warrant Article was approved for the sum of \$35,000 to acquire and install new computer equipment in the school's computer lab. This began a process of moving the old computer lab equipment to the classrooms, while the older technology that was in the classrooms was made available to the Town to disburse where it could be useful. Some of these older computers are now being used by the Council on Aging. These new computers are being utilized daily and will facilitate the transition from MCAS to PARCC testing.

Other items that have been identified by the Capital Improvement Subcommittee and have been discussed with the Finance Committee include water quality issues due to high mineral content that affect the water's palatability, and the longevity of the plumbing infrastructure

within the building, as well as the changing DEP standards which will necessitate water treatment. The capacity of the back-up generator and the question of whether or not the Dennett is identified as an emergency shelter for the town and the aging and outdated temperature control system.

In addition to the Capital Improvement subcommittee, the other subcommittees include Administrative Review, Policy, Negotiations and Pilgrim Area Collaborative. Each have been busy in their respective areas, except for the Negotiations Subcommittee which has enjoyed another quiet year before starting a new cycle of negotiations.

The Administrative Review Subcommittee consists of a total of six school committee members, one from each of the three Silver Lake Regional area elementary schools and three members from the Silver Lake Regional District School Committee. This group met as needed to review shared cost contracts and to make recommendations to the joint committees of MA Superintendency Union #31 and Silver Lake. Shared cost personnel include: the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager, Special Education Director and Assistant as well as the Director of Technology.

The Pilgrim Area Collaborative (PAC) is a joint committee of other schools in our region assembled to develop strategies to meet the educational needs of our most challenged children. The PAC continues to offer guidance in dealing with changes in mandated state requirements, professional licensing, and the financial challenges associated with educating our special needs students, particularly those requiring out of district placement. The School Committee reviewed and approved a renewed charter for the collaborative in June.

Policies that were updated or adopted in 2013 included a Nondiscrimination Policy, Emergency Response Planning and Bullying Prevention. A District-wide Strategic Plan was developed utilizing a host of surveys and focus groups that included input from parents, teachers, administrators and school committee members from each of the Silver lake Regional School District member towns.

The School Committee has been brought up to date on the changes that are expected to come from full implementation of the Common Core Curriculum and transition from MCAS testing to PARCC testing in the next few years. Plympton has been proactive about dealing with these challenges and feel that we are relatively well positioned to deal with them, thanks to the guidance of the Administration, skill of the faculty and support of the community.

The Plympton School Committee maintains updated information on the town website and has an email address for all residents to contact the committee at: [school.committee@town.plympton.ma.us](mailto:school.committee@town.plympton.ma.us). The School Committee normally meets at 4:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at Dennett Elementary School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. Most meetings are video taped and appear on the Comcast Educational Access (channel13) at varying times each month. Dennett Elementary School's website was moved to a new domain last year and can be found at [www.edline.net/pages/Dennett\\_Elementary](http://www.edline.net/pages/Dennett_Elementary).

The School Committee is very appreciative for the continuing support of the Community and School Association (CASA) and wishes to extend thanks to CASA for the many contributions it makes to the school. CASA organizes and/or funds many activities and programs at the school such as the Thanksgiving Feast, Citizen of the Month Luncheons, numerous dances, events

and enrichment programs that would not be possible without their involvement and support. The work of this volunteer group of parents and citizens enriches the lives and the educational experiences of every one of the children attending Dennett Elementary. Their contributions are numerous and essential to the educational and cultural life of our community.

The School Committee would like to acknowledge thank Mr. Christopher Badot who served on the Plympton School Committee from 2010 to 2013. The School Committee, like all Town boards and committees, relies on Plympton's citizens to seek office and volunteer their time with a commitment to serve the community. Many thanks go to all those who have done this in the past and will do this in the future.

The entire Dennett faculty, staff and administration, with the tremendous support of parents, students and community members continue to make Dennett Elementary School an outstanding environment for learning and growth.

Chair - Shelly Kaparis (2014)  
Vice Chair - Brian Wick (2015)  
Secretary - Gail Knight (2015)  
Robert Ruggiero (2014)  
Stephanie Domey (2016)  
Christopher Badot (2013)

# **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWNS**

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

The Silver Lake Regional School District and Superintendency Union 31 School District serving the towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton:

All of our schools continue to profit from the assistance of the many parent groups and classroom volunteers who help to provide our students with learning opportunities that are not funded in the budgets.

Administrative changes in school leadership included the retiring of Mr. Richard Kelley, Silver Lake Regional High School Principal, after serving the students of Silver Lake for thirty-one years. He was replaced by Mr. James Mulcahy who was previously Assistant Principal at Silver Lake High School. Mr. Steve Blette, previously Social Studies Department Chair, has joined Michaela Gill as an Assistant Principal. Mrs. Kathryn Levine replaces Ms. Bonnie Provost as an Interim Assistant Administrator of Special Education until the interviewing and hiring process is complete. Ms. Elizabeth Harris was hired as the Grades K-6 Curriculum Coordinator for Superintendency Union 31.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools ten new teachers were hired to replace retirements and resignations. Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed fourteen new members to their teaching staffs to fill retirements, resignations and a new position.

Commendations to the administrators, professional staff and support staff for their continued commitment to the successful learning of the students in their care. As always my job as Superintendent of Schools is to provide our students with the highest quality education possible.

John J. Tuffy, Superintendent of Schools



# **REPORT OF THE DENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **PETER S. VENETO JR., PRINCIPAL**

2013 was another excellent year for the students of Dennett Elementary School. John Lastennet was the winner of the Geography Bee back in January. Our annual Spelling Bee was held in February and Emily Bouzan was crowned the champion after many grueling rounds of competition.

In the spring, our students participated in MCAS testing in the areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Our students performed very well. In the annual report from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Dennett scored in the 74<sup>th</sup> percentile overall. This means we performed better than 73% of elementary schools in the state. I am very proud of our students and staff for their hard work on MCAS.

Thirty-one of our fifth and sixth graders participated in the Plymouth County District Attorney's DARE Summer Program held in July at Whitman-Hanson High School. First Student graciously provided transportation to and from the camp every day for the 5 day camp. Students enjoyed games, Olympic events, DARE lessons, arts and crafts and various entertainment programs. Many thanks go out to Officer Dana Smith for attending the camp and to Chief Patrick Dillon for his continued support of the DARE program.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, we held our annual fundraiser called the Jingle Jar. Students and parents alike created a steady flow of traffic down to the office each morning to donate to the fund. We raised just under \$1000 in donations and that money went to assist Plympton families in need during the holiday season. This has come to be a wonderful tradition here at Dennett.

We have some new staff members in the hallways again this year. Mrs. Margaret Eddy joined us as our new Speech/Language Pathologist. Ms. Jenna Quadrozzi stayed for her second year as a full time substitute for Mrs. Markos. Ms. Brittany Yelsey joined us for the year in place of Ms. Leek in Grade 5. Mrs. Lauren Ilteris was hired as a Special Education teacher and we are sharing a new Elementary Curriculum Coordinator with Halifax and Kingston. Dr. Liz Harris has joined us in that role. I am happy to report that all new staff have enhanced the educational experience for our students.

The citizens of Plympton showed their commitment to our students' access to technology by approving funds to replace our aging desktop computers in the Computer Lab here at school. The new machines are up and running and the older machines went into classrooms to replace very old computers.

We began a new initiative in our lunchroom to make the purchase of school lunch easier and faster for students and parents. The program is called Nutrikids and it enables parents to create an account where money can be deposited ahead of time. The students essentially have a debit card for our cafeteria. We are working to enhance that further so that parents can make electronic payments online and be able to get reports emailed to them about student purchases and account balances.

Once again this year, CASA has done a wonderful job enhancing our students' learning experience here at school. Mrs. Sarah Prario and Mrs. Deb Bushey have volunteered their time as co-chairs of CASA and are doing a great job. CASA is responsible for numerous activities throughout the year. They organize our Thanksgiving Feast, Winter Festival, Holiday Bazaar, dances, Teacher Appreciation luncheon and many sixth grade events. Thanks to all parents who have given up time to work with CASA.

I hope you all have a safe and happy year. It is a pleasure working as your school Principal.

# **REPORT OF SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **James E. Dupille, Principal Highlights, 2013**

We enter the 2013-2014 school-years with excitement and anticipation. As we continue to grow our rigorous academic programming, our focus remains on maximizing student achievement and growth for all students.

All departments continue to dedicate their monthly meetings and professional development to meaningful collaboration and curriculum development. All departments are working on creating District-Determined Measures (DDMs), designing rigorous assessments, and evaluating student data. Each department will be incorporating literacy, numeracy and interdisciplinary units into its curriculum.

### **Math Remediation Model (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

In order to ensure student success at SLRMS, we are continuing our math support program to support all students. We enhanced the math remediation model to support 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We created a comprehensive math course that extends throughout the year and coupled it with a hands-on math lab. In the model, the content of the remediation is closely aligned with the math course curriculum. In some cases, we doubled the length of instruction time every other day and included into the course curriculum a hands-on, interactive math remediation program.

At SLRMS we continue to improve our comprehensive ELA curriculum. We incorporated the course, *The Art and Craft of Writing*, into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum as one of the rounds classes. Students are asked to gather information from multiple non-fiction sources, integrate and synthesize the information, and communicate a thesis in an engaging manner. The course largely focuses on the revision and editing process by integrating lessons on language and style. Students will revise multiple drafts of their compositions while learning skills they can apply across disciplines. As part of the course students will integrate technology while developing their writing skills and creating digital portfolios. The program will provide SLRMS students with an evaluative reading/writing foundation and assist them in achieving success across all disciplines and in their daily lives.

We also increased our foreign language offerings in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students can now choose between Spanish I, Latin I or the newly added French I, which will introduce students to the primary elements of the French language and its culture. Emphasis is placed on conversation and basic grammar structures. At the end of the year, students will be able to speak, read, write and show an understanding about topics of general interest such as: weather, home, family, foods, and social life.

Further, we added Wellness to the curriculum. The middle school wellness program is built around the needs, as well as interests, of the students. The program follows the *Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks*, which include physical education and health education. Wellness is an active process of individuals committed to a continuous, lifelong process of choosing lifestyle based on healthy attitudes and actions. The purpose of wellness at this level is to develop sound personal fitness habits, movement skills, and life time exercise enjoyment.

Last year, we increased our direct instruction in reading by 33% for our Read to Learn classes. Each student in this program now has Read to Learn every day for the entire year. We continue to support reading and literacy through our literacy across the curriculum initiative, which includes a common writing rubric for the entire school.

In an effort to improve communication, we continue to utilize and expand the use of Edline, our website host. Edline is the school site, which provides several important features for both parents and teachers. Edline, to the end user, adds consistency and relative navigational ease. It will pull information from multiple teacher sites and coordinate the information into one calendar page for each parent/guardian to view. The parent/guardian will not need to navigate to every teacher's site and compile the assignments and due dates. Edline has also increased functionality and has provided additional exciting features such as discussion board and blogging for our teachers.

Also, we publish a quarterly newsletter, schedule six days for parent conferences, encourage parents to access PowerSchool regularly, and use the Blackboard Connect 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, and One Family* as a school community.

# REPORT OF SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## JamesM. Mulcahy Jr., Principal Highlights 2013

This is truly an exciting and historic time at Silver Lake Regional High School. Our academic program continues to get stronger, rigorous and rich and our extra-curricular offerings remain vibrant. Most importantly, student achievement is at an all-time high.

Based on 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." 2013 saw the high school's drop-out rate improve to less than one percent. This number is an all-time low for Silver Lake.

The class of 2015 received MCAS results this past fall. 98% of the class passed math and 99% passed ELA on the first testing period. We are pleased to report that 97% received Advanced or Proficient scores in ELA and 92%, earned Proficient or advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2013, members of the class of 2016 took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science. 96% 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. 79 students earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

All of the 291 members of the class of 2013 met the rigorous requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 1, 2013, the proud graduates were joined by members of the fiftieth anniversary class of 1963. Earlier that week, approximately \$142,000 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. There were a total of 177 students that took 408 AP Exams in May 2013. Student achievement on the SAT exam continues to reach new heights. The average SAT scores for members of the class of 2013 was 523 in Critical Reading, 541 in Mathematics, and 511 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 87% 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 *Fiddler on the Roof*.

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, 2013**

<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>	28		32	34	31	39	36	37	
									<b>TOTAL    237</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>	37	41	28	34	29	33			
									<b>TOTAL    202</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF MEMBERSHIP</b>									<b>439</b>

# SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013 PLYMPTON

**National Honor Society Member \***  
**Service to the Class †**

Silver Lake Regional High School  
Class of 2013

<b>NHS</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Town</b>
	Christopher	John	Battle	Plympton
	Luke	William	Bilodeau	Plympton
*	Theodore	William	Browne	Plympton
	Morgan	Crichton	Bryant	Plympton
*	Anna	Christmann	Campbell	Plympton
	Marissa	Rose	Cardé	Plympton
	Alexander	Michael	Coffey	Plympton
	Shelbie	Louise	Cosato	Plympton
	Sarah	Frances	Crockett	Plympton
	Elizabeth	Susan	Ferriera	Plympton
	Madeleine	Rose	Giglio	Plympton
*	Melanie	Vella	Harvey	Plympton
	Maxfield	Mercer	Hathaway	Plympton
* †	Elizabeth	Louise	Hayes	Plympton
*	Connor	James	Hutchinson	Plympton
	Andrew	Michael	Joyce	Plympton
	Michael	Robert	Kemmett	Plympton

<b>NHS</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Town</b>
	Alyssa	Sue	McCarthy	Plympton
	Aliza	Jean	Nantais	Plympton
	Laurie	Christine	Nichols	Plympton
†	Zachary	George	Nix	Plympton
	Emily	Anne	Orcutt	Plympton
*	Natalie	Robinson	Pitman	Plympton
	Alexandra	Marie	Sampson	Plympton
	Mackenzie	Adam	Springer	Plympton

# SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BUDGET 2013 - 2014

	2012 - 2013 BUDGET	2013 - 2014 BUDGET	% INC/DCR
REGULAR DAY			
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	131,325	131,325	0.00%
1201 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	936,168	968,218	3.42%
2101 SUPERVISION	567,488	605,827	6.76%
2201 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	817,661	850,172	3.98%
2300 TEACHING	9,126,832	9,190,905	0.70%
2350 PROFESSIONAL DEV.	59,900	59,900	0.00%
2400 TEXTBOOKS	32,600	73,000	123.93%
2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	126,975	266,802	110.12%
2500 LIBRARY	224,152	231,896	3.45%
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	10,000	10,000	0.00%
2700 GUIDANCE	809,047	843,985	4.32%
3200 HEALTH	94,656	98,979	4.57%
3300 TRANSPORTATION	852,868	916,522	7.46%
3500 ATHLETICS	54,775	60,800	11.00%
4110 CUSTODIAL	976,829	1,017,324	4.15%
4120 HEATING	0	0	0.00%
4130 UTILITIES	1,042,409	944,950	-9.35%
4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	116,500	116,500	0.00%
4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	378,570	381,700	0.83%
4230 MAINTENACE/EQUIPMENT	115,405	120,525	4.44%
5100 RETIREMENT	658,513	690,962	4.93%
5200 INSURANCE	2,496,262	2,623,197	5.09%
5300 LEASE	5,880	5,880	0.00%
5400 DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00%
7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	47,050	13,837	-70.59%
7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	6,578	32,420	392.85%
 TOTAL REGULAR DAY	 19,688,442	 20,255,627	 2.88%
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
2210 SUPERVISION	262,698	267,382	1.78%
2300 TEACHING	994,617	1,143,942	15.01%
2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	45,950	45,950	0.00%
2330 TRANSPORTATION	52,853	52,853	0.00%
 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	 1,356,118	 1,510,127	 11.36%
 GRAND TOTAL	 21,044,560	 21,765,754	 3.43%



# SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## CONSTRUCTION COSTS

### 2012-2013 BUDGET

#### SUMMARY OF TOWN ASSESSMENTS

TOWNS	TOTAL
Halifax	518,486.09
Kingston	841,201.63
Plympton	169,769.78
TOTAL	1,529,457.50

#### CONSTRUCTION - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal Due	870,000.00
Interest Due	659,457.50
TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	1,529,457.50

CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT	1,529,457.50
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**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - UMAS BASIS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Member town assessments	\$ 14,193,284	\$	\$ 14,193,284
Tuition charges	463,397		463,397
Charges for services	604,454	1,465,629	2,070,083
Intergovernmental	7,437,916	1,643,132	9,081,048
Investment earnings	3,559		3,559
Departmental and other	<u>19,383</u>		<u>19,383</u>
Total revenues	22,721,993	3,108,761	25,830,754
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Administration	1,040,480		1,040,480
Instructional services	13,139,028	2,067,696	15,206,724
School services	1,022,365	1,683,678	2,706,043
Operations and maintenance	2,589,321		2,589,321
Employee benefits and other fixed charges	3,236,223		3,236,223
Capital outlay	51,346		51,346
Assessments	235,675		235,675
Debt service			
Principal	870,000		870,000
Interest and other charges	<u>659,458</u>		<u>659,458</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>22,843,896</u>	<u>3,751,374</u>	<u>26,595,270</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(121,903)	(642,613)	(764,516)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>			
Transfers in		3,414	3,414
Transfers out	<u>(567,355)</u>		<u>(567,355)</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	(567,355)	3,414	(563,941)
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>(689,258)</u>	<u>(639,199)</u>	<u>(1,328,457)</u>
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>2,729,729</u>	<u>188,361</u>	<u>2,918,090</u>
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 2,040,471</u>	<u>\$ (450,838)</u>	<u>\$ 1,589,633</u>

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY –  
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS – UMASS BASIS**

	<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</b>		<b>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT GROUP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Trust Funds and Agency Accounts</b>	<b>General Long-term Debt</b>	<b>June 30, 2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$ 2,352,712	\$ 304,511	\$ 681,040		\$ 3,338,263
Due from other funds	755,349				755,349
Amounts to be provided for payment of long-term obligations				16,110,000	16,110,000
Total assets	\$ 3,108,061	\$ 304,511	\$ 681,040	\$ 16,110,000	\$ 20,203,612
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Withholdings and benefits payable	710,382				710,382
Due to other funds		755,349			755,349
Accrued vacation	357,208				357,208
Amounts due to students			106,468		106,468
Other liabilities			10,631		10,631
General obligation bonds payable				16,110,000	16,110,000
Total liabilities	1,067,590	755,349	117,099	16,110,000	18,050,038
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>					
Reserved for encumbrances	81,774				81,774
Unreserved:					
Undesignated	849,046	(450,838)	563,941		962,149
Designated for Pembroke	927,651				927,651
Designated for FY 2014 budget	182,000				182,000
Total fund equity	2,040,471	(450,838)	563,941		2,153,574
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 3,108,061	\$ 304,511	\$ 681,040	\$ 16,110,000	\$ 20,203,612

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2012 - 2013 OPERATING BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

	<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>REGULAR DAY</b>			
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	131,325.00	120,746.31	10,578.69
1200 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	936,168.00	929,303.22	6,864.78
2100 SUPERVISION	567,488.00	516,455.12	51,032.88
2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	817,661.00	823,536.60	-5,875.60
2300 TEACHING	9,126,831.00	9,213,038.91	-86,207.91
2350 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	59,900.00	60,921.10	-1,021.10
2400 TEXTBOOKS	32,600.00	23,297.00	9,303.00
2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	126,975.00	127,698.64	-723.64
2500 LIBRARY	224,152.00	224,265.37	-113.37
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	10,000.00	10,616.16	-616.16
2700 GUIDANCE	809,047.00	819,727.71	-10,680.71
3200 HEALTH	94,656.00	96,371.11	-1,715.11
3300 TRANSPORTATION	852,868.00	868,581.19	-15,713.19
3500 ATHLETICS	54,775.00	54,744.43	30.57
4110 CUSTODIAL	976,829.00	1,096,771.18	-119,942.18
4120 HEATING	0.00	0.00	0.00
4130 UTILITIES	1,042,409.00	837,398.47	205,010.53
4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	116,500.00	87,995.44	28,504.56
4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	378,570.00	421,475.55	-42,905.55
4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	115,405.00	135,272.53	-19,867.53
5100 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	658,513.00	672,690.54	-14,177.54
5200 INSURANCE	2,496,262.00	2,556,263.66	-60,001.66
5300 LEASE	5,880.00	5,653.08	226.92
5400 SHORT TERM INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00
7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	47,050.00	44,550.38	2,499.62
7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	6,578.00	6,795.74	-217.74
<b>TOTAL REGULAR DAY</b>	<b>19,688,442.00</b>	<b>19,754,169.44</b>	<b>-65,727.44</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>			
2210 SUPERVISION	262,698.00	242,839.99	19,858.01
2230 TEACHING	994,617.00	871,642.18	122,974.82
2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	45,950.00	19,946.13	26,003.87
2330 TRANSPORTATION	52,853.00	60,283.38	-7,430.38
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>1,356,118.00</b>	<b>1,194,711.68</b>	<b>161,406.32</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>21,044,560.02</b>	<b>20,948,881.12</b>	<b>95,678.88</b>

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
2012- 2013 BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

		<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>" BALANCE</b>
<b>REGULAR DAY</b>				
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	14,065.00	11,923.18	2,141.82
1200	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	49,628.00	48,460.12	1,167.88
2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	148,664.00	137,675.65	10,988.35
2300	TEACHING	1,197,276.00	1,216,877.65	-19,601.65
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.	6,000.00	3,106.00	2,894.00
2400	TEXTBOOKS	500.00	41,668.82	-41,168.82
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	23,850.00	19,808.35	4,041.65
2500	LIBRARY	79,737.00	78,198.24	1,538.76
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	2,300.00	1,198.15	1,101.85
3100	ATTENDANCE	100.00	0.00	100.00
3200	HEALTH	44,903.00	42,257.21	2,645.79
3300	TRANSPORTATION	95,947.00	100,042.20	-4,095.20
3400	FOOD SERVICE	600.00	600.00	0.00
4110	CUSTODIAL	124,347.00	129,355.61	-5,008.61
4120	HEATING	46,500.00	33,020.21	13,479.79
4130	UTILITIES	94,750.00	69,877.93	24,872.07
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	1,000.00	567.58	432.42
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	90,000.00	88,680.21	1,319.79
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	15,000.00	6,310.15	8,689.85
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REGULAR DAY</b>		<b>2,035,167.00</b>	<b>2,029,627.26</b>	<b>5,539.74</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
2210	SUPERVISION	18,127.00	16,671.01	1,455.99
2230	TEACHING	146,454.00	138,904.89	7,549.11
2270	GUIDANCE	65,364.00	64,764.00	600.00
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	32,500.00	32,255.02	244.98
2330	TRANSPORTATION	98,031.00	71,971.95	26,059.05
2900	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	414,650.00	450,512.80	-35,862.80
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>'775,126.00</b>	<b>" 775,079.67</b>	<b>46.33</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>2,810,293.00</b>	<b>'2,804,706.93</b>	<b>'5,586.07</b>
<b>9320 'VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>'124,000.00</b>	<b>'70,177.54</b>	<b>'53,822.46</b>

# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## TOWN OF PLYMPTON BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2013

### GENERAL FUND

Cash		\$	1,579,666.66
Petty Cash		\$	50.00
Personal Property	\$ 52,372.04		
Real Estate	\$ 287,080.88	\$	339,452.92
Allowance for Abatements		\$	(185,187.65)
Tax Liens	\$ 341,118.89		
Tax Possessions	\$ 4,586.19		
Res. For Uncollected Receivables	\$ (345,705.08)	\$	-
Def. Property Taxes Dues	\$ 4,968.89		
Res. For Def. Property Taxes Due	\$ (4,968.89)	\$	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 79,212.71		
Res. For Uncollected Excise	\$ (79,212.71)	\$	-
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 566.60		
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	\$ (566.60)	\$	-
Betterments	\$ 5,591.87		
Assess. Conveyance Tax	\$ -		
Veteran Benefits Receivable	\$ 52,599.66		
Allow. For Uncollected Receivables	\$ (58,191.53)		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS</b>		\$	<u>1,733,981.93</u>
Accrued Payroll Withholdings		\$	30,242.01
Payroll & Warrant Payable		\$	424,433.21
Other Liabilities			
Tailings	\$ 17,425.46		
Deferred Reven. Property Taxes	\$ 154,265.27	\$	171,690.73
Reserve for Petty Cash		\$	50.00

Prior Year Encumbrances		\$	200,480.96
Bond Premium		\$	10,971.54
Snow & Ice Deficit		\$	(134,964.90)
Unreserved Funds			
Res. For Expenditures	\$	589,140.25	
Undesignated Balance	\$	441,938.13	\$ 1,031,078.38
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>			<u><u>\$ 1,733,981.93</u></u>

## HIGHWAY FUNDS

Cash		\$	(26,424.02)
State Aid to Highways	\$	385,764.46	
Def. Rev. In governmental	\$	(385,764.46)	\$ -
Fund Balance Chapter 90	\$	46,104.73)	
Spring St. Road Work	\$	19,680.71	\$ (26,424.02)

<b>SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL &amp; STATE</b>		\$	<u><u>7,605.38</u></u>
Cash			
Fund Balances			
EEO Grant	\$	44.39	
Math Grant	\$	250.00	
Circuit Breaker Grant	\$	10,267.18	
Kindergarten Transition	\$	(2,999.43)	
Title I	\$	(1,956.76)	
Emergency Education Grant	\$	2,000.00	\$ 7,605.38

<b>TOWN GRANTS-FEDERAL &amp; STATE</b>		\$	<u><u>18,510.15</u></u>
Cash			
Fund Balances			
Cultural Council	\$	2,318.89	
Board of Health Septic	\$	5,055.19	
Handi Persons Grant	\$	932.83	
Right to Know	\$	873.00	
Community Policing	\$	687.98	
Pol. Dept. Safety Gran	\$	1,680.83	
Com. Security Grant	\$	305.89	
Board of Health Grant	\$	2,000.00	
Fed Fire Equipment Grant	\$	132.78	
Tercentennial Grant	\$	884.77	

Fire Dept. Grants	\$	2,809.22	
Election Grant	\$	828.77	\$ <u>18,510.15</u>

### **REVOLVING FUNDS**

Cash			\$ <u>36,377.53</u>
Fund Balances			
Town Mapping	\$	360.00	
Student Activities	\$	8,125.40	
Tax Title Revolving	\$	25,860.76	
Recreation Dept.	\$	1,226.45	
Library Recoveries	\$	804.92	\$ <u>36,377.53</u>

### **RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND**

Cash			\$ 469,251.14
Ambulance Receivables	\$	97,299.98	
Def. Ambulance Rec.	\$	97,299.98)	
Community Pres. Receivables	\$	2,079.26	
Def. Receivables	\$	(2,079.26)	
			\$ <u>469,251.14</u>

State Aid to Libraries	\$	13,394.08	
Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000	\$	217.64	
Ambulance Fee Fund	\$	205,387.93	
CPA-Open Space	\$	7,800.00	
CPA-Historic Resources	\$	7,800.00	
CPA-Community Housing	\$	36,859.00	
CPA-Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	136,252.37	
CPA-Reserve for Expenditure	\$	61,540.12	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$ <u>469,251.14</u>

### **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Cash			\$ <u>179,734.78</u>
Fund Balances			
Dennett Library Fund	\$	77,152.91	
Sysco Escrow	\$	5,368.48	
Sysco Road Gifts	\$	143.90	
Highway Escrow	\$	3,500.00	
School Gifts	\$	1,000.00	
Board of Health Escrow	\$	7.34	



Student Activities Gifts	\$	10,901.07	
Fire Dept. Gift	\$	24,751.31	
Sale of Town Property	\$	2,514.90	
Library Gift Fund	\$	9,122.96	
Planning Bd. Deposits	\$	11,290.22	
Conservation Notice of Intent	\$	4,494.75	
Town House Gifts	\$	900.94	
Conservation Escrow	\$	1,407.82	
Building Dept. Escrow	\$	2,200.00	
Veterans Dept. Gifts	\$	2,885.15	
Recreation Gift	\$	450.00	
Police & Dare Gifts	\$	788.09	
Historic Comm. Gift	\$	250.00	
300th Anniversary Gifts	\$	3,857.03	
Jason Park Memorial Fund	\$	4.30	
Appeal Escrow	\$	16,743.61	<u><u>\$ 179,734.78</u></u>

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **Cash-Capital Projects**

Town Projects	\$	3,382.55	
Amt. to be Provided	\$	470,440.00	
Bans Payable	\$	(470,440.00)	
A/R Septic Loans	\$	47,101.77	
Def. Rev. Septic	\$	(47,101.77)	
			<u><u>\$ 3,382.55</u></u>

### **Fund Balances**

Board of Health	\$	2,404.04	
Transfer Station	\$	25.30	
Highway Equipment	\$	953.21	<u><u>\$ 3,382.55</u></u>

## **TRUST FUNDS**

Cash		<u><u>\$ 420,306.36</u></u>
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### **Fund Balances**

Investment Funds	\$	2,689.17	
Sale of Lots	\$	34,908.75	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	109,152.67	
TOPLA Library Fund	\$	69,493.39	
Law Enforcement Fund	\$	11,669.54	
Stabilization	\$	192,392.84	
			<u><u>\$ 420,306.36</u></u>

**AGENCY FUNDS**

Cash

\$ 99,143.73

Agency Payables

Performance Bonds \$ 80,828.37

Treasurer Red. Fees \$ 3,192.60

Collectors Liens \$ 44.62

Town Clerk Fees \$ 3,188.49

State Fire Arms \$ 1,835.00

State Licenses Payable \$ 3,489.04

Police Extra Detail \$ 6,565.61

\$ 99,143.73**DEBT**

Amount to be Provided

\$ 845,787.75

Highway Equipment \$ 105,000.00

Septic Loans \$ 25,787.75

School Building \$ 715,000.00

Loans Authorized

\$ 845,787.75

Loans Authorized &amp; Unissued

\$ 937,649.00\$ 937,649.00

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara A. Gomez**

# TOWN OF PLYMPTON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND		SPECIAL REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS		DEBT		TRUST & AGENCY		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Cash	\$	1,579,716.66	\$	685,054.96	\$	3,382.55	\$	-	\$	519,450.09	\$	2,787,604.26
Receivables												
Real Estate & Personal Property	\$	339,452.92									\$	339,452.92
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$	345,705.08									\$	345,705.08
Farm Animal	\$	566.60									\$	566.60
Def. Property Due	\$	4,968.89									\$	4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	79,212.71									\$	79,212.71
Departmental	\$	58,191.53	\$	505,320.18							\$	563,511.71
Other-Septic											\$	47,101.77
Intermental & Loans			\$	385,764.46	\$	470,440.00	\$	845,787.75			\$	1,701,992.21
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$	2,407,814.39	\$	1,576,139.60	\$	520,924.32	\$	845,787.75	\$	519,450.09	\$	5,870,116.15

## LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities												
Bonds Payable			\$	-	\$	-	\$	845,787.75			\$	845,787.75
Warrants Payable	\$	424,433.21									\$	424,433.21
Accrued Payroll Withholds	\$	30,242.01									\$	30,242.01
Reserve for Abatements	\$	185,187.65									\$	185,187.65
Deferred Taxes												
Real & Personal Prop.	\$	154,265.27									\$	154,265.27
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$	345,705.08									\$	345,705.08
Farm Animal	\$	566.60									\$	566.60
Def. Property Due	\$	4,968.89									\$	4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	79,212.71									\$	79,212.71
Other-Septic											\$	47,101.77
Intergovernmental			\$	385,764.46	\$	470,440.00					\$	856,204.46

Departmental	\$	58,191.53	\$	505,320.18		\$		\$	563,511.71
Other Liabilities	\$	17,425.46			\$	99,143.73	\$		116,569.19
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$	1,300,198.41	\$	891,084.64	\$	517,541.77	\$	99,143.73	3,653,756.30
<b>Fund Equity</b>									
Pr. Year Encumbrances	\$	200,480.96	\$	685,054.96	\$	3,382.55	\$	-	888,918.47
Res. For Expenditures	\$	589,140.25							589,140.25
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	441,938.13			\$		\$	420,306.36	862,244.49
Bond Premiums & Petty Cash Res.	\$	11,021.54					\$		11,021.54
Overdrwn & Unprovided	\$	(134,964.90)					\$		(134,964.90)
Teacher Defferals	\$	-					\$		-
Loans Authorized					\$	775,749.00	\$		775,749.00
Loans Authorized & Unissued					\$	(775,749.00)	\$		(775,749.00)
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	\$	1,107,615.98	\$	685,054.96	\$	3,382.55	\$	420,306.36	2,216,359.85
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	\$	2,407,814.39	\$	1,576,139.60	\$	520,924.32	\$	519,450.09	5,870,116.15

# TOWN TREASURERS RECEIPTS

6/30/2013

## TAX COLLECTIONS

Real Estate-Current Year	\$ 6,060,423.57
Real Estate-Prior Years	\$ 94,696.20
Personal Property-Current Year	\$ 277,688.87
Personal Property-Prior Years	\$ 28,480.17
Conservation Preservation Act	\$ 67,121.65
Motor Vehicle Excise-Current Year	\$ 438,409.77
Motor Vehicle Excise-Prior Year	\$ 63,911.37
Betterments	\$ 1,249.88
Tax Title	\$ 90,594.70

<b>TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS</b>	\$ 7,122,576.18	<b>\$7,122,576.18</b>
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## RECEIPTS

Departmental Receipts Permits	\$ 168,085.88
Court Fines	\$ 1,862.70
Cemetery Department	\$ 640.00
Vendor Refunds	\$ 29,667.84
Interest on Investments	\$ 1,177.03

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$ 201,433.45	<b>\$ 201,433.45</b>
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Payroll Withholdings	\$ 1,202,404.25
Chapter 90	\$ 257,695.08

**\$1,460,099.33**

## GRANTS

School Grants	\$ 111,783.03
Cultural Council	\$ 3,872.42
Public Safety Grants	\$ 3,495.00
Town House Grant	\$ 37,500.00
Elections Grant	\$ 677.00
Elder Affairs Grant	\$ 4,116.00

<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	\$ 161,443.45	<b>\$ 161,433.45</b>
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## REVOLVING FUNDS

Library	\$ 338.00
Student Activity Funds	\$ 14,044.13
Tax Title Revolving	\$ 11,344.32
<b>Recreations Fund</b>	\$ 350.00

<b>TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS</b>	\$ 26,076.45	<b>\$ 26,076.45</b>
Ambulance Fees		<b>\$ 155,471.34</b>

State Aid to Libraries	\$	2,629.29
Donations and Gifts	\$	38,278.61
Interest on Trusts	\$	9,264.88
Agency Funds	\$	125,692.41

Tax Collector/Treasurer Salary		
Appropriated	\$	49,500.00
Expended	\$	49,248.30
Tax Collector/Treasurer Expense		
Appropriated	\$	56,451.00
Expended	\$	55,126.41

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR EXPENDITURES

30-Jun-13

## **GENERAL FUND- DEPARTMENTS**

Town Meeting Moderator	\$	100.00
Town Coordinator	\$	46,400.00
Selectmen	\$	25,431.46
General Government Articles	\$	64,327.11
Finance Committee	\$	1,334.70
Reserve Fund	\$	-
Town Accountant	\$	23,697.35
Assessors	\$	60,257.31
Assessor's Articles	\$	11,627.05
Assessors Revaluation		
Treasurer/Collector	\$	104,374.71
Treasurer's Tax Title	\$	-
Legal Department	\$	46,988.49
Wage and Personnel	\$	-
Town Services	\$	19,089.06
Capital Improvement Article	\$	-
Capital Expenditure Committee	\$	-
Town Clerk	\$	47,653.32
Election and Registrations	\$	15,551.34
Conservation	\$	1,080.33
Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$	3,733.06
Planning Board	\$	804.28
Appeals Board	\$	57.50
Zoning Articles	\$	-
Industrial Commission	\$	-
Town Building & Land	\$	1,367.30
New Town House	\$	57,796.52
Old Town House	\$	-
Town Wide Utilities	\$	59,087.38
Police Department		
Police Vehicles	\$	75,573.81
Police Articles	\$	12,415.11
Communication Center	\$	-
Fire Department	\$	223,626.68
Fire Articles	\$	135,221.46
Fire Services	\$	91,239.47
Building Dept.	\$	27,263.77
Gas	\$	-
Plumbing and Gas	\$	7,050.00
Weights and Measures	\$	-

Wire	\$	19,170.00	
Cemetery Maintenance- Int. Trans.	\$	-	
Town Forest Committee	\$	-	
	\$		
Civil Defense -			
Dog Officer	\$	9,250.00	
Animal			
Inspector	\$	2,496.00	
Tree Department	\$	15,931.21	
Plympton School System	\$	2,878,507.26	
School Articles	\$	19,618.70	
Silver Lake Regional School	\$	1,866,706.00	
Highway	\$	398,675.12	
Highway Articles	\$	-	
Waste Collection and Disposal	\$	150,169.01	
Transfer Station Articles	\$	-	
Highway Projects	\$	-	
Cemetery Department	\$	6,359.00	
Cemetery Articles	\$	-	
Health Offices	\$	28,178.82	
Title V-Septic Loan	\$	-	
Special Programs	\$	14,841.00	
Council on Elder Affairs	\$	8,072.79	
Veterans Services	\$	72,151.79	
Care of Soldiers Graves	\$	271.30	
Memorial Day Committee	\$	494.16	
Human Services	\$	-	
Open Space Committee	\$	-	
Library	\$	118,992.20	
Recreation Dept.	\$	1,545.00	
Cultural Council Gifts	\$	-	
Cultural and Recreation Articles	\$	-	
Agriculture Commission	\$	-	
Park Dept.	\$	6,892.06	
Historic Commission	\$	580.27	
Debt Service	\$	90,324.22	
Interest	\$	93,693.23	
Due to Trust Funds	\$	-	
Retirement	\$	300,248.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$	264.46	
Group Health Insurance	\$	254,193.11	
Other Miscellaneous	\$	75,501.20	
Liability Insurance	\$	113,658.26	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	\$	8,422,678.04	\$ 8,422,678.04
<b>FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</b>			
Road Work-Spring St.(Sysco)	\$	792,890.26	
Chapter 90 - State Funds	\$	26,402.72	



General Government Grants	\$	46,085.80	
School Grants	\$	103,238.15	
Government Study Grant	\$	1,977.50	
Dare Comm of MA	\$	1,476.91	
Community Policing Grant	\$	648.00	
Public Safety Grants	\$	4,542.72	
Council on Aging Grant	\$	4,696.05	
Cultural Council-Art Lottery	\$	5,675.46	
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</b>	\$	987,633.57	<b>\$987,633.57</b>

<b>REVOLVING FUNDS</b>			
Student Activity Fund	\$	16,198.82	
Library Recoveries	\$	119.06	
Recreation	\$	331.90	
<b>TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS</b>			<b>\$ 16,649.78</b>

<b>RECEIPTS RESERVED</b>			
Ambulance Fees	\$	31,471.32	
Conservation Preservation Act	\$	2,380.04	
Library State Aid	\$	2,259.63	
Conservation Appropriations	\$	44,909.88	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED</b>			<b>\$ 81,020.87</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>			
General Gov. Gifts	\$	11,923.05	
Harry Jason Park - Gifts	\$	1.80	
Conservation Escrow	\$	371.25	
Appeals Board	\$	152.75	
Board of Health	\$	985.40	
Building Dept Escrow	\$	2,800.00	
Planning Board Escrow	\$	4,515.00	
Planning Board-Sysco	\$	11,702.67	
Sysco Fire Dept. Gift	\$	18,612.65	
Sysco Road Gifts	\$	11,923.05	
Police Dept. Gifts	\$	552.79	
Public Safety Dare Gifts	\$	151.91	
Highway Dept. Escrow	\$	1,500.00	
Library Gifts	\$	5,092.07	
Sale of Town Property	\$	2,983.10	
Veterans Dept Gifts	\$	14.85	
<b>TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	\$	73,282.34	<b>\$ 73,282.34</b>

Town Projects	\$	182,178.64	<b>\$182,178.64</b>
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<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>			
Law Enforcement Trust	\$	970.93	

**TOTAL TRUSTS****AGENCY FUNDS**

Collectors Fees	\$ 17,951.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 822.25
Police Extra Details	\$ 118,559.75
State Firearms Funds	\$ 8,487.50
AGENCY FUNDS	\$ 35,086.48
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 180,906.98</b>

## **South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)**

**1265 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360**

**Patricia Daly, Executive Director**

**508-747-7575, X211**

**[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's FY2013, a total of **347** (duplicated) **Plympton** households were served from October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013 by SSCAC's many programs offerings.

<b>ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
FUEL ASSISTANCE (FEDERAL)	34	\$26,842
HEARTWAP (BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT)	9	\$4,129

<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
CONSUMER AID – The Attorney General	3	N/A
FOOD BASKET (FOOD GIFT CARDS)	1	N/A
HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS	6	N/A
TRANSPORTATION – INTER-TOWN MEDICAL AND OTHER TRIPS IN LIFT EQUIPPED VANS (TOTAL TRIPS)	288	N/A
SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)- FORMERLY FOOD STAMPS	2	N/A
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)	4	N/A

SSCAC'S Food Resources program distributed 404 pounds of locally grown fruits, vegetables and non-perishable food to the Plympton's Council on Aging and Head Start Children's programs. (Approximately 303 meals.)

## **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Corrective maintenance pruning, tree removals, response to emergent tree calls and roadside chipping of tree limbs are the core of the 2013 tree work activity. Although these activities all took place the overwhelming work and expense for 2013 was storm cleanup. Hazard trees were identified as part of patrols; major tree removal work occurred throughout the town, many of the trees I removed or removed major leaders from them. Trees that required aerial lifts because they were too hazardous to climb or could not be managed from the ground, I contracted vendors to work. Vendor hazard tree work in 2013 was the overwhelming majority of cost. The assistance given by the Highway Department in helping me with tree work is much appreciated.

2013 Insect & Disease season was dominated by the monitoring of the Asian Longhorned Beetle and the introduction of the Emerald Ash Borer to Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR) announced that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was detected in the Town of North Andover on November 15, 2013, and was confirmed by federal officials on November 22, 2013. On August 31, 2012, EAB was detected in Berkshire County in the Town of Dalton. To date, 22 states across the country have confirmed detections of EAB. Emerald Ash Borer is a small, metallic green beetle, native to Asia, which feeds on ash trees. It was first discovered in North America in 2002, in the Detroit, Michigan area. Unlike many other invasive beetles, EAB kills ash trees quickly, within just 3-5 years, because it bores directly under the bark and disrupts the tree's conductive system. Since its discovery in North America, it has killed millions of ash trees and has caused billions of dollars in economic loss nationwide. Ash is a main component of the Northern Hardwood forest in Massachusetts and is also a popular street tree in eastern Massachusetts. Unlike other invasive beetles, the EAB can kill a tree fast, within just a few years, because it bores directly under the bark, where the tree's conductive system is. Since its discovery in North America, it has killed millions of ash trees and has caused billions of dollars in economic loss across the nation. Be mindful of these pests as you consider tree management and planting. The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) is an invasive wood-boring insect that attacks hardwood trees, including maple, birch and elm. A large infestation of ALB was discovered in Worcester, MA in August 2008 and is currently under eradication. A small infestation of just 6 trees was found in Boston in 2010. The spread of ALB would cause negative impacts to the maple sugaring, nursery, tourism and forest product industries of Massachusetts, and would seriously threaten our state's forest, park and street trees. Damage caused by storms, insects and disease are a majority of the management, work and expense involving Plympton's trees. Thankfully there are no signs of either ALB or EAB in Plympton.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Hayes, Jr.

Plympton Tree Warden

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

Over the last year the Veterans Services Division has continued to provide five primary missions and continue to expand services in the social work field.

### **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 to which they are entitled. Spouses of deceased Veterans are provided with the same benefits as if the Veteran were still living. Perform outreach programs to reach the widest audience possible to inform and educate the public what Veterans Services do for the Veterans and the Community.

### **Second Mission:**

To assist Veterans in filing Veterans Administration (VA) Compensation and Pensions, 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:**

Veterans Agent is a SHINE counselor who will assist Veterans in the complicated process of understanding the MEDICARE system 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 are 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 division continues to assist all veterans regardless of income with assistance 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 on other avenues of approach that may be available to them like Social Security or Department of Labor programs.

Plympton serves all Veterans and their families the best we can regardless of income.

The past year the Office of Veteran Services continued its outreach program. The office will assist the low income and needy veterans of Plympton, and the office provides them with medical and financial assistance that in many cases they did not know they were entitled to.

The office continues to assist veterans in filing for health care thru the VA Health Care System. A Community Based Outpatient Clinic has opened in Plymouth, and is serving the surrounding communities. Due to the rising cost of commercial health care, the VA provides comparable care, that in most cases the veteran would not otherwise be able to afford.

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

Through generous donations, we have established a gift account. This account has helped veterans who are not eligible for chapter 115, but need one time assistance get fuel and gift cards for groceries.

The DAV Auxiliary generously donated a food basket for Thanksgiving and Christmas to a family in need.

The Veteran Agent is available by phone anytime and will see clients by appointment.

*Veteran Services honors the sacrifice of all of fallen hero's past and present.*

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Whitbeck

Veteran's Services Director

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Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Whitbeck

Veteran's Services Director

## **REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD**

During the 2013 year the Wage and Personnel Board met several time and performed a study of wage scales compared with other surrounding Towns.

Based upon this study, we recommend a 3% merit increase.

Respectfully submitted,

David Chandler  
James Mustacaros  
Alan Wheelock

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## **PLYMPTON TOWN OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

<b>Animal Control/Inspector</b>	<b>781-585-9444</b>
<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>Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>781-585-0571</b>
<b>Fire Department Business</b>	<b>781-585-2633</b>
<b>Fire Department Station</b>	<b>781-585-0783</b>
<b>Fire Department Fax number</b>	<b>781-585-9457</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 Department Business</b>	<b>781-585-3339</b>
<b>Police Alternative Emergency (DRECC)</b>	<b>781-934-5693</b>
<b>Police Department Fax</b>	<b>781-585-4008</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 Coordinator</b>	<b>781-585-2700</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>Veteran's Services</b>	<b>781-585-3220</b>
<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	<b>781-585-0571</b>
<b>Zoning Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>781-585-0571</b>

**EMERGENCY: POLICE, FIRE, & AMBULANCE  
DIAL 911**