

TOWN OF PLYMPTON



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ANNUAL REPORT

2005

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**ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
and Committees
For the Year Ending
December 31, 2005**

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - the Wednesday preceding the Town Election at the Dennett Elementary School at 7:00 PM. The 2006 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at the Dennett Elementary School.

TOWN ELECTION - the third Saturday in May at the Town House from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The polls will be open for the 2006 Election of Officers from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM., Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Plympton Town House.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS - at the call of the Board of Selectmen, or on the petition of at least 200 registered voters.

2000 FEDERAL CENSUS

2,637

REGISTERED VOTERS

1,928

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

William Delahunt

U.S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Therese Murray, Plymouth - *Senator*

TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Thomas O'Brien, - *Representative*

MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

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

**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS
2005**

MODERATOR

William Slater (2007)

TOWN CLERK

Nancy J. Butler (2006)

SELECTMEN

Joseph A. Freitas (2008)

Christine M. Joy (2006)

Robert H. Vautrinot (2007)

TREASURER

Carolyn Northon (2006)

TAX COLLECTOR

Carolyn A. Northon (2007)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

James M. Mulcahy (2006)

ASSESSORS

George Thompson (2008)

Jocelyn Anderson (2006)

David Batchelder (2007)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lisa Hart (2008)

K. Scott Merrill (2008)

Susan Ossoff (2006)

Maureen Springer (2006)

Patricia Killeen (2007)

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Emily Ballerino (2008)

Brenda Traynor (2008)

Kristine Boyles (2006)

Gail Mattern (2006)

Susan Wallis (2007)

Lisa Hart (2007)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stephen Lee (2008)

David Pecinovsky (2006)

Jacquelynn Norrie (2007)

Richard Springer (2007)

PLANNING BOARD

Ken Thompson (2008)
John O'Leary (2006)
Ann Sobolewski (2007)
Don Matattal (2008)
John Rantuccio (2009)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Abdu Nessralla, Jr. (2008)
Dana Fowler (2006)
Scott Varley (2007)

TREE WARDEN

William Hayes (2006)

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas Cambria (2008)
Maureen Springer (2006)

CONSTABLES

David Batchelder (2008)
Lee Eckerd (2008)

2004-2005 PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS

Agricultural Commission – Emily Ballerino (2007), Rebecca Lipton (2007), Keith Harlfinger (2008), John Ruprecht (2006), Linda Schauwecker (2005), Richard Nordahl (2008), Richmond Poole Alternate (2006)

Animal Inspector & Dog Officer – Frank Bush (2006)

Acting Building Commissioner - Jeff Richards (2006)

Burial Agent - James Mulcahy (2006)

Chief of Fire Department – David L. Rich (2006)

Chief of Police – Matthew Clancy (2006)

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

Conservation Commission –Tim Dempsey (2007), Greg Fairbanks (2007), Jeff Smith (2007), Chris Lawrence (2006), Ed Yurewicz (2006), Raymond Reid II (2008)

Council on Aging - Dorothy Cushman (2006), Shirley Martin (2006), Anna Donovan (2005), Sandra Henry (2008), Helvi Lehto (2008), Associates - Emelia Kirkland, Edwina Wood, Anne Freitas

Cultural Council - Susan Ferguson (2007), Jeanne Black (2006), Margaret Kent (2006), Jane Schultz (2006) Fran Lungren (2008)

Director of Veteran's Services & Veteran's Burial Agent – Robert Karling (2006)

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

Forest Fire Warden – David L. Rich (2006)

Gypsy Moth Superintendent – William Hayes (2006)

Historic District Commission – Jonathan Shaw (2007), Brian Wick (2007), Carol Quindley (2006), Stuart Chase (2006), Alfred Norton (2005), Charles C. Nickerson (2005)

Historical Commission – Walter Peterson (2007), Jon Wilhelmsen (2007), Dorrin Prescott (2006), Deborah West (2006), Maxwell West (2006), Jonathan Shaw (2008)

Inspector of Wiring – Robert Karling (2006); Deputy – Scott Varley (2006)

Local Inspector - Fred Svenson (2006), Robert Jacobson (2006)

Jason Park Study and Development Committee – Gregory Fairbanks (2006), Joseph Freitas (2005), David Whiting (2005)

Long Range Planning Task Force - Jeanne Crockett, Dot Cushman, Jim Mulcahy, Jack O'Leary, Kevin Rafferty, John Rantuccio, Anne Sobolewski, Richard Springer, Fred Svenson, Rob Vautrinot, Alan Wheelock, Jon Wilhelmsen, Brian Wick

Open Space Committee – Donna Crane (2007)

Plumbing & Gas Inspector - Robert Woodbury (2006); Deputy Robert Woodbury Jr. (2006)

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

Police, Matrons (annual appointments) - Carolyn A. Northon, Suzanne Moulton, Tami Rice

Police, Part-time - Dennis E. Reddy, III, Thomas Hunt (2006), Marks Brenner (2006), Ronald Clark (2006), Dana Fowler (2006)

Police, Special Officers (annual appointments) – Robert Akin, Paul Harkins, Suzanne Moulton, Scott Peterson, Tami Rice, Christopher Saucier, Dana Smith, Wayne Sjostedt, Barry Vinton

Recreation Commission - Andrew Karparis (2007), Dan Shannon (2007), Bernie Wilder (2007), Adam Bailey (2006)

Registrars of Voters - Anna Donovan (2007), Shirley Martin (2006), Frank Young (2006)

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control – William Hayes (2006)

Town Accountant – Barbara Gomez (2005)

Town Counsel - Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

Town House Building Committee – Fred Svenson, Robert Karling, Christine Joy

Wage & Personnel Board –Irving Butler (2006), Marilyn Thompson (2007)

Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee

Jon Wilhelmsen (2007), Maxwell West (2006), Debbie Anderson (2006),

Carolyn DeCristofano (2006), Robert Green (2006), Steven Ziglar (2006),
Christine Joy (2006), Brian Wick (2008)
Zoning Board of Appeals –Stephen Mattern (2007), William McClellan
(2006), Scott Sauchuk (2005); alternate – Edward Murray (2005)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriated	12,463.00
Transfer	-2,900.00
Expended:	<u>9,563.00</u>

TOWN HOUSE

Appropriated	26,979.00
Transfer	1,000.00
Expended	<u>27,979.00</u>

BLANKET INSURANCE

Appropriated	50,000.00
Transfer	4,120.00
Expended	<u>54,120.00</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	5,487.00
Expended	<u>5,487.00</u>

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriated	27,437.00
Expended	<u>27,437.00</u>

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated	412.00
Expended	<u>412.00</u>

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

May 18, 2005

PLYMOUTH, ss.

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

GREETING:

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

Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 7:00 PM

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

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

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2006 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2005 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto:

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2006

A. Firefighters (Part Time)	SALARY RANGE	PREMIUM
**Deputy Chief	\$ 13.42 \$ 14.07	\$20.13 \$ 21.10
**Captain	\$ 13.29 \$ 13.93	\$19.92 \$ 20.91
**Lieutenant	\$ 13.17 \$ 13.80	\$19.75 \$ 20.70
*First year	\$ 11.61 \$ 12.22	\$17.41 \$ 18.36
*Second year	\$ 12.02 \$ 12.66	\$18.01 \$ 18.96
*Third year	\$ 13.04 \$ 13.66	\$19.54 \$ 20.50
Certified EMT	\$ 14.48 \$ 15.11	\$21.70 \$ 22.70
EMT Standby	\$ 18.00 per 12 hours shift	
*Premium rate will be paid for the first three (3) hours of call out		

duty

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

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	\$	15.77	\$	17.33
Truck Driver/Laborer	\$	15.08	\$	15.71
Laborer	\$	12.30	\$	12.91

C. Town Labor

Laborer	\$	12.30	\$	12.91
Sr. Disposal Attendant	\$	14.21	\$	14.85
Disposal Attendant	\$	12.67	\$	13.29

D. Clerical

Junior Clerk - 1 year	\$	8.05	\$	8.68
Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$	10.31	\$	10.95
Senior Clerk- 5 years	\$	11.63	\$	12.25

E. Accounting/ Assessor

Jr. Accounting Clerk	\$	10.72	\$	11.35
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 1 year	\$	11.92	\$	12.54
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 3 years	\$	13.62	\$	14.23
Sr. Accounting Clerk - 5 years	\$	14.85	\$	15.42
Asst. to Collector/Treasurer	\$	15.54	\$	17.38

F. Selectmen's Office

Junior Secretary - 1 year	\$	10.31	\$	10.95
Senior Secretary - 2 years	\$	12.04	\$	12.68
Senior Secretary - 5 years	\$	13.21	\$	13.84
Assistant to Board	\$	15.54	\$	17.38

G. Library

Director	\$	17.29	\$	19.02
Senior Library Technician	\$	13.07	\$	15.34
Library Technician	\$	12.47	\$	13.72
Circulation Clerk	\$	10.24	\$	11.47
Library Clerk	\$	8.53	\$	10.13

H. Salaried Employees

Fire Chief	\$	44,635.92	\$	57,487.49
Police Chief	\$	44,635.92	\$	57,487.49
Police Sergeant	\$	39,000.00	\$	45,000.00
Police Matron	\$10/hour			

Special Police Officer	\$12/hour	
Librarian	\$ 25,501.09	\$ 28,366.10
Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$ 21,097.28	\$ 23,289.25
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$ 23,981.01	\$ 26,286.88
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$ 26,593.23	\$ 30,744.88
Veteran's Agent	\$ 2,779.22	\$ 2,807.69

Wage & Personnel Board

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

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$40,000 for the repair of the drainage system in Blanchard Estates or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$21,260 for the first of three annual lease payments for two (2) police patrol cars under a lease to own program or take any other action relative to.

Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$98,390.00, as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90§34-2A of the General Laws or take any action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$38,000 to purchase a dump truck to replace the 1994 F350 one ton dump truck or take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,183 for the purchase of soccer goals, nets, and anchors or take any other action relative thereto.

Recreation Commission

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,300 to the Town Buildings Maintenance Warrant article to replace the Fire Station roof, trim boards and

other related repairs to the fire station in addition to unforeseen repairs to Town Buildings or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease purchase agreement not to exceed ten (10) years, to purchase and equip an four door pumping fire truck to replace the 1971 brush breaker and 1975 International Harvester pumping fire truck; said purchase not to exceed \$250,000 with the first payment of \$34,000 (first of ten payments) not due before July 1, 2005 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,270 the Town's matching share of the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 13. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of \$51,000 from the Receipts Reserved Fund to Fire/EMS budget line #63 or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$27,000 to conduct financial audits of Fiscal 2005 or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer and Town Accountant

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,500 to purchase bullet proof vest for the police department or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to perform engineering and feasibility studies on Town owned land.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000 to the Tercentennial Account or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will accept MGL Chapter 41 Section

100G ¼ Payment of funeral and burial expenses of firefighters and police officers killed in the performance of duties or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

**MGL CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS
AND DISTRICTS**

REGIONAL POLICE DISTRICTS

**Chapter 41: Section 100G.25 Payment of funeral and burial expenses of
firefighters and police officers killed in performance of duties;
acceptance of section**

Section 100G1/4. Any city operating under a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its city council or any other city, by a majority vote of its city council with the approval of its mayor, and any town, by a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, shall pay the reasonable expense, not exceeding five thousand dollars, of the funeral and burial of any firefighter while in the performance of his duty and as a result of an accident while responding to or returning from an alarm or fire or any emergency or as the result of an accident involving a fire department vehicle, which the firefighter is operating or in which he is riding or while at the scene of a fire or any emergency is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death, or of any police officer who while in the performance of his duty and as the result of an assault on his person, or a result of an accident while responding to an emergency while in the performance of his official duty or as result of an accident involving a police department vehicle which he is operating or in which he is riding is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death. The provisions of this section shall become effective in a city or town when accepted by such city or town.

In those cities or towns which accept the provisions of this section, the provisions of section one hundred G shall not be applicable.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL ch. 41 § 97A or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**MGL CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS
AND DISTRICTS**

POLICE OFFICERS

**Chapter 41: Section 97A Police departments; chief of police; powers and
duties**

Section 97A. In any town which accepts this section there shall be a police department established by the selectmen, and such department shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the chief of police. The selectmen of any such town shall appoint a chief of police and such other officers as they

deem necessary, and fix their compensation, not exceeding, in the aggregate, the annual appropriation therefore. In any such town in which such appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one, they shall be made annually or for a term of years not exceeding three years, as the selectmen shall determine, and the selectmen may remove such chief or other officers for cause at any time after a hearing. The chief of police in any such town shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing the police department, and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the selectmen; provided, that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of the selectmen to take action thereon within thirty days after they have been submitted to them by the chief of police. The chief of police in any such town shall be in immediate control of all town property used by the department, and of the police officers, whom he shall assign to their respective duties and who shall obey his orders. Section ninety-seven shall not apply in any town which accepts the provisions of this section. Acceptance of the provisions of this section shall be by a vote at an annual town meeting.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws Article II §4 by striking out the current text which reads "The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed on March 30th proceeding the date of said meeting". and replace it with the following language: "The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed on the last Monday in March proceeding the date of said meeting."

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to change the size of the Open Space Committee from a seven (7) members committee to a five (5) member committee.

Board of Selectmen

Article 22. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the municipality to enter into an intermunicipal joint purchasing agreement pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40 § 4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the Community Software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreement(s). The duration of this agreement, in accordance to statute, shall be for no more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this agreement will be paid from the participating departments' expense appropriations. The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to the consortium's bylaws.

Board of Assessors

Article 23. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to accept the applicability of the civil service law and rules to the regular and permanent members of the police force, including intermittent, reserve, and part-time officers.

If it is voted to accept the above question, the undersigned then ask the Town to take all appropriate action to petition the State Legislature to enact enabling legislation to make the placement of the police force under the provisions of Civil service subject to chapter 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Petition by Thomas E. Cosato and others

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Recreation Commission

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$230,000 for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 provided that such appropriation be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2½ Override ballot question or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 28. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. At a subsequent meeting as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws to be held at the Plympton Town House on Palmer Road Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

Article 29. To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 21, 2005. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM: Board of Selectmen: one for 3 years; Assessors: one for 3 years; Treasurer: one for one year; School Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustees: two (2) for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Planning Board: one for five years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: one for 3 years; Constables: two (2) for three years.

Question One

Shall the Town of Plympton be allowed to assess an additional \$230,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005?

Yes

No

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, The Village Cafe and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of April 2005.

Joseph A. Freitas

Christine M. Joy
Board of Selectmen

Robert H. Vautrinot

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 18, 2005

Moderator William L. Slater declared there being a quorum present, at 7:17 P.M., he called to order the 299th Annual Town Meeting, held at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Slater asked for a moment of silence for all Plympton residents who passed away since our last meeting. In particular, we remembered Thomas Bowes a long time Plympton resident, who held the position of moderator for many years. Also we were asked to remember all the men and women in the military, who have fallen around the world, in the service of our freedom. Following the moment of silence, Mr. Slater led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Slater read the call to the warrant and Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. There were 156 registered voters present. He then introduced the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler and Town Counsel, Richard Bowen and Representative Thomas J. O'Brien. The tellers were Marilyn Thompson and Helen Reynolds, and Police Officer Ron Clark.

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to allow the following people to speak at Annual Town Meeting: Rep. O'Brien, Police Chief Clancy, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, Building Inspector Fred Svenson, Dennett School Principal Philip Holt and S.L. Reg. School Business Agent John Tuffy.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to waive the reading of lengthy articles in favor of the moderator summary.

Unanimous

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

Article 1. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article 1.

Unanimous

Article 2. Voted (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2006 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F.

Unanimous

Article 3. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town move to waive the reading of individual wage and salary figures in favor of line items approval.

Declared majority

Article 3. Voted (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to accept Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2005 and to pay as wages the following sums, with a hold on Highway Labor Working Foreman and Truck Driver/Laborer. **Discussion follows**

Majority carries

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2006

A. Firefighters (Part Time)	SALARY RANGE		PREMIUM	
**Deputy Chief	\$ 13.42	\$ 14.07	\$ 20.13	\$ 21.10
**Captain	\$ 13.29	\$ 13.93	\$ 19.92	\$ 20.91
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**Supervisor's recommendation and Wage & Personnel Board approval				
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D. Clerical				
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Senior Clerk- 2 years	\$ 10.31	\$ 10.95		
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E. Accounting/ Assessor				
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Sr. Accounting Clerk - 1 year	\$ 11.92	\$ 12.54		
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G. Library				
Director	\$	17.29	\$	19.02
Senior Library Technician	\$	13.07	\$	15.34
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Special Police Officer	\$12/hour			
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Asst. Assessor - 1 year	\$	21,097.28	\$	23,289.25
Asst. Assessor - 3 years	\$	23,981.01	\$	26,286.88
Asst. Assessor - 5 years	\$	26,593.23	\$	30,744.88
Veteran's Agent	\$	2,779.22	\$	2,807.69

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to take the warrant out of order and advance to Article 7.

Declared majority

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to amend the amount to borrow from \$98,390.00 to **\$97,855.**

Motion carries

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote as amended to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum \$97,855 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90§34-2A of the General Laws.

Declared 2/3 majority

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$38,000 to purchase a dump truck to replace the 1994 F350 one ton dump truck or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. Voted (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to pass over Article 8.

Declared 2/3 majority

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,183 for the purchase of soccer goals, nets, and anchors or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9. Voted: (On the motion of Andrew Karparis) The Town vote to pass over Article 9.

Unanimous

Article 10. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,300** for the Town Buildings Maintenance Account to replace the Fire Station roof, trim boards and other related repairs to the fire station in addition to unforeseen repairs to Town Buildings.

Unanimous

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a lease purchase agreement not to exceed ten (10) years, to purchase and equip a four door pumping fire truck to replace the 1971 brush breaker and 1975 International Harvester pumping fire truck; said purchase not to exceed \$250,000 with the first payment of \$34,000 (first of ten payments) not due before July 1, 2005 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to pass over Article 11.

Declared 2/3 majority

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Chief David Rich) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,270** the Town's matching share of the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Unanimous

Article 13. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer the sum of \$51,000 from the Receipts Reserved Fund to Fire/EMS budget line #63.

Unanimous

Article 14. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 to conduct financial audits of Fiscal 2005.
Declared 2/3 majority

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,500 to purchase bullet proof vest for the police department or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 15.
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to recess the Annual Town Meeting to the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting posted for 8:00 PM. and the Special Town Meeting posted for 8:30 PM.
Unanimous

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECESSED
8:00 PM**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED
8:45 PM**

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to advance to **Article 27** for immediate consideration.
Unanimous

Article 27. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$230,000** for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 provided that such appropriation be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2½ Override ballot question.
Discussion followed.

Vote by standing count: **YES 77 NO 49**
Motion carries

Article 4. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year.

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #1 - #34** with holds on Lines 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 16, 21, & 22.
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to amend **Line #2 Assessors Expense** from \$17,444 to \$18,990.
Motion fails

Voted: The Town vote **Line #2 Assessors Expense** the amount of **\$17,444**.
Motion passes

Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to amend **Line #1 Assessors Salaries** from \$1,829 to **\$283**.
Motion carries

Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to amend **Line #2 Assessors Expense**, from \$17,444 to **\$18,990** by transferring \$1,546 from Line #1 Assessors Salaries to Line #2 Assessors Expenses.
Motion carries

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #4 Accountant/Auditor** from \$7,152 to **\$8,068**.
Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to amend **Line #10 Moderator Salary** from \$55 to **\$1**.
Motion carries

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #11 Planning Board** from \$1,728 to **\$1,200**.
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #16 Computer Maintenance** from \$16,200 to **\$11,100**.
Majority passes

Voted: (On the motion of Timothy Dempsey) The Town vote **Line # 21 Town Counsel \$25,928**. Discussion followed.
Majority passes

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line 22 Treasurer Salary** from \$18,000 to **\$19,595**.
Majority passes

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$258,455

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

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION: \$425,011

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

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH: \$172,650

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #42 – 49** with a hold on Line #42 Surveyor Salary.
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #42 Surveyor Salary** from \$44,307 to **\$46,807.**
Declared majority

TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$204,291

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

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$29,117.

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

TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT: \$29,117

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

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #61 Fire Chief Salary** from \$48,077 to **\$50,577.**
Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to amend **Line #63** from \$51,000 to \$0.00.
Unanimous

TOTAL FIRE SERVICES: \$88,526.

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

TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$405,245

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

TOTAL AMBULANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS: \$2,000

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #74 – 77** with a hold on Line #76 Veterans Benefits.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #76 Veterans Benefits** from \$ \$8,505 to **\$12,505**.

Unanimous

TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES: \$16,266

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

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #79 Library Expenses** from \$49,666 to **\$54,151**.

Unanimous

TOTAL LIBRARY: \$81,131

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

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line # 80 Elementary School Costs** from \$1,799,467 to **\$1,811,324**.

Unanimous

TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL: \$1,914,893

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

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #82** from \$1,832,313 to **\$1,849,513**.

Declared majority

TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOL: \$2,017,200

TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$3,932,093

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #83 Reserve Fund** \$31,545.

Unanimous

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #84 – 86A** with a hold on Line # 86 Principal & Interest.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #86 Principal & Interest** to raise and appropriate \$75,480, and transfer from Debt Reserve \$239,566 and to transfer from Overlay \$28,683 for a sum of **\$343,729**.

Unanimous

TOTAL BONDS/INTEREST/LOANS: \$347,229

TOTAL WARRANT: \$6,014,729

Article 4 Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to amend the balanced FY 2006 budget, approved by Town Meeting on May 18, 2005, by incorporating the line item changes recommended in the contingency budget of the Finance Committee that was sent to each registered voter on May 11, 2005

Unanimous

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #1 - #34** with holds on Lines 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 16, 21, & 22.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to amend **Line #1 Assessors Salaries** from \$1,829 to **\$192**.

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of Suzan Duggan) The Town vote to amend **Line #2 Assessors Expense** from \$18,459 to **\$20,096** by transferring \$1,637 from Line #1 Assessors Salaries to Line #2 Assessors Expense.

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #4 Accountant/Auditor** from \$7,568 to **\$8,068**.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to amend **Line #10 Moderator Salary** from \$91 to **\$1**.

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #11 Planning Board** from \$1,829 to **\$1,200**.

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #16 Computer Maintenance** from \$16,100 to **\$11,100**.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line 22 Treasurer Salary** from \$18,000 to **\$19,595.**

Unanimous

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$269,476

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

Unanimous

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION: \$425,011

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

Unanimous

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH: \$182,698

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #42 – 49** with a hold on Line #42 Surveyor Salary and Line #45 General Highway.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #42 Surveyor Salary** from \$44,307 to **\$46,807.**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line \$45 General Highway** from \$59,972 to **\$63,972.**

Unanimous

TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$212,405

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

Unanimous

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$30,812.

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

Unanimous

TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT: \$30,812

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #61 – 64** with a hold on Line #61 Fire Chief Salary, Line #62 Fire Services, Line #63 Fire/EMS

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #61 Fire Chief Salary** from \$48,077 to **\$50,577.**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #62 Fire Services** from \$37,158 to **\$50,158**
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Rich) The Town vote to amend **Line #63** from \$51,000 to **\$0.00.**
Unanimous

TOTAL FIRE SERVICES: \$102,735.

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

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #66 Police Services** from \$305,341 to **\$320,341.**
Unanimous

TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$440,502

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

TOTAL AMBULANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS: \$2,000

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #74 – 77** with a hold on Line #76 Veterans Benefits.
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #76 Veterans Benefits** from \$ \$9,00 to **\$13,000.**
Unanimous

TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES: \$16,910

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

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #79 Library Expenses** from \$52,557 to **\$54,151.**
Unanimous

TOTAL LIBRARY: \$81,131

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

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line # 80 Elementary School Costs** from \$1,904,198 to **\$1,916,055**

Unanimous

TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL: \$2,019,624

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

Declared majority

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #82** from \$1,832,313 to **\$1,849,513**.

Declared majority

TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOL: \$2,017,200

TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$4,036,824

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #83 Reserve Fund** **\$31,545**.

Unanimous

Voted: The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #84 – 86A** with a hold on Line # 86 Principal & Interest.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line #86 Principal & Interest** to raise and appropriate \$75,480, and transfer from Debt Reserve \$239,566 and to transfer from Overlay \$28,683 for a sum of **\$343,729**.

Unanimous

TOTAL BONDS/INTEREST/LOANDS: \$347,229

TOTAL WARRANT: \$6,243,633

Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 11:12 PM and to reconvene on May 19, 2005 at 7:00 PM, at the Dennett Elementary School.

Unanimous

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 19, 2005**

The Reconvened Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator William L. Slater at 7:26 P.M. on May 19, 2005 at the Dennett Elementary School. The tellers were Carolyn A. Northon and Marilyn Thompson; there were 35 registered voters present. The Moderator led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Slater introduced Town Council Carolyn Murray and Police Officer Paul Harkins.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$40,000 for the repair of the drainage system in Blanchard Estates or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to pass over Article 5.

Unanimous

Article 6. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,260 for the first of three annual lease payments for two (2) police patrol cars under a lease to own program.

Discussion followed.

Voted: (On the motion of Paul Sullivan) The Town vote to allow Officer Robert Costa to speak to Town Meeting.

Unanimous

Article 6. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote as amended to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the first of three annual lease payments for one (1) patrol car under a lease to own program.

2/3 vote

Unanimous

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to perform engineering and feasibility studies on Town owned land.

Article 16. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article 16.

Unanimous

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000 to the Tercentennial Account or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass

over Article 17.

Unanimous

Article 18. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to accept MGL Chapter 41 Section 100G ¼ Payment of funeral and burial expenses of firefighters and police officers killed in the performance of duties.

**MGL CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS
AND DISTRICTS REGIONAL POLICE DISTRICTS**

**Chapter 41: Section 100G.25 Payment of funeral and burial expenses of
firefighters and police officers killed in performance of duties;
acceptance of section**

Section 100G1/4. Any city operating under a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its city council or any other city, by a majority vote of its city council with the approval of its mayor, and any town, by a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, shall pay the reasonable expense, not exceeding five thousand dollars, of the funeral and burial of any firefighter while in the performance of his duty and as a result of an accident while responding to or returning from an alarm or fire or any emergency or as the result of an accident involving a fire department vehicle, which the firefighter is operating or in which he is riding or while at the scene of a fire or any emergency is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death, or of any police officer who while in the performance of his duty and as the result of an assault on his person, or a result of an accident while responding to an emergency while in the performance of his official duty or as result of an accident involving a police department vehicle which he is operating or in which he is riding is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death. The provisions of this section shall become effective in a city or town when accepted by such city or town.

In those cities or towns which accept the provisions of this section, the provisions of section one hundred G shall not be applicable.

Discussion followed.

Unanimous

Article 19. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to accept the provisions of MGL ch. 41 § 97A.

**MGL CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS
AND DISTRICTS POLICE OFFICERS**

**Chapter 41: Section 97A Police departments; chief of police; powers and
duties**

Section 97A. In any town which accepts this section there shall be a police department established by the selectmen, and such department shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the chief of police. The selectmen of any such town shall appoint a chief of police and such other officers as they deem necessary, and fix their compensation, not exceeding, in the aggregate,

the annual appropriation therefore. In any such town in which such appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one, they shall be made annually or for a term of years not exceeding three years, as the selectmen shall determine, and the selectmen may remove such chief or other officers for cause at any time after a hearing. The chief of police in any such town shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing the police department, and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the selectmen; provided, that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of the selectmen to take action thereon within thirty days after they have been submitted to them by the chief of police. The chief of police in any such town shall be in immediate control of all town property used by the department, and of the police officers, whom he shall assign to their respective duties and who shall obey his orders. Section ninety-seven shall not apply in any town which accepts the provisions of this section. Acceptance of the provisions of this section shall be by a vote at an annual town meeting.

Discussion followed.

Article 19. Voted: (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to Article 19 by secret ballot.

Motion fails

Article 19. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to accept the provisions of MGL ch. 41 § 97A.

MGL CHAPTER 41. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS POLICE OFFICERS

Chapter 41: Section 97A Police departments; chief of police; powers and duties

Section 97A. In any town which accepts this section there shall be a police department established by the selectmen, and such department shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the chief of police. The selectmen of any such town shall appoint a chief of police and such other officers as they deem necessary, and fix their compensation, not exceeding, in the aggregate, the annual appropriation therefore. In any such town in which such appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one, they shall be made annually or for a term of years not exceeding three years, as the selectmen shall determine, and the selectmen may remove such chief or other officers for cause at any time after a hearing. The chief of police in any such town shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing the police department, and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the selectmen; provided, that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of the selectmen to take action thereon within thirty days after they have been submitted to them by the chief of police. The chief of police in any such town shall be in immediate control of all town property used by the department, and of the police officers, whom he shall assign to their respective duties and who shall obey his orders. Section ninety-seven shall not apply in any town which

accepts the provisions of this section. Acceptance of the provisions of this section shall be by a vote at an annual town meeting.

Declared majority

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws Article II §4 by striking out the current text which reads “The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed on March 30th proceeding the date of said meeting”. and replace it with the following language: “The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed on the last Monday in March proceeding the date of said meeting.”

Article 20. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) to amend the article by striking the words “proceeding the date of said meeting.”

Unanimous

Article 20. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote as amended Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws Article II §4 by striking out the current text which reads “The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed on March 30th proceeding the date of said meeting”. and replace it with the following language: “The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed on the last Monday in March.”

Unanimous

Article 21. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to change the size of the Open Space Committee from a seven (7) members committee to a five (5) member committee.

Unanimous

Article 22. Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to authorize the municipality to enter into an intermunicipal joint purchasing agreement pursuant to G.L. Ch. 40 § 4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the Community Software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreement(s). The duration of this agreement, in accordance to statute, shall be for no more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this agreement will be paid from the participating departments' expense appropriations. The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to the consortium's bylaws.

Unanimous

Article 23. Voted: (On the motion of James Lundgren) The Town vote to allow Officer Patrick Dillon to speak to Town Meeting.

Unanimous

Discussion followed

Article 23. (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to amend the article to include "provided that said legislation shall be returned to the Town of Plympton for a ballot vote to accept this legislation".

Declared majority

Article 23. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote as amended the Town of Plympton will vote to accept the applicability of the civil service law and rules to the regular and permanent members of the police force, including intermittent, reserve, and part-time officers, provided that said legislation shall be returned to the Town of Plympton for a ballot vote to accept this legislation.

Vote by hand count: **YES** **15** **NO** **22**
Motion fails

Article 24. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to authorize a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

Declared majority

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. Voted: (On the motion of Richard Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article 25.

Unanimous

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. Voted: (On the motion of Stephen M. Lee) The Town vote to pass over Article 26.

Unanimous

Articles 28. & 29. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transact any other business that may come before the meeting, as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws, adjourn to the subsequent meeting at the Plympton Town House on Palmer Road Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 7:00 AM, as stated in **Article 29** for the purpose of choosing all necessary town officers, and answering all ballot questions, whereupon this meeting will be dissolved at 8:00 P.M. on that day.

Unanimous

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 18, 2005

PLYMOUTH, ss.

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

GREETING:

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

The Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton
Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 8:00 PM

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

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$16,555.00 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 § 34-2A of the general laws of take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Surveyor

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fiscal 2005 Triennial Revaluation Account (Article 2 voted May 15, 2002) to the Fiscal 2008 Triennial Revaluation Account for the purpose of the Revaluation and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Board of Assessors

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,120 to budget line 36 "Blanket Insurance" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,060 to budget line 56 "Building Inspector/Department" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$300 to budget line 58 "Zoning Administrator" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$750 to budget line 60 "Wiring Inspector" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$600 to budget line 59 "Plumbing Inspector" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,500 to budget line 66 "Police Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to budget line 18 "New Town House" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,900 from budget line 15 "Selectmen's Expense" to budget line 18 "New Town House" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the deficit in the FY05 Plympton School Department's Segregated Vocation Account for the purpose of covering the under funded Vocational Education costs.

Dennett School Committee

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,800 to budget line 62 "Fire Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote transfer \$3,000 from budget line 76 "Veteran's Benefits" to budget line 62 "Fire Services" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from budget line 76 "Veteran's Benefits" to budget line 13 "Tax Collector Expense" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from budget line 35 "Group Health" voted on May 12, 2004, \$8,000 to budget line 38 "Town Share Medicare" or take any other action relative thereto.

Treasurer

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, The Village Cafe and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of April 2005.

Joseph A. Freitas

Christine M. Joy
Board of Selectmen

Robert H. Vautrinot

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 18, 2005

The Plympton Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator William Slater at 8:00 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. The Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Marilyn Thompson. There were 156 registered voters present. Town Counsel Richard Bowen was present. We all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of **\$16,555.00** as the State's share of the cost of work under **Chapter 90 § 34-2A** of the general laws.
Unanimous

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,751.27** from Fiscal 2005 Triennial Revaluation Account (Article 2 voted May 15, 2002) to the **Fiscal 2008 Triennial Revaluation Account** for the purpose of the Revaluation and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.
Unanimous

Article 3. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) **The** Town vote to transfer from Lottery Fund the **sum of \$4,120.00 to budget line 36** Blanket Insurance.
Unanimous

Article 4. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from Lottery Fund the sum of **\$3,060.00** to budget line 56 **Building Inspector/Dept.**
Unanimous

Article 5. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Lottery Fund the sum of **\$300.00** to budget line 58 Zoning Administrator.
Unanimous

Article 6. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer from Lottery Fund the sum of **\$750.00** to budget line 60 **Wiring Inspector**.
Unanimous

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from Lottery Fund the sum of \$600.00 to budget line 59 Plumbing Inspector.
Unanimous

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend the sum from \$8,500 to \$3,500.
Unanimous

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town voted on the amended motion to transfer \$3,500.00 from Lottery Fund to budget line 66 Police Services.
Unanimous

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to budget line 18 "New Town House" or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to pass over Article 9.
Unanimous

Article 10. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer \$2,900.00 from budget line 15 Selectmen's Expense to budget line 18 New Town House.
Unanimous

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the deficit in the FY05 Plympton School Department's Segregated Vocation Account for the purpose of covering the under funded Vocational Education costs.

Article 11. Voted: (On the motion of Susan Ossoff) The Town vote to pass over Article 11.
Unanimous

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer from Lottery Fund the sum of \$6,800.00 to budget line 62 Fire Services.

Unanimous

Article 13. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer \$3,000.00 from budget line 76 Veteran's Benefits to budget line 62 Fire Services.

Unanimous

Article 14. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer \$5,000 from budget line 76 Veteran's Benefits to budget line 13 Tax Collector Expense.

Declared majority

Article 15. Voted: (On the motion of Robert H. Vautrinot) The Town vote to transfer \$8,000 from budget line 35 Group Health voted on May 12, 2004 to budget line 38 Town Share Medicare.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Unanimous

The Plympton Special Town Meeting dissolved at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 18, 2005

PLYMOUTH, ss.

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

GREETING:

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

The Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 8:30 PM

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

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$72,000 from budget line 82 "Regional School Assessment" to budget line 44 "Snow and Ice" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from budget line 82 "Regional School Assessment" to budget line 83 "Reserve Account" or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

You are directed to post five (5) copies of this warrant, one at each of the public bulletin boards at the Plympton Town House, Plympton Public Library, Dennett Elementary School, The Village Cafe and the Plympton Post Office, hereof, fail not and make due return of your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of May 2005.

Joseph A. Freitas

Christine M. Joy
Board of Selectmen

Robert H. Vautrinot

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
May 18, 2005

The Plympton Special Town Meeting called to order by Moderator William Slater at 8:32 P.M. at the Dennett Elementary School. The Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Marilyn Thompson. There were 156 registered voters present. Town Counsel Richard Bowen was present.

Article 1. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer \$72,000 from budget line 82 "Regional School Assessment" to budget line 44 "Snow and Ice".

Unanimous

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of Christine M. Joy) The Town vote to transfer \$5,768 from budget line 82 "Regional School Assessment" to budget line 83 "Reserve Account"

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Unanimous

The Plympton Special Town Meeting dissolved at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriated 7/1/04	\$6,585.00
Expended:	\$6,584.97
Returned to Treasury 6/30/05	\$0.03

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Appropriated 7/1/04	\$8,043.00
Expended:	\$8,042.78
Return to Treasury 6/30/05	\$0.22

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Appropriated 7/1/04	\$21,190.00
Expended	\$21,190.00

CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION

Appropriated 7/1/04	\$1,000.00
Expended:	\$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 21, 2005**

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. at the Plympton Town House. The following Election Officials were sworn in by Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk: Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Patricia Leslie, Tellers: Patricia Harlfinger, Jean Reynolds, Suzan Duggan, and Gigi Doucette from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, Grace Heinonen and Patricia Killeen from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler, all Tellers observed the ballot box, it was found to be empty. The ballot box was then locked and the counter was reset at zero.

It was a cold raw day with rain and drizzle. Feels more like January!

One voter made a verbal complaint of the clarity of the ballot question.

Total registered voters:	1928
Total ballots cast:	566

Selectman, for three years	Vote for one
Joseph A. Freitas	403
Blank	152
Others	11

Assessor, for three years	Vote for one
George I. Thompson	421
Blank	144
Other	1

Treasurer, for one year	Vote for one
Carolyn A. Northon	452
Blank	114

Finance Committee, for three years	Vote for two
Steve Lee	27
Barry DeCristofano	4
John Traynor	4
Howard Randall	2
Blank	1085
Others	10

Constable, for three years	Vote for two
David Batchelder	415
Lee E. Eckerd	368
Blank	349

Board of Health, for three years

Abdu Nessler, Jr	374
Blank	186
Others	6

Vote for one**Planning Board, for five years**

Kenneth A. Thompson	428
Blank	137
Other	1

Vote for one**School Committee, for three years**

Lisa M. Hart	411
Scott Merrill	13
Kathy McCarthy	3
Blank	704
Other	1

Vote for two**S.L. Regional School Com., for three years**

Thomas J. Cambria	386
Blank	179
Other	1

Vote for one**Library Trustee, for three years**

Brenda A. Traynor	429
Emily A. Ballerino	376
Blank	327

Vote for two**Ballot Question #1**

Yes	177
No	383
Blank	6

A true copy,
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK 2005

January 31, 2005

MEMO TO: Board of Assessors

RE: Assistant Assessor

With the Board's approval I hereby officially rescind my resignation as Assistant Assessor effective January 18, 2005.

(signed)
Susan Duggan
Assistant Assessor

February 14, 2005

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

Dear Nancy:

By this letter I am tendering my resignation as Town Treasurer for the Town of Plympton effective Saturday, February 26, 2005.

Very truly yours,
(signed)
Jeanne M. Sullivan
Treasurer

03/02/05

Dear Selectmen, I am writing this letter to inform you of my resignation from the recreation committee. Due to business and personal commitments I feel I will not have the time needed to be of useful capacity. I am confident that someone will step up to take my place. Thank you for letting me serve for the last 5 yrs.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Dennis Dries

Jeffrey E. Richards, C.B.O.
Building Commissioner
Department of Building Inspection
Town Hall
5 Palmer Road, Plympton, MA 02367

Date: March 14, 2005

To: The Board of Selectmen

From: Jeffrey E. Richards, CBO

Re: Resignation

After giving the matter considerable thought, I have decided to resign from the position of Acting Building Commissioner effective immediately due to unforeseen personal matters that require my attention.

TO: The Board of Selectmen

FROM: Emily Ballerino

RE: Resignation

It is necessary at this time to tender my resignation from the Plympton Agricultural Committee effective August 1, 2005.

I would like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to serve on this important committee and to wish those with whom I have served and all future members the very best.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Emily Ballerino

October 2, 2005

Board of Selectmen
Town of Plympton
Palmer Road
Plympton, Ma 02367

Dear Members:

This is my formal letter of resignation. My term expires on December 31, 2005 and I do not wish to be reappointed as the Town Accountant.

As you are aware, my husband has been ill for over a year and I feel it is time for me to devote my full attention to his care.

The Town of Plympton has been part of my life since the late seventies and I will miss the contact with the people in the Town Hall and the Boards.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Town.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Barbara A Gomez

JULY 1, 2004 – JUNE 30, 2005 DOG LICENSES

56 Male or Female	@10.00	\$ 560.00
361 Neutered or Spayed	@ 7.00	\$2,527.00
6 Kennel License	@ 30.00	\$ 180.00
5 Hobby Kennel License	@ 60.00	\$ 300.00
5 Commercial Kennel License	@150.00	\$ 750.00
16 Late Fines	@25.00	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
	Total	\$4,717.00
	Less Fees	<u>324.75</u>
		\$4,392.25

All dogs must be licensed between **July 1st and September 1st** of each year.
There is a late fine of \$25.00 for any dog licensed **after** September 1st.
Licenses may be obtained in person at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail.
When licensing your dog you must show a copy of the Neutered or Spayed Certificate and the Rabies Certificate. All kennels must be inspected by the Animal Inspector before issuing a kennel license.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**2005
HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**

Resident Fishing	8 @	\$22.50	\$180.00
Resident Hunting	2 @	\$22.50	\$45.00
Resident Sporting	6 @	\$40.00	\$240.00
Resident Sporting (Over 70)	4 @	FREE	FREE
Resident Sporting (65-69)	1 @	\$20.00	\$20.00
Archery Stamp	3 @	\$5.00	\$15.00
Waterfowl Stamp	1 @	\$5.00	\$5.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	1 @	\$5.00	\$5.00
Wildlands Conservation Stamp	17 @	\$5.00	\$85.00
Total			\$594.25
Less Fees			<u>\$9.15</u>
			\$585.10

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

2005 - JURY LIST

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

Respectfully

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2005

There were 27 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2005.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2005

DATE

January

15	Bradford Earle Presscott Plympton, MA	Christa Pauline Larkin Plympton, MA
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March

5	Pamela Louise Bloomquist Plympton, MA	Patrick Dana Provonche Plympton, MA
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October

1	Brian L. Dickie Plympton, MA	Debra H. Hammond Plympton, MA
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DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2005

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
<u>Place of Burial</u>		
April		
13	Lila Hallal	69
Duxbury Crematory		
Duxbury, MA		
28	Carolyn M. Doiron	79
Duxbury Crematory		
Duxbury, MA		
May		
6	Rifaat Khalil	71
Majdalouna Cemetery		
Majdalouna, Lebanon		
23	Edward J. Healey Sr	77
Center Cemetery		
Pembroke, MA		
June		
24	Clara D. White	94
Hillcrest Cemetery		
Plympton, MA		

July		
1	Robert John Torrey	22
	Evergreen Cemetery	
	Kingston, MA	
16	Paul James Gilpin	76
	Hillcrest Cemetery	
	Plympton, MA	
21	Carl J Leth	60
	Hillcrest Cemetery	
	Plympton, MA	
August		
12	Ester B. Calvert	94
	Hillcrest Cemetery	
	Plympton, MA	
October		
7	Gloria M. Murgida	82
	Holy Family Cemetery	
	Rockland, MA	
7	James E. Bowers	84
	Massachusetts National Cemetery	
	Bourne, MA	
13	Judith Tunks	60
	Hillcrest Cemetery	
	Plympton, MA	
24	Richard D. Freden, Jr	72
	Fern Hill Cemetery	
	Hanson, MA	
December		
2	Everett A. French	80
	Pine Hill Cemetery	
	West Bridgewater, MA	
19	Janet Caroline Palma	81
	Massachusetts National Cemetery	
	Bourne, MA	

NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2005

Date of Death Residence	Name	Age
January 6 Hanover, MA	Marie K. Norton	79
April 6 Kingston, MA	Harriet Pierce	85
27 East Bridgewater, MA	Norma G. Brown	90
May 20 Plymouth, MA	Melvina M. Tiles	86
June 18 Philadelphia, PA	Brendon David Eason	19
August 4 Boca Raton, FL	Louise Zacchilli	98
September 29 Orlando, FL	Louise R. Clark	
October 1 Randolph, MA	John J. McCuddy	73
December 14 Brockton, MA	Marilyn Jane Ortiz	61

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Real Estate market leveled off somewhat during calendar year 2005. Overall, single family sales averaged only 5% higher than current assessments. The average sale price of the 21 arms' length single-family homes sold during 2005 was \$420,180. Developable vacant land sales, however, outpaced assessments by 15% with the average sale price of the 4 land sales at \$236,750. The now mandated interim adjustment will have to address this increase in land to building ratio for fiscal 2007.

TOWN VALUE BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 369,127,720	93.5%
COMMERCIAL	\$ 7,849,943	1.99%
INDUSTRIAL	\$ 8,577,175	2.17%
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 9,230,901	2.34%
 TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY	 \$ 394,785,739	

As of January 1, 2005, the Assessors' Office had viewed over 160 properties having outstanding building permits which included only 6 new starts of single family homes. The Board also acted on 168 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise tax abatements.

The Board would also like to acknowledge with great appreciation the updating of the Assessors' maps once again by Vautrinot Land Surveying, Inc. at no cost to the Town. During 2006, the Town maps will be digitized for the first time by Old Colony Planning Council, at no expense to the Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of our community along with all the other town departments and boards for their support and team work over the past year. As we continue to navigate through this fiscal crisis it has been inspiring to witness first hand the level of dedication and cooperative spirit residents and town employees have displayed.

The men and women of your police department have continued to dedicate themselves to the mission of the department. This year they experienced another round of changes implemented in the operation of the department as we move towards our goal of becoming a state certified agency. These changes involve improved accountability, professional standards compliance and overall departmental efficiency. Tremendous strides were made this year towards that goal.

The number of documented police activities has increased from just over 1,200 in the year 2001 to just under 8,900 in 2005. These numbers have climbed dramatically due mostly to the department's new emphasis on accountability and thorough documentation. Within those numbers is a significant rise in our calls for service. Also of note in 2005 is the number of arrests, which, more than doubled from the previous year. The arrest figures are not evidence of an alarming spike in crime but rather are mainly reflective of the department's renewed proactive and aggressive approach in crucial public safety areas of concern such as drunk driving enforcement.

The police department, like all other town services, was dealt another cut in funding again in FY06. Initially it appeared that major service reductions would be required to include the end of 24-hour police coverage. Fortunately with the help of our legislative delegation the Plympton Police Department received life saving increases in several grant programs, which should allow us to maintain at least one patrol on 24 hours daily to the end of the fiscal year. It is important to note that we continue to provide our services generally at the minimum manning level, meaning, we require residents continued understanding with respect to response times. Call for service must be prioritized, potentially creating a delay for lower priority situations.

It has been made clear at the state level that the grant awards this year were a one-time deal. That is evidenced by the Governor's proposed budget for FY07 in which the Plympton Police Department's community policing assistance was cut 85% from FY06. Additionally, on the federal level assistance to local law enforcement has been slashed by nearly 70% in their budget for FY07. The reality of these developments is that the police department will face a funding crisis in FY07 like nothing previously experienced if a realistic budget increase

is not attainable. The town will be faced with some extremely difficult decisions that may bring on cuts far deeper than those contemplated in FY06. I urge residents to get the facts and participate in the funding debate to make your priorities known, as this year appears to be a critical turning point for all town services.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew M. Clancy
Chief of Police

Police Activity 2005			
By-Law Violation	7	OUI Arrests	8
Aggravated Assault	1	Summons Service	10
Burglary (Commercial)	12	Road Hazards	90
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)	3	Radar Assignments	1890
Larceny	27	Motor Vehicle Accidents	81
Stolen Motor Vehicle	3	Weapons Violations	3
Simple Assault	5	Assist Ambulance	120
Warrant Arrest	8	Vandalism	23
Trespassing	33	Domestic Violence	35
Citizen Assist	336	Restraining Orders	26
Disabled Motorist Assist	72	Threats	15
Transports	23	Narcotics Investigations	10
Building Check	337	Directed Patrols	3068
Message Delivery	18	Traffic Stops	1285
Animal Complaint	102	Noise Complaint	23
Mutual Aid	197	Fire Alarm	12
Suspicious Activity	162	Burglar Alarm	104
911 Accidental	41	Com. Policing Activity	552
Fraud	3	Missing Persons	7
General Disturbance	31	Restrain. Order Violation	2
Reported Erratic Operator	59	Annoying Calls	20
Recovered Property	10	Repossession Notification	6
Power outages	9	Admin. Personnel Activity	286
Lock Outs Assisted	11	Unattended deaths	1
TOTAL INCIDENTS			8868

Traffic Enforcement	
Traffic stops	1285
Citations issued	969
Criminal Motor Vehicle Violations	36
Fines Issued	\$86,365
Towns Share Received	\$23,375
Arrest Categorized	
Warrant Arrest	9
Domestic Assault & Battery	4
Operating Under the Influence	14
Other MV Violation Arrests	7
Other Criminal Arrests	5
Protective Custody	1
Total Arrests	40
Public Records Requests	
Number of requests	119
Fees collected	\$444.50
Court Activity	
Traffic Hearings	406
Criminal Complaints (Non MV)	68
Criminal Appeals	9
Firearms Permits	
Issued/Renewed	61
Fees Collected	\$5,925
Fees Retained by Town	\$1,475
Private Detail Administration	
Hours Billed	485
Amount of Billing	\$11,112.50
Administration Fee Retained	\$1,711.26
Police Vehicle Fleet	
Car 111 2003 Ford	118,000 miles
Car 117 2005 Ford	26, 000 miles
Car 119 2003 Ford	123,000 miles
Car 120 2006 Ford	12,000 miles

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

This has been another busy year for the fire department, responding to 308 incidents. We continue to provide ambulance service to the Town supported completely by ambulance billing and at no cost to the taxpayers. In October 2005 we upgraded our ambulance license to the EMT-Intermediate level so our EMT's can now start IV's and place advanced airways.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find firefighters and EMT's residing in Plympton and this has been a problem for several years. Recruitment and the retention of our employee's will continue to be a challenge for the next year and years to come.

Respectfully submitted

David L. Rich
Fire Chief

Activity for 2005

Structure Fire	3
Vehicle fire	0
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	3
Refuse Fire	1
Medical Emergency	164
Extrication/EMS/Auto Accident	45
Spill, Leak No Fire	3
Power Line Down	23
Medflight Standby	0
Haz. Condition, not classif.	18
Smoke, Odor Removal	2
Unauthorized Burning	1
Mutual Aid to Others	5
Service Call, not classif.	6
Controlled burning	0
Vicinity Alarm	21
Good Intent Call	4
Assist Police	9
Total Incidents	308

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT (DOG OFFICER)

The number of Plympton residents seeking animal control for their properties increased in 2005; (333) calls and responses were recorded. During the year (76) road trips were made to rescue animals, complete inspections, and/ or investigate complaints. Most calls received were for lost animals. Allowing any pet to roam unsupervised eventually spells trouble. Some of the pitfalls that dogs can run into when allowed to roam are as follows:

1. Being stolen. Dog thieves are a fact of life. They entice animals into their vehicle and whisk them away to sell to any careless buyer with the money. You will never hear from the new 'buyer' and his stolen property. 'Microchip' your dog if possible.
2. Being injured or killed. Several dogs per year are found deceased on Plympton roadways having being struck by vehicles. Roaming dogs or cats continually fall prey to coyotes and other predator wildlife.
3. Displaying aggressive behavior when encountering pedestrians and/or other pets.
4. Injuring or killing livestock or fowl owned by neighbors. Or, perhaps unjustly, being blamed for the work of a stealthy coyote.
5. Losing life to the perils of nature. Falling through ice during winter, being bitten by a rabid wild animal, or becoming incapacitated or trapped in an untravelled woodlot or swamp never to return.

Stray dogs and feral 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). While more rabies cases are reported annually involving cats than dogs, all stray dogs and cats should be removed from the Town. Removal attempts are more effective when owners' animals are confined or kept on leash.

The World Health Organization has reported that the H5N1 *avian influenza* can infect domestic cats, and that cats can transmit the virus to other cats. Thus feral cats, along with cats that are allowed to roam out-of-doors become yet another link in the ability of this virus to appear in our community.

Homes were found for all animals taken up in 2005. The town of Plympton does not have an animal shelter. All stray dogs are (by law) held for at least 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank C. Bush, *Plympton Dog Officer*

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

In 2005 the Committee continued to expand and enhance the official town Web site, <http://town.plympton.ma.us>, while maintaining the 450 pages of content developed over the past several years.

The Web site supported the Plympton in 2005 by conducting an online poll for the annual Town Report cover, posting open positions and advertising hearings and special meetings. We created an extensive town-wide Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page that should prove valuable to both new and long-time residents. Election support included posting of the warrants, warrant results, sample ballots and election results, and we also added a page of pictures and biographies of our Selectmen. In conjunction with the with the Plympton Historical Society, the Committee began a process to scan historical pictures and documents and add them to the site, and also laid the groundwork for broader community-based scanning events with the Library, Congregational Church, Historical Commission, and Tercentennial Committee.

In addition to these special events, the Committee each year accomplishes many ongoing, low-profile tasks such as efforts to maintain accurate contact and procure data for the various departments; posting town-issued permits, meeting agendas and minutes; adding events to the Web site town calendar; rotating images and other content and linking to current Plympton news.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maxwell C. West, Chairman
Brian Wick, Clerk
Christine M. Joy
Deb Anderson

Jon K. Wilhelmsen, Vice-Chair
Carolyn DeCristofano
Steven W. Ziglar
Randy Sullivan

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REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Plympton Cultural Council receives money each year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency. These grants can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural projects to benefit citizens in the Plympton area. Each year the grant application deadline is October 15 for organizations and individuals to apply for grants to support cultural activities in the community.

The Plympton Cultural Council will entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups through the PASS Program, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children that allows them to attend a Massachusetts based cultural event. Application forms and additional information are available during the grant application time, at the Plympton Library, the Town House, Dennett Elementary School, Silver Lake Regional Middle School, and Silver Lake Regional High School. Application forms and additional information about the Local Cultural Council Program is available on the MCC website at: massculturalcouncil.org/lccgrants.html.

The Local Cultural Council Program, of which Plympton Cultural Council is a part, comprises a network of 335 councils across the state. The MCC provides allocations to each LCC annually to support cultural activities in every city and town in Massachusetts.

The purpose of the local Plympton Cultural Council is to support public programs that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in our communities.

During 2005, the Plympton Cultural Council provided support to the following programs in our area community. An author visit at the Dennett Elementary School; Outdoor Learning Center at the Easton Children's Museum; Exhibitions & Educational Programs at the Fuller Craft Museum and a Theater trip for the Silver Lake Middle School.

The Plympton Cultural Council invites anyone interested in promoting access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in Plympton either by sponsoring a project or by serving as a member of the Council to contact a council member or the Board of Selectman.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ferguson, Chair

Cultural Council Active Members:

Jeanne Black
Frances Lundgren

Margaret Kent
Jane Schulze

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Plympton Historical Commission, the 7-member board, responsible for community-wide historic preservation planning and the administration of the demolition delay bylaw, continues to work closely with residents and town officials to help mitigate the impacts of development pressure on the historical character of the town.

The Commission continued to work toward recognition of the Plympton Village area as a National Register Historic District. The National Register is the nation's official list of buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects important in American history, culture, architecture, or archaeology. The area in question extends along Rte 58 from the Town House to the Parsonage/Mayflower intersection and includes the Green and both cemeteries. A current draft of the National Register Nomination form detailing the landscapes and structures recognized in the nomination is available on our Web page at <http://town.plympton.ma.us/cultural/hc.html>. As part of this process, the Commission held a public hearing in March prior to the submission of the application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). Upon completion of MHC's review and approval of this nomination it will be submitted to the National Park Service for The Commission will continue to work closely with residents and other town boards and committees over the coming months toward the listing of this area and its structures on the National Register in time for the 2007 Tercentennial celebration.

The Commission was actively involved in a number of issues facing the town in 2005. In particular, the Commission submitted additional written comment to the Plympton Planning Board on Whitestone Properties' site plan application regarding the redevelopment of the retail plaza in Plympton Center. The Commission also submitted written comment to the Plympton Planning Board on the redevelopment of Plympton Service Center. Since both of these properties boarder the National Register eligible Plympton Village area, the Commission, offered a number of comments regarding the visual impact of the proposed developments on the historical character of the area. Copies of these letters can be found on our Web page. As of this writing, the Commission looks forward to continued work with the developers to limit the development's impacts to the historical character of the area.

The Commission continued to work closely with the Highway Department on the Rte. 58 widening and the redesign of the Main-Parsonage-Mayflower intersection in order to mitigate the impact of the proposed improvements to the adjacent historic Plympton Green area. In October 2003 the Commission offered comment on the proposed project both at the public hearing and also in a letter addressed to Mass Highway. The comments focused on 4 major areas of concern: the Main-Parsonage-Mayflower intersection design, the sidewalk and roadway widening, the guardrails located in front of Hillcrest cemetery, and the use of signage within the Plympton Green area. A copy of this letter can be

found on our Web page. The Commission and Highway Surveyor Jim Mulchay continued to work together as the plans are finalized.

The Commission continues to maintain responsibility for the oversight of any decoration to the Plympton Town Green or its structures. The Commission's decoration policy and request form that can be obtained directly from the commission or found on our Web page.

The Commission has been a strong supporter of Plympton's Web site (<http://town.plympton.ma.us>) as it provides a cost-effective venue to facilitate town business, to promote the distribution of community information and to increase access to historical information regarding our community. In addition to the information noted above, the Commission's site provides access to the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings, information about the Commission, and links to other historical resources.

The Commission looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with Plympton's residents and town government to promote the preservation and celebration of our town's historic character.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Wilhelmsen, *Chair*
Deborah West, *Secretary*
Dorran Prescott
Brian Wick

Maxwell West, *Vice Chair*
Walter Peterson
Jonathan Shaw

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Jonathan Shaw
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REPORT OF THE 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 2005.

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

The 2005 season began with a normal water table until record April precipitation produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 11,578 requests for service from residents.

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

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Kingston on July 25, 2005. Of the season's total of forty five EEE isolates, twenty eight were from Plymouth County as follows: Abington (9/12), Carver (8/17, 8/29, 9/5), Duxbury (8/5), Halifax (8/22, 9/1, 9/5, 9/7), Hanover (9/7, 9/14), Hanson (9/13), Kingston (7/25, 7/27(2), 8/1(2), 8/8, 8/10, 8/22, 9/12, 9/19, 9/28), Lakeville (9/12, 9/19), Pembroke (8/1, 9/9), Rockland (9/7). Four human cases of EEE were confirmed including two fatalities (Halifax and Kingston) and two non-fatal cases (Duxbury and Plymouth). No horses were diagnosed with EEE in Plymouth County. We normally end our spray season on Labor Day. This year, because of increased virus isolations, we extended our residential spray program into October. Town and City based requests for area wide spray continued throughout the district through October 7, 2005. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts will be at a "moderate level of EEE risk" beginning the 2006 season.

We are pleased to report that in 2005 there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. A total of six birds tested positive for the West Nile Virus in the following five towns: East Bridgewater (1), Hanover (1), Marshfield (1), Pembroke (1), West Bridgewater (2). A total of eight isolations of West Nile Virus in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Abington

(9/13(2)), Bridgewater (9/15), Lakeville (9/26), Middleboro (8/29, 9/29) and Norwell (8/23, 9/13).

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

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

Insecticide Application. 2,336 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 October.

During the summer 430 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

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 460 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.

Water Management. During 2005 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,375 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Plympton was less than two days with more than 166 complaints answered.

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

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

Raymond D. Zucker, Superintendent

Commissioners:

Carolyn Brennan, Chairman

Michael J. Pieroni, Vice-Chairman

Leighton F. Peck, Secretary

William J. Mara

Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2005.

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

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Regional Disaster Mitigation Plan and local annexes for the OCPC Region; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Four Year Elderly Needs Plan; the Route 28 Corridor Study (Avon/Randolph town line to Bridgewater/Middleborough town line); Vehicle and Speed Classification Studies throughout the region; a Commuter Rail Station and Park and Ride Lots Utilization Study; a Journey to Work Study; Updated Road Inventory files for our communities; the Transportation Element of the Hanson Master Plan; the West Bridgewater Economic Target Area (ETA); the OCPC 2005 DataBook; the Old Colony 2005 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); a Stoughton 40b Housing Study; a BAT FY 2005 Ridership Analysis; numerous Intersection/Technical Studies, and the FFY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During this period, the Council conducted traffic counts at approximately 175 locations

throughout the region. The Council also initiated work on updating the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan; Route 3A Corridor Study in Kingston and Plymouth; Easton Circulation Study; MBTA Taskforce Participation in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Growth Impact Study; BAT Service Analysis to Ikea; continue to administer the Hanson Community Septic Management Program; and established a Regional Wastewater Committee including the towns of Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater and the City of Brockton to develop a scope for a feasibility study looking at potential regional solutions. In addition, the Council completed the Stoughton Central Business District Study, the Brownfield Inventory, and the South Hanson Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study with a grant from Vision 2020.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2005, the Council elected Robert Overholtzer of Hanson as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Treasurer; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,
John Rantuccio, Delegate James Mulcahy, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County include: garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; educational resource materials; training and resources for green industry professionals and youth service agencies; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; and teacher workshops and resources. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org.

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at P.O. Box 658, High St. Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) plyctyext@mindspring.com. Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts. UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham.

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PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ms. Lisa Hart, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Ms. Patricia Killeen, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Ms. Susan Ossoff, Secretary	Term Expires 2006
Mr. K. Scott Merrill	Term Expires 2008
Ms. Maureen Springer	Term Expires 2006

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. Dana R. Parker	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Elizabeth A. Sorrell	Assistant Superintendent, K-12
Mr. David Kenney	Administrator of Special Education
Mr. John Tuffy	Director of Business Services

In addition to all legal holidays, schools will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving and Good Friday. *NO SCHOOL* announcements will be given on radio stations WATD, WPLM and on television stations WCVB (Channel 5) and WHDH (Channel 7) and WFXT (Fox 25) between 6:35 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Plympton School Committee is your elected body responsible for reviewing and approving the elementary school budget, establishing and reviewing educational goals and policies, hiring the Superintendent, and conducting collective bargaining. Our goal is to provide the highest quality education possible within the financial realities faced by our community.

The administration and staff has continued to stretch the continually declining resourced and still offer our students an excellent education that has allowed Plympton to again meet adequate yearly progress on our MCAS exams. The ability to stretch their resources further is of utmost concern to the School Committee. Two years ago (2003-2004), the town requested that each department reduce their budget by 8.9%. This resulted in the loss of a full time teaching position, a library aide, and the reduction of virtually every area of non-contractual and non-mandated services. Last year (2004-2005) the need to level fund the elementary school budget also resulted in a loss because of a previously under funded Vocational budget. This on top of the continually increasing expenses of contractual obligations, utility costs and mandated services lead to the loss of one school bus, a full time aide, the part time assistant principal and significant cuts to supplies and equipment. This past year (2005-2006) a 5% cut again forced us to make, what at this point are educationally unsound budget cuts. A full time classroom teacher was cut forcing us to have only one first grade class. Art and Music were reduced and Physical Education was cut to the point where students only have PE once every other week. Social Studies and Reading book as well as Library book were also cut from the budget. On top of all of this, this is the last year the Dennett Elementary School will be eligible for Title One Aid. This will result in the loss of two teaching positions. At this point there is serious concern that the cuts already made along with the Title One loss will adversely affect the education of our students.

The Committee wishes to welcome our new Superintendent, Mr. Dana Parker. We look forward to working with Mr. Parker as he brings new ideas and experiences to our school.

As usual CASA has come thru in the clutch many times over the last year. Their fundraising has helped to pay for a major piece of office equipment this year as well as fencing in the new fields and classroom books. Volunteers have always been an intricate part of the Dennett community and this year is no different. Besides the necessary funds CASA has helped with they are also responsible for numerous fun occasions and enrichment activities. Many, many thanks to all who volunteer their time and efforts.

The School Committee would like to thank and recognize our Principle, Phillip Holt, our teachers, staff and administration. With continued reductions if staffing, supplies and specialists help they have still managed to provide an

enriching environment and strong education for our children in these important developmental years at the Dennett.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Hart, Chair	Patricia Killeen, Vice-Chair
Susan Ossoff, Secretary	Maureen Springer
K. Scott Merrill	

REPORT OF THE SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Silver Lake has continued to grow as a strong three town regional school district. Communications with parents have been improved and enhanced by excellent newsletters written and mailed quarterly by the building principals, with articles contributed by teachers and students. Twice yearly the Central Office has also mailed Curriculum Newsletters to every household throughout the District, explaining the curriculum work being done in each of the six schools in our three towns. Residents new to our towns and those without children in the schools have expressed their pleasure in being included in these informational mailings.

Under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth Sorrell, a District Improvement Plan has been developed to provide an academic blueprint for the educational planning and direction the schools will take in the next five years. Silver Lake has also reached out to area school districts and is offering space for area teachers in the many professional development opportunities the district provides for its own teachers.

In September, Mr. Kevin Sawyer was hired as a Mathematics Coordinator for grades K through 12. Mr. Sawyer has been a Math teacher at the High School for several years. He will be responsible for monitoring teachers throughout the district and seeing that students receive quality instruction in mathematics based on the Department of Education Mathematics Frameworks, and that students are prepared to score proficient on the MCAS tests.

June 30, Dr. Gordon Noseworthy retired as Superintendent. A committee was formed in the spring to search for his replacement. Based on the recommendations of this committee, School Committee members unanimously voted to appointment Mr. Dana Parker as Superintendent of Union #31 and Silver Lake. Trained as a psychologist, Mr. Parker has extensive experience in the mental health field. He has worked as a school psychologist, building principal and was formerly the Superintendent of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

Mr. Parker began work at Silver Lake on July 1. Getting a grasp of this extremely complex school district is truly a daunting task, but Mr. Parker has used his personal skills to great advantage. He met with the Silver Lake Education Association and was able to help the parties agree to a three-year contract after months of protracted bargaining.

Most noteworthy perhaps is Mr. Parker's outreach to elected officials in our three towns. In August he hosted a meeting of school and community officials and asked them to help identify their most pressing concerns regarding the schools. In November he hosted a second meeting to discuss and share with

members from the three towns the financial issues each is facing. Issues discussed will be incorporated into the schools' budget building process in the coming months. Future meetings will be held in the winter and spring. The School Committee is very grateful to the three communities for their continued support and commits itself to providing the best education the towns can afford.

Respectfully submitted,

Geralde S. Buckley, Chair
Ellen Snoeyenbos, Vice Chair
Maureen Springer, Secretary
Patricia Doherty, Treasurer
John Creed, Legislative Agent

Thomas Calter
Thomas Cambria
James Connolly
Joan Rogers, Asst. Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

To the Citizens of Plympton:

The Silver Lake Regional School District and Superintendency Union 31 schools serving Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton have seen an eventful year. The key elements have included the retirement of Superintendent Gordon Noseworthy, the search and selection of new Superintendent Dana Parker, a major audit of the district's schools by the state agency of Educational Quality and Accountability, the successful settlement of all labor agreements, the phased opening of a portion of the newly constructed Silver Lake Regional High School, and the strengthening of relationships between the towns and the schools.

Dr. Noseworthy's retirement in July 2005 gave the district an opportunity to reflect on his leadership in the renewed emphasis on academic excellence, and strengthening of the curriculum. The important work in this area included the establishment of a Math Coordinator to work on K-12 efforts to improve math instruction and improve student performance in this area. The curriculum and instruction continue to be renewed and strengthened by the efforts of Assistant Superintendent Liz Sorrell by developing training opportunities for teachers and developing curriculum benchmarks that encompass Kindergarten through graduation. The June 2005 Silver Lake Regional High School graduation was the first since the departure of Pembroke, celebrating the graduation of 273 students from Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton.

As your new Superintendent, I have started my service to the district by focusing on improving our working relationships with the towns and with labor groups. The respective school committees have settled all of the outstanding labor agreements, and there is evidence of improved working relationships among these groups in each of the towns. In an effort to develop a strong foundation for the schools in each of the towns, there have been a series of meetings between community leaders and the leadership in the schools. These gatherings have focused on improving communication among elected and appointed officials in each of the towns, and the administration, school committees, and teacher organizations who are more directly involved with the schools. These meetings will continue to provide a forum for broad discussion on issues such as school and community planning, school funding and town finance, and maintaining useful lines of communication as partners in the education of the community's children.

The development of the new Silver Lake Regional School District began with the opening of the Middle School in the fall of 2004. The campus continues to grow at an accelerated rate, as the first phase of the new High School construction was turned over to the school committee in December 2005. Students will begin classes in Jan 2006 in fifty-three new classroom spaces,

nine months ahead of the anticipated schedule. This large section of the new building includes two floors of classrooms, a library, cafeteria, and gym. The remaining construction is expected to be completed within a year. Director of Business Services John Tuffy continues to have an effective hand in the process of managing this large construction project for the district. The residents of the three towns should be proud of their efforts to provide this modern campus for students in grades seven through twelve.

As part of our requirements to the state, all schools in the district were audited by the agency for Educational Quality and Accountability. The weeklong site visit will result in a lengthy report, available in the late spring. The results will be used as a management tool for planning and development of the district's schools. District planning has already begun with the development of a Strategic Plan and a District Improvement Plan. Both of these documents will begin to closely tie together the specific improvement efforts of teachers, individual town schools, and the regional schools, through each of the respective school committees. Long range planning and targeted budget efforts should align with these planning documents. That work will continue on an annual basis, and shall include public input.

As three communities join together in one purpose, there is much to be proud of in the Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton schools. I would like to thank the individuals who have served as members on School Committee, Building Committee, the many sub-committees, the teaching staff of all six schools, and the many town officials who have joined us in the task of providing a high quality education for our students. I look forward to our future efforts together.

Dana R. Parker
Superintendent of Schools

**DENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PHILIP HOLT, PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS – 2005**

The past year at the Dennett Elementary School has been marked by changes and challenges. Thanks to the Career and Technical Department of Silver Lake High School the construction of a storage shed was completed. An ad hoc committee consisting of members from the Finance Committee, School Committee, Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, P.A.Y.S., School Administration, and Plympton residents met and worked collaboratively to improve and upgrade the playing field. The new field looks wonderful and attractively complements the new building. Organizations and individuals that deserve special recognition are: Abdu Nessralla for his overwhelming generosity in donating materials and labor, James Mulcahy and the Plympton Highway Department, Plympton Athletic Youth Sports (P.A.Y.S.) for all their work, C.A.S.A. for their monetary contribution toward the fence, and Andy Karpis for organizing a Plympton soccer program. This was truly a combined community effort that benefits all the children of Plympton.

Here is just a glimpse of various activities that have occurred this past year: Grade One had a Museum Day featuring Animals of the Night. As part of the Social Studies curriculum Grade Two created individual map books entitled *Me on the Map*. They also became "Bat Experts" after researching information found in their reading series and other sources. The third graders were busy exploring poetry and composed wonderful cinquain poems about themselves and friendship. Grade Three science classes learned about meteorology and explored sound energy while experimenting with wind, reed, percussion, and string instruments. As a culminating activity, each student created an original instrument with at least three different pitches and explained how and why the instrument produced the different pitches. Dan Shaughnessy of the Boston Globe responded to Mrs. Reynolds's fourth grade email by calling and answering student questions via the speakerphone. While building humdingers in science, the fifth graders became scientists and engineers and studied the explorers of America in Social Studies. The sixth graders studied about the continent of South America, with a focused emphasis on governments and human environment interaction. In English Language Arts, they explored numerous literature genres and learned to express themselves in a variety of writing styles. In June the sixth grade held *The World's Fair: Where Science and Geography Meet*.

The school was treated to a wonderful performance by the Dennett Chorus at the Holiday Concert. Grades four, five, and six also participated in the New England Math League contest as well as the National Geographic Bee. The Tanglewood Marionettes, a nationally touring marionette theater, presented the fable *Arabian Adventure*. In February, grades four, five, and six did their best in the Spelling Bee Finals. Mrs. Brides, our wonderful reading specialist, coordinated a month long Readathon that featured Celebrity Readers and

activities that encouraged students to read. The Family Reading Nights were once again a favorite. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. McSweeney coordinated our well attended annual Family Math Night in April. Other events included grade four's attendance at the play *The Bird Room* at Bridgewater State College, and grade three's participation in a Braille and disability workshop. The Spring Concert, Arbor Day festivities, and Field Day were also successes. Organized by art teacher Heather Cashman, the second annual *Edible Arts Night* was held in late May. Artwork, representative of all students, was on display throughout Dennett's hallways. Art activities were set up in the cafeteria including cooperative and individual artwork stations. Along with these wonderful enrichment activities, students completed the M.C.A.S. and Stanford Achievement Tests. In June, the sixth graders were very excited about their Cape Cod Environmental field trip and returned enthused and elated.

Officer Dennis Reddy, our DARE officer, continues to be a strong presence at the Dennett Elementary School, teaching our fifth graders to say "NO" to drugs and alcohol. The fifth grade's completion of the DARE Program was celebrated with a graduation ceremony.

As part of Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth Sorrell's Reading at the Lake initiative, grades Kindergarten through six have been visited by various authors. Grades K, 1 and 2 were visited by the author and illustrator David Biedrzycki. Grades 3 and 4 had the pleasure of author and illustrator Matt Tavares's company. The author Melissa Glenn Haber shared her trials, tribulations, and successes with Grades 5 and 6. There have also been author visits from Timothy Basil Ering, Yoko Watkins, Jana Dillon, Marcia Sewall, Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano and Deborah Noyes.

CASA, our Community and School Association, continues to have a very positive impact on our school. Their tireless efforts provide us with family dances, enrichment programs, Citizen of the Month pizza luncheon with the principal, the Harvest Fair, Field Day, the annual Thanksgiving Feast, and so much more. As a result of budget cuts, CASA has willingly supplied funds for many of the Dennett Elementary School's needs. We extend thanks to CASA again this year for their support and commitment to the school and the Plympton community.

At the Town Meeting in May all the departments in Plympton were directed to cut their budgets. The cuts at the Dennett resulted in reduced time for Art, Physical Education, Music, Library and Media, the elimination of a classroom teacher, and cuts in textbooks and supplies. The challenge of providing a first class education to the students of Plympton remains, and we at the Dennett Elementary School are committed to doing the very best we can with the resources at hand.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
JEFFREY S. LUCOVE, PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2005**

On Wednesday, September 7, 2005, the one-year-old Silver Lake Regional Middle School welcomed 635 students to the new school year. Following themes of *transition* (2003-2004) and *renewal* (2004-2005), the term that best describes the 2005-2006 school year is *settling in*.

We began the year with a new school logo; an integrated set of three triangles representing the towns of Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton. Additionally, the logo captures the school values of academic excellence, respect, and responsibility. Our new logo was selected in May 2005 by students, staff, and parents from approximately 40 student contest entries. The PTO has made the new logo available on everything from tee shirts and sweatshirts to refrigerator magnets. A six-foot banner with the logo now hangs in the school's main lobby.

From an organizational perspective, the 2005-2006 school year began with the addition of a sixth team. We now have three teams at both the 7th and 8th grade levels. The addition of the new team brings the school's average class size into alignment with the ideal class size ranges recommended by the National Association of Middle Schools. Team Adventurers, which had been a split (both 7th and 8th grade) team in the 2004-2005 school year, became an eighth grade team. The new team, the Sea Dawgs, is a seventh grade team. Both the Adventurers and the Sea Dawgs are looping teams which means that the students and teachers stay together for the two years the students are in the middle school. Research on looping has shown some very positive results. We will be doing our own research in the 2006-2007 school year to include analysis of academic performance and results of student and parent surveys.

Following a year of intense study into our MCAS math results, the Math Department developed a revised curriculum for the school based on a combination of a new Prentice Hall Math Series and the best units from the existing Connected Math Program. We have also added a new ten week Math Lab for all grade seven students. This lab is skills-based and individualized to allow all of our students to increase their math abilities. We are in our second year of offering Saturday Math Labs for students who received either a NEEDS IMPROVEMENT or WARNING on their MCAS results. Finally, a pool of high school math tutors work with selected students after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

In response to the 2004-2005 Parent Survey, the middle school is offering two sets of parent conferences for 2005-2006; one at the end of the first marking period and one at the mid-point of the year. Each set of conferences is spread over three afternoons and one evening to respond to the differing needs of our parent communities.

As we continue to ***settle in*** to our new school, we remain focused on collaborating with staff, parents and students to explore new ways, methods, organizational structures, and ideas to achieve our vision – ***the success of each, individual child***.

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
RICHARD J. KELLEY, PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS 2005**

This is truly an exciting and historic time at Silver Lake Regional High School! The new year will see us in our state-of-the art facility. Though one more phase of construction will occur over the summer of 2006, students and teachers will have the opportunity to enjoy the amazing new surroundings now. However, even with extreme changes in the school's structure and location, our academic program remains consistent and rich and our extra-curricular offerings remain vibrant.

The Mission '07 committee of administrators, teachers, counselors, parents and students convened during the first month of school to discuss goals for the upcoming year; they include continuing to research innovative freshman transition programs, discussing the implementation of mid-year examinations, planning for our "big move," and using data and research to make recommendations for the educational future of Silver Lake.

With approval of our five-year progress report completed in the spring, Silver Lake currently continues to maintain full accreditation, the highest standard of evaluation offered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Continuing the No Child Left Behind Act's report card program, we are proud to report that we met or exceeded our target in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics on the improvement scale for "Adequate Yearly Progress."

The class of 2006 received MCAS results in the fall of 2004. 92% of the class passed math and 94% passed ELA. We are pleased to report that 71% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 86%, (a 28% increase from 2005), earned Proficient or Advanced scores in mathematics. The faculty and administration continues to be committed to our school-wide goal that **every** student scores in the Proficient or Advanced category for both English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

All of the 237 members of the class of 2005 met the rigorous requirements set forth by Silver Lake Regional High School. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 11, 2005, the proud graduates from Halifax, Kingston, and Plympton were joined by their Kindergarten teachers. Earlier that week, approximately \$185,000 in scholarship prizes and awards were bestowed upon members of the senior class. This amount does not include scholarships granted directly from colleges and universities. I am also pleased to note that 9 of our 18 non-graduating students of the class of 2005 completed their graduation requirements over the summer and have since earned diplomas. In all, Graduation 2005 was special and noteworthy.

Our Advanced Placement scores continue to be impressive. In all, 65 students took 110 Advanced Placement examinations; those who earn scores of 3 or above earn college credit. Approximately 65% of students earned a score of 3

or higher in the following exams: Biology, Environmental Science, European History, United States History, Calculus AB, Spanish, Latin, English Literature, Music and Statistics.

Our annual Evening of Excellence, part of the school's Renaissance program, was held on June 21, 2005. This annual event celebrates the academic achievement, perfect attendance and personal growth of students in ninth through eleventh grade. More than 500 students were honored before a proud standing room only audience.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. Over 80% of the student body participate 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, this fall's recent musical *Bye Bye Birdie!* and the music department's trip and performance at Walt Disney World. Each day, student anchors utilize top-notch communication skills to present the televised morning announcements to the school. The *Laker Legend*, our student newspaper features the writing and artistic talents of the student body. Silver Lake's many clubs and organizations—Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Best Buddies, DECA, FFA and GSA—perform countless hours of community service in addition to facilitating a wide range of student activities. In May, Senior Class art students showcased their talent in a festival of visual and performing arts. Silver Lake students are appreciated and honored by the community for their many personal gifts and amazing talents.

As usual, the summer months were filled with activity for many Silver Lake teachers and students. In addition to traditional summer school course offerings, some students spent July and August receiving small-group tutoring at MCAS camp. During vacation, teachers worked on curriculum articulation and alignment; several continued course work on advanced graduate degrees; several attended intensive training for Advanced Placement courses. In January, a full day professional in-service continued efforts in articulating alignment throughout our district, developing K-12 Curriculum Benchmarks. October's faculty in-service saw teachers discussion curriculum goals and objectives using the backwards-design model called *Understanding By Design*. Throughout the year, teachers stay current in the field by attending professional development workshops, participating in educational conferences and engaging in graduate level course work.

As a new era in Silver Lake Regional High School history is underway, the school continues to offer a rigorous and stimulating curriculum. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered in order to achieve academic and personal success. The future is **now** at Silver Lake.

SILVER LAKE CLASS OF 2005

Jillian	Leigh	Anderson
Thomas	Herbert	Benevides
Christopher	Haskell	Brack
Elyse	Marie	Brunke
Laura	Susan	Chase
Josh		Clancy
Adrienne	Joan	Delaney
Thomas	Michael	Dentino
Brendan	Frederick	Doyle
Jacqueline	Marie	Egan
Richard	James Horn	Ellis
David	Charles	Garceau
Matthew	Ryan	Hammond
Patrick	Adam	Harper
Jessi	Malina	Karling
Ryan	Edward	Keenlside
Harris	Michael	Klaus
Gabriel	Alexander	Lundgren
Ian	David	MacFarlane
Teresa	Ruth	Manganello
Jill	Noelle	Manning
William	Joseph	Metivier
Ryan	Edward	Mulcahy
Daniel	Joseph	O'Brien
Andrew	Charles	Pecinovsky
Lindsay	Elizabeth	Prescott
Alexander	Joseph	Richards
Kourtney	Helen	Rousseau
Benjamin	Joseph	Sarro
Warren	John	Searles III
Craig	Daniel	Shannon
Lyndsay	Evelyn	Snow
William	Arthur	Stinchfield, Jr.
Victoria	Elizabeth	Thornsbury
Jennifer	Kate	Zanolli

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ENROLLMENT**

October 1, 2005

Grade	K	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Elementary

	31		25	37	34	39	33	35						
Total	234													

Secondary									43	46	43	35	34	36
Total	237													

GRAND TOTAL 471

SILVER LAKE 2005
REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

	<u>General</u>	<u>School Buildings</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Member town assessments	\$ 9,684,942	\$	\$	\$ 9,684,942
Tuitions	563,388			563,388
Intergovernmental	9,358,955		1,515,120	10,874,075
Charges for services	593,770		1,126,477	1,720,247
Earnings on investments	269,708			269,708
Departmental and miscellaneous	<u>20,558</u>	<u>37,090</u>		<u>57,648</u>
Total revenues	20,491,321	37,090	2,641,597	23,170,008
Current				
Administration	1,019,103			1,019,103
Instructional services	10,585,847		1,695,071	12,280,918
School services	942,052		1,330,675	2,272,727
Operations and maintenance	2,012,374			2,012,374
Employee benefits and other fixed charges	5,452,241			5,452,241
Leased equipment	564,943			564,943
Capital Outlay	894	25,152,408		25,153,302

Assessments	168,187			168,187
Debt service				
Principal	200,000			200,000
Interest and other charges	<u>566,803</u>			<u>566,803</u>
Total expenditures	<u>21,512,444</u>	<u>25,152,408</u>	<u>3,025,746</u>	<u>49,690,598</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,021,123)	(25,115,318)	(384,149)	(26,520,590)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Premium on short term borrowing (BAN)	<u>481,784</u>			<u>481,784</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	481,784			481,784
Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures, other financing uses	(539,339)	(25,115,318)	(384,149)	(26,038,806)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>2,663,262</u>	<u>(14,879,586)</u>	<u>1,048,517</u>	<u>(11,167,807)</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,123,923</u>	<u>\$(39,994,904)</u>	<u>\$ 664,368</u>	<u>\$(37,206,613)</u>

PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
2004 - 2005 BUDGET
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE

		TOTAL AVAIL.	TOTAL EXPEND.	BALANCE
REGULAR DAY				
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	13,801.00	7,433.60	6,367.40
1200	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	51,415.00	48,264.86	3,150.14
2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	122,494.00	122,891.89	-397.89
2300	TEACHING	960,771.00	964,261.11	-3,490.11
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.	9,000.00	5,082.25	3,917.75
2400	TEXTBOOKS	22,322.00	16,890.63	5,431.37
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	3,300.00	7,027.68	-3,727.68
2500	LIBRARY	65,154.00	79,789.30	-14,635.30
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	0.00	0.00	0.00
3100	ATTENDANCE	75.00	75.00	0.00
3200	HEALTH	29,132.00	30,033.22	-901.22
3300	TRANSPORTATION	84,280.00	83,978.32	301.68
3400	FOOD SERVICE	500.00	500.00	0.00

4110	CUSTODIAL	100,031.00	114,449.64	-14,418.64
4130	UTILITIES	85,000.00	106,676.24	-21,676.24
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	125.00	646.96	-521.96
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	34,275.00	58,649.59	-24,374.59
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	10,700.00	7,394.37	3,305.63
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	1,309.99	-1,309.99
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		1,592,375.00	1,655,354.65	-62,979.65
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	10,191.00	9,830.77	360.23
2230	TEACHING	86,668.00	79,203.00	7,465.00
2270	GUIDANCE	26,751.00	27,338.89	-587.89
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	7,500.00	6,301.73	1,198.27
2330	TRANSPORTATION	27,312.00	16,193.75	11,118.25
2900	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	153,400.00	124,241.13	29,158.87
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		311,822.00	263,109.27	48,712.73
GRAND TOTAL		1,904,197.00	1,918,463.92	-14,266.92
9320	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	103,569.00	89,278.57	14,290.43

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET 2005 - 2006

	2004 - 2005	2005 - 2006	%
	BUDGET	BUDGET	INC/DCR
REGULAR DAY			
1101 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	161,601.00	142,601.00	-11.76%
1201 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	920,333.36	882,508.00	-4.11%
2101 SUPERVISION	129,802.04	179,280.00	38.12%
2201 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	762,290.18	772,544.00	1.35%
2300 TEACHING	8,049,160.65	8,419,222.90	4.60%
2350 PROFESSIONAL DEV.	69,600.00	65,217.49	-6.30%
2400 TEXTBOOKS	60,137.00	122,080.00	103.00%
2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	117,511.00	114,100.00	-2.90%
2500 LIBRARY	197,945.64	173,124.00	-12.54%
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	6,500.00	6,700.00	3.08%
2700 GUIDANCE	573,874.86	601,174.00	4.76%
3200 HEALTH	78,934.56	79,237.00	0.38%

3300 TRANSPORTATION	698,749.73	688,480.00	-1.47%
3500 ATHLETICS	101,504.00	88,980.00	-12.34%
4110 CUSTODIAL	686,677.00	713,148.00	3.85%
4120 HEATING	161,572.40	182,576.00	13.00%
4130 UTILITIES	616,171.50	740,009.00	20.10%
4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	32,750.00	34,000.00	3.82%
4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	311,096.00	350,777.00	12.76%
4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	111,165.00	88,745.00	-20.17%
5100 RETIREMENT	540,415.00	556,981.00	3.07%
5200 INSURANCE	1,945,848.00	2,001,034.00	2.84%
5300 LEASE	529,395.00	5,880.00	-98.89%
5400 DEBT SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00%
7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	6,012.00	17,989.00	199.22%
7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL REGULAR DAY	16,869,045.92	17,026,387.39	0.93%
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
2210 SUPERVISION	147,040.00	143,130.00	-2.66%
2300 TEACHING	608,064.26	786,905.00	29.41%

2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	13,330.00	13,880.00	4.13%
2330 TRANSPORTATION	17,125.00	31,350.00	83.07%
 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	 785,559.26	 975,265.00	 24.15%
 GRAND TOTAL	 17,654,605.18	 18,001,652.39	 1.97%

PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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9320	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	103,569.00	89,278.57	14,290.43

				Total
	General	School Buildings	Other Funds	Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 879,868	\$ 6,199,314	\$ 778,310	\$ 7,857,492
Investments	1,994,422			1,994,422
Receivables				
Due from other governments	155,971			155,971
School building assistance due in future years	<u>39,250,283</u>			<u>39,250,283</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 42,280,544</u>	<u>\$ 6,199,314</u>	<u>\$ 778,310</u>	<u>\$ 49,258,168</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 416,929	\$ 1,894,218	\$ 113,942	\$ 2,425,089
Accrued withholdings and benefits	489,409			489,409
Deferred revenue	39,250,283			39,250,283
Notes Payable				
Due within one year		<u>44,300,000</u>		<u>44,300,000</u>
Total liabilities	40,156,621	46,194,218	113,942	86,464,781

FUND BALANCES

Reserved for				
Encumbrances and continued appropriations	316,129			316,129
Unreserved				
General fund	1,807,794			1,807,794
Special revenue funds			664,368	664,368
Capital project funds		<u>(39,994,904)</u>		<u>(39,994,904)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,123,923</u>	<u>(39,994,904)</u>	<u>664,368</u>	<u>(37,206,613)</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 42,280,544</u>	<u>\$ 6,199,314</u>	<u>\$ 778,310</u>	<u>\$ 49,258,168</u>

	Agency <u>Accounts</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>80,193</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>80,193</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to student groups	\$ 78,030
Other liabilities	<u>2,163</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u><u>80,193</u></u>

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS - TOWN OFFICES

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

EMERGENCY: POLICE, FIRE, & AMBULANCE

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