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Main Street  
1915

## ANNUAL REPORT

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**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the Town Officers  
and Committees  
For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2008**

**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 2009 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the Dennett Elementary School.

**TOWN ELECTION** – the third Saturday in May at the Town House the polls will be open for the 2009 Election of Officers from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, May 16, 2009 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

**2008 CENSUS**  
2,839

**REGISTERED VOTERS**  
1,916

**TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
William D. Delahunt

**US SENATORS**  
Edward M. Kennedy  
John F. Kerry

**PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT**  
Therese Murray

**TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT**  
Thomas J. Calter

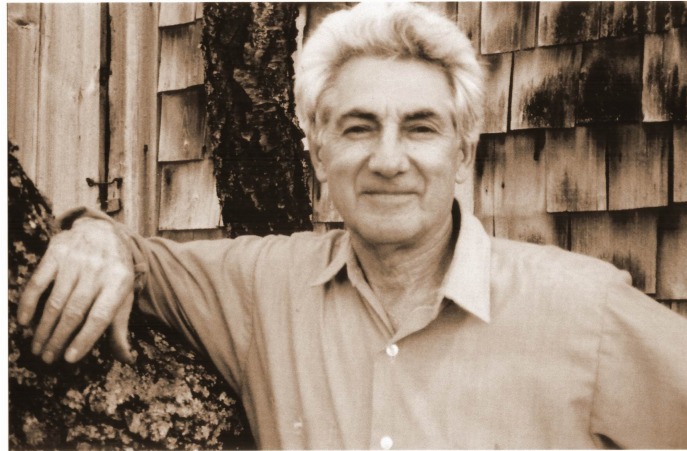
## In Memoriam



William L. White  
October 25, 1938 – January 9, 2008

Civil Defense Director 1985 & 1986  
Recreation Commission

## In Memoriam



Alfred A. Norton  
February 10, 1918 – December 23, 2008

Finance Committee  
School Committee – 1953  
Plympton Historic District Commission  
Chairperson – 12 Years  
Plympton Historical Society  
Plympton Garden Club  
A Founding Member

## In Memoriam



Georgianne E. Doucette  
July 27, 1942 – October 30, 2008

Election Official

## MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2008

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

<b>Board/Committee</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bd. of Appeals	as posted	
Bd. of Assessors	as posted	
Bd. of Health	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 pm
Bd. of Selectmen	Monday	7:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday	7:00 pm
Comm. Preservation	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 pm
Conservation Com.	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:30 pm
Council on Aging	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	9:00 am
Finance Committee	as posted	
Historical Com.	as posted	
Historic Dist. Com.	as posted	
Library Trustees	as posted	
Open Space	last Wednesday	7:30 pm
Planning	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:30 pm
Recreation Com.	as posted	
School Com. Dennett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	4:30 pm
Veteran's Agent	by appt.	
Website Com.	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:30 pm
Wiring Inspec.	Monday	7:00 pm



**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS  
2008**

**MODERATOR**

John A. Traynor Jr. (2010)

**TOWN CLERK**

Nancy J. Butler (2009)

**SELECTMEN**

Joseph A. Freitas (2011)

Barry DeCristofano (2010)

John P. Henry (2009)

**TREASURER**

Carolyn Northon (2009)

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Carolyn A. Northon (2010)

**HIGHWAY SURVEYOR**

James M. Mulcahy (2009)

**ASSESSORS**

George Thompson (2011)

Jocelyn Anderson (2009)

Richard Nordahl (2010)

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Christen Gurney (2009)

Shelly Karparis (2011)

Susan Ossoff (2009)

Robert Ruggiero (2011)

Maureen Springer (2009)

**TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Kristine Boyles (2009)

Carolyn A. DeCristofano (2010)

Deborah L. Dempsey (2010)

Patricia L. Detterman (2009)

Caren Rempelakis (2009)

Suzanne S. Smith (2011)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thomas M. Gillespie (2010)  
Lisa M. Hart (2011)  
Jacquelyn M. Norrie (2010)  
David C. Pecinovsky (2009)  
Maxwell C. West (2011)

**PLANNING BOARD**

John D. O'Leary Jr. (2011)  
John Rantuccio (2009)  
Ann Sobolewski (2010)  
Kenneth A. Thompson (2010)  
Brian A. Wick (2013)

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Janice L. Beale (2010)  
John E. Doyle (2009)  
Arthur F. O'Callahan Jr. (2010)

**TREE WARDEN**

William Hayes (2009)

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Cynthia Hines (2011)  
Maureen A. Springer (2009)

**CONSTABLES**

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

## PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS 2008

**Agricultural Commission** – Rebecca Lipton (2010), Richard Harlfinger (2011), Paul Harju (2009), Richard Burnet (2011), Russell Kierstead (2011), Linda Schauwecker (2010)

**Animal Inspector/Dog Officer** – Frank Bush (2009)

**Board of Assessors** – Jocelyn A.P. Anderson (2009), Richard Nordahl (2010), George J. Thompson (2011)

**Building Commissioner** - Jeff Richards (2009)

**Burial Agent** - James Mulcahy (2009)

**Chief of Fire Department** – David L. Rich (2008)

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

**Civil Defense Committee** – Chief David Rich, Chief Matthew Clancy, James Mulcahy (2009)

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

**Conservation Commission** – Rick Burnet (2011), Tim Dempsey (2010), Francis E. Dicker (2011), Chad Dukett (2009), Greg Fairbanks (2010), John Mathias (2011), Jeff Smith (2010)

**Council on Aging** - Sandra Henry (2011), Ann Freitas (2008), Anna Donovan (2009), Shirley Martin (2009), Helvi Lehto (2008), Barbara Knox (2009), Dorothy Cushman (2009) Associates - Emelia Kirkland, Polly Nordahl (2011), and Margaret Palmer

**Cultural Council** - Siobhan Green (2009), Margaret Kent (2009), Barbara Knox (2009), Dominique Sampson (2010), Elizabeth Westley (2010), Steven Ziglar, (2009)

**Director of Veteran's Services** – Robert Karling (2009)

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

**Emergency Shelter Coordinator** – Dave Smith (2010)

**Forest Fire Warden** – David L. Rich (2009)

**Gypsy Moth Superintendent** – William Hayes (2009)

**Historical Commission** – John Leschen (2010), Edward McCune (2011), Walter Peterson (2010), Jon Wilhelmsen (2011), Associates: Maxwell West (2009), Brian Wick (2009)

**Historic District Commission** – Carol Quindley (2009), Stuart Chase (2009), Alfred Norton (2008), Charles C. Nickerson (2008), Jonathan Shaw (2010), Richard Stover (2010), Marylouise Sayles (2010)

**Inspector of Wiring** – Robert Karling (2009); Deputy, Scott Varley (2009)

**Local Inspector** - Robert Jacobson (2009)

**Jason Park Study and Development Committee** – Gregory Fairbanks (2009), Joseph Freitas (2009), David Whiting (2009)

**Open Space Committee** – Gail Briggs (2009), Patricia Johnson (2011), Christian Lawrence (2009), Francis Perfetuo (2008), Brad Prescott (2009),

**Plumbing & Gas Inspector** – Douglas G. Hawthorne Jr. (2009)

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

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

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

**Recreation Commission** - Adam Bailey (2009), Susan Day (2009), Andrew Karparis (2010), Justin Keene (2010)

**Registrars of Voters** - Lisa Krance (2010), Shirley Martin (2008), Frank Young (2009)

**Superintendent of Insect Pest Control** – William Hayes (2009)

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

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

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

**Veteran's Burial Agent** – Robert Karling (2009)

**Veteran's Services** – Robert Karling (2009)

**Wage & Personnel Board** – Irving Butler (2009), David C. Chandler, Sr., (2011), David McMorrow (2010)

**Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee** - Brian Wick (2011), Jon Wilhelmsen (2010), Jeremy Yon (2010), Steven Ziglar (2009), Non-voting members: Carolyn DeCristofano (2009), Randall Sullivan (2011), Maxwell West (2009)

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – John Leschen, alternate (2010), William McClellan (2009), Jack O'Leary Jr., alternate (2009), Ann Sobolewski (2009)

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Robert Karling (2009)

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The year 2008 was a very busy and challenging year for the Town Clerk's office. There were four elections including the Presidential Election and some new last minute election law changes that had to be rapidly implemented.

The election law changes were related to the Presidential Primary in February and the State (Presidential) Election held in November. Late in 2007, Secretary of State William F. Galvin announced that the date of the Presidential Primary would be changed from March 4<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>. This resulted in a stressful time as we made the necessary changes to prepare for the election in a shorter time period. However the biggest challenge came five days prior to the State (Presidential) Election when the Secretary of State announced a new temporary change in election law regarding the eligibility of absentee voters. This change enabled anyone who had moved out of Plympton within the previous 18 months to apply for a special absentee ballot that allowed them to vote only for candidates for federal offices and ballot questions. It was difficult with only five days notice before the election to make sure that those who applied under this temporary election law met the qualifications for the new special ballots.

This however was an exciting time in American history. This year's Presidential Primary included the first black Presidential candidate and the first woman Presidential candidate.

This was the most highly anticipated election in years, and because of the great interest we registered 108 new voters. A record number of voters for Plympton, 1,716, came out to cast their vote on November 4<sup>th</sup> (which includes a record 103 absentee voters).

Plympton cast 884 votes for Senator John McCain and 787 for Senator Barack Obama, however Senator Obama won the majority of votes overall in the state and won the electoral vote to become the President-elect.

Another interesting event took place at the Annual Town Meeting when I spoke on the matter of serving the Town more efficiently. I believe the time has come for the Town Clerk's office to be open more hours to better serve the public. My recommendation was to increase the current 17 hours per week that I am open. The new hours would be from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Thursday and Monday evenings 6 to 8 pm. This would be a 13 hour increase in the hours that the Town Clerk's office is open to the public and an 8 hour increase in the hours worked by the Town Clerk.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this change and it was not supported by Town Meeting voters. I believe this should continue to be considered.

The Town Clerk's report for the year 2008 includes:

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

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

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

SS.

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

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

**PLYMPTON TOWN HOUSE**

5 PALMER ROAD

on **TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH  
STATE COMMITTEE MAN.....PLYMOUTH BARNSTABLE DISTRICT  
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN.....PLYMOUTH BARNSTABLE DISTRICT  
TOWN CLERK.....TOWN OF PLYMPTON**

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

Given under our hands this 7th day of JANUARY 2008  
(month)

Joseph A. Freitas (signed)

Barry DeCristofano (signed)

John P. Henry (signed)  
Selectmen of Plympton

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

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David E. Smith (signed) Date: 1/17/08

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk



PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk and the Election Officials inspected the ballot box. It was empty and the numbers were reset to 00000, the box was then locked ready for the election.

All Election Officials were sworn in by the Town Clerk including, Warden: Patricia Leslie, Clerks: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, (7:00 am – 8:00 pm) Tara Wick (8:00-11:00 pm). Tellers: Elaine McKeown, Barbara Gomez, Jean Reynolds, Sandra Henry (from 7:00-2:00) and Gail Briggs (from 2:00-9:00).

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. at the Plympton Town House.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 1927

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 931

**TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST: 515**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

John R. Edwards	14
Hillary Clinton	288
Joseph R. Biden, Jr	3
Christopher J. Dodd	0
Mike Gravel	0
Barack Obama	206
Dennis J. Kucinich	2
Bill Richardson	0
No Preference	1
John McCain	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Philip F. MacKey, Jr	152
David D. Fitzgerald	260
Blanks	103

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Patricia L. Mosca	71
Elizabeth Benotti	293
Lucia Fulco	38
Blank	113

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	5134
All Others	16

**TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST: 415**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

John McCain	168
Fred Thompson	1
Tom Tancredo	0
Duncan Hunter	0
Mike Huckabee	14
Mitt Romney	224
Ron Paul	2
Rudy Giuliani	3
No Preference	2
Hillary Clinton	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Christopher L. Fava	285
Blank	130

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Barbara A. McCoy	281
Blank	134

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	14521
All Others	4

**TOTAL GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY VOTES CAST: 1**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Jared Ball	0
Ralph Nader	0
Elaine Brown	0
Kat Swift	0
Cynthia McKinney	0
Kent Mesplay	1
No Preference	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

John Henry	1
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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Sandra Henry	1
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GREEN-RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	10
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**TOTAL WORKING FAMILIES PARTY VOTES CAST: 0**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

No Preference	0
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STATE COMMITTEE MAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Blank	0
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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Blank	0
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WORKING FAMILIES TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	10
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Five voters used the Auto Mark, all voters were election workers. Two people come to vote for the Libertarian Party, but were informed they could not vote in the primary, no problem. A ballot was jammed in the ballot box at 11:05 AM. The box was unlocked by the Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler and Officer Neil Murphy observed as the ballot was removed. The ballot box was then relocked and the ballot was entered into the box. Gail Briggs was sworn in as an Election Official at 2:00 PM.

It was a cold and rainy day. The polls closed at 8:00 PM. Officer Mulready and the Town Clerk checked the ballot box, no ballots were left inside. Total number of ballots cast was 931.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 14, 2008**

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 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to budget line 18 "New Town House" to offset shortfalls caused by higher than anticipated fuel costs or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 3.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from the reserve fund the sum of \$14,400 to line #64 "Police Services" to fund a new contract agreement between the Town and the Police Patrolman's Union or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 4.** As related to current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from the reserve fund the sum of \$4,800 to line #68 "Police Department" to fund new costs associated with a recent contract agreement between the Town and the Police Patrolman's Union and to cover a shortfall created by unanticipated costs or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 5.** As related to current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from the reserve fund a sum of money to line #71 "Police Vehicles" to

cover a shortfall created by the unanticipated increase in the price of gasoline and higher than anticipated repair needs of police patrol cars or take any other action relative to.

#### **Chief of Police**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2009 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Treasurer**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2008 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto

#### **WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2009**

##### **A. Firefighters (Part Time)**

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

##### **B. Highway Labor**

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

##### **C. Town Labor**

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

##### **D. Clerical**

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

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

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

**F. Selectmen's Office**

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

**G. Library**

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

**H. Police Department**

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

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

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

**Wage & Personnel Board**

**Article 8.** 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 9.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel By-law Section 13. Vacations by adding the following: After 15 years of service, each additional year he/she will receive one additional day, up to but not to exceed a maximum of 5 weeks vacation.

**Wage and Personnel Board**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$31,500 to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2008 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Treasurer and Accountant**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody, maintenance, operation and control of the Transfer Station from the Board of Health to the Board of Selectmen or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Health**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to hire an engineering firm as required by the DEP to make the transfer station compliant with current regulations.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$122,064.00 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 § 34-2A of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

**Highway Surveyor**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to designate the Building Inspector on private property and the Highway Surveyor on public property as the Town Officers to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by MGL 82A, Section 4 and 520 CMR 14.00.

**Building Inspector**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to define the Contractor's Yard as follows: Definition of Contractor's Yard; premises used by a building contractor, general contractor or subcontractor for storage of equipment and



supplies, fabrication of subassemblies, and parking of operative wheeled equipment.

### **Building Inspector**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Proposed Common Driveways Bylaw.

**PURPOSE:**

For lots to be used for residential dwelling purposes where adequate access is provided across the frontage, the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit to allow common driveways for no more than (4) lots that meet the zoning requirements. A common driveway is any road to be used for vehicular access to two or more dwellings. Common drives may be permitted to allow for more efficient traffic flow, to reduce traffic hazards from numerous individual driveways, to consolidate access to lots across wetland resources, and otherwise where, in the Board of Appeals judgment, such an arrangement will be more advantageous to the neighborhood than separate driveways. The applicant shall submit documents, plans, and profiles for approval to the Board of Appeals to assure compliance with the following standards for common driveways:

1. The common drive including utilities, permanent marker(s), shoulders, parking area(s), turnaround(s), travel way and any snow storage area(s), shall be laid out entirely within an access and utility easement with a minimum width of thirty (30) feet. All proposed utilities shall be shown on the plan submitted with the special permit application.
2. A draft document providing for restrictive covenants and easements binding present and future owners of all lots served by the common driveway must be submitted for Board of Appeals approval. Should the special permit be approved, the document(s) shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and shall also be recited in and attached to every deed to every lot served by the common drive. Such document(s) must include but are not limited to the following : (a) Specific standards for the maintenance of all structures designed to the requirements of a common drive special permit, including but not limited to the travel way, drainage system and signage. (b) Provisions for allocating responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or reconstruction of the common driveway, drainage system and signage. (c) Text of proposed easements including the metes and bounds description. (d) A procedure for the resolution of disagreements. (e) A restriction that said driveway shall remain private in perpetuity, no parking will be allowed on the common driveway, and all roadway maintenance, snowplowing and rubbish collection shall be the landowner's responsibility.
- 3) The first twenty-five (25) feet from the public way shall be paved with two courses of bituminous concrete with a total thickness of (3) inches and return (corner) radii of twenty-five (25) feet.

- 4) The common drive may be either pavement or gravel. Whether the wearing surface is pavement or gravel, a minimum gravel base of twelve (12) inches (gravel having no aggregate larger than three (3) inches) shall be required. A paved drive shall have two courses of bituminous concrete with a total thickness of three (3) inches. If the drive is gravel, the top two (2) inches wearing surface shall be dense, graded, crushed stone.
- 5) A three-foot shoulder shall be constructed along at least one side of the paved driveway.
- 6) Property lines at street intersections shall be rounded or cut back to provide for a curb radius of not less than thirty (30) feet..
- 7) Maximum grade of ten percent (10%), three percent (3%) within 50 feet of the street line.
- 8) Common drive shall be no closer than fifty (50) feet to any intersecting way.
- 9) Sight distance at the street line shall be in accordance with MHD standards, in no case shall it be less than 200 feet.
- 10) Common driveways shall not exceed five hundred (500) feet in length.
- 11) Adequate drainage shall be provided. The drainage design and appurtenances shall prevent washout and excessive erosion and it shall prevent runoff from entering the public way, prevent runoff from the public way from entering the common drive, and prevent runoff from flowing across the driveway. The wearing surface of the travel way shall be graded to drain from the crown. Drainage calculations may be required at the discretion of the Board of Appeals.
- 12) All common driveways shall be identified by a sign posted at the intersection with the public way, and the sign shall state: "Not a Public Way".
- 13) A permanent marker of engraved granite not greater than six (6) square feet in area shall be placed at the end of the driveway where it meets the public way with a diagram listing the addresses of the properties as assigned by the Board of Assessors. A similar marker shall be placed where the common drive meets each individual lot driveway listing the address of the property. Should the common drive split, permanent marker(s) must also be placed at the intersections indicating which homes are located on either side of the split(s).
- 14) Common drives may only access the street where the lots served have required legal frontage.
- 15) Lots to be served by a common drive must meet the minimum dimensional standards of the Zoning Bylaw in effect at the time they were created.
- 16) Common driveways shall be located entirely within the lots they serve.
- 17) Individual driveways branching off the common drive shall contain a turnaround adequate for safety vehicles access at their terminus.
- 18) The Board of Appeals may require a bond for the completion of the common drive and such bond shall be posted prior to the issuance of building permits on the lots.

- 19) The common drive shall be substantially completed prior to the issuance of building permits for new buildings to be serviced by the common drive, unless the common drive is secured by a bond. All common drives shall be completed prior to the occupancy of any dwelling unit served by the common drive. Completion shall be verified by submittal of as-built drawings requiring approval by the Board of Appeals.

**Building Inspector**

**Article 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$29,980 to make the first of two payments for 2 police cars on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds a sum of \$49,500 to be added to line #64 "Police Services" for the purpose of hiring (1) one full-time police officer or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for patrolman candidate psychological and physical pre-screening costs and to purchase the initial issue of uniforms and equipment for 1 new full-time patrolman, or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$4,500 to purchase an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for deployment in a police cruiser, or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 21.** To see if the town will raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$30,000 for Town Building Maintenance Account.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fiscal 2008 Triennial Revaluation Account (Article 4 – March 19, 2007 vote of the Special Town Meeting) to the Fiscal 2009 Interim Adjustment Account for the purpose of the Interim Adjustment and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

**Board of Assessors**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of converting the Town's appraisal software to that of an independent Appraisal Company.

**Board of Assessors**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$33,100 for the purpose of assessment support services.

**Board of Assessors**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$37,000 to pay the annual lease payments for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Department**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,260.97 to pay the annual lease payments for the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Department**

**Article 27.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,471.00 the Town's 5% matching share of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant which was awarded to the Town December 2007 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Fire Department**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the design and permitting costs of a water treatment system for the Dennett Elementary School, or take any action thereon.

**School Committee**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B section 5, to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws to adopt a new general bylaw **ARTICLE XXVII** creating a Community Preservation Committee, to read as follows:

**Community Preservation Committee General Bylaw**

**Chapter 1. Establishment**

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44B, section 5. The composition of the committee, the appointing authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

- 1) One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 2) One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 3) One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board;

- 4) The Highway Surveyor whose responsibilities include the duties of the board of park commissioners established under G.L. c45, section 2, or his designee;
- 5) One member of the Council on Aging as designated by the Council.

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint four at-large members.

Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years or until the person no longer serves in the position or on the board or committee as set forth above, whichever is earlier.

Should any of the officers and commissions, boards, or committees, who have appointing authority under this bylaw, be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a suitable person to serve in their place.

Any member of the committee may be removed for cause by their respective appointing authority after a hearing.

## **Chapter 2. Duties**

- 1) The community preservation committee shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the department of public works, the housing authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the community preservation committee shall hold one annual public informational hearing, or more at its discretion, on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published, in each of two weeks preceding a hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.
- 2) The community preservation committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the community preservation committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.
- 3) The community preservation committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside, for later spending, funds

for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside, for later spending, funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

4) In every fiscal year, the community preservation committee must recommend either that the legislative body spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following purposes: open space (not including land for recreational use); historic resources; and community housing.

### **Chapter 3. Requirements for quorum and cost estimates**

The community preservation committee shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L., c. 39, section 23B. The committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a majority of the members of the community preservation committee. The community preservation committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include the committee's anticipated costs.

### **Chapter 4. Amendments**

This by-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting consistent with the provisions of G.L., c 44B.

### **Chapter 5. Severability**

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force.

### **Chapter 6. Effective Date**

Provided that the Community Preservation Act is accepted at the 2008 Annual Town Election, this by-law shall take effect upon approval of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and after all requirements of G.L., c.40, section 32, have been met. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

#### **Open Space Committee**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add Article XXVIII or take any other action relative therefore. **Town of Plympton Wetlands Protection Bylaw**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the wetlands, water resources, flood prone areas, and adjoining upland areas in the Town of Plympton. The bylaw will control activities determined by the Commission likely to have a significant

or cumulative effect on resource area values. These include but are not limited to the following (collectively known as the “resource area values protected by this bylaw”):

- public or private water supplies
- groundwater supply
- flood control
- erosion and sedimentation control
- storm damage prevention
- water quality
- prevention and control of pollution,
- fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat and rare plant and animal species,
- agriculture and aquaculture values that are important to the community

This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of the Town of Plympton so as to protect the resource areas under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131 §40) to a greater degree, and to protect all resource areas for additional values beyond those recognized in the Wetlands Protection Act. It provides local regulations and permits additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations hereunder (310 CMR 10.00).

## **II. JURISDICTION**

Except as permitted by the Commission or as otherwise prohibited in this bylaw, no person will commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise make any alteration in or within 100 feet of the following resource areas (collectively the “resource areas protected by this bylaw”):

- freshwater wetlands
- marshes
- wet meadows
- bogs
- swamps
- vernal pools
- banks
- lakes
- ponds
- lands under water bodies
- intermittent brooks, creeks and streams
- lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water

Except as permitted by the Commission or as otherwise prohibited in this bylaw, no person will commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise make any alteration in or within 200 feet horizontally from the mean annual high water boundary on each side the following resource areas ("riverfront area"):

- perennial rivers, streams, brooks and creeks

These resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

Except as authorized by the Commission as otherwise prohibited in this bylaw, no activity or alteration shall be permitted within a twenty-five foot (25') "no touch zone" between any wetland resource area protected by this bylaw and any proposed site disturbance. Nothing herein shall preclude the maintenance of an existing structure located within the "no touch zone."

The Commission may allow activities upon an express determination that the applicant has made a clear and convincing showing that the proposed work in the "no touch zone" will not adversely affect the resource area protected by this bylaw.

The jurisdiction of this bylaw does not extend to uses and structures of agriculture that enjoy the rights and privileges of laws and regulations of the Commonwealth governing agriculture. This includes work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aqua cultural uses as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.04).

### **III. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

The applications and permits required by this bylaw will not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural and aqua cultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.04).

The applications and permits required by this bylaw will not be required for emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this bylaw.



The applications and permits required by this bylaw will not be required for maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, or work ordered to be performed by a state or federal agency, provided that written notice has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work conforms to any performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

Other than stated in this bylaw, the exceptions provided in the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) shall not apply under this bylaw.

#### **IV. APPLICATIONS AND FEES**

##### *Application*

Written permit applications shall be filed with the Commission to perform activities affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw. The application shall include such information and plans as are required by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. The Applicant shall commence no activities until receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission in an appropriate case may accept as the application and plans under this bylaw any application and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00), but the Commission is not obliged to do so.

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this bylaw may in writing request a determination from the Commission. Such a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) or Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) filed under the Act will include information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission.

##### *Fee Schedule*

At the time of application, the applicant will pay a filing fee specified in regulations of the Commission. The fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44 §53G and regulations promulgated by the Commission, the Commission may impose reasonable fees upon applicants for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientists, wildlife biologists or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects. Such funds will be deposited with the town treasurer, who will create an account specifically for this purpose. Additional consultant fees may be requested where the requisite review is more expensive than originally calculated or where new information requires additional consultant services.

Only costs relating to consultant work done in connection with a project for which a consultant fee has been collected will be paid from this account, and expenditures may be made at the sole discretion of the Commission. Any consultant hired under this provision will be selected by, and report exclusively to, the Commission. The Commission will provide applicants with written notice of the selection of a consultant, identifying the consultant, the amount of the fee to be charged to the applicant, and a request for payment of that fee. Notice will be deemed to have been given on the date mailed by certified mail or hand-delivered. The applicant may withdraw the application or request within five (5) business days of the date notice is given without incurring any costs or expenses.

The entire fee must be received before the initiation of consulting services. Failure by the applicant to pay the requested consultant fee within ten (10) business days of the request for payment shall be reason for the Commission to declare the application administratively incomplete and deny the permit without prejudice, except in the case of an appeal. The Commission shall inform the applicant and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of such a decision in writing.

The applicant may appeal the selection of an outside consultant to the select board, who may disqualify the consultant only on the grounds that the consultant has a conflict of interest or is not properly qualified. The minimum qualifications will consist of either an educational degree or three or more years of practice in the field at issue, or a related field. The applicant will make such an appeal in writing, and must be received within ten (10) business days of the date that request for consultant fees was made by the Commission. Such appeal will extend the applicable time limits for action upon the application.

#### **V. NOTICE AND HEARINGS**

Any person filing a permit application, RDA, ANRAD or other request with the Commission will at the same time give written notice thereof, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors. This includes owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 200 feet of the property line of the applicant, including any in another municipality or across a body of water. The notice shall state a brief description of the project or other proposal and the date of any

Commission hearing or meeting date, if known. The notice to abutters also states where copies may be examined and obtained by abutters. An affidavit from the person providing such notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing and the determination itself will be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request.

The Commission will conduct a public hearing on any permit application, RDA, or ANRAD with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, at least five business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. The Commission will commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed permit application, RDA, or ANRAD unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the need for additional information from the applicant or others as deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion.

The Commission will issue a permit, other order or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission in an appropriate case may combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

#### *Coordination with Other Boards*

Any person filing a permit application or RFD with the Commission shall provide a copy thereof at the same time, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivery, to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Director of Public Works, and Building Inspector. A copy shall be provided in the same manner to the Conservation Commission of the adjoining municipality, if the application or RFD pertains to property within 200 feet of that municipality. An affidavit of the person providing notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission shall not take final action until the boards and officials have had 14 days from receipt of notice to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission, which the Commission shall take into account but which shall not be binding on the Commission. The applicant shall have the right to receive any comments and recommendations, and to respond to them at a hearing of the Commission, prior to final action.

## **VI. CONDITIONS AND PERMITS**

#### *Issuance of Permits*

If the Commission, after public hearing, determines that the activities which are

subject to the permit application, or the land and water uses which will result there from, are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect on the resource area, values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing will issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. The Commission may also take into account the extent to which the applicant has avoided, minimized and mitigated any such effect. The Commission may also take into account any loss, degradation, isolation, and replacement or replication of such protected resource areas elsewhere in the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, whether permitted, unpermitted or exempt, and foreseeable future activities. The Commission may impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect the resource area values, and all activities will be conducted in accordance with those conditions.

#### *Denial of Permits*

Where no conditions are adequate to protect said resource area values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. The Commission may also deny a permit for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to comply with the procedures, design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; or for failure to avoid, minimize or mitigate unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw.

#### *Revocation of Permits*

For good cause the Commission may revoke any permit, or any other order, determination or other decision issued under this bylaw after notice to the holder, the public, abutters, and town boards, pursuant to §V and §VI, and after a public hearing.

#### *Presumed Importance of the Buffer Zone*

In reviewing activities within the buffer zone, the Commission will presume the buffer zone is important to the protection of other resource areas because activities undertaken in close proximity have a high likelihood of adverse impact, either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat.

#### *Presumed Importance of Riverfront Area/Practicable Alternatives*

In reviewing activities within the riverfront area, the Commission will presume the riverfront area is important to all the resource area values unless demonstrated otherwise, and no permit issued hereunder shall permit any

activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and that (2) such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission will regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being carried out after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purpose (e.g., residential, institutional, commercial, or industrial), logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives, and overall project costs.

#### *Limited Waiver of Performance Standards*

The Commission may waive specifically identified and requested procedures, design specifications, performance standards, or other requirements set forth in its regulations, provided that: the Commission finds in writing after a public hearing that there are no reasonable conditions or alternatives that would allow the proposed activity to proceed in compliance with said regulations; that avoidance, minimization and mitigation have been employed to the maximum extent feasible; and that the waiver is necessary to accommodate an overriding public interest or to avoid a decision that so restricts the use of the property as to constitute an unconstitutional taking without compensation.

#### *Avoidance of Wetlands Loss or Alteration*

The Commission may establish, in its regulations, design specifications, performance standards, and other measures and safeguards, including setbacks, no-disturb areas, no-build areas, and other work limits for protection of such lands, including without limitation strips of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by the bylaw.

To prevent resource area loss, the Commission will require applicants to avoid alteration wherever feasible; to minimize alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable and has been minimized, to provide full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with specific plans, professional design, proper safeguards, adequate security, and professional monitoring and reporting to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

#### *Wildlife Habitat Study*

The Commission may require a wildlife habitat study of the project area, to be paid for by the applicant, whenever it deems appropriate, regardless the type of resource area or the amount or type of alteration proposed. The decision will be based upon the Commission's estimation of the importance of the habitat area considering (but not limited to) such factors as proximity to other areas

suitable for wildlife, importance of wildlife “corridors” in the area, or actual or possible presence of rare plant or animal species in the area. The work will be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications set out in the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.60).

#### *Vernal Pools*

The Commission will presume that all areas meeting the definition of “vernal pools” under §VIII of this bylaw, including the adjacent area, perform essential habitat functions. This presumption may be overcome only by the presentation of credible evidence which, in the judgment of the Commission, demonstrates that the basin or depression does not provide essential habitat functions. Any formal evaluation should be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications under the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

#### *Expiration*

A permit, Determination of Applicability (DOA), or Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) will expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed for an additional three-year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Notwithstanding the above, a permit may identify requirements which will be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and will apply to all present and future owners of the land.

Amendments to permits, DOAs, or ORADs will be handled in the manner set out in the Wetlands Protection Act regulations and policies there under.

#### *Coordination with Other Permits*

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine the decision issued under this bylaw with the permit, DOA, ORAD, or Certificate of Compliance (COC) issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

#### *Recording*

No work proposed in any application will be undertaken until the permit, or ORAD issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded in the registry of deeds or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies, and until the holder of the permit certifies in writing to the Commission that the document has been recorded. If the applicant fails to perform such recording, the Commission may record the documents itself and require the Applicant to

furnish the recording fee therefore, either at the time of recording or as a condition precedent to the issuance of a COC.

## **VII. REGULATIONS**

After public notice and public hearing, the Commission may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw, effective when voted and filed with the town clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law will not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw. At a minimum these regulations shall reiterate the terms defined in this bylaw, define additional terms not inconsistent with the bylaw, and impose filing and consultant fees.

## **VIII. DEFINITIONS**

Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw or in associated regulations of the Commission, the definitions of terms and the procedures in this bylaw shall be as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

**Agriculture** shall refer to the definition as provided by M.G.L. Ch. 128 §1A.

**Alter** shall include, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

- A. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind
- B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics
- C. Drainage or other disturbance of water level or water table
- D. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade water quality
- E. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation
- F. Driving of piles, erection, expansion or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind
- G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water
- H. Destruction of plant life including cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs
- I. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters
- J. Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater

- K. Incremental activities which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw.

**Bank** shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

**Person** shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

**Plans** means such data, maps, engineering drawings, calculations, specifications, schedules and other materials, if any, deemed necessary by the Commission to describe the site and the activity, to determine the applicability of the Bylaw or to determine the impact of the proposal upon the interests identified in the bylaw. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the plans accurately depict all wetland resource areas.

**Pond** shall follow the definition of 310 CMR 10.04, except that the size threshold of 5,000 square feet will apply.

**Rare Species** will include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animals and all plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

**Vernal Pool** will include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 200 cubic feet of water at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for vernal pools will be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high-water line defining the depression, but will not include existing lawns, gardens, landscaped or developed areas.



## **IX. SECURITY**

As part of a permit issued under this bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency, or official, the Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed there under (including conditions requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or both of the methods described below:

- A. By a proper bond, deposit of money or negotiable securities under a written third-party escrow arrangement, or other undertaking of financial responsibility sufficient in the opinion of the Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a COC for work performed pursuant to the permit.
- B. By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions will be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed. This method will be used only with the consent of the applicant.

## **X. ENFORCEMENT**

No person will remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this bylaw, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

With approval of the owner, The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees will have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission will have authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued there under by letters, phone calls, electronic communication and other informal methods, violation notices, non-criminal citations under M.G.L. Ch. 40 §21D, and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

Upon request of the Commission, the select board and town counsel will take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the chief of police will take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, will have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Any person, who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued there under, will be punished by a fine levied by the Commission. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, will constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense. Any person who purchases, inherits or otherwise acquires real estate upon which work has been done in violation of the provisions of this bylaw or in violation of any permit issued pursuant to this bylaw will forthwith comply with any such order or restore such land to its condition prior to any such violation; provided, however, that no action, civil or criminal, will be brought against such person unless commenced within three (3) years following date of acquisition of the real estate by such person.

#### **XI. BURDEN OF PROOF**

The applicant for a permit will have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden will be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

#### **XII. APPEALS**

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable in the superior court in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 249 §4.

#### **XIII. RELATION TO THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT**

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00) there under. It is the intention of this bylaw that the purposes, jurisdiction, authority, exemptions, regulations, specifications, standards, and other requirements will be interpreted and administered as stricter than those under the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

#### **XIV. SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw will not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor will it invalidate any permit, approval or determination which previously has been issued.

**Conservation Commission**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town of Plympton will raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$4,000 to South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. for services to low income families and elderly residents in the Town of Plympton, or take any action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town of Plympton will raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for maintenance and development of the Harry Jason Park.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Recreation Commission**

**Article 34.** 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 35.** 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 36.** 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 17, 2008 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

**Article 37.** To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 17, 2008. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Moderator: one for 2 years; Board of Selectmen: one for 3 years; Board of Assessors: one for three years; 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; Board of Health: one for one year; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: one for three years; Constable: two (2) for 3 years.

**QUESTION 1. Community Preservation Act Ballot Petition**

Shall the Town of Plympton accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In Plympton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by and additional excise of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property, to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2009, and by matching funds provided by the state. Property owned and occupied as domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low to moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act and \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property are exempt from the surcharge. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from this act. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008

Joseph A. Freitas, Chairman (signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry DeCristofano, Clerk (signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
John P. Henry (signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Plympton Board of Selectmen

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
May 14, 2008

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 14, 2008 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 transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for fiscal 2007 or take any other action relative thereto..

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2.** 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 3.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to budget line 18 "New Town House" to offset shortfalls caused by higher than anticipated fuel costs or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 4.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and or the Reserve Fund the sum of \$14,400 to Line #64 "Police Services" to fund a new contract agreement between the Town and the Police Patrolman's Union or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 5.** As related to current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and or the Reserve Fund the sum of \$4,800 to line #68 "Police Department" to fund new costs associated with a recent contract agreement between the Town and the Police Patrolman's Union and to cover a shortfall created by unanticipated costs or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 6.** As related to current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and or the Reserve Fund a sum of money to line #71 "Police Vehicles" to cover a shortfall created by the unanticipated increase in the price of gasoline and higher than anticipated repair needs of police patrol cars.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to be added to Line 38 Medicare of the May 2007 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

**Town Treasurer**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-law Article 4 Section 1.

**Board of Selectmen**

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Given under our hands this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008

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

Barry DeCristofano, Clerk (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Plympton Board of Selectmen

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David Batchelder (signed) Date: 24 April 08

A true copy,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 14, 2008**

The Plympton Annual Town meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler. There was a quorum present. There were 135 registered voters present. The Town Clerk observed the preparation and posting of the warrant and the procedure was accomplished in accordance with the law. The Town Clerk then read the return of the warrant.

Due to the absence of a Moderator, the first order of business is the election of a temporary moderator.

**Voted:** (On the motion of William Slater) I make a procedural motion that resident John J. Traynor, Jr. be elected temporary Town Moderator for the purpose of moderating Special and Annual Town Meetings, scheduled for 5/14/08, in their entirety, with all the powers, duties and responsibilities afforded the position as described in the Plympton Municipal Bylaws, Massachusetts General Laws and the official publication Town Meeting Time.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to close the nominations.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to elect John A. Traynor, Jr Temporary Moderator.

**Unanimous**

The Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler swore into office John A. Traynor, Jr as Temporary Moderator.

Mr. Traynor asked for a moment of silence for any and all Plympton neighbors who have passed away since our last meeting, in particular note those who have served our town well. And to remember all the men and women in uniform who are stationed around the world and especially those in Afghanistan and Iraq. Following the moment of silence Mr. Traynor lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

At this time Mr. Traynor introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Council Richard Bowen, Town Clerk Nancy Butler, The Finance Committee, and Town Accountant Barbara Gomez.

The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was John Mulready; there were 135 registered voters present.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to allow non-resident officials permission to address the assembly, they were: Town Council Bowen, Police Chief Clancy, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, Silver Lake Regional School Superintendent Tuffy and Interim Assistant Assessor Davis.

**Unanimous**

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

**Board of Selectmen**

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

**Unanimous**

**Article 2.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to budget line 18 "New Town House" to offset shortfalls caused by higher than anticipated fuel costs or take any other action relative thereto

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to pass over Article 2 and take it up in the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

**Article 3.** As related to the current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from the reserve fund the sum of \$14,400 to Line 64 "Police Services" to fund a new contract agreement between the Town and the Police Patrolman's Union or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 3. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to pass over Article 3 and take it up in the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

**Article 4.** As related to current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from the reserve fund the sum of \$4,800 to Line 68 "Police Department" to fund new costs associated with a recent contract agreement between the Town and the Police Patrolman's Union and to cover a shortfall created by unanticipated costs or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 4. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to pass over Article 4 and take it up in the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**



**Article 5.** As related to current fiscal year 2008, to see if the town will vote to transfer from the reserve fund a sum of money to Line 71 "Police Vehicles" to cover a shortfall created by the unanticipated increase in the price of gasoline and higher than anticipated repair needs of police patrol cars or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 5. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to pass over Article 5 and take it up in the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2009 as permitted by and in accordance with G.L. c.44§53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Treasurer**

**Article 6. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to pass over Article 6 and take it up in the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to waive the reading of individual wage and salary figures in favor of line item approval.

**Unanimous**

**Article 7. Voted** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2008 with the exception of section **A. Firefighters (Part Time)** and to pay as wages the following sums.

**Unanimous**

## WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2009

### A. Firefighters (Part Time)

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

### B. Highway Labor

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

### C. Town Labor

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

### D. Clerical

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

### E. Accounting/Assessor

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

### F. Selectmen's Office

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

**G. Library**

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

**H. Police Department**

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

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

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

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of Mark Wallis) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Recommendations for section **A. Firefighters (Part Time)** to the following:

**A. Firefighters (Part Time)**

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

**Passes by majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to advance to articles 9 & 10 for immediate consideration and to adjourn at 8:00 PM for the Special Town Meeting. When the Annual Town Meeting reconvenes we shall begin with Article 8.

**Unanimous**

**Article 9. Voted:** (On the motion of Irving R. Butler) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel By-law Section 13. Vacations by adding the following: After 15 years of service, each additional year he/she will receive one additional day, up to but not to exceed a maximum of 5 weeks vacation.

**Motion carries by majority**

**Article 10. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$31,500** to conduct financial audits of fiscal 2008.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to continue to the next article or articles until 8:00 P.M. and at that time stop for the Special Town Meeting. When the Annual Town Meeting reconvenes we will begin with Article 8.

**Unanimous**

**Article 11. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to transfer care, custody, maintenance, operation and control of the Transfer Station from the Board of Health to the Board of Selectmen.

**2/3 Vote**

**Declared 2/3 majority**

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to table Article 12 and to take it up after Article #33.

**Motion carries**

**Article 13. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of **\$122,064.00** as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 § 34-2A of the General Laws.

**Unanimous**

**Article 14. Voted:** (On the motion of Tim Dempsey) The Town vote to table Article #14 and to take it up prior to Article #12 after Article #33.

**Carries by Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote the Annual Town Meeting be adjourned to conduct the Special Town Meeting and to take up Article 8 when we reconvene.

**Unanimous**

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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED  
8:30 P.M.**

**Article 8. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to fix the compensation of elected officers and to see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from available funds or borrow to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuing year.

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 1 – 34A** with a hold on Lines 7, 15, and 29.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Nancy Curtin) The Town vote to amend Line 7 Town Clerk's Salary from \$28,750.00 to \$35,108.00.

**Motion defeated**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote **Line 7 Town Clerk's Salary \$28,750.00.**

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Town vote to amend Line 15 Selectmen's Expenses to \$55,000.00 by adding \$15,000.00 from Line 80 Dennett School and \$25,000 from Line 82 Regional School Assessment.

**Motion defeated**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote **Line 15 Selectmen's Expenses \$15,000.00.**

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn DeCristofano) The Town vote to Table Line 29.

**Motion defeated**

**Voted:** (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to amend **Line 29 Council on Aging** to Raise and Appropriate \$5,240.00 and take from Free Cash \$4,660.00 for a total of **\$9,900.00**.  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$345,552.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 35 -39** with a hold on Lines 35 and 37. **Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn Northon) The Town vote to amend **Line 35 Group Health** to transfer \$108,228.00 from Free Cash and transfer \$16,000.00 from Overlay Surplus and raise and appropriate \$87,422.00. For a total of **\$211,650.00** to cover **Line 35 Group Health Insurance** costs for the Town.  
**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line 37 County Pension** from \$243,367.00 to **\$248,330.00**.  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL INSURANCE AND PENSION: \$578,935.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 40 – 41A** with a hold on Line 41A.

**Unanimous**

Line 41A Transfer Station was held for discussion.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Nancy Curtin) The Town vote **Line 41A Transfer Station \$173,550.00**. **Unanimous**

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

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 42 - 48**.  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$239,962**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 50 – 55** with a hold on Line 52A. **Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to amend **Line 52A Animal Inspector** from \$1,900.00 to **\$1,899.00**.  
**Motion carries**

**TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$25,402.00**

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

**TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT: \$46,000.00**

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

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to transfer **\$57,000.00** from the Ambulance Fund to **Line 63 Fire/EMS,**  
**Majority Vote**

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

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 65 -71 Police Services.**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$556,870.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 72 – 73 Total Ambulance Communications.** **Unanimous**

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

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 74 – 77 Total Veterans.**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL VETERANS: \$32,412.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 78 – 79 Total Library.**  
**Unanimous**

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

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 80 – 81A Local School.**

**Unanimous**

**TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOLS: \$2,262,037.00**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 82 – 82A Regional Schools.** **Unanimous**

**TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS: \$2,053,021.00**  
**TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$4,315,058**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to amend **Line 83 Reserve Fund** to raise and appropriate **\$35,038.00** and to transfer **\$140.00** from Free Cash for a total of **\$35,178.00**  
**Unanimous**

**Voted:** The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 84 - 86A.**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL: \$148,168.00**

**TOTAL WARRANT: \$6,807,391.00**

The Moderator Mr. Traynor announced we will now proceed to Article 15.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to define the Contractor's Yard as follows: Definition of Contractor's Yard; premises used by a building contractor, general contractor or subcontractor for storage of equipment and supplies, fabrication of subassemblies, and parking of operative wheeled equipment.

**Building Inspector**

**Article 15. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to Pass Over Article 15.  
**Unanimous**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Proposed Common Driveways Bylaw.

**PURPOSE:**

For lots to be used for residential dwelling purposes where adequate access is provided across the frontage, the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit to allow common driveways for no more than (4) lots that meet the zoning requirements. A common driveway is any road to be used for vehicular access to two or more dwellings. Common drives may be permitted to allow for more efficient traffic flow, to reduce traffic hazards from numerous individual driveways, to consolidate access to lots across wetland resources, and otherwise where, in the Board of Appeals judgment, such an arrangement will be more advantageous to the neighborhood than separate driveways. The applicant shall submit documents, plans, and profiles for approval to the Board of Appeals to assure compliance with the following standards for common driveways:

3. The common drive including utilities, permanent marker(s), shoulders, parking area(s), turnaround(s), travel way and any snow storage area(s), shall be laid out entirely within an access and utility easement with a minimum width of thirty (30) feet. All proposed utilities shall be shown on the plan submitted with the special permit application.



4. A draft document providing for restrictive covenants and easements binding present and future owners of all lots served by the common driveway must be submitted for Board of Appeals approval. Should the special permit be approved, the document(s) shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and shall also be recited in and attached to every deed to every lot served by the common drive. Such document(s) must include but are not limited to the following : (a) Specific standards for the maintenance of all structures designed to the requirements of a common drive special permit, including but not limited to the travel way, drainage system and signage. (b) Provisions for allocating responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or reconstruction of the common driveway, drainage system and signage. (c) Text of proposed easements including the metes and bounds description. (d) A procedure for the resolution of disagreements. (e) A restriction that said driveway shall remain private in perpetuity, no parking will be allowed on the common driveway, and all roadway maintenance, snowplowing and rubbish collection shall be the landowner's responsibility.
- 20) The first twenty-five (25) feet from the public way shall be paved with two courses of bituminous concrete with a total thickness of (3) inches and return (corner) radii of twenty-five (25) feet.
5. The common drive may be either pavement or gravel. Whether the wearing surface is pavement or gravel, a minimum gravel base of twelve (12) inches (gravel having no aggregate larger than three (3) inches) shall be required. A paved drive shall have two courses of bituminous concrete with a total thickness of three (3) inches. If the drive is gravel, the top two (2) inches wearing surface shall be dense, graded, crushed stone.
- 21) A three-foot shoulder shall be constructed along at least one side of the paved driveway.
- 22) Property lines at street intersections shall be rounded or cut back to provide for a curb radius of not less than thirty (30) feet.
- 23) Maximum grade of ten percent (10%), three percent (3%) within 50 feet of the street line.
- 24) Common drive shall be no closer than fifty (50) feet to any intersecting way.
- 25) Sight distance at the street line shall be in accordance with MHD standards, in no case shall it be less than 200 feet.
- 26) Common driveways shall not exceed five hundred (500) feet in length.
- 27) Adequate drainage shall be provided. The drainage design and appurtenances shall prevent washout and excessive erosion and it shall prevent runoff from entering the public way, prevent runoff from the public way from entering the common drive, and prevent runoff from flowing across the driveway. The wearing surface of the travel way shall be graded to drain from the crown. Drainage calculations may be required at the discretion of the Board of Appeals.
- 28) All common driveways shall be identified by a sign posted at the intersection with the public way, and the sign shall state: "Not a Public Way".

- 29) A permanent marker of engraved granite not greater than six (6) square feet in area shall be placed at the end of the driveway where it meets the public way with a diagram listing the addresses of the properties as assigned by the Board of Assessors. A similar marker shall be placed where the common drive meets each individual lot driveway listing the address of the property. Should the common drive split, permanent marker(s) must also be placed at the intersections indicating which homes are located on either side of the split(s).
- 30) Common drives may only access the street where the lots served have required legal frontage.
- 31) Lots to be served by a common drive must meet the minimum dimensional standards of the Zoning Bylaw in effect at the time they were created.
- 32) Common driveways shall be located entirely within the lots they serve.
- 33) Individual driveways branching off the common drive shall contain a turnaround adequate for safety vehicles access at their terminus.
- 34) The Board of Appeals may require a bond for the completion of the common drive and such bond shall be posted prior to the issuance of building permits on the lots.
- 35) The common drive shall be substantially completed prior to the issuance of building permits for new buildings to be serviced by the common drive, unless the common drive is secured by a bond. All common drives shall be completed prior to the occupancy of any dwelling unit served by the common drive. Completion shall be verified by submittal of as-built drawings requiring approval by the Board of Appeals.

**Building Inspector**

**Article 16. Voted:** The Town vote to pass over Article 16.

**Unanimous**

**Article 17. Voted:** (On the motion of Dana Smith) The Town vote to amend the article to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 and take \$13,500.00 from Stabilization to make the first of two payments for 2 police cars on a lease to own replacement program.

**Motion fails**

**Article 17. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000.00** for the **one payment for one police car** on a lease to own replacement program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds a sum of \$49,500 to be added to Line 64 "*Police Services*" for the purpose of hiring (1) one full-time police officer or take any other action relative to.

**Chief of Police**

**Article 18.** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to pass over Article 18.  
**Majority vote**

**Article 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for patrolman candidate psychological and physical pre-screening costs and to purchase the initial issue of uniforms and equipment for 1 new full-time patrolman, or take any other action relative to.  
**Chief of Police**

**Article 19.** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to pass over Article 19.  
**Unanimous**

**Article 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$4,500 to purchase an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for deployment in a police cruiser, or take any other action relative to.  
**Chief of Police**

**Article 20.** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to pass over Article 20.  
**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Thomas Gillespie) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 11:00 PM and to reconvene on May 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Dennett Elementary School.  
**Unanimous**

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 15, 2008**

Mr. John A. Traynor, Jr. Temporary Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. there being a quorum. Mr. Traynor led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Traynor introduced Town Council Richard Bowen and the Tellers: Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds. There were 84 registered voters present.

**Article 21.** To see if the town will raise, appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$30,000 for Town Building Maintenance Account.  
**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 21. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town vote to table Article 21 until later in the evening after Article 12.  
**Unanimous**

**Article 22. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to transfer

the sum of **\$5,023.97** from the **Fiscal 2008** Triennial Revaluation Account (Article 4 – March 19, 2007 vote of the Special Town Meeting) to the Fiscal 2009 Interim Adjustment Account for the purpose of the Interim Adjustment and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue.

**Unanimous**

**Article 23. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the purpose of converting the Town's appraisal software to that of an independent Appraisal Company.

**Unanimous**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$33,100 for the purpose of assessment support services.

**Board of Assessors**

**Article 24. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to pass over Article 24.

**Unanimous**

**Article 25. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,000** to pay the annual lease payments for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 26. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$20,260.97** from the Ambulance Fund to pay the annual lease payments for the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 27. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote as related to the current fiscal year 2008, to transfer the sum of **\$2,471.00** from Free Cash to cover the 5% matching share of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant which was awarded to the Town December 2007.

**Unanimous**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the design and permitting costs of a water treatment system for the Dennett Elementary School, or take any action thereon.

**School Committee**

**Article 28. Voted:** (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to pass over Article 28.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to waive the reading of Article 29.

**Unanimous**

**Article 29. Voted:** (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of GL c.44B section 5, to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws to adopt a new general bylaw **ARTICLE XXVII** creating a Community Preservation Committee, to read as follows:

**Community Preservation Committee General Bylaw**

**Chapter 1. Establishment**

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44B, section 5. The composition of the committee, the appointing authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

- 1) One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 2) One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission;
- 3) One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board;
- 4) The Highway Surveyor whose responsibilities include the duties of the board of park commissioners established under G.L. c45, section 2, or his designee;
- 5) One member of the Council on Aging as designated by the Council.

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint four at-large members.

Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years or until the person no longer serves in the position or on the board or committee as set forth above, whichever is earlier.

Should any of the officers and commissions, boards, or committees, who have appointing authority under this bylaw, be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a suitable person to serve in their place.

Any member of the committee may be removed for cause by their respective appointing authority after a hearing.

**Chapter 2. Duties**

- 1) The community preservation committee shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the department of public works, the housing authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the community preservation committee shall hold one annual public informational hearing, or more at its discretion, on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice

of which shall be posted publicly and published, in each of two weeks preceding a hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

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

3) The community preservation committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside, for later spending, funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside, for later spending, funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

4) In every fiscal year, the community preservation committee must recommend either that the legislative body spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following purposes: open space (not including land for recreational use); historic resources; and community housing.

### **Chapter 3. Requirements for quorum and cost estimates**

The community preservation committee shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L., c. 39, section 23B. The committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a majority of the members of the community preservation committee. The community preservation committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include the committee's anticipated costs.

### **Chapter 4. Amendments**

This by-law may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting consistent with the provisions of G.L., c 44B.

### **Chapter 5. Severability**

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force.

### **Chapter 6. Effective Date**

Provided that the Community Preservation Act is accepted at the 2008 Annual

Town Election, this by-law shall take effect upon approval of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and after all requirements of G.L., c.40, section 32, have been met. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

**Unanimous**

**Article 30. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to waive the reading of Article 30.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Timothy Dempsey) The Town vote to amend Article XXVIII to make the following clerical changes to **IV. Applications and fees:**

to add an “s” to sub-heading Application  
add sub-heading **Application Fees** below Fee Schedule  
add sub-heading **Consultant Fees** after the Application Fees paragraph.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Raymond Beale) The Town vote to amend Article XXVIII section **II. JURISDICTION** third paragraph to change the word no activity to no structures.

**Motion fails**

**Article 30.** (On the motion of Elizabeth Princiotta) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-laws to add Article XXVIII as amended.

**Town of Plympton Wetlands Protection Bylaw**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the wetlands, water resources, flood prone areas, and adjoining upland areas in the Town of Plympton. The bylaw will control activities determined by the Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area values. These include but are not limited to the following (collectively known as the “resource area values protected by this bylaw”):

- public or private water supplies
- groundwater supply
- flood control
- erosion and sedimentation control
- storm damage prevention
- water quality
- prevention and control of pollution,

- fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat and rare plant and animal species,
- agriculture and aquaculture values that are important to the community

This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of the Town of Plympton so as to protect the resource areas under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131 §40) to a greater degree, and to protect all resource areas for additional values beyond those recognized in the Wetlands Protection Act. It provides local regulations and permits additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations hereunder (310 CMR 10.00).

## II. JURISDICTION

Except as permitted by the Commission or as otherwise prohibited in this bylaw, no person will commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise make any alteration in or within 100 feet of the following resource areas (collectively the “resource areas protected by this bylaw”):

- freshwater wetlands
- marshes
- wet meadows
- bogs
- swamps
- vernal pools
- banks
- lakes
- ponds
- lands under water bodies
- intermittent brooks, creeks and streams
- lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water

Except as permitted by the Commission or as otherwise prohibited in this bylaw, no person will commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise make any alteration in or within 200 feet horizontally from the mean annual high water boundary on each side the following resource areas (“riverfront area”):

- perennial rivers, streams, brooks and creeks

These resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

Except as authorized by the Commission as otherwise prohibited in this bylaw,



no activity or alteration shall be permitted within a twenty-five foot (25') "no touch zone" between any wetland resource area protected by this bylaw and any proposed site disturbance. Nothing herein shall preclude the maintenance of an existing structure located within the "no touch zone."

The Commission may allow activities upon an express determination that the applicant has made a clear and convincing showing that the proposed work in the "no touch zone" will not adversely affect the resource area protected by this bylaw.

The jurisdiction of this bylaw does not extend to uses and structures of agriculture that enjoy the rights and privileges of laws and regulations of the Commonwealth governing agriculture. This includes work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural uses as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.04).

### **III. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

The applications and permits required by this bylaw will not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural and aqua cultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.04).

The applications and permits required by this bylaw will not be required for emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this bylaw.

The applications and permits required by this bylaw will not be required for maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, or work ordered to be performed by a state or federal agency, provided that written notice has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work conforms to any performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

Other than stated in this bylaw, the exceptions provided in the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) shall not apply under this bylaw.

#### **IV. APPLICATIONS AND FEES**

##### *Applications*

Written permit applications shall be filed with the Commission to perform activities affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw. The application shall include such information and plans as are required by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. The Applicant shall commence no activities until receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission in an appropriate case may accept as the application and plans under this bylaw any application and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00), but the Commission is not obliged to do so.

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this bylaw may in writing request a determination from the Commission. Such a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) or Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) filed under the Act will include information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission.

##### *Fee Schedule*

###### *Application Fees*

At the time of application, the applicant will pay a filing fee specified in regulations of the Commission. The fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

###### *Consultant Fees*

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44 §53G and regulations promulgated by the Commission, the Commission may impose reasonable fees upon applicants for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientists, wildlife biologists or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects. Such funds will be deposited with the town treasurer, who will create an account specifically for this purpose. Additional consultant fees may be requested where the requisite review is more expensive than originally calculated or where new information requires additional consultant services.

Only costs relating to consultant work done in connection with a project for which a consultant fee has been collected will be paid from this account, and expenditures may be made at the sole discretion of the Commission. Any consultant hired under this provision will be selected by, and report exclusively to, the Commission. The Commission will provide applicants with written notice of the selection of a consultant, identifying the consultant, the amount of the fee to be charged to the applicant, and a request for payment of that fee. Notice will be deemed to have been given on the date mailed by certified mail or hand-delivered. The applicant may withdraw the application or request within five (5) business days of the date notice is given without incurring any costs or expenses.

The entire fee must be received before the initiation of consulting services. Failure by the applicant to pay the requested consultant fee within ten (10) business days of the request for payment shall be reason for the Commission to declare the application administratively incomplete and deny the permit without prejudice, except in the case of an appeal. The Commission shall inform the applicant and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of such a decision in writing.

The applicant may appeal the selection of an outside consultant to the select board, who may disqualify the consultant only on the grounds that the consultant has a conflict of interest or is not properly qualified. The minimum qualifications will consist of either an educational degree or three or more years of practice in the field at issue, or a related field. The applicant will make such an appeal in writing, and must be received within ten (10) business days of the date that request for consultant fees was made by the Commission. Such appeal will extend the applicable time limits for action upon the application.

## **V. NOTICE AND HEARINGS**

Any person filing a permit application, RDA, ANRAD or other request with the Commission will at the same time give written notice thereof, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors. This includes owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 200 feet of the property line of the applicant, including any in another municipality or across a body of water. The notice shall state a brief description of the project or other proposal and the date of any Commission hearing or meeting date, if known. The notice to abutters also states where copies may be examined and obtained by abutters. An affidavit from the person providing such notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing and the determination itself will be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request.

The Commission will conduct a public hearing on any permit application, RDA, or ANRAD with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, at least five business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. The Commission will commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed permit application, RDA, or ANRAD unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the need for additional information from the applicant or others as deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion.

The Commission will issue a permit, other order or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission in an appropriate case may combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

#### *Coordination with Other Boards*

Any person filing a permit application or RFD with the Commission shall provide a copy thereof at the same time, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivery, to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Director of Public Works, and Building Inspector. A copy shall be provided in the same manner to the Conservation Commission of the adjoining municipality, if the application or RFD pertains to property within 200 feet of that municipality. An affidavit of the person providing notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission shall not take final action until the boards and officials have had 14 days from receipt of notice to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission, which the Commission shall take into account but which shall not be binding on the Commission. The applicant shall have the right to receive any comments and recommendations, and to respond to them at a hearing of the Commission, prior to final action.

## **VI. CONDITIONS AND PERMITS**

#### *Issuance of Permits*

If the Commission, after public hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application, or the land and water uses which will result there from, are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect on the resource area, values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing will issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. The Commission may also take into account the extent to which the applicant has avoided, minimized and mitigated any such effect. The Commission may also take into account any loss, degradation, isolation, and

replacement or replication of such protected resource areas elsewhere in the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, whether permitted, unpermitted or exempt, and foreseeable future activities. The Commission may impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect the resource area values, and all activities will be conducted in accordance with those conditions.

#### *Denial of Permits*

Where no conditions are adequate to protect said resource area values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. The Commission may also deny a permit for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to comply with the procedures, design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; or for failure to avoid, minimize or mitigate unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw.

#### *Revocation of Permits*

For good cause the Commission may revoke any permit, or any other order, determination or other decision issued under this bylaw after notice to the holder, the public, abutters, and town boards, pursuant to §V and §VI, and after a public hearing.

#### *Presumed Importance of the Buffer Zone*

In reviewing activities within the buffer zone, the Commission will presume the buffer zone is important to the protection of other resource areas because activities undertaken in close proximity have a high likelihood of adverse impact, either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat.

#### *Presumed Importance of Riverfront Area/Practicable Alternatives*

In reviewing activities within the riverfront area, the Commission will presume the riverfront area is important to all the resource area values unless demonstrated otherwise, and no permit issued hereunder shall permit any activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and that (2) such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission will regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being carried out after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purpose

(e.g., residential, institutional, commercial, or industrial), logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives, and overall project costs.

#### *Limited Waiver of Performance Standards*

The Commission may waive specifically identified and requested procedures, design specifications, performance standards, or other requirements set forth in its regulations, provided that: the Commission finds in writing after a public hearing that there are no reasonable conditions or alternatives that would allow the proposed activity to proceed in compliance with said regulations; that avoidance, minimization and mitigation have been employed to the maximum extent feasible; and that the waiver is necessary to accommodate an overriding public interest or to avoid a decision that so restricts the use of the property as to constitute an unconstitutional taking without compensation.

#### *Avoidance of Wetlands Loss or Alteration*

The Commission may establish, in its regulations, design specifications, performance standards, and other measures and safeguards, including setbacks, no-disturb areas, no-build areas, and other work limits for protection of such lands, including without limitation strips of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by the bylaw.

To prevent resource area loss, the Commission will require applicants to avoid alteration wherever feasible; to minimize alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable and has been minimized, to provide full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with specific plans, professional design, proper safeguards, adequate security, and professional monitoring and reporting to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

#### *Wildlife Habitat Study*

The Commission may require a wildlife habitat study of the project area, to be paid for by the applicant, whenever it deems appropriate, regardless the type of resource area or the amount or type of alteration proposed. The decision will be based upon the Commission's estimation of the importance of the habitat area considering (but not limited to) such factors as proximity to other areas suitable for wildlife, importance of wildlife "corridors" in the area, or actual or possible presence of rare plant or animal species in the area. The work will be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications set out in the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.60).

#### *Vernal Pools*

The Commission will presume that all areas meeting the definition of "vernal pools" under §VIII of this bylaw, including the adjacent area, perform essential

habitat functions. This presumption may be overcome only by the presentation of credible evidence which, in the judgment of the Commission, demonstrates that the basin or depression does not provide essential habitat functions. Any formal evaluation should be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications under the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

#### *Expiration*

A permit, Determination of Applicability (DOA), or Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) will expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed for an additional three-year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission thirty (30) days prior to expiration. Notwithstanding the above, a permit may identify requirements which will be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and will apply to all present and future owners of the land.

Amendments to permits, DOAs, or ORADs will be handled in the manner set out in the Wetlands Protection Act regulations and policies there under.

#### *Coordination with Other Permits*

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine the decision issued under this bylaw with the permit, DOA, ORAD, or Certificate of Compliance (COC) issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

#### *Recording*

No work proposed in any application will be undertaken until the permit, or ORAD issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded in the registry of deeds or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies, and until the holder of the permit certifies in writing to the Commission that the document has been recorded. If the applicant fails to perform such recording, the Commission may record the documents itself and require the Applicant to furnish the recording fee therefore, either at the time of recording or as a condition precedent to the issuance of a COC.

## **VII. REGULATIONS**

After public notice and public hearing, the Commission may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw, effective when voted and filed with the town clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law will not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw. At a minimum these regulations shall reiterate the terms defined in this bylaw, define

additional terms not inconsistent with the bylaw, and impose filing and consultant fees.

## VIII. DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw or in associated regulations of the Commission, the definitions of terms and the procedures in this bylaw shall be as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

**Agriculture** shall refer to the definition as provided by M.G.L. Ch. 128 §1A.

**Alter** shall include, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

- L. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind
- M. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics
- N. Drainage or other disturbance of water level or water table
- O. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade water quality
- P. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation
- Q. Driving of piles, erection, expansion or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind
- R. Placing of obstructions or objects in water
- S. Destruction of plant life including cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs
- T. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters
- U. Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater
- V. Incremental activities which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw.

**Bank** shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

**Person** shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town



bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

**Plans** means such data, maps, engineering drawings, calculations, specifications, schedules and other materials, if any, deemed necessary by the Commission to describe the site and the activity, to determine the applicability of the Bylaw or to determine the impact of the proposal upon the interests identified in the bylaw. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the plans accurately depict all wetland resource areas.

**Pond** shall follow the definition of 310 CMR 10.04, except that the size threshold of 5,000 square feet will apply.

**Rare Species** will include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animals and all plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

**Vernal Pool** will include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 200 cubic feet of water at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for vernal pools will be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high-water line defining the depression, but will not include existing lawns, gardens, landscaped or developed areas.

## **IX. SECURITY**

As part of a permit issued under this bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency, or official, the Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed there under (including conditions requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or both of the methods described below:

- C. By a proper bond, deposit of money or negotiable securities under a written third-party escrow arrangement, or other undertaking of financial responsibility sufficient in the opinion of the Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a COC for work performed pursuant to the permit.

- D. By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions will be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed. This method will be used only with the consent of the applicant.

## **X. ENFORCEMENT**

No person will remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this bylaw, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

With approval of the owner, The Commission, its agents, officers, and employees will have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission will have authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued there under by letters, phone calls, electronic communication and other informal methods, violation notices, non-criminal citations under M.G.L. Ch. 40 §21D, and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

Upon request of the Commission, the select board and town counsel will take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the chief of police will take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, will have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Any person, who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued there under, will be punished by a fine levied by the Commission. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, will constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Any person who purchases, inherits or otherwise acquires real estate upon which work has been done in violation of the provisions of this bylaw or in violation of any permit issued pursuant to this bylaw will forthwith comply with

any such order or restore such land to its condition prior to any such violation; provided, however, that no action, civil or criminal, will be brought against such person unless commenced within three (3) years following date of acquisition of the real estate by such person.

#### **XI. BURDEN OF PROOF**

The applicant for a permit will have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden will be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

#### **XII. APPEALS**

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable in the superior court in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 249 §4.

#### **XIII. RELATION TO THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT**

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and regulations (310 CMR 10.00) there under. It is the intention of this bylaw that the purposes, jurisdiction, authority, exemptions, regulations, specifications, standards, and other requirements will be interpreted and administered as stricter than those under the Wetlands Protection Act and regulations.

#### **XIV. SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw will not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor will it invalidate any permit, approval or determination which previously has been issued.

#### **Motion carries by majority**

**Article 31.** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town of Plympton will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to contract with South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. for services to low income families and elderly residents in the Town of Plympton.

Mr. Freitas withdrew his motion.

**Article 31.** (On the motion of William Slater) The Town vote to pass over Article 31.

#### **Motion failed**

**Article 31.** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to take from Stabilization the sum of \$4,000 to South Shore Community Action Council, Inc.

for services to low income families and elderly residents in the Town of Plympton.

**2/3 Vote**

**Motion failed**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town of Plympton will raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$3,000 for maintenance and development of the Harry Jason Park.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 32. Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to pass over Article 32.

**Unanimous**

**Article 33. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

**Unanimous**

**Article 14. Voted:** (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Town vote to untable Article 14.

**Unanimous**

**Article 14.** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote to designate the Building Inspector on private property and the Highway Surveyor on public property as the Town Officers to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by MGL 82A, Section 4 and 520 CMR 14.00.

**Article 14. Voted:** On the motion of Timothy Dempsey) The Town vote to amend the article to designate only the Highway Surveyor on private property.

**Motion fails**

**Article 14. Voted:** (On the motion of Jackie Norrie) The Town vote the main motion to designate the Building Inspector on private property and the Highway Surveyor on public property as the Town Officers to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by MGL 82A, Section 4 and 520 CMR 14.00

**Motion passes**

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to un-table Article 12. **Unanimous**

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town will vote to transfer from **Stabilization** a sum of **\$10,500.00** to hire an engineering firm as required by the DEP to make the transfer station compliant with current regulations.

**2/3 Vote**

**Unanimous**

**Article 34.** 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 34. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to pass over Article 34. **Unanimous**

**Article 35.** 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 35. Voted:** (On the motion of David Pecinovsky) The Town vote to pass over Article 35. **Unanimous**

**Article 36 and 37.** (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to see if there is any other business that may come before said meeting and, as provided in Section 9A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws adjourn to a subsequent meeting to be held at the Plympton Town House on Palmer Road Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 7:00 AM, as stated in Article 37 for the purpose of choosing all necessary town officers, and answer all ballot questions, whereupon this meeting will be dissolved at 8:00 PM on that day.

**Unanimous**

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The Plympton Annual Town Meeting to be dissolved at 8:00 PM Saturday May, 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Buter, (signed) CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, (signed) CMC/CMMC

# **SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 2008**

Raise & Appropriate	\$6,726,363.00
Free Cash	\$115,499.00
Overlay	\$16,000.00
Stabilization	\$10,500.00
Ambulance Fund	\$77,260.97
TOTAL	\$6,945,622.97

Borrowing	\$122,064.00
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ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008**

The ballot box was checked by the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler, the Tellers, and Police Officer Stephen Terri. The box was empty and was locked and ready for the election. Nancy J. Butler swore-in all the Election Officials for the day. The Handicapped Accessible Voting Machine was used three times during the day. One Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence form was filled. There were four spoiled ballots. The Total number of ballots cast for today was 515. It was a beautiful day.

**Total # Registered Voters: 1919**

**Total # Votes Cast: 515**

SELECTMAN, for three years	Vote for ONE
Joseph A. Freitas	368
Blanks	135
All Others	12

MODERATOR, for two years	Vote for ONE
John A. Traynor, Jr.	302
Blanks	210
All Others	3

ASSESSOR, for three years	Vote for ONE
George I. Thompson	266
Blanks	247
All Others	2

FINANCE COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for <u>TWO</u>
Lisa M. Hart	368
Maxwell C. West	385
Blanks	274
All Others	3

BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years	Vote for ONE
Arthur F. O'Callaghan	279
John Doyle	76
Blanks	158
All Others	2

BOARD OF HEALTH, for one year	Vote for ONE
Michael J. Antoine	186
John Doyle	192
Blanks	133
All Others	4

PLANNING BOARD, for five years	Vote for ONE
Brian A. Wick	285
Blanks	224
All Others	6

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for <u>TWO</u>
Shelly Karpas	395
Robert T. Ruggiero	63
Blanks	557
All Others	15

SILVER LAKE REG. SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for ONE
Cynthia Hines	10
Blanks	484
All Others	21

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years	Vote for <u>TWO</u>
Suzanne S. Smith	387
Blanks	628
All Others	15

CONSTABLE, for three years	Vote for <u>TWO</u>
David Batchelder	384
David E. Smith	373
Blanks	272
Other	1

QUESTION #1	
YES	342
NO	170
Blanks	3

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

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



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

SS.

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

**GREETING:**

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

**PLYMPTON TOWN HOUSE**

5 PALMER ROAD

on **TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M  
TO to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

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

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS..... FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**  
**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS..... TENTH DISTRICT**  
**COUNCILLOR.....FIRST DISTRICT**  
**SENATOR IN GENERALCOURT PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT**  
**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....TWELFTH PLYMOUTH**  
**DISTRICT**  
**CLERK OF COURTS.....PLYMOUTH COUNTY**  
**REGISTER OF PROBATE..... PLYMOUTH COUNTY**  
**COUNTY TREASURER.....PLYMOUTH COUNTY**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....PLYMOUTH COUNTY**

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

Given under our hands this 8th day of September  
2008 (month)

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

Barry DeCristofano

(signed)

John P. Henry

Selectmen of Plympton

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

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

Constable: David Batchelder Date: 9 September 2008  
(month and day)

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

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

STATE PRIMARY  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON

The ballot box was inspected by Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk, the Election Officials and Officer Wayne Sjostedt. It was empty and the numbers were reset to 00000, the box was then locked ready for the election.

All Election Officials were sworn in by the Town Clerk including, Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerks: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, (7:00 am – 1:00 pm) Gail Briggs (1:00pm – 8:00 pm) Tara Wick (8:00-11:00 pm). Tellers: Elaine McKeown, Jean Reynolds, Patricia Harfinger and Patricia Leslie.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. at the Plympton Town House.

One voter completed an Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence form. One voter showed I.D. as required. It was clear cool autumn day, and yet very slow at the polls.

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 1955**

**TOTAL VOTES CAST: 216**

**TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST: 175**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS      CLERK OF COURTS**

John F. Kerry 108      Robert S. Creedon, Jr. 121

Edward J. O'Reilly 64      Blank 54

Blank 3

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS      REGISTER OF PROBATE**

William D. Delahunt 135      Robert E. McCarthy 124

Blank 40      Blank 51

**COUNCILLOR      COUNTY TREASURER**

Carole A. Fiola 81      Thomas J. O'Brien 144

Oliver P. Cipollini, Jr. 43      Timothy J. McMullen 22

Blank 51      Blank 9

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT      COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Therese Murray 136      John Patrick Riordan 88

Blank	39	Laurie M. Maker	93
		Anthony Thomas O'Brien	52
		Richard J. Zaccaro	19
		Blank	98

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Thomas J. Calter III	136
Blank	39

**TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST: 40**

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Jeffrey K. Beatty	35
Blank	

#### CLERK OF COURTS

Blank	40
	5

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blank	40
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#### REGISTER OF PROBATE

Blank	40
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#### COUNCILLOR

Blank	40
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#### COUNTY TREASURER

Edward J. O'Connell	34
Blank	5
Thomas O'Brien	1

#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blank	40
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#### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Ronald K. Davy	33
Blank	47

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blank	40
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**TOTAL GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY VOTES CAST: 1**

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Kerry	1
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#### CLERK OF COURTS

Blank	1
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**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS      REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Blank      1

Blank      1

**COUNCILLOR**

Blank      1

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Blank      1

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Blank      1

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Blank      2

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blank      1

**WORKING FAMILIES PARTY VOTES CAST: 0**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Blank      0

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Blank      0

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS      REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Blank      0

Blank      0

**COUNCILLOR**

Blank      0

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Blank      0

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Blank      0

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Blank      2

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blank      0

The polls closed at 8:00 PM. Officer Pomeroy and the Town Clerk checked the ballot box, no ballots were left inside. Total number of ballots cast was 216.

Respectfully submitted,

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

A true copy,

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

SS.

To either of the Constables of the (City or Town) of PLYMPTON

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said (city or town) who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

PLYMPTON TOWN HOUSE

5 PALMER ROAD

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS..... FOR THE COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS..... TENTH DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR.....FIRST DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERALCOURT PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....TWELFTH PLYMOUTH  
DISTRICT  
CLERK OF COURTS.....PLYMOUTH COUNTY  
REGISTER OF PROBATE..... PLYMOUTH COUNTY  
COUNTY TREASURER.....PLYMOUTH COUNTY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....PLYMOUTH COUNTY

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state income tax laws.

## **QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other



penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

**A YES VOTE** would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

### **QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

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

Given under our hands this 20th day of  
October, 2008.

(month)

Joseph A. Freitas (signed

John P. Henry (signed)

## Selectmen of Plympton

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

I have posted five (5) copies as directed.

David Batchelder (signed) 20 October, 2008.

Constable \_\_\_\_\_ (month and day)

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Buter (signed) CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**STATE ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON**

Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk, swore in all the election officials for the daytime. The Ballot box was checked by the Town Clerk, Officer Christopher Saucier, and the Tellers. The box was empty and the numbers were reset to 0000. The box was then locked.

The Election Officials were: Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, and Tara Wick. The Tellers were: Elaine McKeown, Jean Reynolds, Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie, Gail Briggs, Susan Hayes. Floaters: Susan Ossoff, Lisa Hart, and Carolyn Northon.

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. at the Plympton Town House and closed at 8:00 P.M.

There were three spoiled ballots, Certificates of Authorization for an absentee voter to vote in person were filled out by 4 voters and Certificate of Current and Continuous Residents were signed by 2 voters.

At 3:20 P.M., the ballot box was unlocked and all the ballots were taken out and placed in a box and taped closed. The Officer Stephen Teri, observed as Nancy Butler and the Warden Jeraldine emptied the box. The count of votes cast at this time was 1062.

Police Chief Matthew Clancy observed the voting at the Town House through the day. He ordered an extra detail for traffic control in the parking lot. The Police Dept. will pay for this extra expense.

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS    2015**  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST:    1713**

<b>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b>		<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>	
Baldwin and Castle	4	Thomas J. Calter, III	1183
Barr and Root	5	Blank	527
McCain and Palin	884	All Other	3
McKinney and Clemente	1		
Nader and Gonzalez	19		
Obama and Biden	787	<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b> Robert E. McCarthy	1144
Blank	8	Blank	566
All Other	5	All Other	3

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS    COUNTY TREASURER**

John F. Kerry	845	Thomas J. O'Brien	1104
Jeffrey K. Beatty	750	Edward J. O'Connell	486
Robert J. Underwood	64	Blank	123
Blank	54		

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS    COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

William D. Delahunt	1228	John Patrick Riordan	674
Robert F. Brown	0	Ronald K. Davy	562
Blank	477	Anthony Thomas O'Brien	531
All Other	8	Scott M. Vecchi	348
		Blank	1311

**COUNCILLOR**

Carole A. Fiola	1108
Blank	601
All Other	4

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	1145
Blank	565
All Other	3

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Therese Murray	1190
Blank	517
All Other	6

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**A YES VOTE** would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state income tax laws.

YES	665
NO	1037
Blank	11

**QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

**A YES VOTE** would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

YES	1090
NO	600
Blank	23

**QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

YES	794
NO	889
Blank	30

The polls closed at 8:00 P.M. Officer Reddy, Town Clerk Nancy Butler and the Tellers checked the Ballot box, no ballots were left inside. We had the largest number of voter turnout ever 1713. The total number of Registered Voters in the Town of Plympton was 2015; therefore we had an 85% turnout.

This was an historic event with the first black candidate for the Presidency and the first woman candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**RESIGNATION DONALD J. MATATALL PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

(Received March 17, 2008, in the Town Clerk's Office)

July 22, 2006

Dear Jack, Ann, Ken and John,

I am sorry to inform you at this time, because of ongoing health issues and an overload of work, I am unable to continue as a full time Planning Board Member. I would like to thank all of you for letting me learn so much from you. It was an honor and privilege to serve with you. You are all a true asset for the town. I wish you well.

Thank You,  
(signed)  
Donald J. Matatall

**RESIGNATION SUZAN DUGGAN ASSISTANT ASSESSOR/APPRaiser**

February 11, 2008

Board of Assessors  
5 Palmer Rd.  
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear George, Dick, & Jocelyn:

I submit to you my letter of resignation. I will be taking the position of Director of Assessing for the town of Norton. My last day in the office will be February 14, 2008.

Thank you for the support you have shown me throughout the years and I will miss working with you.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Suzan Duggan  
Assistant Assessor/Appraiser

**RESIGNATION NANCY L. CURTIN BOARD OF HEALTH TREASURER**

To: Janice Beale, Chair; Cathleen Drinan, Clerk  
From: Nancy Curtin

Date: February 25, 2008  
RE: Resignation

Cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Clerk

Comments:

I am resigning from the Board of Health effective Friday, February 29, 2008 due to the predominantly contrary mindset of the current leader of the Board of Health.

(signed)  
Nancy L. Curtin, Treasurer

**RESIGNATION CATHLEEN DRINAN BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK**

Cathleen Drinan  
55 Brook St.  
Plympton, MA 02367

February 25, 2008

I regret to inform the residents of Plympton that I have decided that I must resign from the Board of Health.

The resignation will take effect on Monday, March 3, 2008. On that day I will turn in my keys along with some updates + (and) summaries of some current Board of Health issues I have been preparing.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Cathleen Drinan

**RESIGNATION – REVISION CATHLEEN DRINAN BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK**

February 29, 2008

Cathleen Drinan  
55 Brook St.  
Plympton, MA 02367

To the Board of Selectmen and Residents of Plympton,  
I am revising my letter of resignation from the Plympton Board of Health. My letter of resignation which was handed in on February 25, 2008 stated that it would begin on Monday, March 3, 2008. I am now turning in my keys and some Documents on February 29, 2008. My resignation is effective today, February 29, 2008.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Cathleen Drinan

**RESIGNATION RAYMOND BEALE III FINANCE COMMITTEE**

10 March 2008

Board of Selectman  
5 Palmer Road  
Plympton, MA

It has been an honor to serve as a Finance Committee for the town of Plympton, and it is with regret that I must resign the position.

According to the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission there is no conflict of interest for me to serve simultaneously as a Building Department Official and a Finance Committee member. The only requirement given was that I reclude myself from any Finance Committee discussion or votes on Building Department issues.

It came to the attention of both myself and the Board of Selectmen on March 3, 2008 that when the Board of Selectmen appointed me to serve as the Alternate Building Inspector they were unaware of a town bylaw, namely Article IV, section 1, which states that a town officer is not eligible to serve on the Finance Committee.

Therefore, I will continue to serve as a Building Official for the Town of Plympton and hereby resign my position as an elected Finance Committee member, effective March 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed)  
Raymond E. Beale

**RESIGNATION    MAXWELL C. WEST    WEB SITE COMMITTEE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
ANTI-CASINO TASK FORCE**

May 17, 2008  
Board of Selectmen  
5 Palmer Rd.  
Plympton, MA 02367  
Subject: Resignation from Committees



Dear Sirs,

Having been elected to the Finance Committee today I must comply with our Municipal Bylaw Article 4, Section 1. I therefore regretfully resign my voting seats on these Plympton committees:

- Plympton Web Site Development & Maintenance Committee
- Plympton Historical Commission
- Plympton Anti-Casino Task Force

I thank you and my former fellow committee members for the opportunity to have served with these groups of dedicated residents who help keep Plympton a wonderful place to live. I encourage other Plymptonians to come forward and fill these open seats.

If amenable to you and in compliance with Article 4, Section 1, I would appreciate being appointed to non-voting seats on the Web Site Committee and Historical Commission for the remainder of my terms, through June 30, 2009.

Finally, Article 4, Section 1 states that, with regard to Finance Committee membership, "No Town Officer shall be eligible to membership to this Committee." I greatly appreciate your efforts to amend that Bylaw as today's election approached. There just wasn't time to adequately discuss and vet the definitions and possible changes before Town Meeting. I hope we can continue that discussion and lend clarity to the Bylaw. The requirement is clearly there for good reasons, and there are strong arguments for it to remain intact. But I think the town and future candidates would benefit from discussion and decisions on the definition of "Town Officer" and the risks versus rewards of possible changes to the requirement. I'll be glad to provide any assistance I can to move the discussion and decisions forward.

Thank you again, and I look forward working with you from the Finance Committee.

Truly,  
(signed)  
Maxwell C. West  
19 Trout Farm Lane

cc: Plympton Web Site Development & Maintenance Committee  
Plympton Historical Commission  
Plympton Anti-Casino Task Force  
Plympton Town Clerk  
Plympton Finance Committee

**RESIGNATION     ANN FREITAS     COUNCIL ON AGING**

June 12, 2008

Dear Lisa,

I do not wish to serve another term on the Council on Aging. My term expires 6/30/2008.

I have been pleased to serve on the board all these 20 or so years, but now it's time to resign.

Good luck in finding a replacement. Folks are very reluctant to serve on town boards. Personally, I think every thing has gotten so detailed that one feels defeated at the start. Then there is the litigation factor, which scares the daylights out of many, myself included!

Yours Truly,  
Ann Freitas  
COA

**TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**7/1/07 -6/30/08**

**TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated 7/1/07		
\$9,000.00		
Expended:	\$9,000.00	
Returned to Treasury 6/30/08		\$0.00

**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**

Appropriated 7/1/07		
\$7991.00		
Expended:	\$7991.00	
Return to Treasury 6/30/08		\$0.00

**TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

Appropriated 7/1/07	\$25,000.00	
Expended	\$25,000.00	
Return to Treasury 6/30/08	0.00	

**CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION**

Appropriated 7/1/07	\$1,000.00	
Expended:	\$1,000.00	
Return to Treasury 6/30/08	0.00	

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

### JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008 DOG LICENSES

353 Spayed or Neutered	@ 7.00	\$ 2471.00
53 Male or Female	@ 10.00	\$ 530.00
7 Kennel License	@ 30.00	\$ 210.00
3 Hobby Kennel License	@ 60.00	\$ 180.00
5 Commercial Kennel License	@ 150.00	\$ 750.00
20 Late Fines	@ 25.00	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total		\$4641.00
Less Fees		<u>312.50</u>
		\$4328.50

All dogs must be licensed between **July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>** of each year. There is a late fine of \$25.00 for any dog licensed **after** August 31<sup>st</sup>. Licenses may be obtained in person at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail. When licensing your dog you must show a copy of the Neutered or Spayed Certificate and the Rabies Certificate. All kennels must be inspected by the Animal Inspector before issuing a kennel license.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## 2008 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

F1 Resident Fishing	5	@ \$27.50	\$137.50
F2 Resident Fishing (Minor	1	11.50	11.50
F3 Resident Fishing (65-69)	1	16.25	16.25
F4 Resident Fishing (over 70)	2	FREE	FREE
F7 Non Resident Fishing	1	23.50	23.50
H1 Resident Hungting	3	27.50	82.50
S1 Resident Sporting	9	45.00	405.00
S3 Resident Sporting (over 70)	3	FREE	FREE
M1 Archery Stamp	3	5.10	15.30
M2 Waterfowl Stamp	1	5.00	5.00
M3 Primitive Firearms Stamp	2	5.10	10.20
TOTAL			\$706.75
Less Fees			<u>10.75</u>
			\$696.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## **2008 - JURY LIST**

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

Respectfully

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

### BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2008

There were 18 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2008.

### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2008

#### DATE

June

2	David J. Mignosa Plympton, MA	Judith Ann Fiske Plympton, MA
7	John August Northon Plympton, MA	Christy Lou Saukerson Cheyenne, WY

August

9	Alicia Cambria Vancouver, BC	William Frederick Woods Vancouver, BC
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### DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
January			
3	Resmo Gavoni	94	Fairmount Cemetery Weymouth, MA
9	William L. White	69	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
February			
25	Elisabeth Webb Borges	91	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
28	William F. Halliwill	57	Vine Hills Cemetery Plymouth, MA
March			
27	Ollie B. Mathis	99	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
April			
12	Anne Cusolito	47	Harmony Grove Cemetery Salem, MA
14	Robert M. Andrews	68	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
17	Lois C. Priolo	69	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA

24	Conard A. Russell	76	MA National Cemetery Bourne, MA
24	Irene E. Landry	87	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
May 16	Linda A. Swain	52	St. Francis Xavier Cemetery Weymouth, MA
23	Luis A. Cardoza	75	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
August 16	Russell Silva	58	Duxbury Crematory Duxbury, MA
20	Robert W. Webb	74	Washington Street Cemetery Norwell, MA
October 6	James Isherwood	90	Riverside Crematory Fairhaven, MA
30	Georgianne E. Doucette	66	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA
November 17	Jeanine Gerogette Ouellett	72	North Purchase Crematory Attleboro, MA
24	Noah Marcus Bailey	27	Saint Mary's Cemetery Middleboro, MA
December 23	Alfred A. Norton	90	Hillcrest Cemetery Plympton, MA

#### NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2008

Date of Death	Name	Age	Residence
January 1	Joshua D. Giorgi	22	Plymouth, MA
7	Elanor Chase	91	Kingston, MA
March 26	James W. Eldridge	68	New Bedford, MA



April			
17	Lois C. Priolo		Kingston, MA
28	Jeromie M. Webb	30	Attleboro, MA
29	Laura A. Arrowsmith	88	Plymouth, MA
	Andrena Anderson Whalen	74	Yardley, PA
	Cathryn M. Anderson	88	Newton, PA
June			
18	Leroy Stevens	94	Scituate, MA
	Robert David Millet		Zephyrhills, FL
August			
19	Matthew J. Frates	55	Carver, MA
September			
9	William G. Eldridge	70	Duxbury, MA
16	Henry L. Ceurvels	89	Carver, MA

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS****June 30, 2008****Tax Collections:**

Real Estate - Current Year	\$ 5,030,702.90
Real Estate - Prior Years	\$ 138,329.26
Personal Property - Current Year	\$ 112,495.36
Personal Property - Prior Years	\$ 1,974.30
Motor Vehicle Excise - Current Year	\$ 255,369.13
Motor Vehicle Excise - Prior Years	\$ 84,740.86
Betterments	\$ 3,391.05
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 711.38
Tax Title	\$ 29,482.69
Penalties and Interest	\$ 41,961.47
In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,983.46

TOTAL TAX  
COLLECTIONS \$5,702,141.86

**RECEIPTS**

Departmental Receipts	\$ 93,785.83
Permits	\$ 87,872.55
Court Fines	\$ 200.00
Cemetery Department	\$ 3,144.71
Vendor Refunds	\$ 63,621.25
Interest on Investments	\$ 28,838.18

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$277,462.52

Payroll Withholdings	\$ 925,930.53
Chapter 90	\$ 13,525.43
State Aid	\$ 816,632.15
SBAB- State Reimbursement	\$ -
	\$1,756,088.11

**GRANTS**

School Grants	\$ 55,664.87
Cultural Council	\$ 4,090.52
Community Policing Grant	\$ 38,000.00
Open Space	\$ 4,500.00
Fire Safe Grant	\$ 46,943.00
Tercentennial Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Elections Grant	\$ 311.00
Public Safety Grant	\$ 1,226.10

Handi-persons Grant	\$	5,291.00
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TOTAL GRANTS \$161,026.49

REVOLVING FUNDS

Library	\$	213.29
Treasurers Redemptions	\$	300.00
Deputy Fees	\$	8,751.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$	2,440.80
Student Activity Funds	\$	20,619.34
Recreation Fund	\$	8,950.00
Town Maps	\$	420.00
Police Detail Fees	\$	11,423.48
Police Details	\$	185,882.35
State Fire Arms	\$	6,975.00
TOTALS		\$245,975.26

Receipts Reserved	\$	134,770.92
Donations and Gifts	\$	44,035.92
Interest on Trusts	\$	11,083.73

Licenses Payable to State	\$	537.25
		\$190,427.82

**Tax Collector Salary**

Appropriated	\$	26,800.00
Expended	\$	26,800.00

**Tax Collector Expense**

Appropriated	\$	16,000.00
Expended	\$	15,284.65
	\$	-

**Treasurer Salary**

Appropriated	\$	21,190.00
Expended	\$	21,190.00

**Treasurer Expense**

Appropriated	\$	19,438.26
Expended	\$	19,438.26

**EXPENDITURES**  
**June 30, 2008**

GENERAL FUND-DEPARTMENTS

Town Meeting Moderator	\$ -
Selectmen	\$ 20,406.58
General Government Articles	\$ 61,500.00
Finance Committee	\$ 2,651.30
Town Accountant	\$ 13,128.43
Assessors	\$ 50,457.93
Assessors Revaluation	\$ 11,966.95
Treasurer	\$ 44,507.57
Tax Collector	\$ 42,084.65
Treasurer's Tax Title	\$ -
Legal Department	\$ 40,004.97
Wage and Personnel	\$ -
Town Services	\$ 19,526.48
Town Clerk	\$ 35,166.82
Election and Registrations	\$ 8,129.00
Conservation	\$ 1,969.53
Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$ 3,928.69
Planning Board	\$ 667.39
Appeals Board	\$ -
Town Building	\$ 9,917.73
New Town House	\$ 47,834.11
Utilities	\$ 8,152.79
Police Department	\$ 505,772.51
Police Vehicles	\$ 29,995.01
Police Articles	\$ 22,996.12
Communication Center	\$ 1,992.53
Fire Department	\$ 112,776.76
Fire Articles	\$ 59,000.00
Fire Services	\$ 59,995.31
Building Dept.	\$ 27,384.72
Plumbing and Gas	\$ 5,394.41
Wire	\$ 7,128.86
Cemetery Maintenance- Int. Trans.	\$ 6,801.57
Civil Defense	\$ 181.00
Dog Officer	\$ 8,650.00
Animal Inspector	\$ 1,137.00
Tree Department	\$ 12,978.23
Plympton Schools	\$ 2,144,412.20

Debt for School	\$ -
Silver Lake Regional School	\$ 2,215,096.50
Highway	\$ 307,602.13
Highway Articles	\$ 31,571.83
Cemetery Department	\$ 5,827.45
Health Offices	\$ 181,403.14
Council on Elder Affairs	\$ 9,001.60
Veterans Services	\$ 26,890.85
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 357.35
County Extension	\$ -
Library	\$ 100,119.00
Recreation Dept.	\$ 1,497.21
Park Dept.	\$ 5,954.70
Historic Commission	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 32,150.23
Interest	\$ 108,100.00
Retirement	\$ 231,252.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ -
Group Health Insurance	\$ 175,001.82
Other Miscellaneous	\$ 50,502.29
Liability Insurance	\$ 73,219.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$6,984,144.25</b>
<b>FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</b>	
Chapter 90 - State Funds	\$ 5,021.19
General Government Grants	\$ 4,830.00
DARE - Comm. of Mass	\$ 1,134.53
Community Policing	\$ 38,010.02
Public Safety Grants	\$ 46,943.00
Council on Aging Grants	\$ 5,650.96
Cultural Council	\$ 5,126.30
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</b>	<b>\$106,716.00</b>
<b>REVOLVING FUNDS</b>	
Collectors Fees	\$ 9,046.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,932.15
Police Extra Details	\$ 213,673.75
State Fire Arms Fund	\$ 7,375.00
Student Activity Fund	\$ 17,021.66
Library Recoveries	\$ 294.68
Recreation	\$ 375.00

TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS \$249,178.24

RECEIPTS RESERVED

Ambulance Fees	\$	34,349.93
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Library State Aid	\$	2,197.33
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TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED \$36,547.26

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

General Gov. Gifts	\$	618.53
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Harry Jason Park - Gifts	\$	7.78
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Conservation - NOI	\$	-
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Appeals Escrow	\$	-
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Planning Board	\$	15,532.75
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Police Dept. Gifts	\$	-
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Board of Health	\$	2,847.50
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Highway Sept. Escrow	\$	-
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Student Activity Gifts	\$	-
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Library Gifts	\$	2,659.97
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Town House Gifts	\$	-
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TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE

\$21,666.53

TRUST FUNDS

Law Enforcement	\$	200.00
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Perpetual Care Fund	\$	3,144.71
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TOTAL TRUSTS \$3,344.71

AGENCY FUNDS

Licenses Paid to State	\$	741.50
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TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$	741.50
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**REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
BALANCE SHEET - June 30, 2008**

**GENERAL FUND**

Cash	\$		857,474.99
Petty Cash	\$		50.00

Personal Property	\$	41,536.48	
Real Estate	\$	306,646.04	\$ 348,182.52

Allowance for Abatements		\$	(162,627.04)
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Tax Liens	\$	226,241.42	
Tax Possessions	\$	4,586.19	
Res. For Uncol. Receivables	\$	(230,827.61)	\$ -

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

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	133,625.07	
Res. For Uncollected Excise	\$	(133,625.07)	\$ -

Farm Animal Excise	\$	406.28	
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	\$	(406.28)	\$ -

Betterments	\$	5,725.33	
Assess. Conveyance Tax	\$	-	
Allow. For Uncol. Receivables	\$	(5,725.33)	\$ -

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS		\$	<u>1,043,080.47</u>
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Accrued Payroll Withholdings	\$		21,454.92
Payroll & Warrant Payable	\$		218,361.70

Other Liabilities			
Tailings	\$	4,984.18	
Deferred Rev. Propert Taxes	\$	185,555.48	\$ 190,539.66

Reserve for Petty Cash	\$		50.00
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$		159,019.01
Bond Premium	\$		11,885.84
Deferred Teachers Salaries	\$		(8,920.80)
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$		(97,632.18)

Unreserved Funds			
Res. For Expenses	\$	131,499.00	
Undesignated Balance	\$	416,823.32	<u>\$ 548,322.32</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	<u>1,043,080.47</u>
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# HIGHWAY FUNDS

Cash		\$	(18,381.98)
State Aid to Highways	\$	467,742.09	
Def. Rev. Ingovernmental	\$	<u>(467,742.09)</u>	\$ -

Fund Balance Chapter 90		\$	<u>(18,381.98)</u>
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## SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		\$	<u>2,694.49</u>
Fund Balances			
EEO Grant	\$	444.49	
Math Grant	\$	250.00	
Emergency Education Grant	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>	\$ <u>2,694.49</u>

## TOWN GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		\$	<u>7,493.93</u>
Fund Balances			
Cultural Council	\$	3,488.69	
Board of Health Septic	\$	5,055.19	
Handi Persons Grant	\$	1,474.24	
Right to Know	\$	873.00	
Community Policing	\$	2,061.61	
Pol. Dept. Safety Gran	\$	162.45	
Com. Security Grant	\$	305.89	
Fire Protection Grant	\$	5,006.73	
Com Dev. Town House	\$	(23,745.11)	
Board of Health Grant	\$	2,000.00	
Fed Fire Equipment Grant	\$	63.76	
Tercentennial Grant	\$	884.77	
Police Local Prep.	\$	5,555.60	
Bullet Proof Vests	\$	1,226.11	
Election Grant	\$	<u>3,081.00</u>	\$ <u>7,493.93</u>

## REVOLVING FUNDS

Cash		\$	<u>26,467.78</u>
Fund Balances			
Student Activities	\$	10,346.91	
Recreation Dept.	\$	15,435.42	
Library Recoveries	\$	<u>685.45</u>	\$ <u>26,467.78</u>

## RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND

Cash		\$	137,219.55
Ambulance Receivables	\$	38,820.35	
Def. Ambulance Rec.	\$	<u>(38,820.35)</u>	\$ <u>137,219.55</u>

State Aid to Libraries	\$	8,623.45
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Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000	\$	217.64	
Ambulance Fee Fund	\$	128,378.46	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>\$ 137,219.55</u>
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Cash			<u>\$ 66,913.75</u>
Fund Balances			
Highway Escrow	\$	3,500.00	
School Gifts	\$	1,331.15	
Student Activities Gifts	\$	7,829.92	
Fire Dept. Gift	\$	547.18	
Sale of Town Property	\$	498.00	
Library Gift Fund	\$	8,023.10	
Planning Bd. Deposits	\$	14,770.22	
Conservation Notice of Intent	\$	4,217.25	
Town House Gifts	\$	900.94	
Building Dept. Escrow	\$	867.70	
Conservation Escrow	\$	654.14	
Recreation Gift	\$	100.00	
Police & Dare Gifts	\$	665.37	
Historic Comm. Gift	\$	250.00	
300th Anniversary Gifts	\$	6,413.98	
Jason Park Memorial Fund	\$	19.80	
Appeal Escrow	\$	16,325.00	<u>\$ 66,913.75</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Cash-Capital Projects			
Town Projects	\$	1,818.79	
A/R Septic Loans	\$	50,333.08	
Def. Rev. Septic	\$	(50,333.08)	
Amt. to be Provided	\$	268,000.00	
Highway Ban Payable	\$	(268,000.00)	<u>\$ 1,818.79</u>
Fund Balances			
Board of Health	\$	865.58	
Highway Equipment	\$	953.21	<u>\$ 1,818.79</u>
TRUST FUNDS			
Cash			<u>\$ 356,434.58</u>
Fund Balances			
Investment Funds	\$	2,647.45	
Sale of Lots	\$	31,836.68	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	108,571.40	
Law Enforcement Fund	\$	726.96	
Stabilization	\$	212,652.09	<u>\$ 356,434.58</u>
AGENCY FUNDS			
Cash			<u>\$ 27,744.10</u>

Agency Payables		
Performance Bonds	\$ 54,738.60	
Treasurer Red. Fees	\$ 1,449.24	
Collectors Liens	\$ 377.81	
Deputy Fees	\$ 852.50	
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 3,508.99	
State Fire Arms	\$ (612.50)	
State Licenses Payable	\$ 2,905.65	
Police Extra Detail	\$ (35,476.19)	\$ 27,744.10
DEBT		
Amount to be Provided		\$ 1,278,414.08
Septic Loans	\$ 41,944.08	
Town Barn	\$ 158,470.00	
School Building	\$ 990,000.00	
Dennett Roof	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 1,278,414.08
Loans Authorized		\$ 753,400.86
Loans Authorized & Unissued		\$ 753,400.86

**TOWN OF PLYMPTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**ACCOUNTANT - 6/30/2008**

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	CAPITAL		TRUST &	TOTAL
ASSETS	FUND	REVENUE	PROJECTS	DEBT	AGENCY	ALL FUNDS
Cash	\$ 857,524.99	\$ 222,407.52	\$ 1,818.79	\$ -	\$ 384,178.68	\$ 1,465,929.98
Receivables	.					
Real Estate & Personal						
Property	\$ 348,182.52					\$ 348,182.52
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$ 230,827.61					\$ 230,827.61
Farm Animal	\$ 406.28					\$ 406.28
Def. Property Due	\$ 4,968.89					\$ 4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 133,625.07					\$ 133,625.07
Departmental	\$ 5,725.33	\$ 38,820.35				\$ 44,545.68
Intermental & Loans		\$ 467,742.09	\$ 318,333.08	\$ 1,278,414.08		\$ 2,064,489.25
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,581,260.69</b>	<b>\$ 728,969.96</b>	<b>\$ 320,151.87</b>	<b>\$ 1,278,414.08</b>	<b>\$ 384,178.68</b>	<b>\$ 4,292,975.28</b>

LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Bonds Payable		\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,278,414.08
Warrants Payable	\$ 218,361.70					\$ 218,361.70
Accrued Payroll Withholds	\$ 21,454.92					\$ 21,454.92
Reserve for Abatements	\$ 162,627.04					\$ 162,627.04
Deferred Taxes						
Real & Personal Prop.	\$ 185,555.48					\$ 185,555.48
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$ 230,827.61					\$ 230,827.61
Farm Animal	\$ 406.28					\$ 406.28
Def. Property Due	\$ 4,968.89					\$ 4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 133,625.07					\$ 133,625.07
Intergovernmental		\$ 467,742.09		\$ 318,333.08		\$ 786,075.17
Departmental	\$ 5,725.33	\$ 38,820.35				\$ 44,545.68
Other Liabilities	\$ 4,984.18				\$ 27,744.10	\$ 32,728.28
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 968,536.50	\$ 506,562.44	\$ 318,333.08	\$ 1,278,414.08	\$ 27,744.10	\$ 3,099,590.20

Fund Equity							
Pr. Year Encumbrances	\$ 159,019.01	\$ 222,407.52	\$ 1,818.79		\$ -	\$ 383,245.32	
Res. For Unforeseen Exp.	\$ 131,499.00					\$ 131,499.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 416,823.32				\$ 356,434.58	\$ 773,257.90	
Bond Premiums & Petty Cash Res.	\$ 11,935.84					\$ 11,935.84	
Overdrawn & Unprovided	\$ (97,632.18)					\$ (97,632.18)	
Teacher Deferrals	\$ (8,920.80)					\$ (8,920.80)	
Loans Authorized				\$ 753,400.86		\$ 753,400.86	
Loans Authorized & Unissued				\$ (753,400.86)		\$ (753,400.86)	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 612,724.19	\$ 222,407.52	\$ 1,818.79	\$ -	\$ 356,434.58	\$ 1,193,385.08	
TOTAL LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY	\$ 1,581,260.69	\$ 728,969.96	\$ 320,151.87	\$ 1,278,414.08	\$ 384,178.68	\$ 4,292,975.28	

**ACCOUNTANT**  
**Outstanding Balances**  
**June 30, 2008**

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle	Overlays
1981	\$ 6,379.96			
1982	\$ 2,184.43			
1983	\$ 12,315.43			\$ 5,490.60
1984	\$ 9,924.41			\$ 5,035.76
1985	\$ 2,160.83			\$ 2,743.10
1986	\$ 6,997.97			
1987	\$ 2,224.85		\$ 121.25	
1988	\$ 2,348.37			\$ 3,369.65
1989	\$ 5,498.74			\$ 5,276.53
1990	\$ 14,834.16			\$ 7,604.73
1991	\$ (5,409.98)			\$ 3,860.13
1992	\$ 705.84			\$ 705.84
1993	\$ 12,534.12	\$ (176.67)		\$ 13,955.51
1994	\$ 50,149.49	\$ (97.00)		
1995	\$ (4,994.38)			\$ 2,817.59

1996	\$ (6,476.66)	\$ 620.43	\$ 4,671.62	\$ 5,149.00
1997	\$ 5,425.51	\$ 8,645.58	\$ 3,406.78	\$ 14,763.62
1998	\$ 5,234.61	\$ 1,858.38	\$ 1,728.38	\$ 2,702.69
1999	\$ (5,908.25)	\$ 929.52	\$ 4,090.37	\$ 1,900.15
2000	\$ (1,546.75)	\$ 2,192.57	\$ 3,942.24	\$ 247.20
2001	\$ (6,447.09)	\$ 2,996.39	\$ 2,593.62	
2002	\$ (862.26)	\$ 1,821.68	\$ 4,034.50	\$ 7,246.30
2003	\$ (6,154.70)	\$ 1,985.02	\$ 6,450.85	\$ 2,069.86
2004	\$ 22,990.23	\$ 4,611.07	\$ 5,164.98	\$ 12,519.44
2005	\$ 2,167.86	\$ 4,000.64	\$ 8,483.86	\$ 4,142.70
2006	\$ 1,479.51	\$ 3,555.19	\$ 9,668.91	\$ 6,991.80
2007	\$ 20,249.63	\$ 4,123.45	\$ 24,607.16	\$ 18,419.23
2008	\$ 158,640.16	\$ 4,470.23	\$ 54,660.55	\$ 35,615.61
Totals	\$ 306,646.04	\$ 41,536.48	\$ 133,625.07	\$ 162,627.04

**REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT  
(DOG OFFICER)**

2008 Department activities were as follows: (405) Calls and responses for animal control. (79) Routine inspections of kennels and places keeping animals in the Town. (11) Animals ordered quarantined. (8) Dogs brought to shelter. (10) Dogs returned to owners. (10) Warnings issued. (2) Hearing complaints. (0) District Court complaints.

Allowing any pet to roam unsupervised eventually spells trouble. Several pitfalls that dogs can run into when allowed to roam are as follows:

- Being stolen. Dog thieves are a fact of life. Micro-chip your dog if possible.
- Being injured or killed. Several dogs and cats each year are found deceased on Plympton roadways having been struck by vehicles. Roaming cats and dogs fall prey to coyotes and other predator wildlife.
- Displaying aggressive behavior when encountering pedestrians and/or other pets.
- Injuring or killing livestock or fowl owned by neighbors. Or, perhaps unjustly, being blamed for the work of a stealthy coyote.
- Losing life to the perils of nature; falling through ice during winter, being bitten by a rabid animal, or becoming incapacitated or trapped in an untravelled woodlot or swamp.

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). All stray dogs and cats should be removed from the Town. Removal efforts are more effective when owners' animals are confined or kept on leash.

Beginning year 2009 the Town will adopt a citation system for the enforcement of non-criminal Town by-laws. Violators of animal control by-laws will now be processed and fined without previous hearing. This new procedure, under MGL Ch 40 Sec 21D, will help reduce the number of unlicensed dogs along with the number of illegal kennels in the Town.

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

Homes were found for all animals taken up during 2008 except (1) dog that was ordered banned from the Town for having bitten a child. Plympton does not have a municipal 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 BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Calendar year 2008 brought many new changes to the office. The Town's long standing Assistant Assessor/Appraiser Suzan Duggan, MAA resigned as of March to take a full time position in the Bristol County community of Norton. In July the Senior Clerk Bonnie Davis also moved on to take a position in the Town of Norton as well. The Board hired Stephen J. Dunn, RA, IFA, MAA of Kingston, as their new Assistant Assessor/ Appraiser effect June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Colleen Morin was hired in July as the new Clerk.

The real estate and financial markets fell further into despair in the last 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2008 and overall single family sales averaged 4.14% lower than current assessments for the Town. The average sale price of the 10 arms' length single-family homes sold during 2008 was \$312,000.

### TOWN VALUE BY CLASS

	RESIDENTIAL	\$ 392,591,389
	91.20%	
	COMMERCIAL	\$ 11,711,904
2.72%		
	INDUSTRIAL	\$ 14,614,207
3.40%		
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 11,532,124
2.68%		
	TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY	\$ 430,449,624

As of January 1, 2009, the Assessors' Office had reviewed over 148 outstanding building permits which included only 2 new starts of single family homes. The Board also acted on 221 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise abatements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The year 2008 was fraught with difficulties. There was a change of two members of the board three times by mid year. Our thanks too many that helped the board along in learning their roles as Board of Health members. Many changes occurred during the 2008 year. After much deliberation and guidelines from the Department of Environmental Protection the operation and regulation of the Transfer Station was turned over to the Highway Department. Many old records had to be searched and verified and turned over to the Highway Department and the DEP. It was agreed by all that the Highway Department was well qualified and would do a fine job in maintaining and upgrading our Transfer Station to comply with the DEP's regulations.

The Fee Schedule for the BOH was reviewed with each change of board members and was finally brought more in line with other towns in our area. In many cases our fees for permits were lowered, especially in regard to the upgrade and repair of existing septic systems. These fees along with other updated information for the Board of Health are available on the Town Website.

Two members of the board and two office staff attended the MAHB 1<sup>st</sup> Year Certification Classes for BOH members. We hope to increase our knowledge and efficiency by attending the second year and other BOH related classes as necessary. Thanks to the efforts of Jeraldine Batchelder the BOH Administrative Assistant we were able to attend these courses at no expense to the town of Plympton.

Office hours for the Board of Health are now the same as other offices in the Town House, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9A to 2P. The normal meeting times are every first and third Tuesday evening at 7P. Other meetings may be posted as necessary at the Town House on the Official Bulletin Board.

We look forward to being even busier this year updating forms, files and records as well as our regular duties. The majority of the information in the Board of Health is considered permanent and must be kept organized and secure as per state regulations. This is time consuming work and will be an ongoing project for many years to come. It is our hope that we will eventually have all records computerized and in a secured system.

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

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The past year has brought to Plympton some positive changes in the form of adoption of the Community Preservation Act, improved operation of the Transfer Station, and a refurbished Route 58. These were balanced by new challenges in funding and development of the Industrial Park. The primary continuing issue the Board dealt with was the proposed casino next door.

At Town Meeting and at the polls two days later, our residents' choice indicated their desire to maintain our Town's character by adopting the Community Preservation Act. This has established a funding source composed of money from both residents and the State. In the coming years, the newly established Community Preservation Committee will be proposing to future Town Meetings ways in which those funds can be used to purchase open space, restore and preserve historical aspects of the Town and others. Congratulations to all of us in taking this step.

Through the middle of Town, from Halifax to Carver, Route 58 received a face-lift. A new and wider road surface, granite curbing, brick-lined sidewalks in the center section, and – yes – Plympton's first traffic light.

As far as the duties of the Board went, due to turnover in the Board of Health at the beginning of the year, two of the Selectmen temporarily wore second hats as members of that board until the May elections could be held. Prior to that, as a result of a May Town Meeting vote, the responsibility for operation of the Transfer Station was placed with the Selectmen. The Board appointed Jim Mulcahy to oversee day-to-day operations. The station has been reorganized into a more efficient facility in order to meet DEP requirements and improve our efforts to encourage recycling. For part of the year, we were able to generate income from the sale of metal and paper. The Town entered into a consent order with the DEP that, once met, will finally result in having the Station permitted by the State. We are looking into grants (including federal funding under the stimulus package) to complete this project but will have to seek funds from Town Meeting if none are forthcoming.

The Business Park has progressed towards readiness for development and almost had one large, new tenant. Though that didn't work out, the Board became aware of some changes that, if put into place, will make the Park both, more attractive to tenants and ready-to-go when time is right. As with the Transfer Station, the Board has been working with the State legislature in attempting to secure funding. The Board has also been working with our neighbors, Plymouth and Kingston, to establish an Economic Target Area. This designation will make Plympton eligible for new sources and types of funding to attract businesses.

A continuing challenge in 2008 was the threat of a casino next to us. The

Board worked closely with our State Representative and Senator, and our Congressman's office to make our case heard and to keep us at the table. Plympton joined with 17 other towns that would be affected by a casino to coordinate and share the work. At the close of a public comment period to the Department of Interior on the proposed Environmental Impact Statement, Plympton – the Selectmen, the Task Force, and other residents – submitted the second largest package of concerns and questions. Our submission was second only to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At the moment, the proposal has large hurdles that it would have to clear, but is still possible, and the Board will continue working against it.

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

Two things we hope to pursue in the coming year deal with improvements in the functioning of your Town government and communications. Plympton can only go so far with boards and committees composed of part-time, volunteer residents. A town administrator is needed to ensure coordination of town functions, maintain currency with State regulations, and provide a daily point-of-contact. How we carve an opening into our tightly constrained town budget is the problem we need to solve. Though we are sure that savings to the Town will result from having this position, it may not be a dollar-for-dollar savings in the first years and we'll have to shoulder it as an additional expense during that time. As to communications, many residents have told us that they feel it's one of Plympton's biggest problems – knowing what's going on in Town Government and when. This past year, the Board was presented with a well-documented outline of potential solutions to improve information flow within the Town. We have reviewed the report and will try to establish a task force to work from that document and begin to implement the ideas that are most feasible for Plympton.

Once again, we ask of you all to make the time in the coming year to serve your neighbors by joining one of the many committees and boards in town that are short members. Plympton's government is truly one that is "by the people" and as such requires that all the residents give of themselves to make it work. We are honored that you have allowed us to act as your representatives and look forward to working for and with you in the coming year.

**SELETMEN'S EXPENSE**

Appropriated	\$11,777.00
Expended	

**TOWN HOUSE**

Appropriated	\$25,495.00
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Expended

**BLANKET INSURANCE**

Appropriated	\$65,207.00
Expended	

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriated	\$5,000.00
Expended	

**TOWN REPORTS**

Appropriated	\$2,506.00
Expended	

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriated	\$25,928.00
Expended	

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriated	\$389.00
Expended	

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

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Plympton Building Department, despite the slowing economy, saw an increase in permits issued in calendar year 2008. This was due to an increase in compliance on permit applications for small jobs such as roofing and siding, plus several commercial permits. Permits for wood stoves also increased considerably. The Building Department has continued to work on developing a new by-law regulating common driveways, which, if possible, will be presented to Town Meeting in 2009.

Office hours have been maintained at 8 am to 2 pm Mondays and 9 am to 11 am Tuesdays for clerical, with the Building, Wiring and Plumbing Inspectors and the Building Commissioner available on Monday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm. The Building Inspector is also in the office from 9 am to 11 am Mondays, and can be reached for inspections when needed.

### ACTIVITY IN 2008 – PERMITS ISSUED

TYPE	# OF PERMITS	FEES:
New Homes	4	\$12,585.00
Additions	15	\$5,916.00
Outbuildings	13	\$1,965.00
Repair/Remodel	21	\$2,629.00
Roofing/Siding	18	\$1,092.00
Windows	6	\$503.00
Swimming Pools	7	\$1,200.00
Woodstoves	28	\$1,035.00
Signs	4	\$389.00
Commercial	12	\$11,495.00
Demolitions	4	\$180.00
Total	132	

Respectfully Submitted,

Jake Jacobson, Building Inspector

Jeff Richards, Building Commissioner

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging met at the Town House the first Thursday of each month in 2008.

The main mission of the COA is to match the needs of Plympton's senior population with available resources throughout the local or State area.

This year the COA continued to provide a blood pressure clinic on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as a flu clinic in November, conducted by nurses from Partners Home Care. The COA offers an exercise class on Thursday mornings in the function room at the Woodlands Senior Housing facility located on route 106 in Plympton for a nominal fee.

The COA applied for and received, again, this year a Grant for \$3,500.00 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Grant helps to finance the Handi-Person program as well as pay for a portion of the monthly newsletter, exercise class, and volunteer mileage reimbursement. In 2008 Peggy Palmer, Senior aide is an asset to the COA. Peggy provides transportation, outreach, compassion, and understands the individual needs of each of the Town's senior population.

Last summer South Shore Community Action Council added Plympton to its list of Towns to receive fruits and vegetables from local farmers. Every two weeks the COA receives and distributes the fresh produce to the senior residents in Town. Approximately 20 residents participated in this program. COA is grateful to the SSCAC for including Plympton to their list and look forward to this program in 2009.

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

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

There has been a trend over the last few years in which we have seen an increase in calls to the fire department for a variety of services. This year has been no different than past years. With an increase in call volume and operating costs it has been challenging to operate within the limited budget and funding sources. Our largest expenses are labor, fuel, and utilities. The changing global economy has significant effects on our department such as the price of diesel fuel doubling over a 6 month period. Over the past few years I have implemented a cost recovery program to bring reimbursements back to the fire department for some of the incidents we have responded to within our community.

On March 29, 2008 we saw an incident which had the potential to have taken many homes and lives. Most people remember this as the day the propane truck rolled down County Road. Our firefighters were able to stabilize this vehicle which was loaded with 3,000 gallons of propane. This one incident cost the Town thousands of dollars wiping out the rest of our budget for the fiscal year. Through emergency response billing we were able to recover \$17,000 for this all day incident. We continue to utilize this revenue source to help bridge the financial gap minimizing the fire departments need to request additional funding at the end of the fiscal year from the Finance Committee.

We have also taken delivery of two new vehicles. In April we received a GMC all wheel drive mini pumper/EMS vehicle which serves as a multipurpose role within our department. In late October we received our new Spartan/Smeal pumping engine which replaced the 1975 pumper. This new truck seats 6 firefighters and contains various rescue tools and as well as having extensive firefighting capabilities with its foam system and a 1,500 gallon water tank. Both of these vehicles will serve our Town for a great many years.

Respectfully  
David L. Rich  
Fire Chief



### Activity for 2008

Structure Fire	9
Vehicle fire	0
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	11
Refuse Fire	2
Medical Emergency	224
Extrication/EMS/Auto Accident	25
Spill, Leak No Fire	1
Power Line Down	16
Medflight Standby	1
Haz. Condition, not classified	13
Water Ice Rescue	1
Smoke, Odor Removal	8
Mutual Aid to Others	6
Service Call, not classified	6
Vicinity Alarm	28
Good Intent Call	6
Assist Police	3
Permits/Inspections	65
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Total Incidents	425

**REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
FY-08**

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

Appropriated July 1, 2007	5,871.00
Expended	<u>5,827.45</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2008    43.55	

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

Appropriated July 1, 2007	7,000.00
Expended	<u>5,954.70</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2008    1,045.30	

**LABOR ACCOUNT**

Appropriated July 1, 2007	60,000.00
Expended	<u>60,000.00</u>

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Appropriated July 1, 2007	50,044.00
Expended	<u>50,000.00</u>

**GENERAL HIGHWAY**

Appropriated July 1, 2006	65,000.00
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**Expended:**

Fuel	10,245.04
Utilities electric	2,941.09
Utilities gas	3,664.56
Telephone	1,784.53
Tools	525.00
Road Maintenance	36,215.44
Office Supplies	520.88
Vehicle Repairs	0
Building Maintenance	450.48
Equipment Rental	0

Equipment Repair	2,519.00
Uniform Items	1,830.26
Meetings	290.00
Miscellaneous	2,067.96
Labor & Supplies	1,384.98
Signs	471.38
Licenses	0
Dues & Memberships	120.00
Expended	64,927.55

Returned to Treasury June 30, 2008 72.45

#### **TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Appropriated July 1, 2007	5000.00
Expended	<u>4,998.40</u>

Returned to Treasury June 30, 2008 1.60

#### **SNOW & ICE**

Appropriated July 1, 2007	30,000.00
Expended	127,632.18

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Mulcahy  
Highway Surveyor

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

The Plympton Historical Commission Historic Marker Program continued to expand over the past year. Three additional historic house markers were delivered in 2008 – with two going to homes outside of the Plympton Village Historic District. Applications from another 4 homeowners are anticipated in the early part of 2009. This fall, the Commission, with the help of the Highway Department, added historic area markers to the Harrub's Corner Historic District in North Plympton. These historic district boundary markers can be seen on County Road and Lake Street. Similar markers will be added to the roads leading to the Plympton Village Historic District in 2009. Historic landscape markers were created by the Commission for Hillcrest Cemetery and installed at two cemetery entrances – the main entrance on Main Street and at the pedestrian entrance from the Plympton Village Green. The markers were installed on a pair of antique granite posts split from a granite foundation cap. The granite came from the foundation of a home on County Road which was demolished in 2006. The Commission sincerely thanks the residents who provided donations to support the installation of these markers. Additional details about the Historic Marker Program are available from the Plympton Historical Commission Web site ([historicplympton.com](http://historicplympton.com)) or by contacting the Commission at [historical@town.plympton.ma.us](mailto:historical@town.plympton.ma.us).

The Commission continued its oversight of the Rte. 58 widening which began late last year. Specific recommendations of the Commission were incorporated into the realized project, including the accent strip in the new sidewalk, historic covers over the light poles at the signaled intersection, the use of the more aesthetic guardrail material and the planting of almost a dozen trees along the corridor. The Commission would like to thank Highway Surveyor Jim Mulchay for all the time and effort he has put into this project and for his proactive approach in working with the Commission to address our concerns.

The Commission reviewed and approved no requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in 2008.

The Commission continues to maintain responsibility for the oversight of any decoration to the Plympton Town Green or its structures. The Commission's decoration policy and request form that can be obtained directly from The Commission or found on our Web site ([historicplympton.com](http://historicplympton.com)).

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Wilhelmsen, *Chair*  
John Leschen  
Ed McCune  
Walter Peterson  
Associate Members:  
Dorran Prescott  
Jonathan Shaw  
Maxwell West  
Brian Wick

## PLYMPTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2008

The Plympton Historic District Commission (PHDC), which reviews all changes to the built environment within the Harrub's Corner Local Historic District, notes with sadness the passing of long-time member Alfred Norton, who chaired the PHDC for many years during the 1980s and 1990s. He loved Harrub's Corner, where he and his late wife Jan, an artist, had lived since the 1940s; both were wonderful advocates for historic preservation. The commission thanks local resident and designer Nell Gould, who this fall used Jan's original tracings of the old hand-lettered sign at the Harrub's Corner intersection to make stencils for recreating it; and also Highway Surveyor Jim Mulcahy, who was instrumental in installing the new sign to replace the one lost to a wayward automobile.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Shaw  
Stuart Chase  
Charles Nickerson  
Carol Quindley  
Richard Stover  
Marylouise Sayles

Chair  
Vice-Chair

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year marked a significant milestone in the life of the library. The town assumed ownership and maintenance of the library building after TOPLA, the Town of Plympton Library Association, formally dissolved in May. Together with the Building Inspector, the Board of Selectman and others, we are currently working on short and long-range plans to resolve existing building issues. We appreciate the support and effort by all those involved with these projects.

An increase in town funding added money to our book budget, which must remain at a level of at least 20% of our total operating budget as mandated by the state. We updated some of our reference and research materials, as well as expanded all of our collections with special focus on large-type fiction, young adult fiction, books-on-CD and DVDs.

Gift and memorial monies played an important role this year. Accumulated gift money allowed us to host the Animal World program that kicked-off our very successful summer reading program. We were also able to purchase significant additions to the children's room including three spinning display units. These allow quicker access to materials and add much needed additional shelving space. Memorial money added over \$500 of preschool books to our collection and another \$600 in historical resources.

Additional funding sources included Library State aid of \$3,400 and Net-lending money of \$1,351. These provided money for three computers, which replaced older, outdated equipment and helped to supplement funding for our regular budget items.

Once again, circulation is up over the previous fiscal year with 18,344 items going out, a 7.6% increase over the previous year. So far, FY 09 is proving to be even busier with a 10% increase to date. We continue to provide meeting space for town groups, community art displays, book discussion groups, story times, extensive summer reading programs, and special cultural council programs.

We are fortunate to have the continuing support of a wonderful group of volunteers who help us maintain order. They provide much needed assistance in a wide variety of areas including shelving, covering books, running book sales, and addressing minor building repairs. Other volunteers help to enrich and expand our programming efforts. We once again thank our dedicated staff and cadre of volunteers for all they share with the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Batson, Director

Kathy Keirstead, Technician  
Lisa Hart, Circulation Clerk  
Kristine Boyles, Trustee Chair  
Carolyn DeCristofano, Vice-Chair  
Deb Dempsey, Secretary  
Tricia Detterman  
Suzanne Smith



## 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 2008.

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 also involved in a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal events 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.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Bridgewater, Easton, Plympton and West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plans; the Council also completed work on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2008 Elderly Needs Plan Update; the Old Colony 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); the FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Route 27 Corridor Study in Stoughton, Brockton and Whitman; Safety Audits for Route 24, Thatcher Street in Brockton/East Bridgewater and Landing Road in Kingston; The Bourne Road Corridor Study in Plymouth; the OCPC 2008 DataBook; The Annual Regional Traffic Volume Report; the BAT - FY 2008 Ridership Analysis, Old Colony Human Service Coordination Plan Update, System Time Study and Route 2A Study; and numerous Intersection/Technical Studies. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on expedited permitting; conducted traffic counts at approximately 225 locations throughout the region; and continued participation in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Taskforce. OCPC is also working with the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection (DEP), the towns of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater Whitman and the City of Brockton on the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study which the Council initiated. OCPC also administered the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Hanson, Pembroke and Kingston.

The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 121,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,000 hours of legal services; and approximately 520,000 meals to the seniors. The OCPC Ombudsman Staff and Volunteers

made 1,576 visits to nursing homes provided 292 consultations to individuals and 128 to nursing homes.

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 2008, the Council elected Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council President; Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council Treasurer; and, Lee Hartmann of Plymouth 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 Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair James Taylor for their dedication, commitment 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

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for the development and amendment of the town's Zoning Bylaw, as well as the creation of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board reviews proposed divisions of property under the Subdivision Control Law, conducts public hearings on subdivision applications and, through our consulting engineers, oversees the construction of subdivision infrastructure. The Planning Board also conducts site plan review for commercial and industrial developments, reviews building permit applications and holds public hearings for certain types of special permits. The Planning Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Planning Board office at the Town House, unless otherwise stated.

In 2008, Brian Wick was appointed to the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term and in the spring was re-elected at the Annual Town Election. The Planning Board, at its organizational meeting elected Jack O'Leary Chair and Melissa Farrelly, Clerk.

One of the major accomplishments of the Planning Board this year was a major revision to the Plympton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Besides numerous housekeeping provisions that needed updating, major changes involved storm water management procedures, improved fire/safety provisions and preservation of rural characteristics within the project area. These changes provide more clarity for applicants while simultaneously providing the town with enhanced safety and environmental considerations, while helping to maintain a rural character. The storm water changes keep the rules and regulations inline with the new state storm water standards (MassDEP) and should enable the town to be better equipped to handle storm flows and maintenance at a lower cost to the community. Changes were made to better plan for fire safety, including the development of onsite fire protection water sources. Enhancements also included the preservation of trees and stone walls wherever possible and lightning that reflects the town's dark sky bylaw provisions.

The Planning Board received one definitive subdivision application off of West Street but after a public hearing, the applicant withdrew the proposal without prejudice. There were sporadic building permits and Form A lots requiring review and approvals. Form A lots are divisions of land that do not require approval under the Subdivision Control Law. The board saw far fewer Form A submissions this year than in the recent past, most likely due to the downturn in the economy.

The Board spent some time working through a site plan review for the Plympton Plaza complex on Main Street. The new owner of the Plaza wished to receive a site plan as the original plan for the property had expired while

under previous ownership. As of this writing, the site plan is still working through the approval process.

Looking ahead, the Planning Board wishes to continue to help support and promote the delicate balance between maintaining the rural character of Plympton while establishing thoughtful development. Input from fellow citizens is always helpful and encouraged. The Board looks forward to a productive year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack O'Leary, Chair  
Melissa Farrelly, Clerk  
John Rantuccio  
Ken Thompson  
Brian Wick

## **PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

**July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

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 on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. 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.

The Plymouth County Extension 4-H Youth and Family Development Program's goal is to prepare youth, ages 5 to 19, to become independent and contributing members of society. This is accomplished by training and supporting adults with the resources to promote positive, long-term youth development in their communities. 4-H is a major youth development organization in Plymouth County and is committed to providing educational programming based on the needs and interests of local families. 4-H provides educational programming through two main delivery methods: 4-H Project clubs and 4-H Science school enrichment programs

The Plymouth County Extension Agriculture and Landscape Program is a local resource for Plymouth County residents, in the areas of insect, plant disease and plant problem diagnostics. Plymouth County Extension is also part of the UMass Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Team that works to educate and provide training and resources to Green Industry professionals and municipal employees resulting in an increased awareness to reduce public exposure to pesticides, protect the public water supply and to transfer that knowledge to Plymouth County residents and Green Industry Professionals.

2008 Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: annual sustainable gardening lectures, annual fruit pruning demonstration; ornamental tree pruning lecture, research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology and

plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, 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 UMass-Amherst Extension web access [www.umassextension.org](http://www.umassextension.org).

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

Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Program/Manager  
 Samuel Fox, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program  
 Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program  
 Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant  
 Ruth Ahola, Administrative Secretary

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The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946)  
[plyctvext@mindspring.com](mailto:plyctvext@mindspring.com).

## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2008. 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 2008 season began dry with a low water table which increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 27, 2008 and ended on September 26, 2008. The Project responded to 14,346 requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we continued our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health. Eastern Equine Encephalitis was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on August 14, 2008. Of the season's total of thirteen EEE isolates, two were from Plymouth County as follows: Carver -8/14, Halifax-9/14.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, one Plymouth County town, Lakeville, was elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" of EEE Risk" effective Oct 4, 2008. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2008 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of 6 birds tested positive for WNV in the following six towns: Halifax, Hingham, Scituate, Kingston, Whitman and Plymouth. Approximately fifteen birds were handled through this Project as a dead bird repository. A total of seven isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Abington - 7/29, Brockton - 8/12, Kingston – 9/5, Mattapoisett – 8/7 and Whitman – 8/26, 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2008 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,047 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV. The remaining problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito

Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm). The figures specific to the Town of Plympton are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Plympton residents. Insecticide Application. 1,550 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 473 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission. Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Water Management. During 2008 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,645 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 189 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Plympton indicates that *Cq. perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Cs. melanura* and *Cx. species*.

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

Anthony Texeira, Superintendent  
Commissioners: Carolyn Brennan, Chairman  
Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman/Secretary  
Kimberly King  
William J. Mara  
John Kenney



## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008

Dear Residents,

Once again, I'd like to thank the community for its support of our department. Each year I begin this report by recognizing those from the community who have made our job easier by their dedication to our town. We remain very appreciative of the support of our Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, Highway Department and all the of the dedicated residents who serve our community as officers and members of the various boards and committees. This year I'd like to pay a special tribute to Phil Holt and Dick Rubin who will both be retiring at the end of the school year from the Dennett Elementary. Mr. Holt dedicated 35 years to Plympton while Mr. Rubin retires after 39 years. They have had a profound effect on our community and will be missed. Thank you both from the men and women of the Plympton Police Department for your dedication to the education of our children.

In 2008 the police department realized remarkable increases in crimes generally associated with tough financial times. Incidents of robbery, burglary, drunken driving and domestic violence were all up. In 2008 Plympton experienced its first armed robbery in over 25 years when the Mobil Station was held up at knifepoint in January. Plympton Police made quick work of that case and a Plymouth man has been indicted by the grand jury for the robbery and is awaiting trial. Also in 2008, police, with the assistance of our sharp-eyed fire chief, interrupted what was about to be an armed robbery attempt at the Plympton Convenience Store. Three suspects were charged and a replica firearm was recovered in that case. The department, through the outstanding teamwork of your officers, successfully cleared several burglary sprees in town during 2008. The department also investigated three sexual assaults in 2008. In one case a local man was indicted by the grand jury for two counts of child rape. That case is pending at Brockton Superior Court. Overall in 2008 the department saw a 72% increase in arrests over 2007 while our patrol strength and patrol presence decreased due to a continued budget crisis.

In personnel matters Patrolman Jason Fontana transferred late in 2007 to another department. On the completion of a search to replace Jason, the department welcomed Patrolman Paul Joudrey. Paul came to us as a five-year veteran officer in the Provincetown Police Department. He has been an outstanding addition. Also in 2008 the department welcomed new special officer Michelle Barry.

In an attempt to further control fuel consumption the department obtained grant funding to acquire the department's first police motorcycle. The bike arrived in August and was regularly on the road in October after three officers completed a full slate of training and certifications for police motorcycle operations. The program has already led to notable reductions in fuel use.

2008 brought the end of the Route 58 reconstruction project that created traveling headaches for over 18 months with detours and lane restrictions. The end result is a well-constructed roadway and Plympton's first traffic signal. The logistics of daily lane restrictions and detours was challenging at times for the department but with the support of Plympton Highway, Mass Highway and the Lawrence Lynch Corporation the mission at hand was accomplished successfully.

In 2008 our regional TRIAD program continued to excel under the leadership of Janine Eaton of South Shore Housing and Patrolman Steve Teri. We were able to bring back Plympton Night-Out in 2008 with the generous support of several commercial donors. Patrolman Dennis Reddy graduated another class of students from the DARE program. The Plympton Halifax CERT program continued to expand with the dedication of numerous citizen volunteers. We actively seek any residents who might be interested in volunteering time through CERT.

Under the direction of Plympton Shelter Coordinator David Smith, assisted by our CERT volunteers and the American Red Cross, town officials and concerned residents received training in Emergency Shelter Operations in 2008.

The police department anticipates a very difficult budget scenario for 2009 that will again challenge our ability to maintain a 24/7 patrol presence at a time when activity and crime are on the rise. We pledge to do our very best with the funding level afforded us by residents at Town Meeting. In closing I would like to thank the men and women of the Plympton Police Department for their tireless efforts. Your dedication to the continued professional advancement of our department has been inspirational. Your loyalty to the community is plainly evident and for that I commend you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew M. Clancy  
Chief of Police

**Calendar year 2008 Statistics TOTAL ACTIVITIES 13,236**

Armed Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	6
Burglary	15
Burglary (Motor Vehicle)	18
Larceny	13
Stolen Motor Vehicles	2
Escorts/Transports	10
Trespassing	38
Citizen Assist	2,230
Disabled Motorist Assist	60
Power Outages	12
Building Check	3,340
Message Delivery	39
Animal Complaint	42
Mutual Aid Requested	198
Suspicious Activity	205
911 Accidental	30
Lock Outs Assisted	6
Radar Assignments	927
Motor Vehicle Accidents	59
Vehicle Accident Fatality	1
Assist Ambulance	153
Vandalism	48
Domestic Violence	28
Restraining Orders	22
Threats	9
Narcotics Investigations	10
Directed Patrols	3,480
Traffic Stops	1,280
Noise Complaint	18
Fire Alarm	18
Burglar Alarm	102
Misc. Service/Comm.Policing	681
Fraud	12
General Disturbance	22
Reported Erratic Operator	64
Recovered Property	15
Missing Persons	3
Annoying Calls	15
Repossession Notification	3
Arrests	81
Unattended Deaths	2
Assist FD (Non-Medical)	16
Sexual Assault/Rape	2

**Traffic Enforcement**

Traffic Stops	1,280
Citations issued	879

**Arrest (Categorized)**

Warrant Arrest	21
Domestic Assault & Battery	11
Operating Under The Influence	13
Narcotics	10
Other Criminal Arrests	19
Protective Custody	7

**Total Arrests** 81

**Court Activity**

Traffic Hearings	310
Criminal Complaints (Non-MV)	102

**Firearms Permits**

Firearms Permits Issued	67
Denied Suspended/Revoked	3

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

In 2008 the Recreation Commission continued the Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program to generate revenue to expand the Commission's support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. This program offers local businesses and organizations advertising exposure during the Town's baseball season by purchasing advertising space available along the fences at the Town's athletic fields. In order for the Recreation Commission to manage the funds generated from this program (along with any other funds generated from fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs) the Commission established a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

Revenue from the Revolving Fund and Appropriation accounts have been used to both improve and maintain the infrastructure for our Town's youth sports programs, including baseball, softball, soccer and basketball. The Recreation Commission continues to maintain responsibility for the annual maintenance of the irrigation system at the Dennett soccer and softball fields. The Recreation Commission also ensures that portable sanitation facilities are provided at both the Holt and Dennett Fields during their respective playing seasons.

In September of 2008 the Recreation Commission completed the Dennett Elementary School Community Playground Project. Our goal for this project was to provide a new state-of-the-art safe, visible play structure adjacent to the Dennett soccer fields. In order to pay for the playground, the Recreation Commission relied exclusively on revenue generated from the Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, along with a generous donation made by the Plympton Community and School Association (CASA).

When determining which playground to purchase, numerous structures from several vendors were considered and researched. Durability and play options were vital components of this decision. The Recreation Commission decided upon the vendor Landscape Structures. Their products have a proven track record of quality, appearance and kid-tested approval. The *PlaySense* design chosen is geared towards children between the ages of 5 and 12. For younger children (2-5 years of age) a Dolphin Whimsy Rider was also added. The Recreation Commission selected the dolphin given its significance to the "Dennett Dolphins" mascot well known to students and parents alike. The playground area also incorporated a bench that matched the design and colors of the playground.

In a letter to the Recreation Commission, Dennett Elementary School Principal Philip Holt recognized the achievement. *"On behalf of the Dennett Elementary School, I would like to thank you for the new playground ... the playground is a*

*great addition to the school grounds.” Dennett School Committee Chairperson Maureen Springer also recognized the significance of this accomplishment in an e-mail correspondence to the Recreation Commission. “As a long time member of our community effort in seeking support and financial assistance to provide our children with varied advantages, I personally applaud all of the hard work that brought this project to completion.”*

The Recreation Commission would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for their hard work and support to help make the playground project a success.

Past Recreation Commission Members: Bernie Wilder, Shawn Durgin, Dan Shannon, Dennis Dries.

Sponsors: Plympton Community and School Association (CASA), East Coast Fence, Kingston Photo, Sealund Corporation, Springer Construction, Webby Engineering Associates, Inc., Whispering Pines Family Child Care, Hutchinson Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Plympton Sand & Gravel, Varley Electric, Brouillard Company, Frozen Ropes, Plymouth County Paving, Sampson Lumber, Sunrise Gardens, Nessralla Enterprises, Newcomb's Tree Service, Plympton Police Officers Association, Pro Sports, Southeastern Concrete, Plympton Service Center, Uno Chicago Grill.

Dennett School Committee: Maureen Springer, Shelly Karparis, Christen Gurney, Susan Ossoff, Robert Ruggiero.

Principal Philip Holt

Plympton Town Government: Joe Freitas, Barry DeCristofano, John Henry, Lisa Krance, Barbara Gomez, Carolyn Northon, Kimberly Larue, Nancy Butler, Christine Joy, Robert Vautriont, Rick Springer, Abdu Nessralla, James Mulcahy.

Site Work Volunteers: Brian Anderson, Josh Bailey, Ken Day, Tom Fuller, Shelly Karparis, Sue Keene, Mark Parker, Tim Parker, Brandon Swift, Ann White, Jim White.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adam Bailey  
Susan Day  
Andy Karparis  
Justin Keene

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

Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Maureen Springer, Chairman	Term Expires 2009
Ms. Shelly Karparis, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Ms. Christen M. Gurney, Secretary	Term Expires 2010
Ms. Susan Ossoff	Term Expires 2009
Mr. Robert Ruggiero	Term Expires 2011

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

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

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

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

NO SCHOOL announcements will be 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 2008**

Made up of five elected members, your Plympton School Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the annual school budget, establishing and reviewing educational goals and school policy, employee contracts and negotiations, hiring of the Superintendent, and assessing the future needs of the Dennett Elementary School while considering our students, teachers and staff, physical plant, and the community of Plympton. In 2008, a new member joined the school committee. Robert Ruggerio, was elected to fill an open seat. We welcome Bob to the committee and appreciate his time, dedication, school experience, and insightful input as we complete the year and enter into the budget process for fiscal 2010. Bob has filled the seat left by Lisa Hart. The committee would like to thank Lisa for her years of dedication to our school community.

As always, the School Committee thanks and appreciates the support of our principal, teachers, staff and administration. The Dennett's outstanding reputation is partly due to their dedication and support. The School Committee wishes to acknowledge the retirement of our long time teacher and current principal, Mr. Philip Holt. After 35 years, Mr. Holt will retire to enjoy his family, friends, and antiquing hobby. Mr. Holt taught third, fourth and sixth grades encouraging countless young minds to reach their full potential. Unanimously chosen as Principal in 2004, Phil has dedicated his professional career to the Dennett school community. As we all know now, Plympton is the center of the universe.....Thank you Mr. Holt!

In our second year as the first town in the Silver Lake District to offer a full day kindergarten program, we are proud to report continued success with this early learning program. Our teachers, staff, parents and especially the students continue to be excited about the academic and social benefits this full day program offers.

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

This past year PAYS volunteers supplied funding for bleachers to be installed at the fields and our recreation commission built a fabulous playground nearby for all children to enjoy while their siblings are playing the organized games.



Both of these projects highlight the continuing support and community spirit of our neighbor and friends in an effort to further benefit the children of Plympton.

We must also recognize CASA (community and school association), parents, friends and neighbors of the Dennett Elementary School who work tirelessly for the benefit of our school and our children. Most of the efforts by CASA volunteers tend to go unnoticed year after year; however, without this support our school could not offer many of the programs that are and have been commonplace for many years. Examples include petty cash for teachers, citizen of the month luncheons, enrichment programs for the students, Dennett Voice postage, new computers, a sound system for the all purpose room, science kits, a new copy machine, soft ball field fencing, playground equipment, clavinova piano, music stands, classroom books, spelling and geography bees, read-a-thon awards, DARE graduations, teacher's web page, and more. This volunteer effort for a community the size of Plympton is an astonishing feat, as students leave the Dennett to enter into middle school, we are fortunate that many new volunteers come forward and many veteran volunteers remain to continue the effort. CASA members would agree that the reward, of course, is the enrichment to our children both socially and academically by the efforts that are made on their behalf.

As we continue to strive to meet the demands of mandated testing with MCAS requirements, we are proud of our success while realizing that our work is never done. Our administration, working with our principal and teachers have been able to focus and remediate weak areas to ensure student success as the testing reaches all subjects and meeting the state's goal comes closer to reality. We appreciate the work of the administration in keeping us at the front of these expectations and changes so that we can adapt the programs as necessary for our students continued success.

Our success at the Dennett does not happen without the continued support of Plympton's citizens. As financial constraints dictate the sharing of funds in our small town, we are fortunate that our citizens encourage and demand an educationally sound budget for our children. Without this support, we would not be able to maintain the strides we have made in keeping our children at the forefront of their life long learning experience.

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

**Respectfully submitted:**

Maureen Springer, Chair

Shelly Karparis, Vice Chair

Christen Gurney, Secretary

Susan Ossoff, and Robert Ruggerio

## **Superintendent of Schools 2008 Annual Report to Towns**

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

Superintendency Union 31 School District and the Silver Lake Regional School District serving Kingston, Halifax and Plympton, under the leadership of Mr. John J. Tuffy who became the Superintendent of Schools on February 28, 2008 after a brief time as the Interim Superintendent of Schools, have worked to provide the best for the youth of the three towns.

The Silver Lake Regional School District is still enjoying the advantages of two relatively new buildings—Silver Lake Regional Middle School and Silver Lake Regional High School—which all the citizens of the three towns can be rightly proud.

Additional Central Office personnel changes have included the promotion of Ms. Christine Healy, former Silver Lake Regional Accountant, to the Director of Business Services; and the appointment of Mrs. Mellinee Capasso as the new Silver Lake Regional School District Accountant.

Other personnel changes in school leadership included the following. At the secondary level there were three administrative changes. Because of the reorganization of two shared K-12 positions, Mr. Kevin Sawyer became the Silver Lake Regional Mathematics Coordinator and Mrs. Nicole Afanasiw was appointed the Silver Lake Regional English/Language Arts Coordinator. Mrs. Luci Record retired after serving the Silver Lake Regional School District for twenty-two years as a teacher and five years as a Housemaster at the High School. She was replaced by Mrs. Paula Maxwell. At the elementary level there were two administrative changes and one new administrative position added. Mrs. Diane Biggieri retired as the Halifax Elementary School Principal after serving for ten years and was replaced by Ms. Claudia Motta. Also within the Halifax School Department, Mr. Anthony Keady resigned to become Principal of an elementary school in Hingham. He was replaced by Mr. Jeffrey Cateon. Also at the elementary level because of the reorganization of the two shared K-12 positions, Dr. Katherine Scheider was appointed PreK-6 Curriculum Supervisor/Title One Coordinator.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools nine new teachers were hired to replace retirements, leave of absences and new positions. The Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed sixteen new members to their teaching staffs to fill retirements, resignations and leave of absences. The elementary level and the secondary level also welcomed two new nurses to replace resignations.

As in the past, MCAS data are used both to maintain the performance and improvement levels of the schools and to determine individual needs of

learners. At the secondary level our 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS passing rate and success on advanced placement exams are clear indicators of our success as a school system. The third annual Assessment Presentation was held the end of November to inform all citizens of the three towns what is specifically occurring regarding MCAS in all of our schools.

A special thank you to all the administrators, teachers, and support staff personnel for their commitment to Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional schools for their commitment to the successful learning of the children in their care. We are very fortunate to have the support of our three communities with their commitment to education and look forward to an open line of communication between all. I look forward to the work ahead and to serving the three communities involved with Superintendency Union 31 and Silver Lake Regional schools, leading the way for providing excellence for each and everyone of our students.

**Dennett Elementary School, Philip Holt, Principal**

During this past year there has been a lot going on at the Dennett Elementary School. Students participated in the National Geographic Bee and successfully answered many difficult questions. In February, Grades 4, 5 and 6 did their best in the Spelling Bee Finals. Our very supportive parent group, C.A.S.A., sponsored enrichment programs, such as Star Lab (an inflatable planetarium dome), and a Salute to Reading. We extend thanks to C.A.S.A. again this year for their support and commitment to the school and the Plympton community. Other events included Grade 3's participation in a Braille and disability workshop, the fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduation, Family Math Night, and Arbor Day festivities.

In the spring the students worked cooperatively to help make the Spring Concert, the sixth grade Science and Geography Fair, and Field Day successful. The sixth graders were once again able to participate in an environmental field trip to Cape Cod in May.

The Dennett School Council is an interactive pro-educational group that works together to foster cooperative resolution of issues and concerns, actions toward school improvements, and facilitates communication between the school and the community. This past year, the School Council sponsored the *Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids* Family Forum. The Dennett students participated in a penny drive that raised \$576.29 for the Cranberry Hospice's Children's Bereavement Fund in Plymouth, MA. The Dennett Voice newsletter was published and mailed to all Plympton households in the spring and winter of 2008.

In September Dennett Elementary School was fortunate to begin an extended learning program entitled LEAP (Learning Enrichment Accelerated Program). Students selected for the LEAP Program participate in enrichment modules that expand the curriculum and focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century higher thinking skills of critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and logic. Depending on the topic, students work individually, with partners or in a group.

The Dennett has also kept current by continuing to update the curriculum. Grades 3 through 6 began using a new series entitled Write Traits to help improve writing. In science some of the topics that were covered included three states of matter, different kinds of energy, our solar system, and plants and animals. Grades 3 and 4 have also begun using the new Scott Foresman math series that is well aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Grade 4 constructed models of the national monuments located in Washington, D.C. This was an interdisciplinary project that incorporated social studies, writing, and math skills. The fifth graders utilized their research skills to write reports on Explorers and Grade 6 completed an interdisciplinary research project related to biomes around the world.

The Dennett Elementary School's staff is proud of the excellent education that we are able to offer to the children of Plympton. We are grateful for the partnership between community and school and appreciative of the support that helps us to provide an educational environment where each child can reach his/her individual potential.

**Silver Lake Regional Middle School, Dennis A. Azevedo, Principal**  
**Highlights for 2008**

On Wednesday, August 27, 2008, SLRMS welcomed 642 students into its well appointed classrooms. A summer of dedicated work by the school's staff had our five-year old building, once again, in pristine condition and ready for opening day. The administration hired two new teachers and a Math Lab Tutor over the summer months and ran a successful "new teacher orientation" to insure their smooth transition into the school community.

With the continued efforts by the Mathematics Department, English/Language Arts Department and their Coordinators, we are confident that our MCAS scores will improve allowing us to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress goals set by the state. All departments have dedicated their monthly department meetings and professional development opportunities to meaningful collaboration, fostering modeling and review of Best Practices Instructional Strategies and ongoing curriculum revision. This year's One School – One Book selection was *Code Orange* written by Caroline Cooney. Our community of readers thoroughly enjoyed this selection and look forward to next year's choice.

A new program, The Language Resource Center – LRC, was initiated to appropriately service a specific special needs population. Early evidence indicates the program has provided a positive and productive educational setting for these students. Our students continue to excel in both the classroom and extra-curricular activities. First term report cards showed evidence of this with eleven percent of our students earning the Principal's Honor Roll and thirty-eight percent earning Honor Roll. We also celebrated the success of both of our Drama Club productions; in the spring *The Pirates of Penzance* and the winter show *The Nutcracker*. The Vocal and Instrumental Music classes again performed two exceptional concerts highlighting the outstanding work done by our students individually and collectively.

In our effort to improve communication between home and school we publish a quarterly newsletter, schedule three days for parent conferences, encourage faculty and parents to use e-mail as well as telephone conferencing when needed, and use the telephone messaging system to alert all homes of important events or announcements.

Our goal at SLRMS is to provide all students with a safe and nurturing environment in which they can grow and learn. We remain focused on our *Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, and Academic Excellence*.

### **2008 Silver Lake Regional High School, Richard J. Kelley, Principal**

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

Silver Lake continues to maintain full accreditation, the highest standard of evaluation offered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Committee work has begun in earnest in preparation for our 2010 accreditation visit. Continuing the No Child Left Behind Act's report card program, we would like to report that we exceeded our target in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics on the improvement scale for "Adequate Yearly Progress." The high school's drop-out rate plummeted to 0.9% in the year 2008.

The Class of 2010 MCAS results were received in the fall of 2008. These results showed that 94% of the class passed math and 99% passed ELA. We are pleased to report that 76% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 76% earned Proficient or Advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2008, members of the sophomore class (2011) took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science with 94% of our students passing the Physics exam. The faculty and administration continue to be committed to our school-wide goal that **every** student scores in the Proficient or Advanced category for English/Language Arts, Science and Mathematics. Seventy students earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

All of the 263 members of the class of 2008 met the rigorous requirements set forth by Silver Lake Regional High School. In the indoor graduation ceremony on May 31, 2008, the proud were joined by members of the Class of 1958. Earlier that week, approximately \$132,000 in local scholarships and awards were bestowed upon members of the senior class. This amount does not include scholarships granted directly from colleges and universities.

Our Advanced Placement scores continue to be impressive. Those who earn scores of 3 or above earn college credit. One hundred eleven students took an AP Exam in May 2008. Eighty-six students (78%) earned a score of 3 or higher taking the following exams: Biology, Environmental Science, European History, United States History, Calculus AB, Spanish, Latin, English Literature, English Language, Music and Statistics. This was an increase of 16% from the previous year. Our average SAT scores for those students who reported attendance at college after graduation was 517 in Critical Reading, 509 in Mathematics, and 515 in Writing.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. Over 84% of the

student body participates in extra-curricular activities and athletics. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire. Such exemplary events include vocal and instrumental concerts, the spring Shakespearean Festival, and last fall's musical *Seussical the Musical* that featured over ninety on stage roles. Students from Halifax Elementary, Kingston Elementary, Kingston Intermediate, and Dennett Elementary had on stage roles in the musical.

As a new era in Silver Lake Regional High School history moves forward, the school continues to offer a stimulating curriculum in a state-of-the-art building. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered in order to achieve academic and personal success.



**PLYMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEMBERSHIP  
October 1, 2008**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	33		33	30	34	26	38	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	228							

<b>Grade</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	35	31	36	45	42	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	226					

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	454
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**Silver Lake Regional High School Plympton  
Class of 2008 - Graduation List**

Kelsey	Corinne	Adams
Alicia	Lynne	Ahola
Megan	Elizabeth	Bailey
Caitlin	Ann	Beck
Amanda	Rebecca	Brack
Christopher	Scott	Channell
* Olivia	Leigh Cotter	Cifrino
Amanda	Rossi	Clapp
Michael	Andrew	Clark
Alyssa	Ann	Fernald
Jesse	Lee	George
Vincent	Paul	Gillespie
Edmund	Alfred	Grispi
Kerri	Anne	Hackett
* David	William	Keirstead
Bryan	Joseph	Leavey
Bridget	Maura	Nantais
Ryan	Joseph	Pittsley
Katelyn	Patrice	Savage
Jonathan	Christopher	Sikora
Julie	Mae	Sweeney
Ruben	Louis	Villa
Erika	Anne	Williams
* Nathan	William	Woods

\* Denotes National Honor Society Member

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

Personnel changes occurred on the Silver Lake Regional School Committee when three members totaling 50 years of service decided to resign. Mrs. Patricia Doherty of Halifax served the district for 20 years, Mrs. Gerald Buckley of Kingston served for 12 years and Mr. Thomas Cambria served for 18 years; all of whom will be sorely missed. Replacing them on the School Committee were Mr. Edward Desharnais for Halifax, Mr. Mark Guidoboni for Kingston and Mrs. Cynthia Hines for Plympton whose expertise will benefit the education of our students.

The **year 2008** began under the able leadership of Mr. John Tuffy as the Interim Superintendent of Schools and as of July 1, 2008 he was appointed to serve the Silver Lake Regional School District as the Superintendent of School. Under his direction the Regional School District and Union 31 School District had a reorganization of shared personnel. Mr. Kevin Sawyer was appointed as Silver Lake Regional Math Coordinator for Grades 7-12; Mrs. Nicole Afanasiw was appointed Silver Lake Regional ELA Coordinator for Grades 7-12; and Dr. Katherine Scheidler was appointed as the PreK-6 Curriculum Supervisor for Union 31. All three are dedicated to serving the students of the Union and the Region based on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Frameworks so that the students are prepared to score proficiently on the MCAS tests.

Many pertinent issues reached the table of the Committee this past year—the graduation rate, joint policy manual with Union 31 schools, revised usage fee schedule to name a few. Students participated in MCAS testing in the areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics History and Science. The current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need to take four MCAS tests to graduate. The School Committee receives reports from the staff at the High School who as a committee are quite involved with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges self-study. They are preparing for the NEASC accreditation visit in the fall of 2010.

During this past year most of the Silver Lake Regional collective bargaining contracts were agreed to for another three years which was a major undertaking. Due to the recent concern with the State's budget, the three towns as well as the Silver Lake School Committee are approaching the New Year with trepidation but with the understanding and support that the best that is financial feasible will be done for the education of our students.

The Committee is very grateful to the three communities for their continued support as well as to the staffs of our schools who make it happen.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**SLRSD 08 BALANCE SHEET**

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	<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</b>			<b>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT GROUP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Permanent Funds and Agency Accounts</b>	<b>General Long-term Debt</b>	<b>June 30, 2008</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>						
Cash & Investments	\$ 3,877,352	\$ 603,503	\$ 26,537	\$ 84,221		\$ 4,591,613
Due from other governments	203,076	146,287				349,363
Amounts to be provided for payment of long-term obligations					10,370,000	10,370,000
Total assets	\$ 4,080,428	\$ 749,790	\$ 26,537	\$ 84,221	\$ 10,370,000	\$ 15,310,976
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>						
Accounts payable	175,408	313,033	7,839			496,280
Salaries and withholdings payable	644,598	9,414				654,012
Accrued vacation	354,709					354,709
Due to Commonwealth				2,432		2,432
Bond anticipation notes payable			11,900,000			11,900,000
Other liabilities				81,789		81,789
General obligation bonds payable					10,370,000	10,370,000
Total liabilities	1,174,715	322,447	11,907,839	84,221	10,370,000	23,859,222

<b><u>FUND EQUITY</u></b>						
Reserved for continued appropriations and encumbrances	219,826					219,826
Unreserved:						
Undesignated	626,094	427,343	(11,881,302)			(10,827,865)
Designated for teacher salary deferral	(146,269)					(146,269)
Designated for capital projects	684,353					684,353
Designated for debt assessments	594,058					594,058
Designated for Pembroke	927,651					927,651
Total fund equity (deficit)	<u>2,905,713</u>	<u>427,343</u>	<u>(11,881,302)</u>			<u>(8,548,246)</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 4,080,428</u>	<u>\$ 749,790</u>	<u>\$ 26,537</u>	<u>\$ 84,221</u>	<u>\$ 10,370,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,310,976</u>

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>June 30, 2008</b>
165	<b>Revenues</b>				
	Member town assessments	\$ 13,851,734			\$ 13,851,734
	Tuition charges	183,413			183,413
	Charges for services	749,064	1,417,387		2,166,451
	Intergovernmental	7,111,988	1,898,872		9,010,860
	Investment earnings	105,655			105,655
	Departmental and other	11,441			11,441
	Total revenues	22,013,295	3,316,259		25,329,554
	<b>Expenditures</b>				
	Administration	1,011,280			1,011,280
	Instructional services	11,944,012	2,053,795		13,997,807
	School services	1,026,164	1,305,518		2,331,682
	Operations and maintenance	2,444,084			2,444,084
	Employee benefits and other fixed charges	2,716,179			2,716,179
	Capital outlay	8,407		830,660	839,067
	Assessments	275,697			275,697
	Debt service				
	Principal	375,000			375,000

Interest and other charges	<u>1,526,566</u>			<u>1,526,566</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>21,327,389</u>	<u>3,359,313</u>	<u>830,660</u>	<u>25,517,362</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	685,906	(43,054)	(830,660)	(187,808)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Premiums on notes and bonds	<u>50,483</u>			<u>50,483</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	50,483			50,483
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>736,389</u>	<u>(43,054)</u>	<u>(830,660)</u>	<u>(137,325)</u>
Fund balance (deficit) - beginning of year	<u>2,169,324</u>	<u>470,397</u>	<u>(11,050,642)</u>	<u>(8,410,921)</u>
Fund balance (deficit) - end of year	<u>2,905,713</u>	<u>427,343</u>	<u>(11,881,302)</u>	<u>(8,548,246)</u>



**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF PERMANENT DEBT  
2007-2008**

PURPOSE	YEAR OF ISSUE	YEAR OF MATURITY	ORIGINAL ISSUE	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING
MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	2006-2007	2025-2026	11,104,000.0 0	10,370,000.00

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CONSTRUCTION COSTS  
2007-2008 BUDGET**

SUMMARY OF TOWN ASSESSMENTS

TOWNS	TOTAL
Halifax	729,169.90
Kingston	1,213,032.64
Plympton	308,321.84
 TOTAL	 2,250,524.38

CONSTRUCTION - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal Due	695,000.00
Interest Due	1,555,524.38
 TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	 2,250,524.38
  CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT	  2,250,524.38

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET 2008 – 2009**

			<b>2007 - 2008 BUDGET</b>	<b>2008 - 2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>% INC/DCR</b>
	REGULAR DAY				
	1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	135,900	129,050	-5.04%
	1201	SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	923,608	949,112	2.76%
	2101	SUPERVISION	411,027	428,278	4.20%
	2201	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	804,886	851,429	5.78%
	2300	TEACHING	8,449,847	8,697,919	2.94%
	2350	PROFESSIONAL DEV.	73,482	67,362	-8.33%
	2400	TEXTBOOKS	85,040	120,510	41.71%
	2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	116,380	126,607	8.79%
	2500	LIBRARY	195,631	220,738	12.83%
	2600	AUDIO VISUAL	14,000	24,500	75.00%
	2700	GUIDANCE	737,429	733,931	-0.47%
	3200	HEALTH	82,340	77,806	-5.51%
	3300	TRANSPORTATION	747,686	811,264	8.50%
	3500	ATHLETICS	92,875	130,875	40.92%
	4110	CUSTODIAL	916,201	947,097	3.37%

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

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2007 - 2008 OPERATING BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

			TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
	REGULAR DAY				
	1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	135,900.00	139,279.74	-3,379.74
	1200	SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	923,608.00	834,082.39	89,525.61
	2100	SUPERVISION	411,027.00	402,011.53	9,015.47
	2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	804,886.00	820,490.10	-15,604.10
171	2300	TEACHING	8,449,847.00	8,650,233.16	-200,386.16
	2350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	73,482.00	59,853.46	13,628.54
	2400	TEXTBOOKS	85,040.00	86,479.39	-1,439.39
	2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	116,380.00	121,832.78	-5,452.78
	2500	LIBRARY	195,631.00	211,637.83	-16,006.83
	2600	AUDIO VISUAL	14,000.00	10,889.19	3,110.81
	2700	GUIDANCE	737,429.00	634,426.48	103,002.52
	3200	HEALTH	82,340.00	75,708.44	6,631.56
	3300	TRANSPORTATION	747,686.00	792,621.05	-44,935.05
	3500	ATHLETICS	92,875.00	91,972.45	902.55
	4110	CUSTODIAL	916,201.00	984,478.28	-68,277.28
	4120	HEATING	0.00	0.00	0.00

4130	UTILITIES	1,245,434.00	906,533.48	338,900.52
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	90,500.00	96,384.91	-5,884.91
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	213,100.00	370,432.78	-157,332.78
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	93,005.00	124,491.30	-31,486.30
5100	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	550,523.00	464,332.52	86,190.48
5200	INSURANCE	2,317,335.00	2,245,146.07	72,188.93
5300	LEASE	5,880.00	5,460.00	420.00
5400	SHORT TERM INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	101,406.98	-101,406.98
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		18,302,109.00	18,230,184.31	71,924.69
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	226,156.00	214,775.87	11,380.13
2230	TEACHING	742,787.00	717,572.24	25,214.76
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	26,130.00	29,707.17	-3,577.17
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050.00	29,474.90	18,575.10
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,043,123.00	991,530.18	51,592.82
GRAND TOTAL		19,345,232.00	19,221,714.49	123,517.51

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
2007- 2008 BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

		<u>TOTAL AVAILABLE</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	REGULAR DAY			
	1100	12,875.00	10,405.56	2,469.44
	1200	47,839.00	42,315.76	5,523.24
	2200	133,451.00	136,644.30	-3,193.30
173	2300	1,060,859.00	1,064,219.30	-3,360.30
	2350	7,500.00	5,041.80	2,458.20
	2400	10,000.00	9,573.80	426.20
	2450	26,866.00	37,732.80	-10,866.80
	2500	55,117.00	49,932.16	5,184.84
	2600	2,000.00	1,197.52	802.48
	3100	75.00	75.00	0.00
	3200	34,251.00	35,096.45	-845.45
	3300	84,710.00	84,856.00	-146.00
	3400	600.00	500.00	100.00
	4110	115,405.00	126,249.86	-10,844.86

	4120	HEATING	48,686.00	34,348.48	14,337.52
	4130	UTILITIES	85,000.00	73,016.99	11,983.01
	4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	60,000.00	76,688.25	-16,688.25
	4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	20,000.00	9,997.01	10,002.99
	7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	18,442.00	23,905.48	-5,463.48
	7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	3,566.00	5,256.37	-1,690.37
	TOTAL REGULAR DAY		1,828,242.00	1,827,052.89	1,189.11
	SPECIAL EDUCATION				
174	2210	SUPERVISION	15,197.00	14,432.95	764.05
	2230	TEACHING	122,488.00	101,946.82	20,541.18
	2270	GUIDANCE	45,742.00	46,380.06	-638.06
	2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	7,500.00	17,912.40	-10,412.40
	2330	TRANSPORTATION	22,282.00	21,843.10	438.90
	2900	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	65,612.00	68,882.66	-3,270.66
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		278,821.00	271,397.99	7,423.01
	GRAND TOTAL		2,107,063.00	2,098,450.88	8,612.12
	9320	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	88,000.00	80,467.84	7,532.16



## REPORT OF THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc (SSCAC)  
265 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360  
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South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC) is an agency that administers many Federal, State and Private Grants that are available for low income and elderly persons. During the Fiscal year of SSCAC, a total of **63 Plympton** households were served from October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008 through their many programs.

<u>PROGRAM AVAILABLE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</u>
CONSUMER AID	3
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE	3
FUEL ASSISTANCE	34
HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS	7
(HEARTWAP) (BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT)	6
NSTAR ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	1
PRIVATE FUNDS FOR OIL HEAT ASSISTANCE	2
TRANSPORTATION INTER TOWN MEDICAL TRIPS IN LIFT EQUIPPED VANS	7
FOOD – LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS AND VEGTABLES TO COA 2,186 POUNDS DISTRUBED (ESTIMATED AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD IS 2 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD)	

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LYNETTE C. MANSANI

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SSCAC

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN 2008

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

Routine Tree Warden Activities that occurred in 2008 included; corrective pruning and tree removals, response to emergent tree calls, roadside chipping of tree limbs, tree hearings, tree planting and the inspection of tree contractors for performance to recognized arboricultural practices for maintenance of electric lines, and roadside tree maintenance.

Arbor Day was celebrated April 22<sup>nd</sup> with the students of Dennett Elementary; each student received a White Spruce seedling. Tree Plantings on town property include the installation of seven, Red Sunset 'Franksred' Maples planted along Main St. between Center and Crescent; ten trees were planted along Main St. near Hillcrest Cemetery. Trees planted near the cemetery are three, Stewartia; three Kwanzan Cherry and four, Blireiana Plum.

The 2008 defoliating caterpillar season was mild with tolerable populations of most caterpillars. Winter Moth caterpillars continue to be of concern with state agencies continuing programs to eradicate Winter Moth. Property owners can control the damage with a plant health care professional that will recognize the critical timing of an application(s).

Oak tree mortality due to outbreak populations of defoliating caterpillars (2004-2006), previous drought years and other stress related insects and disease continues along our public ways is of concern to public safety. More than one hundred trees were removed from town property in 2008. The trend of oak tree mortality should slow as recent years have been more favorable to the trees.

I would like to thank Highway Surveyor, Jim Mulcahy and his staff for their assistance this past year. Tasks would have been more difficult to accomplish without the Highway Department and other departments cooperation.

The discovery of Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) in the Worcester area is of major concern with the loss of tens of thousands of trees. Residents were at first shocked, then angry and eventually there was acceptance that the quarantine beetle eradication program led by the USDA is the

correct course of action. The eradication effort is designed to limit the spread of the invasive ALB and facilitate its eradication within the infested area. The trees being cut to eliminate the beetles are all hardwoods: maples, ash, birch, horse

chestnut and other trees favored by the destructive insects. The tree removal program once complete is expected to rewrite the landscape of Worcester and parts of Holden, Boylston, Shrewsbury and West Boylston. On the bright side the beetle eradication program is an opportunity to plant the right tree in the right place to make our urban forest stronger and better. I will continue to monitor the progress of the eradication program and I am confident that the USDA APHIS Program will be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

*William N Hayes, Jr*

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Plympton Tree Warden

## **REPORT OF THE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

In 2008 the Committee continued to maintain and expand the official town Web site, [www.town.plympton.ma.us](http://www.town.plympton.ma.us), while maintaining over 2700 pages of content, images and documents through countless hours of volunteer effort. This year the Committee focused primarily on maintaining the site, insuring that pertinent information sent to the Committee for posting made it to the site. Some of these additions include town meeting warrant, town election results, board of selectmen meeting agendas and minutes, open space committee information, police department, zoning bylaws, calendar events and more. Additionally, the web site received an award and recognition from Common Cause for the third straight year. Common Cause annually recognizes Massachusetts' cities and towns providing essential information such as bylaws, budgets, town meeting warrants etc. online.

The web site averaged over 1,260 page visits per day this year, up 4% from last year and 29% from 2006. Some of the most popular pages are the calendar of events, contact information for boards/committees, "about Plympton", Police Department and town bylaws, reports and forms. The site also houses information on open positions, special meeting notices, business listings, manages an email notification list used to notify subscribers of special postings and maintains contact and process information for over 40 department and committees.

The Committee relies upon the support of other Plympton boards, committees, organizations and businesses to supply information for inclusion on the web site. The Committee does not have the capacity to search out content for the site and as such, is always looking for more information or ideas. More importantly, the Committee is also in need of interested individuals to help keep the web site maintained and running smoothly. This past year the committee's first and only chair, Max West, stepped down from the position he held since the site's inception in 2003. The web site's continued success is a reflection of the tireless efforts of a dedicated committee but also of the thoughtful leadership, steady hand and relentless hard work of Max as chair. Looking ahead during these difficult budgetary times, the Plympton web site is well positioned to be able to provide valuable information to Plympton citizens in a cost-effective manner.

We thank the residents, departments and committees of Plympton for their support. Respectfully submitted, Brian Wick, Chair; Jon Wilhelmsen, Vice-Chair; Jeremy Yon, Clerk; Carolyn DeCristofano; Maxwell West; Steven Ziglar.  
[webmaster@town.plympton.ma.us](mailto:webmaster@town.plympton.ma.us)

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## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS - TOWN OFFICES**

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

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