

TOWN OF PLYMPTON



ANNUAL REPORT

2011

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**ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
and Committees
For the Year Ending
December 31, 2011**

**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 2012 Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday,
May 16, 2012 at the Dennett Elementary School.

TOWN ELECTION May 19, 2012 at the Town House. (Third Saturday of the month)

Polls will be open for the 2012 Election of Officers from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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

2000 FEDERAL CENSUS
2,637

2011 CENSUS
2,848

REGISTERED VOTERS
2,909

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
William D. Delahunt

US SENATORS
John F. Kerry
Scott P. Brown

PLYMOUTH & BARNSTABLE DISTRICT
Therese Murray

TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT
Thomas J. Calter

In Memoriam

Mr. Frank Milton Young



June 16, 1920 – July 05, 2011

Registrar of Voters
Plympton Garden Club
Upland Sportsman's Club
A Gentleman and good friend

VOLUNTEER

If you would like to meet your neighbors and give back to your community, please complete this volunteer form indicating your areas of interest and return this page to: Plympton Board of Selectmen, 5 Palmer Road, Plympton, MA 02367

Name _____
Address _____
Best Telephone to reach you _____
Second phone _____
Background/Experience for position _____

Please list in order of preference:

- _____ Agricultural Commission
- _____ Assessors, Board of
- _____ Building Inspector
- _____ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- _____ Community Preservation Committee
- _____ Conservation Commission
- _____ Council on Aging
- _____ Cultural Council
- _____ Dennett School Committee
- _____ Election Official
- _____ Finance Committee
- _____ Health, Board of
- _____ Historical Commission
- _____ Historic District Commission (PHDC)
- _____ Jason Park Study & Development Committee
- _____ Library, Trustees of
- _____ Old Home Day Committee
- _____ Open Space Committee
- _____ Planning Board
- _____ Plumbing & Gas Inspector
- _____ Recreation Commission
- _____ Registrars of Voters
- _____ Silver Lake Regional School Committee
- _____ Wage & Personnel Board
- _____ Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee
- _____ Zoning Board of Appeals

MEETINGS TIMES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES 2011 - 2012

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

BOARDS/COMMITTEES

DAY

TIME

Agricultural Committee	2 nd Monday	7:00 pm
Board of Appeals	as posted	
Board of Assessors	as posted	
Board of Health	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	5:00 pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	7:00 pm
Building Inspector	Monday	6:00 pm
Community Preservation Committee	4 th Tuesday	7:00 pm
Conservation Committee	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	7:30 pm
Council on Aging	2 nd Thursday	9:00 am
Cultural Council	as posted	
Finance Committee	as posted	
Historical Commission	as posted	
Historic District Committee	as posted	
Library Trustees	as posted	
Old Home Day Committee	as posted	
Open Space Committee	Third Wednesday	7:30 pm
Planning Board	1 st & 3 rd Monday	7:30 pm
Recreation Committee	as posted	
School Committee - Dennett	4 th Monday	4:30 pm
School Committee - Silver Lake	2 nd Thursday	7:00 pm
Veteran's Agent	by appointment	
Wage and Personnel Committee	as posted	
Website Committee	as posted	
Wiring Inspector	Monday	6:00 pm

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

**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS
2011**

MODERATOR

John A. Traynor Jr. (2013)

SELECTMEN

Joseph A. Freitas (2014)

Barry DeCristofano (2013)

John P. Henry (2012)

TOWN CLERK

Nancy J. Butler (2012)

TAX COLLECTOR

Carolyn A. Northon (2013)

TREASURER

Carolyn A. Northon (2012)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara Gomez (2013)

ASSESSORS

David Batchelder (2014)

Jocelyn Anderson (2012)

Richard Nordahl (2013)

BOARD OF HEALTH

John E. Doyle (2012)

Colleen P. Morin (2013)

Arthur F. O'Callaghan Jr. (2014)

CONSTABLES

David Batchelder (2014)

David E. Smith (2014)

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 YEARS

Lisa M. Hart (2014)

Susan F. Ossoff (2013)

David C. Pecinovsky (2012)

Mark E. Russo (2013)

Maxwell C. West (2014)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

James M. Mulcahy (2012)

PLANNING BOARD

Irving R. Butler Jr. (2012)

Paul D'Angelo (2015)

John D. O'Leary Jr. (2016)

Brian A. Wick (2013)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DENNETT

Christopher Badot (2013)

Mark Gabriel (2012)

Shelly Karparis (2014)

Robert Ruggiero (2014)

Maureen Springer (2012)

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Cynthia Hines (2014)
Maureen A. Springer (2012)

TREE WARDEN

William N. Hayes Jr. (2012)

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kristine Boyles (2012)
Thomas E. Cosato, Sr. (2014)
Deborah L. Dempsey (2013)
Patricia L. Detterman (2014)
Susan T. Vetterlein (2012)
Christine Winslow (2013)

PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS 2011

Agricultural Commission – Richard Burnet (2014), Richard Harlfinger (2014), Jeffrey LaFleur (2013), Richard Nordhal (2012), Linda Schauwecker (2013),
Animal Inspector/Dog Officer – Frank Bush (2012)
Building Commissioner – Thomas Millias (2012)
Assistant Local Building Inspector – (2012)
Burial Agent - James Mulcahy - (2012)
CERT Coordinator – David Smith (2012)
Chief of Fire Department – (Acting) Warren Borsari (2012)
Chief of Police – Patrick Dillon – (2013)
Civil Defense Committee –Chief (Acting) Warren Borsari (2012),
Community Preservation Committee – Deborah Anderson (2013), Rick Burnet (2014), Irving Butler, Jr., (2012) David C. Chandler Sr. (2012), Susan Ossoff (2013), Mark E. Russo (2014), Jane Schulze (2013), Colleen Thompson (2014), Mary Susanne Walker (2014)
Conservation Commission – Rick Burnet (2014), Joseph Freitas (2012), John Mathias (2014), Jeff Smith (2013),
Council on Aging – Dorothy Cushman – Coordinator/Treasurer (2012), Evy Hanningan - Secretary (2014), Sandra Henry - Director (2014), Barbara Knox (2012), Christine Maiorano (2014), Shirley Martin (2012), Patricia Mustacaros (2014), Polly Nordahl (2011), Sue Walker (2012)
Patricia Mustacaros – Director of Old Colony Elder Services (2012),
Senior Aide - Margaret Palmer (2014),
Director of Veteran's Services – Roxanne Whitbeck (2012)
Election Officials (annual appointments) Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Tara Wick; Inspectors: Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie, Elaine McKeown, Jean Reynolds; Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan; Tellers: Barbara Allsopp, Debra Batson, Cynthia Bloomquist, Lee Cook, Lisa Hart, Grace Heinonen, Robert Jacobson, Frances Lundgren, Susan Ossoff, Helen Reynolds, Timothy Snow, Marilyn Thompson, Sandra Zentz
Finance Committee – Lisa Hart (2014), Susan Ossoff (2013), Mark Russo (2013), Maxwell West (2014)
Forest Fire Warden – Acting Fire Chief, Warren Borsari (2012)
43 D Coordinator – Richard Gauley (2012), Kenneth Thompson – Alternate (2013)
Gypsy Moth Superintendent – William Hayes (2012)
Harry Jason Park Study – Joseph A. Freitas (2012)
Historical Commission – Edward J. McCune III (2014), Martin P. Mitchell (2012), Jill Palenstijn (2013), Jane Schulze (2012), Jon Wilhelmsen (2014), Associated: Richard Burnett,
Historic District Commission (PHDC) – Stuart Chase (2012), Edward J. McCune III, Alternate (2012) Charles C. Nickerson (2012), Carol Quindley (2012), Marylouise Sayles (2013), Jonathan Shaw (2013), Richard Stover (2013), Alternate
Inspector of Wiring – Robert Karling (2012), Deputy Wiring Inspector, Scott Varley (2012)
Local Building Inspector – Thomas Millias (2012)
Old Home Day Committee – Martha Budrow (2012), Mary Conant (2012), Sherri Slater, (2014)
Open Space Committee – Gail Briggs (2012), Christian Lawrence (2012), Linda Leddy (2014), Vicki Maloney (2015), Francis Perfetuo Jr. (2015), Brad Prescott (2012),
Plumbing & Gas Inspector – Douglas G. Hawthorne Jr. (2012), Thomas Bouchard (2012), Assistant, Edward Sealey (Alternate) 2012,
Police, Full-time – Daniel L. Alix, Robert J. Costa, Jr., Paul Joudrey, John Mulready, Stephen M. Teri,
Police Matron – Cheryl Davis (2011),
Police, Part-time – Robert Akin (2012), Dana Fowler, Christopher Saucier (2012)
Police, Special Officers – Michelle Barry (2011), Paul Harkins (2011), Linda Pomroy (2011), Dana Smith (2011),
Recreation Commission - Steven Beckwith (2012), Susan Day (2012), Andrew Karparis (2013), Justin Keene (2013), Ann M. White (2012)
Registrars of Voters - Kathleen Keirstead (2012), Lisa Krance (2013), Shirley Martin (2014)
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control – William Hayes (2012)
Town Accountant – Barbara Gomez (2013)
Town Counsel - Kopelman and Paige, P.C.
Town House – Building Committee – Nancy Butler, John Henry, Jake Jacobson, Robert Karling, Tara Wick
Treasurer/Collector – Carolyn Northon (2012)
Tree Warden – William Hayes, Jr. (2012)
Veteran's Services – Roxanne Whitbeck (2012)
Wage & Personnel Board – David C. Chandler, Sr., (2014), James Mustacaros (2014), Alan Wheelock (2012),
Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee - Martha Burns (2013), Maxwell West (2013), Non-voting, Jon Wilhelmsen (2014), Non-voting, Jeremy Yon (2013)
Wiring Inspector – Robert Karling (2012), Scott Varley, Deputy (2012)
Zoning Board of Appeals – David F. Alberti, Alternate (2013), David Batchelder, Alternate (2012), Mark E. Russo (2012), Ann Sobolewski (2014),
Zoning Enforcement Officer – Robert Karling (2012)

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2011

As always, January is a very busy time of year in the Town Clerk's office; entering the annual street census information into the computer, preparing the budget for the next fiscal year, and gathering the information for the Annual Town Report with all Town Meeting and Election Minutes, vital statistics including births, deaths and marriages recorded in the Town of Plympton, and licensing details recorded in our office.

Things pick up again in February when we start preparing for the Annual Town Meeting and the nomination papers for the Annual Town Election. Immediately after the Election, the results must be sent into the Secretary of State's office and the by-law changes sent to the Attorney General's office.

There was a lot of activity in the Town House during the summer while a new, fireproof, modular vault was installed made possible because of Community Preservation Funds. We thank the committee and townspeople for seeing the value of preserving vital and historic records. We are waiting to complete the final phase of the installation to connect to the Town Hall's fire alarm system. The Town Vault will be a valuable asset to the town once it is completed.

This will be my last Town Clerk's Report as I will be retiring on May 19, 2012. It has been my privilege to serve you the people of Plympton for the past 15 years. Thank you for allowing me to be your Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

May 18, 2011

PLYMOUTH, §

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

GREETING:

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

Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 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: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 2. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2012 as permitted by and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2011 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2012

A. Firefighters (Part-time)

Deputy Chief	23.34
Captain	21.75
Lieutenant	20.69
Firefighter	19.63
Certified EMT	19.63
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	26.52

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	17.90 - 19.65
Truck Driver/Laborer	17.11 - 17.82
Laborer	13.95 - 14.63

C. Town Labor

Laborer	13.95 - 14.63
Sr. Disposal Attendant	16.12 - 16.84
Disposal Attendant	14.36 - 15.06

D. Clerical/Election Workers

Clerk	10.00 - 12.00
Senior Clerk/Warden	13.00 - 14.50

E. Permanent Staff(all departments)

Clerk	13.00 - 14.50
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Senior Clerk	15.00 - 16.25
Administrative Assistant	17.10 - 20.00
Asst. to Treasurer/Collector	17.50 - 21.00
Asst. Town Clerk	17.50 - 21.00

F. Library

Clerk	9.36 - 11.48
Circulation Clerk	11.23 - 13.00
Library Technician	13.69 - 15.56
Senior Library Technician	14.35 - 17.40

G. Other Employees

Special Police Officer	13.39
Police Matron	15.45

H. Salaried Employees

Library Director	30,700.00 – 36,750.00
Assist. Assessor	23,250.00 – 42,000.00

Wage & Personnel Board: Recommended by BOS 3-0

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

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 5 . To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage & Personnel By-laws by adding the following section:

Section 1. Definition

D. Exclusion from the Plan. Any employee having a contract with the Board of Selectmen or any union contract shall not be bound by the terms of this compensation plan. Currently this would include the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Police Sergeant, Police Union, Veteran's Agent and the Town Accountant.

Wage & Personnel: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II Section I paragraph 2 of the Municipal Bylaws to read as follows: Polls will be open at 8 o'clock a.m. for the election of the officers and shall be continuously open for voting until 6 o'clock p.m.; the meeting for the transaction of business shall be called at 7 o'clock p.m.

Town Clerk: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$30,000.00 to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2012 or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of \$161,900.00 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 section 34-2a of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

Highway Department: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,306.00 to make the annual lease payment on a police patrol car, on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$23,000.00 to pay the annual lease payments for police patrol vehicles, on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,700.00 to repair and upgrade the electronic security system at the police station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,765.00 to pay the fourth and final payment for a police motorcycle on a lease to own program, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,900.00 to purchase an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for deployment in a police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,500.00 to train and equip a new D.A.R.E. officer for a drug education and resistance program, to be conducted at the Dennett Elementary School or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Fire Chief to apply for a lease to own program with Ford Credit to purchase and equip a new 4x4 First Response and Fire Command SUV vehicle in four annual payments of \$7,971.49 Total amount funded \$29,045.00 or take any other action relative there to.

Fire Chief Check: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$299,478 to purchase and equip a new Tanker Truck or take any other action relative there to.

Fire Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 to purchase new vehicle extrication equipment or take any other action relative there to.

Fire Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,444.00 to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative there to.

Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,839.00 to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own program or take any other action relative there to.

Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 20. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund the position of Town Coordinator as called for in Article XIX of the Town By-laws.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, to adopt special legislation establishing the appointed combined office of treasurer collector as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

An Act Creating the Position of Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Plympton.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 or of any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a treasurer-collector for the town of Plympton. The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed and may be removed, after the opportunity for a hearing, by the board of selectmen of the town. The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the treasurer-collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act the elected offices of town treasurer and town collector shall be abolished and the terms of the incumbents of such offices terminated. Provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this act, the incumbent elected collector on the effective date of this act shall be the first appointee to the new combined position of treasurer collector, and shall hold such office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which the collector was elected, unless such incumbent sooner vacates such office. After the expiration of the term of the incumbent town collector holding office on the effective date of this act, or a sooner vacating of the office, the board of selectmen shall appoint a treasurer collector in accordance with section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the abolition of the elected offices of treasurer or collector or the creation of the combined appointed office, and the appointed treasurer collector shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the offices so abolished or consolidated. All records, property and equipment whatsoever of the offices of the elected treasurer and elected collector shall be assigned to the office of the appointed treasurer collector.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 22. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to 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: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56 that will authorize the Board of Assessors upon acceptance to grant a real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of town meeting; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Veteran's Agent: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2012 Interim-Year valuation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 25. 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§53E1/2, for the use by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of subsidizing the Town's map updates. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through fees collected by the Planning Board from the creation of new lots. The Board of Assessors is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M.G.L., Chapter 44§53E1/2, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 26. 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: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of materials to construct a Fitness Path at the Dennett Elementary School or take any other action relative thereto.

Recreation Commission: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving account under the Provision of Mass General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purposes of processing Tax Titles and Tax Possessions, including legal fees, miscellaneous expenses and salaries of staff in the Treasurer/Collectors department and Land Court fees.

Funds deposited in this account shall be from miscellaneous and legal fees charged on tax title accounts and one half of interest collected on Tax Title accounts when paid. In addition, said account shall also be credited with miscellaneous fees and legal fees and one half of the Interest accrued on Tax Possession from the sale or auction of said Tax Possession.

The Treasurer/Collector shall be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-Law Article 3, Section 4, to add the following language:

Section 4A: "With respect to any article pertaining to the annual operating budget, or subsequent revisions to the annual budget at the same or subsequent town meetings, the Moderator shall give the Finance Committee the opportunity to offer the main motion."

Max West and Others: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2012, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses [\$3,900]

Reserves:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve [\$7,800]

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve [\$7,800]

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve [\$7,800]

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve [\$50,700]

or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting Section 6.1, in its entirety, and substituting therefore the following:

Section 6

6.1 Signs

6.1.1 Intent

It is the intent of this by-law to protect, conserve and improve the unique visual quality and historic character of the Town of Plympton while simultaneously supporting the needs of the business community. It is the intent of this section to do so by clearly regulating all signs. The following regulations have been designed to encourage modest signs of high quality which safely identify any use or occupancy of land and structures in the Town as established under site plan review.

6.1.2 Definitions

Sign

Any word, letter, symbol, drawing, picture, design, device, article or object which advertises, calls attention to or indicates the location of any premises, person or activity; whatever its manner of composition or construction and however displayed.

Address Sign

A sign identifying the numerical street address or property name premises.

Directory Sign

A sign listing the tenants or occupants of a multiple-tenant structure or center.

Freestanding Sign

A sign that is not attached to a building and has its own support structure.

Individual Letters or Symbols

Individual letters or symbols attached to, painted, carved, engraved or projected on a surface (such as a building wall or window) shall constitute a sign.

Hanging Sign

Any sign which projects more than eight (8) inches from a wall or façade.

Historical Marker

A sign indicating historical information (e.g. date of construction, early owners, builders, significant events, etc.), located on residential and commercial buildings or property.

Off Premises Sign

Any sign that displays information for a use, occupant or owner not located on the premises on which said sign exists.

Traffic Flow Sign

A sign erected for the purpose of safely regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

Wall Sign

A flat sign mounted to a wall or other vertical surface and the face of which runs parallel to a wall.

Window Sign

A sign which is painted on, attached to or hung within 12 inches of a window. This shall include any interior and exterior placement of a sign in relation to a window.

6.1.3 Allowed Uses of Permanent Signs

A sign permit shall be required for any permanent sign, unless otherwise expressly exempted herein.

6.1.3.1 Agricultural-Residential District

- A. The display of not more than a total of two (2) unlighted signs, pertaining to an allowed principal or accessory use (including an allowed accessory professional office or customary home occupation or renting of rooms), provided that no individual sign shall exceed six (6) square feet of total area, shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder.
- B. No lighted sign shall be permitted in the Agricultural-Residential District.

6.1.3.2 Business & Light Manufacturing Districts

- A. The display of one or more signs to identify an allowed use of the premises shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that total combined area of all of the signs on a building shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area including wall, roof, projecting or hanging signs;
- B. Except as provided for below, in addition to the 50 square feet of signage allowed above [per building or total allowed for all buildings], the display of one (1) additional freestanding sign per building, pertaining to an allowed use of the premises shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that such a sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area, nor fifteen (15) feet in height;
- C. Premises with multiple buildings, businesses or uses shall utilize a single directory sign in lieu of one (1) or more freestanding signs. The directory sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area per allowed use and shall not be more than fifteen (15) feet in height and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in width;
- D. No wall sign shall extend beyond the corners of a building or that portion of the building occupied by the allowed use, business, industry or firm advertised, nor above the roof line (peak) of the building.
- E. No projecting or hanging sign shall extend for more than five (5) feet away from the building, nor into any street right-of-way, nor shall a projecting or hanging sign have its bottom edge less than eight (8) feet above the grade of land, or its upper edge higher than the top of the wall to which the sign is attached;
- F. Illumination of signs may be allowed during business hours and for thirty (30) minutes prior to and after regular posted (or permitted) business hours. Illumination of signs shall comply with Section 6.9 (Lighting Systems and Fixtures) of the Plympton Zoning By-law. Internally illuminated signs shall be allowed by special permit.

6.1.3.3 Industrial District

- A. The display of not more than two (2) signs pertaining to each existing establishment or occupancy in a building or office, shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that the total area of the resulting signage shall not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) square feet, and provided further that:
 - i. Only one (1) of the signs may be free standing and it shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the area of the building face or sixty (60) square feet, whichever is smaller;

- ii. In the case of an unimproved lot, one (1) free standing sign not exceeding sixty (60) square feet shall be allowed to advertise the sale of the property;

- B. Illumination of signs may be allowed during business hours and for thirty (30) minutes prior to and after regular posted (or permitted) business hours. Illumination of signs shall comply with Section 6.9 (Lighting Systems and Fixtures) of the Plympton Zoning By-law. Internally illuminated signs shall be allowed only allowed by special permit.

6.1.4 Window Signs

Window signs shall not exceed more than 30% of the total area of a window.

6.1.5 Temporary Sign: Allowed uses of an identification sign, which is associated with an activity of a temporary nature.

- A. One "for sale" or "for rent" sign, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area per side and advertising only the premises on which the sign is located;
- B. One contractor's sign, per contractor, advertising only the premises on which the sign is located while the same is actually under construction, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area per side, provided that not more than five (5) number of contractor's signs are displayed at the same time;
- C. Special Event Signs. Temporary signs for special events, including fairs, carnivals, holiday celebrations shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that they are erected in a safe manner with the permission of respective property owners and are displayed not more than a total of thirty (30) calendar days before or five (5) days after the event. Special event signs shall conform in size to the provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed. Special event signs shall not be counted towards the total allotment provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed, provided that only one (1) sign per event shall be displayed. The Board of Selectmen may issue a special permit to allow special event signs or signs promoting community interest events and activities, to be posted on Town property for periods longer than those specified above and for sizes not to exceed thirty two (32) square feet for one sign or a combined total of fifty (50) square feet for two, or a banner;
- D. Temporary signs pertaining to the primary agricultural, horticultural and floriculture use of the premises for seasonal purposes (e.g. farm stands and similar products for sale) may be displayed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, §3.

6.1.6 Exemptions

The following signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit.

- A. Multiple displays of No Trespassing, Hunting, Fishing and similar signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit in any district, provided that any such sign so displayed shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area;
- B. Street numbers (used to identify the physical location of the property), shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, in any district, provided that no such number shall exceed two (2) square feet in area;
- C. An unlimited number of directional signs for traffic and safety purposes shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, provided that no such sign shall exceed three (3) square feet per sign and no such sign shall contain advertising or information other than for traffic and safety purposes and provided that each sign shall be safely displayed and shall not hinder safe traffic;
- D. Any sign owned by the Town of Plympton and located on town property shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, provided that any such sign shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen;
- E. An historical marker shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit and shall not count against the total number of signs or the sign square foot limit allowed within the zoning district of which the sign is mounted, provided that said sign has been approved for display and placement by the Historical Commission. The Historical Commission reserves the right to adopt regulations or policies in regard to historical markers;
- F. Political signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, in any district, provided that they conform in size to the provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed, are displayed not more than a total of thirty (30) calendar days before or five (5) days after the event and provided that only one sign per candidate and per issue shall be allowed on any one premises;
- G. Any Traffic Flow Sign, as defined above, shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit.

6.1.7 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts and on all property in the Town of Plympton:

- A. Any sign that is placed so as to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise impair public safety is expressly prohibited;
- B. No sign shall be placed on or in a public way except for Traffic Flow Signs as defined above and any such signage shall be safely placed and maintained;
- C. Animated or flashing signs, LED signs, exposed illuminated gas tube (such as neon), signs containing moving parts or moving lights, and non-safety signs containing reflective elements;
- D. Illuminated features other than approved signs, on the exterior of a building that call attention to the building, product or services available within the building;
- E. Canopies illuminated from behind in such a way that light shines through canopy material creating the effect of an internally illuminated sign;
- F. Any sign advertising or identifying a business or organization which is either defunct or no longer located on the premises;
- G. Off Premises signs;
- H. Streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners or other similar devices that are designed to attract attention and have the capacity to distract motorists and hinder public safety, provided, however, that such devices shall be allowed by special permit in conjunction with the grand opening of a business and for twenty (20) days thereafter;
- I. When visible from a public way, a sign on any permanently located and/or on any mobile unit, including a trailer regularly located for fixed display, a storage tank or any similar type of container. This prohibition shall not apply to a properly registered van, panel truck, trailer or any other business vehicle that is used on a regular basis on public ways;
- J. Any sign painted on or affixed to any tree, fence or utility pole;
- K. Any sandwich board sign (such as A-frame or similar style).

6.1.8 Non-conforming Signs

- A. Any sign that received a permit prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011) and is now out of compliance, shall not need a new permit until said permit has expired or an alteration to the sign is made, as noted in Section C below;
- B. Any sign that was in existence on or before May 18, 2001 and was compliant with section 6.1 of the zoning by-laws prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011), may be continued, even though not conforming to the provisions of the Section of this revised by-law. Any future alteration to the sign as noted below in Section C below shall then require a permit under the provisions of this by-law;
- C. Nonconforming signs shall not be altered by changing the design, wording, lighting or moving it or replacing it, except due to casualty loss and then replacement shall be identical to the original sign. Doing any of the aforementioned alterations shall trigger the immediate need for said sign to come into compliance with the provisions of this by-law.

6.1.9 Procedure for Sign Permits/Special Permit Approval

6.1.9.1 Measurement of Sign Area

- A. Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface;
- B. For a sign painted on or applied to a building, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs or symbols together with any background of a different color than the natural color or finish material of the building;
- C. For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to, painted, or carved or engraved on a surface, building wall, or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle or other shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols;

- D. The area of supporting framework (for example brackets, posts, etc.) shall not be included in the area if such framework is incidental to the display;
- E. When a sign has two (2) or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than one (1) foot from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.

6.1.9.2 Sign Permits

- A. No sign, unless otherwise exempted above, shall be erected, displayed, altered or enlarged until a sign zoning permit for such action has been issued by the Planning Board. Applications shall be on forms prescribed by the Planning Board. At a minimum, all applications shall include a scale drawing specifying dimensions, materials, illumination, letter sizes, color, support systems, and location on land or buildings with all relevant measurements. Sign Permits shall be issued only if the Planning Board determines that the sign complies with all applicable provisions of this Sign By-Law;
- B. The Planning Board shall act on any sign permit application by majority vote within 30 days of receipt of such an application without holding a public hearing
- C. A fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be imposed and failure to pay the required fee shall be a basis upon which to deny the sign permit

6.1.9.3 Duration of Permits

The Planning Board may limit the duration of any sign permit and may condition said permit upon continued ownership or operation of the business advertised upon the sign.

6.1.9.4 Enforcement

The Zoning Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to enforce this by-law. The Zoning Enforcement Officer is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is judged dangerous, or in disrepair or which is erected or maintained contrary to this by-law.

6.1.9.5 Removal of Signs

Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or which is abandoned or discontinued, shall be removed by the owner of the property within thirty (30) days of written notice to remove. Any sign not removed within the time limit shall be deemed a public nuisance. The Town of Plympton may seek the lawful removal of the sign and the cost of said removal, including legal fees and costs, and/or storage costs shall be borne by the property owner and may be recovered by the Town, if necessary, in an action in the appropriate court. A sign or structure removed by the Town shall be held for not less than thirty (30) days by the Town during which period it may be recovered by the owner upon payment to the Town of the cost of removal and storage, and upon payment of any fine which may have been imposed. If not recovered within said thirty (30) day period, the sign or structure shall be deemed abandoned and title thereto shall be vested in the Town for disposal in any manner permitted by law.

6.1.9.6 Penalties

Violation of any provision of this by-law or any lawful order of the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall be subject to a fine of \$300.00 per offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

6.1.9.7 Special Permit to Exceed Requirements for Signs

The Plympton Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, may issue a Special Permit to exceed the number, size, and/or illumination of signs within the zoning districts of the town. The Board's decision shall be based upon the following criteria:

- Any such signs shall be compatible with surrounding neighborhood, structure or buildings on the premise;
- Any such signs shall not cause visual pollution;
- There shall be no obstruction by the signs to traffic and no hazard to public safety.

6.1.9.8 Existing Signs

Any sign that was in existence prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011) shall come into compliance with this by-law by January 1, 2012, unless otherwise exempted as noted in Section 6.1.6 or satisfies the non-conforming provisions as noted in Section 6.1.8.

Sign By-law Review Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 32. 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 5 palmer Road, Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 7:00 AM, then and there to take up the following article:

Article 33. To choose all necessary town officers, the following to be voted on one ballot at the adjourned meeting on May 21, 2011. The polls will be open at 7:00 AM and shall be continuously open for voting until 8:00 PM:

Board of Selectman: one for 3 years; Assessor: one for 3 years; Board of Health: one for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Finance Committee: two (2) for 2 years; Planning Board: one for 5 years; Planning Board one for 4 years; School Committee: two (2) for 3 years; Silver Lake Regional School Committee: one for 3 years; Library Trustee: two (2) for 3 years; Library Trustee: one for 2 years; Constable: two (2) for three years.

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

Given under our hands this 25th day of April, 2011

_____ John P. Henry, Chairman Plympton Board of Selectmen	_____ Joe Freitas, Clerk	_____ Barry DeCristofano
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PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

May 18, 2011

Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr declared there being a quorum present the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M., at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting and identified himself. He then asked everyone to rise and observe a moment of silence for any and all of our Plympton neighbors who have passed away since our last meeting and a special remembrance for our men and women in uniform who are stationed around the world and especially those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Moderator Traynor read the call to the warrant and the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant. There were 91 registered voters and 16 visitors present. He then introduced the members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Council Ilana Quirk, and Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler, Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, and the members of the Finance Committee. The tellers were: Helen Reynolds, Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer were Stephen Terri.

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to allow the following non-residents of Plympton be allowed to address the annual town meeting at the appropriate time: Town Council Ilana Quirk, Accountant Barbara Gomez, Police Chief Patrick Dillon, Town, Assessor Assistant Steve Dunn, Fire Chief Robert Unglis, Superintendent of Schools John Tuffy, Assistant Superintendent Silver Lake Regional School Joy Blackwood, Dennett Elementary School Principal Peter Veneto, Veteran's Agent Roxanne Whitback.

Unanimous

Mr. Moderator stated we will hold two town meetings; first we will begin the Annual Town Meeting and address Fiscal Year 2012 July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Then at 8:00 P.M. we will recess the Annual Town Meeting to begin a Special Town Meeting to address funding issues in this fiscal year which ends June 30, 2010.

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to waive the reading of the warrant wherever legal and appropriate in favor of a brief Moderator's summary.

Unanimous

Article 1. Mr. Max West, Chairman of the Finance Committee addressed the assembly and reported the Finance Committee was able to present a budget that fully funded most immediate department needs. The Sysco building fees offset the state aid cuts. Therefore the Finance Committee presented a balanced and well-thought out budget.

Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk gave a report on the progress of the Town Vault, our first Community Preservation Project. The structure of the vault has been installed and the installation of the doors will be next week with the finishing work to be completed soon.

Article 2. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town of Plympton vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2012 as permitted by and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §53F.

Unanimous

Article3. 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 3. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel Classification Plan effective July 1, 2011 and to pay as wages the following sums:

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2012

A. Firefighters (Part-time)

Deputy Chief	23.34
Captain	21.75
Lieutenant	20.69
Firefighter	19.63
Certified EMT	19.63
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	26.52

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	17.90 - 19.65
Truck Driver/Laborer	17.11 - 17.82
Laborer	13.95 - 14.63

C. Town Labor

Laborer	13.95 - 14.63
Sr. Disposal Attendant	16.12 - 16.84
Disposal Attendant	14.36 - 15.06

D. Clerical/Election Workers

Clerk	10.00 - 12.00
Senior Clerk/Warden	13.00 - 14.50

E. Permanent Staff(all departments)

Clerk	13.00 - 14.50
Senior Clerk	15.00 - 16.25
Administrative Assistant	17.10 - 20.00
Asst. to Treasurer/Collector	17.50 - 21.00
Asst. Town Clerk	17.50 - 21.00

F. Library

Clerk	9.36 - 11.48
Circulation Clerk	11.23 - 13.00
Library Technician	13.69 - 15.56
Senior Library Technician	14.35 - 17.40

G. Other Employees

Special Police Officer	13.39
Police Matron	15.45

H. Salaried Employees

Library Director	30,700.00 – 36,750.00
Assist. Assessor	23,250.00 – 42,000.00

Unanimous

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

Unanimous

Article 5. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Wage & Personnel By-laws by adding the following section:

Section 1. Definition

D. Exclusion from the Plan. Any employee having a contract with the Board of Selectmen or any union contract shall not be bound by the terms of this compensation plan. Currently this would include the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Police Sergeant, Police Union, Veteran's Agent and the Town Accountant.

Unanimous

Article 6. Voted: (On the motion of Nancy J. Butler) The Town vote to amend Article II Section I paragraph 2 of the Municipal Bylaws to read as follows: Polls will be open at 8 o'clock a.m. for the election of the officers and shall be continuously open for voting until 6 o'clock p.m.; the meeting for the transaction of business shall be called at 7 o'clock p.m.
Standing Vote Yes: **41** No: **29**
Majority vote

Article 7. Voted: (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2012.
Unanimous

Article 8. Voted: (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to borrow, in anticipation of reimbursement, the sum of **\$161,900.00** as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90 section 34-2a of the General Laws.
Unanimous

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,306.00 to make the annual lease payment on a police patrol car, on a lease to own replacement program or take any other action relative thereto.
Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 9. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to Pass Over Article #9.
Unanimous

Article 10. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$23,000.00** to make the first of the annual lease payments for a new police patrol vehicles, on a lease to own replacement program.
Unanimous

Article 11. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,700.00** to repair and upgrade the electronic security system at the police station.
Unanimous

Article 12. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,765.00** to pay the fourth and final payment for a police motorcycle on a lease to own program.
Unanimous

Article 13. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,900.00** to purchase an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for deployment in a police cruiser.
Unanimous

Article 14. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** to train and equip a new D.A.R.E. officer for a drug education and resistance program, to be conducted at the Dennett Elementary School.
Unanimous

Article 15. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to allow the Fire Chief to apply for a lease to own program with Ford Credit to purchase and equip a new 4x4 First Response and Fire Command SUV vehicle in four annual payments of **\$7,971.49** Total amount funded \$29,045.00.
2/3 Vote
Unanimous

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$299,478 to purchase and equip a new Tanker Truck or take any other action relative there to.
Fire Chief: Not recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 16. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to pass over Article #1.
Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town Vote that the Annual Town Meeting be adjourned to conduct the Special Town Meeting.
Unanimous

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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED
8:15 P.M.**

Mr. John A. Traynor, Jr, Moderator declared the May 18, 2011 Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 8:15 P.M. to begin with Article #4.

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

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #1 – #33.

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$395,138.00

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #34 – #38 with a hold on line #34.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote **Line #34** to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$84,942.00** and transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of **\$6,941.00** and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$171,428.00** for a total of **\$263,311.00**

Unanimous

TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION: \$263,311

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #39 - #41. TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH: \$177,558.00

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #42 - #48. TOTAL HIGHWAY: \$276,275.00

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #49 - #55. TOT. PROTECT PERSL PROPERTY: \$24,905.00

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #56 - #60. TOTAL BUILDING DEPT: \$84,796.00

Super Majority

Voted: (On the motion of Max) The Town vote to raise and appropriate
Lines #61 -#64 with a hold on Line #61 #63 and Line #64.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote **Line #61** to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$31,328.00** and transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of **\$20,361.00** for the Total of **\$51,689.00** for the **Fire Chief's salary**.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote **Line #63** to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of **\$61,800.00** for **EMS SERVICES**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Chief Bob Inglis) The Town vote **Line #64** to amend the sum from \$10,000.00 to **\$15,000.00** for Fire Equipment.
Motion defeated

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote **Line #64** to amend to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$3,923.00**.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote **Line #64** the main motion as amended to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$3,923.00**.

Unanimous

Lines #61 - #64 TOTAL FIRE SERVICES \$193,412.00

Voted: (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines # 65 - #69** with a hold on Line #69.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to amend **Line #69** to amend the sum of \$63,306 to **\$54,750.00**.

Super majority

Lines #65 - #69 TOTAL POLICE SERVICES \$763,066.00

Voted: (On the motion of Joseph Colanino) The Town vote to amend **Line #70** from \$0.00 to \$2,000.00

Motion defeated

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town voted on the main motion for **Line#70 the sum of \$0.00**

Unanimous

TOTAL AMBULAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: \$0.00

Voted: (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to raise and appropriate

Lines #71 – #74 TOTAL VETERANS: \$43,050.00

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines #75 – 75 TOTAL LIBRARY: \$112,613**

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate

Lines #77 - #79 TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL: \$2,561,587

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to raise and appropriate

Lines #80 - #81 TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS: \$1,886,723.00

Unanimous

TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$4,448,310.00

Voted: (On the motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Line #82**

RESERVE FUND: \$100,000.00

Unanimous

Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate

Lines #83 – #85 INT., P&I, DEBT EXCLUSION: \$176,850.00

Unanimous

TOTAL: \$7,511,025.00

Articles 5 – 16 were taken up as voted, after Article #3 prior to adjourning for the Special Town Meeting.

Article 17. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000.00** to purchase new vehicle extrication equipment.

Unanimous

Article 18. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,444.00** to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program.

Unanimous

Article 19. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,839.00** to pay annual lease payments for the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own program.

Unanimous

Article 20. Voted: (On the motion of John Henry) The Town of Plympton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to fund the position of Town Coordinator as called for in Article XIX of the Town By-laws. Discussion followed.

Super Majority Vote

Article 21. Voted: (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, to adopt special legislation establishing the appointed combined office of treasurer collector as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Creating the Position of Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Plympton.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of chapter 41 or of any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a treasurer-collector for the town of Plympton. The treasurer-collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on town treasurers and town collectors of taxes. The treasurer-collector shall be appointed and may be removed, after the opportunity for a hearing, by the board of selectmen of the town. The board of selectmen may establish an employment contract with the treasurer-collector for salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office, liability insurance, and conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, reappointment, performance standards and leave.

SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act the elected offices of town treasurer and town collector shall be abolished and the terms of the incumbents of such offices terminated. Provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this act, the incumbent elected collector on the effective date of this act shall be the first appointee to the new combined position of treasurer collector, and shall hold such office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which the collector was elected, unless such incumbent sooner vacates such office. After the expiration of the term of the incumbent town collector holding office on the effective date of this act, or a sooner vacating of the office, the board of selectmen shall appoint a treasurer collector in accordance with section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. No contracts or liabilities in force on the effective date of this act shall be affected by the abolition of the elected offices of treasurer or collector or the creation of the combined appointed office, and the appointed treasurer collector shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the offices so abolished or consolidated. All records, property and equipment whatsoever of the offices of the elected treasurer and elected collector shall be assigned to the office of the appointed treasurer collector.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Unanimous

Article 22. To see if the Town of Plympton will vote to 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: Recommended by BOS 3-0**

Article 22. Voted: (On the motion of Joseph A. Freitas) The Town vote to Pass Over
Article #22.

Super Majority

Article 23. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to amend the article by removing the word "Massachusetts" from "Massachusetts Nation Guard" and accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56 that will authorize the Board of Assessors upon acceptance to grant a real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 per cent of the total tax assessed to members of the National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of town meeting.

Unanimous

Article 24. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2012 Interim-Year valuation of the Town.

Unanimous

Article 25. Voted: (On the motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44§53E1/2, for the use by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of subsidizing the Town's map updates. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through fees collected by the Planning Board from the creation of new lots. The Board of Assessors is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M.G.L., Chapter 44§53E1/2, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

Unanimous

Article 26. Voted: (On the motion of Lisa Hart) 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 27. Voted: (On the motion of Andrew Karparis) The Town vote to amend the motion to take the money from **Stabilization** the sum of **\$4,000** for the purchase of materials to construct a Fitness Path at the Dennett Elementary School. Discussion followed.

2/3 Vote YES 47 NO 11

Motion passes

Article 28. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving account under the Provision of Mass General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purposes of processing Tax Titles and Tax Possessions, including legal fees, miscellaneous expenses and salaries of staff in the Treasurer/Collectors department and Land Court fees.

Funds deposited in this account shall be from miscellaneous and legal fees charged on tax title accounts and one half of interest collected on Tax Title accounts when paid. In addition, said account shall also be credited with miscellaneous fees and legal fees and one half of the Interest accrued on Tax Possession from the sale or auction of said Tax Possession.

The Treasurer/Collector shall be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

Unanimous

The Town Moderator, John A. Traynor, Jr stepped down and the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler, was sworn in as Temporary Moderator by the Assistant Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick.

Article 29. Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Municipal By-Law Article 3, Section 4, to add the following language:

Section 4A: "With respect to any article pertaining to the annual operating budget, or subsequent revisions to the annual budget at the same or subsequent town meetings, the Moderator shall give the Finance Committee the opportunity to offer the main motion."

Discussion followed

Passed Super Majority

Article 30. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristafano) The Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2012, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses [\$3,900]

Reserves:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve [\$7,800]

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve [\$7,800]

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve [\$7,800]

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve [\$50,700]

Unanimous

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on April 19, 2011 and Brian Wick reported the Planning Board voted 5-0 unanimous in favor of this article.

Article 31. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law by deleting Section 6.1, in its entirety, and substituting therefore the following:
Section 6. with two minor amendments

Voted: (On the motion of Brian Wick) The Town vote to add the following statement "These signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit." to **Section 6.1.5 A. and Section 6.1.5 B.** to the end of each paragraph.

Unanimous

Discussion followed.

Voted: (On the motion of Nancy Curtin) The Town vote to remove section 6.1.7 J and 6.1.7 K from the sign by-law.

Motion failed

Voted: (On the motion of Nancy Curtin) The Town vote to remove section 6.1.7 C and 6.1.7 D from the sign by-law.

Failed simple majority

Voted: (On the motion of Brian Wick) The Town vote the new sign by-law as amended.

6.1 Signs

6.1.1 Intent

It is the intent of this by-law to protect, conserve and improve the unique visual quality and historic character of the Town of Plympton while simultaneously supporting the needs of the business community. It is the intent of this section to do so by clearly regulating all signs. The following regulations have been designed to encourage modest signs of high quality which safely identify any use or occupancy of land and structures in the Town as established under site plan review.

6.1.2 Definitions

Sign

Any word, letter, symbol, drawing, picture, design, device, article or object which advertises, calls attention to or indicates the location of any premises, person or activity; whatever its manner of composition or construction and however displayed.

Address Sign

A sign identifying the numerical street address or property name premises.

Directory Sign

A sign listing the tenants or occupants of a multiple-tenant structure or center.

Freestanding Sign

A sign that is not attached to a building and has its own support structure.

Individual Letters or Symbols

Individual letters or symbols attached to, painted, carved, engraved or projected on a surface (such as a building wall or window) shall constitute a sign.

Hanging Sign

Any sign which projects more than eight (8) inches from a wall or façade.

Historical Marker

A sign indicating historical information (e.g. date of construction, early owners, builders, significant events, etc.), located on residential and commercial buildings or property.

Off Premises Sign

Any sign that displays information for a use, occupant or owner not located on the premises on which said sign exists.

Traffic Flow Sign

A sign erected for the purpose of safely regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

Wall Sign

A flat sign mounted to a wall or other vertical surface and the face of which runs parallel to a wall.

Window Sign

A sign which is painted on, attached to or hung within 12 inches of a window.

This shall include any interior and exterior placement of a sign in relation to a window.

6.1.3 Allowed Uses of Permanent Signs

A sign permit shall be required for any permanent sign, unless otherwise expressly exempted herein.

6.1.4.1 Agricultural-Residential District

- A. The display of not more than a total of two (2) unlighted signs, pertaining to an allowed principal or accessory use (including an allowed accessory professional office or customary home occupation or renting of rooms), provided that no individual sign shall exceed six (6) square feet of total area, shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder.
- B. No lighted sign shall be permitted in the Agricultural-Residential District.

6.1.3.2 Business & Light Manufacturing Districts

- A. The display of one or more signs to identify an allowed use of the premises shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that total combined area of all of the signs on a building shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area including wall, roof, projecting or hanging signs;
- B. Except as provided for below, in addition to the 50 square feet of signage allowed above [per building or total allowed for all buildings], the display of one (1) additional freestanding sign per building, pertaining to an allowed use of the premises shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that such a sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area, nor fifteen (15) feet in height;
- C. Premises with multiple buildings, businesses or uses shall utilize a single directory sign in lieu of one (1) or more freestanding signs. The directory sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area per allowed use and shall not be more than fifteen (15) feet in height and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in width;
- D. No wall sign shall extend beyond the corners of a building or that portion of the building occupied by the allowed use, business, industry or firm advertised, nor above the roof line (peak) of the building.
- E. No projecting or hanging sign shall extend for more than five (5) feet away from the building, nor into any street right-of-way, nor shall a projecting or hanging sign have its bottom edge less than eight (8) feet above the grade of land, or its upper edge higher than the top of the wall to which the sign is attached;
- F. Illumination of signs may be allowed during business hours and for thirty (30) minutes prior to and after regular posted (or permitted) business hours. Illumination of signs shall comply with Section 6.9 (Lighting Systems and Fixtures) of the Plympton Zoning By-law. Internally illuminated signs shall be allowed by special permit.

6.1.3.3 Industrial District

- A. The display of not more than two (2) signs pertaining to each existing establishment or occupancy in a building or office, shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that the total area of the resulting signage shall not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) square feet, and provided further that:
 - i. Only one (1) of the signs may be free standing and it shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the area of the building face or sixty (60) square feet, whichever is smaller;
 - ii. In the case of an unimproved lot, one (1) free standing sign not exceeding sixty (60) square feet shall be allowed to advertise the sale of the property;
- B. Illumination of signs may be allowed during business hours and for thirty (30) minutes prior to and after regular posted (or permitted) business hours. Illumination of signs shall comply with Section 6.9 (Lighting Systems and Fixtures) of the Plympton Zoning By-law. Internally illuminated signs shall be allowed only allowed by special permit.

6.1.4 Window Signs

Window signs shall not exceed more than 30% of the total area of a window.

6.1.5 Temporary Sign: Allowed uses of an identification sign, which is associated with an activity of a temporary nature.

- A. One “for sale” or “for rent” signs, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area per side and advertising only the premises on which the sign is located. These signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit:
- B. One contractor’s sign, per contractor, advertising only the premises on which the sign is located while the same is actually under construction, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area per side, provided that not more than five (5) number of contractor’s signs are displayed at the same time. These signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit:
- C. Special Event Signs. Temporary signs for special events, including fairs, carnivals, holiday celebrations shall be allowed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, provided that they are erected in a safe manner with the permission of respective property owners and are displayed not more than a total of thirty (30) calendar days before or five (5) days after the event. Special event signs shall conform in size to the provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed. Special event signs shall not be counted towards the total allotment provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed, provided that only one (1) sign per event shall be displayed. The Board of Selectmen may issue a special permit to allow special event signs or signs promoting community interest events and activities, to be posted on Town property for periods longer than those specified above and for sizes not to exceed thirty two (32) square feet for one sign or a combined total of fifty (50) square feet for two, or a banner;
- D. Temporary signs pertaining to the primary agricultural, horticultural and floriculture use of the premises for seasonal purposes (e.g. farm stands and similar products for sale) may be displayed upon issuance of a sign permit as provided for hereunder, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, §3.

6.1.6 Exemptions

The following signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit.

- A. Multiple displays of No Trespassing, Hunting, Fishing and similar signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit in any district, provided that any such sign so displayed shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area;
- B. Street numbers (used to identify the physical location of the property), shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, in any district, provided that no such number shall exceed two (2) square feet in area;
- C. An unlimited number of directional signs for traffic and safety purposes shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, provided that no such sign shall exceed three (3) square feet per sign and no such sign shall contain advertising or information other than for traffic and safety purposes and provided that each sign shall be safely displayed and shall not hinder safe traffic;
- D. Any sign owned by the Town of Plympton and located on town property shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, provided that any such sign shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen;
- E. An historical marker shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit and shall not count against the total number of signs or the sign square foot limit allowed within the zoning district of which the sign is mounted, provided that said sign has been approved for display and placement by the Historical Commission. The Historical Commission reserves the right to adopt regulations or policies in regard to historical markers;
- F. Political signs shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit, in any district, provided that they conform in size to the provisions for the underlying district in which they are displayed, are displayed not more than a total of thirty (30) calendar days before or five (5) days after the event and provided that only one sign per candidate and per issue shall be allowed on any one premises;
- G. Any Traffic Flow Sign, as defined above, shall be allowed as of right without a sign permit.

6.1.7 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts and on all property in the Town of Plympton:

- A. Any sign that is placed so as to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise impair public safety is expressly prohibited;
- B. No sign shall be placed on or in a public way except for Traffic Flow Signs as defined above and any such signage shall be safely placed and maintained;

- C. Animated or flashing signs, LED signs, exposed illuminated gas tube (such as neon), signs containing moving parts or moving lights, and non-safety signs containing reflective elements;
- D. Illuminated features other than approved signs, on the exterior of a building that call attention to the building, product or services available within the building;
- E. Canopies illuminated from behind in such a way that light shines through canopy material creating the effect of an internally illuminated sign;
- F. Any sign advertising or identifying a business or organization which is either defunct or no longer located on the premises;
- G. Off Premises signs;
- H. Streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners or other similar devices that are designed to attract attention and have the capacity to distract motorists and hinder public safety, provided, however, that such devices shall be allowed by special permit in conjunction with the grand opening of a business and for twenty (20) days thereafter;
- I. When visible from a public way, a sign on any permanently located and/or on any mobile unit, including a trailer regularly located for fixed display, a storage tank or any similar type of container. This prohibition shall not apply to a properly registered van, panel truck, trailer or any other business vehicle that is used on a regular basis on public ways;
- J. Any sign painted on or affixed to any tree, fence or utility pole;
- K. Any sandwich board sign (such as A-frame or similar style).

6.1.8 Non-conforming Signs

- A. Any sign that received a permit prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011) and is now out of compliance, shall not need a new permit until said permit has expired or an alteration to the sign is made, as noted in Section C below;
- B. Any sign that was in existence on or before May 18, 2001 and was compliant with section 6.1 of the zoning by-laws prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011), may be continued, even though not conforming to the provisions of the Section of this revised by-law. Any future alteration to the sign as noted below in Section C below shall then require a permit under the provisions of this by-law;
- C. Nonconforming signs shall not be altered by changing the design, wording, lighting or moving it or replacing it, except due to casualty loss and then replacement shall be identical to the original sign. Doing any of the aforementioned alterations shall trigger the immediate need for said sign to come into compliance with the provisions of this by-law.

6.1.9 Procedure for Sign Permits/Special Permit Approval

6.1.9.1 Measurement of Sign Area

- A. Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface;
- B. For a sign painted on or applied to a building, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs or symbols together with any background of a different color than the natural color or finish material of the building;
- C. For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to, painted, or carved or engraved on a surface, building wall, or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle or other shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols;
- D. The area of supporting framework (for example brackets, posts, etc.) shall not be included in the area if such framework is incidental to the display;
- E. When a sign has two (2) or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than one (1) foot from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.

6.1.9.2 Sign Permits

- A. No sign, unless otherwise exempted above, shall be erected, displayed, altered or enlarged until a sign zoning permit for such action has been issued by the Planning Board. Applications shall be on forms prescribed by the Planning Board. At a minimum, all applications shall include a scale drawing specifying dimensions, materials, illumination, letter sizes, color, support systems, and location on land or buildings with all relevant measurements. Sign Permits shall be issued only if the Planning Board determines that the sign complies with all applicable provisions of this Sign By-Law;
- B. The Planning Board shall act on any sign permit application by majority vote within 30 days of receipt of such an application without holding a public hearing
- C. A fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be imposed and failure to pay the required fee shall be a basis upon which to deny the sign permit

6.1.9.3 Duration of Permits

The Planning Board may limit the duration of any sign permit and may condition said permit upon continued ownership or operation of the business advertised upon the sign.

6.1.9.4 Enforcement

The Zoning Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to enforce this by-law. The Zoning Enforcement Officer is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is judged dangerous, or in disrepair or which is erected or maintained contrary to this by-law.

6.1.9.5 Removal of Signs

Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or which is abandoned or discontinued, shall be removed by the owner of the property within thirty (30) days of written notice to remove. Any sign not removed within the time limit shall be deemed a public nuisance. The Town of Plympton may seek the lawful removal of the sign and the cost of said removal, including legal fees and costs, and/or storage costs shall be borne by the property owner and may be recovered by the Town, if necessary, in an action in the appropriate court. A sign or structure removed by the Town shall be held for not less than thirty (30) days by the Town during which period it may be recovered by the owner upon payment to the Town of the cost of removal and storage, and upon payment of any fine which may have been imposed. If not recovered within said thirty (30) day period, the sign or structure shall be deemed abandoned and title thereto shall be vested in the Town for disposal in any manner permitted by law.

6.1.9.6 Penalties

Violation of any provision of this by-law or any lawful order of the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall be subject to a fine of \$300.00 per offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

6.1.9.7 Special Permit to Exceed Requirements for Signs

The Plympton Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, may issue a Special Permit to exceed the number, size, and/or illumination of signs within the zoning districts of the town. The Board's decision shall be based upon the following criteria:

- Any such signs shall be compatible with surrounding neighborhood, structure or buildings on the premise;
- Any such signs shall not cause visual pollution;
- There shall be no obstruction by the signs to traffic and no hazard to public safety.

6.1.9.8 Existing Signs

Any sign that was in existence prior to the Town Meeting vote of this revised by-law (May 18, 2011) shall come into compliance with this by-law by January 1, 2012, unless otherwise exempted as noted in Section 6.1.6 or satisfies the non-conforming provisions as noted in Section 6.1.8. **Super majority**

Article 32. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to approve Article 32 as printed in the warrant and to adjourn the meeting to the Town Election to take up Article 33 as printed in the warrant. **Unanimous**

Article 33. Voted: (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) To take up Article 33 on May 21, 2011. **Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

May 18, 2011

PLYMOUTH, §

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

GREETING:

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

Dennett Elementary School in said Plympton

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 8:00 PM

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

Article 1-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$1,020.90 for an unpaid bills to Plymouth Bay Ortho Assoc. of a prior year or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 2-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer from May 2010, Annual Town Meeting Line 82 Special Education to line 83 Vocational Education the amount of \$3,700 to cover additional vocational transportation costs or take any action relative there to.

School Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

Article 3-S To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for the costs associated with the repairs to the well at the Dennett Elementary School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Plympton School Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

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

Given under our hands this 25th day of April, 2011

John P. Henry, Chairman
Plympton Board of Selectmen

Joe Freitas, Clerk

Barry DeCristofano

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

May 18, 2011

The Special Town Meeting held on May 18, 2011 was called to order by Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr. at 8:07 P.M. at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor declared there was a quorum and read the call to the meeting. Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk read the return of the warrant. The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Jean Reynolds and the Police Officer was Stephen Teri. There were 91 registered voters present. Town Council was Ilanna Quirk was present.

Article 1-S Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of **\$1,020.90** for an unpaid bill to Plymouth Bay Ortho Assoc. of a prior year.

Unanimous

Article 2-S Voted: (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote to transfer from May 2010, Annual Town Meeting Line 82 Special Education to line 83 Vocational Education the amount of **\$3,700** to cover additional vocational transportation costs.

Unanimous

Article 3-S Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to amend the article to change the sum from \$10,000.00 to **\$7,500.00**.

Unanimous

Article 3-S Voted: (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote the amended article to change the sum from \$7,500.00 to **\$3,576.71**.

Unanimous

Article 3-S Voted: (On the motion of Maureen Springer) The Town vote the main motion as amended: The Town Vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$3,576.71** to pay the costs associated with the repairs to the well at the Dennett School.

Unanimous

Article 4-S Voted: (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to transfer **\$20,000.00** from available free cash to be added to the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 86, Reserve Fund.

Unanimous

Voted: (On the of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote that the Special Town Meeting be Dissolved and we return to the Annual Town Meeting.

Unanimous

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TOWN OF PLYMPTON
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011**

The election officials were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler. They were the Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, the Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan and the Tellers were: Jean Reynolds, Elaine McKeown, Patricia Harfinger, and Patricia Leslie. Jean Reynolds had to leave early and Gail Briggs was sworn in a Teller. The ballot box was inspected by the Warden, Town Clerk, the Clerk of Elections and the Police Officer. It was empty; the numbers were set to 00000, and then closed and locked.

The polls opened at 7:00 A.M. It was a beautiful day outside but a slow day inside.

The total number of votes cast was 209. The ballot box was emptied at 8:03 P.M. by Nancy J. Butler and the police officer it was empty and relocked.

Total # Registered Voters: 1986

Total # Votes Cast: 209

SELECTMAN, for three years	Vote for ONE
Joseph A. Freitas	146
Blanks	54
All Others	9
ASSESSOR, for three years	Vote for ONE
David Batchelder	10
Blanks	193
All others	6
FINANCE COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for TWO
Lisa M. Hart	152
Maxwell C. West	154
Blanks	109
All Others	3
FINANCE COMMITTEE, for two years	Vote for TWO
Joseph P. Colanino	88
Susan F. Ossoff	134
Mark E. Russo	143
Blanks	53
BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years	Vote for ONE
Arthur F. O'Callaghan	158
Blanks	15
PLANNING BOARD, for five years	Vote for ONE
John D. O'Leary, Jr	165
Blanks	44
PLANNING BOARD, for four years	Vote for ONE
Paul D'Angelo	9
Blanks	196
All others	4
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	Vote for TWO
ShellyA. Karparis	160
Robert Ruggiero	152
Blanks	105
All others	1

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL	Vote for ONE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years	
Cynthia M. Hines	157
Blanks	51
All Others	1

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years	Vote for TWO
Patricia L. Detterman	172
Thomas E. Cosato, Sr.	38
Christine Winslow	13
Blanks	190
All Others	5

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for two years	Vote for ONE
Christine Winslow	33
Blanks	169
All Others	7

CONSTABLE, for three years	Vote for two
David Batchelder	168
David E. Smith	162
Blanks	88

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

RESIGNATION LETTERS 2011

February 7, 2011

Mr. John O'Leary, Chairman
Plympton, Planning Board
5 Palmer Road
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

It is with truly mixed emotions that I am submitting my resignation from the Planning Board, effective today, in order to remove the appearance of any possible conflict of interest, real or perceived, in the decisions of the Board relative to the pending Sysco Site Plan review or other actions, while performing the functions and responsibilities of the Town's 43D project Coordinator.

I wish to thank the Town, the Selectmen and the Planning Board for allowing me to serve the 8+ years that I have been an active member of the Board. Please let me know any specific questions that you may have, as I assume these new activities with the Town, in this exciting time. Thank you all.

Very Truly Tours,
(signed)
Kenneth A. Thompson

Cc: Town Clerk, Irv Butler, John Rantuccio, Brian Wick, Selectmen

Friday, April 15, 2011

Town of Plympton
Office of the Board of Selectmen
5 Palmer Road
Plympton, MA 02367
Selectmen, Henry, DeCristofano, & Freitas,

Please accept this letter of resignation from my employment as a Plympton Police Officer. My last scheduled work day here will be May 22nd at which time I will use my remaining vacation days and comp time. I have been offered a job in the Town of Pembroke and will start work as a patrolman on May 25th. My decision was based on a number of factors, which include compensation, benefits, access to overtime and details, my personal safety on the road and greater opportunity for career advancement. I would be happy to discuss these issues with you in greater detail if you think it would benefit the department moving forward.

On the whole my experience here has been positive. I was given the opportunity to attend several trainings, which furthered my knowledge of the job and more importantly kept me interested and motivated. I was also slowed a certain amount of freedom, which was mostly born of necessity but provided me with a chance to develop my own style and focus on areas of the law that interest me most. Above all else I had the privilege to work with some great police officers and town employees during my time here.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Town of Plympton and its residents. I have enjoyed working with you all during my time here as a police officer and as president of the Plympton Police Officers Association. The relationship we have had with the board during my time has been positive and shouldn't be overlooked. My best wishes to you all for continued success and good health in the coming years.
Respectfully Submitted

Paul Joudrey
May 17, 2011

Plympton Board of Selectmen

Mr. John Henry, Chairman

RE: Resignation Conservation Commission

Dear Mr. Henry and Fellow Board Members,

With this letter, I am announcing my resignation from the Plympton Conservation Commission, effective June 1, 2011.

My resignation does not relate to any Town business or conflict; rather, personal issues and unexpected demands on my time motivate this action. I have enjoyed my limited time on the Commission, and from observation can state that, regardless of my absence, the Commission will still function with high standards and the consummate professionalism typically demonstrated by the remaining members.

As always, I have welcomed the opportunity to serve the Town in various capacities, and I encourage other residents to avail themselves of the many, varied opportunities that public service offers. I apologize that my time on the Commission fell short of the full appointed term.

With regrets,

William L. Slater (signed)

Cc: Jeff Smith, Chairman, Conservation Commission
Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk

May 23, 2011

Plympton Board of Selectmen and
Plympton Conservation Commission
Town Hall
5 Palmer Rd.
Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Gentlemen,

It has been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission over the last couple of years. I have learned a great deal and I hope that my efforts have been of some benefit to the town. It is with much regret that I must resign, effective immediately. However, I will certainly be available to answer any questions that should arise. A change in my personal circumstances has made it nearly impossible for me to attend to our regularly scheduled meetings for at least a year. I am sorry for any inconvenience my resignation may cause, but I am confident that you will understand that I must put my family's needs first and foremost at this time.

Thank you for your understanding,

Elizabeth Princiotta (signed)

cc: Town Clerk

June 9, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Anderson and Board Members,

I am writing to you today to inform you that I have accepted a position as Director of Assessing for the Town of Duxbury with a start date of July 5, 2011. With my scheduled vacation coming up my last day in the office will be Friday June 17th. As time is always an issue in Town government I will make myself available in what ever way I can help the office this summer and fall until such time as you find a replacement and thereafter for the new hire as will. I would be remiss if I did not mention to you the thanks that I wish to express to the Board for the opportunity that you gave me over three years ago. Little did I know then what an impact it would have on my career in the valuation business. Also, I greatly appreciate the flexibility with which you allowed to work in the office.

I move forward with the same anticipation that I had in joining Plympton back in 2008 and wish to thank you again for the opportunity of working in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Dunn, MAA, RA (signed)
Assistant Assessor/Appraiser
Town of Plympton

TO: Patrick Dillon, Chief of Police, Plympton
FROM: Paul P. Harkins, Special Police Office
Date: November 7th, 2011
Subject: Retirement

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of the officers at the Plympton Police Department who made working there a pleasure and make one want to achieve excellence not for themselves but for the department.

Please be advised that my last day of employment will be November 30th, 2011

Again thank you to everyone for being themselves.

Paul P Harkins, Supervisor, Region One
Mass. Law Enforcement Liaison

December 2, 2011

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

Gentlemen:

Please accept my resignation from the Finance Committee. My resignation is due to the fact that I have just moved to Halifax and am no longer a Plympton resident. If you feel I can be of assistance to you or the town in the future please do not hesitate to contact me.
I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

David Pecinovsky

TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORTS

7/1/20010-06/30/11

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriated 7/1/10	\$10,000.00
Expended:	\$ 9,991.89
Returned to Treasury 6/30/11	\$8.11

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Appropriated 7/1/10	\$14443.00
Expended:	\$14442.99
Return to Treasury 6/30/11	\$0.01

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

Appropriated 7/1/10	\$29,325.00
Expended	\$29,325.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/11	0.00

CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION

Appropriated 7/1/10	\$1,000.00
Expended:	\$1,000.00
Return to Treasury 6/30/11	0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011 DOG LICENSES

348 Spayed or Neutered	@	7.00	\$ 2436.00
50 Male or Female	@	10.00	\$ 500.00
3 Kennel License	@	30.00	\$ 90.00
2 Hobby Kennel License	@	60.00	\$ 120.00
4 Commercial Kennel License	@	150.00	\$ 600.00
14 Late Fines	@	25.00	\$ 350.00
1 Ambulatory	@	12.50	\$ 12.50
Subtotal			\$4108.50
Less Fees			<u>306.50</u>
			\$3802.00

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

Respectfully submitted

Nancy J. Butler CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2011 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

F1	Resident Fishing	13	@	\$27.50	\$375.50
F2	Resident Fishing (Minor)	2	@	\$11.50	\$23.00
F3	Resident Fishing (65-69)	1	@	\$16.25	\$16.25
F4	Resident Fishing (Over 70)	8	@	FREE	FREE
F7	Non Resident Fishing	0	@	\$23.50	\$0.00
T1	Trapping	0	@	\$35.50	\$0.00
H1	Resident Hunting	4	@	\$27.50	\$110.00
S1	Resident Sporting	6	@	\$45.00	\$270.00
S2	Resident Sporting (65-69)	1	@	\$25.50	\$25.00
S3	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	4	@	FREE	FREE
M1	Archery Stamp	6	@	\$5.10	\$30.60
M2	Waterfowl Stamp	3	@	\$5.00	\$15.00
M3	Primitive Firearms Stamp	7	@	\$5.10	\$35.70
Total					\$901.05
Less Fees					<u>\$15.55</u>
					\$855.50

Beginning 2012, all Hunting and Fishing Licenses will need to be ordered online at www.mass.gov/masswildlife under the Fishing, Hunting and Trapping.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

2011 - 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 2011

There were 22 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2011.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2011

<u>Date</u>		
March 12	John David Mathias Plympton	Carrie Ann Elliott Plympton
June 11	Michael Charles Tripp Middleboro	Janice Marjorie Frates Plympton
June 16	Joshua Richard Grispi Plympton	Kaitlyn Marie Fava Halifax
June 25	Sarah Rae Manganello Hanson	Kenneth Alan Stone Hanson
Aug 6	Daniel Louis Rondeau Plympton	Katie Jean Sances Plympton
Aug 13	Evelyn Arline Healey Plympton	Russell Alton Freeman, Jr. Plympton
Aug 31	Lillian Marie Gilpin Plympton	Michael Edward Scopa Hanson
Oct 7	Allan Scott Rand Bridgewater	Linda May Merrick Bridgewater
Oct 7	William Alan Norvish, Jr. Plympton	Gina Louise Graziano Plympton

DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
January 14	Helen Braddock	89	Central Cemetery, Halifax, MA
February 7	Joseph E. Eifler, Sr.	86	MA National Cemetery, Bourne, MA
8	William Collazo	94	Linwood Cemetery, Haverhill, MA
21	Charles E. Justice	60	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA
March 21	John E. McKenna	63	Central Cemetery, Halifax, MA
May 2	Ruth A. Sarro	87	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
July 5	Frank Milton Young	91	Spring Brook Cemetery, Mansfield, MA
July 14	Eleanor K. Bowes	98	Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury, MA
September 21	Phyllis Vancamp	92	Vine Hills Crematory, Plymouth, MA
24	Stephen J. McAlinden	61	Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA
November 8	Robert Cutter Whiting, Jr.	69	Duxbury Crematory, MA
18	Ben E. Daniels	74	Tufts Medical School, Boston, MA

NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON – 2011

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
February 18	John F. Miller	82	Kingston, MA
August 6	Dorothy G. Frates	86	Carver, MA
19	Peter Justice	53	Plymouth, MA
November 21	Ryan B. Nicotri	26	Abington, MA
December 9	Virginia Mae Wright	92	Middleboro, MA
20	Ruth W. Nerboso	91	Plymouth, MA

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLYMPTON
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2011

GENERAL FUND

Cash	\$		1,843,793.94
Petty Cash	\$		50.00

Personal Property	\$	49,203.51		
Real Estate	\$	342,412.17	\$	391,615.68

Allowance for Abatements	\$		(182,646.60)
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Tax Liens	\$	244,047.30		
Tax Possessions	\$	4,586.19	\$	-
Res. For Uncol. Receivables	\$	(248,633.49)	\$	-

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

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	85,742.14		
Res. For Uncollected Excise	\$	(85,742.14)	\$	-

Farm Animal Excise	\$	539.32		
Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise	\$	(539.32)	\$	-

Betterments	\$	2,775.89		
Assess. Conveyance Tax	\$	-	\$	-
Veteran Benefits Receivable	\$	30,085.10	\$	-
Allow. For Uncol. Receivables	\$	(32,860.99)	\$	-

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS	\$		<u>2,052,813.02</u>
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Accrued Payroll Withholdings	\$		36,994.37
Payroll & Warrant Payable	\$		1,218,427.30

Other Liabilities				
Tailings	\$	17,425.46		
Deferred Rev. Propert Taxes	\$	208,969.08	\$	226,394.54

Reserve for Petty Cash	\$		50.00	
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$		90,077.50	
Bond Premium	\$		11,885.84	
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$		(150,651.74)	
Unreserved Funds				
Res. For Expenditures	\$	182,292.00	\$	619,635.21
Undesignated Balance	\$	437,343.21	\$	<u>619,635.21</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$		<u>2,052,813.02</u>
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HIGHWAY FUNDS

Cash		\$	(39,802.01)
State Aid to Highways	\$	540,723.06	
Def. Rev. Ingevernmental	\$	(540,723.06)	\$ -
Fund Balance Cahpter 90		\$	(39,802.01)

SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		\$	(33,755.10)
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Fund Balances

EEO Grant	\$	44.39	
Math Grant	\$	250.00	
REAP Grant	\$	(31,935.00)	
Kindergarten Transition	\$	(2,923.13)	
Title I	\$	(1,191.36)	
Emergency Education Grant	\$	2,000.00	\$ (33,755.10)

TOWN GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE

Cash		\$	69,728.13
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Fund Balances

Cultural Council	\$	5,001.99	
Board of Health Septic	\$	5,055.19	
Handi Persons Grant	\$	1,662.69	
Right to Know	\$	873.00	
Community Policing	\$	1,335.98	
Pol. Dept. Safety Gran	\$	1,680.83	
Com. Security Grant	\$	305.89	
Com Dev. Town House	\$	43,930.85	
Board of Health Grant	\$	2,000.00	
Fed Fire Equipment Grant	\$	132.78	
Tercentennial Grant	\$	884.77	
Police Local Prep.	\$	1,226.11	
Fire Dept. Grants	\$	2,557.05	
Election Grant	\$	3,081.00	\$ 69,728.13

REVOLVING FUNDS

Cash		\$	19,618.20
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Fund Balances

Town Mapping	\$	180.00	
Student Activities	\$	13,837.22	
Recreation Dept.	\$	4,990.67	
Library Recoveries	\$	610.31	\$ 19,618.20

RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND

Cash		\$	334,524.43
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Ambulance Receivalbes	\$	97,019.78	
Def. Ambulance Rec.	\$	(97,019.78)	
Community Pres. Receivables	\$	2,293.25	

Def. Receivables	\$	(2,293.25)	
			<u>\$ 334,524.43</u>
State Aid to Libraries	\$	13,336.45	
Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000	\$	217.64	
Ambulance Fee Fund	\$	172,321.51	
CPA-Open Space	\$	21,259.00	
CPA-Historic Resources	\$	59.00	
CPA-Community Housing	\$	21,259.00	
CPA-Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	101,071.83	
CPA-Reserve for Expenditure	\$	5,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>\$ 334,524.43</u>
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Cash			<u>\$ 296,687.30</u>
Fund Balances			
Dennett Library Fund	\$	77,152.91	
Sysco Escrow	\$	121,780.38	
Sysco Road Gifts	\$	36,948.05	
Highway Escrow	\$	4,500.00	
School Gifts	\$	1,331.15	
Board of Health Escrow	\$	87.74	
Student Activities Gifts	\$	7,829.92	
Fire Dept. Gift	\$	100.00	
Sale of Town Property	\$	498.00	
Library Gift Fund	\$	7,389.31	
Planning Bd. Deposits	\$	12,170.22	
Consevation Notice of Intent	\$	2,989.75	
Town House Gifts	\$	900.94	
Conservation Escrow	\$	1,356.57	
Recreation Gift	\$	450.00	
Police & Dare Gifts	\$	1,057.79	
Historic Comm. Gift	\$	250.00	
300th Anniversary Gifts	\$	3,565.11	
Jason Park Memorial Fund	\$	4.46	
Appeal Esrow	\$	16,325.00	<u>\$ 296,687.30</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Cash-Capital Projects			
Town Projects	\$	231,084.64	
Amt. to be Provided	\$	432,852.00	
Bans Payable	\$	(432,852.00)	
A/R Septic Loans	\$	47,101.77	
Def. Rev. Septic	\$	(47,101.77)	<u>\$ 231,084.64</u>
Fund Balances			
Board of Health	\$	1,935.46	

Transfer Station	\$	78,195.97	
Town Hall Renovations	\$	150,000.00	
Highway Equipment	\$	953.21	\$ <u>231,084.64</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Cash			\$ <u>418,805.36</u>
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Fund Balances

Investment Funds	\$	2,687.20	
Sale of Lots	\$	38,493.46	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	108,086.25	
TOPLA Library Fund	\$	61,471.67	
Law Enforcement Fund	\$	12,630.93	
Stabilization	\$	195,435.85	\$ <u>418,805.36</u>

AGENCY FUNDS

Cash			\$ <u>87,145.50</u>
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Agency Payables

Performance Bonds	\$	79,738.60	
Treasurer Red. Fees	\$	2,092.60	
Collectors Liens	\$	200.62	
Town Clerk Fees	\$	3,073.44	
State Fire Arms	\$	(1,102.50)	
State Licenses Payable	\$	2,344.04	
Police Extra Detail	\$	798.70	\$ <u>87,145.50</u>

DEBT

Amount to be Provided			\$ <u>1,037,250.15</u>
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Highway Equipment	\$	180,000.00	
Septic Loans	\$	32,250.15	
School Building	\$	825,000.00	
			\$ <u>1,037,250.15</u>

Loans Authorized

\$ <u>1,204,118.86</u>

Loans Authorized & Unissued

\$ <u>1,204,118.86</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Gomez

TOWN OF PLYMPTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
30-Jun-11

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT	TRUST & AGENCY	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Cash	\$ 1,843,843.94	\$ 647,000.95	\$ 231,084.64	\$ -	\$ 505,950.86	\$ 3,227,880.39
Receivables						
Real Estate & Personal Property	\$ 391,615.68					\$ 391,615.68
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$ 248,633.49					\$ 248,633.49
Farm Animal	\$ 539.32					\$ 539.32
Def. Property Due	\$ 4,968.89					\$ 4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 85,742.14					\$ 85,742.14
Departmental	\$ 32,860.99	\$ 99,313.03				\$ 132,174.02
Other-Septic			\$ 47,101.77			\$ 47,101.77
Intermental & Loans	\$	\$ 540,723.06	\$ 432,852.00	\$ 1,037,250.15		\$ 2,010,825.21
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,608,204.45	\$ 1,287,037.04	\$ 711,038.41	\$ 1,037,250.15	\$ 505,950.86	\$ 6,149,480.91

LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities						
Bonds Payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,037,250.15	\$ 1,037,250.15
Warrants Payable	\$ 1,218,427.30					\$ 1,218,427.30
Accrued Payroll Withholds	\$ 36,994.37					\$ 36,994.37
Reserve for Abatements	\$ 182,646.60					\$ 182,646.60
Deferred Taxes						
Real & Personal Prop.	\$ 208,969.08					\$ 208,969.08
Tax Liens & Possessions	\$ 248,633.49					\$ 248,633.49
Farm Animal	\$ 539.32					\$ 539.32
Def. Property Due	\$ 4,968.89					\$ 4,968.89
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 85,742.14					\$ 85,742.14
Other-Septic			\$ 47,101.77			\$ 47,101.77
Intergovernmental	\$	\$ 540,723.06	\$ 432,852.00			\$ 973,575.06
Departmental	\$ 32,860.99	\$ 99,313.03				\$ 132,174.02
Other Liabilities	\$ 17,425.46				\$ 87,145.50	\$ 104,570.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,037,207.64	\$ 640,036.09	\$ 479,953.77	\$ 1,037,250.15	\$ 87,145.50	\$ 4,281,593.15

TOWN TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

June 30, 2011

Tax Collections

Real Estate - Current Year	\$	5,356,634.26	
Real Estate - Prior Years	\$	108,558.66	
Personal Property - Current Year	\$	267,334.78	
Personal Property - Prior Years	\$	639.25	
Conservation Preservation Act.	\$	56,273.03	
Motor Vehicle Excise - Current Year	\$	241,081.65	
Motor Vehicle Excise - Prior Years	\$	80,613.81	
Betterments	\$	1,986.40	
Tax Title	\$	6,000.00	
Farm Animal Excise	\$	-	
Penalties and Interest	\$	44,314.68	
In Lieu of Taxes	\$	-	
TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS			\$ 6,163,436.52

RECEIPTS

Departmental Receipts	\$	167,587.08	
Permits	\$	229,390.94	
Court Fines	\$	-	
Cemetery Department	\$	2,420.00	
Vendor Refunds	\$	55,378.59	
Interest on Investments	\$	3,872.28	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 458,648.89

Payroll Withholdings	\$	936,959.54	
Chapter 90	\$	224,430.22	
State Aid	\$	741,475.54	
			\$ 1,902,865.30

GRANTS

School Grants	\$	228,468.62	
Cultural Council	\$	3,880.72	
Public Safety Grant	\$	-	
Plymouth 5 Coalition Grant	\$	-	
Fire Safe Grant	\$	255.00	
Town House Grant	\$	-	
Elections Grant	\$	645.00	
Elder Affair Grant	\$	3,500.00	
TOTAL GRANTS			\$ 236,749.34

REVOLVING FUNDS

Library	\$	185.32	
Treasurers Redemptions	\$	121.36	
Deputy Fees	\$	14,416.00	
Town Clerk Fees	\$	1,599.90	
Student Activity Funds	\$	13,808.81	
Recreation Fund	\$	350.00	

Town Maps	\$	-	
Police Details	\$	43,211.00	
State Fire Arms	\$	3,035.00	
TOTALS			\$ 76,727.39

Receipts Reserved	\$	146,693.11	
Donations and Gifts	\$	326,397.45	
Interest on Trusts	\$	23,875.53	
Licenses Payable to State	\$	4,366.75	\$ 501,332.84

Tax Collector Salary

Appropriated	\$	28,156.00
Expended	\$	28,156.00

Tax Collector Expense

Appropriated	\$	14,900.00
Expended	\$	14,900.00
	\$	-

Treasurer Salary

Appropriated	\$	22,262.00
Expended	\$	22,262.00

Treasurer Expense

Appropriated	\$	22,774.95
Expended	\$	22,774.95

EXPENDITURES

30-Jun-11

GENERAL FUND-DEPARTMENTS

Town Meeting Moderator	\$	100.00
Selectmen	\$	21,679.54
General Government Articles	\$	17,358.27
Finance Committee	\$	1,392.36
Town Accountant	\$	18,608.41
Assessors	\$	48,195.72
Assessors Revaluation	\$	20,000.00
Treasurer	\$	44,936.95
Tax Collector	\$	44,055.96
Treasurer's Tax Title	\$	4,247.07
Legal Department	\$	40,413.97
Wage and Personnel	\$	-
Town Services	\$	23,870.00
Town Clerk	\$	40,316.89
Election and Registrations	\$	14,442.99
Conservation	\$	251.13
Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$	2,789.10
Planning Board	\$	754.81
Appeals Board	\$	-
Town Building	\$	7,681.29
New Town House	\$	48,804.07
Utilities	\$	14,894.97
Police Department	\$	547,582.51
Police Vehicles	\$	58,244.65
Police Articles	\$	-
Communication Center	\$	1,909.00
Fire Department	\$	133,098.27
Fire Articles	\$	75,356.97
Fire Services	\$	76,927.91
Building Dept.	\$	24,080.77
Plumbing and Gas	\$	6,121.00
Wire	\$	6,228.21
Cemetery Maintenance- Int. Trans.	\$	-
Civil Defense	\$	-
Dog Officer	\$	8,650.00
Animal Inspector	\$	1,292.00
Tree Department	\$	13,986.81
Plympton Schools	\$	2,434,360.84
Silver Lake Regional School	\$	1,821,979.59
Highway	\$	381,781.37
Highway Articles	\$	465.67
Waste Collection and Disposal	\$	138,952.85
Cemetery Department	\$	6,000.00
Health Offices	\$	22,636.45
Council on Elder Affairs	\$	8,633.27
Veterans Services	\$	40,207.07
Care of Soldiers Graves	\$	321.40
Memorial Day Committee	\$	509.67

County Extension	\$	-	
Library	\$	106,861.00	
Recreation Dept.	\$	1,545.00	
Park Dept.	\$	7,210.00	
Historic Commission	\$	-	
Debt Service	\$	79,908.99	
Interest	\$	93,981.25	
Retirement	\$	290,860.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$	946.30	
Group Health Insurance	\$	227,551.15	
Other Miscellaneous	\$	49,530.18	
Liability Insurance	\$	104,290.72	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			\$ 7,186,804.37

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

Chapter 90 - State Funds	\$	183,112.50	
General Government Grants	\$	31,069.15	
DARE - Comm of Mass	\$	-	
Community Policing	\$	-	
Public Safety Grants	\$	1,801.74	
Council on Aging Grants	\$	4,955.26	
Cultural Council	\$	4,863.16	
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS			\$ 225,801.81

REVOLVING FUNDS

Collectors Fees	\$	12,675.00	
Town Clerk Fees	\$	1,466.40	
Police Extra Details	\$	44,517.00	
State Fire Arms Fund	\$	393,750.00	
Student Activity Fund	\$	10,742.24	
Library Recoveries	\$	359.36	
Recreation	\$	2,508.33	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS			\$ 466,018.33

RECEIPTS RESERVED

Ambulance Fees	\$	56,202.11	
Conservation Preservation Act	\$	58,250.00	
Library State Aid	\$	1,702.90	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED			\$ 116,155.01

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

General Gov. Gifts	\$	30,055.35	
Harry Jason Park - Gifts	\$	3.15	
Conservation - NOI	\$	323.00	
Appeals Escrow	\$	-	
Planning Board	\$	3,000.00	
Planning Board-Sysco	\$	57,732.12	
Police Dept. Gifts	\$	65.91	
Board of Health	\$	262.26	
Highway Sept. Escrow	\$	-	
Student Activity Gifts	\$	-	
Library Gifts	\$	1,954.00	

Town House Gifts	\$	-		
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE			\$	93,395.79
Town Projects			\$	171,804.03
TRUST FUNDS				
Law Enforcement				
Perpetual Care Fund	\$	419.37	\$	-
TOTAL TRUSTS	\$	-	\$	419.37
AGENCY FUNDS				
Licenses Paid to State	\$	567.25		
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$	-	\$	567.25

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REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Plympton Agricultural Commission meets on the second Monday of the month.

While the Ag Comm. has always been a source to help other Plympton committees with dispute resolution with agricultural problems, 2011 was a year for the Committee to be more in the public eye.

The Plympton Ag Comm. joined forces with the Garden Club in May for a "Celebrate Plympton Agricultural Day", hosted the tri-town Ag meeting in Carver and is working on a flyer to help promote agriculture in Plympton.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Harlfinger, Chair

Linda Schauwecker, Secretary

Richard Nordahl

Rick Burnet

Jeff LaFleur

Russ Kierstead

Paul Harju

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessor's office is responsible for full and fair market valuation of real estate and personal property of January 1 for the purposes of levying the property tax. A key component is the calculation of a New Growth estimate which is a critical component used in developing the annual Town budget. Tax levy increase attributable to New Growth as approved by the Department of Revenue for FY2012 was \$83,769.

Department of Revenue guidelines require the Assessors analyze arms-length sales in the year prior to the assessment date (January 1, 2010 for FY2012) equal to 2% of the number of properties in the primary class which is the residential class in Plympton, and if there were insufficient sales available the Assessors look back 24 months. During the second half of calendar year 2010 into the first half of 2011 the decline in sales and sale prices of residential property slowed. However distressed sales continued to impact the market with seventeen distressed sales recorded in Plympton between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2011. Overall, single family sale prices averaged 5% lower than assessments. The average sale price of the twenty-four arms' length single family homes sold used in adjusting values for the Fiscal 2012 interim adjustment was \$341,008. Final values are then used to establish the tax rate in order to meet the budget requirements as voted at Town Meeting. As expected, when property values decrease the tax rate increases. The FY2012 tax rate is \$16.25 per thousand.

The Town's FY2012 average Single Family Residence is valued at \$315,854. The Town's FY2011 average Single Family Residence was valued at \$316,374.

FY 2012 REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

CLASS	VALUE	% OF LEVY	TAX REVENUE
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 325,492,420	88.49%	\$ 5,289,251.83
COMMERCIAL	12,461,322	3.39%	202,496.46
INDUSTRIAL	12,745,098	3.47%	207,107.84
PERSONAL PROPERTY	17,113,290	4.65%	278,090.96
TOTAL	\$ 367,812,130	100.00%	\$ 5,976,947.11

The Assessor's Office is responsible for committing motor vehicle excise taxes to the Tax Collector. In 2011 the Assessors committed 3,915 Motor Excise bills representing \$ 341,824.90 in tax revenue.

Assessors also have the authority to grant abatements and exemptions on the assessed taxes. An abatement request is filed when a taxpayer believes the assessed value on his or her property (real, personal or motor vehicle) is too high. The Assessors then examine the circumstances to determine if the request has merit. If the assessors decide in favor of the taxpayer abatement is granted with a corresponding reduction in the amount of tax owed. The Board acted on 155 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor vehicle excise abatements. Tax abatement or exemption abatement totals are as follows:

#	TYPE	TAX
53	Personal Exemption	\$ 29,529.84
11	Real Estate & Personal Property	\$ 10,077.37
91	Motor Vehicle Abatements	\$ 7,575.02

In August the Board of Assessors appointed Deborah M. Stuart, MAA as Assistant Assessor replacing Steven Dunn who resigned in June 2011. Colleen Morin serves as Administrative Assistant in the office.

During 2011 the Assessors' Office reviewed 38 outstanding building permits which included 2 new starts of single family homes. Increases (or decreases) in property values attributed to new construction, additions and demolitions are the major component of New Growth, and together with new lots or reconfigured lots and new personal property constitute the new growth component of the annual Tax Levy Limit. The SYSCO project will generate new growth for FY2013 based on the percent complete as of January 1, 2012; the Town will realize the full impact of the project in FY2014.

In an effort to expand information and services to the residents, Boards and Commissions of Plympton within the budgetary constraints and limited hours of operation, the Assessors staff are pleased to offer Property Values, Assessment Maps, and forms on the Board of Assessors page on the Town website. Maps in PDF format can be viewed or downloaded. Forms available include Auto Excise Abatement, Chapter Land applications, Farm Excise Form of List, Abutters List Request, and Applications for Statutory Exemptions. The Assessors will continue to update the site with documents and forms to facilitate resident and taxpayer access to services provided by the office staff.

The Assessors office will begin preparing for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2014 triennial re-valuation year which is part of a more in depth review of values. In an effort to have a correct starting point of valuation, all sales from 2011 and 2012 will be visited and reviewed for data verification. An interior inspection of these properties is the best way to assure properties are valued correctly. Should no one be home during a visit a card

will be left for the homeowners to contact the office for an interior inspection. The interior inspection of all properties is of vital importance to all taxpayers especially in older homes where the lack of an inspection may result in incorrect depreciation applied to the building.

As of October 2011 the Assessors' Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Monday evenings 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn A.P. Anderson, Chair

Richard E. Nordahl, Clerk

David Batchelder, Member

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

In the year 2011 all Board of Health Members attended the yearly Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Certification classes. All board members also attended classes sponsored by the Duxbury and Middleborough Medical Reserve Cores (MRC) obtaining their CPR/AED certificates. Board Members have also completed some of the courses required for emergency preparedness—ICS100a, and NIMs 700. There are three more required classes and one recommended class to be taken by the board members.

The possibility of regionalization of Health Boards was looked into and rejected. A grant was offered by the CDC and Federal Government for this purpose however the grant funds were cut in half and with 17 towns interested it was decided that the Town of Plympton would not benefit. This was due to the fact that it was to be shared duties with those without expertise having to pay extra for the services of another town. Plympton is not large enough for full or part time employees normally found in a Health Department of a larger town or city. Our current Health Agent, Richard O'Keefe, RS conducts inspections with a board member and is on call for assistance to the BOH. He keeps no regular BOH office hours.

Health Assessment / Blood Pressure clinics and Infectious Disease Follow-up and other health related reports/paperwork are fulfilled by Partners Health Care under contract. Only one FLU Clinic was held this year and this only after the state found extra funding to purchase sufficient Flu Vaccine. We had already sent out notices that there would not be a clinic this year and most people either did not get a flu shot at all or obtained it elsewhere. A total of 36 injections were given at the Town House Clinic on November 28th. The current Flu vaccine now includes the H1N1 strain. In addition to monthly clinics any medical/health care for Plympton residence is done thru Partners Health Care at 38 Resnik Road, Plymouth, Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30PM to 3:30PM---telephone 508-747-5924 for an appointment or other arrangements.

The construction of Tractor Supply Store here in Plympton was completed and the store opened its doors November, 2011. Sysco's ground breaking was June 23, 2011 and construction of this facility continues.

Plymouth 5 Emergency Preparedness Coalition again helped with the purchase of supplies and emergency equipment through the PHEP Grant. The BOH has thus far been able to meet the requirements for membership in this group. Monthly meetings were attended by the Administrative Assistant to the BOH.

Permits issued for 2011:

Food	6
Milk/Cream	2
Tobacco sales location	2

Permits to Construct/Repair Septic Systems:

New	1
Repair/Upgrade	7
Installer's Permits	8
Well Permits	2
Title 5 Inspector Permits	11
Trash Hauler's Permits`	5
Septic Hauler's Permits	5

Respectfully submitted,

Plympton Board of Health
John (Jack) E. Doyle, Chairman
Arthur F. O'Callaghan, Treasurer
Colleen Morin, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2011 saw the conclusion of some efforts started the previous year, the continuation of some and the beginnings of others.

Closing-out work begun previously, the committee appointed by the Board to revise the Town's sign by-law completed its work, presented the Board with their proposed revision and the new by-law was adopted at the May Town Meeting. The committee negotiating the new contract with the Dennett teachers throughout much of the previous year successfully concluded their work in the summer. This was the first time in recent memory that a Selectman was part of the negotiating team. The Board learned a lot from the experience and will continue to participate in the future.

The preliminary contacts with Sysco Boston, Inc. made in the fall of 2010 bore fruit as the company completed its purchase of much of the land in our Business Park where it will locate its new distribution facility. Sysco received its first permit in January, the groundbreaking was in June and as the year closed, construction was ahead of schedule with an anticipated opening in the middle of 2012.

New work by the Board in 2011 was conducted in various areas. The Board advertised to fill the position of Town Coordinator for the first time in Plympton's history. The process resulted in the hiring of Mr. Dale Pleau. Dale comes to us from Mendon where he most recently filled the position for them subsequent to having served as a Selectman and Finance Committee member. We welcome Dale and the experience that he brings to help us launch the position.

Commercially, in addition to the progress at the Business Park, Tractor Supply Company built a store in Plympton at the south end of Main Street and opened its doors in November. TSC is a welcome addition. Two new ventures were proposed as the year came to an end. They are both solar power stations. In the coming year, one or both of these may be in operation.

The Board successfully concluded an agreement with the Patrolmen's Union through 2014. Related to the Police Department, the hiring of Pat Dillon the previous year as the Town's Police Chief left an opening in the Department at the Sergeant's position. That was filled in 2011 when the Selectmen appointed Officer Robert Costa as the new Police Sergeant. Across the parking lot at the Fire Station, the Captain Warren Borsari was appointed as the Interim Fire Chief.

Lastly, the Board conducted the perambulation of the Town boundaries. Required by law to be done at least every five years, this time the Selectmen were aided by Eagle Scout Scott Nichols.

Once again, we thank you for placing your trust in us. We will continue our best efforts to administer Plympton in a manner that we can all be proud of. We look forward to working for and with you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

SELECTMEN'S SALARIES

Appropriated	\$600.00
Expended	\$600.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriated	\$19,353.00
Expended	\$18,585.00

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	\$23,870.00
Expended	\$23,870.00

TOWN HOUSE

Appropriated	\$48,805.00
Expended	\$48,804.00

BLANKET INSURANCE

Appropriated	\$104,471.00
Expended	\$104,290.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	\$14,894.00
Expended	\$14,894.00

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriated	\$2,600.00
Expended	\$2,495.00

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriated	\$40,413.00
Expended	\$40,413.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated	\$510.00
Expended	\$510.00

TRANSFER STATION

Appropriated	\$140,250.00
Expended	\$138,952.00

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Plympton Building Department had a change of personnel in calendar year 2011, with the appointment of Tom Millias as Building Commissioner and Building Inspector.

A total of 83 Building Permits were issued in 2011, with fees totaling \$1,079,006.

Trenching Permits are required for any trenches (including perc tests) and a Zoning Permit is required before any Building Permit for a new building or addition can be issued.

Office hours are: Clerical: Mondays 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspectors; and Zoning Officer:
Monday Evening 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

PERMITS ISSUED:

TYPE	FEES	NUMBER OF PERMITS
New Homes	\$2,880	1
Additions	4,772	10
Outbuildings	451	6
Repair/Remodel	1,622	14
Roof/Siding	857	14
Windows	561	7
Commercial	1,065,310	3
Solar Panels	1,020	4
Demolitions	200	4
Trench	35	1
Signs	613	4
Wood Stoves	515	13
Swimming Pools	170	2

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Millias, Building Commissioner and Building Inspector
Robert Jacobson, Assistant Building Inspector
Robert Karling, Electrical Inspector, Zoning Officer
Douglas Hawthorn, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

2011 was another good year for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). We continued to watch over the Town Vault and the Historical Asset Inventory Pre-survey projects, which were approved by Town Meeting in May of 2010. As of this writing, the Survey has been completed and the Town Vault project is nearly complete, pending building updates to the Town House.

The lack of CPA Fund applications in the fall of 2010 allowed the Committee time to continue our CPA education. Two of our members attended The Southeastern Massachusetts Conference on the Community Preservation Act held at Bridgewater State University. They appreciated the workshops on "CPA and Community Supported Agriculture" and "Keeping the Community in Community Preservation." Both sessions contained information applicable to Plympton.

In May the CPC established the terms of service of committee members. This was to allow for the staggering of terms and to maintain smooth committee operations. We would like to take the time now to thank Polly Nordahl, Ken Thompson and Jon Wilhelmsen for their years of service to this committee. They have been instrumental in forging a strong, workable plan to make the CPA a useful tool for the Town of Plympton. The June meeting was held in conjunction with the Plympton Open Space Committee and the Wildlands Trust. This was an advertised open meeting and was well attended by members of the general public. The Wildlands Trust is a non-profit, private, tax-exempt trust established to help land owners and communities hold and manage land for the benefit of all.

The CPC met with the chair of the Finance Committee to get information regarding the administration of CPA funds and establishing guidelines for future projects' budgets and management. We also met with a representative of Town Counsel to learn more about the legal dictates and ramifications of the CPA.

We were excited and proud to learn that Rick Burnet was chosen as a recipient of one of the 2011 Robert Kuehn Community Preservation Awards. This award "recognizes a significant contribution to the success of the Community Preservation Act during its first decade." Rick was presented his award in a ceremony held at The State House during the CPA 10th Anniversary celebration. Several CPC members and other town residents attended this happy event.

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

We are happy that people are looking for ways to preserve the things that make Plympton a wonderfully unique town. We look forward to helping the Town use CPA funds for all aspects of the CPA: historical preservation, open-space, affordable housing and recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The main mission of the Council on Aging in 2011 is to match the needs of the Plympton Seniors with available resources throughout the local or State area. Blood pressure clinics were provided on the second Tuesday of each month. In conjunction with the Board of Health a Flu shot clinic was held in November.

In the Spring our well attended walking group met one day a week. Each week was a different destination to keep it interesting. This group is led by Ms. Chris

Maiorano who has also started a Zumba class Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings at the Plympton Historical Society building. This is a fun way to get exercise by dancing to music. You can modify your moves to fit your abilities. Come try it out! There is also still an exercise class Thursday mornings at Woodlands Senior Housing. Any senior in town is invited to attend.

South Shore Community Action Council continued its much-appreciated delivery of fruits and vegetables during harvest season. We thank them and the participating farmers for their generosity.

The third annual harvest luncheon was held in the fall with 150 people attending. They all enjoyed the wonderful cooking of Ms. Kim Russo and her excellent helpers. This gourmet luncheon is announced in the newsletter and we recommend it to all seniors in the future.

The Upland Sportsman's Club for many years has prepared two wonderful luncheons for Plympton seniors. The Council on Aging would like to thank the Club and Mr. Jim McGuiggan and his crew for continuing this kind gesture.

The Council, once again, applied for and was awarded a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. As in the past, this grant helps finance the successful Handi-Person program, the newsletter, the exercise class and the volunteer mileage reimbursement cost.

Our Senior Aide continued to provide the most important and crucial services required by our seniors. Ms. Peggy Palmer is a lifeline in many cases. She provides transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores and other destinations. Without public transportation in Town, Peggy is a lifeline for many seniors who live alone, or have no family close by. Some do not drive at all. The town of Plympton is very lucky to have a senior aide as compassionate and caring as Peggy Palmer.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Henry-Director
Dorothy Cushman-Coordinator and Treasurer
Evy Hannigan – Secretary
Barbara Knox
Chris Maiorano
Shirley Martin
Patricia Mustacaras – Old Colony Elder Services
Polly Nordahl
Peggy Palmer – Senior Aide
Sue Walker

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Public funding for the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences is provided through a central agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, through appropriations from the state Legislature and from the National Endowment for the Arts. The MCC in turn distributes funds to 329 local cultural councils, including The Plympton LCC, in order "to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities."

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

The Plympton Cultural Council regrants funds for cultural projects that benefit our community to the greatest possible effect. The amount granted the Plympton LCC for fiscal year 2011-12 was \$3,870.00. Grant recipients this year are:

The Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall Museum
Dennett Elementary School
Gregory Maichak, painter
Pilgrim Festival Chorus
Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra
Plymouth Guild for the Arts
Davis Bates, storyteller
Choral Art Society
Richard Clark, performer
Richard Hamelin, potter
Soule Homestead Education Center
Friends of Kingston Heritage
South Shore Arts Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominique Sampson, chair
Elizabeth Westley
Barbara Knox
Siobhan Green
Martha Burns

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2011

On behalf of the Plympton Fire Department, and as the newly appointed Acting Fire Chief, it is my pleasure to present the 2011 annual report. I am proud to support the accomplishments of the Firefighters and EMTs of the Plympton Fire Department. I am privileged to be associated with a team of individuals that provide quality Fire and EMS services each and every day. I hope to continue the community-oriented philosophy which has directed the Plympton Fire Department. We recognize the fact that we cannot be successful without the continued support of all town departments, boards, committees, schools, business owners and residents. Therefore, I owe you all sincere appreciation for your support.

I offer the following summary and highlights of our year in review, and I firmly believe that you will recognize the hard work and dedication of our Firefighters and EMTs.

In personnel matters, 2011 experienced major staffing changes for us. Fourteen new hires, many of whom are doubling as firefighters and EMTs, have shown great promise in their commitment to the department and to our town. I have appointed new officers: Donald Vautrinot has returned as our Deputy Chief; Lt. James Mulcahy was promoted to Captain; Lt. Steven Winslow heads up Fire Operations; Lt. Jeff Marani is our Clinical Coordinator; and Lt. Cheryl Davis was appointed to a newly created position of EMS Operations Manager. Enrollment at the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy's Call Volunteer Fire Fighter Training program is at seven. Attendance at drills and classes is close to 100%. Throughout these demanding times, the Plympton Fire Department continues to fulfill the town's expectations of around-the-clock Emergency Services.

In addition to numerous responses for ambulance requests, outside fires, and motor vehicle accidents, we were at the ready at all times, twenty-four hours a day. During the winter snow storms and Tropical Storm Irene that resulted in power outages throughout the region the fire department responded and mitigated all hazards that occurred. Safety inspections for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as for fuel tanks and heating systems, have reflected growing activity in the town. The Department has been and will continue to be heavily invested in the challenge presented by Sysco as they develop their center of operations in our community. The Tractor Supply Company offered yet another set of circumstances with which to deal. The Plympton Fire Department continues to promote student Fire Safety Education – visits to our elementary school and groups coming to our station teach our children valuable lessons in fire safety.

Perhaps the most exciting development is our expanding involvement with the Emergency Management System, synchronizing efforts with MEMA and FEMA to the end that, regardless of the catastrophic event, strategies and procedures will be in place to lead and guide the community to safety. As the local Emergency Management Director, myself and Chief Dillon have been working with agencies from surrounding towns, CERT teams and all other entities involved regarding the implementation, policy planning, and sharing of knowledge to ensure the efficient performance of any and all actions required. This effort relies on many dedicated people contributing their time and talents, and special thanks are extended to them.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to The Board of Selectman for their support, various town departments and committees for their continued guidance, and to the dedicated Firefighters and EMTs of the Plympton Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren J. Borsari
Fire Chief / EMD / Forest Fire Warden

**REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
FY-11**

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2010		6,000.00
Expended	<u>-5,355.40</u>	
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2011		644.60

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriated July 1, 2010		7,210.00
Expended	<u>-7,020.01</u>	
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2011		189.99

LABOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated July 1, 2010		76,066.00
Expended	<u>- 76,066.00</u>	

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriated July 1, 2010		52,577.00
Expended	<u>-52,577.00</u>	

GENERAL HIGHWAY

Appropriated July 1, 2010		69,925.00
Expended		
Fuel	12,476.85	
Utilities electric	2,878.54	
Utilities gas	5,625.31	
Meetings/Mileage	430.00	
Telephone	1,000.41	
Tools	659.01	
Road Maintenance	27,344.53	
Office Supplies	923.14	
Vehicle Repairs	3,945.50	
Building Maintenance	1,811.40	
Vehicle Supplies	378.95	
Uniform Items	2,741.18	
Miscellaneous	8,657.49	
Signs	490.82	
Licenses	120.00	
Dues & Memberships	90.00	
Expended	<u>- 69,573.13</u>	
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2011		351.87

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated July 1, 2010		4,000.00
Expended	<u>3,783.36</u>	
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2011		216.64

SNOW & ICE

Appropriated July 1, 2010		30,000.00
Expended	<u>187,315.05</u>	
	-157,315.05	

WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Appropriated July 1, 2010		140,250.00
Salaries, Dept Head	6,462.87	
Salaries, Clerical	7,002.97	
Salaries, Other	25,508.60	
Utilities, Electric	1,806.47	
Disposal, Operating Services	94,740.29	
Telephone	500.19	
Office Supplies	1,563.42	
Equipment Repair	112.50	
Miscellaneous	1,170.54	
Expended		<u>138,952.85</u>
Returned to Treasury June 30, 2011		1,297.15

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Mulcahy
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

While no new permits were issued by the Plympton Historic District Commission (PHDC) in 2011, work did proceed on the restoration of the windows at the historic Stephen Bryant/Caleb Loring house, a First Period structure, under permission granted by the commission during a prior year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission welcomed two new members in 2011. Jane Schulze joined the Commission in April and Jill Palenstijn joined in June. Jane also accepted the PHC seat on the Community Preservation Committee effective in July.

The Commission completed the preliminary survey of the Town's historic assets in late September. The pre-survey was funded with Community Preservation funds at the 2010 Town Meeting. A copy of this survey can be found on the Commission's Web site - historicplympton.com.

In October, utilizing the pre-survey, the Commission put forth a proposal to complete the survey of the Town's historic assets. This project has, to date, been received favorably by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). In an effort to fully leverage potential Community Preservation funds, the Commission has also applied for and received an invitation to complete a full application for the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) Fiscal Year 2012 Survey and Planning Grant cycle. The MHC Survey and Planning Grant would provide a 50% matching reimbursement for the cost of the town-wide historical survey. If the Commission receives favorable results from both the CPC and MHC, the Commission would bring this project before Town Meeting in May 2012.

The Commission reviewed and approved no requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in 2011.

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

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.

The Plympton Historical Commission (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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Wilhelmsen, Chair
Ed McCune
Martin Mitchell
Jill Palenstijn
Jane Schulze

Associate Members:
Richard Burnett

REPORT FOR THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PHS – not to be confused with the Historic Commission, not related to the Historic District Commission – is a nonprofit organization manned by volunteers who are dedicated to the preservation of Plympton's history. To achieve our goal we maintain the building at 189 Main St. which is owned by the town and houses a library of photograph collections and volumes, a museum room of artifacts and memorabilia, and gathering rooms for community presentations and events. Volunteers offer assistance to those seeking genealogical research from our archives or seeking information about Plympton's past. We've recently compiled documentation of those buried behind the Congregational Church to serve as an additional resource for all seekers of their heritage. Local historian, Steve O'Neill gave a tour of the Old Burying Ground in Hillcrest Cemetery last Fall to highlight Plympton's stonecarvers from the 18th century. This was an example of some of the rich history worth preserving here in Plympton!

Through fundraising events we strive to maintain & improve the building which houses our history. We sell Plympton pottery and calendars. We hold annual birthday celebrations to commemorate the incorporation of the Town in 1707. For 25 years, Antique Shows were held but with the downturn in the economy, we've had to find other creative ways to raise funds. We've held an Art Show & Winetasting, an auction and in Dec. 2011 we organized the "Celebration of Christmas Past" which proved to be successful. Hopefully it will be a new Plympton tradition. This November we are planning an "Artisans and Antiques Festival" in the Plympton Folk Arts and Antique Show style. With support from our community, we hope to have another successful event that will help keep us going strong.

PHS is very grateful to have received a gift from its former member, Elisabeth Dennett. Thanks to her generosity, PHS has been able to update the kitchen and bathroom, install a water purification system and hot water tank this year at no cost to the taxpayers. The building is in need of much more work including sill replacement, exterior painting, handicap ramping and wall insulation which we hope to achieve this coming year. We are also grateful to the support of the Plympton Garden Club which plans to hold meetings in our building this year. Zumba exercise classes are held in the building three days a week to raise funds for utilities each month. We will begin "Connections" this year for adult residents to gather Mondays from 1-3pm for socializing and games. We hope this will build a link between PHS and the Council on Aging.

Our building and much of its contents may be old and historic but we are trying to keep it vibrant and alive in our community with new programs, exciting events and volunteers who are committed to the values of a town rich in history, character and charm. We welcome the support and involvement of its citizens through membership and/or participation.

Go to plymptonhistoricalsociety.com or call 781-585-9648. We are open Mondays 1-3pm and Wednesdays from 6-8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Maiorano, PHS President

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library parking lot is full! In 2011, the Library diligently worked on our long-range plan goals to provide a community meeting place, to increase library programming and to maintain and to develop our popular library collection. You asked for this new direction and we are responding!

The library offered a broad range of activities during the year. Our expanded community programming provided new venues to meet your friends and neighbors through seven monthly community socials, three Sat. Community Coffee times and our new weekly knitting group. Additionally, movie licensing allowed us to start a movie matinee program. These popular events will continue to evolve and to grow with ongoing community support and interest.

The Plympton Cultural Council and other grants funded a painting workshop, a pottery demonstration, a songbird workshop, an Ed the Wizard magic show & a performance by Big Ryan. Other ongoing events include our preschool story times, a book discussion group and a seasonal poetry group. We also supported a Woodlands book discussion and maintained our free bookrack located in the town hall entryway.

Our extensive summer reading program, "One World, Many Stories" provided additional events geared to children and families. Weekly famous places, trivia games, and simple crafts provided the basics. Thirteen other special programs rounded out the summer and included a series of "Lunch @ the Library programs, Norway in a Nutshell, Poison Frogs, Junior Year Abroad, and much more. Many thanks to all our program volunteers who helped make this a successful summer.

Our in-house circulation continued to rise with a 6% increase from 2010. We were busy offering book recommendations, providing computer assistance, and locating whatever you needed. We are especially grateful for our dedicated and hard working staff that makes it look so easy. Meanwhile the constant flow of new technologies challenged our resources and experience. Our staff responded by attending workshops, using trial e-readers and developing their skills and understanding of the downloadable audio and e-books available on our network at <http://sails.lib.overdrive.com>. Newer Kindle compatibility is increasing the use of e-books and we continue to monitor this area as a possible new collection focus.

This year building issues took on a central role. Long standing water issues led us to apply for a Community Preservation Grant. This lengthy planning process eventually culminated in a proposed \$24,600 project that would greatly improve drainage in and around the building. Currently, the surface water forms deep puddles around the foundation and the system of dehumidifiers, wall drains and timed fans is simply not enough to keep the basement dry. We hope that you will support this proposal at town meeting. It is an investment in our future.

We are especially grateful this year for the generous support of so many people who helped us through the CPC grant process. Thank you everyone. As always, a very sincere thank you to all of our volunteers who provided program leadership, shelved or covered books, or generally assisted wherever needed. You are all vital to our success.

Please visit our website at www.plymptonlibrary.org or our face book page for the latest program information.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Batson, Director
Kathy Keirstead, Technican
Christine Champ, Circulation

Patricia Detterman, Trustee Chair
Kristine Boyles, Vice Chair
Susan Vetterlein, Secretary
Deborah Dempsey
Thomas Cosato
Christine Winslow

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

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

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2011.

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 also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed and secured the final approval of a Comprehensive update of the Old Colony Long Range Regional Transportation Plan; Developed the 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2011-2014 Area Plan. The Council also completed the Regional Strategic Planning Framework and the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study; the Annual Regional Traffic Volume Report; the BAT FY 2011 Ridership Report; and provided numerous Intersection/Technical Studies and Road Safety Audits to Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on numerous programs such as: regionalization of local services; zoning bylaw revisions; inclusionary zoning bylaws; expedited permitting; marketing for the newly established Economic Target Area; assisted member communities in the development of their Wind Energy Zoning Bylaws; conducted approximately 100 turning movement counts (TMCs) and 125 Average Daily Traffic (ADTs) counts throughout the region; and continued participation in the South Coast Rail Taskforce and providing technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton and Stoughton relevant to rail service. During this year OCPC also applied for and received a grant to conduct a 911 feasibility study for the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Duxbury, Kingston, Halifax, Plympton and Whitman; OCPC is also assisting in completing work on the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study and the Taunton River Basin Management Plan. With the assistance and support of the AAA Advisory Committee, the OCPC-AAA administered more than \$1.4 million in federal and state funding for 23 different programs for elders. These service programs provided more than 225,000 units of service to more than 2,000 unduplicated elders. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program conducted over 1,320 visits to nursing and rest-homes, investigating over 644 issues of concern from residents or families. OCPC also continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke and Stoughton.

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 2011, the Council elected Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council President; Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Treasurer; and, Fred Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,
John Rantuccio, Delegate
James Mulcahy, Alternate

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

POSC spearheaded an effort to submit an updated application in the Massachusetts Commonwealth Capital Program. The Commonwealth Capital Policy coordinates state capital spending programs in order to invest in projects that are consistent with Administration policy and the Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles and to partner with municipalities seeking to advance our shared conservation and development interests. The applications submitted by each community are assessed by the state and given a score, which is then used as basis for evaluation by the state when the town applies for various state funding grant and loan programs. These programs impact diverse entities, including public works, road assistance, land preservation, drinking water supply protection, as well as other important areas of interest for the community. It is possible for the town to apply for such funding vehicles without a Commonwealth Capital score, but communities in this category are at a competitive disadvantage for already limited resources. The town Commonwealth Capital score for 2011 was 32.

The POSC, along with Community Preservation Committee, hosted a combined public meeting of the two committees at the Town House in June. The topic of this meeting was "Public and Private Approaches to Open Space and Community Preservation in Plympton". The meeting, which was attended by ~50 people, consisted of brief overview updates by each committee, a presentation by a representative from Wildlands Trust, and was followed by open discussion. The meeting was a success in that it brought residents and interested parties together to discuss the activities of the two committees and plans for preservation of the town's rural and historic character.

Finally, the Open Space Committee also submitted a proposal to the Community Preservation Committee to acquire approximately 10 acres of land located on Main St and bordering Jones River Brook in order to create the Churchill Park at Jones Brook. The waters, wetlands and forests in this area are home to many important species of wildlife and plants, and are rich in historical significance for the town, dating back to one of Plympton's earliest families. The Park would provide Plympton residents with opportunities for passive recreation, environmental education and historical study. The POSC is working with the CPC and other town boards/committees to prepare a warrant for residents to approve the disbursement of CPC funds to fund this project at town meeting in 2012.

Christian Lawrence (2012) – Chair

Brad Prescott (2012) - Secretary

Frank Perfetuo (2014) Gail Briggs (2012)

Linda Leddy (2014) Vicki Maloney (2015)

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The year 2011 was the busiest the Planning Board has been for quite a while. Residential development remained quiescent, leaving two commercial projects to dominate our agenda.

Tractor Supply, a national retailer, whose site plan was approved by the Planning Board in 2010, was constructed during 2011. Along with the usual construction-period activity (inspections etc.), Tractor Supply was also the first applicant for a Special Permit under the lighting bylaw AND under the new sign bylaw. Each of these permits was granted after due consideration, and the Tractor Supply store was open prior to Thanksgiving.

Sysco Corporation, a national food supplier, made application for an approximately 650,000 square foot distribution center in the town's Industrial district, representing the fulfillment of many years of planning and hard work by many residents. Sysco's project is so large that all by itself it will fully build out the land of Security National, the former owner. Sysco submitted an application for Site Plan Review to the Planning Board, and as required by our bylaw, the site plan was approved within 60 days, thanks to the quality effort by Sysco's team and diligent work of the Board and its consultant. Sysco also obtained approval for the reconstruction of the former Bradshaw subdivision, and the required special permits for work in our groundwater protection zone and for lighting. Construction began in the summer and the Planning Board has been heavily involved in the construction phase, with a particular emphasis on quality control during the construction of the subdivision road. Construction on this massive project is expected to conclude in the summer of 2012.

So why did Sysco choose our little town? Certainly the Board of Selectmen worked hard to bring them to town. But with other sites available, Sysco chose us in large part due to the quick turnaround of the necessary permits. The Planning Board played a role in this by having the experience and expertise to be able to act quickly on the application. However, Dick Gauley, a former Planning Board member, must be credited with the crucial role of obtaining the various state permits (MEPA, groundwater discharge, and water withdrawal) well in advance of having a user for the property. Dick was a frequent visitor to the Planning Board over the last ten years, keeping us informed of the status of the property, asking for input, and occasionally making a permit application to better prepare for a future user. Having all this groundwork completed meant that choosing Plympton reduced Sysco's permitting time from two years to two months! Both Sysco and the Town has benefitted greatly from Dick's foresight.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D'Angelo
Irving R. Butler, Jr.
John D. O'Leary, Jr., Chair
John Rantuccio
Brian Wick

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2011.

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

As a result of a mild winter with abundant snow cover, the 2011 season began with a high water table and above average number of spring mosquitoes. As we expected the initial requests for spraying were numerous following the worst Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) threat in 100 years in 2010. 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. Over 11,000 acres were aerial larvicided using the Project plane. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1, 2011 and ended on September 16, 2011. The Project responded to 16,306 spray requests for service from residents. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 58,701 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

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

The first virus isolations were identified on July 19, 2011 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, a (WNV) West Nile Virus from a *Culex pipiens/restuans*, a bird biting species, in Cohasset and on the same day a *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, was found to have (EEE) Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus in the town of Bridgewater.

The 2011 season had a total of 34 EEE isolates, and 11 WNV trapped in Plymouth County as follows:

Species	Collection Date	Town	County	Agent
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	7/19/2011	Cohasset	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/19/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/02/2011	Whitman	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/02/2011	Brockton	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/02/2011	Brockton	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/09/2011	Abington	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/09/2011	Middleboro	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/23/2011	Mattapoisett	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/30/2011	W.Bridgewater	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/02/2011	Brockton	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culex Salinarius</i>	8/02/2011	W Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2011	Middleboro	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/09/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Ochlerotatus canadensis</i>	8/09/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2011	W Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2011	W Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/09/2011	W Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/17/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/18/2011	Carver	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/18/2011	Carver	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/17/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/17/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/17/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/19/2011	Rockland	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	8/17/2011	W. Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/17/2011	W. Bridgewater	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/23/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/23/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culex species</i>	8/23/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culex species</i>	8/23/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE

Species	Collection Date	Town	County	Agent
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/23/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/23/2011	Middleborough	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/24/2011	Plympton	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/06/2011	Lakeville	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/07/2011	Mattapoisett	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Ochlerotatus canadensis</i>	9/07/2011	Hanson	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/08/2011	Halifax	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/08/2011	Halifax	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/13/2011	Bridgewater	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/14/2011	Kingston	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culex pipiens/restuans</i> complex	9/09/2011	Abington	Plymouth	WNV
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/26/2011	Lakeville	Plymouth	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	10/20/2011	Hanover	Plymouth	EEE

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, the season began with 23 Plymouth County towns at "Low Level" and 4 towns at the "Moderate Level" for EEE risk category. The season ended with 19 Plymouth County towns at "Low Level" and 5 towns at the "Moderate Level" for EEE Risk and 4 towns at "high level" EEE risk category. In 2011 there were no human or horse cases as a result of contracting EEEV or WNV in Plymouth County.

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

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

Insecticide Application. 1,359 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer 414 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. Last year a total 39 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

Water Management. During 2011 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,350 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.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Plympton this year we aerially larvicided 360 acres.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Plympton was less than three days with more than 184 complaints answered.

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

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.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
Michael F. Valenti
John Kenney

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the Chief of Police, it is with great pride that I submit my second annual town report. Heading into 2011, the Plympton Police Department was faced with enormous challenges and a new vision for our department. We set early goals for ourselves and I am proud to say that we have taken positive steps and set a solid foundation for future success.

Due to the hard work and dedication of our officers, 99 criminal cases were successfully closed and their offenders were prosecuted. Crime prevention and education has become a high priority for our department. We have made significant efforts to reach out to community groups and students through preventative education. With proper staffing, we hope to take a more active role in providing our community the resources and knowledge they need to stay safe.

In personnel matters, the year 2011 proved once again to be a challenge for the Police Department. Fortunately, because of an increase in our budget we were granted additional funding to hire three full time officers. After a lengthy and thorough hiring process, we were fortunate to attract experienced officers who possessed full time academy certification and a college education. In October we also were able to promote an officer to the rank of Sergeant, this promotion will provide more supervisory support for our officers. The addition and promotion of these officers brought our department to a more manageable level and bring our department closer to our goal of maintaining two officer police coverage twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. In a collaborative effort with the Dennett School an officer was trained as the police department's new D.A.R.E. officer.

Join me in welcoming Officers Brian Cranshaw, Douglas Mazzola and Elisha Sullivan and congratulating Sergeant Robert Costa and Officer Dana Smith.

Aside from maintaining the progress already made on various initiatives, the department will continue to move toward expanding its capabilities into the following service areas during the next calendar year:

1. Update emergency management and preparedness plans and make them compatible with other public safety department within our community.
2. Continue to provide educational crime prevention services to our residents, especially our youth and seniors.
4. Work closely with town officials in to improve police department facility.
5. Improve department communications, officer knowledge and training.

Moving forward, we will continue our community oriented policing philosophy and we recognize that we cannot be successful without the continued support of all town departments, boards, committees, schools, business owners and residents. Therefore, I owe you all sincere appreciation for your support and look forward to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick S. Dillon
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

In August of 2011, the Recreation Commission fulfilled its goal to construct a fitness path at the Dennett Elementary School. The path is made of stone dust and completes a circle of roughly 1/3 of a mile around the existing soccer and softball fields. Since completion, many residents have taken the opportunity to fitness walk or jog on this pathway.

The money raised for this project came from three sources (Sign Sponsorship, Donations, and Warrant Article). The Sign Sponsorship Program is administered by the Recreation Commission. Temporary Signs are purchased by local businesses and displayed during the baseball season on the Holt Baseball field. The Recreation Commission would like to thank the local businesses past and present who have been involved in this program. The Recreation Commission would also like to thank the Strawberry Shortcake Race Committee and the Dennett CASA for their donation to the Recreation Commission for construction of the Dennett Fitness Path. The final piece of funding came from town meeting. It is very much appreciated that voters approved a warrant article for the purchase of materials to complete the project.

As the commission looks to the future, our hope is to add to the playground constructed by the recreation commission in 2008 and find a site to construct a tennis court. Each of these projects will cost several thousand dollars and will be included in a Capital Improvement Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Karparis (Chair)
Steven Beckwith
Susan Day
Justin Keene
Ann White

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Town of Plympton, Massachusetts

Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ms. Shelly Karparis, Chairman	Term Expires 2014
Mr. Robert Ruggiero, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2014
Mr. Christopher Badot, Secretary	Term Expires 2013
Mr. Mark Gabriel	Term Expires 2012
Ms. Maureen Springer	Term Expires 2012

The Plympton School Committee meets at 4:30 p.m., on the third Monday of each month in the Library of the Dennett Elementary School.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mr. John J. Tuffy	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Joy Blackwood	Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Mary Sullivan Kelley	Administrator of Special Education
Mrs. Kathryn Levine	Interim 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 broadcasted on radio stations WATD (95.9 FM) and WBZ (1030 AM) and on television stations WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5), WHDH (Channel 7), WFXT (Fox 25) and WLVI (Channel 56) between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2011

The 2011 Plympton School Committee has five members elected to staggered 3-year terms. For the 2011-12 school year, the members of the Committee are: Chair Shelly Karparis (2014), Vice-Chair Robert Ruggiero (2014), Secretary Christopher Badot (2013), Mark Gabriel (2012) and Maureen Springer (2012). The years in parentheses indicate the last year of that member's elected term. In the May 2011 Town Election, two seats were available on the School Committee, and Ms. Karparis and Mr. Ruggiero were reelected in their three-year positions.

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

In February the school committee approved a budget for submission to Town Meeting which represented a 2.7% increase in the FY12 budget over the previous year, which was primarily due to a projected 20% increase in utilities and increases in out-of-district placements. The budget was approved at the May 2011 Town Meeting.

In March 2011 the Dennett experienced a break in the well water pipes bringing water into the building, which resulted in a lost day of school and an expenditure of \$3600 for repairs. The town assumed the cost of the repair, but the break led to an examination of other areas of capital improvement that were necessary as both preventive and maintenance of existing infrastructure. The capital improvement subcommittee developed a report that identified areas of concern, and then submitted their report to the Finance Capital Improvement Subcommittee. Major areas that were considered high priority included the aging well water system and emergency access to the pump room and storage tanks, the capacity of the back-up generator to supply heat to the building in the event of its use as an emergency shelter, the obsolete and outdated temperature control system in the building, and repairs to areas of the roof that show water damage from leaking.

Other subcommittees have been busy as well. The negotiations team, with representatives of both the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, entered into contract discussions with the Plympton Teachers Association in December, 2009. In August of 2011 the parties reached agreement on a one-year contract for FY '11 at 0 %, as well as agreement on a 3-yr contract from FY '12 – FY '14 for 2%, 3%, and 3% increases respectively. The Teacher Association met in mid September to vote and ratify the terms of these contracts.

The Administrative Review sub-committee consists of a total of six school committee members, one from each of the three elementary school as well as three members from SLRSD. This group met as needed to review shared cost contracts and make recommendations to the joint committees of Union # 31 and Silver Lake. Shared cost personnel include: the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager, Special Education Director and Assistant as well as the Director of Technology. All shared cost contracts except one, have been put in place for fiscal 2011-12.

The Pilgrim Area Collaborative (PAC) continues to evolve to meet the education and life skills needs of our most challenged children. The PAC struggles with mandates in new state laws, professional licensing requirements and fiscal changes in space availability for our programs. A highlight of the year was the new web site, created over many months by in house staff, and launched to provide access to parents, teachers and school districts to the innovative programs and resources available to our students.

In October Mr. Tuffy, Silver Lake RSD Superintendent, gave an overview showing enrollments in all schools in the district as of October 1, 2011. The enrollments determine the share of the Silver Lake budget attributed to each town. Plympton's share was slightly down this year, which would reflect in the overall town assessments for the regional district.

The Plympton School Committee maintains its updated information on the town website, and has an email address for all residents to easily contact the committee: school.committee@town.plympton.ma.us. The School Committee normally meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:30 pm at Dennett Elementary School. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Most meetings are also taped and played on local cable TV (Channel 13).

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

And finally, the School Committee wishes to acknowledge the retirement of Jack Girard after 34 years of service to the children of Plympton and the Dennett. Mr. Girard, along with the entire Dennett faculty, staff and administration, and the outstanding support of our parents, continued to foster the successes of our students in their academic achievements.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Karparis, Chair
Robert Ruggiero
Christopher Badot
Mark Gabriel
Maureen Springer

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2011 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

To the Citizens of PLYMPTON

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

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

Administrative changes in school leadership included the retiring of Mr. Dennis Azevedo, Silver Lake Regional Middle School Principal, after serving in the position for five years. He was replaced by Mr. James Dupille. After serving Silver Lake Regional School District and the towns of Superintendency Union 31 for six years, Ms. Jennifer Adams, Assistant Administrator of Special Education, resigned at the end of 2011. Her position will be filled by Mrs. Kathryn Levine, as the Interim Assistant Administrator of Special Education, until the process of searching for a new Assistant Administrator of Special Education has been completed. Mr. Jeffrey Cateon, Assistant Principal for the Halifax Elementary School Department, resigned to become a Principal in Middleboro and was replaced by Mr. Kayne Beaudry.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools ten new teachers were hired to replace retirements and resignations. Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed 23 new members to their teaching staffs to fill retirements, resignations and a new position.

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

John J. Tuffy, Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE DENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PETER S. VENETO JR., PRINCIPAL

2011 has been another great year for all students here at the Dennett Elementary School. In January we held our annual Geography Bee. Sarah Kasanovich was the overall winner for that event. The Dennett fourth graders were selected at random to participate in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) in February. Our students' scores are not published individually by school but will count toward a score for all of Massachusetts schools comparing us to other states in the country. Once again this year our students raised money for the American Heart Association through the "Jump Rope for Heart" program. March came to a close with another wonderful Talent Show. Family Math Night was very well attended by staff and parents at the end of April. At the end of last school year we said goodbye to two classroom teachers. Mr. John Girard retired after 34 years of service to the Dennett. A Tree Garden was dedicated to Mr. Girard at a service in the spring. After nine years of teaching sixth grade, Ms. Jill Andersen relocated to Vermont to be closer to her family and home. We thank them both for their time and energy working with the students of Plympton.

What a start to the year it was with a snow day on the first day of school! Tropical Storm Irene came in and made for quite a messy beginning. Having no power made it extremely difficult to let people know that we were not having school on our designated start time. Through phone calls, emails, text messaging and word of mouth, we were able to open one day late with almost 100% attendance. Thank you to all community members for helping to spread the word. When doors finally did open here at school, people found that some changes had been made as far as classroom assignments looked. Here is the teaching staff and assignment list for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Resmini
Grade 1	Mrs. McSweeney and Mrs. Rooney
Grade 2	Mrs. Tartaglione and Mrs. Shaheen
Grade 3	Mrs. Seyfert and Mrs. James
Grade 4	Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Walker
Grade 5	Ms. Leek and Mrs. Markos
Grade 6	Mr. Avery and Ms. Girard

Kara Rooney comes to us with many years experience working with school aged children. With an undergraduate degree in Music Education from Emmanuel College and a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College, Kara brings great enthusiasm and many strengths to the Dennett School. She has taught Kindergarten, First and Second grades within the Brookline and Hingham public school systems. Additionally, she taught music to pre-K-eighth graders. She most recently worked at the Silver Lake Integrated Preschool where she was an intake facilitator as well as a preschool special education teacher.

Alicia Girard attended Bridgewater State College where she majored in elementary education and history. She graduated from Bridgewater State College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Before joining the Dennett Elementary School as a sixth grade teacher, she taught in the Brockton Public School System for two and a half years. Her teaching experiences include a long-term substitute teacher in a fourth grade as well as a fifth grade classroom.

We are very fortunate to also be welcoming Officer Dana Smith to the Dennett Elementary School as our D.A.R.E. Officer. Officer Smith will be working closely with grade 5 and 6 students with hopes of reaching out to other grade levels whenever possible.

We are very fortunate to have a parent organization that helps the school in many ways. Please let me thank our CASA group for all the wonderful contributions they have made to enrich our students' experiences here at Dennett. CASA was behind our Thanksgiving Feast, Winter Festival, Holiday Bazaar, multiple family dances, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and many sixth grade events. Thanks again for all the time and energy put into the school. Our students benefit greatly from your efforts.

Communication continues to be a key ingredient in student success. Please feel free to use our website to stay up to date on current events here at Dennett and take advantage of the many other valuable parent and student resources located there. Teachers can all be reached via email through our website as well. The more home and school are communicating, the better our students' chances of success will be. www.dennett.mec.edu

Thank you for allowing me to work with you and your children every day. The teaching staff and I work hard to prepare our students for the challenges that await them. I continue to feel very privileged to be the Principal of the Dennett Elementary School.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
James E. Dupille, Principal Highlights, 2011

Each school year brings new beginnings and as we opened the building in my first year at Silver Lake, it was with great anticipation for the upcoming year. On Thursday, September 1st, 2011, SLRMS welcomed 613 students into its classrooms. Due to the dedication and hard work by our school staff, the building was in immaculate condition and ready for opening day.

The administration hired a Science, Art and an ELA teacher. All three new hires have had a fluid transition to SLRMS. Each has added to the positive culture and climate at SLRMS.

Through the continuous effort of the entire faculty, staff, academic coordinators and administration, and the determined effort of our students, we increased our ELA scores in Special Education subgroup by 7.9% from 72.1% to 80.0% and Low Income by 1.4% from 87% to 88.4%. We did not make AYP, but we were able to make progress and continue to narrow the gap. All departments continue to dedicate their monthly meetings and professional development to meaningful collaboration, curriculum development, incorporate literacy and numeracy strategies across the curriculum, interdisciplinary units and Best Practices. Supports were put in place throughout the year to help students develop better understandings of the curriculum and remediate any gaps in those understandings.

SLRMS has implemented a comprehensive year-long literacy program to support students who scored below proficiency in the ELA MCAS. We identified approximately seventy five 8th grade students and placed them into the 21st Century Literacy Course.

Each student will:

- Develop writing skills
- Read every day and utilize reading strategies to reinforce reading comprehension
- Increase Vocabulary
- Monitor and evaluate his/her own progress with the instructor

This change will provide SLRMS students with a solid reading/writing foundation and assist them in achieving success across all disciplines and in their daily lives.

Math Remediation Model

In order to ensure students success at SLRMS and as lifelong learners, we have established some program modifications to support all students. We enhanced the math remediation model at SLRMS with the creation of a comprehensive Math course that will extend throughout the year and coupled it with a hands-on Math-Lab. Also, to further support our students we have constructed an after-school support center staffed with a certified Teacher. In the new model the remediation exists within the math course curriculum. In some cases, we doubled the length of instruction time and included into the course curriculum a hands-on, interactive math remediation program.

In an effort to improve communication, we publish a quarterly newsletter, schedule six days for parent conferences, encourage parents to access power school regularly and use the telephone messaging system to alert all homes of important events or announcements.

Our goal at SLRMS is to provide all students wit a safe and nurturing environment in which they can grow and learn. We remain focused on our *Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, and Academic Excellence*, embracing the theme of *One World, One School, One Family* as a school community.

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Richard J. Kelley, Principal Highlights, 2011

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

In November of 2010, a fifteen member accreditation visiting team from NEASC spent three days at our school evaluating our entire program and physical plant. The report, released in the spring of 2011 praised the curriculum and instruction at the high school, as well as the building leadership and community involvement of the student body. Silver Lake Regional High School continues to maintain full accreditation, the highest standard of evaluation offered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Continuing the No Child Left Behind Act's report card program, we are proud to report that we exceeded our target in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics on the improvement scale for "Adequate Yearly Progress." 2011 saw the high school's drop-out rate at 0.7%.

The class of 2012 received MCAS results in the fall of 2009. 98% of the class passed math and 99% passed ELA on the first testing period. We are pleased to report that 86% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 86%, earned Proficient or Advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2011, members of the class of 2014 took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science. 97% of our students passed the Physics exam during the first testing period. The faculty and administration continues to be committed to our school-wide goal that **every** student scores in the Proficient or Advanced category for English/ Language Arts, Science and Mathematics. 79 students earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for their performance on ELA and Math MCAS.

All of the 275 members of the class of 2011 met the rigorous requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 4, 2011, the proud graduates were joined by members of the fiftieth anniversary class of 1961. Earlier that week, approximately \$157,000.00, an increase of over \$20,000 from the previous year 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. One hundred forty-six students took a total of 336 AP Exams in May 2011. Student achievement on the SAT exam continues to reach new heights. The average SAT scores for members of the class of 2011 was 528 in Critical Reading, 551 in Mathematics, and 520 in Writing.

In addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, students participate and make a difference in a variety of ways beyond the classroom. Over 87% of the student body participates in extra-curricular activities and athletics. Musical and dramatic productions continue to inspire. Such exemplary events include vocal and instrumental concerts, the spring Shakespearean Festival, and last fall's musical *Anything Goes*.

As Silver Lake Regional High School continues to move forward, the school continues to offer a rigorous and stimulating curriculum in a state-of-the-art building. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities offered in order to achieve academic and personal success.

PLYMPTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MEMBERSHIP
October 1, 2011

Grade	K	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Elementary	34		25	37	31	36	34	33		
									TOTAL	230
Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12				
Secondary	32	38	30	33	31	35				
									TOTAL	199
									GRAND TOTAL	429

Class of 2011 - Plympton

NHS	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
	Marisa	Anne	Ahola
	Shane	Douglas	Belcher
	Thomas	Richard	Brewer
	Emily	Ann	Brown
	Rebekah	Leigh	Buss
*	Leah	Christmann	Campbell
*	Hayden	Thomas	Cifrino
	Amanda	Marie	Cobb
	Ryan	David	Currier
	Zachary	Everard	Dixon
*	Jessie	Quinn	Fallow
	Samantha	Taylor	Ferrari
	Zachary	Paul	Flood
	Ethan	John	Freney
*	Ryan	Patrick	Gauley
	Steven	Ray	George
	Andrew	Liam	Gerety
*	Gabrielle	Helene	Giglio
	Jessica	Ruth	Griffin
	Nichole	Marie	Hartnett
*	Kimberly	Vella	Harvey
	Emma	Rose	Hathaway

Tyler	Brodrick	Hines
Melinda	Rose	Howard
Daniel	Edward	Keirstead
* Paisley	Elizabeth	Kirkland
Casey	Lynn	MacIntyre
Patrick	Mark	Mahoney
Bethany	Clare	Matern
Elizabeth	Rose	Mullarkey
* Katherine	Marie	Mullen
Charles	Richard	Nantais
Hayley	Paige	Perron
Tyler	Michael	Perron
Kelsey	Marie	Randall
Joshua	David	Reilly
Amanda	Marie	Stetson
Taylor	Marie	Thompson
Sean	Patrick	Timmins
Aiza	Anne	Villa
Chad	Steven	Waterman
Theresa	Adele	Zeoli

* Denotes National Honor Society Member

† Denotes Outstanding Service to Class

2011 ANNUAL REPORT SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The year 2011 has brought two new additions to our Administrative Team. We welcomed a new Principal at the Middle School; Mr. James Dupille joined our staff in July. Mrs. Michaela Gill joined our staff as an Assistant Principal at the High School in September.

The High School and Middle School were both equipped with Wi-Fi over the summer. The High School received a donation from the Faust Family of an I-pad lab. The staff and students are very excited to use this technology. We thank the Faust Family for their very generous donation to our school.

We have received our NEASC evaluation report and are proud of our results. We would like to thank all of the staff and students who took part in the evaluation process. Their hard work and dedication to our school are truly what makes Silver Lake such a great school.

Boston Globe Magazine has ranked Silver Lake High School 35 in their top 50 schools in Massachusetts. This is a great honor for our school and is a reflection of the dedication of our staff, students and the Towns of Halifax, Kingston and Plympton. We could not have achieved this honor without the support of the communities that we represent.

As we begin to prepare for Fiscal 2013 we are still faced with difficult financial times in our local communities and at the State level. Careful planning will be needed to continue to provide our students with the quality education that Silver Lake has been proud to provide for its students.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Hanson, Chair
John Creed, Vice-Chair, Legislative Agent
Maureen Springer, Secretary
Cynthia Hines, Treasurer
Joseph Chaves, Assistant Treasurer
Edward Desharnais
Mark Guidoboni
Robyn Kincaid
Jean Levesque

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET 2011 - 2012

		2010 - 2011 BUDGET	2011 - 2012 BUDGET	% INC/DCR
REGULAR DAY				
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	125,715	125,715	0.00%
1201	SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFIC	901,534	910,359	0.98%
2101	SUPERVISION	467,416	483,259	3.39%
2201	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	689,946	686,210	-0.54%
2300	TEACHING	8,630,005	8,787,894	1.83%
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEV.	50,362	55,400	10.00%
2400	TEXTBOOKS	12,500	32,500	160.00%
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	120,565	120,700	0.11%
2500	LIBRARY	215,135	222,135	3.25%
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	17,500	13,250	-24.29%
2700	GUIDANCE	791,726	809,296	2.22%
3200	HEALTH	93,920	97,204	3.50%
3300	TRANSPORTATION	833,012	848,531	1.86%
3500	ATHLETICS	39,691	47,691	20.16%
4110	CUSTODIAL	970,576	975,182	0.47%
4120	HEATING	0	0	0.00%
4130	UTILITIES	1,114,634	1,042,409	-6.48%
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	95,500	109,000	14.14%
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	295,650	311,965	5.52%
4230	MAINTENACE/EQUIPMENT	115,500	111,000	-3.90%
5100	RETIREMENT	586,532	595,488	1.53%
5200	INSURANCE	2,611,925	2,627,097	0.58%
5300	LEASE	5,880	5,880	0.00%
5400	DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0.00%
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0	0	0.00%
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMEN	0	24,000	ERR
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		18,785,224	19,042,165	1.37%
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	260,552	258,060	-0.96%
2300	TEACHING	944,469	969,579	2.66%
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE	30,450	30,450	0.00%
2330	TRANSPORTATION	48,050	48,050	0.00%
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,283,521	1,306,139	1.76%
GRAND TOTAL		20,068,745	20,348,304	1.39%

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF PERMANENT DEBT
2010-2011

PURPOSE	YEAR OF ISSUE	YEAR OF MATURITY	ORIGINAL ISSUE	PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING
MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	2006-2007	2025-2026	11,104,000.00	9,140,000.00
HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	2009-2010	2026-2027	9,044,000.00	8,670,000.00

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONSTRUCTION COSTS
2010-2011 BUDGET

SUMMARY OF TOWN ASSESSMENTS

TOWNS	TOTAL
Halifax	492,963.34
Kingston	840,759.57
Plympton	178,434.59
 TOTAL	 1,512,157.50
 CONSTRUCTION - MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Principal Due	799,000.00
Interest Due	713,157.50
 TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	 1,512,157.50
 CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT	 1,512,157.50

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - UMAS BASIS
JUNE 30, 2011

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE		TOTAL
	General	Special Revenue	June 30, 2011
Revenues			
Member town assessments	\$ 13,404,304		\$ 13,404,304
Tuition charges	282,081		282,081
Charges for services	614,375	2,045,558	2,659,933
Intergovernmental	7,040,455	2,726,129	9,766,584
Investment earnings	10,761		10,761
Departmental and other	10,110		10,110
Total revenues	21,362,086	4,771,687	26,133,773
Expenditures			
Administration	1,034,774		1,034,774
Instructional services	12,277,629	2,910,390	15,188,019
School services	956,412	1,627,251	2,583,663
Operations and maintenance	2,635,406		2,635,406
Employee benefits and other fixed charges	3,053,014		3,053,014
Capital outlay	90,654		90,654
Assessments	156,415		156,415
Debt service			
Principal	799,000		799,000
Interest and other charges	713,158		713,158
Total Expenditures	21,716,462	4,537,641	26,254,103
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(354,376)	234,046	(120,330)
Fund balance (deficit) - beginning of year	3,042,532	441,029	3,483,561
Fund balance (deficit) - end of year	\$ 2,688,156	\$ 675,075	\$ 3,363,231

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2010 - 2011 OPERATING BUDGET
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

	TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
REGULAR DAY			
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	125,715.00	129,073.69	-3,358.69
1200 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE	901,534.00	901,493.78	40.22
2100 SUPERVISION	467,416.00	452,902.50	14,513.50
2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	689,946.00	691,899.41	-1,953.41
2300 TEACHING	8,630,005.00	8,739,737.80	-109,732.80
2350 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMEI	50,362.00	56,429.01	-6,067.01
2400 TEXTBOOKS	12,500.00	5,399.02	7,100.98
2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	120,565.00	103,408.26	17,156.74
2500 LIBRARY	215,135.00	222,315.85	-7,180.85
2600 AUDIO VISUAL	17,500.00	11,649.63	5,850.37
2700 GUIDANCE	791,726.00	803,692.53	-11,966.53
3200 HEALTH	93,920.00	96,580.36	-2,660.36
3300 TRANSPORTATION	833,012.00	796,821.52	36,190.48
3500 ATHLETICS	39,691.00	64,184.30	-24,493.30
4110 CUSTODIAL	970,576.00	1,027,248.84	-56,672.84
4120 HEATING	0.00	0.00	0.00
4130 UTILITIES	1,114,634.00	994,940.85	119,693.15
4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	95,500.00	89,707.16	5,792.84
4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	295,650.00	356,363.49	-60,713.49
4230 MAINTENACE/EQUIPMENT	115,500.00	105,895.13	9,604.87
5100 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	586,532.00	572,132.96	14,399.04
5200 INSURANCE	2,611,925.00	2,515,416.71	96,508.29
5300 LEASE	5,880.00	5,653.08	226.92
5400 SHORT TERM INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00
7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	7,050.00	-7,050.00
7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0.00	30,520.15	-30,520.15
TOTAL REGULAR DAY	18,785,224.00	18,780,516.03	4,707.97
SPECIAL EDUCATION			
2210 SUPERVISION	260,553.00	252,823.73	7,729.27
2230 TEACHING	944,467.00	953,269.39	-8,802.39
2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	30,450.00	43,620.51	-13,170.51
2330 TRANSPORTATION	48,050.00	38,213.32	9,836.68
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,283,520.00	1,287,926.95	-4,406.95
GRAND TOTAL	20,068,744.00	20,068,442.98	301.02

PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
2010- 2011 BUDGET
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE

		TOTAL AVAILABLE	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
REGULAR DAY				
1100	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	12,100.00	15,016.91	-2,916.91
1200	SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	49,207.00	48,405.30	801.70
2200	PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	138,459.00	141,892.80	-3,433.80
2300	TEACHING	1,138,896.00	1,136,920.60	1,975.40
2350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.	6,000.00	4,545.00	1,455.00
2400	TEXTBOOKS	0.00	0.00	0.00
2450	INST. HARD & SOFTWARE	8,200.00	23,730.40	-15,530.40
2500	LIBRARY	60,761.00	62,973.96	-2,212.96
2600	AUDIO VISUAL	2,300.00	665.37	1,634.63
3100	ATTENDANCE	100.00	100.00	0.00
3200	HEALTH	40,626.00	37,899.57	2,726.43
3300	TRANSPORTATION	94,356.00	88,269.00	6,087.00
3400	FOOD SERVICE	600.00	600.00	0.00
4110	CUSTODIAL	118,341.00	123,592.76	-5,251.76
4120	HEATING	39,500.00	39,178.86	321.14
4130	UTILITIES	78,750.00	85,412.90	-6,662.90
4210	MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS	1,000.00	501.32	498.68
4220	MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS	90,000.00	71,262.86	18,737.14
4230	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT	15,000.00	13,200.09	1,799.91
7300	ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
7400	REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REGULAR DAY		1,894,196.00	1,894,167.70	28.30
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
2210	SUPERVISION	18,448.00	17,867.41	580.59
2230	TEACHING	133,950.00	108,215.27	25,734.73
2270	GUIDANCE	54,439.00	54,468.32	-29.32
2280	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	7,500.00	30,269.78	-22,769.78
2330	TRANSPORTATION	29,406.00	24,970.45	4,435.55
2900	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	234,308.00	233,442.66	865.34
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		478,051.00	469,233.89	8,817.11
GRAND TOTAL		2,372,247.00	2,363,401.59	8,845.41
9320	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	74,200.00	73,981.49	218.51

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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 56 **Plympton households** were served from October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011 through the many programs.

<u>PROGRAMS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</u>
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ENERGY SERVICES:

FUEL ASSISTANCE (FEDERAL)	42	\$35,489.27
HEARTWAP (BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	7	\$3,662.00
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION (DOEWAP)	1	\$4,650.00
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDS FOR WEATHERIZATION	4	\$11,292.83
PRIVATE UTILITY FUNDS FOR WEATHERIZATION AND BURNER REPAIR	1	\$3,859.00

OTHER PROGAMS:

CONSUMER AID	4
HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS	4
TRANSPORTATION – INTER-TOWN MEDICAL AND OTHER TRIPS IN LIFT EQUIPPED VANS	6
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)	1

FOOD – LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND OTHER FOOD
DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF AGING AND CHURCHES OF PLYMPTON, EQUALED 1,087 LBS. APPROXIMATELY 817 MEALS.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Two major storms and we had yet to celebrate Thanksgiving! Tropical Storm Irene hit Plympton hard and I had yet to recover from that storm when we were hit with "Snowtober". Usually corrective pruning, tree removals, response to emergent tree calls and roadside chipping of tree limbs are the core of the work activity. Although these activities all took place the overwhelming work and expense for 2001 was storm cleanup. I would like to acknowledge Highway Surveyor, Jim Mulcahy and his staff for their assistance during the worst double dose of bad weather to hit our area in more than 20 years.

As New Englanders, we know all too well that weather has a way of getting in the way of the best of plans. The Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association (MTWFA) had plans to recognize me as the 2011 "Tree Warden of the Year" at their annual Conference in Sturbridge, MA. The conference was held and I was recognized but I as well as many others did not attend as we were all yet again in the middle of cleanup from another storm. The Tree Warden of the Year Award was created to recognize Tree Wardens who exhibit leadership, dedication, and a commitment to their profession. I would like to thank those in the town of Plympton government, citizens and colleagues for nominating me over the years. I enjoy serving as your Tree Warden and am honored to have been the recipient of the Seth Swift Memorial Tree Warden of the Year. The MTWFA held an Arbor Day Celebration with the commemorative planting in honor of my award of a European Copper Beech, *Fagus sylvatica Atropunicea* in front of the Plympton Public Library. Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association is recognized as the nation's oldest urban and community tree protection organization, having been formed in 1913 for the preservation and protection of trees.

Hazard trees were identified as part of patrols; major tree removal work occurred throughout the town. Many of the trees I removed or removed major leaders from them. Trees that required aerial lifts because they were too hazardous to climb or could not be managed from the ground I contracted vendors to work. Vendor work in 2011 was the overwhelming majority of cost.

2011 Insect & Disease season was dominated by Winter Moth & monitoring of the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Winter moth caterpillar damage varied around the county, but overall, was not as severe as it might have been. Foliar damage was minimal on some tree species, like Norway & Sugar Maple; however, some Red Maples and Silver Maples showed significant damage and numerous oaks, apples, crabapples and blueberries show severe defoliation. Property owners can control the damage with a plant health care professional that will recognize the critical timing of an application(s). The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) in the Worcester, Suffolk and Norfolk County areas is of major

concern with the removal of greater than 30,000 trees and treatment applications of 200,000 trees year to date within the 110 square mile quarantine area. The quarantine beetle eradication program led by the USDA is the correct course of action. The eradication effort is designed to limit the spread of the invasive ALB and facilitate its eradication within the infested area. Tree plantings have taken place, planting the right tree in the right place to make the Worcester area urban forest stronger and better. I will continue to monitor the progress of the eradication program and I am confident that the USDA APHIS Program will be successful.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William N Hayes, Jr

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Plympton Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR 2011

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

Primary Mission

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

Second Mission

To assist Veterans in filing Veterans Administration (VA) Compensation and Pensions, MA State Annuities, tax abatements and enrolling in the VA Health Care system. Assist family members in filing for benefits from both the State and Federal government that they are entitled too. Assist in obtaining military records, medical records, discharge papers, awards, grave markers, and tax abatements.

Third Mission

We have 1 trained SHINE counselor to assist Veterans in the complicated process of understanding the MEDICARE system to help them choose the best options in medical coverage, drug prescription plans, and how long-term care works. Services are also provided in assisting the elderly in applying for the Medicare buy-in program, MassHealth, Low-income Subsidy and Prescription Advantage.

Forth Mission

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

Fifth Mission

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

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

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

The office continues to assist veterans in filing for health care thru the VA Health Care System. Due to the rising cost of commercial health care, the VA provides comparable care, that in most cases the veteran would otherwise not be able to afford.

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

Veterans Agent is available by phone anytime, and will see clients by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Whitbeck

Veteran's Services Director.

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS - TOWN OFFICES

Assessors, Board of	781-585-3227
Building Inspector	781-585-0571
Dennett Elementary School	781-585-3659
Dog Officer	781-585-9444
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	781-585-0571
Fire Business	781-585-2633
Health, Board of	781-585-7000
Highway Department	781-585-3703
Library	781-585-4551
Library Fax	781-585-7660
Police Business	781-585-3339
Police Alternative Emergency	508-923-0667
Selectmen, Board of (phone & fax)	781-585-2700
Silver Lake Administration Office	781-585-4313
Silver Lake Regional Middle School	781-582-3535
Silver Lake Regional Senior HS	781-585-3844
Tax Collector	781-585-0409
Town Accountant	781-585-0409
Town Clerk	781-585-3220
Town Coordinator	781-585-2700
Town Treasurer	781-585-0409
Town House Fax	781-582-1505
Transfer Station	781-585-9881
Tree Warden	781-585-3339
Wiring Inspector	781-585-0571
Zoning Enforcement Officer	781-585-0571

EMERGENCY: POLICE, FIRE, & AMBULANCE