

TOWN OF PLYMPTON



ANNUAL REPORT 2012



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Of the Town Officers and Committees

For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The 2013 Annual Town Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2013
At 7:00 PM at the Dennett Elementary School
(The Wednesday preceding the Town Election)

TOWN ELECTION

May 18, 2013 at the Town House
(Third Saturday of the month)

Polls will be open for the 2013 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

2012 CENSUS

2,820

REGISTERED VOTERS

2,012

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

William R. Keating

US SENATORS

John F. Kerry

Scott P. Brown

SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Thomas P. Kennedy

TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Thomas J. Calter

MEETINGS TIMES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**2012- 2013**

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

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

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

**PLYMPTON TOWN ELECTED OFFICERS
2012**

MODERATOR

John A. Traynor Jr. (2013)

SELECTMEN

Joseph A. Freitas (2014)

Barry DeCristofano (2013)

John P. Henry (2015)

TOWN CLERK

Tara Wick (2015)

ASSESSORS

Jocelyn Anderson (2015)

Colleen Morin (2014)

James Mustacaros (2013)

Richard Nordahl (2013)

BOARD OF HEALTH

John E. Doyle (2015)

Colleen P. Morin (2013)

Arthur F. O'Callaghan Jr. (2014)

CONSTABLES

David Batchelder (2014)

David E. Smith (2014)

FINANCE COMMITTEE 3 YEARS

Mark Gabriel (2015)

Lisa M. Hart (2014)

Susan F. Ossoff (2013)

Mark E. Russo (2013)

Maxwell C. West (2014)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

James M. Mulcahy (2015)

PLANNING BOARD

Irving R. Butler Jr. (2017)
Paul D'Angelo (2015)
John D. O'Leary Jr. (2016)
John D. Rantuccio (2014)
Brian A. Wick (2013)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DENNETT

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

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Cynthia Hines (2014)
Maureen A. Springer (2015)

TREE WARDEN

William N. Hayes Jr. (2015)

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kristine Boyles (2015)
Thomas E. Cosato, Sr. (2014)
Deborah L. Dempsey (2013)
Patricia L. Detterman (2014)
Susan T. Vetterlein (2015)
Christine Winslow (2013)

PLYMPTON APPOINTED OFFICERS 2012

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

Ambulance Study Committee – Lt. Jeffrey Marani, James Mulcahy, Christa Prescott, Justin Silva, Max West (all appointments are “until Committee is dissolved.)

Animal Inspector/Animal Control Officer – Frank Bush (2013)

Building Commissioner - Inspector of Buildings Thomas Millias (2013)

Local Building Inspector – Robert Piccirilli (2013)

Burial Agent - James Mulcahy - (2013)

CERT Coordinator – David Smith (2015)

Chief of Police – Patrick Dillon – (2013)

Civil Defense Committee – Fire Chief Warren Borsari (2013), and James Mulcahy (2015)

Community Preservation Committee – Deborah Anderson, (2013), Vice Chair,

Rick Burnet (2014, Agricultural Representative)

Irving Butler, Jr., (2015, Planning Board Representative)

David C. Chandler Sr., (2015, Treasurer/Collector Representative),

Susan Ossoff (2013, Highway Representative),

Mark E. Russo (2014), Chair,

Jane Schulze (2013, Historical Representative),

Colleen Thompson (2014), Secretary,

Conservation Commission – Rick Burnet (2014), Timothy Dempsey (2014), Robert (Jake) Jacobson (2013), Linda Leddy (2015), John Mathias (2014), Jeff Smith (2013), and Ann Sobolewski (2015),

Council on Aging – Dorothy Cushman – Coordinator/Treasurer (2015), Evy Hanningan - Secretary (2014), Sandra Henry (2014), Barbara Knox (2015), Christine Maiorano – Director (2014), Shirley Martin (2015), Patricia Mustacaros (2014), Polly Nordahl (2011), Sue Walker (2013) Patricia Mustacaros – Director of Old Colony Elder Services (2013), Senior Aide - Margaret Palmer (2014),

Director of Veteran’s Services – Roxanne Whitbeck (2013)

Election Officials (annual appointments) Warden: Jeraldine Batchelder, Clerk: Tara Wick; Inspectors: Patricia Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie, Elaine McKeown, Jean Reynolds; Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan; Tellers: Barbara Allsopp, Debra Batson, Cynthia Bloomquist, Lee Cook, Lisa Hart, Grace Heinonen, Robert Jacobson, Frances Lundgren, Susan Ossoff, Helen Reynolds, Timothy Snow, Marilyn Thompson, Sandra Zentz

Cultural Council – Martha Burns, (2015), Susan Healey, (2018), Martin Mitchell, (2015),

Lisa Reilly, (2018), Dominique Sampson, (2013), Elizabeth Westley, (2013),

Emergency Management Director – Fire Chief, Warren Borsari (2013)

Fire Department – Chief, Warren Borsari (2013)

Forest Fire Warden – Fire Chief, Warren Borsari (2013),

43 D Coordinator – Kenneth Thompson, (2013)

Gypsy Moth Superintendent – William Hayes Jr., (2013),

Historical Commission – Edward J. McCune III (2014), Martin P. Mitchell (2015),

Jill Palenstijn (2013), Jane Schulze (2015), Jon Wilhelmsen (2014), Associate:Richard Burnett
Historic District Commission (PHDC) – Stuart Chase (2015), Edward J. McCune III, Alternate (2015) Charles C. Nickerson (2015), Carol Quindley (2015), Marylouise Sayles (2013), Jonathan Shaw (2013), Richard Stover (2013), Alternate
Jason Park Study & Development Committee – Robert Doucette (2014), Gregory Fairbanks (2015), Jacqueline Freitas, (2014), Joseph A. Freitas (2015), Pam Modericker (2015), Jim Mulcahy (2015), and Tim Snow (2014)
Old Home Day Committee – Ali (Mary) Conant (2015), Sherri Slater, (2014)
Open Space Committee – Gail Briggs, (2015), Christian Lawrence, (2015), Linda Leddy, (2014), Vicki Maloney, (2015), Francis J. Perfetuo Jr., (2015), Brad Prescott, (2015), Ted Taranto (2015)
Plumbing & Gas Inspector – Douglas G. Hawthorne Jr. (2013), Edward Sealey (Alternate) 2013,
Police, Chief, Patrick S. Dillon,
Police, Full-time – Daniel L. Alix, Sergeant, Robert J. Costa, Jr., Brian Cranshaw, Douglas Mazolla, John Mulready, Stephen M. Teri, Elisha Sullivan
Police Matron – Cheryl Davis, (2013), Elizabeth Channel (2013),
Police, Part-time – Robert Akin, Ron Clark, Dana Fowler, (Indefinite), Brent Petersen, (2013), Scott Peterson, Christopher Saucier, (2014),
Police, Special Officers – James Boulter, James Murphy, Mark Shubert, Dana Smith,
Recreation Commission - Steven Beckwith (2015), Susan Day (2015), Andrew Karparis (2013), Justin Keene (2013), Ann M. White (2015)
Registrars of Voters – Ami Dion, (2015), Lisa Krance (2013), Shirley Martin, (2014),
Superintendent of Insect Pest Control – William Hayes Jr., (2013)
Town Accountant – Barbara Gomez (2013)
Town Building Needs/Complex Study Committee – Barry DeCristofano, (2013), John Doyle, (2013), James McGuiggan, (2013), Susan Ossoff, (2013), Bradf Prescott, (2013),
Town Counsel - Kopelman and Paige, P.C., Boston, MA
Town House – Building Committee – Nancy Butler, John Henry, Jake Jacobson, Robert Karling, Tara Wick (appointments – until completion of project),
Treasurer/Collector – Colleen P. Morin (2015)
Tree Warden – William Hayes, Jr. (2013)
Veteran’s Services – Roxanne Whitbeck (2013)
Wage & Personnel Board – David C. Chandler, Sr., (2014), James Mustacaros, (2014), Alan Wheelock (2013),
Web Site Design and Maintenance Committee - Martha Burns (2013), Maxwell West (2013), Non-voting, Jon Wilhelmsen (2014), Non-voting,
Wiring Inspector – Robert Karling (2013), Scott Varley, Deputy (2013)
Zoning Board of Appeals – David F. Alberti, Alternate (2013), Arthur Morin Jr., (2015), John O’Leary, (2014), Ann Sobolewski (2014), Kenneth Thompson, (2015),
Zoning Enforcement Officer – Robert Karling (2013)

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2012

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

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

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

On a state and federal level, the Town Clerk's office performs a wide range of functions to achieve established goals and to help with compliance with state statutes. Elections require months of preparation beginning with determining the sequence of events leading up to Election Day, registering voters, organizing poll workers and police details, poll location set up, and ending with the final tally results that is recorded and reported to the State Election Division.

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

After 15 years of service to our town, Nancy J. Butler retired from the Town Clerk position in May. I was fortunate to be able to work alongside her for several years and have benefited greatly from her wisdom and experience. We all wish Nancy well in her retirement and pursuit of new adventures.

We are constantly revising systems in our office that will help with relaying as much town information out to the citizens of Plympton in efficient and user friendly manners. With the help of my new Assistant Town Clerk, Tricia Detterman, we look forward to working with you in the future. I look forward to meeting many of the townspeople during the course of my duties in the next 2013 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara J. Wick
Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

The Election Officials were sworn by Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk: Warden: Tara Wick, Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, Tellers: Patricia Leslie, Jean Reynolds, Helen Reynolds, Ami Dion

The Ballot box was inspected by Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler and all the Tellers. It was empty, then closed and locked; the numbers were reset to 00000.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM. At 1:00 PM and Patricia Detterman and Gail Briggs replaced Helen Reynolds and Ami Dion as tellers. Patricia and Gail were sworn by Nancy J. Butler, Town Clerk. The polls closed at 8:00 PM and the ballot box was emptied at 8:02 PM and checked by Police Office Mulready all ballots were removed.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2003

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 361

TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST: 82

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Barack Obama	76
No Preference	4
All Others	2

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Michael D. Brady	53
Ossie L. Jordan, Jr	13
Blanks	16

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Jacquelyn Bonarrigo	64
Blank	18

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Group	560
Honor A Chandler	9
Evelyn J Hannigan	5
Barbara M Knox	3
Erin M McKeown	5
Elaine M McKeown	4
Robert B Reynolds, Jr.	4
Jean M Reynolds	4
Christine A Maiorano	8
Gail Briggs	5
Suzanne S Smith	5
Blanks	208

TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST: 279

PRESIDENTIAL PREFEREENCE

Ron Paul	27
Mitt Romney	190
Rick Perry	1
Rick Santorum	32
Jon Huntsman	1
Michele Bachman	2
Newt Gingrich	19
No Preference	4
All Others	3

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Richard L. Greeley	193
Blank	86

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN
SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Jeanie Falcone 181

Blank 98

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks 9751

All Others 14

TOTAL GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY VOTES CAST: 0

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Kent Mesplay 0

Jill Stein 0

Harley Mikkelson 0

No Preference 0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN
SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Blank 0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN
SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL DISTRICT

Blank 0

GREEN-RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks 10

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

PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
May 16, 2012

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PLYMOUTH SS.

To either of the Constables of 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 16, 2012 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, 2012 and to pay as wages the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.

WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2013

A. Firefighters (Part-time)

Deputy Chief	23.81
Captain	22.19
Lieutenant	21.10
Firefighter	20.02
Certified EMT	20.02
EMT Standby per 12 hour shift	27.05

B. Highway Labor

Working Foreman	18.26 - 20.04
Truck Driver/Laborer	17.45 - 18.18
Laborer	14.23 - 14.92

C. Town Labor

Laborer	14.23 - 14.92
Sr. Disposal Attendant	16.44 - 17.18
Disposal Attendant	14.65 - 15.36

D. Clerical/Election Workers

Clerk	10.20 - 12.24
Senior Clerk/Warden	13.26 - 14.79

E. Permanent Staff(all departments)

Clerk	13.26 - 14.79
Senior Clerk	15.30 - 16.58
Administrative Assistant	17.44 - 20.40
Asst. to Treasurer/Collector	17.85 - 21.42
Asst. Town Clerk	17.85 - 21.42

F. Library

Clerk	11.23 - 13.98
Circulation Clerk	13.48 - 15.60
Library Technician	15.30 - 16.58
Senior Library Technician	17.22 - 20.40

G. Senior Aide 15.30 - 16.58

H. Other Employees

Special Police Officer	13.66
Police Matron	15.76

I. Salaried Employees

Library Director	*34,252.00 – *40,005.00
Assist. Assessor	23,715.00 – 42,840.00

*Includes 2% merit increase and change in compensated hours to 35 per week from 32 per week.

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 authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation providing for particular treatment of certain Industrial Park tax revenues and creating a special capital fund to be funded annually by a portion of such revenues; and further, to determine the minimum amount to be credited to the fund from such tax revenues in any fiscal year; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments as are within the public purposes of the petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

An Act Relative to a Special Fund in the Town of Plympton

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5B of chapter 40 and sections 53 and 53E ½ of chapter 44 of the General Laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby recognized that development of the parcels in the town of Plympton shown as Assessors Map 14, Parcel 14-2-24 and Parcel 14-2-24B; Assessors Map 19, Parcels 19-1-3A, 19-1-3D, 10-1-3F, 19-1-12A, 19-1-5 and 19-1-14 (“Development Parcel”), has led or will lead to the payment of significant sums to the town. Development Parcel tax revenues, including but not limited to property, personal, and excise taxes received in connection with the specified parcels, shall be allocated as set forth herein.

Section 2. Not later than March 15 in any year, the board of assessors shall estimate annual Development Parcel tax revenues to be collected in the upcoming fiscal year and determine whether collection of such revenues will amount to \$1,000,000.00 or more. If so, then the provisions of sections 3 through 6 of this act shall apply for the upcoming fiscal year and the town treasurer shall take the action provided for in such sections. If not, then all estimated Development Parcel tax revenues shall be credited to the town treasury for the upcoming fiscal year.

Section 3. As of the date of the annual town meeting in any year, the town treasurer shall allocate to the general stabilization fund, without further appropriation, estimated Development Parcel tax revenue as required to bring the town’s general stabilization fund to an amount equal to 10% of the amount raised by taxation by the town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws; provided, however, that the maximum amount to be contributed in any year to the general stabilization fund under this section shall be equal to no more than 2% of the amount raised by taxation by the town in said most recent fiscal year.

Section 4. To the extent additional estimated Development Parcel tax revenue exists after the allocation provided for under section 3 of this act, the town treasurer shall, as of the date of the annual town meeting in any year, allocate to a special purpose fund, to be known as the Capital Purpose Fund (the "Fund"), without further appropriation, 35% of the remaining estimated Development Parcel tax revenue; provided, however, that in any year the annual town meeting may, by majority vote, allocate additional estimated Development Parcel tax revenues to the Fund.

Section 5. The Fund may be expended only for the acquisition of interests in land, acquisition of tangible assets, or the undertaking of capital projects, which assets or projects shall have a useful life of 5 years or more and a cost of \$10,000 or more, and which are not properly categorized as annual operating expenses (hereinafter "capital projects"), including the payment of debt service on capital projects, whether such projects were approved prior to or after the effective date of this act. Major departmental capital equipment, even if acquired on an annual basis, meeting the useful life and cost requirements of this section shall also constitute "capital projects". Appropriations from the Fund of \$25,000.00 or more shall be made by a 2/3 vote of an annual town meeting only upon a positive recommendation from each of the board of selectmen, finance committee and capital improvement planning committee. Appropriations from said fund of less than \$25,000 may be authorized by a positive vote of each of the board of selectmen, finance committee and capital improvement planning committee for capital projects costing less than \$25,000 in total.

Section 6. Any estimated Development Parcel tax revenue remaining after the allocations provided for in sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be credited to the town treasury, subject to appropriation by vote of town meeting for any lawful purpose under the same conditions and subject to the same restrictions as any other tax revenue.

Section 7. This act shall apply to estimated Development Parcel tax revenues to be collected in Fiscal Year 2014, and thereafter.

Section 8. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Finance Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$30,500.00 to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2013 or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Treasurer: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 7 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 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,444.00 to pay the annual lease payment 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 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,839.00 to pay the annual lease payment 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 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,971.49 to pay the annual lease payments for the First Response and Fire Command vehicle or take any other action relative there to.

Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 11 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 in FY 2013. 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 12 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 in FY 2013 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 0-0

ARTICLE 13 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 in FY 2013. 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 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$16,000.00 to fund a Council on Aging outreach worker or take any other action relative thereto.

Council on Aging: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation FY 2013 estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2013, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$3900

Reserves:

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$7800

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$7800

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$7800

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$50,700

Or take any other action relative thereto..

Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote under the Community Preservation Act program for preservation of historic resources to transfer \$24,600 of which \$7859 will come first from the Historic Resources Reserve and then \$16,741 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund an upgrade of the drainage system to ameliorate chronic basement dampness issues as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;

Said project to be directed and supervised by the Plympton Library with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months; And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Budgeted Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee;

Or take any other action thereon.

Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$37,000 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund a detailed survey of the town's historic assets and potential National Register District nomination which would document the significant structures, landscapes, archeological sites and cemeteries that contribute to the historical character of Plympton as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;

Subject to the completion of the MHC phase of this survey, the Town will receive reimbursement of \$10,000 from MHC which will be returned to the appropriate reserve category by vote of the Community Preservation Committee;

Said project to be directed and supervised by the Plympton Historical Commission with reporting for oversight purposes to the Plympton Community Preservation Committee not less than every 2 months; And at the completion of the project any remaining funds to be returned to the Budgeted Reserve by vote of the Plympton Community Preservation Committee; Or take any other action thereon.

Community Preservation Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, a parcel of land containing 10 acres more or less located on Main Street near the junction of Maple Street, shown on Town Assessor's Map 7, Parcel 7-3-8, for open space and passive recreational purposes and for the improvement of said property to create Churchill Park at Jones River Brook as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee, and further that said property shall be held under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Open Space Committee with reporting oversight by the Community Preservation Committee, to make improvements of said property, and further to appropriate and transfer a total of \$44,850 of which \$29,059 is from the Open Space Reserve and \$15,791 is from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction on said property pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §12 and G.L. c. 184, §§31-33, or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens Petition: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the parcel of land, located near Main Street and Ring Road shown on Assessor's Map 8 as Parcel 8-2-28 containing approximately 77 acres, from the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes as provided in G.L. c. 40, §8C, or take any other action relative thereto.

Citizens Petition: Recommended by BOS 1-2

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section, "Section 6.10 Solar Facilities", to allow certain solar facility uses as ofright, as on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto

6.10 Solar facilities.

6.10.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to establish general guidelines for the siting of solar photovoltaic facilities, hereinafter referred to as solar facilities. The goals of this section are to:

Promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community by allowing the generation of sustainable energy with as-of-right siting of solar facilities in order to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases, protect environmental resources, and foster sustainable economic development.

Provide standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of solar facilities. Such siting standards shall address public safety, minimize impacts on natural resources, and provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such facilities.

Not prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy per M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3, except where necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

6.10.2 Applicability.

This section applies to all solar facilities proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. This section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment. This section does not apply to minor modifications or maintenance of a solar facility.

Solar facilities shall be allowed on parcels of land in any zoning district.

6.10.3 Definitions.

"As-of-right" As-of-right shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right development will be subject to site plan review for solar photovoltaic arrays having a kilowatt direct current (kW-DC) rated nameplate capacity of greater than 250 to determine conformance with Plympton's Zoning By-laws. Projects cannot be prohibited, but can be reasonably regulated.

“Ground mounted solar facility” A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the ground.

“Large scale ground mounted solar facility” - A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW-DC.

“Project site” - A parcel or combination of parcels, which the solar facility operator has control of, on which the solar facility is or will be located.

“Rated nameplate capacity” - The maximum rated output of electric power production equipment in direct current (DC). This output is typically specified by the manufacturer with a "nameplate" on the equipment.

“Roof mounted solar facility” - A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the roof of a building, residence, parking garage, or any other structure.

“Site plan review”- Review by the planning board to determine conformance with [subsection 6.10.5 of this section of] Plympton's Zoning By-laws.

“Small scale ground mounted solar facility” - A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a maximum nameplate capacity of less than 250 kW-DC.

“Solar facility” - A facility comprised of one or more solar panels, as well as all access roads and appurtenant structures.

6.10.4 General requirements.

6.10.4.1 Large scale ground mounted solar facilities: Ground mounted solar facilities shall be allowed in all zones and permitted only by as-of-right site plan review from the planning board pursuant to this section, subject to the following conditions:

a. Site plan review. No large scale ground mounted solar facility shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining site plan review approval by the Plympton Planning Board in compliance with subsections 6.10.5 and 6.10.6 of this section.

b. Monitoring and maintenance. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.7. of this section.

c. Site control. The applicant shall submit with its application for site plan review, documentation of actual or prospective control of the project site sufficient to allow for installation and use of the proposed facility. Notice of change of ownership shall be given to the planning board in compliance with subsection 6.10.8 of this section.

d. Parcels without frontage. Projects for landlocked parcels shall be considered as long as the following conditions can be met.

- i. The owner has demonstrated a permanent easement to a public way
- ii. The parcel was landlocked prior to May 16, 2012
- iii. The parcel is a minimum of five (5) acres

e. Financial surety. The applicant shall provide a financial surety if so required by the planning board as determined in compliance with subsection 6.10.9 of this section.

f. Compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations. The construction and operation of all large scale ground mounted solar facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical and communications requirements.

g. Proof of liability insurance. The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

6.10.4.2 Small scale ground mounted solar facilities. Small scale ground mounted solar facilities shall be allowed as-of-right with a building permit in all zones provided that they meet the following conditions:

a. Compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations. The construction and operation of all small scale ground mounted solar facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical and communications requirements.

b. Proof of liability insurance. The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance to the building commissioner in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

c. Design standards. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.5.2 design standards and subsection 6.10.5.3 environmental standards where applicable.

d. Monitoring and maintenance. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.7 of this section.

6.10.4.3 Roof mounted solar facilities. Roof mounted solar facilities shall be allowed as-of-right with a building permit in all zones provided that they meet the following conditions:

a. Compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations. The construction and operation of all roof mounted solar facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state

and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical and communications requirements.

b. Proof of liability insurance. The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance to the building commissioner in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

c. Structural engineering report. A structural engineering report may be required by the building commissioner illustrating the structural integrity of the structure and its ability to support the proposed roof mounted solar facility.

d. Monitoring and maintenance. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.7 of this section.

6.10.5 Site plan review.

6.10.5.1 Submittal requirements. The project proponent is required to provide the Plympton Planning Board with the following:

a) Application. Two original application forms and a designer's certificate.

b) Fee. Required fee.

c) Siting and design. Eight full copies of a site plan. The plan shall be on 24" x 36" sheets at a scale of 1"=40' or 1"=200', as appropriate, on as many sheets as necessary. Site plans shall be prepared by a Massachusetts licensed professional engineer and/or a registered land surveyor, as applicable. The site plan shall include the following:

i) Location map. Copy of the most recent USGS quadrangle map, at a scale of 1:25,000, showing the proposed facility site and the area within at least two miles from the facility.

ii) Site plan. A one inch equals 200 feet plan of the proposed solar facility site, with contour intervals of no more than ten feet, showing the following:

a. Property lines and physical dimensions of the project site and adjacent parcels within 100 feet of the project site;

b. Location of permanent structures or buildings on the project site and on adjacent parcels of the project site;

c. Location and details of all security measures for the site; and

d. Location of all existing and proposed roads, both public and private, on the project site.

iii) Project plan. A plan indicating all proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including temporary or permanent roads or driveways, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures shall include the following:

- a. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation to be removed or altered, amenities such as lighting or fencing, screening vegetation or structures, and wetlands delineation. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare on abutting properties and be directed downward with full cutoff fixtures to reduce light pollution;
- b. Location of the ground mounted solar facility, type of mounting devices, access roads, lighting, ground equipment, fencing, electrical infrastructure, and associated equipment;
- c. Plans for accessory buildings or other structures, and location and details of all planned security measures;
- d. Layout and details of surfacing for access roads and parking including temporary roads and staging areas; and
- e. Any existing overhead utility lines.

d) Operation and maintenance plan. The applicant shall submit a plan for the general maintenance of access roads and stormwater controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the ground mounted solar facility.

e) Schematics.

i) Schematic or blueprints of the ground mounted solar facility signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed structures and any shading from nearby structures;

ii) Schematic or outline electrical diagram showing proposed solar panels, associated components and electrical interconnection methods, all with National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;

iii) Description of the major system components to be used including the photovoltaic panels, mounting system and inverter.

f) Compliance documents. The applicant will provide the following with the application:

i) A description of financial surety that satisfies subsection 6.10.9.3 of this section;

- ii) Proof of liability insurance that satisfies subsection 6.10.5.1.c of this section;
- iii) Name, address, and contact information for:
 - a. Proposed system installer,
 - b. The landowner,
 - c. The project proponent, as well as all co-proponents; and
 - d. Any agents representing the applicant.
- iv) Evidence of utility notification that satisfies subsection 6.10.7.2 of this section.
- g) Notification.
 - i) List of property owners and their addresses for all parcels of land within 300 feet of the project site, to be obtained from the most recent property list from the Plympton Assessor's Office;
 - ii) Provide stamped A10 sized envelopes representing twice the number of abutters listed above to be used by the planning board to mail notice of the site plan review hearing and notice of decision.
 - iii) The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of publication of the public hearing notice.
- h) Waiver of documents. The planning board reserves the right to waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate.

6.10.5.2 Design standards.

- a) Screening. A ground mounted solar facility shall be screened, to the extent possible, from abutting properties.
 - i) General. Screening shall consist of landscaping, fence, grassed earthen berm, or some combination of these screening devices. If utilizing a natural buffer, it shall be maintained above the highest level of the solar panels. When a screen consists of plant materials, said materials shall provide screening at the time of planting and be of a type that will be expected to form a year-round, dense screen.
 - ii) Abutting residential uses. When such facility is directly abutting existing residential uses, such screening shall consist of:
 - a. Project site of less than two acres: Screening as determined to be adequate in the form of either vegetation or fencing.

- b. Project site of between two and five acres: A minimum of 50 feet of vegetation buffer with 25 feet being undisturbed closest to the residential property, and the other 25 feet being allowed to be selectively cleared.
- c. Project site of greater than five acres: A minimum of 100 feet of vegetation buffer with 50 feet being undisturbed closest to the residential property, and the other 50 feet being allowed to be selectively cleared.
- d. Permit for screening reduction: An applicant may request permission to reduce such buffer requirements in such instances it is determined to not have a detrimental effect to the abutters and in such instances where the buffer will have a detrimental effect on the ability to generate power.

iii) Abutting nonresidential uses including public accepted streets. Screening as determined to be adequate in the form of either vegetation or fencing.

b) Signage. Signs on the solar facility shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.1 of the Plympton Zoning By-laws.

c) Lighting. Lighting of solar facilities shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.9 of the Plympton Zoning By-laws.

d) Utility connections. Reasonable efforts should be made to locate utility connections for ground mounted solar facilities underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground, if required by the utility provider. All solar facility installations shall conform to the requirements of the interconnection agreement and/or such further requirements as may be promulgated from time to time, as appropriate and as approved by the connecting utility.

e) Appurtenant structures. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts. Appurtenance structures shall meet the regulations for accessory structures as found in section 4.4 of the zoning ordinance.

f) Emergency services. The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary and site plan to the Plympton Fire and Police Departments. The applicant shall cooperate with the Fire and Police Departments in developing an emergency response plan. All means of disconnecting the solar facility shall be clearly marked. The applicant or facility owner shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries or complaints throughout the life of the project.

g) Unauthorized access. All solar facilities shall be designed to prevent unauthorized access in compliance with any and all federal, state and local regulations. Electrical equipment shall be locked where possible. Video surveillance cameras shall be oriented in such a fashion so as to minimize capturing activity outside the solar facility.

6.10.5.3 Environmental standards.

a) Land clearing. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, access to, operation and maintenance of the ground mounted solar facility or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations and ordinances.

b) Rare and endangered species. The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and requirements of the Commonwealth of [Massachusetts] Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

c) Wetlands. The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act and the Town of Plympton Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

d) Stormwater. The applicant shall demonstrate compliance with all local, state and federal stormwater management laws and regulations.

6.10.5.4 Action by the planning board.

Site plan review shall be conducted in accordance with the notice, hearing and filing procedures set forth in [M.G.L.] c. 40A for special permits, except as otherwise set forth in this section. After determining if the site plan is in conformance with the requirements of this ordinance, and after considering the criteria set forth in [this] section, the planning board may approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the site plan application or grant leave to withdraw. Approval may be subject to any conditions, modifications and/or restrictions as the planning board may deem necessary. Leave to withdraw or disapproval by the planning board must be supported by written findings.

6.10.5.5 Monitoring and maintenance.

a) Facility conditions. The applicant shall maintain the solar facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include but not be limited to vegetation upkeep, structural repairs and the integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local fire chief, local emergency planning committee and emergency medical services. The project owner shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar facility and any access road, unless accepted as a public way, and the cost of repairing any damage as a result of operation and construction. The project owner

shall also be responsible for ensuring that the solar facility does not at anytime lower the quality of service supplied to nearby customers or cause safety problems to the interconnected electrical grid.

b) Utility notification. Before installation of the solar facility, the applicant shall inform the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the facility is to be located of its intent to install an interconnected generator and shall satisfy all interconnection agreements.

c) Modifications. All material modifications to a large scale ground mounted solar facility, other than regular maintenance, made after issuance of the site plan review approval shall require approval by the planning board as provided in this section.

6.10.5.6 Change in ownership.

If the owner and/or operator of a large scale ground mounted solar facility changes, notice shall be given to the planning board with the contact information of the new owner/operator within one month of the change in ownership and/or operations.

6.10.5.7 Abandonment or decommissioning.

a) Removal requirements. Any large scale ground mounted solar facility which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with subsection 6.10.9.2 of this section shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the planning board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal.

Decommissioning shall consist of:

- i. Physical removal of all solar panels, structures, equipment, security barriers and electrical lines from the site.
- ii. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- iii. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The planning board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping, designated below-grade foundations or service roads in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

b) Abandonment. Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning, the large scale ground mounted solar facility shall be considered abandoned when the facility fails to operate for more than one year without written consent of the planning board. The planning board shall determine in its decision what proportion of the facility is

inoperable for the facility to be considered abandoned. If the applicant fails to remove the large scale ground mounted solar facility in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town shall have the authority to enter the property and physically remove the facility.

c) Financial surety. The planning board shall require the applicant for a large scale ground mounted solar facility to provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the estimated cost of removal in the event that the Town must remove the facility, of an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the planning board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the estimated cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set fourth herein, as reasonably determined by the applicant. Such surety will not be required for municipally or state owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for a cost of living adjustment.

Planning Board: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Section 8 by adding the following language to Sub-Sections 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 and adding the following subsections, 8.1.6 and 8.1.7 or take any action relative thereto

Section 8.1.1: (Add the following to "define" the floodplain district.)

"The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Plympton designated as Zone A or AE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Plympton are panel numbers 25023C0214J, 25023C0218J, 25023C0326J, 25023C0327J, 25023C0328J, 25023C0329J, 25023C0331J, 25023C0332J, 25023C0333J, 25023C0334J, 25023C0337J, and 25023C0341J dated July 17, 2012. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 17, 2012 and are shown on the Zoning District Map of the Town of Plympton. The District may include land outside of the FEMA special hazard flood areas The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, Conservation Commission

Section 8.1.2: (Add the following subsections).

1. In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

2. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

(Add the following Subsections)

8.1.6: Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation, The Chair of the Planning Board shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Communities

- NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700
Boston, MA 02114-2104

- NFIP Program Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

8.1.7: Use Regulations

1. The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address floodplain and coastal high hazard areas;

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);

Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);

Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00);

Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

2. In Zone AE, along watercourses within the Town of Plympton that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Plymouth County FIRM encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

3. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

- a) such proposals minimize flood damage;
- b) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
- c) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

Planning Board: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow \$480,000 to acquire and equip a fire department pumper tanker and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding five years for said equipment or take any action relative thereto

Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to acquire and equip a new ambulance and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding five years for said equipment or take any action relative thereto

Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 0-3

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to purchase new public safety communications equipment or take any action relative thereto.

Fire Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study of town building usage and future needs or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 to make State mandated repairs to the Winnetuxet Street Dam or take any other action relative thereto.

BOS: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town 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 or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2014 Tri-Annual revaluation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 29 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 2013 Interim-Year valuation of the Town or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,085 for repair of the Dennett School Water Line or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6400.00 to purchase two (2) semi-ruggedized laptop computers and related software and equipment to replace aging units for police patrol vehicles or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3950.00 to purchase two (2) Electronic Control Devices (Tasers), cartridges, training cartridges, holsters and replacement batteries for the Police Department or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1100.00 to purchase five (5) copies of Microsoft Windows 7 Professional. This software will replace and upgrade the current operating system used by the Police Department or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 34 - CIVIL FINGERPRINTING TOWN BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c.6, §172B½, to adopt a new by-law entitled Section XXX "Civil Fingerprinting for Certain License Applicants", which by-law requires the Police Department to conduct state and national fingerprint based criminal history checks for individuals applying for specified licenses, as follows:

Criminal History Check Authorization

1. In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.6, §172B½, the Police Department shall fingerprint the persons listed below and conduct state and national fingerprint-based criminal history checks for such individuals. To carry out these criminal history checks, the Police Department shall be authorized to utilize Federal Bureau of Investigation records; provided,

however, that such records shall not be disseminated to unauthorized entities and shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with law.

The licensing authority is hereby authorized to deny an application for any license specified herein, including renewals and transfers thereof, from any person who is determined unfit for the license due to information obtained pursuant to this by-law. Factors that shall be considered in making a determination of fitness shall include but not be limited to whether the record subject has been convicted of, or is under pending indictment for, a crime that bears upon the subject's ability or fitness to serve in that capacity, including any felony or a misdemeanor that involved force or threat of force, possession of a controlled substance, or a sex-related offense.

2. All applicants for the following licenses shall be subject to the requirements of this by-law: Hawkers and Peddlers and other Door-to-Door Sales Persons and Solicitors; Pawn Dealers; Owners and Operators of Public Conveyances such as Taxis, Hackneys or Liveries; Dealers of Second-hand Articles; Ice Cream Truck vendors; Owners and Responsible Managers of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, including the "responsible manager" listed on the license application.
3. The Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Chief of Police, shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of this by-law, which may include, but shall not be limited to; establishment of submission deadlines; procedures for making recommendations to the licensing authority or making a licensing decision as a result of such criminal history check; procedures for accessing, correcting or amending any such record; and criteria for fitness determinations in addition to those set forth in Section 1 of this by-law.
4. The Police Department shall charge a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each fingerprinting and criminal history check. A portion of the fee, as specified in G.L. c.6, §172B½, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee shall be retained by the Police Department for costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system.
5. This by-law shall take effect on July 1, 2012, and after compliance with all requirements of G.L. c.40, §32, have been met.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to add the following section to the Plympton Municipal By-Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

Article V Section 4

The Board of Selectmen may remove for cause and after a hearing if requested any of the officers or members of town boards or committees appointed by it where such persons are not appointed for a term prescribed by the General Laws. Cause for removal shall be repeated non-attendance at meetings.

Selectmen: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 36 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Constellation Net Metering LLC, the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any action in relation thereto

Assessors: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the General Stabilization Account or take any action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 38 To see if the Town will vote to add Section XXXI of the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the "Stretch Energy Code", including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

SECTION XXX. STRETCH ENERGY CODE

Section 1. Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2009 - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency. Commencing July 1, 2010, the baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code will default to IECC 2009 and MA amendments.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115 AA, the Stretch Energy Code is the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2009 with amendments contained herein.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

Section 3. Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 61, or 93, as applicable.

Section 4. Authority

A municipality seeking to ensure that construction within its boundaries is designed and built above the energy efficiency requirements of 780 CMR may mandate adherence to this appendix. 780 CMR 115 AA may be adopted or rescinded by any municipality in the commonwealth in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 5. Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115 AA, including any amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, Chapter XXXI .

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner.

Building Department: Recommended by BOS 3-0

ARTICLE 39 To see if the Town will vote to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 8:00 am on May 19, 2012 in the Plympton Town House for the sole purpose of conducting the Annual Town Election and;

To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One (1) Selectmen for three (3) years
- One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years
- One (1) Assessor for three (3) years
- One (1) Assessor for two (2) years (to fill an unexpired term)
- One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years
- One (1) Finance Committee Member for three (3) years
- One (1) Highway Surveyor for three (3) years
- One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years
- Two (2) School Committee members for three (3) years
- One (1) Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for three (3) years
- Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years
- One (1) Tree Warden for three (3) years

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

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**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 to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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John P. Henry, Chairman

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Barry DeCristofano, Clerk

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Joe Freitas

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Selectmen of Plympton

Plymouth, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Plympton by posting up attested copies of the same as directed.

David E. Smith (signed) Constable of Plympton

**PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 16, 2012**

Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr declared there being a quorum present at the Annual Town Meeting called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., at the Dennett Elementary School. Mr. Traynor welcomed everyone to the 305<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting and asked everyone to rise and observe a moment of silence for any and all of our Plympton neighbors who have passed away since our last meeting. We were asked to keep in our thoughts Aliza Nantais and Eva Lipton from Plympton as well as our men and women serving in uniform who are stationed around the world, and especially those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. He led us in the Pledge to Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Traynor stated we will begin the Annual Town then at 8:00 pm we will recess the Annual Town Meeting to begin a Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Traynor announced that Assistant Moderator is Brian Wick who will be positioned in the annex room. Then he introduced the Board of Selectmen, Joe Freitas, Barry DeCristofano, and John Henry: Chairman, Town Council Ilana Quirk and Town Clerk Nancy Butler, the Finance Committee Mark Gabriel, Mark Russo, Lisa Hart, Susan Ossoff and Max West as well as Barbara Gomez: Town Accountant. The Tellers were Helen Reynolds and Patricia Detterman, Jean Reynolds and Cindy Bloomquist, and Police Officer John Mulready. There was a record number of 377 registered voters present.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to all the following non-residents to participate in the meeting. Town Council: Ilana Quirk, Town Accountant: Barbara Gomez, Town Assessor: Deborah Stuart, Police Chief: Patrick Dillon, Fire Chief: Warren Borsari, Veteran Agent: Roxanne Whitbeck, Principal Dennett School: Peter Veneto, Supt Silver Lake Regional School: John Tuffy, Asst. Supt. Silver Lake Regional School: Joy Blackwood, State Representative 12<sup>th</sup> Plymouth District: Tom Calter

**Unanimous**

The Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler read the return of the warrant and the Moderator stated he had observed the preparation and posting of the warrant and the procedure was accomplished in accordance with the law.

**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,** Max West, Chairman of the Finance Committee addressed the assembly and explained the uses of the Reserve Fund, Stabilization Fund, Capital Purchase Fund, and General Fund.

Representative Thomas Calter addressed the assembly and brought greetings from the House of Representatives. He then presented citations from the House of Representatives to the following people for their dedicated service to the Town of Plympton: Robert W. Jacobson

since 1984; Carolyn A. Northon for 32 years as Tax Collector/Treasurer and Nancy J. Butler for 15 years as Town Clerk.

**Article 2, Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn Northon) The Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance agreements for FY 2013 as permitted by and in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §53F.

**Unanimous**

**Article 3, 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, 2012 and to pay as wages the following sums with a hold on EMT Standby, B. Highway Labor, and Library Director.

### **WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 2013**

**A. Firefighters (Part-time)**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Deputy Chief                  | 23.81 |
| Captain                       | 22.19 |
| Lieutenant                    | 21.10 |
| Firefighter                   | 20.02 |
| Certified EMT                 | 20.02 |
| EMT Standby per 12 hour shift | 27.05 |

**B. Highway Labor**

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Working Foreman      | 18.26 - 20.04 |
| Truck Driver/Laborer | 17.45 - 18.18 |
| Laborer              | 14.23 - 14.92 |

**C. Town Labor**

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Laborer                | 14.23 - 14.92 |
| Sr. Disposal Attendant | 16.44 - 17.18 |
| Disposal Attendant     | 14.65 - 15.36 |

**D. Clerical/Election Workers**

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Clerk               | 10.20 - 12.24 |
| Senior Clerk/Warden | 13.26 - 14.79 |

**E. Permanent Staff(all departments)**

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Clerk                        | 13.26 - 14.79 |
| Senior Clerk                 | 15.30 - 16.58 |
| Administrative Assistant     | 17.44 - 20.40 |
| Asst. to Treasurer/Collector | 17.85 - 21.42 |
| Asst. Town Clerk             | 17.85 - 21.42 |



|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>F. Library</b>         |               |
| Clerk                     | 11.23 - 13.98 |
| Circulation Clerk         | 13.48 - 15.60 |
| Library Technician        | 15.30 - 16.58 |
| Senior Library Technician | 17.22 - 20.40 |

G. Senior Aide 15.30 - 16.58

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| <b>H. Other Employees</b> |       |
| Special Police Officer    | 13.66 |
| Police Matron             | 15.76 |

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>I. Salaried Employees</b> |                         |
| Library Director             | *34,252.00 – *40,005.00 |
| Assist. Assessor             | 23,715.00 – 42,840.00   |

**Voted: A. Firefighters:** Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Firefighter, Certified EMT **C. Town Labor:** Laborer, Sr. Disposal Attendant, Disposal Attendant **D. Clerica/Election Workers:** Clerk, Senior Clerk/Warden **E. Permanent Staff** (all departments) Clerk, Senior Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Asst. to Treasurer/Collector, Asst. Town Clerk **F. Library:** Clerk, Circulation Clerk, Library Technician, **G. Senior Aide, H. Other Employee:** Special Police Officer, Police Matron  
**I. Salaried Employees:**  
**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph Colanino) The Town vote to amend the **EMT Standby** pay as follows: per 12 hour standby shift shall be paid @ \$75.00 All ambulance calls within that same shift shall be paid at the EMT Rate of pay per hour.

**Yes: 217 No 83**

**Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David Chandler) The Town vote to amend the salary for **B. Highway Labor:** Working Foreman from \$20.04 to \$20.44 Truck Driver/Laborer from \$18.18 to \$18.63 Laborer from \$14.92 to \$15.22

**Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of David Chandler) The Town vote to amend the salary for **I. Salaried Employees:** Library Director from \$40,005.00 to \$40,999.00

**Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote the Annual Town Meeting to recess to conduct the Special Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECESSED TO CONDUCT THE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 8:12 P.M.  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED 8:30 P.M.**

**Article 4. Voted** (On the motion of Max West) 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 10, 25, 30**  
**TOTAL \$170,321.00**  
**Unanimous**

**Line 15** Transfer from Free Cash **\$280,094.00** transfer from Overlay Reserve **\$20,000.00** and raise and appropriate **\$154.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL County Pension \$300,248.00**  
**Unanimous**

**Line 20** Transfer from Free Cash **\$21,997.00** and raise and appropriate **\$258,003.00**  
**TOTAL \$280,000.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL INSURANCE & PENSION: \$750,569.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 100,105, 110, 115, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150** **TOTAL \$15,214.00**  
**Super Majority**  
**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$15,214.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 160, 165, 170**  
**\$60,607.00**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL ASSESSORS: \$60,607.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 180,, 185, 190, 195,** the sum of **\$61,492.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL TOWN CLERK: \$61,492.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 200, 205, 215, 220, 225** **Total 70,751.00**  
**Unanimous**

**Line 210** (On the motion of David Chandler) Held for discussion. Voted to raise and appropriate **\$59,000.00**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL ACCT, TAX & TREASURER: \$129,751.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265** **Total 175,214.00**  
**Unanimous**

**Line 270** (On the motion of Lee Cook) Held for discussion. Voted to raise and appropriate **\$60,750.00**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL SELECTMEN: \$235,964.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 280, 285**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH: \$28,304.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 300, 305, 320, 320, 325, 330, 335**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: \$431,072.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 340, 345, 350, 355, 360**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL PROTECT PERSONAL PROPERTY: \$27,743.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 410, 415, 420**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL BUILDING DEPT.: \$52,802.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 500, 505, 515, 520** **Total \$156,797.00**  
**Super Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Joseph Colanino) **Line 510** The Town vote to transfer **\$107,161.00** from Ambulance Fund and raise and appropriate **\$56,394.00**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL FIRE/EMS SERVICES: \$320352.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 550, 555, 560, 565, 570 \$811,627.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL POLICE SERVICES: \$811,627.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 600, 605, 610, 615 \$48,000.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL VETERANS: \$48,000.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 620, 625 \$119,057**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL LIBRARY: \$119,057**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town voted to raise and appropriate **Lines 700, 705, 710 \$2,934,293.00**  
**Super Majority**

**TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL : \$2,934,293.00**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town voted to raise and appropriate **Lines 750, 755 \$1866,706.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL REGIONAL SCHOOLS \$1,866,706.00**

**TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS: \$4,800,999**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to raise and appropriate **Lines 800, 810, 815, 820 \$226,213.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL RF, INT. P&I, DEBT EXCLUSION: \$226,213.00**  
**Unanimous**

**TOTAL BUDGET: \$8,119,766.00**

**Article 5, Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to amend article 5 to correct a typographical error for Parcel 10-1-3F to read Parcel 19-1-3F

**Unanimous**

**Article 5, Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote as amended to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation providing for particular treatment of certain Industrial Park tax revenues and creating a special capital fund to be funded annually by a portion of such revenues; and further, to determine the minimum amount to be credited to the fund from such tax revenues in any fiscal year; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments as are within the public purposes of the petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### An Act Relative to a Special Fund in the Town of Plympton

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5B of chapter 40 and sections 53 and 53E ½ of chapter 44 of the General Laws, or of any other general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby recognized that development of the parcels in the town of Plympton shown as Assessors Map 14, Parcel 14-2-24 and Parcel 14-2-24B; Assessors Map 19, Parcels 19-1-3A, 19-1-3D, 19-1-3F, 19-1-12A, 19-1-5 and 19-1-14 (“Development Parcel”), has led or will lead to the payment of significant sums to the town. Development Parcel tax revenues, including but not limited to property, personal, and excise taxes received in connection with the specified parcels, shall be allocated as set forth herein.

Section 2. Not later than March 15 in any year, the board of assessors shall estimate annual Development Parcel tax revenues to be collected in the upcoming fiscal year and determine whether collection of such revenues will amount to \$1,000,000.00 or more. If so, then the provisions of sections 3 through 6 of this act shall apply for the upcoming fiscal year and the town treasurer shall take the action provided for in such sections. If not, then all estimated Development Parcel tax revenues shall be credited to the town treasury for the upcoming fiscal year.

Section 3. As of the date of the annual town meeting in any year, the town treasurer shall allocate to the general stabilization fund, without further appropriation, estimated Development Parcel tax revenue as required to bring the town’s general stabilization fund to an amount equal to 10% of the amount raised by taxation by the town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section 23 of chapter 59 of the General Laws; provided, however, that the maximum amount to be contributed in any year to the general stabilization fund under this section shall be equal to no more than 2% of the amount raised by taxation by the town in said most recent fiscal year.

Section 4. To the extent additional estimated Development Parcel tax revenue exists after the allocation provided for under section 3 of this act, the town treasurer shall, as of the date of the annual town meeting in any year, allocate to a special purpose fund, to be known as the Capital Purpose Fund (the "Fund"), without further appropriation, 35% of the remaining estimated Development Parcel tax revenue; provided, however, that in any year the annual town meeting may, by majority vote, allocate additional estimated Development Parcel tax revenues to the Fund.

Section 5. The Fund may be expended only for the acquisition of interests in land, acquisition of tangible assets, or the undertaking of capital projects, which assets or projects shall have a useful life of 5 years or more and a cost of \$10,000 or more, and which are not properly categorized as annual operating expenses (hereinafter "capital projects"), including the payment of debt service on capital projects, whether such projects were approved prior to or after the effective date of this act. Major departmental capital equipment, even if acquired on an annual basis, meeting the useful life and cost requirements of this section shall also constitute "capital projects". Appropriations from the Fund of \$25,000.00 or more shall be made by a 2/3 vote of an annual town meeting only upon a positive recommendation from each of the board of selectmen, finance committee and capital improvement planning committee. Appropriations from said fund of less than \$25,000 may be authorized by a positive vote of each of the board of selectmen, finance committee and capital improvement planning committee for capital projects costing less than \$25,000 in total.

Section 6. Any estimated Development Parcel tax revenue remaining after the allocations provided for in sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be credited to the town treasury, subject to appropriation by vote of town meeting for any lawful purpose under the same conditions and subject to the same restrictions as any other tax revenue.

Section 7. This act shall apply to estimated Development Parcel tax revenues to be collected in Fiscal Year 2014, and thereafter.

Section 8. This act shall take effect upon passage.

**YES 286 NO 4**  
**Super Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Jane Schultz) The Town voted to advance to articles 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 for immediate consideration.

**Super Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to include article 14

**Super Majority**

**Article 14, Voted:** (On the motion of Sandra Henry) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000.00** to fund a Council on Aging outreach worker.

**Unanimous**

**Article 15, Voted:** (On the motion of Mark Russo) The Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation FY 2013 estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2013, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$3900

**Reserves:**

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$7800

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$7800

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$7800

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$50,700

**Unanimous**

**Article 16, Voted:** (On the motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote under the Community Preservation Act program for preservation of historic resources to transfer \$24,600 of which \$7859 will come first from the Historic Resources Reserve and then \$16,741 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund an upgrade of the drainage system to ameliorate chronic basement dampness issues as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;

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

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

**Unanimous**

**Article 17, Voted:** (On the Motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote to transfer \$37,000 from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, to fund a detailed survey of the town's historic assets and potential National Register District nomination which would document the significant structures, landscapes, archeological sites and cemeteries that contribute to the historical character of Plympton as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee;

Subject to the completion of the MHC phase of this survey, the Town will receive reimbursement of \$10,000 from MHC which will be returned to the appropriate reserve category by vote of the Community Preservation Committee;

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

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

**Super Majority**

**Article 18, Voted:** (On the motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, a parcel of land containing 10 acres more or less located on Main Street near the junction of Maple Street, shown on Town Assessor's Map 7, Parcel 7-3-8, for open space and passive recreational purposes and for the improvement of said property to create Churchill Park at Jones River Brook as described in an application submitted to the Community Preservation Committee, and further that said property shall be held under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Open Space Committee with reporting oversight by the Community Preservation Committee, to make improvements of said property, and further to appropriate and transfer a total of \$44,850 of which \$29,059 is from the Open Space Reserve and \$15,791 is from the Budgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction on said property pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §12 and G.L. c. 184, §§31-33.

**Super Majority**

**Article 19.** (On the Motion of Lisa Hart) The Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the parcel of land, located near Main Street and Ring Road shown on Assessor's Map 8 as Parcel 8-2-28 containing approximately 77 acres, from the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes as provided in GL>c.40, §8C.

(On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town vote to amend the article to include after the words recreation purposes "including but not limited to hunting, fishing and horseback riding".

**Voted:** (On the motion of Rose Jones) The Town vote to exclude the phrase: "including but not limited to hunting, fishing and horseback riding"

Discussion followed

**Amendment failed**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Brian Wick) **To move the article.**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town voted to amend the article to include after the words recreation purposes "including but not limited to hunting, fishing and horseback riding".

**Super Majority**



**Article 19. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Burnett) The Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the parcel of land, located near Main Street and Ring Road shown on Assessor's Map 8 as Parcel 8-2-28 containing approximately 77 acres, from the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes including but not limited to hunting, fishing and horseback riding as provided in GL>c.40, §8C.

**Declared Super Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Howard Randall) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and to reconvene Thursday May 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Dennett Elementary School.

**Unanimous**

## **RECONVENED PLYMPTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 17, 2012**

**7:00 P.M.**

There being a quorum The Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

**Article 6, Voted:** (On the motion of Carolyn A. Northon) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500.00 to conduct financial audits for Fiscal Year 2013.

**Unanimous**

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. 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 8. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,444.00 to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 Smeal Pumper as part of the lease to own program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 9. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$17,839.00 to pay the annual lease payment for the 2008 GMC EMS vehicle as part of the lease to own program.

**Unanimous**

**Article 10. Voted:** (On the motion of James M. Mulcahy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,971.49 to pay the annual lease payments for the First Response and Fire Command vehicle.

**Unanimous**

**Article 11. 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 in FY 2013. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

**Unanimous**

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund account under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the use by the Recreation Commission for the support of youth sports programs, community activities and special events that will benefit all of the townspeople of Plympton. Funds deposited into this account shall be those generated through the Town of Plympton Advertising Sign Sponsorship Program, fees charged to individuals participating in any Recreation Commission sponsored programs, any donations earmarked for said programs and any private sponsorship of said programs. The Recreation Commission is authorized to expend from this fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in M. G. L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in FY 2013 Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

**Unanimous**

**Article 13, Voted:** (On the motion of John P. Henry) The Town will 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 in FY 2013. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

**Unanimous**

***Articles 14 – 19 were taken up and voted after Article 5.***

**Article 20 Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section, "Section 6.10 Solar Facilities", to allow certain solar facility uses as of right, as on file with the Town Clerk.

*The Planning Board held a public hearing on March 19, 2012 and John O'Leary reported the Planning Board voted in 3 in favor, 1 abstention, 1 absent*

## **6.10 Solar facilities.**

### **6.10.1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this section is to establish general guidelines for the siting of solar photovoltaic facilities, hereinafter referred to as solar facilities. The goals of this section are to:

Promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community by allowing the generation of sustainable energy with as-of-right siting of solar facilities in order to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases, protect environmental resources, and foster sustainable economic development.

Provide standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of solar facilities. Such siting standards shall address public safety, minimize impacts on natural resources, and provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such facilities.

Not prohibit or unreasonably regulate the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy per M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3, except where necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

### **6.10.3 Applicability.**

This section applies to all solar facilities proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. This section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment. This section does not apply to minor modifications or maintenance of a solar facility.

Solar facilities shall be allowed on parcels of land in any zoning district.

### **6.10.3 Definitions.**

“As-of-right” As-of-right shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right development will be subject to site plan review for solar photovoltaic arrays having a kilowatt direct current (kW-DC) rated nameplate capacity of greater than 250 to determine conformance with Plympton's Zoning By-laws. Projects cannot be prohibited, but can be reasonably regulated.

“Ground mounted solar facility” A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the ground.

“Large scale ground mounted solar facility” - A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW-DC.

“Project site” - A parcel or combination of parcels, which the solar facility operator has control of, on which the solar facility is or will be located.

“Rated nameplate capacity” - The maximum rated output of electric power production equipment in direct current (DC). This output is typically specified by the manufacturer with a "nameplate" on the equipment.

“Roof mounted solar facility” - A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the roof of a building, residence, parking garage, or any other structure.

“Site plan review”- Review by the planning board to determine conformance with [subsection 6.10.5 of this section of] Plympton's Zoning By-laws.

“Small scale ground mounted solar facility” - A solar facility that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a maximum nameplate capacity of less than 250 kW-DC.

“Solar facility” - A facility comprised of one or more solar panels, as well as all access roads and appurtenant structures.

#### **6.10.4 General requirements.**

**6.10.4.1** Large scale ground mounted solar facilities: Ground mounted solar facilities shall be allowed in all zones and permitted only by as-of-right site plan review from the planning board pursuant to this section, subject to the following conditions:

a. Site plan review. No large scale ground mounted solar facility shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining site plan review approval by the Plympton Planning Board in compliance with subsections 6.10.5 and 6.10.6 of this section.

b. Monitoring and maintenance. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.7. of this section.

c. Site control. The applicant shall submit with its application for site plan review, documentation of actual or prospective control of the project site sufficient to allow for installation and use of the proposed facility. Notice of change of ownership shall be given to the planning board in compliance with subsection 6.10.8 of this section.

d. Parcels without frontage. Projects for landlocked parcels shall be considered as long as the following conditions can be met.

iv. The owner has demonstrated a permanent easement to a public way

v. The parcel was landlocked prior to May 16, 2012

vi. The parcel is a minimum of five (5) acres

e. Financial surety. The applicant shall provide a financial surety if so required by the planning board as determined in compliance with subsection 6.10.9 of this section.

f. Compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations. The construction and operation of all large scale ground mounted solar facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical and communications requirements.

g. Proof of liability insurance. The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

**6.10.4.2 Small scale ground mounted solar facilities.** Small scale ground mounted solar facilities

shall be allowed as-of-right with a building permit in all zones provided that they meet the following conditions:

a. Compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations. The construction and operation of all small scale ground mounted solar facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical and communications requirements.

b. Proof of liability insurance. The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance to the building commissioner in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

c. Design standards. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.5.2 design standards and subsection 6.10.5.3 environmental standards where applicable.

d. Monitoring and maintenance. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.7 of this section.

**6.10.4.3 Roof mounted solar facilities.** Roof mounted solar facilities shall be allowed as-of-right

with a building permit in all zones provided that they meet the following conditions:

a. Compliance with laws, ordinances and regulations. The construction and operation of all roof mounted solar facilities shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical and communications requirements.

b. Proof of liability insurance. The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance to the building commissioner in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and structures occasioned by the failure of the facility.

c. Structural engineering report. A structural engineering report may be required by the building commissioner illustrating the structural integrity of the structure and its ability to support the proposed roof mounted solar facility.

d. Monitoring and maintenance. The solar facility shall comply with subsection 6.10.7 of this section.

## **6.10.5 Site plan review.**

**6.10.5.1 Submittal requirements.** The project proponent is required to provide the Plympton Planning Board with the following:

- a) Application. Two original application forms and a designer's certificate.
- b) Fee. Required fee.
- c) Siting and design. Eight full copies of a site plan. The plan shall be on 24" x 36" sheets at a scale of 1"=40' or 1"=200', as appropriate, on as many sheets as necessary. Site plans shall be prepared by a Massachusetts licensed professional engineer and/or a registered land surveyor, as applicable. The site plan shall include the following:
  - i) Location map. Copy of the most recent USGS quadrangle map, at a scale of 1:25,000, showing the proposed facility site and the area within at least two miles from the facility.
  - ii) Site plan. A one inch equals 200 feet plan of the proposed solar facility site, with contour intervals of no more than ten feet, showing the following:
    - a. Property lines and physical dimensions of the project site and adjacent parcels within 100 feet of the project site;
    - b. Location of permanent structures or buildings on the project site and on adjacent parcels of the project site;
    - c. Location and details of all security measures for the site; and
    - d. Location of all existing and proposed roads, both public and private, on the project site.
  - iii) Project plan. A plan indicating all proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including temporary or permanent roads or driveways, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures shall include the following:
    - a. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation to be removed or altered, amenities such as lighting or fencing, screening vegetation or structures, and wetlands delineation. Lighting shall be designed to minimize glare on abutting properties and be directed downward with full cutoff fixtures to reduce light pollution;
    - b. Location of the ground mounted solar facility, type of mounting devices, access roads, lighting, ground equipment, fencing, electrical infrastructure, and associated equipment;

- c. Plans for accessory buildings or other structures, and location and details of all planned security measures;
  - d. Layout and details of surfacing for access roads and parking including temporary roads and staging areas; and
  - e. Any existing overhead utility lines.
- d) Operation and maintenance plan. The applicant shall submit a plan for the general maintenance of access roads and stormwater controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the ground mounted solar facility.
- e) Schematics.
- i) Schematic or blueprints of the ground mounted solar facility signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed structures and any shading from nearby structures;
  - ii) Schematic or outline electrical diagram showing proposed solar panels, associated components and electrical interconnection methods, all with National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
  - iii) Description of the major system components to be used including the photovoltaic panels, mounting system and inverter.
- f) Compliance documents. The applicant will provide the following with the application:
- i) A description of financial surety that satisfies subsection 6.10.9.3 of this section;
  - ii) Proof of liability insurance that satisfies subsection 6.10.5.1.c of this section;
  - iii) Name, address, and contact information for:
    - a. Proposed system installer,
    - b. The landowner,
    - c. The project proponent, as well as all co-proponents; and
    - d. Any agents representing the applicant.
  - iv) Evidence of utility notification that satisfies subsection 6.10.7.2 of this section.

g) Notification.

i) List of property owners and their addresses for all parcels of land within 300 feet of the project site, to be obtained from the most recent property list from the Plympton Assessor's Office;

ii) Provide stamped A10 sized envelopes representing twice the number of abutters listed above to be used by the planning board to mail notice of the site plan review hearing and notice of decision.

iii) The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of publication of the public hearing notice.

h) Waiver of documents. The planning board reserves the right to waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate.

**6.10.5.2 Design standards.**

a) Screening. A ground mounted solar facility shall be screened, to the extent possible, from abutting properties.

i) General. Screening shall consist of landscaping, fence, grassed earthen berm, or some combination of these screening devices. If utilizing a natural buffer, it shall be maintained above the highest level of the solar panels. When a screen consists of plant materials, said materials shall provide screening at the time of planting and be of a type that will be expected to form a year-round, dense screen.

ii) Abutting residential uses. When such facility is directly abutting existing residential uses, such screening shall consist of:

a. Project site of less than two acres: Screening as determined to be adequate in the form of either vegetation or fencing.

b. Project site of between two and five acres: A minimum of 50 feet of vegetation buffer with 25 feet being undisturbed closest to the residential property, and the other 25 feet being allowed to be selectively cleared.

c. Project site of greater than five acres: A minimum of 100 feet of vegetation buffer with 50 feet being undisturbed closest to the residential property, and the other 50 feet being allowed to be selectively cleared.

d. Permit for screening reduction: An applicant may request permission to reduce such buffer requirements in such instances it is determined to not have a detrimental effect to the abutters and in such instances where the buffer will have a detrimental effect on the ability to generate power.



iii. Abutting nonresidential uses including public accepted streets. Screening as determined to be adequate in the form of either vegetation or fencing.

b) Signage. Signs on the solar facility shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.1 of the Plympton Zoning By-laws.

c) Lighting. Lighting of solar facilities shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.9 of the Plympton Zoning By-laws.

d) Utility connections. Reasonable efforts should be made to locate utility connections for ground mounted solar facilities underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground, if required by the utility provider. All solar facility installations shall conform to the requirements of the interconnection agreement and/or such further requirements as may be promulgated from time to time, as appropriate and as approved by the connecting utility.

e) Appurtenant structures. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts. Appurtenance structures shall meet the regulations for accessory structures as found in section 4.4 of the zoning ordinance.

f) Emergency services. The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary and site plan to the Plympton Fire and Police Departments. The applicant shall cooperate with the Fire and Police Departments in developing an emergency response plan. All means of disconnecting the solar facility shall be clearly marked. The applicant or facility owner shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries or complaints throughout the life of the project.

g) Unauthorized access. All solar facilities shall be designed to prevent unauthorized access in compliance with any and all federal, state and local regulations. Electrical equipment shall be locked where possible. Video surveillance cameras shall be oriented in such a fashion so as to minimize capturing activity outside the solar facility.

### **6.10.5.3 Environmental standards.**

- a) Land clearing. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, access to, operation and maintenance of the ground mounted solar facility or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations and ordinances.
- b) Rare and endangered species. The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and requirements of the Commonwealth of [Massachusetts] Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.
- c) Wetlands. The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act and the Town of Plympton Wetlands Protection Ordinance.
- d) Stormwater. The applicant shall demonstrate compliance with all local, state and federal stormwater management laws and regulations.

### **6.10.5.4 Action by the planning board.**

Site plan review shall be conducted in accordance with the notice, hearing and filing procedures set forth in [M.G.L.] c. 40A for special permits, except as otherwise set forth in this section. After determining if the site plan is in conformance with the requirements of this ordinance, and after considering the criteria set forth in [this] section, the planning board may approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the site plan application or grant leave to withdraw. Approval may be subject to any conditions, modifications and/or restrictions as the planning board may deem necessary. Leave to withdraw or disapproval by the planning board must be supported by written findings.

### **6.10.5.5 Monitoring and maintenance.**

- a) Facility conditions. The applicant shall maintain the solar facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include but not be limited to vegetation upkeep, structural repairs and the integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local fire chief, local emergency planning committee and emergency medical services. The project owner shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar facility and any access road, unless accepted as a public way, and the cost of repairing any damage as a result of operation and construction. The project owner shall also be responsible for ensuring that the solar facility does not at anytime lower the quality of service supplied to nearby customers or cause safety problems to the interconnected electrical grid.
- b) Utility notification. Before installation of the solar facility, the applicant shall inform the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the facility is to be located of its intent to install an interconnected generator and shall satisfy all interconnection agreements.

c) Modifications. All material modifications to a large scale ground mounted solar facility, other than regular maintenance, made after issuance of the site plan review approval shall require approval by the planning board as provided in this section.

#### **6.10.5.6 Change in ownership.**

If the owner and/or operator of a large scale ground mounted solar facility changes, notice shall be given to the planning board with the contact information of the new owner/operator within one month of the change in ownership and/or operations.

#### **6.10.5.7 Abandonment or decommissioning.**

a) Removal requirements. Any large scale ground mounted solar facility which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with subsection 6.10.9.2 of this section shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the planning board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal.

Decommissioning shall consist of:

- i. Physical removal of all solar panels, structures, equipment, security barriers and electrical lines from the site.
- ii. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- iii. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The planning board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping, designated below-grade foundations or service roads in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

b) Abandonment. Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning, the large scale ground mounted solar facility shall be considered abandoned when the facility fails to operate for more than one year without written consent of the planning board. The planning board shall determine in its decision what proportion of the facility is inoperable for the facility to be considered abandoned. If the applicant fails to remove the large scale ground mounted solar facility in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town shall have the authority to enter the property and physically remove the facility.

c) Financial surety. The planning board shall require the applicant for a large scale ground mounted solar facility to provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the estimated cost of removal in the event that the Town must remove the facility, of an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the planning board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the estimated cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set fourth herein, as reasonably determined by the applicant. Such surety will not be required for municipally or state owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for a cost of living adjustment.

## **Unanimous**

**Article 21. Voted:** (On the motion of Susan Ossoff) The Town vote to amend the Town of Plympton Zoning Bylaws, Section 8 by adding the following language to Sub-Sections 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 and adding the following subsections, 8.1.6 and 8.1.7.

*The Planning Board held a public hearing on April 17, 2012 and John O'Leary reported the Planning Board voted 4 in favor and 1 absent.*

Section 8.1.1: (Add the following to "define" the floodplain district.)

"The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Plympton designated as Zone A or AE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Plympton are panel numbers 25023C0214J, 25023C0218J, 25023C0326J, 25023C0327J, 25023C0328J, 25023C0329J, 25023C0331J, 25023C0332J, 25023C0333J, 25023C0334J, 25023C0337J, and 25023C0341J dated July 17, 2012. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 17, 2012 and are shown on the Zoning District Map of the Town of Plympton. The District may include land outside of the FEMA special hazard flood areas The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, Conservation Commission

Section 8.1.2: (Add the following subsections).

1. In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

(Add the following Subsections)

8.1.6: Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation, The Chair of the Planning Board shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Communities
- NFIP State Coordinator  
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700  
Boston, MA 02114-2104
- NFIP Program Specialist  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I  
99 High Street, 6th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

8.1.7: Use Regulations

1. The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address floodplain and coastal high hazard areas;

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);

Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);

Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00);

Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

2. In Zone AE, along watercourses within the Town of Plympton that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Plymouth County FIRM encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

3. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:
- a) such proposals minimize flood damage;
  - b) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
  - c) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

**Unanimous**

**Article 22. Voted:** (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to enter into a lease/purchase agreement to acquire and equip a fire department pumper tanker with the cost not to exceed \$480,000.00 for a period of ten years and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the down payment.

**Super Majority**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to acquire and equip a new ambulance and/or to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreement for a period of up to or exceeding five years for said equipment or take any action relative thereto

**Article 23. Voted:** (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to pass over article #23.

**Unanimous**

**Article 24. Voted:** (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,300.00 to purchase new public safety communications equipment.

**Unanimous**

**Article 25.** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study of town building usage and future needs.

**Article 25. Voted** (On the motion of Linda Leddy) The Town vote to amend the article to include the words "through a Town Complex Study Committee" following the words future needs.

**Unanimous**

**Article 25. Voted** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study of town building usage and future needs through a Town Complex Study Committee.

**Unanimous**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to advance to Article 36 to allow a guest speaker to speak on this article.

**Unanimous**

**Article 36.** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Constellation Net Metering LLC, the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

**Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to allow Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick to speak on article 36.

**Unanimous**

Discussion followed.

**Article 36. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement with Constellation Net Metering LLC, the text of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

**Super Majority**

**Article 26. Voted:** (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 to make State mandated repairs to the Winnetuxet Street Dam.

**Unanimous**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for maintenance and development of the Harry Jason Park or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 27. Voted:** (On The motion of Joseph Freitas) The Town voted to pass over Article 27.

**Unanimous**

**Article 28. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2014 Tri-Annual revaluation of the Town.

**Unanimous**

**Article 29. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of preparing the Fiscal 2013 Interim-Year valuation of the Town.

**Unanimous**

**Article 30. Voted:** (On the motion of Robert Ruggerio) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,085 for repair of the Dennett School Water Line.

**Unanimous**

**Article 31. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6400.00 to purchase two (2) semi-ruggedized laptop computers and related software and equipment to replace aging units for police patrol vehicles.

**Unanimous**

**Article 32. Voted:** (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3950.00 to purchase two (2) Electronic Control Devices (Tasers), cartridges, training cartridges, holsters and replacement batteries for the Police Department.

**Unanimous**

**Article 33. Voted:** (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100.00 to purchase five (5) copies of Microsoft Windows 7 Professional. This software will replace and upgrade the current operating system used by the Police Department.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 34 - CIVIL FINGERPRINTING TOWN BY-LAW**

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c.6, §172B½, to adopt a new by-law entitled Section XXX “Civil Fingerprinting for Certain License Applicants”, which by-law requires the Police Department to conduct state and national fingerprint based criminal history checks for individuals applying for specified licenses, as follows:

Criminal History Check Authorization

1. In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.6, §172B½, the Police Department shall fingerprint the persons listed below and conduct state and national fingerprint-based criminal history checks for such individuals. To carry out these criminal history checks, the Police Department shall be authorized to utilize Federal Bureau of Investigation records; provided, however, that such records shall not be disseminated to unauthorized entities and shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with law.

The licensing authority is hereby authorized to deny an application for any license specified herein, including renewals and transfers thereof, from any person who is determined unfit for the license due to information obtained pursuant to this by-law. Factors that shall be considered in making a determination of fitness shall include but not be limited to whether the record subject has been convicted of, or is under pending indictment for, a crime that bears upon the subject’s ability or fitness to serve in that capacity, including any felony or a misdemeanor that involved force or threat of force, possession of a controlled substance, or a sex-related offense.

2. All applicants for the following licenses shall be subject to the requirements of this by-law: Hawkers and Peddlers and other Door-to-Door Sales Persons and Solicitors; Pawn Dealers; Owners and Operators of Public Conveyances such as Taxis, Hackneys or Liveries; Dealers of Second-hand Articles; Ice Cream Truck vendors; Owners and Responsible Managers of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, including the “responsible manager” listed on the license application.



3. The Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Chief of Police, shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of this by-law, which may include, but shall not be limited to; establishment of submission deadlines; procedures for making recommendations to the licensing authority or making a licensing decision as a result of such criminal history check; procedures for accessing, correcting or amending any such record; and criteria for fitness determinations in addition to those set forth in Section 1 of this by-law.
4. The Police Department shall charge a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each fingerprinting and criminal history check. A portion of the fee, as specified in G.L. c.6, §172B½, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee shall be retained by the Police Department for costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system.
6. This by-law shall take effect on July 1, 2012, and after compliance with all requirements of G.L. c.40, §32, have been met or take any other action relative thereto.
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**Article 34. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to pass over Article 34.

**Unanimous**

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following section to the Plympton Municipal By-Laws or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Article V Section 4**

The Board of Selectmen may remove for cause and after a hearing if requested any of the officers or members of town boards or committees appointed by it where such persons are not appointed for a term prescribed by the General Laws. Cause for removal shall be repeated non-attendance at meetings.

**Article 35. Voted:** (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to withdraw Article 35.  
**Super Majority**

***Articles 36 was taken up and voted after Article 25***

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the General Stabilization Account or take any action in relation thereto.

**Article 37. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to pass over Article 37.  
**Unanimous**

**Article 38 Voted:** (On the motion of John Henry) The Town vote to add Section XXX of the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the "Stretch Energy Code", including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SECTION XXX. STRETCH ENERGY CODE**

### Section 1. Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2009 - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency. Commencing July 1, 2010, the baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code will default to IECC 2009 and MA amendments.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115 AA, the Stretch Energy Code is the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2009 with amendments contained herein.

### Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

### Section 3. Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 61, or 93, as applicable.

### Section 4. Authority

A municipality seeking to ensure that construction within its boundaries is designed and built above the energy efficiency requirements of 780 CMR may mandate adherence to this appendix. 780 CMR 115 AA may be adopted or rescinded by any municipality in the commonwealth in the manner prescribed by law.

### Section 5. Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115 AA, including any amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Plympton Municipal Bylaws, Chapter XXXI .

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner.  
**Declared majority carries**

**Article 39. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:50 P.M. and continue at 8:00 A.M. on May 19, 2012 in the Plympton Town House for the sole purpose of conducting the Annual Town Election.

To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One (1) Selectmen for three (3) years

One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years

One (1) Assessor for three (3) years

One (1) Assessor for two (2) years (to fill an unexpired term)

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

One (1) Finance Committee Member for three (3) years

One (1) Highway Surveyor for three (3) years

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

Two (2) School Committee members for three (3) years

One (1) Silver Lake Regional School Committee member for three (3) years

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

One (1) Tree Warden for three (3) years

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

**Unanimous**

Respectfully

(Signed)

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC Town Clerk

**PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**May 16, 2012**  
*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

PLYMOUTH SS.

**To either of the Constables of 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 16, 2012 at 8:00 PM**

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

**ARTICLE 1** - To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization to borrow for Chapter 90 the following articles

|                     |             |                     |              |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| May 2004 Article 12 | \$81,851.86 | May 2007 Article 26 | \$122,176.00 |
| May 2005 Article 7  | \$97,855.00 | May 2008 Article 13 | \$122,064.00 |
| May 2006 Article 25 | \$44,850.00 | May 2009 Article 11 | \$121,473.00 |

Or take any other action in relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 2** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,200.00 to pay a bill of a prior year or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 3** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,640.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 57 (Building Clerical) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 4** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,000.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 56 (Building Inspector/Department) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 5** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 60 (Wiring Inspector) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 6** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,600.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 73 (Veterans Benefits) or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 7** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 77 (Elementary School Costs) to Line 78 (Special Education) or take any action relative there to.

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

**ARTICLE 8** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay Out of District Special Education Expenses or take any action relative there to.

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

**ARTICLE 9** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 65 (Police Chief Salary) or take any action relative there to.

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

**ARTICLE 10** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum on money to the Fire Services budget or take any other action in relation thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 11** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund a sum of money to the Fire EMS Services or take any other action in relation thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 12** - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Town Buildings & Land account or take any action relative there to.

**BOS: 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 to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.**

**Given under our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Twelve**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**John P. Henry, Chairman**

**Selectmen of Plympton**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Barry DeCristofano, Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Joe Freitas**

**Plymouth, ss.**

**PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT**

**I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Plympton by posting up attested copies as directed.**

**David Smith (signed), Constable of Plympton**

## PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2012

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

The Special Town Meeting held on May 16, 2012 was called to order by Moderator John A. Traynor, Jr. at 8:12 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 John Mulready. There were 377 registered voters present.

**Article 1,** (On the motion of James Mulcahy) The Town vote to rescind the authorization to borrow for Chapter 90 the following articles

|                     |             |                     |              |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| May 2004 Article 12 | \$81,851.86 | May 2007 Article 26 | \$122,176.00 |
| May 2005 Article 7  | \$97,855.00 | May 2008 Article 13 | \$122,064.00 |
| May 2006 Article 25 | \$44,850.00 | May 2009 Article 11 | \$121,473.00 |

**Unanimous**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,200.00 to pay a bill of a prior year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2. Voted:** (On the motion of Richard Nordahl) The Town vote to pass over Article 2.

**Unanimous**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,640.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 57 (Building Clerical) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 3. Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town will vote to pass over Article 3.

**Unanimous**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,000.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 56 (Building Inspector/Department) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 4. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to pass over Article 4.

**Unanimous**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 60 (Wiring Inspector) or year or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 5. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to pass over Article 5.

**Super Majority**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,600.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 73 (Veterans Benefits) or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 6. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to pass over Article 6.  
**Super Majority**

**Article 7. Voted:** (On the motion of Shelly Karparis) The Town vote to transfer a sum of \$48,040.00 from the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 77 (Elementary School Costs) to Line 78 (Special Education).

**Unanimous**

**Article 8. Voted:** (On the motion of Shelly Karparis) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$80,203.00 to be added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting, article 4, Line Special Education.

**Super Majority**

**Article 9. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$775.00 added to the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting article 4, Line 65, Police Chief Salary.

**Super Majority**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum on money to the Fire Services budget or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 10. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town vote to pass over Article 10.  
**Unanimous**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Fund a sum of money to the Fire EMS Services or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 11. Voted:** (On the motion of Max West) The Town voted to pass over Article 11.  
**Super Majority**

**Article 12.** (On the motion of Max West) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,640.00 to the Town Buildings & Land account.

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Daniel Shannon) to amend the article to read Town Building Maintenance and Grounds Account.

**Unanimous**

**Article 12. Voted:** (On the motion of Daniel Shannon) The Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,640.00 to the Town Buildings Maintenance and Grounds Account.

**Super Majority**

**Voted:** (On the motion of Barry DeCristofano) The Town vote the Special Town Meeting be Dissolved and returned to the Annual Town Meeting.

**Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed)

Nancy J. Butler, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk



**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
TOWN OF PLYMPTON  
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012**

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 Harlfinger, Patricia Leslie. Susan Ossoff was a runner to assist the officials whenever they needed assistant or a break.

The ballot box was inspected by the Town Clerk, the Clerk of Elections. The box was empty; the numbers were set to 00000, and then closed and locked.

The polls opened at 8:00 A.M. It was a beautiful warm sunny day. The turnout was above average with 28% of registered voters casting their vote. The ballot box was emptied at 7:03 P.M. by Nancy J. Butler, Election Tellers. The police officer observed it was empty and relocked.

At 1:00 pm, new election officials were sworn in and replaced the morning workers they were: Kelly Heath, Patricia Detterman, Cindy Bloomquist and Sandra Zentz and Lisa Hart as a runner

Two absentee voters voted in person. Gregg Durell was sworn as an Absent Registrar Officer for the purpose of delivering an absentee ballot to a voter who was hospitalized two days before the election. The paper work and the ballot was completed and returned to the Polls.

**Total # Registered Voters: 2012**  
**Total # Votes Cast: 583**

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| SELECTMAN, for three years | Vote for ONE |
| John P. Henry              | 277          |
| Jon Wilhelmsen             | 272          |
| Blanks                     | 11           |
| All Others                 | 3            |

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| TOWN CLERK, for three years |     |
| Tara J. Wick                | 473 |
| Blanks                      | 87  |
| All Others                  | 3   |

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| ASSESSOR, for three years | Vote for ONE |
| Jocelyn A. Anderson       | 460          |
| Blanks                    | 98           |
| All Others                | 5            |

|                                                           |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| ASSESSOR, for two years                                   | Vote for ONE |
| Colleen Morin                                             | 22           |
| Blanks                                                    | 525          |
| All Others                                                | 16           |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE, for three years                        | Vote for TWO |
| Mark C. Gabriel                                           | 448          |
| Blanks                                                    | 115          |
| All Others                                                | 0            |
| BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years                          | Vote for ONE |
| John E. Doyle                                             | 467          |
| Blanks                                                    | 96           |
| HIGHWAY SURVEYOR, for three years                         | Vote for ONE |
| James M. Mulcahy                                          | 476          |
| Blanks                                                    | 85           |
| All Others                                                | 2            |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years                          | Vote for TWO |
| Kristine M. Boyles                                        | 453          |
| Susan T. Vetterlein                                       | 440          |
| Blanks                                                    | 231          |
| All Others                                                | 2            |
| PLANNING BOARD, for five years                            | Vote for ONE |
| Irving R. Butler, Jr                                      | 457          |
| Blanks                                                    | 104          |
| All Others                                                | 2            |
| SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years                         | Vote for TWO |
| Gail M. Knight                                            | 438          |
| Brian A. Wick                                             | 425          |
| Blanks                                                    | 263          |
| All others                                                | 0            |
| SILVER LAKE REGIONAL<br>SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years | Vote for ONE |
| Maureen A. Springer                                       | 394          |
| Blanks                                                    | 168          |
| All Others                                                | 1            |
| TREE WARDEN                                               | Vote for ONE |
| William N. Hayes, Jr                                      | 476          |
| Blanks                                                    | 87           |

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

**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

The Election Officials were sworn in by the Nancy J. Butler, Assistant Town Clerk: Warden: Geraldine Batchelder, Ballot and Minutes Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, Tellers: Cynthia Bloomquist, Patricia Leslie, Jean Reynolds, Elaine McKeown, and Patricia Detterman was a floater to relieve tellers throughout the morning.

The Ballot box was inspected by Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick, the Tellers, and the police officer. It was empty, then closed and locked; the numbers were reset to 00000.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. At noon, Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick, swore in four new Tellers: Patricia Mustacaros, Lisa Hart, Patricia Harlfinger and Colleen Thompson.

At 4:00 p.m., Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick, swore in a new Teller: James Mustacaros. Jean Cohen was also sworn in as ballot and minutes clerk.

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. The ballot box read 244 for votes cast. The ballot box was emptied by Counter Grace Heinonen and examined by Police Officer Scott Peterson. The box was empty.

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2094**

**TOTAL VOTES CAST: 244**

***TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST: 133***

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Elizabeth A. Warren | 116 |
| Blank               | 15  |
| Scott Brown         | 2   |

**CLERK OF COURTS**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Robert S. Creedon, Jr. | 103 |
| Blank                  | 30  |

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| William Richard Keating | 111 |
| C. Samuel Sutter        | 22  |

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| John R. Buckley, Jr. | 106 |
| Blank                | 27  |

**COUNCILLOR**

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Christopher A. Iannella, Jr. | 57 |
| Stephen F. Flynn             | 61 |
| Blank                        | 15 |

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Greg Hanley | 101 |
| Blank       | 163 |
| Other       | 2   |

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Thomas P. Kennedy | 104 |
| Blank             | 29  |

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Thomas J. Calter, III | 120 |
| Blank                 | 13  |

**TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST: 110**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Scott Brown | 107 |
| Blank       | 3   |

**CLERK OF COURTS**

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| Blank | 110 |
|-------|-----|

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Adam G. Chaprales   | 18 |
| Christopher Sheldon | 77 |
| Blank               | 15 |

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr. | 91 |
| Blank                       | 19 |

**COUNCILLOR**

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| Blank | 110 |
|-------|-----|

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Daniel A. Pallotta | 83  |
| Blank              | 137 |

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| Blank | 109 |
| Other | 1   |

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Debra A. Betz | 84 |
| Blank         | 26 |

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

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Scott Brown | 1 |
|-------------|---|

**CLERK OF COURTS**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| Blank | 1 |
|-------|---|

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| William Keating | 1 |
|-----------------|---|

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| Blank | 1 |
|-------|---|

**COUNCILLOR**

Blank 1

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Blank 2

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

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**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blank 1

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Tara J. Wick

Town Clerk

**STATE ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The Election Officials were sworn in by the Tara J. Wick, Town Clerk: Warden: Geraldine Batchelder, Ballot and Minutes Clerk: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan, Tellers: Patricia L. Detterman, Patricia Leslie, Jean Reynolds, Elaine McKeown, and Nancy J. Butler was a floater to relieve tellers throughout the morning.

The Ballot box was inspected by Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick, the Tellers, and the police officer. It was empty, then closed and locked; the numbers were reset to 0000.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. During the morning hours, 2 Provisional Ballots were accepted. 7 people during the morning were not on the voter list and were referred to the Town Clerk for further research. The Assistant Town Clerk Nancy J. Butler assisted 2 residents in the booths to help with reading the ballots.

At noon, Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick, swore in four new Tellers: Patricia Mustacaros, Lisa Hart, and Jean Cohen. Also at noon, Carolyn Northon was sworn in as ballot clerk. Lisa Hart acted as Teller and Minutes taker from noon until the close of the election.

At 3:20 the ballot box was opened and emptied. The number on the ballot box read 1082. All ballots were secured in a box and sealed with a clearly marked sign and kept with the warden near the ballot box.

At 4:00 p.m., Town Clerk, Tara J. Wick, swore in a 2 new Tellers: Colleen Thompson and James Mustacaros.

During the afternoon hours, one additional resident was assisted in the booth by Assistant Town Clerk, Nancy J. Butler. 2 Absentee Voters voted in person. Their certificates were attached to the voter list.

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. The ballot box read 1746 for votes cast. The ballot box was emptied by and examined by Police Officer Doug Mazzola. The box was empty.

| <b>Official Results</b>                         |                |                    |               |               |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 State Election</b> |                |                    |               |               |
|                                                 | <b>Regular</b> | <b>Provisional</b> | <b>UOCAVA</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
| <b>Total Number Ballots Cast:</b>               | <b>1746</b>    | <b>1</b>           | <b>5</b>      | <b>1752</b>   |
| <b>PRESIDENT &amp; VICE PRESIDENT</b>           |                |                    |               |               |
| Johnson and Gray                                | 19             |                    |               | <b>19</b>     |
| Obama and Biden                                 | 776            | 1                  | 3             | <b>780</b>    |
| Romney and Ryan                                 | 928            |                    | 2             | <b>930</b>    |
| Stein and Honkala                               | 15             |                    |               | <b>15</b>     |
| Blank                                           | 6              |                    |               | <b>6</b>      |
| Other                                           | 2              |                    |               | <b>2</b>      |
|                                                 |                |                    |               |               |



|                                          | Regular | Provisional | UOCAVA | Totals      |
|------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| <b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>               |         |             |        |             |
| Scott P. Brown                           | 1078    |             | 2      | <b>1080</b> |
| Elizabeth A. Warren                      | 657     | 1           | 3      | <b>661</b>  |
| Blank                                    | 11      |             |        | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>REP IN CONGRESS-Vote One</b>          |         |             |        |             |
| William R. Keating                       | 855     |             | 4      | <b>859</b>  |
| Christopher Sheldon                      | 664     |             | 1      | <b>665</b>  |
| Daniel S. Botelho                        | 117     | 1           |        | <b>118</b>  |
| Blank                                    | 110     |             |        | <b>110</b>  |
| <b>COUNCILLOR-Vote One</b>               |         |             |        |             |
| Christopher A. Ianella, Jr.              | 1188    |             | 2      | <b>1190</b> |
| Blank                                    | 556     | 1           | 3      | <b>560</b>  |
| Others                                   | 2       |             |        | <b>2</b>    |
| <b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT-Vote One</b> |         |             |        |             |
| Thomas P Kennedy                         | 1204    |             | 2      | <b>1206</b> |
| Blank                                    | 541     | 1           | 3      | <b>545</b>  |
| Other                                    | 1       |             |        | <b>1</b>    |
| <b>REP IN GENERAL COURT-Vote One</b>     |         |             |        |             |
| Thomas J. Calter, III                    | 1023    | 1           | 2      | <b>1026</b> |
| Debra Betz                               | 615     |             | 1      | <b>616</b>  |
| Blank                                    | 108     |             | 2      | <b>110</b>  |
| <b>CLERK OF COURTS-Vote One</b>          |         |             |        |             |
| Robert S. Creedon, Jr                    | 1193    |             | 2      | <b>1195</b> |
| Blank                                    | 552     | 1           | 3      | <b>556</b>  |
| Other                                    | 1       |             |        | <b>1</b>    |

|                                    | <b>Regular</b> | <b>Provisional</b> | <b>UOCAVA</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>REGISTER OF DEEDS-Vote One</b>  |                |                    |               |               |
|                                    |                |                    |               |               |
| John R. Buckley, Jr                | 825            |                    | 2             | <b>827</b>    |
| Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Sr.        | 760            | 1                  | 1             | <b>762</b>    |
| Blank                              | 161            |                    | 2             | <b>163</b>    |
|                                    |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>COUNTY COMMISIONER-Vote Two</b> |                |                    |               |               |
|                                    |                |                    |               |               |
| Greg Hanley                        | 760            | 1                  | 2             | <b>763</b>    |
| Daniel A. Pallotta                 | 715            | 1                  | 1             | <b>717</b>    |
| Maryanne Lewis                     | 495            |                    | 7             | <b>502</b>    |
| Blank                              | 1522           |                    |               | <b>1522</b>   |
|                                    |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>QUESTION 1</b>                  |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>YES</b>                         | 1422           | 1                  | 4             | <b>1427</b>   |
| <b>NO</b>                          | 218            |                    |               | <b>218</b>    |
| <b>Blank</b>                       | 106            |                    | 1             | <b>107</b>    |
|                                    |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>QUESTION 2</b>                  |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>YES</b>                         | 903            |                    | 4             | <b>907</b>    |
| <b>NO</b>                          | 802            | 1                  |               | <b>803</b>    |
| <b>Blank</b>                       | 41             |                    | 1             | <b>42</b>     |
|                                    |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>QUESTION 3</b>                  |                |                    |               |               |
| <b>YES</b>                         | 1097           | 1                  | 3             | <b>1101</b>   |
| <b>NO</b>                          | 592            |                    | 1             | <b>593</b>    |
| <b>Blank</b>                       | 57             |                    | 1             | <b>58</b>     |

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Tara J. Wick

Town Clerk

## RESIGNATION LETTERS 2012

I, Mark Gabriel do hereby serve notice that I am officially resigning my position as member of the Plympton School Committee effective today, January 9, 2012.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Mark Gabriel

February 2, 2012

Town of Plympton Town Building Committee

Chairperson: John Henry 5 Palmer Road Plympton, MA 02367

Dear John and the Town Building Committee Members:

Please accept this letter of resignation as a member of the Town Building Committee. I will not have the appropriate time to give as a volunteer to the committee due to family obligations. I will be able to provide the committee with all minutes to date that I have been responsible for to be approved and filed at your next meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the clerk on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed) Tara J. Wick

February 2, 2012

Town House Building Committee Chairman: John Henry

Please accept my resignation from the Town House Building Committee effective immediately. It has been a privilege to work with this board and have a small part in the restoration of the Town House.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Nancy J. Butler Town Clerk

2 March 2012

John Henry, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen Plympton Town House  
5 Palmer Road Plympton, MA 02367

RE: Resignation---Board of Assessors

Dear John,

At the Board of Assessors meeting on 27 February 2012, it was suggested that anyone who could not fulfill their obligations to the board should resign. I cannot quarrel with that thought, so it's best that I resign effective 5 March 2012. Since I have served in either elected or appointed positions for the town since the late 70's, I am well past my time.

In closing may I quote the great Bob Hope and simply say "Thanks for Memories!"

Regards,  
(signed)  
David Batchelder

cc. Jocelyn Anderson, Chairman ,Board of Assessors

Town Clerk's Office Plympton Town House  
5 Palmer Road Plympton, MA 02367

April 9, 2012

To the Board of Selectmen

This letter is to inform you that effective May 25, 2012, I am resigning my position as the Plympton Treasurer/Collector due to medical reasons. I would like to thank the citizens of Plympton for allowing me to serve the Town for thirty two years, I will certainly miss you all.

Sincerely (signed) Carolyn A. Northon

May 10, 2012

To the Board of Selectmen

Due to personal reasons I am no longer able to serve on the Plympton Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,  
Greg Fairbanks

May 15, 2012

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

Dear Members of the Board:

Please accept this letter as my notice of resignation, effective May 25, 2012.

This was not an easy decision to make. I am grateful for the rewarding employment I've had with the Board of Assessors. After much consideration, though, I have accepted the position of interim Treasurer/Tax Collector.

Sincerely, (signed) Colleen Morin

cc: Board of Selectmen Clerk's Office

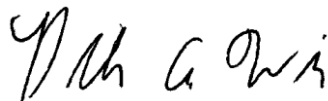
July 31, 2012

Brian Wick  
38 Elm Street Plympton, MA 02367

Jack O'Leary, Chair Plympton Planning Board  
Town House 5 Palmer Road Plympton, MA 02367

Dear Jack,

Effective immediately I am resigning my position on the Plympton Planning Board. With my energies focused on my recently elected position on the Plympton School Committee, among other matters, I can no longer provide the commitment required to be an effective member of the board. It was truly a pleasure working with a group of intelligent and dedicated volunteers. Best of luck to you and the board as you continue to plan the future of the town of Plympton. Best,



Brian A. Wick 38 Elm Street

cc: Board of Selectmen (via email)

September 12, 2012

Dear Selectmen,

As of June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year I officially resigned my position as Director of the Plympton Council on Aging. After 30 years, it's time for some changes. Chris Mairano has volunteered to take over as Director and I will stay until the end of 2012 to help with the transition. She is already bringing and implementing new ideas.

Thank you, (signed) Sandra Henry

cc: Town Clerk

December 10, 2012

Plympton Board of Selectmen 5 Palmer Road Plympton, MA 02367

Gentlemen,

It is with regret that I write this letter. I have volunteered my time to the Town of Plympton first as a member of the Planning Board and more recently as the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and a member of the Conservation Commission. I am a strong believer in the volunteerism and in setting an example of civic responsibility for my fellow citizens and my children. I also believe it is paramount that one must stand up for their values and doing what is right – both under the law and morally.

The events of the past week with respect to the ZBA have caused me to re-evaluate my continued service to the town because of the way some general things have been handled by the Board of Selectmen and more specifically by the actions of one member. If this were an isolated issue, I would probably discount it and no letter would have been needed. But since it represents a pattern of behavior over the past two years evident in a number of different independent events with numerous different participants, it strikes me that it is an inherent problem with the choices made by a certain selectmen and through him to the Board. Disrespect and contempt for various town government volunteers and their boards by a majority of the Board has reached a fever pitch over the last nine months- and despite apologies and a more civil tone immediately following the May election, it has continued into the fall. A predilection to act based on limited facts, to employ strong arm tactics, to intrude into business of thoughtful and experienced boards, and to act more based on what can only be considered thinly veiled personal grudges was seen throughout this time period.

Moreover, the integrity of the members of the ZBA was called into question this past week on nothing more than the common interactions of individuals who reside together in a small community-notwithstanding the fact that the State Ethics Commission confirmed that there was no conflict of interest present in the case. Those actions, coupled with the involvement of one of your members in that pending application (by, for example, soliciting comment from Town Counsel on the quality of the applicant's abutters list), where the Town, as the applicant's only abutter, could be perceived to have an interest in the application, led me to this decision. Additionally, the fact that the three most recent appointments to the ZBA were made without any prior communication to the existing members demonstrates the Board's lack of interest in the ZBA's opinions and a rather impressive inability to communicate. Apparently email flows much more easily when leveling baseless accusations than it does when soliciting input and offering inclusion.

The Board has created a remarkably toxic environment in which to volunteer. I have tried for many months to remedy this through my continued participation in this government. My effort has not born fruit and as a result, I cannot, in good conscience, continue to participate in your government. As a result, I am formally tendering my resignation, effective immediately, from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission.

It is my sincere hope that I will be in a position to serve the town again in the future when the true understanding of leadership, inclusiveness, respect and communication have been restored. Until then I will continue to support my community in other ways.

(signed) Ann Sobolewski

**TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**7/1/20011-06/30/12**

**TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriated 7/1/11          | \$16,000.00 |
| Expended:                    | \$16,000.00 |
| Returned to Treasury 6/30/12 | \$0.00      |

**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Appropriated 7/1/11        | \$9,191.00 |
| Expended:                  | \$9,191.00 |
| Return to Treasury 6/30/12 | \$0.00     |

**TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriated 7/1/11        | \$30,809.00 |
| Expended                   | \$30,809.00 |
| Return to Treasury 6/30/12 | 0.00        |

**CERTIFICATION COMPENSATION**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Appropriated 7/1/11        | \$0.00 |
| Expended:                  | \$0.00 |
| Return to Treasury 6/30/12 | \$0.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

## JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2012 DOG LICENSES

|                             |   |           |               |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|---------------|
| 358 Spayed or Neutered      | @ | 7.00      | \$ 2506.00    |
| 45 Male or Female           | @ | 10.00     | \$ 450.00     |
| 3 Kennel License            | @ | 30.00     | \$ 90.00      |
| 2 Hobby Kennel License      | @ | 60.00     | \$ 120.00     |
| 4 Commercial Kennel License | @ | 150.00    | \$ 600.00     |
| 11 Late Fines               | @ | 25.00     | \$ 275.00     |
| 1 Free/Service Dog          | @ | 0.00      | \$ 0.00       |
|                             |   | Subtotal  | \$4041.00     |
|                             |   | Less Fees | <u>302.25</u> |
|                             |   |           | \$3738.75     |

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

Respectfully submitted

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

## 2012 - JURY LIST

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

Respectfully,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2012

There were 21 births recorded in Plympton during the year 2012.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLYMPTON IN 2012

### Date

|            |                                       |                                              |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Jan<br>28  | George Joseph Doyle, III<br>Plympton  | Jeni-Jo Ann Shippole<br>Plympton             |
| May<br>5   | Nicole Dian Mammarella<br>Plympton    | Adam Palmer Kling<br>Plympton                |
| May<br>25  | Nicole Catherine Balaschi<br>Plympton | Robert Loring Wadsworth<br>Plympton          |
| June<br>10 | Julie Elizabeth Foster<br>Plympton    | Michael Paul Couture<br>Plympton             |
| July<br>21 | George E. Kyller, Jr.<br>Plympton     | Laura Jean Campanale<br>Plympton             |
| Aug<br>5   | Mark G. Williamson<br>Plympton        | Brenda L. Griffin<br>Plympton                |
| Aug<br>25  | Michael Patrick Rash<br>Plympton      | Kimberly Ann Morrill<br>Plympton             |
| Sept<br>1  | Dominic Steven Sarro<br>Plympton      | Ashley Ryan Waterman<br>Plympton             |
| Sept<br>23 | Janine marie Brussard<br>Plympton     | Peter Reginald Fleury<br>Plympton            |
| Oct<br>12  | Michael Patrick Barry<br>Plympton     | Cassandra Lee Malone<br>Plympton             |
| Nov<br>3   | Colin Thomas Britt<br>New Haven, CT   | Victoria Elizabeth Thornsby<br>New Haven, CT |
| Dec<br>1   | Jill Ann Marinella<br>Plympton        | David Paul Medas, Jr.<br>Plympton            |
| Dec<br>21  | Kristen Rose Tremblay<br>Carver       | Phillip Dean Belcher, Jr.<br>Plympton        |



## DEATHS RECORDED IN PLYMPTON 2012

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Name</u>                | <u>Age</u> | <u>Place of Burial</u>                              |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| January<br>3 | William R. Kelly, Sr.      | 87         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| March<br>2   | Laura L. Suk.              | 58         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| March<br>9   | Kate A. Karling            | 52         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| 27           | Albert Clifton Pierce, Jr. | 93         | Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA                    |
| May<br>5     | Jannell Marie Kingsbury    | 45         | North Purchase Crematory,<br>Attleboro, MA          |
| 30           | Warren E. Dorr             | 75         | MA National Cemetery, Bourne, MA                    |
| June<br>28   | Jean Marie Mcgrath         | 60         | Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA                    |
| July<br>4    | Patrick Adams              | 27         | Hillcrest Cemetery, Plympton, MA                    |
| 10           | David Acheson Browne       | 84         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| 11           | Taimi J. Metzger           | 88         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| 13           | Kenneth F. Roberts, Jr.    | 47         | Rural Crematory, Worcester, MA                      |
| 15           | Andrew M.P. Williamson     | 96         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| Sept<br>29   | Dorothy J. Hathaway        | 72         | Duxbury Crematory, Duxbury MA                       |
| Nov<br>9     | Walter Smith               | 85         | Woodlawn-North Purchase<br>Crematory, Attleboro, MA |
| 25           | Desmond J. Fitzgerald      | 47         | Forest Hills Crematory, Boston, MA                  |
| 28           | Lee E. Eckerd              | 79         | Vine Hills Crematory, Plymouth, MA                  |
| 24           | Raymond A. Leach           | 84         | Vine Hills Crematory, Plymouth, MA                  |

## NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN PLYMPTON 2012

| <u>Date of Death</u> | <u>Name</u>                | <u>Age</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Jan<br>10            | Delora Eugene Bennett      | 68         | Middleboro, MA   |
| March<br>27          | Albert Clifton Pierce, Jr. | 92         | Holden, MA       |
| April<br>29          | Mabel Evelyn Johnson       | 88         | Norfolk, MA      |
| June<br>7            | Barbara Keirstead          |            | Klamath, OR      |
| 30 (burial)          | Jeffrey Champignie         |            |                  |
| July<br>5            | Russel A. Doyle            | 76         | Duxbury, MA      |
| Oct<br>31            | Leo Edward Begin           | 85         | Plymouth, MA     |
| Nov<br>24            | Aubrey Dorothy Ann Garnett |            | Carver, MA       |

Respectfully submitted,

Tara J. Wick  
Town Clerk

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### Omission from 2011 Annual Town Report

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>        | <u>Age</u> | <u>Place of Burial</u>           |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Dec<br>10   | James W. O'Donnell | 86         | Duxbury Crematory<br>Duxbury, MA |

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

2012 brought forth a marked increase in Department responses to residential conflicts with local wildlife. Deforestation in rural ecosystems devastates indigenous wildlife families. Plympton's diminishing rural footprint, while out surviving those of its adjacent Towns, is beginning to experience wildlife denning and foraging closer to its human residents. Preventing pets from coming into contact with wildlife to prevent the communication of rabies, a virus both communicable and fatal to humans, has become increasingly more important with this upswing in encounters with wild animals. The rabies virus is active in several wildlife species found in Plympton.

2012 activities were as follows: (480) Calls and responses for animal control and complaints involving animals. (77) Inspections of licensed kennels and venues keeping animals in the Town. (9) Animals ordered quarantined. (9) Dogs brought to shelter. (7) Dogs returned to owners. (2) Warnings and (1) restraining order issued. (12) Wildlife animals (found sick or injured) humanely destroyed. (2) Unattended livestock removed from a public way. (1) Wild animal removed from a public building. (0) District court complaints filed.

On October 31st Senate Bill 2192, An Act Further Regulating Animal Control, passed into law. These new sections added to MA Chapter 140 Dog Laws update aspects of animal control in our municipalities. Designed to provide long term benefits to the animals and to the public in our communities some key changes are (1) the term "Dog Officer" is replaced with the modern term Animal Control Officer. (2) The stray hold period for dogs is now standardized State wide at seven days. (3) Before euthanizing any animal or giving or turning an animal over to any other person the ACO must now examine the animal for a micro-chip and a tattoo. Domestic cats have been included in this requirement. (4) A State wide 'dangerous dog' provision that clearly defines the steps that must be taken in order to initiate a 'dangerous dog' investigation, and that also prohibits the "banishing" of dogs deemed 'dangerous' to another community.

Additional areas of change are in the categories of euthanasia, tethering animals outside, and ACO reporting; Chapter 140 laws now fall under the Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Unlike surrounding towns, Plympton has no leash law. The occurrence of an unfriendly encounter with a stray dog remains an unnerving possibility for residents while on their own property or while walking or bicycling on a public way. Similarly, pets allowed to roam are in danger of being dispatched by local predator wildlife, or returning home infected with a dangerous communicable disease.

Five isolation cages for dogs and cats, and for wildlife removed from hazardous residential situations, (2) indoor kennel runs, and (1) micro-chip identification scanner/reader need to be purchased for Town compliance with these newly mandated procedures in animal control and animal shelter operations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank C. Bush, ACO, Animal Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessor's office is responsible for full and fair market valuation of real estate and personal property as of January 1st for the purposes of levying the property tax. A key component is the calculation of a New Growth estimate which is a critical component of the annual Town budget. Tax levy increase attributable to New Growth as approved by the Department of Revenue for FY2013 was \$559,452. The SYSCO facility contributed to 95% of the new growth or \$532,109.54 in tax revenue.

During 2012 the Assistant Assessors reviewed 39 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.

During the second half of calendar year 2011 into the first half of 2012 the Plympton real estate market began to stabilize in sales volume and sale prices. Distressed sales continued to impact the market with nine distressed sales recorded in Plympton in 2012. The average sale price of the twenty-four arms' length single family homes sold used in adjusting values for the Fiscal 2013 interim adjustment was \$341,008. Final values are then used to establish the tax rate in order to meet the budgetary requirements as voted at the Annual Town Meeting. As expected, when property values decrease the tax rate increases. The FY2013 tax rate is \$16.48.

The Town's FY2013 average Single Family Residence is valued at \$316,689. The Town's FY2012 average Single Family Residence was valued at \$315,854.

### FY 2013 REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

| <b>CLASS</b>      | <b>VALUE</b>          | <b>% OF LEVY</b> | <b>TAX REVENUE</b>     |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| RESIDENTIAL       | \$ 325,527,580        | 81.28%           | \$ 5,364,694.52        |
| COMMERCIAL        | \$ 14,105,802         | 3.52%            | 232,463.62             |
| INDUSTRIAL        | \$ 43,831,598         | 10.94%           | 722,344.74             |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY | \$ 17,032,350         | 4.25%            | 280,693.13             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$ 400,497,330</b> | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>\$ 6,600,196.01</b> |

The Assessors' Office is responsible for committing motor vehicle excise taxes to the Tax Collector. In 2012 the Assessors committed 3,805 Motor Excise bills representing \$338,857.44 in tax revenue.

Assessors also have the authority to grant abatements and exemptions on assessed taxes. The Board acted on 104 applications for property tax exemptions, real and personal property tax abatements, and motor excise abatements.

The Assessors' office began preparing for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2014 triennial certification. The Bureau of Local Assessment will conduct an in-depth audit of all valid sales, land and building schedules, and property valuations.

The Assistant Assessor will visit and inspect all properties sold during 2011, 2012 and 2013 through June 30<sup>th</sup> to verify the accuracy of assessment data. An interior inspection of these properties is the best way to assure properties are valued correctly. If no one is home a card will be left asking the homeowners to schedule an appointment for an interior inspection. The interior inspection of all properties is a key component of the integrity of the town's appraisal database which is the foundation of a mass appraisal system. Accurate data contributes to full and fair valuation on all properties in the community.

Assessors' Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Monday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Assessment data and maps, forms and applications are available on the Assessors page on the town website **[town.plympton.ma.us](http://town.plympton.ma.us)**.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Nordahl, Chair  
Jocelyn A.P. Anderson, Clerk  
James Mustacaros, Member

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health had a fairly busy 2012. Two of the Board Members and the Administrative Assistant attended the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Certification Classes. The Administrative Assistant attended the Region 5 Southeast Mass. Medical Reserve Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Day in Duxbury as all Board Members were unable to attend. These classes were paid for with a PHEP Grant through the Plymouth 5 Emergency Preparedness Coalition. The Administrative Assistant also attended monthly meetings of the Plymouth 5 Emergency Preparedness Coalition which helps the board meet the requirements for membership in this group.

The Board of Health obtained new health services for the town with the Cape Cod Visiting Nurse Association (CC/VNA). They provide Blood Pressure and Health Assessment Clinics on the last Tuesday of the month from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room or the Auditorium, whichever is available. They also provide a FLU Clinic for the town in the fall and if requested in advance will have on hand and administer the FLU Vaccine during the B/P-Health Clinics. There were 69 residents who took advantage of the FLU Clinic in the fall of 2012. The CC/VNA are also scheduled to give a vaccination clinic in the spring for the sixth grade students that need to update their immunizations to enter the seventh grade at the Silver Lake Regional Middle School next fall. By taking advantage of this clinic parents can avoid the cost of a Doctor's office visit purely to get their child's booster shot.

The Board along with our Health Agent observed 18 Percolation Tests, and did more than 21 inspections regarding the repair or construction of septic systems in the town.

A total of 67 permits were issued. Six were for new Food Permits. Two of the new Food Permits were issued through the joint inspections of the State Department of Public Health, Department of Environmental Protection and Plympton Board of Health. The other four new Food Permits were handled by the Board of Health and Health Agent, Richard O'Keefe, RS.

### Permits issued for 2012:

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

As Chairman of the Board of Health, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not 'Thank' Jeraldine Batchelder, our Administrative Assistant for all she does for us. Without her expertise the BOH would not be in the great condition it now enjoys.  
Thank you Jeri, from all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

John (Jack) E. Doyle, Chairman  
Colleen Morin, Clerk

Arthur F. O'Callaghan, Treasurer  
Richard O'Keefe, RS, Health Office

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2012 was another busy year for the Board. The Board created and appointed members to two short-term committees this past year. At the request of Town Meeting, a committee was formed to conduct a study of the Town's municipal building needs. The committee has solicited proposals from firms to assist with the analysis of existing buildings, a survey of Town departments, committees and other groups to see what their needs are and an analysis of existing Town-owned parcels for their potential for siting future municipal buildings. The study will analyze our Town's needs for a minimum of the next 20 years. A contract award to the successful bidder will occur this summer and after soliciting public comment and submitting their recommendation to the Board, the plan is to bring a proposal for a detailed engineering study to Town Meeting in May of 2014. The other committee was formed to research the Town's options for providing ambulance service. They were tasked to assess the existing service provided and to recommend to the Board how best to continue providing ambulance and EMT service to the Town in the future. Their recommendations should be ready for the May 2013 Town Meeting to consider.

Bringing new revenue to the Town, Sysco Boston, Inc. opened its doors in June. The food distribution company is located in the Business Park and has begun to provide the Town with what will be a steady source of non-residential tax revenue for many years. Related to this, the Board worked with the Finance Committee to bring to Town Meeting a plan to responsibly apply the new revenue to build our Stabilization Fund and set aside money for future capital investments. Approved by Town Meeting in May, these funds will position Plympton for long-term financial stability. On the other side of town, Tractor Supply Company completed its first full year of business and is also a welcome addition to the Plympton business community.

2012 was the first full year that the Town had a Town Coordinator. The position, filled by Dale Pleau, has proven to be a great help to the Board and has allowed the Town to coordinate our utility usage, get the most out of the Town House renovation project funds and connect and coordinate projects with adjacent communities.

The two solar power installations mentioned in last year's report have not yet converted a photon but are still on the horizon. One site (off Brook Street), is very close to construction and the Town has completed a PILOT tax agreement with Borrego Solar, Inc. and the site is to be built in 2013. The other site (on Palmer Road near the Halifax town line) is still being considered, but no firm plans have been made and the owners have not approached the Town any further. A third site (off Winnetuxet Road) has emerged as a possibility and the owners are discussing both a PILOT agreement with the Town and a net-metering agreement whereby the Town would purchase its municipal power from them resulting in a savings in the Town's electricity costs.

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 | \$ 23,512. |
| Expended     | \$ 23,495. |

**COMPUTER MAINTENANCE**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 24,640. |
| Expended     | \$ 24,548. |

**TOWN HOUSE**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 47,842. |
| Expended     | \$ 45,390. |

**BLANKET INSURANCE**

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 105,940. |
| Expended     | \$ 102,482. |

**UTILILTIES**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 15,000. |
| Expended     | \$ 12,603. |

**TOWN REPORTS**

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Appropriated | \$ 2,800. |
| Expended     | \$ 1,065. |

**TOWN COUNSEL**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 47,000. |
| Expended     | \$ 36,529. |

**MEMORIAL DAY**

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Appropriated | \$ 510. |
| Expended     | \$ 350. |

**TRANSFER STATION**

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 151,100. |
| Expended     | \$ 148,439. |



## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2012 was a very active year for all of us associated with the Building Department. A total of 78 Building Permits were issued, with fees totaling \$55,678.00

The biggest news, of course, was the opening and completion of the SYSCO Project. The opening of that enormous facility was the culmination of a tremendous effort by all those connected with the project. It took a major TEAM effort to complete a project of that magnitude in approximately 12 months; which included all Town Officials and Town Hall staff, as well as the entire Building Department staff.

Other commercial activity this past year, which also expands our tax base, was the major renovation of the Lite Control facility; also located on Spring Street. The renovation paved the way for Lite Control to move all of their operations to Plympton.

2012 included the beginning of several potential large solar panel projects for Plympton.

We look forward to continued growth and prosperity for Plympton in 2013. As always, all of us in the Building Department are committed to providing the most knowledgeable and responsive service possible to all Plympton residents.

Office hours: Clerical: Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
                  Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspectors; and Zoning Officer:  
                  Monday evening 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### PERMITS ISSUED:

| <u>TYPE</u>    | <u>FEES</u> | <u>NUMBER OF PERMITS</u> |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| New Homes      | \$ 4,910.00 | 3                        |
| Additions      | 1,274.00    | 7                        |
| Outbuildings   | 3,002.00    | 6                        |
| Repair/Remodel | 4,435.00    | 15                       |
| Roof/Siding    | 931.00      | 10                       |
| Windows        | 618.00      | 8                        |
| Commercial     | 14,478.00   | 19                       |
| Solar Panels   | 25,560.00   | 4                        |
| Demolitions    | 100.00      | 1                        |
| Trench         | 35.00       | 1                        |
| Signs          | 0.00        | 0                        |
| Wood Stoves    | 135.00      | 3                        |
| Swimming Pools | 200.00      | 1                        |

Respectfully submitted:  
Tom Millias, Inspector of Buildings/Building Commissioner  
Robert Karling, Electrical Inspector, Zoning Officer  
Douglas Hawthorne, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

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

2012 was a busy year for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The year began with a public meeting at which the accepted applicants presented brief over-views of their projects. This was followed by a Public Hearing to solicit questions and comments from Plympton residents. The three project applications accepted for advancement by the CPC were: the Open Space Committee's Churchill Park Project; the Historical Commission's Survey Project; and the Plympton Public Library Project. All three projects received support from the members of the public who attended this meeting.

In February we voted to proceed with these projects, began preparing the warrant articles and continued working with the applicants to fine-tune the projects for presentation at Town Meeting. This work continued through our meetings in March, April and early May. The project applicants were encouraged to get the word out about their projects prior to Town Meeting so that voters would be well informed.

At Town Meeting Mark Russo again presented a clear and concise presentation of the CPA and introduced the projects. This year was a reminder to us that the job of the CPC is to solicit and approve projects, as well as to collaborate with other town organizations, committees or commissions in moving their projects forward in the process.

During the summer the CPC worked on developing a Plympton CPA logo and had signs made for placement at project sites. We also made some slight refinements to the Plympton CPA Plan and, in August, began the application process again by soliciting project applications.

The Library Project was successfully completed on schedule and under budget. Phase One of the Historical Commission project has been completed and Phase Two is underway. The Historical Commission's Project received funds from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, showing that CPA money can be used in conjunction with grants and gifts from other organizations. The Open Space Committee's Churchill Park Project has been slowed due to influences beyond local control. Efforts on the part of the Open Space Committee to resolve the issues are ongoing. We have every confidence that all three projects will be shining examples of the benefits of the Community Preservation Act in Plympton.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Russo, Chairman  
Deborah Anderson, Vice-Chair  
David Chandler, Accounting Officer  
Colleen Thompson, Secretary

Richard Burnet  
Irving Butler  
Susan Ossoff  
Jane Schulze  
Suzanne Walker

## REPORT FOR THE PLYMPTON COUNCIL ON AGING

In June of 2012, Sandra Henry resigned from her position as Council on Aging Director. Her position was filled by Christine Maiorano who continued with the work Sandra had done for over thirty years with the support from the same Council on Aging Board members. After a retirement tribute at the PHS building and a smooth transition of leadership, business continued with monthly newsletters, services offered to seniors and transportation needs met.

Funding for COA continues to be provided by a grant from the state's Office of Elder Affairs and from subsidies from the Town of Plympton's Finance Committee. Additional donations were received from local businesses to finance the increased costs of the newsletter's expanded format.

The mission of the Plympton Council on Aging continues in 2012 to be to match the needs of its seniors with resources locally and throughout the state. Blood Pressure clinics are offered the last Tuesday of every month at the Town House from 12:30-1:30 by the VNA of Cape Cod and coordinated by the Board of Health. Exercise classes are offered at the Woodlands on County Road every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 AM Zumba Gold classes are offered on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the PHS building. Any senior in town is invited to stay active & healthy. We offered three programs that proved not to be successful. Corso's Marketplace offered reduced priced fruits and vegetables for sale once a week at the PHS building. The Walking Group which met weekly also dwindled with participants. "Connections" was a weekly meeting for socialization and games. Line dancing also failed to draw enough interest. Perhaps we will try to offer them again in the future if there seems to be some interest from our senior population.

The Upland Club hosted two events for our senior population this year. On August 8th, a chicken barbecue luncheon was held with almost 50 in attendance. On Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> the Club prepared a delicious roast beef dinner which was well attended as well. We are very grateful for their generosity and support of our senior population.

Our most valued local resource is our Senior Aide who provides transportation to appointments, grocery shopping and other essential destinations. She averages over 1000 miles each month on her vehicle. She provides visits to shut-ins and those seniors with needs. After Town Meeting approval, our Senior Aide became a town employee. Her mileage is paid for by COA but the "wear and tear" on her personal vehicle is not compensated. She is a link to services and a lifeline to those who live alone. We are very fortunate to have such dedication and commitment from her here in Plympton.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Maiorano, Director

Dorothy Cushman, Treasurer

Peggy Palmer, Senior Aide

Evelyn Hannigan, Secretary & Coordinator

Patricia Mustacaros, Old Colony Elder Services Representative

Barbara Knox, Shirley Martin, Sue Walker, Polly Nordahl

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON CULTURAL COUNCIL 2012

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 2012-2013 was \$3,870.00.

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.

Grant recipients this year are:

The Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall Museum

CASA

Gregory Maichak, painter

Pilgrim Festival Chorus

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra

Plymouth Guild for the Arts

Soule Homestead Education Center

South Shore Arts Center

Roger Tinknell, Children's Songs

Fuller Craft Museum

Victoria Wright, Poetry

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominique Sampson, Chair

Martha Burns

Susan Healey

Martin Mitchell

Lisa Reilly

Elizabeth Westley

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

As the Fire Chief of the Plympton Fire Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2012 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, we have added six new Paramedics, and the Ambulance Service has been certified to operate at the Intermediate Level. Many of our staff are certified as firefighters and EMTs, and they show a strong commitment to the department and to our town. Our dedicated officers include: Donald Vautrinot as our Deputy Chief; Lt. James Mulcahy as Captain; Lt. Steven Winslow heads up Fire Operations; Lt. Jeff Marani is our Clinical Coordinator; and Lt. Cheryl Davis is our EMS Operations Manager. We are very excited to have added a Brush Breaker given to us by the Bureau of Forest Fire Control free of charge through the Federal Excess Property program. 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. Throughout the various storms – the “No Name” storm, and “Sandy” – we experienced major 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 a continued growth in the town. We are performing inspections of all businesses to be sure that they comply with safety standards. The Department has been and will continue to be heavily invested in the challenge presented by Sysco as they complete the development of their center of operations in our community. 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.

With the creation of the Local Emergency Planning Commission, we are far more prepared for disasters – we are able to access Federal, State and Local agencies to assist us in mitigating any emergencies that arise. The storm “Sandy” was particularly challenging with the extended loss of power, blocked roads, downed trees and power lines. The Highway Department, Police Department and Fire Department worked seamlessly to open up the roads for emergency vehicles. Because of the extended loss of power and the resulting public health risks, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency provided pallets of drinking water for our residents.

As the local Emergency Management Director, myself and Chief Dillon have continued working with our mutual aid partners from surrounding towns, CERT teams and all other agencies, private and public, involved regarding the continuing 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 and guidance, various town departments and committees for their continued support, and to the dedicated Firefighters and EMTs of the Plympton Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

**REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
FY-12**

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriated July 1, 2011          | 6,312.00         |
| Expended                           | <u>-6,279.84</u> |
| Returned to Treasury June 30, 2012 | 32.16            |

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriated July 1, 2011          | 7,460.00         |
| Expended                           | <u>-7,445.53</u> |
| Returned to Treasury June 30, 2012 | 14.47            |

**LABOR ACCOUNT**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Appropriated July 1, 2011 | 78,348.00         |
| Expended                  | <u>-78,348.00</u> |

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Appropriated July 1, 2011 | 54,155.00         |
| Expended                  | <u>-54,155.00</u> |

**GENERAL HIGHWAY**

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Appropriated July 1, 2011</b> | <b>85,000.00</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|

Expended:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Fuel                 | 14,991.47         |
| Utilities electric   | 2,383.94          |
| Utilities gas        | 6,046.15          |
| Meetings/Mileage     | 435.00            |
| Telephone            | 573.58            |
| Tools                | 3,921.81          |
| Road Maintenance     | 27,562.49         |
| Office Supplies      | 2,177.99          |
| Vehicle Repairs      | 2,994.71          |
| Building Maintenance | 3,034.00          |
| Vehicle Supplies     | 2,987.00          |
| Uniform Items        | 4,131.54          |
| Miscellaneous        | 3,709.38          |
| Signs                | 703.33            |
| Licenses             | 270.00            |
| Dues & Memberships   | 155.00            |
| Equipment Repair     | 742.14            |
| Labor/Overtime       | 8,170.87          |
| Expended             | <u>-84,990.40</u> |

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Returned to Treasury June 30, 2012 | \$9.60 |
|------------------------------------|--------|



## TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Appropriated July 1, 2011</b>   | <b>5,000.00</b>  |
| Expended                           | <u>-4,977.28</u> |
| Returned to Treasury June 30, 2012 | 22.72            |

## SNOW & ICE

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriated July 1, 2011 | 40,000.00        |
| Expended                  | <u>58,745.39</u> |
|                           | -18,745.39       |

## WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Appropriated July 1, 2011          | 151,100.00        |
| Salaries, Dept Head                | 7,500.00          |
| Salaries, Clerical                 | 10,797.80         |
| Salaries, Other                    | 26,357.56         |
| Utilities, Electric                | 2,200.89          |
| Disposal, Operating Services       | 93,754.45         |
| Telephone                          | 429.76            |
| Office Supplies                    | 2,629.37          |
| Equipment Repair                   | 424.09            |
| Miscellaneous                      | 3,936.24          |
| Dues/Membership                    | 85.00             |
| Building Repair/Maintenance        | 323.50            |
| Expended                           | <u>148,438.66</u> |
| Returned to Treasury June 30, 2012 | 2,661.34          |

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Mulcahy  
Highway Surveyor

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

In 2012, the Plympton Historic District Commission (PHDC) ruled that all certificates of approval issued by the commission will now have a “sunset” provision, and will be valid for four years from the date they are voted.

The Commission issued certificates of appropriateness for the following at 115 County Road: replacement of a picket fence and gate; replacement of a plank fence, arbor and gate; reroofing of the barn; and refacing of the shallow well cover there.

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  
Marylouise Sayles, Recorder  
Edward McCune III (alternate)  
Charles Nickerson  
Carol Quindley  
Richard Stover (alternate)

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Plympton Historical Commission (Commission), having completed the preliminary survey of the Town's historic assets in late September 2011, proceeded to execute on the proposal outlined therein to conduct a comprehensive survey of the Town's historic assets. The project successfully received Community Preservation Act funding at the May 2012 town meeting. Additionally, in order to fully leverage the Community Preservation funds, the Commission applied for and received a MHC Survey and Planning Grant that will provide a up to \$10,000 in matching reimbursement for the cost of the town-wide historical survey. The reimbursement funds are expected to be received in the latter part of 2013 and will be returned to the Plympton Community Preservation funds for use on future CPA projects. The project will include two (2) phases of survey work, the first part kicked off in September 2012 and will include the survey of 109 properties and two area forms. Completion of this phase is set for Summer 2013. The second phase, covering an additional 27 properties, will be scheduled at the conclusion of phase one. It is also hoped that the results of phase one will serve as the basis for consideration of one or more National Register Historic Districts in town.

The Commission' Historic Marker Program saw two additional markers created in 2012. One for a home within the Plympton Village National Register District and one for a home outside the district. It is hoped that the program will continue to be streamlined as we complete the two phases of the town-wide historical survey, making it easier for residents to apply for a historic marker.

The Commission reviewed and approved no requests under the Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in 2012.

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**

Plympton Historical Society is a nonprofit organization comprised of 108 community members who support its work with member dues of \$15 annually. This year we also received additional donations from 22 of our members totaling \$875. Volunteers work in the building at 189 Main St. to collect & preserve artifacts and memorabilia from Plympton's history, assist in genealogical research inquiries and organize fundraisers throughout the year to support the town-owned building maintenance and improvements. We are always seeking new members for our organization.

Throughout 2012, volunteers focused on the updating and clarifying of Charles Bricknell's account of the over 500 gravestones in the Old Burying Place at Hillcrest Cemetery. Some of the stones date back to the 1700's and many are broken and unreadable. These stones are valuable for genealogical searches and provide great historical significance for our town. This documentation is critical now before the information on them is lost forever. We assisted with over two dozen genealogical inquiries during this year.

In July, PHS received on loan the Purple Heart and other memorabilia from the family of Edmund Wollaston – the only Plympton resident killed in World War II at Pearl Harbor. In May and August, a professor from Loyola University in Chicago came to do research on the small pox graves here and the Soule family stone carvers who resided in Plympton.

In October one of Plympton's oldest families, the Churchills, held a family reunion at PHS over the Columbus Day weekend. A Churchill descendant, Catherine Churchill Clark who resides in Springfield, Virginia, organized the event with us. Fifteen family members from around the country gathered,( some meeting for the first time) toured their family homestead now the home of April Fleming and Stuart Chase and visited the cemetery gravestones and studied their genealogy. The Churchill Park project on Main St. refers to their family.

In 2012 the fundraising events held at PHS were very successful. In June over 60 attended our 5<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of the Town's (305<sup>th</sup>) Birthday. This year three of the town's Unsung Hero Awards were given to Susan Ossoff, Dennis Callahan, and Patricia Kaufman Vaughn.

The first "Artisans and Antiques Festival" in November was attended by over 200 people. Christmas Past returned for a second year with 3 Open Houses, Victorian carolers, soups, chowders and cookies donated by our members. We are most grateful for the support from our community for these events that help sustain our organization and building. In addition to events, the proceeds from the sale of Plympton pottery at Sunrise Gardens go to PHS.

All the funds we raise go to building improvements and maintenance as stipulated in the lease we hold with the town. Under the direction of the Fire Chief and Building Inspector, modifications were made to meet state fire safety and building codes. New exit lights, fire extinguishers, and emergency lights were installed. This year we updated both bathrooms, replaced the sills in the front and rear of the building, and installed a handicap access ramp. Volunteers stained the storage shed with wood preservative. We are working with CPC to hopefully continue to improve the building with gutter installation, wall insulation and additional

pavement for parking with access to the new ramp. The building is used by the Plympton Garden Club for meetings and workshops, for Zumba classes on Monday and Friday mornings and for PHS business and events. The Garden Club plans to improve the landscaping around the building in the future. We are most grateful for their support and assistance. We welcome building use by other organizations in the town.

Board members:

Christopher Hoyt, Building Maintenance Supervisor

Thayer Eldridge, Genealogist and Archivist

Dominique Sampson, Event Publicity Chair

Deborah Anderson, Co-Chair

Patricia Mustacaros

Evelyn Hannigan

Sandra Henry

Helen Reynolds

Christine Maiorano, President

## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 2012, the Library diligently worked on our long-range goals to provide a community meeting place, to expand library programming and to maintain and to develop our popular library collection. Our overflowing parking lot is proof that everything is going well.

The Library offered a broad range of activities throughout the year and provided new opportunities to connect with the community at large. This included a “Food for Fine” program from Jan. – March, which supported a local food pantry, a “Road to Reading” promotion which worked in conjunction with the Dennett minutes program and a holiday gathering with all age participation. Other events included eight Sat. community coffee times, four community socials, and nine movie matinees and other special programs. These popular events will continue to evolve and to grow with ongoing community support and interest.

In addition, the Plympton Cultural Council funded a storytelling workshop, a pottery demonstration and a pastel painting workshop. The Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Council, a program of the South Shore Community Action Council, generously funded special performances by Big Ryan and Diana Kane.

Other ongoing events included our weekly knitting group, preschool story times, a book discussion group and a bi-monthly poetry group. Local residents offered their expertise and provided various programs including three engineering workshops for children, and two travel related programs. We also supported a Woodlands book discussion circle and maintained our free bookrack located in the town hall entryway.

Our extensive summer reading program, “Dream Big, Read” provided additional events geared to children and families. Donated funds provided our great storyteller kick-off. Seventeen other special programs rounded out the summer and included a series of “Pajama Story Times”, a children’s book club, Hogwarts School of Wizardry, Night Lights, Stargazing, and much more. Many thanks to all our program volunteers who helped make this a very successful summer.

Our in-house circulation continued to increase while we were busy offering book recommendations, organizing over 30 book displays, providing computer assistance, and locating whatever items you needed. We are especially grateful for our dedicated and hard working staff that makes it look so easy. Interest in new technologies continued to grow and challenge our resources and experience. However, recent improvements in the Overdrive module accessed through the SAILS library network at <http://sails.lib.overdrive.com> now provides easier access to our thousands of downloadable audio and e-books. We continue to monitor use of these newer formats and we expect to increase their availability as needed.

This year building issues took on a central role as long standing water problems led to a requested \$24, 600 Community Preservation Grant at the May town meeting. With approval in place, the project began in late Sept. under Jim Mulcahy’s supervision. Even though some additional work complicated the project, the total cost came in at just \$19,650! So far, the basement is much drier. The air quality is greatly improved and we are more prepared if water

does enter the basement with a newly installed sump pump and interior drain. Your investment is already at work.

We are especially grateful this year for the generous support from the town and for the many people who helped us through the entire 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, provided goodies, or generally assisted wherever needed. You are all vital to our continuing success.

We continue to look for community input and direction so let us know what you want from your library.

Please visit our website at [www.plymptonlibrary.org](http://www.plymptonlibrary.org) or our *Facebook* page for the latest program information.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

## **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 2012.

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

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

During the past year, the Council completed the Regional Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan; the 911 Feasibility Study for eight communities; the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study; the 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) recently completed a 2012 Elder Needs Assessment Survey project, and is in the process of developing the 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging. The Council also completed the FFY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study; the Old Colony Bottleneck Study; the Old Colony Climate Change and Roadway Runoff Study; and provided numerous Intersection/Technical Studies to member communities and continued participation in the South Coast Rail Taskforce and provided technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton and Stoughton relevant to rail service. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program such as; regionalization of local services (Water, Wastewater, 911, Procurement, Sharing, Permitting, etc.); zoning bylaw revisions; expedited permitting; E-Permitting; Economic Target Area; assisted member communities in becoming Bio-Ready; Developed Housing Production Plans; Growth Impact Analysis; and Energy Zoning Bylaws update. During the past year, with the assistance and guidance from the AAA Advisory Committee, the OCPC-AAA administered more than \$1.3 million in federal and state funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 90,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program conducted over 1,441 visits to nursing and rest-homes, investigating over 584 issues of concern from residents or families. OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield and Stoughton. During 2012, the Council processed approximately \$1.7 million in loans, for these communities, under the Septic Loan Program.



Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2012, 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**

2012 was a busy and successful year for the Plympton Open Space Committee (POSC).

The POSC played an integral role in the successful passage of two warrant articles at the annual town meeting. The first of the two, Article 18, was to use \$48,850 of Community Preservation Committee funds to purchase a 10-acre parcel of land, which is being called Churchill Park, on Main Street. This property will provide non-motorized recreational access to some of the richest natural areas and historical features in Plympton. The second article, Article 19, was to transfer the adjacent town-owned, landlocked (no public access) 77-acre property, which is known as Cato's Ridge, to permanent conservation status. Residents overwhelmingly supported both measures with nearly unanimous support. Together the passage of these articles effectively creates a unique opportunity for an 87-acre park in the center of town.

During the run up to the town meeting, the POSC helped to organize a number of open meetings to educate the public about the projects, and about land preservation in general.

The POSC has spent the remainder of 2012 working diligently to transfer official ownership of the Churchill Park property to the town so that the construction of the trails and boardwalks can begin.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Lawrence – Chair  
Brad Prescott - Secretary  
Frank Perfetuo  
Gail Briggs  
Linda Leddy  
Vicki Maloney  
Ted Taranto

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

"In 2012 the Sysco project completed for construction and opened for business, completing the long-awaited development of the former Security National land.

Nearby, the Planning Board approved a 4 megawatt ground mounted solar facility located in a gravel pit. This project was reviewed under the new solar facilities By-law and makes Plympton a net exporter of electricity.

During the course of the year, the Board also endorsed several "Form A" lot division plans. These plans created a total of six (6) potential building lots, something we haven't seen in quite a while. The housing market appears to be strengthening."

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 2012.

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 little snow cover, the 2012 season began with a low water table and below average number of spring mosquitoes. Detection and treating larval mosquitoes was limited with the spring brood, because of the low water table, lack of larvae and budget constraints. The normal acreage aerial larvicided using the Project plane was reduced and ground larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 8, 2012 and ended on September 21, 2012. The Project responded to 13,698 spray requests for service from residents. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,935 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

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

The first virus isolations identified in Plymouth County was on July 10, 2012 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, a *Coquillettidia perturbans*, a mammal biting species was found to have (EEE) Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus in the town of Carver. West Nile Virus (WNV) from a *Coquillettidia perturbans*, a mammal biting species was found in the town of Hanover on July 22, 2012.

The 2012 season had a total of 126 EEE positive pools (50 or less mosquitoes) isolates, and 30 WNV positive pools trapped in Plymouth County as follows:

### WNV 30 POSITIVE POOLS

|             |                 |             |            |                   |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Brockton 3  | Cohasset 1      | Halifax 1   | Hanover 2  | Hanson 3          |
| Lakeville 2 | Middleborough 2 | Rochester 1 | Scituate 2 | W. Bridgewater 12 |
| Whitman 1   |                 |             |            |                   |

### EEE 126 POSITIVE POOLS

|                  |                   |                   |             |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Bridgewater 8    | Brockton 1        | Carver 7          | Duxbury 2   | Halifax 9       |
| Hanover 1        | Hanson 4          | Kingston 7        | Lakeville 8 | Mattapoisett 10 |
| Middleborough 22 | <b>Plympton 8</b> | W. Bridgewater 38 | Whitman 1   |                 |

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Vector Control Plan to Prevent WNV and EEE in Massachusetts", the season began with 24 Plymouth County towns at "Low Risk Level" and four towns at the "Moderate Risk Level" for WNV and EEE. The season ended with no Plymouth County towns at "Low Level", 8 towns at the "Moderate Level" for WNV and EEE risk, 15 towns at "high level" WNV and EEE risk category and 5 towns at "Critical" WNV and EEE risk level category. Two aerial interventions were needed to effectively reduce human biting bridge vector mosquitoes as well as enzootic transmission of EEE. Governor Patrick announced aerial spraying would take place on July 20, 2012 in southeastern Massachusetts. Communities sprayed within the district included Lakeville, Bridgewater, Carver, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Pembroke, Kingston, Plympton, Middleboro, Rochester and West Bridgewater to help prevent further spread of EEE infected mosquitoes. The second aerial spray was focused on the six towns around the Hockomock swamp to reduce amplification of the EEE virus including Bridgewater and West Bridgewater on August 13, 2012.

There were two human cases (outside the aerial spray zone) and 4 animal cases as a result of contracting EEEV and 1 WNV human case 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](http://www.plymouthmosquito.org) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

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

**Insecticide Application.** 3,455 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. 493 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 of 70 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

**Water Management.** During 2012 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 465 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Machine Reclamation. 500 linear feet of upland ditch was reconstructed in Plympton using the Project's track driven excavator.

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 157 complaints answered.

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

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

Anthony Texeira  
Superintendent

Commissioners:  
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 this town report. I am pleased to report that the department is making continuous progress towards its long term goal of providing efficient and effective law enforcement services. 2012 had many challenges to our police department; all were met with a professional attitude and competence by our police officers.

Due to the dedicated work hard work of our officers, 59 criminal cases were successfully closed and the offenders prosecuted. We continue to hold a high priority on traffic enforcement and crime prevention in our town. All officers continue to be recertified annually in core tasks including firearms, Tasers, first aid/CPR/defibrillator, defensive tactics and legal updates. As in previous years, most of this training was accomplished at the Plymouth Police Academy's training facility and in combination with instruction from trained Plympton officers.

I am proud to report that our D.A.R.E. program continues to be presented in our elementary school. Officer Smith instructs multiple grades of students in the avoidance of drugs, alcohol and violence. With our partnership with the Dennett School we have expanded our outreach programs by conducting a "Woman's Safety Program" and a "Baby Sitter Course". Both programs help provide preventive education to our residents.

Our police department also debuted the Police Honor Guard during the annual Memorial Day Parade; it was met with praise and adulation by our residents.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick S. Dillon  
Chief of Police

**PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2012 Statistics**

**Motor Vehicle Accidents** 40

**Record Requests** 77

**Citation Violation Breakdown**

Written Warnings 929

Verbal Warnings 341

Civil 197

Criminal 82

Arrests 21

**Offense Listing**

Lewdness, Open and Gross 1

A&B on Child 1

A&B with Dangerous Weapon 3

Assault 2

A&B 9

A&B on Police Officer 1

Resist Arrest 1

Assault to Rob, Unarmed 1

Witness, Intimidate 2

Telephone Calls, Annoying 4

Threat to Commit Crime 5

Arson of Dwelling House 2

Burglary/Breaking and Entering 9

Burglary, Unarmed 1

B&E Building Nighttime for Felony 6

B&E for Misdemeanor 5

B&E Building Daytime for Felony 14

Theft from Building 1

Larceny from Building 5

Larceny over \$250 34

Larceny under \$250 25

B&E Vehicle/Boat Nighttime for Felony 5

B&E Vehicle/Boat for Misdemeanor 6

B&E Vehicle Boat Daytime for Felony 1

Truck, B&E for Felony 8

Larceny of Motor Vehicle 1

Counterfeiting/Forgery 1

RMV Document, Forge/Misuse 2

Altering ID card 1

Larceny over \$250 1

Larceny under \$250 1



|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Larceny over \$250 by False Pretense  | 1  |
| Credit Card, Larceny of               | 2  |
| Credit Card Fraud over \$250          | 1  |
| Identity Fraud                        | 1  |
| RMV Document, Possess/Use Falsely     | 1  |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism          | 1  |
| Vandalize Property                    | 21 |
| Destruction of Property +\$ 250       | 6  |
| Destruction of Property -\$250        | 7  |
| Motor Vehicle/Malicious Damage to     | 1  |
| Drug, Possess to Distribute Class     | 10 |
| Indecent A&B on Person 14 or Over     | 1  |
| Sexual Conduct for Fee                | 1  |
| Disorderly Conduct                    | 1  |
| Disturbing the Peace                  | 1  |
| Indecent Exposure                     | 1  |
| OUI Liquor                            | 4  |
| OUI Liquor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense    | 4  |
| Protective Custody                    | 2  |
| Family Offenses, Nonviolent           | 1  |
| Liquor, Assist Person Under 21        | 1  |
| Alcohol in MV, Possess Open Container | 2  |
| Trespass                              | 5  |
| Trespass with Motor Vehicle           | 1  |
| Warrant of Apprehension               | 2  |
| Abuse Prevention Order, Violate       | 1  |
| Harassment Prevention Order, Violate  | 1  |
| Harassment, Criminal                  | 2  |
| Molotov Cocktail, Make/Sell/Use       | 2  |
| Trash, Dump from MV +7 Cubic Feet     | 1  |
| Trash, Litter from MV                 | 1  |
| Attempt to Commit Crime               | 3  |
| Fugitive from Justice                 | 1  |
| Warrant (Straight/Default)            | 12 |

# PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

MEMORIAL DAY 2012



## **FRONT ROW**

(Left to right)

Officer Dana L. Fowler, Officer Dana Smith, Officer Elisha M. Sullivan

## **REAR ROW**

Officer Douglas E. Mazzola

## **REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Recreation Commission met with Selectmen in November 2012 to gain approval of two projects. The first project was the construction of an outdoor skating rink on the baseball field behind the Fire Station. Through donations and the Recreation Commission budget, the project was completed in December. The 50 by 100 foot area was built of rough cut pine and a poly lining. Water was needed to fill the rink and 19,000 gallons were trucked in to complete the job. Opening weekend for the rink was in January and many residents enjoyed time on the ice skating.

The second project given approval was the renovation of the Parsonage road playground. The proposal included removal of the outdated equipment currently on site as well as the renovation of the basketball court. A new multisport surface is to cover the existing basketball court. That surface will provide the opportunity to play either basketball or tennis. New basketball hoops are to be installed as well as a retractable tennis net. Fencing around the court and landscaping will complete the project. Voters will have the opportunity to approve funding for the project at the annual Town Meeting.

The Commission continues to look to the future and met with the Harry Jason Park Committee and the Community Preservation Act Committee. Ideas were exchanged at this meeting and all are in agreement to continue to expand recreational opportunities in the town of Plympton.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



**Holt Field Skating Rink created by the Recreation Commission**

## **2012 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 |
| Ms. Gail Knight                    | Term Expires 2015 |
| Mr. Brian Wick                     | Term Expires 2015 |

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

#### **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

|                          |                                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Mr. John J. Tuffy        | Superintendent of Schools                    |
| Ms. Joy Blackwood        | Assistant Superintendent                     |
| Dr. Mary Sullivan Kelley | Administrator of Special Education           |
| Ms. Bonnie Provost       | Assistant Administrator of Special Education |
| Ms. Christine Healy      | Director of Business Services                |

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

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

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

The 2012 Plympton School Committee consists of five elected members each serving for three years on a staggered-year election schedule. The members of the School Committee during the 2012- 2013 school year are: Chair – Shelly Kaparis (2014) ; Vice Chair – Robert Ruggiero (2014); Secretary – Chris Badot (2013); Brian Wick (2015) and Gail Knight (2015). The years in parenthesis indicate the expiration of that member’s current term. Also serving during 2012 were Maureen Springer and Mark Gabriel. Both of whom chose not to run for re-election in 2012 to focus on other Town Committees on which they serve. Brian Wick and Gail Knight were elected during the 2012 election cycle to fill the two open seats.

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

In March the School Committee approved a budget for submission to Town Meeting with input and approval of the Finance Committee. This budget reflected an increase, which was due to out of district Special Education placement costs and improvements to access and upgrade of technology. The budget was approved at the 2012 Town Meeting. Also approved at Town Meeting was a line item transfer of funds from the Utilities budget to cover an unforeseen short fall in out of district SPED transportation.

Over the 2012 summer break a new well line was laid and tied into the existing well and internal plumbing of the building. This was funded through a Warrant Item approved by Town Meeting.

Other items that have been previously identified by the Capital Improvement Subcommittee and have been discussed further with Finance Committee include water quality issues due to high mineral content that affect the water’s palatability and the longevity of the plumbing infrastructure within the building; The very limited capacity of the back-up generator to heat and light the building in the event of it’s use as the Town’s only emergency shelter; The aging and outdated temperature regulation system; Condition issues in areas of the roof that show water damage; And outdated computers in the schools computer lab and within classrooms, many of which date to 2000, making them both energy inefficient and exasperatingly slow for today’s applications.

In addition to the Capital Improvement subcommittee, the other subcommittees include Administrative Review, Policy, Negotiations and Pilgrim Area Collaborative. Each has been busy in their respective areas, except for the Negotiations Subcommittee which has enjoyed a quiet year between collective bargaining negotiations.

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

The Pilgrim Area Collaborative (PAC) is governed by a board of area schools in our region assembled to develop strategies to meet the educational needs of our most challenged children. The PAC continues to offer guidance in dealing with changes in mandated state requirements, professional licensing, and the financial challenges associated with educating our special needs students, particularly those requiring out of district placement.

New policies adopted in 2012 included a Wellness Policy, an Athletic Concussion Policy and a Social Networking and Use of Technology by School Personnel. Implementation of the State's new Common Core Curriculum standards has been addressed, as have new standards of professional assessment for all levels of educators and administration.

Dennett Elementary has used budgeted funds approved at the 2012 Town Meeting to update its internal Wireless network, enabling access in all areas of the building to the internet and the school's intranet. They have also used those funds to outfit each classroom with an iPad and Apple TV to utilize the tremendous instructional capacity available in today's technology. Regionally, the SLRSD has created a new master website with the Dennett benefitting with a new website under it's umbrella. Educators are now tapping into the vast resources available to them via direct contact with other classrooms and educational resources worldwide. The new web address for the Dennett is [www.edline.net/pages/Dennett\\_Elementary](http://www.edline.net/pages/Dennett_Elementary).

The Plympton School Committee maintains updated information on the town website and has an email address for all residents to contact the committee at: [school.committee@town.plympton.ma.us](mailto:school.committee@town.plympton.ma.us). The School Committee normally meets at 4:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at Dennett Elementary School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. Most meetings are videotaped and appear on local cable TV (channel 13) at varying times each month.

The School Committee is very appreciative for the continuing support of the Community and School Association (CASA) and wishes to extend thanks to CASA for the many contributions it makes to the school. CASA organizes and/or funds many activities and programs at the school such as the Thanksgiving Feast, Citizen of the Month Luncheons, numerous dances, events and enrichment programs that would not be possible without their involvement and support. The work of this volunteer group of parents and citizens enriches the lives and the educational experiences of every one of the children attending Dennett Elementary. Their contributions are numerous and essential to the educational and cultural life of our community.

The School Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their service to Dennett Elementary and the community: Mrs. Karen Wasielewski who has recently handed over the reins of Chairperson of CASA to Co-chairs Mrs. Sarah Prario and

Mrs. Deb Bushey. Mrs. Wasielewski served tirelessly for many years at CASA and her work is greatly appreciated. CASA is fueled by volunteerism and can only continue when members of the community are generous enough to give of their time.

We would also like to thank Mr. Mark Gabriel, who surrendered his seat on the Plympton School Committee to serve on Plympton Finance Committee. Also, Mrs. Maureen Springer who elected to not run for re-election to Dennett School Committee in 2012, but continues to share her breadth of knowledge by serving the community at SLRSD School Committee.

The School Committee would also like to thank Mrs. Anne O'Neil who retired as Secretary to the Principal at the Dennett after 23 years at the post. Mrs. Marie Pessin also retired in 2102 as the school's Speech Therapist. We are grateful to both for their many years of dedicated service to our students.

The entire Dennett faculty, staff and administration, with the outstanding support of parents, students and community members continue to make Dennett Elementary School a shining example the very best of modern American education.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair – Shelly Kaparis (2014)

Vice Chair – Robert Ruggiero (2014)

Secretary – Chris Badot (2013)

Brian Wick (2015)

Gail Knight (2015)

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2012 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 continue to strive toward excellence in education for each of the students in the districts.

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

Administrative changes in school leadership included Ms. Bonnie Provost who became the new Assistant Administrator of Special Education replacing the Interim Assistant Administrator, Mrs. Kathryn Levine; Mr. Richard Cochran, Assistant Principal of the Kingston schools, was replaced by Mr. John Reilly; and Mr. Michael Bennett, Technology Director, was replaced by Mr. Steven Pellowe.

Within the Superintendency Union 31 schools seven new teachers were hired to replace retirements and resignations. Silver Lake Regional Middle and High Schools welcomed fifteen 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**

2012 proved to be another outstanding year for the students of the Dennett Elementary School. Kaylee Winslow was the winner of Geography Bee back in January. Right around that same time, our fifth and sixth grade students all participated in DARE lessons. We are thankful to Chief Patrick Dillon and Officer Dana Smith for making this program a reality here at Dennett. Our annual Spelling Bee was held in February and Faith Hatch won after several grueling rounds.

As required by the state of Massachusetts, our students participated in MCAS testing in the areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Our students did an excellent job. I am happy to report that Dennett is considered a Level One school, the highest attainable ranking a school can achieve. I am very happy to be considered a Level One school as I feel it is an accurate reflection of the high quality teaching and learning that takes place here every day.

After more than twenty years of service, our school secretary, Ms. Anne O'Neill, retired this summer. We all wish her a long and healthy retirement. Our new building secretary is Mrs. Gail Thibeault. Mrs. Thibeault worked at Halifax Elementary School as an office assistant for several years before joining us here at Dennett. Mrs. Stephanie Markos gave birth to her first child and took this school year off as a maternity leave. We are very lucky to have Ms. Jenna Quadrozzi filling in as a long term substitute. Ms. Quadrozzi had previously been teaching here at Dennett as a day to day substitute teacher. One other staff member will not be back for 2013. Mrs. Marie Pessin, our speech/language teacher, has decided to retire to spend more time with her family. We wish her all the best moving forward.

One rather major renovation took place here this summer as we replaced the main water line that runs from our well into the building. The project was a large undertaking and it was completed days before the start of this school year. Hopefully that line will last us well into the future.

Communication with parents has been made easier with the addition of the Blackboard Connect computer program. This system has been used to rapidly notify parents about late busses, school cancellations and has the capability to send mass emails as well as phone messages. We also have a new and improved website. Our old web site is no longer supported or updated. All things Dennett related can be found at [des.slrsd.org](http://des.slrsd.org). The new web site will include teacher web sites and all sorts of useful information for parents. We are very excited about the new web sites capabilities.

Once again this year, CASA has done an outstanding job to enhance our students' learning experience here at school. Mrs. Karen Wasielewski stepped down as CASA chairperson after many years of service. We offer her our heartfelt thanks for all she has done for Dennett. Mrs. Sarah Prario and Mrs. Deb Bushey have volunteered their time as co-chairs of CASA and are doing a great job. CASA is responsible for numerous activities throughout the year. They organize our Thanksgiving Feast, Winter Festival, and Holiday Bazaar, dances, Teacher Appreciation luncheon and many sixth grade events. Thanks to all parents who have given up time to work with CASA.

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

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**James E. Dupille, Principal Highlights, 2012**

We enter the 2012-2013 school-year with excitement and anticipation. The state of Massachusetts has deemed SLRMS a Level 1 School. As we continue to grow our rigorous academic programming, our focus remains on student achievement and maximizing student growth for all students.

The State has classified all schools into one of five accountability Levels (1 - 5) with the highest performing in Level 1 and lowest performing in Level 5. Our classification was determined by the State MCAS scores, in which we **exceeded** Target Growth (2012). Our annual PPI (the new AYP) score for 2012 is **105**. The state PPI rating for On Target is 75, which we surpassed by 30 points. In Mathematics (Proficient or Above) we are 11% above the State Average, ELA (Proficient or Above) is 10% above the State Average and Science (Proficient or Above) is 7% above the State Average.

SLRMS Exceeded Target Growth (2012):

- Determined by the State MCAS scores
- SLRMS Annual PPI            2012 - **105**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| State PPI - Rating    |     |
| Above Target          | 100 |
| On Target             | 75  |
| Improved Below Target | 50  |
| No Change             | 25  |
| Declined              | 0   |

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Math (Proficient or Above)    | 11% above State Average |
| ELA (Proficient or Above)     | 10% above State Average |
| Science (Proficient or Above) | 7% above State Average  |

All departments continue to dedicate their monthly meetings and professional development to meaningful collaboration and curriculum development. All departments are working on curriculum maps and common assessments. Each department will be incorporating literacy, numeracy and interdisciplinary units into their curriculum.

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

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 and added 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to the program. Last year we created a comprehensive Math course that extends throughout the year and coupled it with a hands-on Math-Lab. In the model the remediation exists within the math course curriculum. In some cases, we doubled the length of instruction time every other day and included into the course curriculum a hands-on, interactive math remediation program.

At SLRMS we continue to improve our comprehensive year-long literacy program to support students who scored below proficiency in the ELA MCAS. We identified approximately sixty 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and placed them into the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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

Additional supports are in place for math and reading remediation. We have added a Title 1 tutor to support 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in math and reading. We increased our direct instruction in reading by 33% for our Read to Learn classes. Each student in this program now has Read to Learn every day for the entire year. We continue to support reading and literacy through our literacy across the curriculum initiative.

In an effort to improve communication, we established a new website for SLRMS. The new school site provides the following features to our community. It adds consistency and relative navigational ease. It will pull information from multiple teacher sites and coordinate the information into one calendar page for each parent/guardian to view. Parent/guardian will not need to navigate to every teacher's site and compile the assignments and due dates. It has increased functionality and provides additional exciting features such as discussion board and blogging for our teachers.

Also, we publish a quarterly newsletter, schedule six days for parent conferences, encourage parents to access PowerSchool regularly, and use the telephone messaging system to alert all homes of important events or announcements.

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

## **SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL Richard J. Kelley, Principal Highlights 2012**

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.

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."

The class of 2013 received MCAS results in the fall of 2010. 97% of the class passed math and 100% passed ELA on the first testing period. We are pleased to report that 93% received Proficient or Advanced scores in ELA and 89%, earned Proficient or Advanced scores in mathematics. In June of 2012, members of the class of 2015 took the high stakes MCAS in the area of science. 98% 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 260 members of the class of 2012 met the rigorous requirements set forth by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. In an historic graduation ceremony on June 2, 2012, the proud graduates were joined by members of the fiftieth anniversary class of 1962. Earlier that week, approximately \$134,000.00 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. 175 students took a total of 361 AP Exams in May 2012. Student achievement on the SAT exam continues to reach new heights. The average SAT scores for members of the class of 2012 was 529 in Critical Reading, 558 in Mathematics, and 518 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 86% 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 play, and last fall's musical *Once on this Island*. Our Media center received a generous donation from the Barbara Faust Memorial Fund that allowed us to purchase an iPad 2 lab, a Mac Server, and a portable Smart Board projector.

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 facility. 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, 2012**

| <b>Grade</b>      | <b>K</b> | <b>SP</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> |              |            |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Elementary</b> | 32       |           | 35       | 27       | 38       | 36       | 38       | 36       |              |            |
|                   |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |          | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>242</b> |

| <b>Grade</b>     | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> |              |            |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Secondary</b> | 39       | 32       | 37       | 30        | 34        | 29        |              |            |
|                  |          |          |          |           |           |           | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>201</b> |

**GRAND TOTAL OF MEMBERSHIP 443**

## SILVER LAKE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 2012 PLYMPTON

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

| NHS/Class Service | First Name | Middle Name   | Last Name   |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
|                   | Tyler      | Robert        | Asci        |
|                   | Timothy    | Kevin         | Beverly     |
|                   | Kelsey     | Jeanne        | Black       |
|                   | Taylor     | Lakin         | Cellini     |
|                   | Rebecca    | Ann           | Clawson     |
|                   | Lindsey    | Elizabeth     | Cobb        |
|                   | Samuel     | Martin Joseph | Dickinson   |
|                   | Hadley     | May           | Doubleday   |
|                   | Michael    | Patrick       | Durgin      |
|                   | Ryan       | Christopher   | Durgin      |
| *                 | Michael    | Douglas       | Fahey       |
|                   | Juliann    | May           | Ferguson    |
|                   | Zachary    | Richard       | Harlfinger  |
|                   | Eric       | Albert        | Hart        |
|                   | Maura      | Grace         | Healey      |
|                   | Danielle   | Simone        | Hebert      |
|                   | Angelina   | Patricia      | Johnson     |
|                   | Jennifer   | Elizabeth     | Joy         |
|                   | Jason      | Patrick       | Kalweit     |
| *                 | Sherief    | Kharee        | Kenku       |
|                   | Charles    | Herbert       | Lawson, Jr. |
| *                 | Samantha   | Anne          | Maragnano   |
|                   | Jack       | Henry         | McCarthy    |
|                   | Kassandra  | Ann           | McCarthy    |
|                   | Thomas     | Graham Glen   | McLachlan   |
| †                 | JeiLi      | ZanTaiYan     | Merrill     |
|                   | Jacob      | Mark          | Monroe      |
|                   | Robert     | Edward        | Murphy, Jr. |
|                   | Adam       | Joseph        | Murray      |
|                   | Scott      | Curtis        | Nichols     |
|                   | Devin      | Veronica      | Parker      |
|                   | Shannon    | Marie         | Picone      |
|                   | Ryan       | Daniel        | Quinn       |
|                   | Margaret   | Badot         | Reilly      |
|                   | Joshua     | Caleb         | Sikora      |

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 BUDGET 2012 - 2013

|                              | 2011 - 2012<br>BUDGET | 2012 - 2013<br>BUDGET | %<br>INC/DCR |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| REGULAR DAY                  |                       |                       |              |
| 1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE        | 125,715               | 131,325               | 4.46%        |
| 1201 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE | 910,359               | 936,168               | 2.84%        |
| 2101 SUPERVISION             | 483,259               | 567,488               | 17.43%       |
| 2201 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE      | 686,210               | 817,661               | 19.16%       |
| 2300 TEACHING                | 8,787,894             | 9,126,832             | 3.86%        |
| 2350 PROFESSIONAL DEV.       | 55,400                | 59,900                | 8.12%        |
| 2400 TEXTBOOKS               | 32,500                | 32,600                | 0.31%        |
| 2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE   | 120,700               | 126,975               | 5.20%        |
| 2500 LIBRARY                 | 222,135               | 224,152               | 0.91%        |
| 2600 AUDIO VISUAL            | 13,250                | 10,000                | -24.53%      |
| 2700 GUIDANCE                | 809,296               | 809,047               | -0.03%       |
| 3200 HEALTH                  | 97,204                | 94,656                | -2.62%       |
| 3300 TRANSPORTATION          | 848,531               | 852,868               | 0.51%        |
| 3500 ATHLETICS               | 47,691                | 54,775                | 14.85%       |
| 4110 CUSTODIAL               | 975,182               | 976,829               | 0.17%        |
| 4120 HEATING                 | 0                     | 0                     | 0.00%        |
| 4130 UTILITIES               | 1,042,409             | 1,042,409             | 0.00%        |
| 4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS     | 109,000               | 116,500               | 6.88%        |
| 4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS   | 311,965               | 378,570               | 21.35%       |
| 4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT   | 111,000               | 115,405               | 3.97%        |
| 5100 RETIREMENT              | 595,488               | 658,513               | 10.58%       |
| 5200 INSURANCE               | 2,627,097             | 2,496,262             | -4.98%       |
| 5300 LEASE                   | 5,880                 | 5,880                 | 0.00%        |
| 5400 DEBT SERVICE            | 0                     | 0                     | 0.00%        |
| 7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT   | 0                     | 47,050                | 0.00%        |
| 7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT   | 24,000                | 6,578                 | -72.59%      |
| <b>TOTAL REGULAR DAY</b>     | <b>19,042,165</b>     | <b>19,688,442</b>     | <b>3.39%</b> |

SPECIAL EDUCATION

|                             |            |            |        |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 2210 SUPERVISION            | 258,060    | 262,698    | 1.80%  |
| 2300 TEACHING               | 969,579    | 994,617    | 2.58%  |
| 2280 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES | 30,450     | 45,950     | 50.90% |
| 2330 TRANSPORTATION         | 48,050     | 52,853     | 10.00% |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION     | 1,306,139  | 1,356,118  | 3.83%  |
| GRAND TOTAL                 | 20,348,304 | 21,044,560 | 3.42%  |

SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF PERMANENT  
DEBT  
2011-2012

| PURPOSE                       | YEAR OF<br>ISSUE | YEAR OF<br>MATURITY | ORIGINAL<br>ISSUE | PRINCIPAL<br>OUTSTANDING |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| MIDDLE SCHOOL<br>CONSTRUCTION | 2006-2007        | 2025-2026           | 11,104,000.00     | 8,700,000.00             |
| HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION      | 2009-2010        | 2026-2027           | 9,044,000.00      | 8,280,000.00             |



SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 CONSTRUCTION COSTS  
 2011-2012 BUDGET

SUMMARY OF TOWN  
 ASSESSMENTS

| TOWNS                                 | TOTAL               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Halifax                               | 455,776.74          |
| Kingston                              | 755,051.82          |
| Plympton                              | 161,992.94          |
| Funds used to offset assessments      | 143,986.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>1,516,807.50</b> |
|                                       |                     |
| CONSTRUCTION - MIDDLE SCHOOL          |                     |
| Principal Due                         | 830,000.00          |
| Interest Due                          | 686,807.50          |
| <b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL &amp; INTEREST</b> | <b>1,516,807.50</b> |
|                                       |                     |
| CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT               | 1,516,807.50        |

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**UMAS BASIS**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

|                                           | <u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</u> |                            | <u>TOTAL</u>             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                           | <u>General</u>                | <u>Special<br/>Revenue</u> | <u>June 30,<br/>2012</u> |
| <b>Revenues</b>                           |                               |                            |                          |
| Member town assessments                   | \$ 13,708,032                 |                            | \$ 13,708,032            |
| Tuition charges                           | 187,091                       |                            | 187,091                  |
| Charges for services                      | 606,344                       |                            | 606,344                  |
| Intergovernmental                         | 7,406,979                     | 1,673,842                  | 9,080,821                |
| Investment earnings                       | 6,334                         | 2,087,011                  | 2,093,345                |
| Departmental and other                    | <u>3,762</u>                  |                            | <u>3,762</u>             |
| Total revenues                            | 21,918,542                    | 3,760,853                  | 25,679,395               |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                       |                               |                            |                          |
| Administration                            | 1,035,367                     |                            | 1,035,367                |
| Instructional services                    | 12,593,270                    | 2,505,346                  | 15,098,616               |
| School services                           | 1,004,992                     | 1,742,221                  | 2,747,213                |
| Operations and maintenance                | 2,418,737                     |                            | 2,418,737                |
| Employee benefits and other fixed charges | 3,014,138                     |                            | 3,014,138                |
| Capital outlay                            | 74,952                        |                            | 74,952                   |
| Assessments                               | 218,705                       |                            | 218,705                  |
| Debt service                              |                               |                            |                          |
| Principal                                 | 830,000                       |                            | 830,000                  |
| Interest and other charges                | <u>686,808</u>                |                            | <u>686,808</u>           |
| Total Expenditures                        | <u>21,876,969</u>             | <u>4,247,567</u>           | <u>26,124,536</u>        |
| Revenues over (under) expenditures        | 41,573                        | (486,714)                  | (445,141)                |
| Fund balance - beginning of year          | <u>2,688,156</u>              | <u>675,075</u>             | <u>3,363,231</u>         |
| Fund balance - end of year                | <u>\$ 2,729,729</u>           | <u>\$ 188,361</u>          | <u>\$ 2,918,090</u>      |

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS - UMAS BASIS**  
 June 30, 2012

|                                                             | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE |                   | FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE                 |                      | ACCOUNT GROUP  |               | TOTAL             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                                                             | General                | Special Revenue   | Permanent Funds and Agency Accounts | General              | Long-term Debt | June 30, 2012 |                   |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                               |                        |                   |                                     |                      |                |               |                   |
| Cash                                                        | \$ 4,139,922           | \$ 502,252        | \$ 155,085                          |                      |                | \$            | 4,797,259         |
| Due from other funds                                        | 18,188                 |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 18,188            |
| Amounts to be provided for payment of long-term obligations |                        |                   |                                     | 16,980,000           |                |               | 16,980,000        |
| Total assets                                                | <u>\$ 4,158,110</u>    | <u>\$ 502,252</u> | <u>\$ 155,085</u>                   | <u>\$ 16,980,000</u> |                | <u>\$</u>     | <u>21,795,447</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                          |                        |                   |                                     |                      |                |               |                   |
| Warrants payable and other current liabilities              | 376,129                | 295,703           | 23,423                              |                      |                |               | 695,255           |
| Withholdings and benefits payable                           | 696,659                | 18,188            |                                     |                      |                |               | 696,659           |
| Due to other funds                                          |                        |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 18,188            |
| Accrued vacation                                            | 355,593                |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 355,593           |
| Amounts due to students                                     |                        |                   | 121,031                             |                      |                |               | 121,031           |
| Other liabilities                                           |                        |                   | 10,631                              |                      |                |               | 10,631            |
| General obligation bonds payable                            |                        |                   |                                     | 16,980,000           |                |               | 16,980,000        |
| Total liabilities                                           | <u>1,428,381</u>       | <u>313,891</u>    | <u>155,085</u>                      | <u>16,980,000</u>    |                |               | <u>18,877,357</u> |
| <b>FUND EQUITY</b>                                          |                        |                   |                                     |                      |                |               |                   |
| Reserved for continued appropriations and encumbrances      | 215,647                |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 215,647           |
| Unreserved:                                                 |                        |                   |                                     |                      |                |               |                   |
| Undesignated                                                | 979,490                | 188,361           |                                     |                      |                |               | 1,167,851         |
| Designated for capital improvements                         | 563,941                |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 563,941           |
| Designated for FY 2013 budget                               | 43,000                 |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 43,000            |
| Designated for Pembroke                                     | 927,651                |                   |                                     |                      |                |               | 927,651           |
| Total fund equity                                           | <u>2,729,729</u>       | <u>188,361</u>    |                                     |                      |                |               | <u>2,918,090</u>  |
| Total liabilities and fund equity                           | <u>\$ 4,158,110</u>    | <u>\$ 502,252</u> | <u>\$ 155,085</u>                   | <u>\$ 16,980,000</u> |                | <u>\$</u>     | <u>21,795,447</u> |

**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**UMAS BASIS**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

|                                           | <u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</u> |                            | <u>TOTAL</u>         |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
|                                           | <u>General</u>                | <u>Special<br/>Revenue</u> | <u>June 30, 2012</u> |
| <b>Revenues</b>                           |                               |                            |                      |
| Member town assessments                   | \$ 13,708,032                 | \$                         | \$ 13,708,032        |
| Tuition charges                           | 187,091                       |                            | 187,091              |
| Charges for services                      | 606,344                       |                            | 606,344              |
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| Debt service                              |                               |                            |                      |
| Principal                                 | 830,000                       |                            | 830,000              |
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| Revenues over (under) expenditures        | 41,573                        | (486,714)                  | (445,141)            |
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**SILVER LAKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2011 - 2012 OPERATING BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

|                               | <b>TOTAL<br/>AVAILABLE</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>EXPENDITURE<br/>S</b> | <b>BALANCE</b>   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>REGULAR DAY</b>            |                            |                                    |                  |
| 1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE         | 125,715.00                 | 139,058.21                         | -13,343.21       |
| 1200 SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE  | 910,359.00                 | 896,175.14                         | 14,183.86        |
| 2100 SUPERVISION              | 483,259.00                 | 487,637.36                         | -4,378.36        |
| 2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE       | 686,210.00                 | 766,908.20                         | -80,698.20       |
| 2300 TEACHING                 | 8,787,894.00               | 8,855,129.67                       | -67,235.67       |
| 2350 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 55,400.00                  | 59,082.91                          | -3,682.91        |
| 2400 TEXTBOOKS                | 32,500.00                  | 24,950.82                          | 7,549.18         |
| 2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE    | 120,700.00                 | 202,238.62                         | -81,538.62       |
| 2500 LIBRARY                  | 222,135.00                 | 221,068.39                         | 1,066.61         |
| 2600 AUDIO VISUAL             | 13,250.00                  | 12,705.77                          | 544.23           |
| 2700 GUIDANCE                 | 809,296.00                 | 790,993.00                         | 18,303.00        |
| 3200 HEALTH                   | 97,204.00                  | 94,863.73                          | 2,340.27         |
| 3300 TRANSPORTATION           | 848,531.00                 | 864,416.40                         | -15,885.40       |
| 3500 ATHLETICS                | 47,691.00                  | 47,518.05                          | 172.95           |
| 4110 CUSTODIAL                | 975,182.00                 | 1,050,580.83                       | -75,398.83       |
| 4120 HEATING                  | 0.00                       | 0.00                               | 0.00             |
| 4130 UTILITIES                | 1,042,409.00               | 844,639.94                         | 197,769.06       |
| 4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS      | 109,000.00                 | 108,624.31                         | 375.69           |
| 4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS    | 311,965.00                 | 335,683.30                         | -23,718.30       |
| 4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT    | 111,000.00                 | 117,676.28                         | -6,676.28        |
| 5100 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS        | 595,488.00                 | 600,512.76                         | -5,024.76        |
| 5200 INSURANCE                | 2,627,096.00               | 2,400,577.56                       | 226,518.44       |
| 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                       | 0.00                               | 0.00             |
| 7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT    | 24,000.00                  | 24,262.49                          | -262.49          |
| <b>TOTAL REGULAR DAY</b>      | <b>19,042,164.00</b>       | <b>18,950,956.82</b>               | <b>91,207.18</b> |

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

|                                |                        |                      |                      |                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2210                           | SUPERVISION            | 258,061.00           | 245,595.99           | 12,465.01         |
| 2230                           | TEACHING               | 969,579.00           | 905,335.46           | 64,243.54         |
| 2280                           | PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES | 30,450.00            | 43,521.25            | -13,071.25        |
| 2330                           | TRANSPORTATION         | 48,050.00            | 48,275.46            | -225.46           |
| <b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b> |                        | <b>1,306,140.00</b>  | <b>1,242,728.16</b>  | <b>63,411.84</b>  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>             |                        | <b>20,348,304.00</b> | <b>20,193,684.98</b> | <b>154,619.02</b> |

**PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
2011- 2012 BUDGET  
FINAL CLOSEOUT TRIAL BALANCE**

|                              | <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>BALANCE</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                              | <b>AVAILABLE</b> | <b>EXPENDITURES</b> |                |
| REGULAR DAY                  |                  |                     |                |
| 1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE        | 12,100.00        | 13,814.78           | -1,714.78      |
| 1200 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE | 47,086.00        | 44,796.21           | 2,289.79       |
| 2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE      | 141,034.00       | 150,974.91          | -9,940.91      |
| 2300 TEACHING                | 1,161,191.00     | 1,147,455.56        | 13,735.44      |
| 2350 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP.   | 6,000.00         | 1,959.99            | 4,040.01       |
| 2400 TEXTBOOKS               | 500.00           | 8,990.49            | -8,490.49      |
| 2450 INST. HARD & SOFTWARE   | 10,000.00        | 33,166.99           | -23,166.99     |
| 2500 LIBRARY                 | 66,629.00        | 69,292.29           | -2,663.29      |
| 2600 AUDIO VISUAL            | 2,300.00         | 2,299.17            | 0.83           |
| 3100 ATTENDANCE              | 100.00           | 100.00              | 0.00           |
| 3200 HEALTH                  | 40,609.00        | 42,214.87           | -1,605.87      |
| 3300 TRANSPORTATION          | 93,600.00        | 93,600.00           | 0.00           |
| 3400 FOOD SERVICE            | 600.00           | 600.00              | 0.00           |
| 4110 CUSTODIAL               | 119,267.00       | 103,875.19          | 15,391.81      |
| 4120 HEATING                 | 29,000.00        | 28,640.29           | 359.71         |
| 4130 UTILITIES               | 73,210.00        | 71,454.52           | 1,755.48       |
| 4210 MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS     | 1,000.00         | 0.00                | 1,000.00       |
| 4220 MAINTENANCE/BUILDINGS   | 81,000.00        | 65,315.42           | 15,684.58      |
| 4230 MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT   | 15,000.00        | 11,943.11           | 3,056.89       |
| 7300 ACQUISITION/EQUIPMENT   | 0.00             | 0.00                | 0.00           |
| 7400 REPLACEMENT/EQUIPMENT   | 0.00             | 0.00                | 0.00           |
| TOTAL REGULAR DAY            | 1,900,226.00     | 1,890,493.79        | 9,732.21       |

SPECIAL EDUCATION

|                         |                        |              |              |           |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| 2210                    | SUPERVISION            | 17,341.00    | 16,085.43    | 1,255.57  |
| 2230                    | TEACHING               | 137,438.00   | 132,299.02   | 5,138.98  |
| 2270                    | GUIDANCE               | 55,589.00    | 55,802.30    | -213.30   |
| 2280                    | PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES | 28,040.00    | 27,560.79    | 479.21    |
| 2330                    | TRANSPORTATION         | 52,779.00    | 52,286.03    | 492.97    |
| 2900                    | PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS   | 393,377.00   | 400,190.84   | -6,813.84 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION |                        | 684,564.00   | 684,224.41   | 339.59    |
| GRAND TOTAL             |                        | 2,584,790.00 | 2,574,718.20 | 10,071.80 |
| 9320                    | VOCATIONAL EDUCATION   | 57,000.00    | 56,372.51    | 627.49    |



## REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON TOWN ACCOUNTANT

### TOWN OF PLYMPTON ACCOUNTANT BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2012

#### GENERAL FUND

|                                     |    |              |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------------|------------------------|
| Cash                                | \$ |              | 1,647,101.94           |
| Petty Cash                          | \$ |              | 50.00                  |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Personal Property                   | \$ | 51,661.29    |                        |
| Real Estate                         | \$ | 310,914.55   | \$ 362,575.84          |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Allowance for Abatements            |    |              | \$ (200,726.90)        |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Tax Liens                           | \$ | 270,536.60   |                        |
| Tax Possessions                     | \$ | 4,586.19     |                        |
| Reserve For Uncollected Receivables | \$ | (275,122.79) | \$ -                   |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Def. Property Taxes Dues            | \$ | 4,968.89     |                        |
| Res. For Def. Property Taxes Due    | \$ | (4,968.89)   | \$ -                   |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Motor Vehicle Excise                | \$ | 71,456.38    |                        |
| Res. For Uncollected Excise         | \$ | (71,456.38)  | \$ -                   |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Farm Animal Excise                  | \$ | 535.84       |                        |
| Def. Rev. Farm Animal Excise        | \$ | (535.84)     | \$ -                   |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Betterments                         | \$ | 2,775.89     |                        |
| Assess. Conveyance Tax              | \$ | -            |                        |
| Veteran Benefits Receivable         | \$ | 34,535.08    |                        |
| Allow. For Uncollected Receivables  | \$ | (37,310.87)  |                        |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEBITS</b>      |    |              | <b>\$ 1,809,000.88</b> |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Accrued Payroll Withholdings        |    |              | \$ 50,300.41           |
| Payroll & Warrant Payable           |    |              | \$ 288,913.56          |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Other Liabilities                   |    |              |                        |
| Tailings                            | \$ | 17,425.46    |                        |
| Deferred Rev. Property Taxes        | \$ | 161,848.94   | \$ 179,274.40          |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| Reserve for Petty Cash              |    |              | \$ 50.00               |
| Prior Year Encumbrances             |    |              | \$ 125,999.97          |
| Bond Premium                        |    |              | \$ 11,885.84           |
| Snow & Ice Deficit                  |    |              | \$ (18,745.39)         |
| Unreserved Funds                    |    |              |                        |
| Res. For Expenditures               | \$ | 322,091.00   |                        |
| Undesignated Balance                | \$ | 849,231.09   | \$ 1,171,322.09        |
|                                     |    |              |                        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>            |    |              | <b>\$ 1,809,000.88</b> |

**HIGHWAY FUNDS**

|                          |    |                     |                |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|----------------|
| Cash                     |    | \$                  | (29,275.95)    |
| State Aid to Highways    | \$ | 385,764.46          |                |
| Def. Rev. Ingovernmental | \$ | <u>(385,764.46)</u> | \$ -           |
| Fund Balance Chapter 90  | \$ | (44,784.73)         |                |
| Spring St. Road Work     | \$ | <u>15,508.78</u>    | \$ (29,275.95) |

**SCHOOL GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE**

|                           |    |            |                     |
|---------------------------|----|------------|---------------------|
| Cash                      |    | \$         | 10,023.82           |
| <b>Fund Balances</b>      |    |            |                     |
| EEO Grant                 | \$ | 44.39      |                     |
| Math Grant                | \$ | 250.00     |                     |
| Circuit Breaker Grant     | \$ | 11,440.22  |                     |
| Kindergarten Transition   | \$ | (2,577.79) |                     |
| Title I                   | \$ | (1,133.00) |                     |
| Emergency Education Grant | \$ | 2,000.00   | \$ <u>10,023.82</u> |

**TOWN GRANTS-FEDERAL & STATE**

|                          |    |          |                     |
|--------------------------|----|----------|---------------------|
| Cash                     |    | \$       | <u>34,629.17</u>    |
| <b>Fund Balances</b>     |    |          |                     |
| Cultural Council         | \$ | 4,121.93 |                     |
| Board of Health Septic   | \$ | 5,055.19 |                     |
| Handi Persons Grant      | \$ | 1,512.88 |                     |
| 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      | \$ | 8,585.80 |                     |
| Board of Health Grant    | \$ | 2,000.00 |                     |
| Fed Fire Equipment Grant | \$ | 132.78   |                     |
| Tercentennial Grant      | \$ | 884.77   |                     |
| Police Local Prep.       | \$ | 1,476.91 |                     |
| Fire Dept. Grants        | \$ | 3,856.94 |                     |
| Election Grant           | \$ | 2,806.27 | \$ <u>34,629.17</u> |

**REVOLVING FUNDS**

|                      |    |           |                     |
|----------------------|----|-----------|---------------------|
| Cash                 |    | \$        | <u>26,770.86</u>    |
| <b>Fund Balances</b> |    |           |                     |
| Town Mapping         | \$ | 180.00    |                     |
| Student Activities   | \$ | 10,280.09 |                     |
| Tax Title Revolving  | \$ | 14,516.44 |                     |
| Recreation Dept.     | \$ | 1,208.35  |                     |
| Library Recoveries   | \$ | 585.98    | \$ <u>26,770.86</u> |

**RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND**

Cash \$ 434,326.96

Ambulance Receivables \$ 117,757.87

Def. Ambulance Rec. \$ (117,757.87)

Community Pres. Receivables \$ 1,694.46

Def. Receivables \$ (1,694.46)

\$ 434,326.96

State Aid to Libraries \$ 13,024.42

Ins. Reimbursement over \$20,000 \$ 217.64

Ambulance Fee Fund \$ 206,387.91

CPA-Open Space \$ 29,059.00

CPA-Historic Resources \$ 7,859.00

CPA-Community Housing \$ 29,059.00

CPA-Undesignated Fund Balance \$ 148,719.99

CPA-Reserve for Expenditure \$ -

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 434,326.96

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Cash \$ 202,815.46

**Fund Balances**

Dennett Library Fund \$ 77,152.91

Sysco Escrow \$ 3,071.15

Sysco Road Gifts \$ 12,066.95

Highway Escrow \$ 4,000.00

School Gifts \$ 1,000.00

Board of Health Escrow \$ 87.74

Student Activities Gifts \$ 10,901.07

Fire Dept. Gift \$ 43,313.96

Sale of Town Property \$ 498.00

Library Gift Fund \$ 11,576.53

Planning Bd. Deposits \$ 12,005.22

Conservation Notice of Intent \$ 2,877.25

Town House Gifts \$ 900.94

Conservation Escrow \$ 1,397.82

Recreation Gift \$ 450.00

Police & Dare Gifts \$ 1,082.79

Historic Comm. Gift \$ 250.00

300th Anniversary Gifts \$ 3,857.03

Jason Park Memorial Fund \$ 1.10

Appeal Escrow \$ 16,325.00 \$ 202,815.46

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

|                       |    |              |               |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|---------------|
| Cash-Capital Projects |    |              |               |
| Town Projects         | \$ | 183,781.60   |               |
| Amt. to be Provided   | \$ | 511,646.00   |               |
| Bans Payable          | \$ | (511,646.00) |               |
| A/R Septic Loans      | \$ | 47,101.77    |               |
| Def. Rev. Septic      | \$ | (47,101.77)  |               |
|                       |    |              | \$ 183,781.60 |
| Fund Balances         |    |              |               |
| Board of Health       | \$ | 624.45       |               |
| Transfer Station      | \$ | 137,287.89   |               |
| Town Hall Renovations | \$ | 44,916.05    |               |
| Highway Equipment     | \$ | 953.21       | \$ 183,781.60 |

**TRUST FUNDS**

|                         |    |            |               |
|-------------------------|----|------------|---------------|
| Cash                    |    |            | \$ 417,608.32 |
| Fund Balances           |    |            |               |
| Investment Funds        | \$ | 2,688.42   |               |
| Sale of Lots            | \$ | 40,262.94  |               |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | \$ | 108,482.95 |               |
| TOPLA Library Fund      | \$ | 61,548.42  |               |
| Law Enforcement Fund    | \$ | 12,636.84  |               |
| Stabilization           | \$ | 191,988.75 |               |
|                         |    |            | \$ 417,608.32 |

**AGENCY FUNDS**

|                        |    |            |              |
|------------------------|----|------------|--------------|
| Cash                   |    |            | \$ 87,567.05 |
| Agency Payables        |    |            |              |
| Performance Bonds      | \$ | 79,738.60  |              |
| Treasurer Red. Fees    | \$ | 2,392.60   |              |
| Collectors Liens       | \$ | 220.62     |              |
| Town Clerk Fees        | \$ | 2,901.99   |              |
| State Fire Arms        | \$ | (1,052.50) |              |
| State Licenses Payable | \$ | 3,489.04   |              |
| Police Extra Detail    | \$ | (123.30)   |              |
|                        |    |            | \$ 87,567.05 |

**DEBT**

Amount to be Provided

|                             |    |            |                      |
|-----------------------------|----|------------|----------------------|
|                             |    |            | <u>\$ 939,018.95</u> |
| Highway Equipment           | \$ | 140,000.00 |                      |
| Septic Loans                | \$ | 29,018.95  |                      |
| School Building             | \$ | 770,000.00 |                      |
| Loans Authorized            |    |            | <u>\$ 939,018.95</u> |
| Loans Authorized & Unissued |    |            | <u>\$ 775,749.00</u> |
|                             |    |            | <u>\$ 775,749.00</u> |

**Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Gomez**

TOWN OF PLYMPTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
30-Jun-12

| ASSETS                          | GENERAL FUND           | SPECIAL REVENUE        | CAPITAL PROJECTS     | DEBT                 | TRUST & AGENCY       | TOTAL ALL FUNDS        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Cash                            | \$ 1,647,151.94        | \$ 679,290.32          | \$ 183,781.60        | \$ -                 | \$ 505,175.37        | \$ 3,015,399.23        |
| Receivables                     |                        |                        |                      |                      |                      |                        |
| Real Estate & Personal Property | \$ 362,575.84          |                        |                      |                      |                      | \$ 362,575.84          |
| Tax Liens & Possessions         | \$ 275,122.79          |                        |                      |                      |                      | \$ 275,122.79          |
| Farm Animal                     | \$ 535.84              |                        |                      |                      |                      | \$ 535.84              |
| Def. Property Due               | \$ 4,968.89            |                        |                      |                      |                      | \$ 4,968.89            |
| Motor Vehicle Excise            | \$ 71,456.38           |                        |                      |                      |                      | \$ 71,456.38           |
| Departmental                    | \$ 37,310.87           | \$ 119,452.33          |                      |                      |                      | \$ 156,763.20          |
| Other-Septic                    |                        |                        | \$ 47,101.77         |                      |                      | \$ 47,101.77           |
| Intermental & Loans             |                        | \$ 385,764.46          | \$ 511,646.00        | \$ 939,018.95        |                      | \$ 1,836,429.41        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>             | <b>\$ 2,399,122.55</b> | <b>\$ 1,184,507.11</b> | <b>\$ 742,529.37</b> | <b>\$ 939,018.95</b> | <b>\$ 505,175.37</b> | <b>\$ 5,770,353.35</b> |

LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY

| LIABILITIES               |                        |                      |                      |                      |                     |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Bonds Payable             | \$                     | \$                   | \$                   | \$                   | \$                  | \$ 939,018.95          |
| Warrants Payable          | \$ 288,913.56          |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 288,913.56          |
| Accrued Payroll Withholds | \$ 50,300.41           |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 50,300.41           |
| Reserve for Abatements    | \$ 200,726.90          |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 200,726.90          |
| Deferred Taxes            |                        |                      |                      |                      |                     |                        |
| Real & Personal Prop.     | \$ 161,848.94          |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 161,848.94          |
| Tax Liens & Possessions   | \$ 275,122.79          |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 275,122.79          |
| Farm Animal               | \$ 535.84              |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 535.84              |
| Def. Property Due         | \$ 4,968.89            |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 4,968.89            |
| Motor Vehicle Excise      | \$ 71,456.38           |                      |                      |                      |                     | \$ 71,456.38           |
| Other-Septic              |                        |                      | \$ 47,101.77         |                      |                     | \$ 47,101.77           |
| Intergovernmental         |                        | \$ 385,764.46        | \$ 511,646.00        |                      |                     | \$ 897,410.46          |
| Departmental              | \$ 37,310.87           | \$ 119,452.33        |                      |                      |                     | \$ 156,763.20          |
| Other Liabilities         | \$ 17,425.46           |                      |                      |                      | \$ 87,567.05        | \$ 104,992.51          |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>\$ 1,108,610.04</b> | <b>\$ 505,216.79</b> | <b>\$ 558,747.77</b> | <b>\$ 939,018.95</b> | <b>\$ 87,567.05</b> | <b>\$ 3,199,160.60</b> |

|                                          |           |                     |           |                     |           |                   |              |                   |            |                   |              |                     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Fund Equity                              |           |                     |           |                     |           |                   |              |                   |            |                   |              |                     |
| Pr. Year Encumbrances                    | \$        | 125,999.97          | \$        | 679,290.32          | \$        | 183,781.60        |              | \$                | -          | \$                | 989,071.89   |                     |
| Res. For Expenditures                    | \$        | 322,091.00          |           |                     |           |                   |              | \$                |            | \$                | 322,091.00   |                     |
| Undesignated Fund Balance                | \$        | 849,231.09          |           |                     |           |                   |              | \$                | 417,608.32 | \$                | 1,266,839.41 |                     |
| Bond Premiums & Petty Cash Res.          | \$        | 11,935.84           |           |                     |           |                   |              | \$                |            | \$                | 11,935.84    |                     |
| Overdrwn & Unprovided                    | \$        | (18,745.39)         |           |                     |           |                   |              | \$                |            | \$                | (18,745.39)  |                     |
| Teacher Defferals                        | \$        | -                   |           |                     |           |                   |              | \$                |            | \$                | -            |                     |
| Loans Authorized                         |           |                     |           |                     |           | \$                | 775,749.00   | \$                |            | \$                | 775,749.00   |                     |
| Loans Authorized & Unissued              |           |                     |           |                     |           | \$                | (775,749.00) | \$                |            | \$                | (775,749.00) |                     |
| <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,290,512.51</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>679,290.32</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>183,781.60</b> | <b>\$</b>    | <b>-</b>          | <b>\$</b>  | <b>417,608.32</b> | <b>\$</b>    | <b>2,571,192.75</b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,399,122.55</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,184,507.11</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>742,529.37</b> | <b>\$</b>    | <b>939,018.95</b> | <b>\$</b>  | <b>505,175.37</b> | <b>\$</b>    | <b>5,770,353.35</b> |

**REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON  
TREASURER/COLLECTOR RECEIPTS  
JUNE 30, 2012**

**TAX COLLECTIONS**

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Real Estate-Current Year          | \$ 5,605,870.56 |
| Real Estate-Prior Years           | \$ 20,413.64    |
| Personal Property-Current Year    | \$ 274,441.95   |
| Conservation Preservation Act     | \$ 74,507.13    |
| Motor Vehicle Excise-Current Year | \$ 279,206.68   |
| Motor Vehicle Excise-Prior Year   | \$ 80,657.80    |
| Betterments                       | \$ 1,324.27     |
| Tax Title                         | \$ 57,478.08    |

**TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS** **\$ 6,393,900.11**

**RECEIPTS**

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Departmental Receipts Permits | \$ 1,282,569.84 |
| Court Fines                   | \$ 165.00       |
| Cemetery Department           | \$ 2,665.00     |
| Vendor Refunds                | \$ 30,313.79    |
| Interest on Investments       | \$ 2,563.50     |

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$ 1,318,277.13**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Payroll Withholdings | \$ 1,155,236.61 |
| Chapter 90           | \$ 808,399.04   |

**\$ 1,963,635.65**

**GRANTS**

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| School Grants        | \$ 144,277.07 |
| Cultural Council     | \$ 3,873.94   |
| Public Safety Grants | \$ 250.80     |
| Fire Safe Grant      | \$ 3,765.00   |
| Town House Grant     | \$ 37,500.00  |
| Elections Grant      | \$ 339.00     |
| Elder Affairs Grant  | \$ 3,675.00   |

**TOTAL GRANTS** **\$ 193,680.81**

**REVOLVING FUNDS**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Library                | \$ 301.40    |
| Student Activity Funds | \$ 8,845.44  |
| Tax Title Revolving    | \$ 14,516.44 |
| Recreations Fund       | \$ 3,200.00  |

**TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS** **\$ 26,863.28**



|                        |  |    |            |
|------------------------|--|----|------------|
| Ambulance Fees         |  | \$ | 180,267.95 |
| State Aid to Libraries |  | \$ | 2,557.25   |
| Donations and Gifts    |  | \$ | 90,873.50  |
| Interest on Trusts     |  | \$ | 2,934.79   |
| Agency Funds           |  | \$ | 159,746.60 |

|                      |    |           |  |
|----------------------|----|-----------|--|
| Tax Collector Salary |    |           |  |
| Appropriated         | \$ | 29,000.00 |  |
| Expended             | \$ | 29,000.00 |  |

|                       |    |           |  |
|-----------------------|----|-----------|--|
| Tax Collector Expense |    |           |  |
| Appropriated          | \$ | 16,322.00 |  |
| Expended              | \$ | 15,993.66 |  |

|                  |    |           |  |
|------------------|----|-----------|--|
| Treasurer Salary |    |           |  |
| Appropriated     | \$ | 25,385.00 |  |
| Expended         | \$ | 25,384.78 |  |

|                   |    |           |  |
|-------------------|----|-----------|--|
| Treasurer Expense |    |           |  |
| Appropriated      | \$ | 20,000.00 |  |
| Expended          | \$ | 19,793.96 |  |

# REPORT OF THE PLYMPTON TREASURER/COLLECTOR

## EXPENDITURES

JUNE 30, 2012

### GENERAL FUND-DEPARTMENTS

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Town Meeting Moderator            |                 |
| Selectmen                         | \$ 28,689.28    |
| General Government Articles       | \$ 21,516.84    |
| Finance Committee                 | \$ 1,031.50     |
| Town Accountant                   | \$ 20,120.00    |
| Town Coordinator                  | \$ 34,158.71    |
| Assessors                         | \$ 50,535.23    |
| Assessor's Articles               | \$ 4,999.00     |
| <br>                              |                 |
| Treasurer                         | \$ 50,178.74    |
| <br>                              |                 |
| Treasurer's Tax Title             | \$ 47,320.74    |
| Legal Department                  | \$ 36,528.50    |
| Wage and Personnel                | \$ 0.00         |
| Town Services                     | \$ 24,548.15    |
| Town Clerk                        | \$ 45,991.68    |
| Election and Registrations        | \$ 9,329.08     |
| Conservation                      | \$ 670.34       |
| Zoning Enforcement Officer        | \$ 3,830.65     |
| Planning Board                    | \$ 1,035.60     |
| Appeals Board                     | \$ 0.00         |
| Town Building                     | \$ 1,889.50     |
| New Town House                    | \$ 45,389.64    |
| Utilities                         | \$ 12,602.80    |
| Police Department                 | \$ 660,355.31   |
| Police Vehicles                   | \$ 53,345.45    |
| Police Articles                   | \$ 34,134.39    |
| Communication Center              | \$ 0.00         |
| Fire Department                   | \$ 149,240.30   |
| Fire Articles                     | \$ 105,121.51   |
| Fire Services                     | \$ 71,322.03    |
| Building Dept.                    | \$ 54,749.41    |
| Plumbing and Gas                  | \$ 15,589.64    |
| Wire                              | \$ 28,963.92    |
| Cemetery Maintenance- Int. Trans. | \$ 232.16       |
| Civil Defense                     | \$ 0.00         |
| Dog Officer                       | \$ 8,650.00     |
| Animal Inspector                  | \$ 2,112.00     |
| Tree Department                   | \$ 14,227.09    |
| Plympton Schools                  | \$ 2,622,050.02 |
| Silver Lake Regional School       | \$ 1,886,723.00 |

|                                        |               |                        |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Highway                                | \$ 278,521.93 |                        |
| Highway Articles                       | 0.00          |                        |
| Waste Collection and Disposal          | \$ 148,438.66 |                        |
| Cemetery Department                    | \$ 6,279.84   |                        |
| Health Offices                         | \$ 26,442.45  |                        |
| Council on Elder Affairs               | \$ 9,884.00   |                        |
| Veterans Services                      | \$ 46,905.17  |                        |
| Care of Soldiers Graves                | \$ 258.76     |                        |
| Memorial Day Committee                 | \$ 350.40     |                        |
| County Extension                       | \$ 125.00     |                        |
| Library                                | \$ 112,613.00 |                        |
| Recreation Dept.                       | \$ 1,545.00   |                        |
| Cultural and Recreation Articles       | \$ 3,921.08   |                        |
| Park Dept.                             | \$ 7,859.07   |                        |
| Historic Commission                    | \$ 0.00       |                        |
| Debt Service                           | \$ 74,553.38  |                        |
| Interest                               | \$ 91,990.07  |                        |
| Retirement                             | \$ 289,401.00 |                        |
| Unemployment Insurance                 | \$ 5,597.34   |                        |
| Group Health Insurance                 | \$ 254,186.00 |                        |
| Other Miscellaneous                    | \$ 62,212.83  |                        |
| Liability Insurance                    | \$ 102,481.90 |                        |
| <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>            |               | <b>\$ 7,670,749.09</b> |
| <br><b>FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</b>    |               |                        |
| Road Work-Spring St.(Sysco)            | \$ 792,890.26 |                        |
| Chapter 90 - State Funds               | \$ 26,402.72  |                        |
| General Government Grants              | \$ 84,163.70  |                        |
| School Grants                          | \$ 103,238.15 |                        |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</b>  |               | <b>\$ 213,804.57</b>   |
| <br><b>REVOLVING FUNDS</b>             |               |                        |
| Student Activity Fund                  | \$ 12,402.57  |                        |
| Library Recoveries                     | \$ 325.73     |                        |
| Recreation                             | \$ 6,982.32   |                        |
| <b>TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS</b>           |               | <b>\$ 19,710.62</b>    |
| <br><b>RECEIPTS RESERVED</b>           |               |                        |
| Ambulance Fees                         | \$ 46,201.55  |                        |
| Conservation Preservation Act          | \$ 74,329.02  |                        |
| Library State Aid                      | \$ 2,869.28   |                        |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED</b>         |               | <b>\$ 123,399.85</b>   |
| <br><b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b> |               |                        |
| General Gov. Gifts                     | \$ 33,562.18  |                        |
| Harry Jason Park - Gifts               | \$ 3.36       |                        |
| Planning Board                         | \$ 165.00     |                        |
| Planning Board-Sysco                   | \$ 118,709.23 |                        |
| Sysco Fire Dept. Gift                  | \$ 26,740.04  |                        |

|                                    |    |            |                      |
|------------------------------------|----|------------|----------------------|
| Highway Dept. Escrow               | \$ | 1,500.00   |                      |
| Library Gifts                      | \$ | 3,065.53   |                      |
| Town House Gifts                   |    |            |                      |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b> |    |            | <b>\$ 183,745.34</b> |
| <br>                               |    |            |                      |
| Town Projects                      |    |            | \$ 145,992.03        |
| <br>                               |    |            |                      |
| <b>TRUST FUNDS</b>                 |    |            |                      |
| Perpetual Care Fund                |    |            | \$ 131.83            |
| <br>                               |    |            |                      |
| <b>AGENCY FUNDS</b>                |    |            |                      |
| Collectors Fees                    | \$ | 7,560.00   |                      |
| Town Clerk Fees                    | \$ | 1,325.80   |                      |
| Police Extra Details               | \$ | 145,021.00 |                      |
| Licenses Paid to State             | \$ | 5,000.00   |                      |
| AGENCY FUNDS                       | \$ | 418.25     |                      |
| <b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>          |    |            | <b>\$ 159,325.05</b> |

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)  
 265 South Meadow Road, Plymouth, MA 02360  
 Patricia Daly, Executive Director  
 508-747-7575, X211  
[www.sscac.org](http://www.sscac.org)

South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC) is an agency that administers many federal, state and private grants that are available for low income and elderly persons.

During the fiscal year of SSCAC, a total of **401 Plympton households** (duplicated) were served from October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012 through the many programs.

**PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**  
**ENERGY SERVICES:**

**TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS**

|                                                                           |    |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------|
| FUEL ASSISTANCE (FEDERAL)                                                 | 33 | \$28,581 |
| HEARTWAP (BURNER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT)                                      | 5  | \$1,325  |
| AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)<br>FUNDS FOR WEATHERIZATION | 2  | \$9,541  |

**RENT/MORTGAGE/UTILITY ARREARAGE PROGRAMS:**

|                                         |   |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---|---------|
| LEND A HAND/ BOARD FUND (PRIVATE FUNDS) | 1 | \$1,600 |
|-----------------------------------------|---|---------|

**OTHER PROGRAMS:**

|                                                                                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| CONSUMER AID                                                                               | 5   |
| FOOD BASKET (FOOD GIFT CARDS)                                                              | 2   |
| HEAD START AND ALL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS                                                | 4   |
| TRANSPORTATION – INTER-TOWN MEDICAL AND OTHER<br>TRIPS IN LIFT EQUIPPED VANS (TOTAL TRIPS) | 345 |
| SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROFRAM)-<br>FORMERLY FOOD STAMPS                  | 1   |
| VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)                                                     | 3   |

FOOD – LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND OTHER FOOD  
 DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF AGING AND HEAD START  
 EQUALED 120 LBS. APPROXIMATELY 92 MEALS.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Irene, “Snowtober” and Sandy; Mother Nature has certainly thrown some major storms at Plympton over the past two years. Corrective maintenance pruning, tree removals, response to emergent tree calls and roadside chipping of tree limbs are the core of the tree work activity. Although these activities all took place the overwhelming work and expense for 2012 was storm cleanup. I would like to thank Highway Surveyor, Jim Mulcahy and his staff for keeping the roads clear and for their assistance helping me with tree work.

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 2012 was the overwhelming majority of cost.

2012 Insect & Disease season was dominated by Winter Moth, monitoring of the Asian Long-horned Beetle and the introduction of the Emerald Ash Borer to Western Massachusetts. Winter moth caterpillar damage varied around the county, but overall was tolerable. Foliar damage is typical on species such as Maples, Oaks, Apples and Blueberries. Property owners can control the damage with a plant health care professional that will recognize the critical timing of an application(s). The Asian long-horned beetle (ALB) is an invasive wood-boring insect that attacks hardwood trees, including maple, birch and elm. A large infestation of ALB was discovered in Worcester, MA in August 2008 and is currently under eradication. A small infestation of just 6 trees was found in Boston in 2010. [Emerald ash borer](#) (EAB) has been detected in Massachusetts. The destructive beetle was detected in the western Massachusetts town of Dalton on August 31, 2012, and was confirmed by federal officials on September 6. The EAB is a small, flying beetle, native to Asia. It was first discovered in North America in 2002, in the Detroit, Michigan area. Unlike other invasive beetles, the EAB can kill a tree fast, within just a few years, because it bores directly under the bark, where the tree’s conductive system is. Since its discovery in North America, it has killed millions of ash trees and has caused billions of dollars in economic loss across the nation. Be mindful of these pests as you consider tree management and planting.

Damage caused by storms, insects and disease are a majority of the management, work and expense involving Plympton’s trees. Trees are an important part of our community that provides many benefits. I look forward to future planting opportunities.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Hayes, Jr.  
Plympton Tree Warden

## **REPORT OF THE VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR 2012**

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

### **Primary Mission:**

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

### **Second Mission:**

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

### **Third Mission:**

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

### **Forth Mission:**

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

### **Fifth Mission:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Whitbeck

Veteran's Services Director





**Taylor Pond in Autumn by Jim Mustacaros**



**Taylor Pond in Winter - by Fran Gomez**



**Scene from proposed site of Churchill Park Project  
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**PLYMPTON TOWN OFFICES  
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

|                                              |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Animal Control/Inspector</b>              | <b>781-585-9444</b> |
| <b>Assessors, Board of</b>                   | <b>781-585-3227</b> |
| <b>Building Inspector</b>                    | <b>781-585-0571</b> |
| <b>Dennett Elementary School</b>             | <b>781-585-3659</b> |
| <b>Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector</b>          | <b>781-585-0571</b> |
| <b>Fire Business</b>                         | <b>781-585-2633</b> |
| <b>Health, Board of</b>                      | <b>781-585-7000</b> |
| <b>Highway Department</b>                    | <b>781-585-3703</b> |
| <b>Library</b>                               | <b>781-585-4551</b> |
| <b>Library Fax</b>                           | <b>781-585-7660</b> |
| <b>Police Business</b>                       | <b>781-585-3339</b> |
| <b>Police Alternative Emergency</b>          | <b>508-923-0667</b> |
| <b>Selectmen, Board of (phone &amp; fax)</b> | <b>781-585-2700</b> |
| <b>Silver Lake Administration Office</b>     | <b>781-585-4313</b> |
| <b>Silver Lake Regional Middle School</b>    | <b>781-582-3555</b> |
| <b>Silver Lake Regional Senior HS</b>        | <b>781-585-3844</b> |
| <b>Tax Collector</b>                         | <b>781-585-0409</b> |
| <b>Town Accountant</b>                       | <b>781-585-0409</b> |
| <b>Town Clerk</b>                            | <b>781-585-3220</b> |
| <b>Town Coordinator</b>                      | <b>781-585-2700</b> |
| <b>Town Treasurer</b>                        | <b>781-585-0409</b> |
| <b>Town House Fax</b>                        | <b>781-582-1505</b> |
| <b>Transfer Station</b>                      | <b>781-585-9881</b> |
| <b>Tree Warden</b>                           | <b>781-585-3339</b> |
| <b>Wiring Inspector</b>                      | <b>781-585-0571</b> |
| <b>Zoning Enforcement Officer</b>            | <b>781-585-0571</b> |

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DIAL 911**