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# **REPORT**

**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS**

**PIERMONT, N.H.**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31**

**1996**

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Any Time of Day or Night**

**Ambulance**

**Fire**

**Police**

## **Dial - 911**

When dispatcher answers, give your

Name  
Problem  
Location and  
Your Phone Number

The needed help will start out immediately to  
where you are

*This Town Report*  
*Is Dedicated To*  
*The Memory of*  
*Frank W. Rodimon, Sr.*  
*Town Road Agent*  
*For Twenty-Seven years*



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OF THE  
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OF THE  
**TOWN OF PIERMONT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the Year Ending December 31

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Jean D. Daley, Chr (1997)	272-4944
	Robert J. Lang 1998)	989-5684
	Dean W. Osgood (1999)	272-5804
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (1997)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (1997)	272-5848
Road Agent	Christopher Davidson (1999)	272-9110
Police Chief	William R. Deal	272-5882
Fire Chief	David "Tim" Cole	272-4988
Forest Fire Warden	W. Alfred Stevens	272-5837
Health Officer	Alex Medlicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Vea Jenks (1998)	272-4838
	Carlyle Meacham (2000)	272-4378
	Louis Hobbs (2002)	272-5810
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chr. (1999)	272-4938
	William R. Deal (1998)	272-5882
	Louis Hobbs (1997)	272-5810
Moderator	Arnold Shields (1998)	989-3171

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Katherine Wescott, Treas. (1997)	Marian Shields (1997)
Lydia Hill (1998)	George Smith (1997)
Kelly Fitzpatrick (1998)	Anna Fishman (1999)
Helga Mueller, Chr. (1999)	
Nancy Underhill, Librarian	
Elizabeth Trussell, Asistant Librarian	

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Terry Robie	272-4901
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## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Fred Shipman, Chr. (1998)  
Jeffrey P. Dube (1997)  
William Putnam, (1999)

George Schmid, Vice Chr. (1998)  
Dean Osgood (1999)

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Peter Labounty, Chr.(1997)  
Fred Shipman (1999)  
Suzanne Woodward (1998)  
Jean D. Daley, Ex-Officio  
Dean Osgood, Alternate Ex-Officio

Kay Wescott, Vice Chr.(1999)  
Robert Michenfelder (1997)  
Thomas Stevens (1998)

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Joe Medicott., Pres.  
Anna Williams, Corresp. Sec.  
Lloyd Hall, Dir. of Preservation

Helga Mueller, V.P,  
Frederick Shipman, Treas.  
Charlotte Wilson, Dir-at-Large

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Helga Mueller, Chr.  
David Ritchie  
William Daley  
Donald Smith

Robert A. Michenfelder  
Eric Underhill  
Ernest Hartley, Jr.

## **RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION**

Wayne Godfrey, Manager



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
PIERMONT, N.H.  
MARCH 12 1996**

The legal town meeting for the inhabitants of Piermont, N.H. The polls were opened at 11:00 AM by Moderator Dean Osgood for the purpose of voting for town and school board officers by non-partisan ballot. The polls closed at 7:00PM at which time 207 voters had cast their ballots.

At 8:00 PM the town meeting was reconvened by Moderator Dean Osgood who asked us to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by the reading of the warrant. Austin Hogan stood and praised Margaret R. Cleaves for being Selectmen.

**ARTICLE ONE:** To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town Officers:

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Library Trustee	3yrs 1999	Anna Fishman
Library Trustee	3yrs 1999	Helga Mueller
Library Trustee	2yrs 1998	T. Kelly Fitzpatrick
Library Trustee	2yrs 1998	Linda Lambert
Moderator	2yrs 1998	S.Arnold Shields
Road Agent	3yrs 1999	Chris Davidson
Selectman	3yrs 1999	Dean Osgood
Treasurer	1 yr 1997	James Lambert
Tr Trust Fund	2yrs 1999	William Deal
Tr Trust Fund	3yrs 1998	Fred Shipman
Supervisor of checklist:	6yrs 2001	Louis Hobbs

**SCHOOL OFFICERS:**

Clerk	1yr 1997	Ellen Putnam
Treasurer	1yr 1997	Ellen Putnam
Board Member	3yrs 1999	Cindy Putnam
Moderator	1yr 1997	S.Arnold Shields

Swearing in of new officers has to wait for the recount period to past.

**ARTICLE TWO:** To raise and appropriate \$111,276 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this meeting:

*Minutes Continued:*

ITEM	BUDGETED	CHARGED
Officers salaries		\$17,000.
Officers expenses		11,500.
Auditors		4,300.
Election/Registration		1,200.
Town Buildings		20,000.
Tax map		600.
Contingency		1,500.
Insurance		14,000.
Planning Board		1,000.
Legal and Damages		4,000.
Solid Waste Disposal		26,726.
Street Light/Blinker		3,500.
Public Welfare		2,000.
Memorial Day		250.
Recreation and Swimming Pool		1,200.
Interest		2,000.
Miscellaneous Expenses		500.
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>		<b>\$111,276.</b>

Moved by Peter Mazzilli Sr                      Seconded by Bob Murphy

Discussion: It was asked what the audit expense was and what we got for the money? Jean Daley stated that in mid February the auditors from Polzick and Saunders audited the Town books. There was no report for the Town Report because the Library has not sent in final needed papers . As soon as this is done the auditors report will be available at the T own Clerk's Office for any one to see. Is it worth it ?- yes books look fine and they have suggestions for the town to improve bookkeeping. Why?- can't

find anyone qualified and willing to audit the books which become more involved and difficult every year.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$61,000 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges.

Moved by Robert Michenfelder Seconded by Bill Daley

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$22,598. for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges, being the Highway Department State subsidy. (This money is received each year from the State and is used for the Highway Department.)

*Minutes Continued:*

Moved by Suzanne Woodard Seconded by Bob Murphy

DISCUSSION: Road Agent Mazzilli stated that the town will also be getting some subsidy money for the two storms and damage caused by them . It will cover the over ride in his budget plus some extra.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE FIVE:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000. for the Police Department.

Moved by Bill Deal                      Seconded by Carlyle Meacham

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,600. for the support of the Fire Department.

Moved by Tim Cole                      Seconded by Arnold Shields

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,513. For Ambulance, Fire and Police dispatching services.

Moved by Bill Deal                      Seconded by Larry Ackerman

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000. for the support of the Library.

Moved by Helga Mueller Seconded by Marian Shields

DISCUSSION: Frankie Rodimon asked if the Library did really spend \$23,000. last year and how? Kay Wescott - yes and the report is on page 46 with correction on totals not 9956.78 should be 19956.78. No answer on where 13,000. was spent. Katherine Johnson stated that the Library is a bargain at this price. Peter Mazzilli asks how many people does use the Library in a year? Helga says they have over 400 Library cards issued and is greatly used. Also, stated that this Library is one of the highest used for the size of the town in the State.

VOICE PASSED



*Minutes Continued:*

**ARTICLE NINE:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,200. for Cemeteries.

Moved by Bill Deal            Seconded by Bill Daley

Discussion: Anna Fishman asks if we can use young people to defray cost ? We are responsible for 5 cemeteries as far as mowing, raking, trimming, liability and insurance is a factor in this. Young people can not use machinery. Richard Fishman asks why we can't use volunteers for supervision for this even without machinery if necessary. Bill Deal stated that it has been done by a pro and the work needs to be done by a pro for safety.

VOICE PASSED            2 NOS

**ARTICLE TEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2428. for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Moved by Robert Michenfelder    Seconded by Mary Halloran

VOICE PASSED            1NO

**ARTICLE ELEVEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$580. to pay Piermont's share of the cost as a member of Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

Moved by Don Smith Seconded by Kay Wescott Discussion: Richard Fishman asks where does this money go? The Town has to be a member of a regional Planning Board and this is the yearly fee. We have used their services in the past.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE TWELVE:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300. for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

Moved by Bob Elder Seconded by Marian Shields

Discussion: Richard Fishman asked if anything was done about last years discussion on the problem someone had in town with this Center? Bob Elder says he looked into that problem and cleared it up and that they have helped 6 families in town this last year totaling 24 hours to the most needing this service..

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$425. for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

Moved by Fred Shipman    Seconded by Bob Murphy

*Minutes Continued:*

DISCUSSION: Helga Mueller asks what is this program? Fred Shipman says Tri County weatherizes for senior citizens , meals on wheels, the report is on page 73.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN:** To see if Town will authorize the selective cutting of timber/firewood on Town-owned land on the Bedford Road and to see what sum the Town will appropriate from the proceeds of such cutting for the construction of trails, subject to the supervision of the Conservation Commission, for hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and other recreation uses, and the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to execute all documents and take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of any vote under Article. Any proceeds not appropriated for such trails shall be paid into the General Fund.

Bill Daley moved to pass over article seconded by David Ritchie

DISCUSSION: Bill Daley stated that the Conservation Committee is in favor of this article but it should be done in reverse of what this says, find out the uses than cut. Robert Michenfelder stated that the conservation committee did propose to do this earlier and this body voted on it, to look into this. Some has been done and suggest we look this over and move on from there. Arnold Shields asks if this is the opinion of the Committee? Bill Daley says yes. Katy Blaine asks if the Selectmen are aware that there are private wells on this Bedford Rd property and are they going to be disturbed? Selectmen are aware and will not be damaged. How did this article come to be on the warrant? Selectmen said that Hugh and Eric Underhill requested this to be on but they thought it was brought before Conservation Committee before the request. Frankie Rodimon asks if Town could be sued if trails are used? Terry Nolan stated that according to the law book you give up your rights to sue landowners when you register your snowmobiles. Walter Rodimon asks if town is liable if walking, running etc., and why do we need to get into the entertainment business? They have to prove negligence.

Moderator called for a vote to pass over

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$30,000. to complete the closure of the Town Dump in accordance with state and federal regulations; authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any grant available from state or federal or private source, to receive and expend such grant funds and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this article, and, further, the Selectmen are authorized to borrow funds in anticipation of state aid as provided in RSA chapter 33.

This article is designated by the Board of Selectmen as a special non-lapsing warrant article(RSA32:7,VI) and this appropriation shall expended for this purpose not later than 12/31/98.

Selectmen: For 3 Against \_\_\_\_\_



*Minutes Continued:*

(Comment: The closure of the Town Dump is in its final phase and the work is anticipated to extend beyond 1996. The Selectmen have designated the article as a special warrant article so that this appropriation may be carried over from year to year until the deadline. It is anticipated that the Town will obtain a state grant for a large part of this expense.)

Moved by Arnold Shields Seconded by Steve Daly

DISCUSSION: Arnold Shields asked if this will close dump not recycling center. Recycling center will be moved down the road behind ball field, plans are in town clerk's office. Richard Fishman asks if State Subsidy would decrease this expense? Selectmen are asking for \$30,000 not the required \$55,000 and hopefully will not need anymore. Don Smith asks if we still have money left over from the last time the Selectmen asked for money? The \$57,000, previously appropriated went for the Phase I hydrological investigation in 1987-88 which determined ground water flow and studied the subsurface soil structure. In 1994-95 Phase II investigation took place which determined the lateral extent of refuse and the installation of four maditering wells in and around the landfill. Two water samples were done to the four wells testing for traces of metals and chemicals present in the groundwater. Cost is \$7300.per year for water testing for three years to prove the four wells good to close.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,973.12 as Piermont's share for Upper Valley Ambulance Inc.

Moved by Larry Ackermen Seconded by Jim Morel

DISCUSSION: Katherine Johnson asks why our share of the fee is so high? Margaret Cleaves stated that Medicare and Medicaid pays only so much so the fee is higher to cover expenses, we subsidize this service. You can subscribe to the ambulance service for \$30.00 a year to cover cost of use that insurance does not cover. Forms are in Town Clerk's Office.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000. to be expended for repair of fire ponds to improve fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant from the US Natural Resources Conservation Service for \$500. to be used for this purpose, such funds to be expended by the Fire Department.

Moved by Bob Murphy Seconded by Bill Daley

DISCUSSIONS: Bob Murphy asks how many fire ponds are in town now? Tim Cole applied and has gotten the grant for \$500. America Core did study on our fire ponds,



*Minutes Continued:*

Rivervale needs a fire pond. We have 12 sites only 6 ponds. Fred Shipman asks about the Dunbar pond? Tim says that's the one that would be fixed.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000. for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

Moved by Suzanne Woodard Seconded by Bob Murphy

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE NINETEEN:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$902. for the restoration and preservation of Town records.

Moved by Bill Deal                      Seconded by Fred Shipman  
Town Clerk stated this is the last book to be restored.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE TWENTY:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$124.. for the purpose of microfilming approximately one book of Town records for the preservation and protection of Town historical documents

Moved by Bob Murphy Seconded by Suzanne Woodard

Town Clerk corrected article from one book to four books and copies of past four rolls of microfilm not already copied.

VOICE PASSED.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE:** (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to take over, maintain and designate as Town roads the sections called Bluebird Way and Armington loop, totaling approximately one half mile of road.

(Legal Comment: The Selectmen have received the following legal comment. The Annual Town Meeting in 1994, under Article 37, voted as provided in RSA674:40-a to delegate authority to the Board of Selectmen to accept the proposed offer to dedicate land for public highways.)

Moved by Will Prestley Seconded by Walter Rodimon

Discussion; Lawrence Underhill asks what the Selectmen say when no one is living there. Selectmen say it has always been 3 residence - just 3 houses, 2 houses is a driveway. This Article would give Selectmen a feel for the towns feelings, but they are not in favor of this. Walter Rodimon can we use the term of taxpayer instead of resident-yes. Will Prestley he brought this up to encourage and to please present owner . The

*Minutes Continued:*

homes out there are quarter to half a million dollar homes the rule seems to be for year round why not seasonal it's not in writing? Bill Daley observed that these homes could be rented out. Ray Tafrate says these homes are not rented, used only on weekends. Fred Shipman asks Road Agents opinion. Peter said he watched these roads being built and in his opinion they would pass inspection with little work. Asked why Selectmen are opposed - Jean Daley says its not just these two roads this would have input on any subdivision in the future. This would set a precedent for any subdivision in town. Now it says three houses it's a road. Two houses is a driveway. Peter Mazzilli (as a contractor) stated that it should be three homes not necessary year round homes. Don Smith asks Peter if in a snow storm does this mean an added new truck - no, they already plow a turn around at Birdbird because its a school bus turn around. Russell Gould Sr asks if the houses on lake are worth it? Selectmen says a house is a house a domicil not based on quality of the house =taxpayer. Will Prestley why restrict it to three verses two houses on a road? Jim Lambert stated that what the Selectmen are saying is a road needs three homes to be a road no matter what condition the home is in. Arnold Shields stated that we in 1994 as a town gave Selectmen right to do their job. Donna O'Dell asks how long has three house rule been in effect? Jean has been on Board of Selectmen since 1981 and it was before that.

Larry Ackerman called question.

To close commits and questions needs 2/3 of voters PASSED

Question called to see if they would like Selectmen to do this vote yes- not in favor for Selectmen to do this vote no

VOICE OPINION NOS HAVE IT

**ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$624 to contribute to a local or regional household hazardous waste collection project. The project will encourage the proper disposal of hazardous household wastes such as paint thinners, solvents and pesticides and seek to educate citizens about the adverse environmental consequences of improper household hazardous waste disposal.

Moved by Bob Murphy Seconded by Daunte Jacob

Discussion: Anna Fishman asks if this could be listed under solid waste and not be voted on each year? Selectmen stated this is a donation needed to be addressed each year to get grant subsidy money. They asked if anyone used this last year - show of hands showed a few did.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE:** To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be paid into the Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3 Against \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by Bob Murphy Seconded by Jim Morel



*Minutes Continued:*

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5000. to be paid into the Town Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3 Against           

Moved by Thomas Elliott Seconded by Gail Shipman

VOICE VOTE PASSED

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE:** To see if the Town will vote to move either the Town Library or the Town Offices to the Old Church Building, a Town-owned building across from the Town Offices.

(Comment: A majority of the Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen are agreed that it would be in the best interests of the Town for the Library to move to the Old Church Building and for the Town to appropriate money to make the necessary improvements, as requested in Article 26.)

Kay Wescott moved to pass over articles 25 and 26 until Selectmen have further information on engineering structural costs and study for renovation of building. seconded by Joe Medicott.

DISCUSSION: Bob Lang stated that the reason for this is to get money to do this. This is a phase article and will not be all done this year just need a starting point. The two buildings cost us \$20,000. to heat insurance and upkeep. The purpose is to use building (doesn't care who goes over) or get rid of. Daunte Jacob stated that she works in a collage library and its a tremendous job to move one and the weight is great for stacks of books. If the building needs to be used it should be structurally sound and cost efficient. Bob Lang stated that they have had four contractors in town look at the building to see what, if anything could be done. They recommended an engineer study to be sure of the weight load if Library moves over. Faunce Cleaves it seems that Article 25 and 26 is asking for study so why pass over it the \$20,000. is for authority to do the study. Fred Shipman pointed out that by passing over Article 25 planning is put off for another year. Article 25 just says to proceed into looking into possibilities and Article 26 needs 2/3 votes of voters to get money out of fund to proceed with study. Robert Michenfelder stated that Article 25 is asking for one or the other to move and Article 26 is asking for money for renovation ot engineering study. Walter Rodimon asks if we are using two buildings now - one is used for storage and the other is Library and Town Offices. Bob Lang stated that both parties need more room one needs to move somewhere. They still have Town records in peoples homes needing to get under one roof. Anna Fishman why not move Selectmen? Bob says that the Library needs open space in the old Church it can be opened up to one big room. The Selectmen needs small rooms which the present Library is. Plus there is the vault question. Nancy Underhill asks why should the Library move to a square building where there is no room to grow. There needs to be an impartial

*Minutes Continued:*

architect who is not emotionally involved to look at this issue-not the boards to decide. The handicap regulations will eat up more space in church building, no parking or parking lot lighting. Nancy asked why not sell or tear down the building instead of someone moving? Gail Shipman says if we pass over this article we can not do the study that the Library wants. Arnold Shiels if we pass over these two Articles we can give new Article under new business for the study. Selectmen -no, can not do a money article there would have to call a special Town Meeting. Bob Lang said that the contractors suggested the engineering study to be sure it was safe, all the Selectmen are looking for is a direction to proceed in. Gail Shipman again stated that the town needs to vote on removing any money from a Capital Reserve Fund. Bill Putnam asks if there can be a second floor built in the future because it does have high ceilings. Margaret started to talk and then Jean had to finish- they are concerned with the children crossing Route 10 it's an accident waiting to happen, also, the school children would have a better chance to use the Library more often in the Church building .They would need less supervision. Nancy Underhill says the Selectmen seem to have no concern for the older patrons who would have to cross Route 10 for lack of parking. She also stated that of all people in town how dare the Selectmen state she doesn't care and walked out. Bob Lang - the intend of the Building Committee was to look into the buildings prospects and nothing was done. Thought this Article would solve this problem and give a direction to work in. We need some direction for the Church Building can't wait another year or two for solution due to costs for maintenance. If you pass over you are voting this article down - you have no funds to get study done. Kay Wescott says you can under new business allot money for study. AGAIN it was explained that you can't allot money in the last Article. Fred Shipman asks why we couldn't recess meeting until say July to allow time for a study for a cost estimate. No response.

Jim Lambert calls question.

A yes vote means you want to pass over both Articles- no means not to pass over

PEOPLE STOOD ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF ROOM FOR VOTE THE NOS HAVE IT BY A LARGE COUNT

Article TWENTY-FIVE: Moved to pass over by Lawrence Underhill Seconded by Barbara Fowler

VOICE PASSED                      3NOS

**ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX:** To see if the Town will appreciate a sum not to exceed\$20,000. and to withdraw such sum from the Town Building Capital Fund for the purpose of constructing and installing the necessary improvements in the Old Church Building in conformity with applicable state codes and to designate the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend such funds for such purpose and further, this article is designated by the Board of Selectmen as a special non-lapsing warrant



*Minutes Continued:*

article(RSA32:7,VI)and this appropriation shall be expended for this purpose not later than December 31,1998.

Selectmen:           FOR   3             AGAINST           

Moved by Ellen Putnam to read as: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5000. and to withdraw such sum from the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of study to determine the necessary improvements in the Old Church Building in conformity with applicable state codes and to           determined if the Library or Town Offices would be more feasible to move and to designate the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend such funds for such purpose and further, this article is designated by the Board of Selectmen as a special non-lapsing warrant article (RSA32:7,VI)and this appropriation shall be expended for this purpose not later than December 31,1998.Seconded by Carlyle Meacham

DISCUSSION: Walter Rodimon asks why only \$5000., when the Selectmen are asking \$20,000? Will Prestley says we (the Town) should use the \$5000. for the study and a mediator for the two Boards. Ellen asks for cost in her motion to be changed and the Selectmen asks for some sort of grants. Mary Halloran asks if vote on article is a vote for Selectmen to decide? Ellen and Carlyle both agree to change \$20,000. to \$5000.. Fred Shipman amends to read \$500 should be enough to do structural study to see if feasible. no second. Thomas Elliott wants to know what right this gives to the Selectmen and to give us a cost for both moves. Arthur James stated that for 41 years that he's been in Town the Church Building has been here even longer and used for many things. The building is still full of asbestos and would like the       Town to stop spending money on it . It seems foolish to keep putting money into an old building.

Arnold Shields calls question

VOICE VOTE   PASSED           1NO

MOTION ON AMENDED ARTICLE 26

SHOW OF HANDS COUNTED BY MODERATOR AND TOWN CLERK

YES   58           NO   25           PASSED AS AMENDED

**ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN:** (By Petition) To see if Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500. to be used to help promote and fund two "Old Home Town Band" summer concerts. (One concert will be by the Mad Bavarian Brass Band, and the other by the Sons of Sousa Band. One concert will be at the Library Art Show.)

Moved by Suzanne Woodard           Seconded by Bob Murphy

DISCUSSION: Kay Wescott stated that the Library didn't vote for this .Who brought this petition up to explain more? Bill Sharp did and he is not here tonight. Fred Shipman asks if we pay before or after performances? After. Ted Goodfleich asks who actually pays- Selectmen pays with your tax money. Are these the only two Bands-yes because of the way the article is written.

VOICE DEFEATED

*Minutes Continued:*

**ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$450. to help promote and fund a "1776 Colonial Re-enactment" with muskets, black powder, cannon, fynes and drums, and bagpipes, to take place in the summer of 1996 as a Piermont celebration. (This event will be like the June 29 Battle of Fairlee at Fairlee, Vermont.) Organized by Bill Sharp, by petition.

Moved by Arnold Shields Seconded by Jim Lambert

DISCUSSION: Donna O'Dell stated we can't have an reenactment if we never had one to begin with besides no battle ever happened in N.H. Bill Deal asks how much more security and if Town is liable. These issues need to be addressed. Betsy Eaton stated the idea of a Community Day is a good idea but not this idea.

VOICE DEFEATED

**ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the provision of RSA31:19 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Moved by Bob Murphy Seconded by Duante Jacob

DISCUSSION: Why has this got to be done every year? -Selectmen says it's the last time.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE THIRTY:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing and maintaining Town bridges and to appropriate the sum of \$5000. to be paid into this new fund and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend money from this Fund without further vote of Town Meeting but only for the purpose of paying for the repair and maintenance of Town bridges,

(Comment: The Selectmen are asking for authority to spend money from this new capital reserve fund without a further vote of the Town Meeting because there are occasions during the year when money must be spent to fix a Town bridge and such expenditures cannot wait for the Annual Town Meeting or for a special Town Meeting.)

Selectmen: For 3 Against       

Moved by Fred Shipman Seconded by Elizabeth Upton

DISCUSSING: Fred Shipman asks if Larry Gardener, Town Lawyer, gave his opinion on this article? He wrote it. You should check with Attorney Generals office he thinks you can take money out of a capital reserve fund without a Town vote. Bob Lang says this is not part of the Road Agents budget. Fred says you need a Expendable Trust for this purpose. Roger Hutchins is this to be used for natural disasters or for regular maintenance also? Bob stated its intend is for large expenses so a Special Town Meeting



*Minutes Continued:*

will not have to be called. Walter Rodimon stated that it can be used for maintenance not just for disasters? Road Agent stated that his intent for this article was for replacement in disasters and to bring up bridges in town to State regulations so we wouldn't have the disasters. He made a motion to amend article to take out word maintenance and replace word with replace and add catastrophe at end of article. Seconded by Roger Hutchins. Mazzilli said that this article was poorly written he was asking to set up a program to replace bridges in town. Walter Rodimon stated that there was a meeting after last town meeting for this purpose and nothing has happened this doesn't show good intentions of the Selectmen. Peter says his intent was to repair bridges before they washed out.

TURNED DOWN AMENDMENT BY A VOICE VOTE

Article thirty moved by Fred Shipmen if amended as follows: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing Town bridges and to appropriate the sum of \$5000. to be paid into this new fund. Seconded by Arnold Shields.

AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE  
ARTICLE 30 PASSED AS AMENDED

**ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the land and buildings containing the Town Hall upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and further, to see what sum the Town will appropriate to pay for expenses relating to such sale, including a professional appraisal, and the Selectmen shall have the authority to take all action and sign all documents as may be necessary to carry out this vote.

Moved by Fred Shipmen Seconded by Jim Lambert

DISCUSSION: Jim Lambert would like not to exceed \$1000. inserted instead of 'what amount'. Fred agreed. Arnold Shields asks 'for best' be subtracted. Fred and Jim agrees.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the land and buildings containing the Town Hall upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town, and further, the Town will appropriate \$1000. to pay for expenses relating to such sale, including a professional appraisal, and the Selectmen shall have the authority to take all action and sign all documents as may be necessary to carry out this vote.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the net proceeds resulting from the sale of the Town Hall to be paid into the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For   3   Against

*Minutes Continued:*

Moved by Bob Murphy Seconded by Jim Morel

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE THIRY-THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expansion of the White Mountain National Forest Proclamation Boundary to allow the United States Management Corporation and/or Someplace(s) Different Inc., which lies to the north of Route 25C including land around Lake Tarleton west of the Piermont /Warren Town Line, and south of Route 25C around Lake Katherine, to the west of Lake Armington, and to the north of Mt . Piermont.

Moved by Elizabeth Upton Seconded by Bill Daley

DISCUSSION: Dave Houghton of the Trust for Public Lands, a private , nonprofit organization working to help the government acquire the land was there to answer any questions. This vote would allow the land to be sold for national forest land, it will be managed for it's wildlife and recreation. Jim Lambert asks what is the tax impact to the town? There was a handout there to explain this- see attached. Walter Rodimon has a problem with the figures, our taxes go up every year does this or is it a flat fee never changing? Also, what happened to the third beach on the western end of Lake Tarleton? This is not a part of this deal. Warren has already approved the land in their town does it include the beaches on the south side- yes. Government will pay in lieu of taxes= worst they figure .72 per acre, best 1.65 per acre. It's voted on by Congress for amount of payment for the whole United States. Barbara Fowler asks why the Town was not given more time to think about this why just one week? This company just acquired option on this land. Will Prestley asks who will own the land if we pass this? You are voting to allow the White Mountain Forest to expand , the next step is to go before Congress to buy it. Roger Hutchins asks in a worst case situation and we get no tax money or anything else for this what impact will it have on our tax rate= .32 per \$1000. Bill Daley stated that this property has an impact on our town , it's been in developers hands for years. This is the first time Piermonters have a direction of this property rather than sitting on eggs wondering that will be done up there. Government income is not a problem. If the government did take over what happens to the land and what impute will the town have? Will Prestley stated that the area is feasible for skiing as was Waterville Valley and anyone can petition to use the land for any purpose. Dave said this was possible but not probable.

Russell Woodard calls question.

VOICE PASSED

VOTE ON ARTICLE

VOICE PASSED

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**ARTICLE THIRY-FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of financing all or part



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of the cost of a Town-wide revaluation of real estate for tax purposes and to appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be paid into this new fund. and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend money from this fund without further vote of Town Meeting but only for the purpose of paying for the cost of such revaluation.

Selectmen: For 3 Against       

Moved by Fred Shipman Seconded by Bob Murphy

DISCUSSION: Why? The Selectmen needs a vote of Town to start a fund. Arnold Shields asks why revaluation is a question again we voted it down last year? Bob explained that there was no money allowed last year so they would like to start a fund so when we have to reevaluate it won't hurt taxes as much. Kay Burbank asks why we need a revaluation? Selectmen says we are required to have an revaluation periodically and the State may require one at any time. It's based on our evaluation percentage.

VOICE PASSED

**ARTICLE THIRY-FIVE:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Bill Deal asks for a moment of silence for past Piermonsters who have died this past year, Robert Lutz, Ralph Drew, Alec Azuch, Myron Mueller, Daniel Webster.

STOOD IN SILENCE.

Linda Lambert asks if we could change voting hours to 10:30 to 6:30 so voting can be done easier. Suzanne Woodard seconded. State requires only eight hours for voting no time set. What about people who work later? Can get absentee ballot.

VOICE PASSED

Richard Fowler asks if next year we could have microphones because it's hard to hear in the back - YES.

Fred Shipman asks if the same articles that we pass each year can be put into one article or as part of the budget line item to save time? Not as part of budget.

Ellen Putnam moved meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Duly submitted Town Clerk,  
Linda Lambert

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, will be held at the Piermont Village School on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Polls will be located in the Piermont Village School and will be open at 10:30 a.m. for voting by Official Ballot and will close at 6:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Piermont Village School.

**ARTICLE ONE:** (By Official Ballot) To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three years.
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of three years.
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of three years.
- One Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years.
- Two Library Trustees to serve for a term of three years.
- One Library Trustee to serve for a term of two years.
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

And such other officers required to be elected by Official Ballot.

**ARTICLE TWO:** To raise and appropriate \$133,005 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGETED CHARGE</u>
Officers' Salaries	\$ 17,500
Officers' Expenses	15,000
Auditor Expense	4,300
Election/Registration	1,200
Town Buildings	20,000
Tax Map	600
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	14,000
Planning Board	1,000
Legal and Damages	4,000
Solid Waste Disposal	29,805

<i>Warrant Continued:</i>	
Street Lights/Blinker	3,600
Public Welfare	3,000
Memorial Day	250
Recreation and Swimming Pool	1,750
Interest	1,000
Fire Truck Note	14,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>500</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>	<b>\$133,005</b>

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$61,000 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges.

**ARTICLE FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,692.39 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges, being the Highway Department State subsidy. (This money is received each year from the State and is used for the Highway Department.)

**ARTICLE FIVE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the Police Department.

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,850 for the support of the Fire Department and Fast Squad.

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be expended for the repair of fire ponds to improve fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service for \$500.00 to be used for this purpose, such funds to be expended by the Fire Department.

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,685 for Ambulance, Fire and Police dispatching services.

**ARTICLE NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for support of the Library.

**ARTICLE TEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,320 for Cemeteries.

**ARTICLE ELEVEN** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,428 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.



*Warrant Continued:*

**ARTICLE TWELVE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$580 to pay Piermont's share of the cost as a member of Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$425 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,000 for the purposes of a reappraisal by appraisers of the real estate in the Town for tax assessment purposes and to withdraw \$10,000 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend such funds, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the balance under the Municipal Finance Act, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the appraisers upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town, and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote.

(Comment: Approval of this article requires a 2/3 vote by printed ballot as a portion of the appropriation is to be borrowed. RSA 33:8.)

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,736 as Piermont's share for Upper Valley Ambulance Inc.

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:39-b, I (c) is as follows:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Piermont based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$7,500;

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000;

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by



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such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000, excluding the value of the person's residence."

**(Comment:** Please note that in computing the maximum net assets, the value of the person's residence and land upon which it is located, up to one acre, is excluded. This question must be voted on by printed ballot. If a majority of those voting on the question vote yes, the elderly exemptions shall take effect on April 1, 1997.)

**ARTICLE NINETEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1030 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

**ARTICLE TWENTY:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selective cutting of timber/firewood on Town-owned land on the Bedford Road under the supervision of the Conservation Commission in order to construct trails for educational purposes, hiking and other recreational purposes. The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to execute all documents and take all actions as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of any vote under this Article. Any proceeds not appropriated for such trails shall be paid into the General Fund.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the balance of the funds remaining after expenses obtained from selective cutting of timber/firewood on Town-owned land on the Bedford Road to be used for the purpose of constructing, repairing and maintaining trails on Town-owned land. This article is designated as a special Warrant article and non-lapsing as provided in RSA 32:7, VI. This appropriation shall be expended by December 31, 2002.

Selectmen:                                      For   3                                        Against   0  

**ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal or real property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal or real property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal or real property, and it is provided further that the library trustees may freely determine, then or at any subsequent time, the ultimate use or disposition of such personal or real property for the benefit of the library.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to send a letter to the administrators of every utility that maintains rights-of-way within the town, to request that the utility rights-of-way within

*Warrant Continued:*

the town be maintained by cutting of brush and trees, and that there be no applications of herbicides on utility rights-of-way within the town.

*Comment: The Selectmen have received an opinion from the Town attorney that any affirmative vote under this Article would be advisory only.*

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$624 to contribute to a local or regional household hazardous waste collection project. The project will encourage the proper disposal of hazardous household wastes such as paint thinners, solvents and pesticides and seek to educate citizens about the adverse environmental consequences of improper household hazardous waste disposal.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the old Town Hall building and land upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town or if the Selectmen so decide, to take all action as may be necessary to demolish and/or remove the old Town Hall building, and to see what sum the Town will appropriate for the purposes of this vote and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into such agreements as may be necessary upon such terms and conditions as deemed to the best interests of the Town, and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote. This is a non-lapsing appropriation which shall be expended on or before December 31, 2002.

(Comment: This article is designated as a non-lapsing article under RSA 32:7, VI, which means that the appropriation will not expire on December 31, 1997 but will be carried forward as provided by law for a maximum period of five years from December 31, 1997.)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money and authorize the Selectmen to take such action including filing a petition with the Grafton County Superior Court to obtain a court order to determine if the Town can sell, remove or demolish the Church Building conveyed to the Town by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Piermont by deed dated April 4, 1935, which imposed a condition that the building and the land could only be used for a fire station, public library, community room or selectmen's office and if used for any other purpose, then the 1935 deed would be void, and authorize the Selectmen to enter into such agreements and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote, in the event the Town can dispose of the Church building, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the old Church Building as conveyed to the Town by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1935, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town or if the Selectmen so decide, to take all action as may be necessary to demolish and/or remove the old Church Building, and to see what sum the Town will



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appropriate for the purposes of this vote and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into such agreements as may be necessary upon such terms and conditions as deemed to the best interests of the Town, and to take all action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote. This is a non-lapsing appropriation which shall be expended on or before December 31, 2002.

(Comment: This article is designated as a non-lapsing article under RSA 32:7, VI, which means that the appropriation will not expire on December 31, 1997 but will be carried forward as provided by law for a maximum period of five years from December 31, 1997.)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3                      Against 0

**ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3                      Against 0

**ARTICLE THIRTY:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Bridge Capital Reserve fund.

Selectmen: For 3                      Against 0

**ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

**ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO:** To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to withdraw and expend funds from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of that Fund, as provided in RSA 35:15.

***Comment:** The purpose of this article is to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw money from the capital reserve fund to fix bridges that have become out of repair or impassable after the Annual Town Meeting without Town Meeting action, as specifically authorized by RSA 35:15. See also decision of the New Hampshire Supreme Court in the case of Adams, et al v. Bradshaw, et al, 135 N.H. 7 (1991). Without this authority, the Selectmen must either take money from Town appropriations to repair the bridge and not do work scheduled or to call a special Town meeting.*

**ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the repair of the Rodimon Bridge.

*Warrant Continued:*

**ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the resident tax as provided in RSA 72:1-c which requires the following question to be voted on:

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorizes any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax?"

*(Comment: If a majority of those voting on the question vote yes, there will be no resident tax assessed beginning April 1, 1997.)*

**ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this day of February, 1997.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jean D. Daley  
Robert J. Lang  
Dean W. Osgood

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting described therein and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy at one other public place in the Town of Piermont, namely the U.S. Post Office, fourteen days before the day of the Meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 20th day of February, 1997.

## SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1997

Town Charges	133,005
Highways and Bridges	61,000
Highway Department/State Subsidy	24,692 *
Police Department	8,000
Fire Department/Fast Squad	14,850
Fire Ponds	1,000 ***
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching	1,685
Library	16,000
Cemeteries	7,320 **
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	2,428
UVLS Regional Planning Commission	580
White Mountain Mental Health	300
Community Action Outreach Program	425
Upper Valley Ambulance Service	8,736
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,030
Hazardous Waste Collection	624
Vehicular Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Building Improvements Capital Reserve	5,000
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	<u>5,000</u>
Town Sub-total	301,675
Estimate of County Tax	70,000
School District budget (Estimated)	914,780

### TOTAL OF TOWN, COUNTY AND SCHOOL

\*No taxes raised. Paid by State

\*\*Town raises by taxes 4,320. Balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds

\*\*\*Town raises by taxes \$500.

Balance from a Grant



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PIERMONT, N.H.

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations	Actual Expenditures	Appropriation
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers Salaries	17,000	16,114.00	17,500
Town Officers Expenses	11,500	14,882.64	15,000
Election & Registration Exp	1,200	3,163.77	1,200
Expenses Town Buildings	20,000	16,083.81	20,000
Auditor Expense	4,300	4,300.00	4,300
Police Department	5,000	3,716.99	8,000
Fire Dept. inc. Forest Fires	11,600	11,078.98	14,850
Planning & Zoning	1,000	743.26	1,000
Insurance	14,000	13,599.00	14,000
Update Tax Map	600	0.00	600
UVLSC	580	580.00	580
<b>Health Department:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	26,7269	27,519.59	29,805
Dispatch Services	1,513	1,685.83	1,685
VNAV TNH	2,428	2,428.00	2,428
White Mt. Mental Health	300	300.00	300
UVA, Inc.	8,973	8,973.00	8,736
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	61,000	61,012.87	61,000
Street Lighting	3,500	3,409.25	3,600
General Exp-Highway Dept.	22,598	22,597.96	24,692
Library:	13,000	13,000.00	16,000
Welfare	2,000	965.04	3,000
Community Action	425	425.00	425
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,000	1,000.00	1,030
Memorial Day	250	242.00	250
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	1,200	1,143.74	1,750
Cemeteries	10,200	7,200.00	7,320



*Budget Continued:*

Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses	4,000	7,547.43	4,000
Contingency Fund	1,500	994.02	1,500
Dump Closure Project	30,000	2,165.40	0
Taxes Bought by Town	0	66,343.22	0
Hazardous Waste Collection	624	624.00	624
Fire Ponds	1000	150.00	1,000
Capital Reserves	20,000	20,000.00	20,000
Misc. Unclassified Expense	500	5,497.68	500
Interest on Temp. Loans	2,000	373.97	1,000
Fire Truck Payment	14,100	14,526.90	14,000
Taxes Paid to County	70,000	69,702.00	70,000
Payment to School District	881,767	880,503.00	914,780
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>1,269,361</b>	<b>1,221,437.76</b>	<b>1,286,455</b>

	<b>Estimated Revenue <u>1996</u></b>	<b>Actual Revenue <u>1996</u></b>	<b>Estimated Revenue <u>1997</u></b>
<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>			
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
Resident Taxes	4,000	3791.91	4,000
Yield Taxes	9,000	15,435.32	10,000
Resident Tax Penalties	0	9.00	0
Property Taxes	850,000	102,110.51	850,000
Current Use Changes	0	13,000.00	0
Interest	0	19,770.76	0
Rooms & Meals Tax(State Grant)	20,000	22,075.79	20,000
Highway Grant	22,598	22,597.96	24,692
Reimb. a/c St-Fed. Forest Land	200	251.04	200
Sale of Town Property	0	5,149.65	0
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	50,000	65,513.50	55,000
Dog Licenses	450	1,299.00	450
Business Lic,Permits,Filing	100	1,063.82	100
Rent of Town Property	500	520.00	500
Income from Trust Funds	14,000	18,068.22	14,000
Interest on Deposits	5,000	9,893.18	5,000
All Other Receipts	500	9835.09	500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>	<b>976,542</b>	<b>1,229,349.41</b>	<b>984,442</b>

## 1996 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

<b>Land</b>		
Current Use (at C.U. values)	989,782	
Conservation Restriction(at C.U.val)	91,965	
Residential	4,045,272	
Commercial/Industrial	278,200	
<b>Building</b>		
Residential	13,178,070	
Manufactured Housing	244,920	
Commercial/Industrial	1,071,384	
<b>Public Utilities</b>		
Electric (includes Phone)	1,230,081	
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		<b>\$21,129,674</b>
Elderly Exemptions	223,600	
Solar Exemptions	1,950	
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>225,550</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed</b>		<b>20,904,124</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Central Vermont Public Service	4,367	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	350,754	
Piermont Hydro	236,550	
New England Power Co.	385,830	
New England Telephone	14,050	
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	238,530	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,230,081</b>	
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1996	440	
Date of Mailing 1996 Inventories	March 16	
Number of Inventories Returned in 1996	422	
Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions	16	
Number of Individuals Granted Solar Exemptions	1	
Number of Property Owners Who Applied for Current Use	1	

### 1996 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Gross Property Tax	959,917.49
Less War Service Credits	(6,500)
Net Property Tax Commitments	953,417.49
Net School Appropriations	793,677
County Tax Assessment	69,702

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1996**

<b>Title of <u>Appropriations</u></b>	<b>Total Amt. <u>Available</u></b>	<b>Expend- <u>itures</u></b>	<b>Unexpended <u>Balance</u></b>	<b>Over <u>Draft</u></b>
Town Officers Salaries	17,000	16,114.00	886.00	
Town Officers Expenses	11,500	14,882.64		3,382.64
Auditor Expense	4,300	4,300.00		
Election & Reg. Exp.	1,200	3,163.77		1963.77
Expenses of Town Bldgs.	20,000	16,083.81	3,916.19	
Restoration Town Records	1,027	992.00	35.00	
Police Department	5,000	3,716.99	1,283.01	
Fire Department	11,600	11,078.98	521.02	
Planning & Zoning	1,000	743.26	256.74	
Insurance	14,000	13,599.00	401.00	
Update Tax Map	600	0.00	600.00	
UVLSC	580	580.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	26,726	27,519.59		793.59
Dispatch Services	1,513	1,685.83		172.83
VNAV TNH	2,428	2,428.00		
White Mtn. Mental Hlth	300	300.00		
UVA, Inc.	8,973	8,973.66		.66
Highways & Bridges	61,000	61,012.87		12.87
Street Lighting	3,500	3,409.25	90.75	
Library	13,000	13,000.00		
Welfare	2,000	965.04	1,034.96	
Community Action	425	425.00		
Grafton Senior Citizen	1,000	1,000.00		
Memorial Day	250	242.00	8.00	
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	1,200	1,143.74	56.26	
*Cemeteries	10,200	7,200.00		
Contingency Fund	1,500	234.00	1,266.00	
Damages & Legal	4,000.00	7,547.43		3,547.43
**Dump Closure Project	30,000.00	2,165.40		
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	500	5,479.68		4,979.68
Hazardous Waste Collection	624	624.00		
Fire Ponds	1,000	150.00	850.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000	373.97	1,626.03	
Fire Truck Payment	14,100	14,526.90		426.90
Capital Reserves	20,000	20,000.00		
Taxes Paid to County	<u>70,000</u>	<u>69,702.00</u>	<u>298.00</u>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>381,644</b>	<b>335,362.81</b>	<b>13,128.96</b>	<b>15,280.37 2,151.41</b>



*Comparative Statement Continued:*

\*The balance of this account comes from the Cemetery Fund Monies and is spent so that there is no unexpended balance.

The balance from the Dump Closure Account will be held in reserve for future costs.

The Town will receive \$7,885.83 from our insurance carrier as reimbursement of legal expenses incurred during 1995-1996 defending the Veghte-Fowler lawsuit.

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Town Hall, Lands and Building .....	69,950
Furniture & Equipment .....	8,500
Libraries, lands and Buildings .....	77,750
Furniture & Equipment .....	4,000
Fire Department, Lands/Buildings-Town Garage .....	7,000
Equipment .....	165,000
Old Church, Lands and Buildings .....	60,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds .....	2,500
Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment.....	800,000
Cemeteries .....	50,000
Piermont Sewage District Land.....	5,200
Fire Pond .....	200
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot) .....	16,000
Sarah Moore Lot.....	13,600
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot) .....	<u>16,300</u>
TOTAL.....	1,414,100

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**of the Town of Piermont, N.H.**  
**County of Grafton**  
**For the Calendar Year ended December 31, 1996**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash:</b>		
In the Hands of the Treasurer		284,520.50
In the Hands of Others:		
Highway Subsidy	3,432.96	
Road Agents Account	6,221.24	
Sewage Account	5,028.27	
Library Account	1,818.84	
Trustee's Account	3,123.93	
Total Other		19,625.24
<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>304,145.74</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>		
Town Building Capital Res.	28,169.01	
Town Equipment	7,667.01	
Sewage District	32,175.99	
Town Revaluation Capital Res	5,164.66	
Town Bridge Repair Cap Res	<u>5,164.66</u>	
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds</b>		<b>78,342.23</b>
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b>		
Levy of 1995 & Prior	28,422.60	
Sewer Rents, 1995 & Prior	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		28,422.60
<b>Uncollected Taxes - Levy of 1996</b>		
Property	122,173.66	
Resident	650.00	
Current Use	2000.00	
Yield	856.42	
Sewer Rents	<u>480.00</u>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		126,160.08
<b>Total Unredeemed and Uncollected Taxes</b>		<b>154,582.68</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ASSETS</b>		<b>458,728.42</b>
Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1996		39,555.71
Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 1995		70,259.91
Change in Financial Condition		(30,704.20)
(Decrease in Fund Balance)		

Financial Report Continued:

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Unexpended State Highway Subs Funds	2,153.48	
1996 Encumbered	.00	
School District Tax Payable	<u>388,677.00</u>	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		390,830.48
Capital Reserve Funds		
Town Building Capital Reserve	28,169.01	
Town Equipment	7,667.91	
Sewage District	32,175.99	
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve	5,164.66	
Town Bridge Repair Capital Reserve	<u>5,164.66</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		78,342.23
Total Liabilities		419,172.71
Fund Balance Current Surplus		<u>39,555.71</u>
GRAND TOTAL		458,728.42

**PAYMENTS**

General Government		
Town Officers' Salaries	16,114.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	14,882.64	
Election and Registration	3,163.77	
Tax Map	0.00	
Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	16,083.81	
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>20,000.00</u>	
Total General Governmental Expenses		70,244.22
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police	3,716.99	
Planning Board	743.26	
Fire, Incl. Forest Fire	11,078.98	
Insurance	13,599.00	
Dispatch	<u>1,685.83</u>	
Total Protection Expense		30,824.06
Health and Sanitation		
Health Including Hospitals	2,428.00	
Town Trash Removal & Recycling	<u>27,519.59</u>	
Total Health Expense		29,947.59
Highways and Bridges		



*Financial Report Continued:*

Town Maintenance	61,012.87	
Highway Subsidy	22,597.96	
Street Lighting	<u>3,409.25</u>	
Total Highways and Bridges Expenses		87,020.08
<b>Library</b>		13,000.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Town Poor	965.04	
Ambulance	8,973.66	
White Mtn.Mental Health	300.00	
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,000.00	
Community Action	<u>425.00</u>	
Total Public Welfare		11,663.70
<b>Patriotic - Memorial Day</b>		242.00
<b>Recreation</b>		1,143.74
<b>Cemeteries</b>		7,200.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>		
Damages, Legal & Dog Damages	7,547.43	
Taxes Bought by Town	66,343.22	
Other	<u>19,036.72</u>	
Total Unclassified Payments		95,927.37
<b>Interest</b>		373.97
<b>Indebtedness Payments</b>		
Temporary Loans	100,000.00	
Bonds and Term Notes	<u>14,526.90</u>	
Total Indebtedness Payments		114,526.90
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</b>		
County	69,702.00	
School District	<u>880,503.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>950,205.00</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<u>1,409,318.63</u>
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1995	365,855.30	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		1,695,204.71

*Financial Report Continued:*

**RECEIPTS**

From Local Taxes		
Property	942,200.74	
Resident	3,761.91	
Yield	15,435.32	
Current Use	13,000.00	
Interest and Costs	19,770.76	
Tax Sales Redeemed	78,904.43	
Penalties	<u>9.00</u>	
Total Collected		1,073,082.16
Recycling Fees and Sales		1,447.10
Block Grant-Highway Subsidy		22,597.96
From State		<u>22,075.79</u>
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	1,299.00	
Business Lic, Permits & Fees	1,063.82	
Rent of Town Property	520.00	
Sale of Town Property	5,149.65	
Interest on Deposits	9,893.18	
Income from Mutual Funds	18,068.22	
Motor Vehicle Registration	65,513.50	
Insurance Rebate	1,571.39	
Forestry Reimbursement	251.04	
Other	<u>6,816.60</u>	
		110,146.40
Receipts - Other Than Current Revenue		
Tax Anticipation Loan		100,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		1,329,349.41
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996		365,855.30
GRAND TOTAL		<u>1,695,204.71</u>

## TOWN CLERKS REPORT 1996

### SUBMITTED TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Registrations (945)	65,413.50
Motor Vehicle Titles (94)	102.00
Dog Licenses (94)	1,111.00
Fees, Penalties	188.00
Bad Check Fees	150.50
Other(Fees, Permits, Zoning Bks,etc.)	<u>97.00</u>
	67,062.00

REMINDER\*\*\*ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD ARE TO BE LICENSED.  
1997 TAGS ARE IN AND AVAILABLE NOW

### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1996

#### Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year\*\*:

Property Taxes		113,706.11
Resident Taxes		151.91
Land Use Change		00.00
Yield Taxes		1801.66
Utilities		189.70

#### Revenues Committed - This Year:

Property Taxes	956,845.69
Resident Taxes	4,440.00
Land Use Change	15,000.00
Yield Taxes	14,490.10
Utilities	8,330.00

#### Overpayment:

Property Taxes	500.07
Resident Taxes	0.00
Adjustment	00.00

Interest Coll. on Delinquent Tax	7,356.69
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	<u>12.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1,006,974.55</b>

115,849.38

\*\*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance.



*Tax Collectors Report Continued:*

**CREDITS**

**Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:**

Property Taxes	943,452.50
Resident Taxes	3,761.91
Land Use Taxes	13,000.00
Yield Taxes	15,435.34
Utilities	8,139.70
Interest	7,356.69
Penalties	12.00

**Abatements Made:**

Property Taxes	5,425.61
Resident Taxes	180.00

**Uncollected Rev. - End of Year**

Property Taxes	122,173.66
Resident Taxes	650.00
Land Use Change	2,000.00
Utilities	480.00
Yield Taxes	856.42

**TOTAL CREDITS** 1,122,923.83

**Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies**

Unredeemed Taxes: Bal. at Beg. of Fiscal Year	40,983.81
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	66,343.20
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	<u>11,157.30</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>118,484.31</b>

**CREDITS**

**Remittance to Treasurer:**

Redemptions	78,904.41
Interest/Costs (After Sale or Lien Execution)	11,157.30
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	00.00
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Sale/Lien	<u>28,422.60</u>

**TOTAL CREDITS** 118,484.31

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Taxes - Current Year

Property .....	833,639.30
Resident .....	3,660.00
Current Use.....	13,000.00
Yield .....	13,633.66
Penalties and Interest.....	3,380.49

### Taxes - Prior Years

Property .....	108,561.44
Interest on Property Tax .....	5,641.95
Resident .....	101.91
Resident Tax Penalties .....	9.00
Current Use.....	0.00
Yield Tax .....	1,801.66
Yield Tax Costs and Interest .....	49.02
Redemptions .....	78,904.43
Interest on Redemptions .....	10,699.30
Costs on Redemptions .....	0.00
Current Use Costs.....	0.00
Current Use Application Fees .....	0.00

### State and Federal

Revenue Distribution.....	22,075.79
Block Grant .....	22,597.96
FEMA and Emergency Money.....	5,651.00
Forestry.....	251.04

### Other Sources

Rent of Town Property .....	520.00
Motor Vehicles .....	65,513.50
Subdivision Fees.....	0.00
Dog Licenses and Fees .....	1,299.00
Pistol Permits.....	20.00
Recycling .....	1,447.10
Filing Fees .....	6.00
Clark Fund .....	18,068.22
Bad Check Penalties .....	141.50
Planning Board/ZBA Reimbursements .....	812.82
Zoning Permits and Fees .....	225.00

*Treasurer's Report Continued:*

Copier Fees .....	25.00
Interest .....	9,893.18
Library-Electricity .....	839.77
Insurance Rebate .....	1,571.39
Sale of Town Property.....	5,149.65
Tax Anticipation Note .....	100,000.00
Other .....	159.33
Total Receipts .....	1,329,349.41
Beginning Balance .....	<u>365,855.30</u>
Total .....	1,695,204.71
Less Expenditure.....	<u>1,409,318.63</u>
Balance, December 31, 1996 .....	285,886.08

James A. Lambert, Treas.;  
Town of Piermont



**STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN  
ON TREASURER**

**Town Officers' Salaries**

Jean D. Daley	Selectman	1,500.00	
Robert J. Lang	Selectman	1,500.00	
Dean W. Osgood	Selectman	1,187.50	
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves	Selectman	312.50	
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	4,602.00	
Suzanne Woodard	Asst. Town Clerk	636.00	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	4,576.00	
James Lambert	Tax Collector	800.00	
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	800.00	
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	50.00	
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	<u>150.00</u>	
Total			16,114.00

**Town Officers' Expenses**

Fletcher Printing	2,246.88
Dept. Agriculture	352.50
Federal Express	13.00
Five Star System	246.33
Gem Forms	797.67
Copiers	40.00
Jean Daley	689.12
Journal Opinion	47.25
Linda Lambert	627.33
James Lambert	49.95
Fred Shipman	345.86
Lance Osadchey, MD	182.00
Margate Resort	160.00
Martin Flag Co.	192.68
Business Mgt. Sys	688.60
Michie Butterworth	397.85
N E Micrographics	50.00
Balsams	374.80
Margaret R. Cleaves	63.85
NE Assoc. of Town Clerks	15.00
NET/AT&T	675.58
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks	55.00
NH Assessing Officials	70.00
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	115.00
NHMA	500.00

*Statement of Orders Continued:*

Norcross Office	76.75	
Pathlab Inc	29.00	
Postal Service-envelopes	541.60	
Registry of Deeds	371.17	
Robert Lang	366.47	
Suzanne Woodard	131.29	
Terry Robie.	150.00	
Tuck Press	129.00	
Trend Business Forms	99.91	
TwinState Typewriter	371.04	
U S Postal Svc	899.44	
UVLSRPC	580.00	
TwinState Type	312.32	
UNH Seminar	25.00	
Town Clerk Seminar	30.00	
Crossroads Pharmacy	5.00	
Wayne Godfrey	429.72	
Dean Osgood	7.50	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings	1,931.18	
Total		14,882.64

**Election and Registration**

Everett Jesseman	194.00
Charlotte Wilson	40.00
Charles Wilson	26.00
Lyla Misaraca	39.00
Lisa Misaraca	30.00
Suzanne Woodward	241.25
Irene Mitchell	30.00
Carlyle Meacham	254.00
Lou Hobbs	142.00
Kaye Burbank	45.50
Jim Lambert	82.50
Joanne Clogston	55.00
Mary Halloran	45.00
Nora Arpin	45.50
Chris Davidsonl	35.00
Arnold Shields	176.25
Priscilla Glidden	213.75
Doris Keniston	42.25
Russell Woodard	76.25
Dean Osgood	93.50
Four Corners Store	133.05

*Statement of Orders Continued:*

Linda Lambert	338.00	
Tuck Press	301.00	
Piermont Village School	38.50	
CPI-voter registration cards	28.57	
Fletcher Printing	60.95	
H M Atkins-voting sign	62.65	
WGSB	11.05	
Veja Jenks	257.25	
Ted Smith	26.00	
Total		3,163.77

**Town Buildings**

Perry's Oil	Repair	253.59	
Perry's Oil	Town Hall-prepay	1,534.15	
Perry's Oil	Church Bldg-prepay	1200.86	
Perry's Oil	Church Bldg.	436.12	
CVEC	Town Bldg	2,333.24	
CVEC	Town Hall	335.77	
John Metcalf	Labor	1,789.88	
WGSB	FICA	145.69	
Oakes Bros., Inc.	Materials	8.88	
Sewage District	Sewer Charge	1,320.00	
Jim French	Well Hookup	3,026.86	
Jim French	Maintenance	200.77	
Sargent Artesian Wells	Artesian Well	3,080.00	
Tuck Press	Notice	43.00	
Rodimon Excavating	Maintenance	310.00	
Robert Lang	Labor	65.00	
Total			16,083.81

Restoration of Town Records 992.00

**Police Department**

Four Corners Store	35.03	
Oakes Bros.	73.11	
Road Tech Mfg.	108.85	
W. R. Deal	3,500.00	
Total		3,716.99

**Planning and Zoning Boards**

UVLSRPC	90.00	
Journal Opionion	245.25	



*Statement of Orders Continued:*

Helga Mueller		125.00	
Gnomon Copy		84.38	
Gardner & Fulton		116.63	
NHMA		10.00	
Postmaster		8.00	
Registry of Deeds		52.00	
Office of State Planning		12.00	
Total			743.26
<b>Fire Department</b>			
Al Stevens	Fire Warden & Training	156.65	
Advanced Fire	Testing	78.00	
Battery Network	Battery	34.20	
B&S Industries	Gloves	257.44	
CVEC	electricity	876.00	
Conn. Radio	Pagers	1,605.00	
Conway Assoc.	Supplies	338.62	
David "Tim" Cole	Fire Chief Salary	600.00	
Don's Auto	Repairs/Inspections	1,067.38	
Fairlee F.D.	Compressor	250.00	
Farmway	Mittens	32.40	
Fire Protection Pub	Publication	18.00	
Four Corners Service	Gasoline	230.24	
Greenwood Fire App		76.64	
Jeff's Equipment	Inspection-Forestry Truck	51.00	
MiniMart	Diesel Fuel	12.90	
Merriam Graves	oxygen	111.94	
NET/AT&T	telephone	447.83	
Oakes Bros..	Ladder	174.00	
Fire Dept.	Payroll	2476.00	
Payroll Taxes	FICA	219.72	
Perry's Oil	prepay fuel	867.90	
R&R Commun	Contract	360.00	
Shur Auto Parts	Parts	68.42	
Wayne Godfrey	Battery	44.25	
Twin State Mutual Aid	Fire School	60.00	
Twin State MutualAid	Dues	200.00	
UVRESA	Dues	50.00	
UVA	BP Cuffs	314.45	
Total			11,078.98

*Statement of Orders Continued:*

**Insurance**

N.H.M.A.	8,438.00	
River Valley Ins..	615.00	
CFNH-W.C.	<u>4,546.00</u>	
Total		13,599.00

**Solid Waste Disposal**

Floyd Marsh	3,330.00	
CVEC	258.12	
Conn. Valley Trucking	200.00	
Oakes Bros	35.97	
Paul Pushee	93.75	
Robert Lang	164.48	
Jim French	115.76	
Waste Mgt. NH	20,356.60	
Wayne Godfrey	2,010.75	
Don's Auto.	132.00	
David Cole	384.38	
Fortunati Welding	120.50	
NH State Treasurer	25.00	
WGSB	206.40	
John Metcalf	<u>85.88</u>	
Total		27,519.59

Dispatch Service		1,685.83
Visiting Nurse.Alliance of VT & NH		2,428.00
White Mountain Mental Health		300.00
Ambulance Service		8,973.66
Highway Department		
Payroll	25,164.59	
Expenses	35,848.28	
Total		61,012.87
Street Lights		3,409.25
Highway Subsidy		22,597.96
Welfare		965.04
Community Action Outreach		425.00
Grafton Senior Citizen Council		1,000.00
Memorial Day		
Wreaths	42.00	
Lyme Town Band	<u>200.00</u>	
Total		242.00

*Statement of Orders Continued:*

Recreation Field & Swimming Pool

K&L Portable Toilets	240.00	
John Metcalf	614.30	
Robert Lang.	199.00	
WGSB	7.65	
Oakes Bros.	41.04	
Pierson's	23.66	
NH Dept. of Environmental Serv	<u>18.00</u>	
Total		1,143.74

Cemeteries		10,300.00
Damages & Legal Expense		7,547.43
Contingency Fund		234.00
Miscellaneous Unclassified Expense		5,479.68
Temporary Loans-Interest		373.97
Fire Truck Payment		14,526.90
County Tax		69,702.00
School District		880,503.00
Library		13,000.00



## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

### Regular Account - 1996 Highway Expenditures

<b>Labor</b>		
Chris Davidson	7,953.75	
Bruce Towle	5,226.38	
Jeff Huntington	3,700.00	
Philip Davidson	1,539.00	
Peter Mazzilli, Sr.	4,630.50	
Chad Pierson	857.52	
Robert Valliant	174.25	
Robert Lang	250.00	
Cost of Labor	833.19	
		25,164.59
<b>Equipment</b>		
C. M. Davidson, Inc.	10,538.49	
P.F.Mazzilli & Son	8,174.90	
Rodimon Excav.	1,313.00	
Northland.	3,482.50	
Bill Cassidy Crane Service	280.00	
Tool Barn	180.00	
		23,968.89
<b>Overhead:</b>		
Town Garage	550.10	
Repairs & Maintenance	875.71	
Fuel and Oil	976.64	
		2,402.45
<b>Aggregates:</b>		
Cargill	2,439.70	
Hilltop Sand & Gravel	2,527.00	
W. T. Supply	154.10	
		5,120.80
<b>Supplies:</b>		
Tilcon	1,475.26	
Kibby's	748.12	
Daniels Communications	595.90	
Oakes Bros.	736.00	
Misc.	800.86	
		4,356.14
TOTAL BUDGET	61,000.00	
Total Expended 1996	<u>61,012.87</u>	
Over Run	12.87	

Road Agent's Report Continued:

SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

Equipment Lease:

Bill Cassidy Crane Service	560.00
C.M.Davidson, Inc.	9,238.50
Peter Mazzilli & Son, Inc.	3,884.00
Rodimon Escavation	810.00

Aggregates:

Martin	2,251.08
Hilltop	1,274.00
Cargill Salt	792.90
GraniteState Mineral	1,197.11

Pavement:

Blaktop	404.48
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Town Garage

Electric and Heat	242.78
Fuel and Oil	125.99
Repairs and Maintenance	687.14

Supplies:

Work Safe	168.00
Tilcon	1,589.50
Calcium Chloride	867.08
Oakes	864.61
Giddings Mfg. Co., Inc.	422.39
Misc.	715.92
	26,095.48

Budget 1996	22,597.96
Income (FEMA) Dec. 1995 disaster	5,651.00

Total Budget	28,248.96
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Net:	Surplus 2,153.48
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## Road Agent Annual Report - 1996

1996 was a rough start to a new Road Agent. Rain seemed to dominate from March through July, which leads to obvious problems. Then dry until November, then mixed precipitation throughout most of the winter. It is difficult to predict the correct procedures to stay ahead of the weather. I would like to thank Peter Mazzilli, Sr., Frank Rodimon, and others who expressed positive opinions as to the course of action to take. We made it through the year with only 7 complaints, 4 of which required action.

My short and long term goals were put on hold after the abutment failure of the Cole Hill bridge. Although I did expect to do some minor work to this bridge, the high water and freeze-thaw action behind the abutment broke off a portion of the rubble masonry structure forcing a major project. We consequently removed the old abutments, poured two footings and stacked concrete cubes for abutments. We reused the existing deck and steel stringers and would recommend that a six ton limit will still be active for this bridge. I hope to meet with State of New Hampshire personnel to start a comprehensive bridge maintenance program for the other existing structures.

In going back to the drawing board, I have started a short and long term goal approach to the infrastructure of Piermont. With obvious and expected budget limitations, my approach is to construct and/or reconstruct our highways and bridges in phases. My intent is to obtain designs to insure a long term life of the structure (road or bridge). Due to mother nature, beavers, logging operations and new residences within the town. etc..., sometimes a "quick fix" is necessary. My philosophy, however, is to stay away from putting a "band-aid on a bullet wound". I started by rating the roads on a scale of 1...10 as far as sub base, drainage, pavement etc. For the bridges, I use the reports from the New Hampshire D.O.T. I compare this data with the average daily traffic and determine where and what actions to take.

An example of phase construction, for instance, would be the reconstruction and realignment of Lily Pond:

Phase I: Excavation, solid rock removal, gravel placement to areas outside of paved portions.

Phase II: Reconstruction of first 1,250 feet.

Phase III : Pave base on first 1,250 feet.

Phase IV: Reconstruct second 1,250 feet.

Phase V: Pave base on the second 1,250 feet.

Phase VI: Reconstruct third 1,250 feet.

Phase VII: Pave base on the third 1,250 feet.

Phase VIII: Reconstruct remainder of Lily Pond.

Phase IX: Pave base on remainder of Lily Pond.

Phase X: Pave wear course on all of Lily Pond.

As shown in the example, Lily Pond could take ten years or more to complete. This will



As shown in the example, Lily Pond could take ten years or more to complete. This will bring into play the inconveniences of construction, as well as the perception of my road" is worse than "his road," so your patience as well as ideas and constructive opinions are greatly appreciated. I ultimately work for you the townspeople. So please feel free to call or pull me aside to give me your ideas.

My 1997 plans are as follows:

- 1 ) Phase I of Lily Pond (reconstruct outside of paved portions)
- 2) Phase I - Indian Pond Road (blast for sub-grade on dirt portion)
- 3) Possible installation of structure to replace Rodimon Bridge; and
- 4) Skim-pave portions of Indian Pond.

I request the sum of sixty one thousand dollars (\$61,000.00) for 1997 highway expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Davidson  
Road Agent, Town of Piermont

**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT**

**Financial Reports - 1996 Receipts:**

Interest on checking account	100.59	
Rents & Interest Collected	8,080.97	
NHMBB Note	22,650.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>30,831.56</b>

**Cash on Hand January 1, 1996** 5,298.00

**Payments:**

John Metcalf	Labor	1,518.50
John Metcalf	Supplies	80.14
WGSB	FICA Expense	139.09
Bradford WWTF	Testing	905.00
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	1,355.00
CVEC	Electricity	271.17
Shur Auto	Parts	7.14
Lavoie Pools	Calcium	484.65
Waste, Inc.		519.48
NHMBB Fee		1,003.00
Devine Millemet & Branch	Legal Expense	595.47
River Valley Inc.	Insurance	100.00
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	150.00
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	150.00
Miscellaneous		0.00
F.H.A. Loan & Interest		23,819.35

**Total Payments** 31,100.99  
**Cash on Hand December 31, 1996** 5,028.57

**Sewage Department - 1997 Budget**

**Operation & Maintenance:**

Operating Supplies	400.00
Electricity	300.00
Operator's Salary	1500.00
FICA Expense	130.00
Waste Water Testing	900.00
Insurance	100.00
Bookkeeping	150.00
Tax Collector	150.00
Pumping Tanks	<u>1500.00</u>
Subtotal	5,130.00
Long Term Debt-NHMBB	<u>702.00</u>
<b>Total Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>5,832.00</b>

**Sewage Fees for 1997:**

Long Term Debt: 37 Units at \$100	3,700.00
Operation & Maintenance: 32.25 Units at \$119.00	<u>3,837.75</u>

**Total Sewage Fees** 7,537.75

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY Financial Report- 1996**

Balance December 31, 1995		100.00
Memorials & Trust Funds - Interest		
Matoon Funds	2,351.25	
Vanguard	239.93	
Memorials	918.44.	
Accounts Receivable	196.20	
Library Services	883.43	
Projects/Programs	721.70	
Officer Supplies/Postage	2631.08	
Bank interest	58.13	
Use of Facilities.	700.00	
Run, Jump& Read	800.00	
Annual Fund Raiser	1,265.00	
Art Show: Sales/Admis.	442.40	
Encumbered Funds	1,615.59	
Town Appropriation	<u>13,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>25,823.15</u>
Total Cash		25,923.15

**Recapitulation**

Income	25,923.15
Expenses	24,381.37
Balance	1541.78

Invested Funds	-1,093.47
Encumbered	-448.31

**Balance as of December 31, 1996** 0.00

<u>EXPENDITURES - 1996</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Acct. Balance</u>
Employee Expenses	8994	9308.96	-314.96
Library Services	6125	5101.78	1023.22
Office Expense	2200	4271.22	-2071.22
Maintenance	1546	1456.50	89.50
Programs & Mileage	900	1158.96	-258.96
Utilities	2350	2388.27	-38.27
Professional Development	440.00	130.32	309.68
Misc. Expenditures	145	65.36	79.64
Memorial Investment	0	500.00	-500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22700</b>	<b>24381.37</b>	<b>-1681.37</b>



**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 12/31/96**

INVESTED FUNDS INTEREST:

FUND/RECEIPTS:		EXPENDED	BALANCE
MATOON:	2351.25	\$1531.00	\$9820.25
VANGUARD :	239.93	164.85	75.08
MEMORIALS & GIFTS:	918.44	720.50	198.14
TOTAL:	\$3509.62	\$2416.15	\$1093.47

(30% Total Library Services Account Expended)

**PIERMONT LIBRARY BUILDING FUND:**

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank Statement:

12/31/96 Balance of Account: \$5181.76

## LIBRARY STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN

### EXPENDITURES:

<u>Vendor:</u>	<u>Total Expended:</u>
AT&T S	65.44
Abby Greenleaf Library	10.00
Audio Editions	115.74
Betty Balch	100.00
Barbara Bellows	60.00
Ken Bergstrom	198.00
Book of the Month Club	275.00
Books on Cassette	115.74
Brodart Company	1701.92
Suzanne Brown	156.04
Chapman's Books	40.85
Children's Book Review	12.90
Columbia House Video Club	166.31
Consumer Education Research	22.95
Consumer Reports	24.00
Copiers, Etc.	361.00
Crafters Choice	76.61
Dartmouth Bookstore	630.36
Christa Davis	74.40
Demco	114.65
Carrena Dube	35.95
Helen Elder	4.80
Ernestine Fadden	325.00
Family Bookshelf	53.37
Family Fun	14.97
Gaylord Bros.	67.44
General Book Covers	19.20
Mary Green	50.00
Betty Hall	28.00
Lloyd Hall	41.60
Haverhill Library Assoc.	98.00
Health Magazine	12.00
Higgins Hook Co.	158.75
Highsmith Inc.	67. S4
Journal Opinion	15.00
Junior Library Guild	249.00
Kopy King Printing	51.00
George Krajeski	25.00
Robert Lang	87.50
Leisure Arts	23.90
Alden Letchuck	25.00
Librarians of Upper Valley	106.00
Library Store, Inc.	91.60
McCalls Magazine	9.97
Alex Medlicott	40.00

Micro Marketing Assoc.	98.65
Lila Misuraca	29.30
Money Book Club	25.98
Mother Earth News	19.95
Helga Mueller	165.92
Mystery Guild	155.28
Nat' l. Wildlife Federation	18.45
N. H. Librarian's Assoc.	10.00
N. H. M. A. Property Insurance	72.00
NYNEX	569.66
Norwich Bookstore	59.16
Angela Oakes	20.00
Jane Oakee	16.00
Heidi Osgood	16.00
Paige Computer Services	2775.80
Penworthy Media Service	239.32
Perry's Oil Service, Inc.	650.29
Piermont Carpet Cleaning	972.00
Popular Subscriptions	170.48
Carol Priestly	25.92
Quality Paperback Bookclub	37.58
Ivy Schweitzer	141.10
Seventeen Magazine	16.95
V. Spiller	72.00
Dorothy Stapleton	10.00
Strand Bookstore	44.47
Story Communications, Inc.	22.85
Time-Life Education	96.22
Town of Piermont/Selectmen	1099.88
Twin State Typewriter, Inc.	25.70
Nancy Underhill	6010.20
U. S. Postal Service	308.06
Nancy Underhill	6010.20
Elizabeth Trussell	2553.54
WGSB-FICA	655.13
Vanguard Group	500.00
John Wade Publishers	7.50
Katherine Wescott	90.00
H. W. Wilson Co.	118.00
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	52.96

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS OF 12/61/96: \$24981.37



## 1996 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The Piermont Public Library serves the residents of the Town of Piermont as both a public library and an elementary school library. We provide popular materials, fiction and nonfiction books; video and audio tapes, both abridged and unabridged; and magazines for all residents, while supporting the formal education of the K-8 grades and providing a wide variety of materials for pre-schoolers. The library also maintains reference materials and sponsors programs and activities for the Piermont community.

The library trustees at year end are: Helga Mueller, Chairman; Marian Shields, Kay Wescott; Lydia Hill, Anna Fishman; Kelly Fitzpatrick; and George Smith. The librarian is Nancy Underhill, and the assistant librarian is Elizabeth Trussell.

The year saw the resignations of trustees Linda Lambert, and John Monaghan. Thanks for to both for their devoted service to the library. To fill the vacancies, the Selectmen have appointed Anna Fishman and George Smith.

With the passing of Helen Underhill, the library lost one of its most devoted supporters. Mrs. Underhill had served as a trustee of the library board for over 40 years.

During the year we have added many fine books, videos, and audio tapes to our collection, based on what you, our patrons, are borrowing and requesting. Many books have been donated by some of our patrons, for which we are very grateful. Please note, that any materials not on our shelves can be requested and obtained within a week through our computerized inter-library loan system.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, and a donation in memory of former trustee, Myron M. Mueller, we moved into the 21st century with the purchase of a new computer which replaced our ancient Rainbow computer. The new computer enables the library to produce their own catalogue cards (a service that was discontinued abruptly by the N.H. State Library); provide Internet capability and access to electronic encyclopediae. In the future we hope to develop our own Web page and E-Mail address.

In order to provide better service to our patrons there was a change in library hours. the library is now open Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; with Sunday hours from 1-3 p.m.

**Programs for all ages** - During the year we held 4 book discussions: In January N.H. author, Alan Lelchuk, discussed his book "Playing the Game". A series of 3 book discussions in January, February, and March was sponsored by the N.H. Council for the Humanities, with scholars leading discussions on Wharton's "Summer", Freeman's "Pembroke. and Gardner's "October Light". We once again sponsored a six-session Summer Reading program, run by library volunteer, Carol Priestley, and trustee, Lydia Hill. We also had a three-session Story Teller Program; a spring flower identification program led by Sarah Schwaegler; and a Book Fair featuring Dorling Kindersley books.

**Fundraising** - Since the taxpayer portion of the 1996 library budget covered just 57% of the actual cost of operating the library, the balance 43% had to be made up from our trust funds (approximately \$2,000) and other fundraising efforts by the Trustees including the annual fundraising letter to our patrons; used book sales; Run and Read, a school-library activity, which raises funds to buy library books for school-age children; the annual Art Show and Sale; and memorial gifts.

Building Fund- Our building fund, started in 1993, for a new or renovated library building, currently contains approximately \$5,149 . Contributing to this fund are proceeds from our annual Art Show and Sale and our "Let Mr. Lincoln build you a new library" pennies, and any memorial gifts so specified. We hope with this building fund to be able to contribute matching funds in case grants for building or expansion become available. As all our patrons know, the present library building, which we share with the Town Offices, is very cramped and more space for our collection and a meeting room are desperately needed. At the March Town Meeting, two articles were on the warrant to move the library to the "Old Church Building" which were passed over on the recommendation of the trustees until the Selectmen have obtained a structural engineering study and cost estimates to renovate the building. The Library Board of Trustees is in favor of such a move provided the town renovates the building to the satisfaction and approval of the Board and staff. Librarian Nancy Underhill is opposed to such a move. She feels that the building does not meet the space requirements of the library, leaves no room for future expansion, and would present a serious parking problem. Her view as to the unsuitability of the Old Church Building for a library is supported by a consultant for the New Hampshire State Library. The trustees are in the process of establishing a building committee. Any resident interested in serving on this committee, please contact the library.

We thank all our volunteers and trustees without whom the library cannot function. It is thanks to the volunteers and trustees that the library is open on Sunday afternoon.

We thank the community for their generous response to our fundraising letter, and all those who donated books to the library. We also accept donations to buy books in memory of a loved one, ranging from single books to perpetual memorial funds. Some memorial funds already established , and supplying the library with income from interest payments, are the Barker Fund, established in memory of Bill and Gladys Barker; two Haddow Funds, one in memory of Lt. James Haddow, the other in memory of Bruce Haddow; the Smith Fund, in memory of Floyd Smith; the Wilson Fund, in memory of James Wilson; and the Underhill Fund, in memory of Helen Underhill.

**1997 programs** - We hope to have a series of three book discussions in February, March, and April, and a contra dance on Valentine's Day. Our Annual Art Show and Sale is scheduled for August 9 and 10. Our used book sales will take place on the weekends of Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and Columbus Day. We hope , you will attend some of our programs.

Our library hours are :Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m.. Call the library any time during these hours at 272-4967. If requested, the librarian or trustees will deliver to anyone unable to get to the library.

Circulation	Adult Fiction	Nonfiction	Easy/Junior	Paperbacks
1996 Town	1846	1004	2043	82
1996 School	169	457	2213	43
		Magazines	Videos	Tapes
1996 Town		436	1292	343
1996 School		172	11	43



PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROPOSED BUDGET 1997

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>BUDGET 1996</u>	<u>BUDGET 1997</u>
<u>Employee Expenses:</u>		
Salary/S. S. /Med.	\$ 8994.00	\$ 9000.00
<u>Library Services:</u>	6125.00	5775.00
Books/Rental	600.00	1300.00
Books-Purchased	4000.00	3000.00
Mag/Newspapers	525.00	525.00
Media/Tapes&Videos	1000.00	950.00
<u>Programs/Projects:</u>	900.00	1000.00
Programs	800.00	800.00
Travel	100.00	200.00
<u>Office Expenses:</u>	2200.00	2600.00
Supplies: Copier	250.00	150.00
Office	400.00	400.00
Computer	200.00	200.00
Postage/Petty Cash	250.00	200.00
Equipment: Computer		
Contract	0.00	200.00
Bookshelves/Misc.	250.00	500.00
Copier	0.00	950.00
<u>Maintenance:</u>	1546.00	1800.00
Insurance	200.00	300.00
Cleaning Services	1296.00	1400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	50.00
Snow Removal		50.00
<u>Utilities:</u>	2350.00	2970.00
Electricity	700.00	800.00
Fuel Oil	1100.00	1100.00
Telephone	550.00	700.00
Internet&		
Telephone Install.		370.00
<u>Professional Dev.:</u>	440.00	700.00
Workshops	250.00	350.00
Travel	100.00	200.00
Dues/Fees	90.00	150.00
<u>Misc. Expenses:</u>	145.00	140.00
Checking Acct. Chgs.	5.00	0.00
Advertising	100.00	100.00
Box Rentals	40.00	40.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$22700.00</b>	<b>\$24885.00</b>
<u>Town Assessment:</u>	<u>\$ 13000.00</u>	<u>\$16000.00</u>
<u>Library Income :</u>	<u>9700.00</u>	<u>8885.00</u>



## POLICE REPORT 1996

Police activity in 1996 showed little change from preceding years. Actually, crime was down -there were fewer burglaries-and also fewer alarms. Here I refer to burglar and intrusion alarm - these are usually false alarms-which lead to a totally inappropriate sense of security on my part. They all have to be investigated and this should be done with appropriate caution. I like to think that this decrease is due to the fact that all alarms are heeded. When I arrive I may see no one about, but this does not mean that someone doesn't see me. But it is probably due to the fact that the few installations have been upgrading them. There is another type of "alarm" about which you should know. It is part of the statewide enhanced "9-1-1-". If you call 9-1-1 and then hang up the operator will know where the call came from, but she will not know why you hung up. she will try to call back to find out, but in any case that call will be investigated in person by a police officer. It could be me- it could be state police. Why all this fuss - it might be a child playing or a mistake or it could mean someone had ripped the phone out. We have to know. I hope you understand. One item is up, and that is car versus deer collisions. There was even one with a moose. At very low speed, fortunately for both. there is not much you can do. With deer they sometimes actually jump on your car. About the only defense is an awareness of known deer crossing and good insurance. The little deer whistles that mount on the grill actually do work sometime - enough to justify the small cost - but they do break easily and also plug with snow. Moose are worse. a small car hitting a moose will often kill the car occupants and-in the split seconds left you will never even know what happened! We now have "Moose Crossing" signs on Route 25C.

We are asking for more money this year. \$8,000, to be exact. Why? The burden of police work is getting to be more than one person can or should try to handle, especially as that one person - myself--persists in getting older all the time. We do have an applicant for a part time officer who has 31 years of experience with the Vermont Dept. of Corrections, having retired with the rank of chief of Security for Vermont's northeast division (based in St. Johnsbury). Initially we will need to buy for his use the needed police equipment-radio, strobe lights, etc., etc. Hopefully a one time charge, although these things do wear out and need maintenance. He will supply his own vehicle on a per mile basis and work on an hourly basis. He will be covered by the usual Town insurance.

As well as assisting me we are planning to have him do some routine patrol activities. It is a need that has existed for some time and I feel that his offer arrived at a most opportune time. He will take the usual "part-time" police officer course (supplied by Police Standards and Training) after which he will be duly certified by the State. I don't know how our budget will run in coming years-there will be many variables-but it will never again be as low as it was in past years. What is his name? John Metcalf, if you had not already guessed.

Another item. We now have a legal mutual aid police agreement with Orford. This will not add to our budget but it means that we can call on Orford for emergency police assistance - and they on us as well - all within the framework of the Law. It is a good feeling.

I have given up asking people to lock their cars and homes when they are away. It does no good. However, an unlocked door is simply an invitation to unwanted visitors. There

are people who will always try a door knob out of curiosity. If it opens they enter, maybe just to look around and leave, harming nothing. Or they may take everything. But if the door is locked, they will just try the next house. They open car doors as well, and have been known to leave with the car. Please be more careful. And - lastly - if you are burgled please call us before you start cleaning up the mess. We and/or State Police will want to take pictures. Remember-once a a piece of evidence has been moved it is no longer evidence.

And finally our continued thanks to the Grafton County Sheriff's Dept. for their continuing firearms certification and continuing education courses which make it possible for the continued existence of the smaller departments.

Respectfully,  
William R. Deal, Chief

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 1996

1996 was a relatively quiet year for the Fire Department. Car accidents were up from years in the past. Because of a wet spring and summer grass fire didn't happen.

Engine 2 is now 17 years old. The rear springs had to be replaced with new ones because one was broken. This was not an expected repair. Four new pagers were purchased for members. This year we plan to buy five more. Hopefully next year we will have all new pagers. As with everything, new is always better. It just takes time to get it.

Also this year we have to update some of our protective clothing. Requirements for Fire Dept. protective clothing are always changing we, as a small department, are barely able to keep up with the changes. Face shields on the helmets will also be replaced.

We seem to have a decrease in the number of chimney fires that we used to have in years past. Those of you who do burn wood must be doing something right. If you think you are having a chimney fire, some things to look for are aloud rumbling noise in the area of the chimney and the stove pipe may get red hot. Shut all air vents off to the stove and call the Fire Dept. Portable room or space heaters and other heating equipment are one of the major causes of home fires.

The Fire Dept. is a service to protect you and your property. If you need our service, call us.

As with all volunteer organizations, we are always looking for more people and if you have a child that is at least 13 years old, he or she are more than welcomed to join the Junior Firefighter Program.

Have a fire safe year.  
Tim Cole  
Fire Chief



**PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, 1997**

Telephone .....	500.00
Heat .....	1000.00
Electricity .....	850.00
Gasoline.....	400.00
Payroll .....	2400.00
Chief's Salary.....	600.00
Forestry .....	500.00
Twin State Mutual Aid .....	300.00
UVRESA .....	50.00
Radio Repairs .....	650.00
Truck Supplies and Repairs.....	1500.00
Air Compressor.....	250.00
Training .....	250.00
<b>New Equipment:</b>	
Protective clothing.....	1500.00
Pagers .....	2100.00
Sub-Total .....	12,850.00

**PROPOSED FAST SQUAD BUDGET**

Training .....	1000.00
Radio .....	500.00
Supplies .....	500.00
Sub-Total .....	2,000.00
Total.....	14850.00

**FIRE CALLS 1996**

1/7	Fire Alarm-school	2/14	Mutual Aid to Bradford
1/20	Plugged Chimney	2/24	Mutual Aid to Bradford
1/20	Wood Stove Problem	3/4	Mutual Aid to Bradford
1/20	Car Accident (Rt 25)	11/19	Car Accident (Rt 25C)
1/23	Car Accident (Rt 10)	11/19	Car Accident (Rt 10)
2/3	Station Coverage-Haverhill Corner	11/25	Car Accident (Rt 10)
2/5	Furnace Problem	11/29	Car Accident (Rt 25C)
2/5	Partition Fire	12/5	Car Fire (River Road)
2/11	Car Accident (Rt 10)		
2/11	Chimney Problem		
	<b>Total Calls</b>		<b>19</b>



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1996

During 1996, Piermont implemented E 9-1-1. This not only assures fast response to any emergency, it meant that all Piermont residences now have a Piermont address! This avoids a lot of confusion. We are indebted to Mary Halloran, who put in many hours gathering all the necessary information, and to Gloria Randall and Linda Lambert, who both contributed much effort to this endeavor. Thank you all, very much!

There was a lot of downed timber on the Town Glebe Lot from the high winds last year. We arranged to have it removed, both to clean up the mess and to keep it from rotting. The Town received \$5,049.65 from this operation. Due to the uncertainty of the future of the Old Church Building and its water supply, which serves the fire station and town offices, we had an artesian well drilled behind the selectmen's office. It supplies both the fire department and the town office/library building. We were fortunate to get 75 gpm!

We continue to benefit from our participation in the Municipal Association's insurance trust. The rates are lower than the private sector, and we continue to receive reimbursements on our premiums.

The lawsuit that had been filed by Barbara Veghte Fowler and Richard Fowler was decided in favor of the towns. Their appeal has been denied, so it is no longer an issue. There remains the suit against Piermont for not plowing Cole Hill. That should be decided in 1997. Our insurance carrier is reimbursing the Town for our legal fees defending the suit.

The dump closure proceeds slowly. The water table is still being monitored with good results. The Upper Valley Land Trust continued going forward in the purchase of the Lake Tarleton property, with much support from both government and private individuals.

As you look through this town report, pay attention to the names of all the volunteers who serve on so many boards and committees. Is your name there? Is there any board or committee that you would be interested in joining? Please let us know!

Finally - we welcomed Dean Osgood to the Board in March. We hope he's enjoying the challenges as much as we enjoy having him with us!

Jean D. Daley  
Chairman

## PIERMONT PLANNING BOARD

Meetings of the Board are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village School. The members of the Board at year end were:

Peter LaBounty, Chairman	Suzanne Woodard
Kay Wescott, Vice Chairman	Robert Michenfelder
Jean Daley, Ex-officio	Fred Shipman
Dean Osgood, alternate ex-officio	Thomas Stevens

Secretary to the Board is Helga Mueller

During the year Frank Rodimon, Jr. and alternate ex-officio Margaret Ritchie Cleaves left the Board. Thanks go to both of them for their service on the Board. The Selectmen appointed Thomas Stevens as a regular member of the Board. Dean Osgood joined the Board as the alternate ex-officio member. At year end, there were no alternate members of the Board. Anyone interested in serving as an alternate may apply to the selectmen.

The following actions were taken by the Board during 1996:

**Master Plan** - The Board completed work, started in 1994, on a Housing Section, and at a public hearing on May 15, 1996, voted to adopt the Housing Section and to incorporate it into the Piermont Master Plan. The Land Use Section of the Master Plan was adopted in 1991; sections on Transportation, Utility and Public Service, Community Facilities, and Conservation and Preservation still remain to be formulated. In 1996 the Board began work on developing a Transportation policy.

**Review of checklists** - The Board reviewed and revised checklists for applications for lot line adjustment, minor and major subdivision, to conform to Piermont Subdivision regulations.

The board is also in the process of reviewing provisions of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and site plan review regulations of other N.H. towns.

**Planning Board approvals granted in 1996**-The following applications were approved: Two (2) lot line adjustments on Indian Pond Road by William and Janet Hamilton; a 2-lot subdivision on Church Street by Lawrence and Nancy Underhill; a request by John McLanahan of the River's Edge Subdivision for a three (3) year extension of time to complete improvements as specified in the 1988 subdivision approval; a 3-lot subdivision on Route 25C by Brad and Mary Simpson; two (2) lot line adjustments on Route 25C by Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation; a lot line adjustment on Route 10 by Cindy Jackson (this approval was cancelled at the request of the applicant); and a request for an excavation permit on property off 25C by George Smith.

**Other actions of the Board** - Informal discussions were held during the year on the following requests: A request by Peter Mazzilli for a lot line adjustment or voluntary merger at the Grandview Acres Subdivision, and a request by Cindy Jackson for a 2-lot subdivision on Route 10. At year end applications on these requests had not been filed.

Peter LaBounty, Chairman



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices. The members of the Commission are: Helga Mueller, Chairman; David Ritchie; Don Smith; Ernest Hartley; Eric Underhill, Bill Daley; and Robert A. Michenfelder.

As of December 31, 1996, the Town's Conservation Fund contained \$3, 218.14. During the year the following monies were deposited into the Fund: \$1,300 from the Town as our share of a change of land use penalty, and \$504 as our share of profits from logging on town-owned land. Expenditures included \$240 for a campership, and \$20 for the purchase of a tree. The Underhill Canoe Site Fund, earmarked for the upkeep of the Underhill Canoe Campsite, as of December 31, 1996, was \$2,451.93.

The most exciting conservation event in 1996 occurred when Piermont voters at Town Meeting voted in favor of allowing the White Mountain National Forest to extend its boundary, which will enable the Forest Service to purchase approximately 3900 acres of land around lakes Tarleton, Armington, Katherine, and Constance from the Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation to become a part of the White Mountain National Forest. Thanks to the efforts of the Trust for Public Lands, a national land conservation organization, several local land conservation organizations, and the efforts of our New Hampshire legislators in Washington and Concord, Congress allocated \$1.6 million of federal funds toward the \$4.225 million needed to complete the purchase, with the balance \$2.62 million to hopefully come from the 1998 federal budget.

The Trust for Public Lands also holds options on most of the already subdivided lots on the western shore of Lake Tarleton owned by Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation.

One of these lots on the western end of the lake which contains a beach area and an existing building is being considered as a site for a state park under legislation introduced at year end by State Senator Ned Gordon.

Your Conservation Commission supports the efforts to conserve these still pristine sites for the enjoyment of the public for fishing, swimming, hiking, and other outdoor recreational activities. Public ownership would permanently protect the watersheds, forest resources, and abundant wildlife, and in the words of commission member Robert Michenfelder: " would preserve the area as God intended it to be".

Other activities during the year included:

Underhill Canoe Campsite and Sarah Moore Canoe Access - Both of these sites continue to be popular with the public. They are maintained by the Commission and are open from May 1 to November 1.

Construction of trails on Town-owned property on Bedford Road - Commission members toured this site with Grafton County forester, Northam Parr, and drafted a plan for the property to be presented to the voters at the 1997 Town Meeting. A warrant



article on the 1996 Town Warrant regarding selective cutting and construction of trails had been passed over at the request of the Commission to allow for further study.

Tree planting - To commemorate Arbor Day, the Commission donated an apple tree which was planted at the Village School and was dedicated in memory of long-time conservationist, Helen Underhill.

Conservation Camp - The Commission sponsored Eddie Green to attend the 4-H Bear Hill Conservation Camp at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, N.H.. for a week in August.

Meetings and Workshops - During the year commission members attended the Annual N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions meeting in Concord, and a number of workshops on forest resources, wetlands, streambank erosion control, and aquifer protection.

Natural Resource Inventory - Work on this project is on-going.

Wetlands Board Eliminated - Governor Merrill signed into law a bill that transferred permit authority from the Wetlands Board to the Department of Environmental Services. Application hearings on projects involving wetland resources will be handled by Wetlands Bureau staff and permits will be issued by the Department. While the change will affect the review process within the Wetlands Bureau, it will not affect the processing of permit applications at the town level.

During the year members of the Commission assisted townspeople with a variety of conservation concerns regarding conservation easements, applications to the Wetlands Bureau, and logging activities.

As always we welcome your participation, ideas, and suggestions.

Helga Mueller, Chairman

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1996

During 1996, there was one hearing, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action</u>
10/17	Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank Approved	Variance	Sign	

Fred Shipman, Chairman

## PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society was founded in 1974 as a non-profit society to preserve the heritage of the people of Piermont. The Society is not supported by the town's taxpayers, but relies on yearly dues collected from members, fundraisers, and donations from generous benefactors.

The officers of the Society in 1996 were: Joe Medlicott, President; Linda Lambert and Helga Mueller, Co-Vice Presidents; Anna Williams, Corresponding Secretary, Lloyd Hall, Director of Preservation; Fred Shipman, Treasurer; and Charlotte Wilson, Director-at-Large.

The Society presented two interesting programs this year: "Early Roads in Piermont," a look at early history and first roads in Piermont, given by William Simpson; and "Early Native People of New Hampshire and the Connecticut River", presented by Michael O'Traynor.

The Society, together with the Historical Societies of Bradford, Orford, Fairlee, Haverhill, and Newbury, published a photographic history of the six communities entitled "Along the Connecticut River." The softcover book chronicles the history of each town through old photographs, many of which had never before been published. Copies of the book are available through the Society by calling Helga Mueller at 272-4359. They are also available at the Piermont Public Library. Thanks go to the Piermont families who lent photographs from their private collections for use in the book.

Copies of the original Piermont History published in 1947 are available in good quality reprints at the Piermont Public Library.

During the year the Society received and answered several requests on events and people from the Town's past. Piermont memorabilia and photographs were received from Nancy Underhill in memory of Helen Underhill and from Martina Day Stever. Thanks go to both ladies for their generosity in helping preserve some of Piermont's heritage. We always appreciate any donations from the Town's present or past from townspeople or other area residents.

The Society's museum rooms are located above the library and may be visited by calling Lloyd Hall at 272-5858.

Our plans for 1997 include completing the expanded mapping of the Clay Hollow Cemetery, started in 1996, and the mapping of the East Piermont Cemetery, the third oldest cemetery in Piermont.

Our annual membership dues are \$5 per family, \$3 for individuals, and \$1 for students. Life memberships are \$50 per individual. Piermont residents over 80 years of age are automatically members and pay no dues. A reminder to our members: Yearly dues are payable during January of every year and may be mailed to: Piermont Historical Society, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, N.H. 03779

We encourage all Piermont residents to join and participate in our activities. We need volunteers to help with all our projects.

Joe Medlicott, President



## TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT - 1996

	1995	1996
Total Recycled	64.81Tons	670.95 Tons
Total Garbage	205.04 Tons	196.90 Tons

As you can see, recycling is working in Piermont. We had a slight rise in recycled material and a drop in waste. We have about 4 tons that was not shipped out in the trailer. This is about 37% recycle ratio. The State requests that each town be doing 40% by the year 2000, so we are not too far off. This year we got a trailer to store paper in, as we are running out of room in the building. The trailer was given to the town by George Schmid. Thank you, George.

The 70.95 tons we recycled would have cost us about \$7000.00 if it had gone to the landfill, plus the loss of \$1436.00 from sales, so it cost about \$2000.00 to recycle it. The town has SAVED about \$35000.00 since we started the recycling program. This includes the cost of the building. a record to be proud of. Good Work!

A couple of disturbing things happened at the recycling center this year. One, someone left a metal gas can with gas in it behind the brush pile. If I had not seen it and had lit the pile on fire, I could have been injured. Also, if the gas had leaked out into the ground, there is a monitoring well right below there. It could have cost the town thousands of dollars for water testing. If you don't know where something goes, ask. Second, I used to have a face shield to -protect my eyes when breaking glass. Someone stole it. You know who you are. If anyone wants anything, ask before loading it into your car. This item was in the building hanging over the glass barrels, not outside on the free table.

There are still some people who do not recycle, yet if everyone would recycle we could drop our waste tonnage even more. This summer as a trial we will have two people working the weekend. It's harder and harder to keep up if you're outside running the compactor, the barrels are all full or the other way around. We also have a lot of people who just dump their recycle items and leave it for us to take care of. Also, the summer hours will continue this year to start MAY 7TH TO SEPTEMBER 24TH, 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM. Write this down. Thank you and remember the 3rs.

Wayne Godfrey  
Manager



## 1997 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Waste Management of NH (includes disposal, dumpster, compacter, hauling & pad)	21,750
Salary	3,720
FICA	295
Training	325
Electric	300
Recycle Hauler	3,240
Plastic Bags	100
Miscellaneous	75
Total	29,805

## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT - 1996

There were a total of 46 calls I acted on this year. They break down as follows:

Stray Dogs or cats	11 calls
Barking Dogs	2 calls
Lost Dogs	4 calls
Animals acting strange	12 calls
Dog Bites	2 calls
Failure to license dog per RSA 466:13	3 calls-fines of \$25.00 each
Dogs running loose	8 calls (3 Verbal warnings, one written warning, 2 fines issued, \$75.00 total)
Dogs picked up by other departments that I had to get	2 calls
Investigate possible neglect of dogs	2 calls
Total	46 calls

Rabies has reached Piermont. There was a fox that tested positive and more animals not tested that in all probability were rabid. I had NH Fish and Game Dept. give a lecture to the school just before summer break so it would be fresh in everyone's mind.

A reminder - put your license tag on your dog. If I pick up a dog with no tags I take it to the pound in ENFIELD as I now have keys and can get in any time. It will cost you to get your dog back. Also, a new law went into effect JANUARY 1, 1997 RSA:8-e .This law forbids transporting a dog in the open-back of a pickup. A dog could ride in the back of a closed pickup or one that has some means to prevent the dog from being thrown, jumping from or falling from the vehicle. Exceptions to the law include a dog being used for farm work or for hunting dogs during a legal hunting season. It is estimated that at least 100,000 dogs die each year this way.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey,  
Animal Control Officer

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS  
1996**

This past year interest rates fell a bit from last year's levels, and stock market prices continued to climb. Piermont funds are invested in low risk, and therefore, lower yield, investments earning what is a reasonable income given current market conditions.

Our investment objective has been, and remains, to maximize income from investments that pose little or no risk of principal. The principal amount of a trust fund cannot be spent - only the income - while a capital reserve fund can be spent in whole or in part for the purchase of some specified item by vote at town/school meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman  
Bookkeeping Trustee

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
1996**

**FENCES**

The board fence on the north side of Cedar Grove Cemetery was replaced with a new fence this past summer. This finally completes the three year project of replacing the entire fence.

**GRAVE MAPPING**

The Piermont Historical Society undertook a mapping and cataloging of all the known graves in Clay Hollow Cemetery. This is not yet quite complete, but is very close. It is anticipated that in 1997 East Piermont (Cape Moonshine Road) will be completed as well. We hope that there will be some way to continue this project until all Piermont's Cemeteries are documented.. If anyone is interested, please contact the Cemetery Trustees or the Piermont Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND  
FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN CEMETERIES 1996**

**TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	2,385.79
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	282.12
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>7,667.91</b>

**TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 1996**

Beginning Balance 1/1/96	0.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	164.66
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>5,164.66</b>

**TOWN BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	21,922.24
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	1,246.77
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance 12/31/96	<b>28,169.01</b>

**SEWAGE DISTRICT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	30,663.70
Shares Purchased	0.00
Dividend Income	1,512.29
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>32,175.99</b>



**TOWN BRIDGES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1996

Beginning Balance 1/1/96	0.00
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Divident Income, Money Market Fund	164.66
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/96	<b>5,164.66</b>

**HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND**

For the Support of the Town

December 31, 1996

<u>Name of Investment</u>	<u>Dividend or Interest Income</u>	<u>Total Shares Owned</u>	<u>Principal Amount market Value or Year End Balance</u>
Western Res	2,255.00	1,100.00	33,962.50
Decatur Fund	1,414.47	2,171.79	40,069.58
Fidelity Fund	2,311.03	6,540.33	161,546.18
Phoenix Fund	583.80	748.45	6,601.28
Puritan	2,421.33	4,168.72	71,868.73
George Putnam	1,309.26	2,104.19	34,508.68
Seligman Fund	5,032.78	9,164.760	137,746.39
Chesapeake/Potomac Telephone of VA.	281.26	1 5M Bond	4,403.50
Colonial Util.	<u>1,322.88</u>	<u>2,204.80</u>	<u>33,689.34</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,931.81</b>		<b>524,396.18</b>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND**  
for the support of the cemeteries  
December 31, 1996

Name of Investment	Dividend or	Total Principal Amount,		
<u>Year End Balance</u>		<u>Interest</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Market Value or</u>
<u>Cemetery Care Fund</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>Owned</u>	<u>Year End Balance</u>
Colonial Utilites		618.24	1,030.43	15,744.97
Oklahoma Gas/Elec		601.16	226.00	9,435.50
Fidelity Puritan		1,891.85	3,864.98	74,991.67
Woodsville Bank CD-704862		<u>70.90</u>		<u>1076.21</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3,182.15</b>		<b>101,248.35</b>

<b>Cemetery Lots Fund</b>				
Woodsville Bank CD-704863		<u>192.52</u>		<u>3,027.09</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>192.52</b>		<b>3,027.09</b>

<b>Operating Account</b>				
Woodsville Bank 23104015		<u>69.54</u>		<u>3,123.93</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69.54</b>		<b>3,123.93</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>3,444.21</b>		<b>107,399.37</b>

Cemetery Payments	Amount
Green Thumb	485.00
John Metcalf	6,997.85
Hale Funeral Home	96.00
Ide's	98.20
Louis Hobbs	300.00
P&H Fence	2,880.00
US Postal Service	8.00
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>10,865.05</b>

Cemetery Receipts	
Town Appropriation	7,200.00
Interest and Dividend Income	3,444.21
Burial Fees, net after expences	<u>250.40</u>
	<b>10,894.61</b>

Cemetery Lot Sales	
South Lawn	200.00
Cedar Grove	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>400.00</b>

ACCRETION OF CEMETERY FUND

DATE	NAME	GIVEN
2/14/00	Chandler, George	\$50.00
7/11/02	Fletcher, Mary	\$47.25
9/12/02	Simpson, Charles H.	\$100.00
11/3/02	Platte, James	\$100.00
9/12/07	Talmon, Emily	\$50.00
4/29/09	Quint, Hosea	\$50.00
11/10/10	Drown, Stephen	\$600.00
6/4/12	Mattoon, Mrs. E.O.	\$50.00
6/6/16	Hunt, Mary	\$100.00
10/1/16	Clark, Judson	\$50.00
4/1/18	Baldwin, Hattie	\$100.00
9/1/19	Spaulding, Pearl D.	\$108.65
10/1/19	Muchmore, Henry S.	\$108.65
11/22/22	Page, Charles and Fred	\$100.00
7/1/23	Lawrence, Ellen	\$100.00
10/19/23	Kimball, Catherine L.	\$100.00
3/7/24	Learned, Sarah	\$100.00
11/17/25	Butson, James and Luvia	\$100.00
12/1/25	Stickney, Emma	\$100.00
7/1/26	Chandler, George	\$50.00
9/29/26	Colby, Sarah Hammond	\$100.00
8/3/27	Sargent, Fay S.	\$100.00
3/28/28	Manson, Ardella L.	\$100.00
7/1/28	Mattoon, Mrs. E.O.	\$50.00
7/2/28	Webster, Ellen	\$100.00
11/14/28	Knight, Albert J.	\$310.00
4/25/29	Palmer, Chestina A.	\$200.00
10/1/31	Ranney, Gertie B.	\$100.00
11/1/31	Blaisdell, Kate M.	\$100.00
7/15/33	Swift, Elsie B.	\$100.00
9/30/33	Bickford, Elizabeth	\$100.00
7/1/35	Robie, Freeman A.	\$75.00
12/1/38	Underhill, Sarah A.	\$100.00
12/10/38	Emery, Mr. & Mrs. George	\$75.00
11/29/39	Carman, Newlett S.S.	\$100.00
7/1/40	Brown, William B.	\$100.00
1/29/42	Horton, William & Mary	\$100.00
8/9/43	Hill, Joseph	\$100.00
9/1/43	Underhill, Elizabeth	\$50.00
10/13/43	Clark, Judson	\$50.00
11/29/44	Libby, Alice G.	\$100.00
11/29/44	Mead, Alice G.	\$100.00
4/6/45	Gould, Aaron P.	\$100.00
12/20/45	Ford, Edward	\$100.00
6/1/46	Manchester, Beatrice	\$100.00
6/15/46	Dodge, George & Croydan	\$200.00
6/15/46	Cutting, David	\$100.00
10/30/47	Corliss, George	\$100.00
11/2/47	Mrs. Kennedy	\$50.00
9/4/48	Horton, Fred	\$100.00



11/15/48	Ranney, Orlene	\$50.00
11/28/49	Ames, Luella	\$85.00
11/28/49	Runnels, Arthur	\$85.00
1/2/51	Flint, Burton & Ella	\$1000.00
5/8/52	Underhill, Edward	\$100.00
11/14/52	Underhill, Stephen	\$100.00
3/29/54	Underhill, Leon	\$100.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$50.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$600.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$5000.00
8/20/55	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
5/29/56	LaMontagne, Claraence	\$100.00
6/13/56	Alessandrini, Simeone	\$100.00
12/25/56	Evans & Weeks	\$100.00
10/27/57	Striker, William	\$50.00
11/4/58	Robie, Lyman E.	\$100.00
2/3/59	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
11/25/59	Smith, George F.	\$100.00
4/13/60	Morey, Dwight	\$100.00
2/15/62	Piermont Grange	\$125.38
2/15/62	Drew, Harris	\$100.00
10/12/62	Gilbert, Ernest E.	\$50.00
8/8/63	Bedford, Arvilla	\$100.00
8/31/63	Perkins & Herrick	\$50.00
9/11/63	Delbar, Robinson & Simpson	\$100.00
9/21/63	Robinson, Fred C.	\$100.00
7/19/66	Davis, Mrs. Walter	\$50.00
11/17/66	Davis, Norman	\$100.00
12/22/66	Owen, Dr. Robert L.	\$100.00
4/17/67	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
9/26/67	Deal, Eleanor D. & William R.	\$100.00
3/11/69	Jewell, Carrie J.	\$100.00
4/29/69	Hartley, E.D. & M.	\$100.00
9/2/69	Mellin, Kenneth & Marjorie	\$100.00
4/1/70	Burns, Mrs. Lester M. & Children	\$100.00
6/25/70	Robertson, Paul H.	\$100.00
8/31/70	Weeks, George W.	\$100.00
12/15/70	Swain, Earl C. & Lillian M.	\$100.00
3/25/71	French & Heath	\$100.00
5/24/71	Fellows, Charles	\$50.00
7/31/71	McDonald, Eben & Floyd	\$100.00
12/27/71	Drew, Ralph Harris, In Memory of	\$100.00
5/1/72	Clayburn, Eda P.	\$25.00
6/30/72	Fadden, Lois & Edward	\$100.00
7/25/72	Lee, Robert E. & Mildred	\$100.00
9/7/72	McLam, N. Gordon & Lurlene	\$100.00
9/15/72	Putnam, Gladys Emery	\$100.00
10/11/72	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
3/3/73	Simpson, J. Ralph & Elsie M.	\$100.00
6/14/73	Mitchell, Edward & Helen	\$100.00
7/2/73	Rodimon, Mrs. Annie & Sons	\$100.00
8/1/74	Keller, Mr. & Mrs. George, In Memory of Bertha Brooks	\$100.00
12/31/74	Heath, In Memory of Carrie Simpson	\$100.00

6/16/75	Ferine, lasbelle, In Memory of	\$100.00
7/14/75	Byron, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard	\$100.00
7/24/75	Mason, Anna, In Memory of Mrs. E.H. Sheldon	\$500.00
7/12/76	Hibbard, Lloyd C. & Eudora M.	\$100.00
11/4/76	Stetson, Clinton & Edna	\$100.00
1/17/77	Webster, Ralph & Pauline, In Memory of Hattie Webster	\$220.00
7/20/77	Burbeck, Christie G.	\$100.00
7/28/77	The Ritchie Family	\$100.00
11/28/77	McDonald, Floyd, In Memory of Alice McDonald	\$100.00
6/1/78	Robinson, Phillip	\$100.00
8/21/78	The William Daley Family	\$200.00
10/9/78	Gilbert, Ernest E. & Helen L.	\$50.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
7/7/79	The Henry 1. Wilson Family	\$100.00
12/21/79	Underhill, Ernest S. & Nancy W.	\$100.00
7/24/80	Wilson, George H. & Annie	\$100.00
10/7/80	In Memory of Floyd F. Davis	\$1000.00
7/11/81	Wilson, Charles E. & Beatrice	\$100.00
8/20/82	Miller, Marianna Metcalf	\$200.00
12/4/82	In Memory of William & Vera Weaver	\$100.00
12/27/82	Brewer, James T. & Alice A.	\$1000.00
1/24/83	Ludmann, Jennie H.	\$50.00
4/11/83	Ritchie, Helen & G. Fremont	\$100.00
4/29/83	Smith, Floyd L. & Pearle W.	\$100.00
5/27/83	Stetson, Dale, In Memory of Louis & Bessie Stetson	\$200.00
10/11/83	Mack, Walter & M.W. Kenyon . James Ramsey Lot	\$100.00
10/18/83	Goodfleisch, Joan & Theodore	\$100.00
11/21/83	Woodard, Russell & Suzanne	\$100.00
9/22/84	Mack, Delbert	\$100.00
1/31/85	Jackson, Paul & Ellen	\$100.00
7/5/85	Whitlock, George & Betty	\$100.00
8/29/85	In Memory of Eugene B. Robbins	\$100.00
7/17/86	Mitchell, Robert L.	\$100.00
5/25/87	Gardner, Harold, Sr. & Sophronia	\$100.00
11/18/87	The Alfred & Marion Musty Family	\$100.00
4/12/88	Hartley, Ernest W. & Nancy C.	\$100.00
10/11/89	Wardrop, John & Marjorie	\$100.00
10/8/90	Sheldon, Charles	\$500.00
11/8/90	Hare, Daniel	\$200.00
4/2/91	Owen, Winifred	\$100.00
8/8/91	Hill, Evril	\$100.00
8/19/91	Hare, Margaret	\$200.00
11/2/92	Brooks, Olin C. & Maxine F.	\$25.00
11/4/93	Cheney, Donald	\$200.00
4/26/94	Webster, Ralph A. Jr. & Pauline	\$500.00
9/21/94	Hall, Loyd E. and Betty Lou	\$200.00
12/8/94	Cole, Archie and Pauline	\$150.00
8/7/95	Mueller, Myron & Helga	<u>200.00</u>
		\$25,789.93



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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION*

To the Members of the  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
Piermont, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Piermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Piermont has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Due to a lack of accounting records, the Library Trust Fund financial statement presentations are based on an analysis of brokerage statements and 1099 forms. Thus, amounts are reported at market value rather than cost basis.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraphs, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Piermont, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Piermont. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

January 31, 1997

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*



## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>FATHERS NAME</u>	<u>MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME</u>
12-31-95	TAYLOR LEE WILKINS	TIMOTHY M. WILKINS	CHARITY L NOWELL
01-01-96	JONATHAN ROBERT RATEL	ROBERT J. RATEL	BERNADETTE M MORAN
01-05-96	DYLAN SCOTT GAUDETTE	JEFFREY S GAUDETTE	KATHERINE I OUTILLE
01-28-96	BRENNA LEIGH WHITE	RANDY D WHITE	JENNIFER Z VAN KARSEN
04-04-96	AMANDA LEE WHITE	DONALD A WHITE III	KATHLEEN M PARTINGTON
10-23-96	MATTHEW DAVID THOMSO	DEAN K THOMSON	GAYLE E BALCOM
10-27-96	SETH NOAH WHITAKER	LEONARD WHITAKER	DEBORAH A GARLITZ
12-29-96	KATHLEEN MARGARET STEVENS -METCALF	AI METCALF	MICHELLE STEVENS

### MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u>
01-06-96	DAVID TERRETT WESCOTT JODY ANN SHORT	PIERMONT NH MONTPELIER, VT
06-01-96	SCOTT ROBERT HANLEY JR DELORES VESTA HARRINGTON	PIERMONT, NH PIERMONT, NH
10-05-96	JOSEPH O. PARKHURST LISA L. CONGDON (CLEMONS)	FULTON, NY FULTON, NY
10-26-96	ARTHUR ELKINS STOUT BARBARA B. SARGENT	PIERMONT, NH N. FERRISBURG, VT
11-02-96	SHAWN RICHARD ROGERS KARLYCE ANN BROWN	PIERMONT, NH PIERMONT, NH
11-22-96	JEFFREY S. UNDERHILL ABIGAIL METCALF	PIERMONT, NH PIERMONT, NH
12-15-96	ERIC SCOTT FIARTLING NANCY ELLEN BLACK	NEWBURYPORT, MA NEWBURYPORT, MA

### DEATHS

<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
02-22-96	RICHARD WELLS PUSHEE	RYEGATE, VT
03-01-96	HELEN M. UNDERHILL	BRADFORD, VT
03-11-96	JEAN HODSDON	COLEBROOK, NH
04-03-96	CATHERINE SANTANOCITA	HAVERHILL, NH
04-06-96	LORRAINE HAZEL CARLE	HAVERHILL, NH
05-27-96	ERNEST E. GILBERT	CONCORD, NH
10-01-96	TIMOTHY MATTHEW WILKINS	LEBANON, NH
10-22-96	FRANK W. RODIMON SR	LEBANON, NH
10-26-96	MARJORIE D. DAVIS	BRADFORD, VT
10-28-96	ERVA MORGAN BARNES	LEBANON, NH
10-28-96	DALE M. MILES	WINSTED, CT
10-31-96	DOROTHY ANNA PROVOST	WOODSVILLE, NH
12-27-96	FRANCIS L. ARPIN	HAVERHILL, NH
12-09-96	JEFFREY PHILIP DUBE, JR	HAVERHILL, NH

**REQUESTS FOR  
PARTICIPATION  
AND DONATION**



# TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties

220 MAIN STREET, BERLIN, N.H. 03570  
TOLL FREE NO. 1-800-552-4617  
FAX NO. 752-7607

WEATHERIZATION  
752-7105

ADMINISTRATION  
752-7001

OUTREACH  
752-8041

FUEL ASSISTANCE  
752-7100

December 3, 1996

Select Board  
Town of Piermont  
Piermont NH 03779

Dear Select Board:

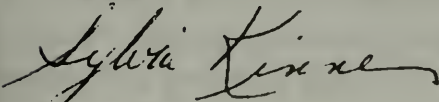
Tri-County Community Action Programs, a private, non-profit agency, is seeking funding from your town for its Outreach Program. Outreach provides necessary services for less fortunate citizens in our communities.

In your community alone, we have served 24 households and 65 clients. We have provided families with approximately \$4063.52 in direct services or products.

We are requesting \$425 for 1997 from your town, which is the same amount requested last year. We depend upon funding from your town and neighboring communities. Local funds are combined with the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance and the NH Emergency Shelter Grant to keep our offices open. Local funding support makes it possible to leverage other resources.

We look forward to continuing our partnership to provide essential services to your residents. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Kinne  
Outreach Coordinator



**WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Town of Piermont**

*All Persons Have the Right to Meaningfully Participate in the  
Life of Their Community*

This is the mission statement of White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services. For more than a quarter of a century, our staff has worked to assure that individuals with mental illness or a developmental disability receive the supports to allow this mission to be a reality.

Many Piermont residents have been able to remain living and working productively in their community due to the assistance of WMMHB&DS. Psychiatric hospitalizations, residential treatment of children, and institutionalization of persons with a developmental disability are now exceedingly rare due to the availability of community based supports. Piermont residents also have access to high quality, professional counseling for family problems, depression and substance abuse through White Mountain Mental Health. *Our counselors are available at our main office in Littleton, and at our satellite offices at Mount Mooselauke and at 27 Central Street in Woodsville.* Not only do the recipients of services benefit from this intervention, but also the community. The cost of unaddressed emotional problems are felt in many different forms, including the quality of family life, the productivity of our work force and the safety of our streets.

During 1996 White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services provided the following to Piermont residents:

- \* *16 hours of outpatient counseling services to 7 Piermont residents who were either uninsured or partially insured. The full cost of these services was \$1,040.*
- \* *extensive supports, including housing, vocational services and family support to persons with serious developmental disabilities. These supports helped make it possible for these individuals to live and work in their community.*
- \* *developmental assessments, case management, in-home support, speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy to families with infants or toddlers diagnosed with some form of developmental delay. These services are provided regardless of ability to pay.*
- \* *Perhaps most importantly, emergency services are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week to assist individuals, families, hospitals and Law enforcement in managing psychiatric emergencies.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Piermont for their support over the past twenty five years. We continue to look to you, our community partners, to help us to continue to provide excellent services in this era of abundant problems and scarce resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay CCSW  
Area Director

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.  
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF PIERMONT**

We are very grateful for the continued support Piermont provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.

Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.

- our VNA staff from the Bradford Branch provides skilled services for people who:
  - are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability
  - require long term care
  - need support and symptom control during a terminal illness
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Piermont.

The following services were provided in the Town of Piermont during the past year.

	Visits	
	7/1/95-	
	<u>6/30/96</u>	
Nursing	912	Family Support Services
Physical Therapy	187	WIC -10 clients; 46 visits
Occupational Therapy	25	
Social Services	3	
Home Health Aide	<u>1,146</u>	
	2,273	

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission  
Annual Report  
1996**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Piermont residents have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of Piermont included:

- Compiled site plan regulations as samples for Planning Board.
- Conducted traffic counts at five locations.
- Wrote successful grant application to fund and staff an economic development program for our ten Grafton County communities.
- Created and provided map of agricultural lands, prime agricultural soils and protected lands.

A list of services which benefit all member communities follows.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Piermont in the coming year.



## UVLSRPC Services Which Benefit All Member Communities

- Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
- Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
- Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the District.
- Organized and administered regional household hazardous waste collections.
- Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission.
- Serve on the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- Began a new program which provides economic development assistance to towns and businesses in Grafton County.
- Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
- Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit and Rideshare.
- Use the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Provide data about our regional build-out analysis which forecasts the population and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
- Revise and update the Regional Plan.
- Comply with applicable Vermont Act 200 requirements at the local, regional and state level, including participation in the Council of Regional Commissions.
- Participate in Vermont Act 250 reviews and review of development of regional impact in New Hampshire.
- Sponsor planning board training sessions in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
- Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.
- In conjunction with the City of Lebanon, held a Business Faire where representatives from 14 state business assistance programs were available to give information.
- Review land use controls and master plans, and suggest amendments.
- Produce our newsletter to provided information about planning issues and other topics of regional concern.
- Organize a monthly brown bag lunch for selectmen and town managers where regional and local issues are discussed on an informal basis.
- Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region. Many businesses use this resource.
- Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Piermont

October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 40 Piermont residents (out of 122 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit(1) Cost</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	2,085	x \$	4.91		\$10,237.35
Transportation	Trips	659	x \$	6.47		\$ 4,263.73
Adult Day Service	Hours	-0-	x \$	3.69		\$ -0-
Social Services	Half-Hours	40	x \$	12.29		\$ 491.60

Number of Piermont Volunteers: 12. Number of Volunteer Hours: 1553.

GCSCC mails out Newsletters to approx. 17 Piermont addresses.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$ <u>14,992.68</u>
Request for Senior Services for 1996	\$ 1,000.00
Received from Town of Piermont for 1996	\$ 1,000.00
Request for Senior Services for 1997	\$ <u>1,030.00</u>

NOTES:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 12%, In-Kind donations 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%.

(over)

**COMPARATIVE INFORMATION**

From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC  
Fiscal Years 1995/1996

October 1 - September 30

**UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED**

	<b><u>FY 1995</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1996</u></b>
Dining Room Meals	61,823	65,473
Home Delivered Meals	100,938	102,677
Transportation (Trips)	39,655	38,976
Adult Day Service (Hours)	12,155	11,015
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	10,730	9,541

**UNITS OF SERVICE COSTS**

	<b><u>FY 1995</u></b>	<b><u>FY 1996</u></b>
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 4.33	\$ 4.91
Transportation (Trips)	5.46	6.47
Adult Day Service	2.71	3.69
Social Services	11.90	12.29

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996



**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE**  
**1996 REPORT**

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

By

Raymond S. Burton  
Councilor - District One

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters, 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.

2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation, at 271-3735.

3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton  
State House - Room 207  
Concord, NH 03301  
Tel. (603) 271-3632

## UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

To the Residents of the Towns of Bradford, Fairlee, Strafford, Thetford, West Fairlee & Vershire, Vermont and Orford & Piermont, New Hampshire:

1996 was a special year for us at Upper Valley Ambulance. Your service was the recipient of the 1996 Vermont Emergency Medical Service of the Year award, the highest recognition offered by the state. This award falls on the heels of last years award which recognized UVA's administrator as the 1995 Officer of the Year. We are all very proud of the service and what they have come to represent.

There is a whole new vocabulary coming into existence, which may significantly impact Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. Terms like HMO, PPO, PCP, required pre-authorization, retrospective utilization review and capitation will become increasing familiar. These phrases are used in health care insurance and managed care organizations, which are becoming increasingly common in the Upper Valley. UVA is networking with other ambulance services to improve our position and to educate and work with these agencies in order to maintain our viability as an excellent provider of pre-hospital emergency services.

Upper Valley Ambulance, has continued to grow to meet the complex challenge of providing emergency transport ambulance service to the eight town region. UVA has had another very busy year in 1996. We responded to approximately 630 requests for medical assistance. Of those 630 requests, care was delivered without transporting the patient about 25% of the time. UVA does not charge in those instances. Our efforts to keep costs down for the townspeople by diversifying operations have been successful. The Per Capita charge to the eight towns will decrease from \$14.38 to \$14.00 for the upcoming year. As a point of reference, \$ 1.00 Per Capita equals roughly \$10,000. We are continuing with the policy of not requiring the eight member towns to guarantee payment for unpaid ambulance bills. Also, when Upper Valley Ambulance started six years ago the Per Capita cost was \$ 14.00.

The Board of Directors of Upper Valley Ambulance have reviewed the budgetary needs for the upcoming year. The budget reflects no increase in salaries and no increase in training expenses. UVA expects to write off over \$100,000 in contractual allowances to Medicare/Medicaid, and Bad Debt. We expect to turn over an additional \$50,000 in unpaid bills to our collection agency. The Dartmouth helicopter service (DHART) has had an impact in our transport services, especially in the area of infant transport.

Now, to summarize the activities of Upper Valley Ambulance. The primary focus for the ambulance service is to provide emergency transport services. We project a volume of 600 emergency responses from the eight town area for the upcoming year. UVA continues to provide DHMC with transport services for their ICN and PICU. We expect to do 215 and 65 of these transports respectively. Also, we expect to do 350 non emergency transfers. UVA has had continuing success with a vigorous campaign to increase the volume of our non emergency transfers. Of course, even though we are doing these non-emergency services, there is no compromise of the ambulance service to serve its primary mission of providing emergency services in the eight town coverage area.



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**of the**  
**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**for the**  
**FISCAL YEAR**  
**July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996**

**ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD**

Alex Medicott  
Fred Shipman  
Cindy Putnam

Term Expires 1997  
Term Expires 1998  
Term Expires 1999

**MODERATOR**  
Dean Osgood

**CLERK**  
Ellen Putnam

**HEALTH OFFICER**  
arbara Stevens

**TREASURER**  
Ellen Putnam

**AUDITORS**  
Plodzik & Sanderson

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Linda J. Nelson

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**  
Edward Emond

**1995-1996 STAFF  
TEACHERS**

Jane Slayton - Principal/Grades 7-8  
Paula Poirier - Art  
Dale Gilson - Kindergarten  
Sara Collette - Grades 1-2  
Eileen Belyea - Grades 3-4  
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6/Science 7-8  
Lydia Hill - English 7-8/Library Aide  
Jeanne Tilghman - Special Education/Chapter I  
Karen Brown - Aide Grades 1-2  
Deborah Craig - Special Education Aide  
Pamela Hartley - Special Education Aide  
Terry Hogan - Special Education Aide  
Dawn Stygles - Special Education Aide  
Nancy Underhill - Librarian  
Shaun Donahue - Guidance

**SCHOOL SECRETARY**  
Cindy Jackson

**SCHOOL NURSE**  
Will Hill

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Clough Transportation

**SCHOOL LUNCH**  
Linda Lea  
Tammy Collins  
Irma Waterman

## Minutes of the Business Meeting March 12, 1996

### Officials Present During Balloting:

Priscilla Glidden  
Everett Jesseman  
Edward French  
Mary Halloran  
Suzanne Woodard  
Linda Lambert  
Carlyle Meacham  
Charlotte Wilson  
Vea Jenks  
James Lambert  
Jean Daley  
Robert Lang  
Margaret Ritchie Cleaves  
Dean Osgood  
S. Arnold Shields  
Ellen A. Putnam

### School Ballots Counted By:

Russell Woodard  
James Lambert  
S. Arnold Shields  
Ellen A. Putnam

At the meeting of the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in the district affairs, holden at the Village School in said town, the twelfth day of March, nineteen hundred ninety-six at 11:00 am Dean Osgood, Town Moderator, opened the ballot box for inspection, then closed and locked it, declaring the polls open.

At 7:00 pm Osgood declared the polls to be closed. A tally of school votes was made by Russell Woodard, James Lambert, S. Arnold Shields and Ellen A. Putnam: for Moderator: S. Arnold Shields (193), Dean Osgood (2), Lawrence Underhill (1); for Clerk: Ellen A. Putnam (195), Suzanne Woodard (1), Julie Lamarre (1); for Treasurer: Ellen A. Putnam (188), Suzanne Woodard (1), Gordon White (1), Julie Lamarre (1), Abby Metcalf (1); for School Board Member: Cynthia R. Putnam (181), Suzanne Woodard (2), Mary Green (2), Frank Latona (1), Ed French (1), Terri Hogan (1), Dean Osgood (1), Kathy Oakes (2), Bill Dube (1).

At 8:00 pm the Town Meeting was convened by Moderator Dean Osgood, the Warrant was read and the results of balloting were read.

Ellen A. Putnam, School Clerk



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL WARRANT**

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont, New Hampshire on the 11th day of March, 1997 polls to be open for election of officers at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member for a term of three years.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this 7th day of February 1997.

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Alex Medlicott, Chairperson

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Fred Shipman

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Cindy Putnam  
Piermont School Board

## Minutes of the Business Meeting March 19, 1996

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Piermont was called to order by Moderator Arnold Shields at 7:04 p.m. on March 19, 1996. Following the salute to the flag, Shields swore in the newly elected school officers: Moderator S. Arnold Shields, Clerk and Treasurer, Ellen A. Putnam, School Board Member, Cynthia Putnam. Shields then announced that he had appointed Mike Hall and Jim Lambert as counters for the meeting, and requested that anyone wishing to speak use the microphone located in the center aisle. He also introduced Superintendent Linda Nelson and read the Warrant. Shields announced that, having received a petition requesting that Articles 4, 5 and 8 be decided by paper ballot, he declared that they would.

ARTICLE 1: Robert A. Michenfelder moved to accept Article 1, reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers. Second: Joe Medlicott. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: Suzanne Woodard moved that the District vote to appropriate \$120.00 to help support, with other school districts, the case of the Claremont School District et al vs. Governor et al, a court challenge to the constitutionality of New Hampshire's method of funding public education through near total reliance of local property taxes. Second: Alex Medlicott. Medlicott, School Board Chair, explained that this suit was begun in 1991 by Claremont and several other towns who were unhappy with the system of funding education almost solely through local property taxes. He also explained that the current system considers Piermont to be a wealthy town, and therefore pays Piermont zero dollars in Foundation Aid other than Building Aid; none of the operating expenses come from Foundation Aid through the State. In 1993 the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Plaintiffs stating "the State is obligated to provide a constitutionally adequate education to every educable child and to guarantee funding". The case goes back to a lower court this April, and the coalition is asking for \$1 for every student within each school system to cover court costs. Asked by Helga Mueller if there is any chance of winning, Medlicott answered that he doesn't know, nor does anyone know what will happen if the suit is successful. He stated that at the very least the Board hopes that the State will be required to pay the Foundation Aid that is in place now. Asked by David Pushee if the District would be liable to pay more in the future if costs become high, Medlicott stated that we are under no obligation, and that we had already made a contribution previously; this would be our second one. Richard Fishman asked where the State would get the money to pay if the suit is successful, to which Medlicott explained that there is no real answer to that yet, but possibly a broad-based tax. Roger Hutchins stated that he wants everyone to know that, in large part, legal advice has been donated. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Robert A. Michenfelder moved that the District set the salaries of the School District Treasurer at \$600.00 per year, the School District Clerk at \$62.50 per year, the Moderator at \$62.50 per year, the Ballot Clerks at \$10.00 per year, the Supervisors of the checklist at \$10.00 per year and the Truant Officer at \$550.00 per year. Second: Joe Medlicott. No discussion. Motion carries.



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ARTICLE 4: (by ballot) Helga Mueller moved that the district authorize the Piermont School Board to enter into a tuition agreement with the Haverhill Cooperative School District, grades 9 through 12, under the terms and provisions determined by the Piermont School Board but insuring that the Piermont students may be assigned to other schools as long as the tuition rate does not exceed 110% of the contracted rate of the Haverhill Cooperative School District for the same school year excluding any charge for transportation. This provision to start with the Piermont Village School eighth grade class of 1996. If a student wants to attend another school in which the cost of tuition exceeds 110% of the contracted rate, the parents will pay the difference. Piermont School District will provide transportation to Haverhill schools. Second: Richard Fishman. Robert A Michenfelder pointed out that with Articles 4 and 5 being so similar there was the likelihood of a certain amount of confusion, especially if both were to pass. Alex Medlicott agreed with Michenfelder, and explained that the two articles were brought by different groups, and by the time the Board realized their redundancy, the Board was legally bound to include both in the Warrant.

Asked by Richard Fishman for a comparison of the tuition costs for area high schools, the board offered the following: Haverhill (\$6,200/ or, less 5% discount, \$5,890.), Orford (\$7,975/ or, less 5% discount \$7,576), Hanover (\$8,469), Oxbow (\$5,300/ or \$3,600 for just Vocational), St. Johnsbury (\$6,705), Plymouth (\$8,205), Littleton (\$6,988), Lisbon (\$6,440), Thetford (\$6,800). George Smith asked what the different educational opportunities were at the various schools so that they could be weighed. Medlicott introduced Bruce Labs, Principal of Woodsville High School, and asked that he address this question first. Labs stated that he has been at WHS for 18 years, 10 of them as Principal, and he feels they provide a comprehensive program of reasonable cost. He noted that WHS has several sending schools, Bath, Benton and Monroe for instance, so has experience. WHS has listened to area schools to ascertain their needs, and will be instituting Spanish as a foreign language as a result. There are many electives, clubs and organizations as well as sports. He is confident of the programs WHS provides and speaking for the Haverhill Board, while being a Piermont resident, they are very conscious of keeping cost down because they know what sending towns are facing, and want to get the biggest bang for everyone's buck. This hasn't changed in 18 years.

Mary Greene asked if the Haverhill Board would be able to allow representatives from Piermont to join, so that Piermont could be represented. Linda Nelson answered that the board representation is strictly Haverhill residents, but that they do have an open door policy with other boards with SAU 23, and have worked very cooperatively in the past. She noted that Haverhill had just last weekend held an Upper Valley 2001 planning session to see where the community would go in the next few years and schooling issues came out as one of the top four issues in Haverhill. There is a forum being planned for the fall to which sending districts will be invited in order to have a voice in planning for the schools. Greene asked that WHS board take under advisory that parents are concerned that they have no say in these situations, and therefore a parents' advisory committee might be helpful. Labs responded that the entire staff is very supportive of kids and parents groups. He says they are very proud of parent involvement, but it could be better, and they will listen to whatever parents have to say. Medlicott noted that even if this contract happens, students will be able to make use of the Oxbow Vocational Center, and that it would be fully funded by the town. Greene



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reiterated that even with this contract, students and parents will still have choice, and the only schools above this tuition are Plymouth, Orford, Hanover. Medlicott added that Thetford Academy would be, also, and that this is choice with a price tag. Bill Dubee asked about the duration of this contract. Medlicott stated that it would likely be the customary three year period. Kay Gould asked if there weren't more schools above that price tag, and how many are below it. Fred Shipman answered that only Oxbow is below this amount. Gould then spoke of her concern for other academic areas. Linda Nelson explained that WHS has a very solid academic program; there is a very high attendance rate of students who go on to four and two year colleges and Mr. Labs has been successful in working with the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges on a rural partnership grant. WHS is one of four school in the eastern region that is working with this group on better connecting high school kids to the college experience. She also spoke anecdotally of a family who, in planning to move to this area from Virginia, chose the Woodsville area specifically for the High School. It is a small school, but one that attends very well to kids. Labs listed subjects currently offered: Physics, Calculus, Anatomy & Physiology, Humanities, Drama, Band, Chorus, Latin, French, Spanish (starting next year); the diversity is a strength. WHS is willing to run programs that have very few kids in them. Shields made a clarification, that Littleton and Lisbon also fit within the price window, but without transportation.

Ron Hartley asked if there is any additional charge for vocational training at Oxbow. Medlicott explained that a student would be considered 2 time at Woodsville, and the other half would be the vocational tuition, and the cost would balance out. Asked by Hartley if we pay Woodsville, and they pay Oxbow, Nelson explained that for bookkeeping purposes we pay half to each. Betsy Eaton asked about the cost of transportation, stating that her understanding is that we are not presently paying to transport any high school students. Medlicott stated that we do presently pay transportation to Woodsville, at a cost of \$300 per student, which would be the same next year even with the contract. He also noted that Orford presently transports our students free of charge.

Michelle Pushee stated her hope that we keep an open mind regarding Orford's decision last week to form a committee charged with looking into the possibility of forming a regional school. She spoke of the possibility of a Piermont resident being included on the committee, and that if a regional school is formed, Piermont would be able to have representation on the board. She asked about spacing problems at WHS, if any are foreseen, and if so, what is being done to address them, and who would pay for it; would there be an increase in tuition. Nelson answered that the Haverhill board has discussed this, and that presently there is room for 40 to 50 more students, including the ones anticipated from Piermont. There is room to build, but it is not anticipated in the near future.

Jim Lambert questioned the legality of transporting students over the age of 14. His concern is that if we pass this article, we would be passing that. Nelson answered that there is an RSA that states that "you may not", but Piermont has a history of providing transportation, at least to Woodsville, and that it is not unusual for rural towns to do this.

Medlicott introduced Tom Trunzo, former board Chair from Orford. Trunzo made note of Orford's size, and that last week the town had voted overwhelmingly to keep the school open.

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While Orford cannot offer all the courses a larger high school can, the small class size, individual attention, and the fact that any student attending Orford is really a part of the community are strengths. People from sending towns feel welcome, whereas they may not at another school, such as Hanover. Orford has some very excellent teachers, and has had students who have gone on to large universities. In addition, if a student goes through all the courses offered in math or science, there is an accommodation through Dartmouth College for that student to take freshman level or higher course at Dartmouth. There is a new committee formed to look at costs in an effort to bring down per pupil cost in order to help not only Orford, but also sending towns. Orford would welcome any participation by Piermont in this effort. This may not be heading toward regionalization, because other towns such as Piermont want to control their own fate, but rather Orford would be exploring different ways to form partnerships that might not comprehend all of the matters that a regional school would have.

Marion Shields stated that her feeling is that one of Piermont's major features is that the young people have had a choice, and it wasn't based on money. She feels that it is important that the tradition of offering all families this choice, not just those with money. (Applause.)

Medlicott apologized again for the confusion between articles 4 and 5. The intent of both articles is the same, but Article 4 gives a little extra subsidy to those who want to go to a school that has a higher tuition, and that is the only difference. He also pointed out that the budget as printed takes for granted that Article 4 passed, and if it does not, the bottom line will go up \$4,550 to reflect the loss of the 5% discount. Tony Smith asked what the difference would be on the tax bill of someone owning a \$100,000 home. Medlicott explained that it would be affected by not only the \$4,500, but also there would be an additional savings of about \$3,800, which would mean about \$.40 on the tax rate. Smith asked if that would be a savings of less than \$10,000. Medlicott agreed that it would, but only for next year, the savings will increase over two years, to about \$15,000 and \$4,500 or close to \$20,000 and \$1.00 on the tax rate. These are savings that may grow in the future.

George Smith spoke against the article, on the grounds that the loss of choice is not worth the small savings. He also feels that since parents who have students going to other schools are already bearing the burden of transporting their children, he feels it is unfair to ask them to also pay the additional cost not covered by the contract. (Applause). Anna Fishman asked what the numbers are of students who have chosen the higher priced schools, and whether that number is increasing, causing this to come to a head. Medlicott stated that presently there are 3 students at Hanover, 6 to 7 at Orford, and that there has been an increase in students choosing Hanover and Orford has had a large increase in its tuition. Nelson stated that more students are choosing Woodsville than any other high school. For next year there are 17.5 at Woodsville, 8 in Orford, 5 in Hanover, 1 at Oxbow, 4 at Oxbow Vocational, and none at St. Johnsbury. Asked by Fishman if this was a trend, Shipman answered that each year is different, and the only trend he sees is one away from Oxbow.

Bill Putnam stated that he is still unsure what the answer is, but that this choice helps to keep area high schools competitive, which is good. The schools have changed so much over the last 20 years, that it is important that students have their needs met, and that schools be kept



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on their toes. Suzanne Woodard reminded everyone that there are other people in town besides the children: people who are unemployed, or retired who are unable to pay their taxes. We are offering the children a very good education, they can go anywhere they want to; lets think about other people.

Richard Fishman states his concern is in cutting out the uncertainty, the fact that this proposal is limiting students to one school; people have moved here and have stayed because of a certain amount of choice. He is wondering how we will convince people with young children to stay if this choice is taken away, and asked the Board's opinion on the article. He also stated his preference for keeping the choice, and against this proposal. Shipman explained that his statement about the intention of the petition article being to level the impact of tuition was an assumption, but that he did not sign the petition, and does not support the article. He is in a minority of the Board. Russell Woodard stated that there is still a choice, but the extra cost comes out of the parents' pockets; why ask the taxpayers to pay for the students' choice. Cindy Putnam stated that she has fought this proposal for a long time, but that when the stipulation that up to 110% of Woodsville's tuition rate would be paid toward a more expensive high school was added, she was more willing to go along. She also stated that she is not willing to state whether or not she will vote for the article. Medicott stated that this is truly a difficult decision. He acknowledges that there are convincing arguments for each side. He supports the article, but it comes from the gut, and he doesn't have numbers to back it up. He feels the open voucher system has been a luxury for a long time, and it is getting too expensive. It does not limit choice, but it does attach a price to the choice, and he knows not everyone will be able to pay the choice for it. (Applause).

Mary Greene spoke for the article. She thinks we are not choosing between a good school and a bad school. If we vote for the article, we will be voting for a good school. There are many people having desperate difficulties in paying their taxes, and she feels this is a fair way to meet the needs of the children, while giving something back to the people of the town who are struggling. (Applause). David Pushee stated that he is definitely not for this article, and his question is for anyone in favor of it. If this article passes, and in a few years down the road we do not see relief in our tax bill, what is the next target for cutting, and will that create more hardship for those who are already going to be affected by this one. Medicott answered that this is the last frontier. While we do have some control over salaries, there are not a lot of other places to cut either in the building or the programs we have in this building; we are up against the wall. Pushee asked if this little bit we are going to save on the tax bill, and the money doesn't come easily to anyone, is it worth the loss.

Frank Rodimon called the question. Second: Robert A. Michenfelder. Carries. Ballot vote on article: 55 YES, 70 NO, defeated. (Applause).

ARTICLE 5: (By ballot) Jim Lambert moved that the district authorize the Piermont School Board to contract with a single area high school for the purpose of reducing tuition costs. If a student wants to attend another school in which the cost of tuition EXCEEDS the contracted school, the parents will pay the difference. This will not affect students already in high school. (By petition) Second: Richard Fishman, Marion Shields stated that since this article



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is redundant, it should be passed over. Arnold Shields stated that he had asked the Attorney General of the consequences of passing over the article, and that even he doesn't know what they would be. He suggested that one way to handle the redundancy is to debate the article and then to vote it down, or it could be tabled and readdressed either later in this meeting or at a specially called meeting at a later date.

Tony Smith moved to table. Second: Tom Elliott. Shields explained that such a motion would not address the article, but simply put it off until another time. Smith asked that the second be withdrawn, so that he might withdraw his motion: Elliott agreed, and the motion was withdrawn. Elliott then called the question. Second: Robert A. Michenfelder. Passes. Ballot vote: 47 YES, 71 NO, defeated.

ARTICLE 6: Jim Lambert moved that the District vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of educating educationally handicapped children. Furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate up to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) with such sum to be funded from withdrawal of \$9,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. Second: Richard Fishman. Tony Smith asked that the school board speak on the article. Medlicott explained that this article was suggested to the Board by the Budget Committee, and the idea is to have in place an expendable trust which could be used in a situation where the school is hit with an unexpected, large expense for a special ed situation. Sometimes an emergency situation arises, when a large expense is incurred, and this provision would eliminate the need for a special meeting, or for deficit spending.

Tony Smith asked for clarification that the \$9,000 does not raise taxes at all, but is simply taking money out of one account and putting it into another. Medlicott agreed. Smith then asked if the money is not needed in the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. Medlicott stated that many do not think so. Smith asked if that is because of the age of the building. Medlicott said that it was. He further stated that this was money which had stayed in the SBCRF all through the building of the new school, and has been there for a long time. Shipman added that the SBCRF was created back in 1978, and its original purpose was for purchase of a school bus. Over the years buses were purchased out of this account, and money was added to it every year, in amounts of between \$2,000 and \$4,000. In 1991 after the school was built, and the entire amount for the new school was bonded, the name of the account was changed to the Capital Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements to the School Building, as it was felt that since we had happily contracted for so many years with Clough Transportation the money would not be needed for purchase of a bus. The intent of the change was to fund any expansion to the new building, or any project, rather than to have to bond another large purchase; we could add a classroom, or do other major improvements with the nearly \$30,000 in the account. It is in a money market, and earns interest; it takes a 2/3 vote at the school meeting to spend that money, and would require the same to take it out or change the purpose of it. Shipman added that while he supports the article in theory, he would prefer to leave the fund intact, and next year enter an article for a separate line item to create the new fund.

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Asked by Smith if we have been continuing to add \$2,000 per year to this fund, Shipman stated that no money has been added since \$5,000 in 1987. Smith asked for clarification that the next articles would gut the existing fund, and Shipman agreed that they would take out 2/3, or \$18,000-\$20,000 and leave in 1/3, or \$9,000 - \$10,000. Smith asked if there would be money added yearly after creating this fund, and would the board be able to spend the money.

Shipman answered that any monies added would be at the direction of the town, and that it could not be spent without a special meeting. Richard Fishman asked how, if special education needs arose and this article had been defeated, they would be funded. Linda Nelson explained that the primary obligation is to support the programs for students, so if a special ed need comes up, the first thing to do would be to shut down spending here in the school, and we would have to show that the money in each line item has been spent. If we go over that amount, a special meeting would be called. This fund would eliminate the need to petition the court to call a special meeting, as only a public hearing, warned seven days ahead, is required. The board would still have to prove that it had done all that it could within the budget, but if necessary could appropriate the money at a regular board meeting. Fishman then asked why there isn't always money in the budget for special education without needing to go through all these machinations. Nelson explained that there is, but we did have a case last year of a three year old coming through the system, who was not brought to the board's attention until April of that school year. Sometimes there are unforeseen situations, and the board does try to budget as close to actual as possible, excepting the occasional contingency; this would allow a little cushion to a budget that is very close to the bone. The K - 8 program will suffer if we get a really big unanticipated expense.

George Smith spoke in favor of the money being appropriated, but wishes it could be a separate line item, and the original fund to be left intact. His only objection is that it comes out of money set aside for a different purpose. There being no further discussion, Shields asked for a show of hands. 70 in favor, 37 opposed, article defeated.

Mary Greene asked for a recount, and Richard Fishman for it to be accomplished by a division of the house. 90 in favor, 39 opposed, passed.

ARTICLE 7: Kelly Fitzpatrick moved that the District vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for building maintenance. Furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate up to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) with such sum to be funded from withdrawal of \$9,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. Second: Helga Mueller.

Medlicott explained that the intent of both the Budget Committee and the Board would be to use these funds in an emergency, therefore he moved to amend the article to read: The District vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c to be known as the Buildings Repairs Expendable Trust Fund for emergency building repairs. Furthermore to name the school board as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate up to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) with such sum to be funded from withdrawal of \$9,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. Second: Tony Smith. Christa Davis asked if any emergency wouldn't be covered by insurance. Shipman answered that it



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might not necessarily be covered, or not in a timely fashion; for instance if the boiler goes, we would need to replace it. Amendment passes with voice vote.

Tony Smith asked the school board if it is their intent to continue to fund these trust funds at the usual rate of around \$2,000 per year, to which Medlicott replied they do intend to add to them. 85 YES, 21 NO, passes.

ARTICLE 8: (By ballot) Dean Osgood moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$887,277 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations to the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received for the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Seconded: Joe Medlicott. George Smith asked if this amount needs to be amended to reflect the change from the earlier article. Medlicott stated that it had already been done.

Mary Greene moved to amend the motion to decrease the amount by 10% overall. Second: Jim Lambert, Roger Hutchins, past board member, stated that there is very little of the budget within the actual control of the board, and that 10% would be an astronomical amount. Helga Mueller asked where Greene had gotten the figure of 10%. Greene stated that she felt it was fair, overall. If you take \$500, 10% of that

\$50. If that is books, she thinks we can cut that \$50. She thinks there is a need in this town to become accountable for the money that is spent, and she feels that it would be good overall to cut it 10%, that way we don't particularly hurt anyone. Richard Fishman stated that this is a very dangerous amendment. It is just like taking a hatchet to something. There is no knowledge behind it; it is just an emotional outburst to come in and cut it. She hasn't even demonstrated any cause, and he speaks very strongly against that. He believes there is no room to cut. (Applause). Bruce Labs noted that he was a part of a motion like this in Haverhill in 1986, where someone came in and said let's cut \$250,000 out of the budget, and it passed. There was a climate of wanting reduction of the budget and, everyone thought, a lot of fat. They lost athletic programs, teachers, academic programs, and it took at least six years to get back to where they had been when that vote took place. He feels that when you elect a school board you have to trust them; and trust them to make the hard decisions for the town. He feels this is very, very reckless, and he agrees with Mr. Fishman. Hutchins asked Labs if the \$250,000 wasn't much less than 10% of that budget, which devastated programs. Labs agreed. There being no further discussion on the amendment, a voice vote was called and the amendment was defeated.

Shipman noted that tuition for high school students, and the special ed budget are items that are not negotiable; they must be paid. The total of the two is \$300,000. Roger Hutchins stated that there is also the debt of between \$80,000 and \$90,000 which cannot be touched. There being no further discussion, ballot vote: 88 YES, 29 NO, passes. (Applause).

ARTICLE 9: Roger Hutchins requested that next year the full budget be available for inclusion in the town report, and that the board look into some other way of funding the



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school maintenance rather than taking it out of a capital reserve fund. Either taking a portion of a surplus, as Shipman had suggested several years ago, or developing an article that would appropriate money directly into a fund instead of taking it out of capital reserve. Medicott asked if Hutchins was suggesting that the fund newly created would be used for routine maintenance, because that wasn't the intent. Hutchins agreed that it was not. However, he pointed out that the building is aging each year, and things will begin to go wrong, and he feels we need to have a maintenance budget in place to keep things in line. He would like us to stay more on top of our maintenance on an annual basis, and hopes to work with the board to that end.

Suzanne Woodard stated that last year it was requested that the minutes of the school board meetings be posted at the Town Clerk's office, not taped to the window of the school; the last minutes available are from 1994. This is something required by the State. Further, Woodard commented that it was very nice that babysitting is available for the school meeting, can't it be available for town meeting, too. A lot people did not come to town meeting because of that.

Medlicott announced that Piermont Village School is in the running as one of five schools statewide for an award for the first school in the state for excellence. The team came last Friday to examine the school, interview the board, talk with the teachers and be with the students; the school was all spiffed up, the students were all bright-eyed and eager and things went very well. He wants to commend Jane, all the faculty and all the students for the job they did in preparing for this group, and wishes them luck in the finals; it is a great honor and we are very proud of them. (Applause, applause.)

Bill Putnam made note that the babysitting services provided for the evening were by the teachers who live out of town, so that those who live in Piermont could attend. Dean Osgood drew attention to the posters on the stage which had been entered into a contest sponsored by Rotary of local towns, and Rotary International, the theme being "What You Can Do To Better The World". Invitations were sent out to the elementary schools in Fairlee, Orford, Bradford and Piermont, and all but four of the posters sent in were from Piermont. Of the top four chosen, three were from Piermont. The number one post was from Piermont. He feels this speaks very highly of Piermont, and he was very proud to be a member and say, yes, that's my town. The top poster was submitted by Kristin Pushee, who received a \$25 gift certificate to Dartmouth Bookstore; the national winner receives a trip to Calgary along with her/his parents. Good work, Piermont. (Applause). Kristin's parents, David and Michelle Pushee stood to accept congratulatory applause from the meeting.

Robert A. Michenfelder stated that he has always thought that one must be out of one's mind to be a member of the school board, and he thinks we owe them a vote of thanks for their divine insanity. (Applause)j.

Shields thanked Mike Hall, Jim Lambert and Bill Dubee for their help with the evening's duties.

Bill Hamilton moved to adjourn. Second: George Smith, Carries. 9:42.

Respectfully,

Ellen Putnam, School District Clerk

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont, New Hampshire on the 18th day of March, 1997 action on the articles in this warrant to be taken commencing at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to set the salaries of the School District Treasurer at \$600.00 per year, the School District Clerk at \$62.50 per year, the Moderator at \$62.50 per year, the Ballot Clerks at \$10.00 per year, the Supervisors of the Checklist at \$10.00 per year and the Truant Officer at \$50.00 per year. (Recommended by a majority of the School Board.)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a supplemental appropriation of eighteen thousand five hundred dollars for the cost of replacing the roof during the current school year. And further to authorize the withdrawal of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose of buildings. The balance of \$14,500.00 is to be funded by current excess revenues received in the current year. This appropriation does not raise taxes. The school board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote of voters present at district meeting required).

ARTICLE 4: To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received for the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. (The Board recommends \$ 976,971.)

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands as said Piermont this 7th day of February 1997.

Alex Medicott, Chairperson

Fred Shipman

Cindy Putnam

Piermont School Board



**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

**For The**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1995		55,580.57
Received from Selectmen	760,503.00	
Revenue from State Sources	28,675.71	
Revenue from Federal Sources	6,250.00	
Received as income from Trust Funds	1,654.82	
Received from Sale of Notes and Bonds		.00
Received from all Other Sources	39,277.92	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>891,942.02</b>
<b>LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID</b>		<b>800,676.12</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 1996</b>		<b>91,265.90</b>

Ellen A Putnam  
District Treasurer

**Audit Report**

The Piermont School District has been audited by the firm Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office on South Court St. in Woodsville, NH.

Detail of salaries and expenditures are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office.

**SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	\$29,919.01
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	1,017.81
Shares Purchased	.00
Shares Sold	18,000.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>\$12,936.82</b>



**SCHOLARSHIP FUND 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	\$6,471.97
Scholarships Awarded	-362.66
Interest Earned, Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	408.66
New Fund Donations:	
In Memory of William V. Daley	125.00
In Memory of Helen Underhill	301.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>\$6,943.97</b>

**SCHOOL FUND FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL  
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT 12/31/96**

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance
Fidelity Cash Reserves	204.54	3,713.20	3,713.20
Fidelity Puritan Fund	1,298.52	2,235.62	38,542.02
Seligman Fund	448.27	1,386.06	20,832.51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,951.33</b>		<b>\$63,087.73</b>

**SCHOOL BUILDING EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	229.25
Shares Purchased	9,000.00
Shares Sold	.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>\$9,229.25</b>

**SCHOOL SPECIAL ED EMERGENCY EXPENDABLE TRUST 1996**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/96	.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	229.25
Shares Purchased	9,000.00
Shares Sold	.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/96	<b>\$9,229.25</b>

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

	Budgeted 1995-96	Budgeted 1996-97	Budgeted 1997-98	+ or -
<u>770 Unreserved Fund Balance</u>	\$ 62,248	\$ 73,378	\$ 7,991	\$ (65,387)
<u>3000 Revenues From State Sources</u>				
3210 School Building Aid	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ -
3220 Vocational Tuition	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,800	\$ 5,800
3222 Transportation				
3240 Catastrophic Aid		\$ 438	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,562
3270 Child Nutrition	\$ 500		\$ 500	\$ 500
<u>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</u>				
4410 ECIA, Chapter I & II			\$ -	\$ -
4460 Child Nutrition	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
4800 National Forest Reserve		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
4920 Medicaid	\$ 3,750		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
5000 Federal Projects	\$ 3,275	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ (1,700)
<u>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</u>				
1121 Current Appropriation	\$ 760,503	\$ 767,981	\$ 914,780	\$ 146,799
5250 Capital Reserve Fund		\$ 18,000	\$ -	
1312 Tuition from Other LEA's	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,000)
1510 Interest on Investments	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,800	\$ 800	\$ (1,000)
1600 Food Service Sales	\$ 15,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ -
1991 Misc Inc. - Trust Fund Interest		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 873,376</b>	<b>\$ 905,397</b>	<b>\$ 976,971</b>	<b>\$ 89,574</b>

Tax Impact

\$1.00 on the

Year	Tax Rate	Rate	Percent
1990-91	\$19,270	\$29.79	
1991-92	\$19,879	\$34.00	14.13%
1992-93	\$19,946	\$34.28	0.82%
1993-94	\$20,693	\$34.38	0.29%
1994-95	\$20,612	\$32.89	-4.33%
1995-96	\$20,081	\$37.37	13.62%
1996-97	\$20,908	\$36.27	-2.94%
1997-98	\$20,908	\$43.29	19.35%

**DISTRICT SUMMARY**

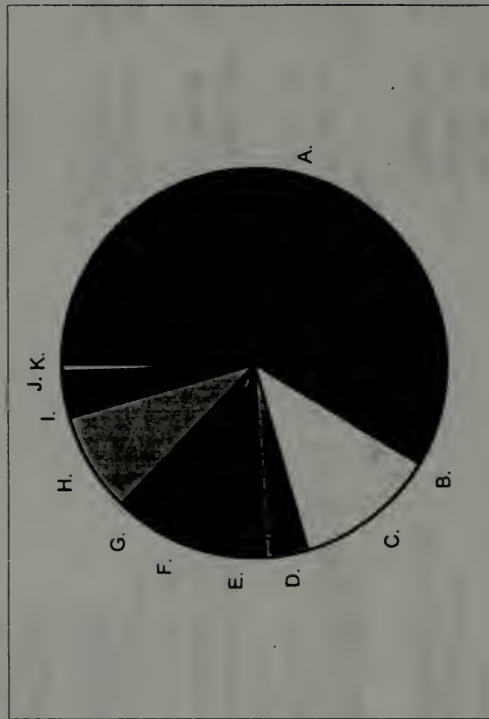
	Actual 1995-96	Original Budget 1996-97	Revised Budget 1996-97	Proposed Budget 1997-98	+/-
<b>A. Instruction</b>					
1100 Regular Programs	\$432,430.04	\$484,618.00	\$452,654.63	\$544,717.00	\$60,099.00
1270 Gifted and Talented	\$219.17	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$485.00	\$135.00
1300 Vocational Education	\$7,100.00	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00	\$7,600.00	(\$6,800.00)
2120 Guidance	\$6,711.88	\$7,126.00	\$7,126.00	\$7,647.00	\$521.00
2125 Test Supplies	\$542.65	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2190 Assemblies	\$1,123.23	\$1,000.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,300.00	\$300.00
2213 Inst. Staff Training	\$2,149.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,000.00	(\$800.00)
2221 Ed. Media Supervision	\$3,915.56	\$3,998.00	\$3,998.00	\$4,009.00	\$11.00
2222 School Library	\$1,126.51	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,325.00	\$25.00
2223 Audiovisual	\$587.60	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$455,905.64</b>	<b>\$516,577.00</b>	<b>\$484,763.63</b>	<b>\$570,068.00</b>	<b>\$53,491.00</b>
<b>B. 1410 Co-Curricular</b>	<b>\$1,218.85</b>	<b>\$2,076.00</b>	<b>\$2,117.91</b>	<b>\$1,826.00</b>	<b>(\$250.00)</b>
<b>C. Special Education</b>					
1200 Special Programs	\$63,575.81	\$94,573.00	\$94,573.00	\$102,035.00	\$7,462.00
1420 Summer School	\$3,231.54	\$4,907.00	\$4,907.00	\$3,651.00	(\$1,256.00)
2140 Psychological Services		\$100.00	\$100.00		(\$100.00)
2150 Speech and Audiology	\$12,881.00	\$11,021.00	\$11,021.00	\$9,836.00	(\$1,185.00)
2159 Speech - Summer School	\$338.10	\$580.00	\$580.00	\$120.00	(\$460.00)
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$80,026.45</b>	<b>\$111,181.00</b>	<b>\$111,181.00</b>	<b>\$115,642.00</b>	<b>\$4,461.00</b>
<b>D. SAU Services</b>					
2321 Office of the Superintendent	\$32,508.00	\$33,420.00	\$33,300.00	\$33,728.00	\$308.00
<b>TOTAL SAU SERVICES</b>	<b>\$32,508.00</b>	<b>\$33,420.00</b>	<b>\$33,300.00</b>	<b>\$33,728.00</b>	<b>\$308.00</b>
<b>E. Administration</b>					
2410 Office of the Principal	\$12,631.02	\$15,426.00	\$47,197.46	\$48,334.00	\$32,908.00



	Actual 1995-96	Original Budget 1996-97	Budget 1996-97	Proposed Budget 1997-98	+/-
<b><u>F.</u></b>					
<u>Operation of Buildings</u>					
2542 Buildings	\$55,313.87	\$43,696.00	\$43,696.00	\$40,996.00	(\$2,700.00)
2543 Grounds	\$1,064.19	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00
2544 Equipment	\$2,485.48	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATION OF BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$58,863.54</b>	<b>\$47,471.00</b>	<b>\$47,471.00</b>	<b>\$45,371.00</b>	<b>(\$2,100.00)</b>
<b><u>G.</u></b>					
<u>Transportation</u>					
2552 To and From School	\$28,410.00	\$28,410.00	\$28,410.00	\$31,830.00	\$3,420.00
2553 Handicapped	\$5,107.18	\$1,512.00	\$1,512.00	\$3,512.00	\$2,000.00
2554 Field Trips		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2558 Summer School Handicapped	\$376.48	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$769.00	(\$1.00)
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$33,893.66</b>	<b>\$30,792.00</b>	<b>\$30,792.00</b>	<b>\$36,211.00</b>	<b>\$5,419.00</b>
<b><u>H.</u></b>					
5100 Debt Service	\$90,225.00	\$87,188.00	\$87,188.00	\$84,150.00	(\$3,038.00)
<b><u>L.</u></b>					
2560 Food Service	\$25,460.01	\$30,581.00	\$30,581.00	\$30,807.00	\$226.00
<b><u>J.</u></b>					
<u>School Board</u>					
2311 School Board	\$3,262.67	\$3,542.00	\$3,542.00	\$3,543.00	\$1.00
2313 Treasurer	\$1,177.09	\$964.00	\$964.00	\$1,030.00	\$66.00
2314 Election and District Meeting	\$524.75	\$536.00	\$536.00	\$538.00	\$2.00
2315 Legal Services	\$100.00	\$750.00	\$870.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
2317 Audit	\$2,377.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD</b>	<b>\$7,441.51</b>	<b>\$7,892.00</b>	<b>\$8,012.00</b>	<b>\$7,961.00</b>	<b>\$69.00</b>
<b><u>K.</u></b>					
<u>District Wide Services</u>					
2112 Attendance		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2130 Health	\$6,353.22	\$2,943.00	\$2,943.00	\$2,722.00	(\$221.00)
2645 Staff Services/Health		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2900 Other Support Services	\$657.15				
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$7,010.37</b>	<b>\$3,093.00</b>	<b>\$3,093.00</b>	<b>\$2,872.00</b>	<b>(\$221.00)</b>

Piermont School District  
1997-98 Proposed Budget

	<u>Actual</u> <u>1995-96</u>	<u>Original</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>1996-97</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1996-97</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>1997-98</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>L:</u> 1100 <u>Federal Projects</u>					
Fund 2	\$1,509.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1.00	(\$1,699.00)
<u>M</u>					
5240 <u>Other District Wide Services</u>	\$9,274.57	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	(\$18,000.00)
5255 Transfer to School Lunch					
Transfer Expendable Trust		\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	(\$18,000.00)
<b>TOTAL OTHER DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES</b>					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$815,967.62</b>	<b>\$905,397.00</b>	<b>\$905,397.00</b>	<b>\$976,971.00</b>	<b>\$71,574.00</b>



976,971.00 TOTAL BUDGET

## School Administrative Unit #23

### Report of the Superintendent's and Business Administrator's Salaries

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the Superintendent and Business Administrator.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23 during the 1996-97 school year will receive a salary of \$62,500.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Business Administrator will receive a salary of \$40,000.00 prorated among the several school districts.

The table below shows the proration of the salary to each school district:

#### Superintendent's Salary

Bath	\$ 5,606.25
Benton	1,006.25
Haverhill Cooperative	34,962.50
Monroe	10,737.50
Piermont	5,325.00
Warren	<u>4,862.50</u>
	\$62,500.00

#### Business Administrator's Salary

Bath	3,588.00
Benton	644.00
Haverhill Cooperative	22,376.00
Monroe	6,872.00
Piermont	3,408.00
Warren	<u>3,112.00</u>
	\$40,000.00



## TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF PIERMONT, I SUBMIT MY SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The 1996 year in SAU 23 was a busy one. As Board Chair, Denis Ward led the SAU Board in another careful analysis of the budget, holding the district assessments to within \$1,761 of last year's figures. In doing so, the Board cut one-half of a position in the SAU's Finance Office, a decision supported by the Board in recognition of their investment in new technology for the SAU that will allow for more efficiency in accounting.

Two long time employees left the SAU. Marge Lane married over the summer and took a Kindergarten teaching position in Bradford, moving there with her new husband. Phyllis McKenna joined former colleague Keith Pfeifer who, as Superintendent in Mascoma, offered her a position as Director of Special Education there. In reorganizing the SAU, Pat Amsden became Special Projects Coordinator, working with both the Superintendent and Business Administrator on a variety of administration and finance projects. Donna Hart, first appointed Acting Special Education Director when Phyllis left, was selected as a permanent member of the staff as the Director of Instructional Support Services in charge of Special Needs and Title I programs.

Professional development has been a major emphasis this year. Two Math Consultants who have worked with SAU 23 schools in the past will spend a week with us in March, 1997 to work with teachers on math instruction and assessment. They are scheduled to spend a day in Piermont during that week. Faculty from all SAU 23 schools met four times with Fritz Bell, an educational consultant, learning about Multiple Intelligences and how they apply to instruction and assessment. Teachers are including samples of their applications of Multiple Intelligences learning in the portfolios that they are preparing as a part of the new teacher evaluation plan adopted throughout the SAU. Administrators spent a day with Fritz Bell over the summer in preparation for work with faculty.

The Leadership Team, which includes all Principals, Assistant Principals, the Director of Instructional Support Services and the Superintendent, have invited professionals to meet with them monthly as part of their own professional development. During the current year, we have met with Dr. Todd DiMitchell, a school law professor, and Jim Fitzpatrick, a former principal in Vermont who now consults nationally on establishing positive school climate and culture. Becky Barry, the Coordinator for the Western Grafton County Juvenile Diversion Program has also met with the Leadership Team.

The 1996-97 school year brought budget scrutiny, a wonderful honor and sad news to the Piermont Village School community. For the second year in a row, the community debated the merits of assigning a high school, thereby limiting choice of high schools for Piermont families. The question of assigning a high school was defeated at the District Meeting, as it had been the prior year.

PVS's selection as New Hampshire's Elementary School of Excellence for 1996 was a big honor, with the full staff celebrating the school's win at a gala ceremony at the Eddies Award Ceremony held at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester in June. The entire school community contributed to this honor, meeting with the visiting screening team of educators and community leaders in March at PVS and contributing testimony to the excellence of PVS's programs and people. The School of Excellence Banner, displayed first at Eighth

Grade Graduation, is a tangible reminder of the high standards and community spirit that are constants at PVS.

The sad, surprising news came in July when Jane Slayton, PVS's highly respected and loved Principal, announced that she would be leaving to take a position at Andover Elementary School. One of Jane's legacies, however, was the educational team she had built at the school. That team of teachers, School Board members, and a parent or two was able to determine PVS priorities for leadership at that late summer date, screen potential candidates, and hire both a part-time Principal and a teacher to assume the administrative and teaching responsibilities that Jane's resignation left unfilled.

That summer challenge and its very successful resolution proved the merit of PVS's School of Excellence Award - and gave testimony to the strong educational team that Jane had built over the years. She is missed, but the school has found itself very fortunate in working with Katherine Blanchard, PVS's part-time Principal, and Vicki Kelly, part-time math teacher. So successful has the year been for faculty and staff that the School Board has asked - and Kathy and Vicki have agreed - to continue this staffing configuration for the 1997-98 school year. Discussion of the relative merits of a full-time Teaching Principal will continue. The School Board and staff will revisit the staffing pattern in the late fall, 1997 when planning for the next year begins. We are all grateful, however, that Kathy and Vicki find themselves in the unusual circumstance of being available for part-time work for another year.

In this year's report we have included information on student results on the New Hampshire Third and Sixth Grade Assessments. Again, consistent with PVS's School of Excellence designation, student results compare favorably with New Hampshire state-wide averages. Faculty continue to develop the school's Literacy Program this year as part of their on-going effort to ensure high quality instruction.

Finally, this report is prepared during budget season. As District Budget Hearings get underway, it is hard not to say a word about New Hampshire's school finance structure. Yearly, School Boards and communities struggle to provide adequate support for their schools without strapping local taxpayers, many of whom, in SAU 23's region, pay among the highest taxes in the state. Having to make forced choices between local school support and the well-being of property-owning neighbors is very harsh in otherwise closeknit communities. Frankly, we need a better school funding system. That's not going to be in place for this year's round of District Meetings, so I would like to thank, in advance, SAU 23's School Board Members, those who work on the various district budget committees and our community supporters for your tenacity, creativity and patience as we work through this year's school funding challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

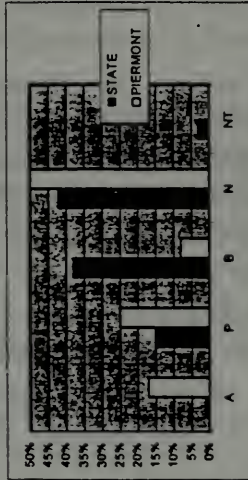
Linda J. Nelson  
Superintendent



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
END-OF-GRADE 6 STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES  
1996**

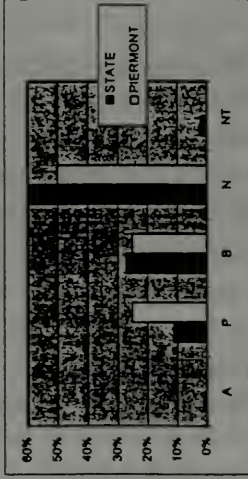
**LANGUAGE ARTS TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	1%	17%
Proficient	15%	25%
Basic	38%	8%
Novice	42%	50%
Not Tested	3%	0%



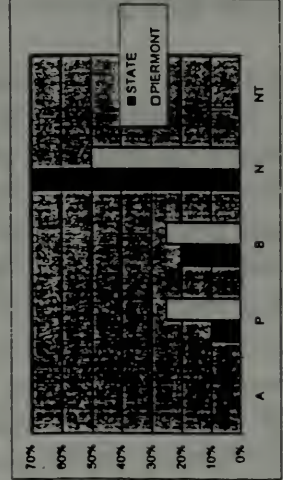
**MATH TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	1%	0%
Proficient	11%	25%
Basic	27%	25%
Novice	59%	50%
Not Tested	2%	0%



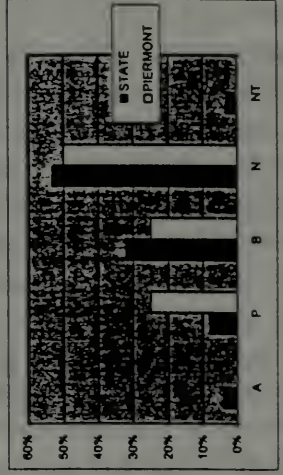
**SCIENCE TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	1%	0%
Proficient	9%	25%
Basic	20%	25%
Novice	69%	50%
Not Tested	2%	0%



**SOCIAL STUDIES TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	4%	0%
Proficient	8%	25%
Basic	32%	25%
Novice	53%	50%
Not Tested	3%	0%



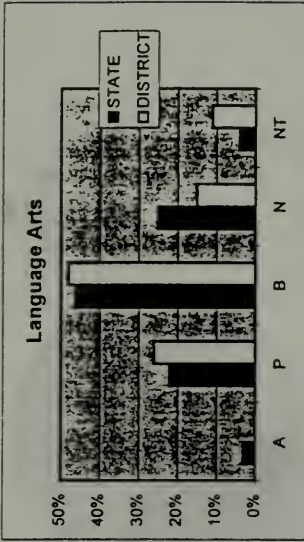


PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Language Arts

1994, 1995, 1996 Three-Year Average

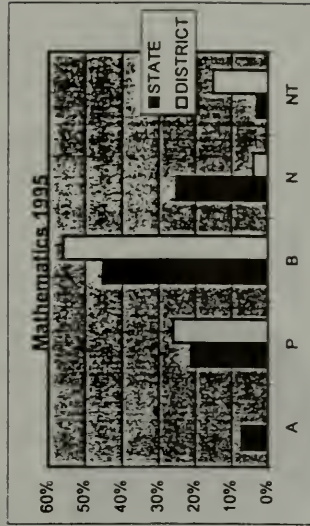
	STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	0%
Proficient	P	26%
Basic	B	48%
Novice	N	15%
Not Tested	NT	11%



Mathematics

1994, 1995, 1996 Three-Year Average

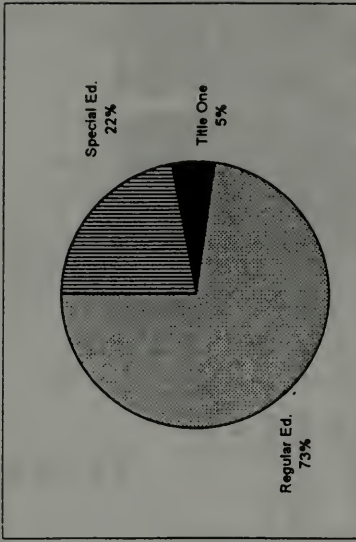
	STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	0%
Proficient	P	26%
Basic	B	56%
Novice	N	4%
Not Tested	NT	15%



PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

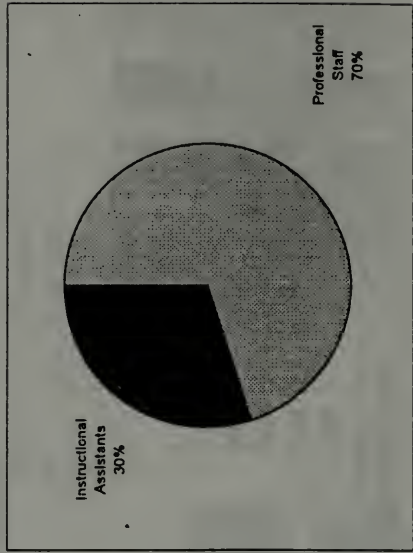
STUDENT POPULATION AT PIERMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL 1996-97  
(as of 1-9-97)

Special Ed.	20
Title One	5
Regular Ed.	67
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>92</b>



STAFF POPULATION 1996-97  
(Administrators and SAU support services not included)

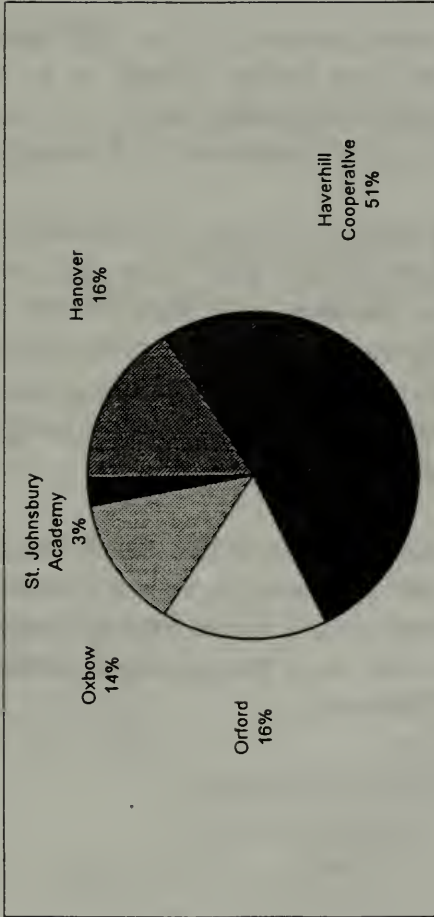
Professional Staff	7
Instructional Assistants	3
<b>FTE</b>	<b>10</b>



PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 1996-97

STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS  
(as of 2-3-97)

Hanover	6
Haverhill Cooperative	19
Orford	6
Oxbow	5
St. Johnsbury Academy	1
TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS	37





## PIERMONT SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

I would like to introduce myself as the new school nurse at Piermont Village School. My name is Claire Molner. Although I have been a certified school nurse in Vermont for 12 years, this has been my first year as a school nurse in New Hampshire. I have spent some time, therefore, learning the differences between school nursing in NH and VT. The SAU school nurse's group has been a great help in this.

This year I am happy to report that greater than 98% of the students are fully immunized by the requirements of NH law. Other students are in the process of documenting immunizations given while living out of state. I suggest that if your child has had a physical and/or immunizations that you send in the doctor's report before it slips your mind.

The Piermont Village School has been involved in the NH School Injury Prevention project, and has had no injuries this year severe enough to be evaluated. I will be attending further classes on playground equipment safety. I occasionally put safety notices on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please take a look when you come into school.

I conducted a "coaches clinic" for basketball coaches in December, where we discussed prevention and assessment of injuries and first aid. First aid kits were provided to all teams, as well as for the recess teachers on duty. We also had an OSHA regulations/bloodborne pathogen in service for the teachers in early autumn.

I will also be working with the guidance counselor in presenting units on growth and development in the 7th and 8th grades.

Routine screening is ongoing. I usually do head lice checks after long vacations, and have found no head lice this year. Height, weight, vision, hearing, scoliosis and blood pressure screens are continuing. If you receive a note from me suggesting that your child needs further screening, feel free to call me at the school on Thursday mornings, or the school can contact me in Vermont if necessary.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in Piermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Molner, RN, CSN

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1995 - 1996**

To the School Board and Citizens of the Piermont School District:

Number of pupils registered during the year	81
Average Daily Membership	79.7
Percent of Attendance	97%
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	3
Number of pupils whose tuition was paid by district	
Elementary	0
Junior High	0
Secondary	13

**ENROLLMENT BY GRADE**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	10	8	7	7	10	10	12	9	8	81

**HONOR ROLL  
1995 - 1996 ACADEMIC YEAR**

In order to be named to the honor roll a student must be in grades five through eight and receive A's and B's in all subject areas, social adjustment, and work habits. The following is a list of students that were named to the honor roll for all four marking periods.

Erin Dunbar	Grade Five	Emy Medlicott	Grade Five
Lily Weinberg	Grade Five	Nora Batchelder	Grade Six
Andrew Hall	Grade Six	Sheena Morgan	Grade Six
Emma Batchelder	Grade Eight	Katie Collins	Grade Eight
Tessa Hill	Grade Eight	Allie Medlicott	Grade Eight
Tyler Musty	Grade Eight	Amanda Oakes	Grade Seven

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Erika Lynn Sundnas - University of South Carolina  
Gail Lamarre - Endicott College  
George Thomas Hill - Harvard University

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE  
1995 - 1996 Academic Year**

Katie Collins  
Nathan Collins  
Camden Elliott

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board and voters of Piermont School District, I submit the annual report for 1996-97. The year has brought both important recognition and significant change to Piermont Village School. The strength and cohesion of the school community continue to make it a wonderful place to educate children for the future.

In May, Piermont Village School was selected to receive the prestigious Excellence in Education Award for 1996. The award is given annually to one elementary, one middle, and one high school in the state. It is sponsored by the New Hampshire School Boards Association and the New Hampshire Association of School Principals and involves a lengthy and competitive process. The school first completed an extensive application which required self study, reflection, and documentation. In January of 1996, the school learned it had been selected as the elementary school to receive the North Country regional award. A visiting team, many of them former award winners themselves, came in March. They further evaluated the school's programs and strengths through a series of interviews with students, teachers, parents, and school board members and through direct observations in every classroom, on the playground, in the gym, and at lunch. Instructions to the school were to showcase its best programs; everyone worked hard to assure the school was sparkling and there was much to see. It wasn't until the award dinner on June 8th that the school learned it had won first place for the state! I can only imagine the sense of excitement and celebration among staff, students, and the entire school community.

Credit for winning such recognition rightfully belongs to the entire town of Piermont: staff, students, parents, friends and taxpayers who continue to support the school in so many ways. Jane Slayton, however, deserves special recognition for her many years of leadership. Her energy, enthusiasm, skills, and hard work were critical in creating the excellence which earned this special award. Ms. Slayton left the school over the summer to become the full time principal of Andover Elementary School in Andover, NH, and she is missed.

Other highlights of last spring: Emma Batchelder won both the Geography Bee and the Spelling Bee; Linda Lea was chosen as "guest chef" and published an article in Tiffin Topics, the statewide newsletter for school food services; and every student in the school from kindergarten through grade eight had a part in the annual school play, which was The Wizard of Oz, based on books by Frank Baum. This was the second time PVS students presented the Wizard of Oz. The first time last year's 8th graders were in first grade and appeared as Munchkins. In May the production played to a packed, responsive audience and reflected a lot of hard work by students and staff. Special thanks go to Nancy Sandell for adapting and directing the play.

Highlights of this fall and winter include third grader Katie Stygles winning the Fire Safety poster contest; second grader Shannon Labs winning our schoolwide sign language contest; and eighth grade Joe Latona winning the Geography Bee. Open House on October 2nd focused on math and brought almost one hundred percent attendance by parents. Young Authors' Night on December 12th, featuring stories, poetry, and non-fiction writing from all of our students K-8, was equally successful. On the Friday before winter vacation, Beth Hilgartner and Ernie Drown led us in a school wide holiday sing which many suggested should begin an annual tradition.



As part of ongoing fund raising for the 7th and 8th grade trip to Washington, we had a tremendously successful "Hoedown" on October 26th at Ellen and Jim Putnam's. Pony and hayride, an obstacle course, face painting, cookie decorating, a cakewalk, a silent auction, a baked goods auction, refreshment sales, and a cow pie contest all combined to raise over \$1,500 toward our ambitious \$10,000 goal. A bazaar and craft sale on November 30th, organized by Cindy Putnam and including an appearance by Santa Claus, brought in almost another thousand dollars. We are very grateful for the hard work and contributions of the many parents, relatives, and community members who repeatedly support our fund raising activities with both time and money.

Ms. Slayton's leaving has brought several changes to the school. As a teaching principal she divided her time equally between instruction and administration. I was hired in August as half time interim principal to take on the administrative duties of the former position. To help make the part time Principal arrangement work, Ms. Sandell agreed to be appointed lead teacher with the authority to make decisions in my absence. Vicki Kelly was hired to teach half time, math for grades 5-8 and social studies for grades 7-8. Mrs. Kelly graduated from Dartmouth and lives in Campton, NH.

Other staff members newly hired this fall include Helen Skelley, guidance counselor, who joins us Tuesday and Thursday afternoons; Mrs. Skelley also serves as guidance counselor in Lyme. Claire Molner, school nurse, comes in on Thursday mornings; Mrs. Molner also covers four schools in Vermont. Vicki Latona is our lunch program assistant four days a week. Beth Hilgartner and Ernie Drown are our husband and wife music team who share choral and instrumental instruction every Monday. Most recently added to the school staff is Kelley Meloon, special education teacher. Ms. Meloon is a recent graduate of Green Mountain College and lives in Lebanon. She has taken over three of Debbie Eaton's four days at school while Mrs. Eaton is on a leave of absence through June. To help provide continuity in case management and instruction, Mrs. Eaton continues to come in one day a week on Fridays.

As always, teachers are learning as well as teaching. This year we are focused on literacy instruction. Three of us attended a four day literacy institute last summer, and we have followed up as a whole staff by spending early release days on spelling and writing, kindergarten through grade 8. We have also joined in SAU initiatives for work on multiple intelligences and learning styles. Most recently, we spent a full day in January revising and fine-tuning report cards to make smooth transitions through the grades.

Piermont Village School is a busy and thriving education community. I feel privileged to be a part of it. Please feel welcome to come in and visit and see all that is happening. We enjoy sharing the building and instructional programs and answering your questions. We thank you all - parents, students, volunteers, and community members - for your strong and continued involvement and support of our school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine H. Blanchard  
Principal

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	General Obligation Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1997	\$45,000.00	\$42,188.00	\$87,188.00
1998	\$45,000.00	\$39,150.00	\$84,150.00
1999	\$45,000.00	\$36,112.00	\$81,112.00
2000	\$45,000.00	\$33,075.00	\$78,075.00
2001-2011	\$445,000.00	\$178,538.00	\$623,538.00
Totals	\$625,000.00	\$329,063.00	\$954,063.00









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