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**REPORT**

**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS**

**PIERMONT, N.H.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

**1997**

# **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**  
**Lawrence Underhill**  
**Selectman, Moderator, Conservationist**  
**And**  
**Nancy Underhill**  
**Librarian – Twenty Five Years**  
**The Town will miss you!**



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PIERMONT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1997



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## TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Robert J. Lang, Chr (1998)	989-5684
	Dean W. Osgood (1999)	272-5804
	Jean D. Daley (2000)	272-4944
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2000)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2000)	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 Medicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Veal Jenks (1998)	272-4838
	Mary Halloran (1998)	272-4378
	Louis Hobbs (2002)	272-5810
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chr. (1999)	272-4938
	William R. Deal (1999)	272-5882
	Louis Hobbs (2001)	272-5810
Moderator	Arnold Shields (1998)	989-3171

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Katherine Wescott, Treas. (2000)	Marian Shields (2000)
Helga Mueller, Chr. (1999)	Lydia Hill (1998)
Stephanie Gordon (1998)	Nancy Sandell (1998)
Cindy Musty (1998)	
Maureen Byrne, Librarian	

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Terry Robie	272-4901
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## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Fred Shipman, Chr. (1998)	George Schmid, Vice Chr. (1998)
Jeffrey P. Dube (2000)	Dean Osgood (1999)
William Putnam, (1999)	

## PLANNING BOARD

Peter Labounty, Chr.(2000)  
Fred Shipman (1999)  
Suzanne Woodward (1998)  
Jean D. Daley, Ex-Officio  
Dean Osgood, Alternate Ex-Officio

Kay Wescott, Vice Chr.(1999)  
Robert Michenfelder (2000)  
Thomas Stevens (1998)

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joe Medicott., Pres.  
Linda Lambert, Cp-V.P.  
Anna Williams, Corresp. Sec.  
Lloyd Hall, Dir. of Preservation

Helga Mueller, Co-V.P.  
Frederick Shipman, Treas.  
Betty Hall, 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  
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
PIERMONT, NH  
MARCH 11,1997**

The legal town meeting for the inhabitants of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire was held Tuesday March 11,1997. The polls opened at 10:30AM by Moderator Arnold Shields for the purpose of voting for town and school board officers by non-partisan ballot. The polls closed at 6:30PM at which time 117 voters had cast their ballots.

At 8:00PM the town meeting was reconvened by Moderator Arnold Shields who asked us to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

OFFICE	TERM	NAME
Selectman	3yrs	Jean Daley
Town Clerk	3yrs	Linda Lambert
Tax Collector	3yrs	Linda Lambert
Trustee of Trust Fund	3yrs	Louis Hobbs
Library Trustee	3yrs	Marian Shields
Library Trustee	2yrs	George Smith
Treasurer	1yr	James Lambert

**SCHOOL OFFICERS**

Clerk	1yr	Ellen Putnam
Treasurer	1yr	Ellen Putnam
Board Member	3yrs	Alex Medicott
Moderator	1yr	Arnold Shields

Motion made by town clerk to have officers sworn in. Seconded by Suzanne Woodard. It was explained that we have to wait for the three day waiting period so that a recount, if asked can be done. Because there was no close count swearing in of the officers would be done .

Voice voted yes so moderator swore in all present officers.

Alex Medicott and Louis Hobbs were absent.

Moderator asked everyone to be on their honor to only vote if they were a registered voter when asked to vote by voice or a show of hands.

Joe Medicott moved to not read the whole warrant at this time due to the time factor and weather condition (bad snow storm) and the fact that each article is read before each vote. Seconded by Suzanne Woodard. Alfred Stevens called the question Bill Deal seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.



*Minutes Continued:*

**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	600
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	14,000
Planning Board	1,000
Legal and Damages	4,000
Solid Waste Disposal	29,805
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>

Moved by Helga Mueller    Seconded by Kelly Fitzpatrick  
Discussion: none    Voice passed

Robert Lang moved to proceed to Article 35 for the moment to read a statement while there is still a large crowd before everyone left, mainly due to the bad weather outside. Seconded by Russell Woodard.

We, residents of the town of Piermont would like to express our frustration and concerns with the repair/painting by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation supervised work project on the Piermont Bridge over the Connecticut River. We feel the residents of Piermont and neighboring Towns have had to deal with undue stress and frustration on the progress of said work project. It is our attempt to show the community of Piermont's dissatisfaction with this project. Bill Deal asks that there be something added to the statement concerning the safety compromised by the people and vehicles alike trying to cross the bridge.

There was a heated objection by Bill Sharp that ended with the Moderator telling him to be quiet and please sit down! Discussion continued with Helga Mueller asking if this statement will be forwarded to the State? Bob Lang said yes.

Voice passed - to send

*Minutes Continued:*

**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 Chris Davidson Seconded by Wayne Godfrey.

Discussion: none Voice passed

**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.)

Moved by Wayne Godfrey Seconded by Chris Davidson

Discussion: none Voice passed

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

Moved by Bill Deal . Seconded by Helga Mueller. Discussion: Helga stated to everyone that we have a new assistant for Bill if they haven't read the town report.

Voice passed

**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.

Moved by Tim Cole. Seconded by Marian Shields

discussion: none Voice passed one no

**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.

Moved by Tim Cole. Seconded by Randy Dunbar

Discussion: Jean Daley stated that the \$500 from the grant reduces the town portion to only \$500. David Ritchie asks what happens if we don't get the \$500? Tim Cole stated that we already have it.

Voice passed

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

Moved by Bill Deal. Seconded by Joe Medlicott

Discussion: none Voice passed



*Minutes Continued:*

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

Moved by Helga Mueller. Seconded by George Smith

Discussion: Mary Green asks that on page 50 under office supplies what did they sell for \$2,000? Kay responded with we didn't sell we bought. Also asked on the auditors report there was a lack of Trust Fund reports, why? Kay's response was they got what I had.

Voice passed

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

Moved by Bill Deal. Seconded by Roger Hutchins

Discussion: none. Voice passed

**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.

Moved by Suzanne Woodard. Seconded by Kay Wescott

Discussion: none Voice passed

**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.

Moved by Peter Labounty. Seconded by Don Smith

Discussion: none Voice passed

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

Moved by Robert Elder. Seconded by Marian Shields

Discussion: none Voice passed

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

Moved by William Sharp. Seconded by Kay Wescott

Discussion: Helga Mueller asks what is this? Report on page 77. She was happy with answer.

Voice passed

**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.

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Moved by Helga Mueller Seconded by Suzanne Woodard

Discussion: Ellian Swaan asks what is this fund? Jean Daley responded with an explanation that this is to prevent a huge bill for revaluation when it is done, it was started last year. Bill Sharp asks what amount is in there now? Jean stated that this fund was started last year so \$5000 plus what interest it has earned.

Voice passed

**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.)

Moved by George Smith. Seconded by Russell Woodard

Discussion: Joe Medlicott asks if this price includes a new map, Haverhill had to pay big money when they reevaluated? Robert Lang stated that the \$35,000 is for reappraise and \$7,000. for the computer and software ,the town maps are in good condition. Mike Shores was introduced as President of Cartographics who submitted the bid. He stated that when the last revaluation was done the maps were kept up and it was a good job so maps need no major work just the yearly changes that have to be done. Richard Fowler asks about the bidding agreement or does it need yearly upgrade. Robert Lang explained that the selectmen have been working with this company for awhile negotiating a price and the duties of the company. Pickups are done annually at a cost of \$20 per parcel for each parcel that changed. We can vote at any town meeting not to have it have it done professionally, in which case the selectmen would have to do it. This price includes setting up basic data, revaluation and pickups each year. To have the same professionals each year will mean a more even appraisal system kept up. The \$20.00 a pickup can be changed at any town meeting. William Sharp says it sounds like the selectmen can spend money without a competitive bid going out. Selectmen said they want to go with this company because they are competitive and have done work around the area before. The bid is very fair and they are very professional and will address any problems which might come up. Barbara Fowler asks why borrow money? The response was that the rise in the school budget was so high that this would keep overall cost smaller and that Woodsville Bank has a municipal rate. First payment will be due next year like the fire truck it would be \$13,000 per year. Could the revaluation fund be listed as a budget item? Bill Deal asks what is the backup system and service data on the computer in case of a hard drive crash? The town owns the software and will be trained to run it. The company will keep a copy of the disk off site and the town will keep a copy at



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their office. George Smith asks if we have a pickup done every year will we need to be reevaluated every ten years as required by law? Mike Shores if the system is kept up the State will not require it.

Question called by Joe Medlicott. Seconded by Barbara Fowler  
Voice passed

BALLOT VOTE 66 YES 6 NO PASSED BY 2/3 VOTING

**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.

Moved by Bill Deal. Seconded by Nancy Cole  
Discussion: none Voice passed

**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 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.)

Moved by Russell Woodard. Seconded by Mary Green

Discussion: Katherine Johnson asks how this differs from what we have now? Jean stated that the State mandates the rules, if this does not pass here tonight the State is \$5,000 for each age group. These proposed figures are more in line to what we have now. Kay Gould-Day what was it before? 65-75=\$5,000 75-85=\$10,000 85& up=\$20,000 but it

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included their house. This time it does not include house and one acre and assets less than \$50,000. William Sharp asks which one is better the State or town proposal?- The town's for the people. David Ritchie asks what the impact on the tax rate will be? Don't know, we are going through revaluation. We have now 4 for 65-75, 4 for 75-85 and 8 for 85 and up. George Smith asks can we stop ballot vote and just voice vote? Marian Shields asks if it isn't the law to be by ballot? Selectmen stated that it must be by ballot .

BALLOT VOTE 66 YES 6 NO PASSED BY 2/3 VOTING

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

Moved by Alfred Stevens Seconded by Kelly Fitzpatrick  
Discussion: none Voice passed

**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.

Moved by Helga Mueller Seconded by Don Smith  
Discussion: James Lambert asks if all the procedes goes into the general fund?  
Helga Mueller stated yes only keep out enough for the cost of the trails.  
Voice passed

**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

Moved by Helga Mueller Seconded by Kay Wescott  
Discussion: Marian Shields asks how this differs from article 20? Robert Lang stated that this article gives permission for work to be done over a period of time no time longer than one year.  
Voice passed



*Minutes Continued:*

**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.

Moved by Kay Wescott. Seconded by Kelly Fitzpatrick

Discussion: Katherine Johnson asks if this is new ,haven't they already had this right? Marian Shields- yes they have but the State Library suggested they do this for legal purposes. Bill Deal thought it was on the books somewhere already!

Voice passed

**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 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.*

Moved by Don Smith. Seconded by Joe Medlicott

Discussion: Katherine Johnson is this vote for an advisory opinion only? Jean Daley on advice from town lawyer this is not a legal statement but more of a feeling of the town and if any cutting is done the company can charge the landowner for the cutting. George Smith says that restricting herbicides and pesticides on land is more a political statement to the electrical company. Helga takes objection to George's statement we should stop pesticides and landowners should pay for cutting to prevent use of them. Nelda Smith asks what does the Conservation Commission think of only being an advisory statement? The petition was signed by town's people not the Conservation Committee Board. Helga said it was the conservation committee who signed it, but not as a board. The selectmen will write letter if the town so votes.

Voice passed a few nos. voiced

**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.

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Moved by Russell Woodard. Seconded by Robert Elder

Discussion: Wayne Godfrey moves to amend the article as follows:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$505 to contribute to a local or regional paint and battery collection to be held at the Piermont recycling center.

Seconded by Peter Labounty

Jean Daley stated that the one we used last year will be discontinued this year. This is the only one this year and added batteries, and this cost is Piermont's share. The total cost for all towns is \$5000. Question asked if a paint company could get involved to help curb costs- no because the State is involved in this program. Is this the same group-yes.

Tom Elliott called the question. Seconded by Alfred Stevens

Voice passed of the amendment

**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.)

Moved by Sue Medlicott. Seconded by Russell Woodard

Discussion: Helga Mueller asks what was done last year? Dean Osgood stated that they have had appraisers in and people have looked at it and no one is interested due to accessibility is poor and no parking. They are still continuing to speak with some concerned people. Last year was a lapsing vote this is a non-lapsing vote. They would like to continue to negotiate.

Barbara Fowler amends to remove the wording "demolish and/or remove" from the article. Seconded by Elionna Swaan.

Discussion: Joe Medlicott asks what are the options? William Sharp stated as it reads you could sell it to someone and they could tear it down and we can do nothing. Alfred Stevens asks if anyone has checked to see if it can be a historical building/ no. Robert stated that the salvage people says the internal structural has very little that is preserveable for a historical site. James Lambert asks what is meant by the amendment do they have any suggestions? No response. Joe Medlicott stated that the State has to approve any building as a historical and it is a lengthy, involved process. The town hall would not qualify as a historical building.(He did go through this with his house.)

Voice voted down amendment



*Minutes Continued:*

Back to article 25: Marian Shields asks if the building is used for anything now? Dean Osgood stated there is a problem with the water system and isn't handicap assessable so not used at all. William Putnam asks how much land is with it? The drip edge is the line no room to put in handicap assessability or parking. The property was offered to the adjacent landowners and no takers. Bill Deal stated it was a shame that it took 20 years to get this building built. Land was donated by the Evans family to build it- to be even thinking of removing it now is very sad. The building has a major water problem (water coming in from the back bank) and no land around it to even set up staging to paint the building. No more discussion.

Voice passed

**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.

Moved by Sue Medicott Seconded by Kay Wescott

Discussion: George Smith is this a book keeping article to clear up ownership? Marian Shields asked-was the school in violation of deed? Selectmen question it and say we need to clear this up. James Lambert amends the article to add \$500.00 to article. Seconded by Kelly Fitzpatrick .Discussion: Kay Gould-Day why \$500? Jean Daley- it's figured on filing fees for the court and 2 hours for the lawyer. Asked if more is needed do they come back next year?- No can take out of line item for legal fees.

Voice passed the amendment

Back to article 26: Kay Gould -Day what choices are there if a clear title? Can use as Library with limited parking so would suggest to move or tear down or sell for salvage. Can't use it except as deed states right now.

Voice passed

**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 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

*Minutes Continued:*

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.)

Moved by Helga Mueller. Seconded by Ed French

Discussion: Nelda Smith this is a historical site and should be used in Piermont and make adjustments for parking. George Smith is not for article and it would be a mistake to remove it. Joe Medlicott as historical society president has looked into the building but is loaded with asbestos and to remove is dangerous. It would cost too much to make it useable for anything nearly 1/2 million. It costs the town \$3500 per year now. Kay Gould-Day is asbestos a problem? Robert Lang stated that there are different rules for schools, children's use and public use. Any work there becomes a problem. Bill Deal stated that the cellar can be sealed and upstairs is a false ceiling. To remove is bad yes, so use building for something else use for storage if nothing else so there is no public access. He also stated that the fire siren would have to be removed. It was put up in 1946. The building as it stands is the most rugged building in town. It is the oldest public building in town and a shame to tear it down. Bill suggested that we move the playground and use the parking lot as a parking lot, not destroy a building that's the soul of the town! George Smith stated that the asbestos is blown out of portion. Helga Mueller as Vice president of historical they would consider this building if town votes to maintain building for the society. William Priestly says this building is important to a lot of people here speaking tonight so could we qualify for a community block grant to help this building? Robert Lang stated they looked into it but none apply at this time. The situation may change besides they need matching funds.

Russell Woodard calls question. Seconded by Kay Wescott

Voice passed to call question

article as written show of hands yes 25 no 25

revoted by show of hands yes 19 no 28

**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

William Sharp moved to vote on articles 28,29,30 as one article

Seconded by James Lambert

Discussion: none

Voice passed 1 no

William Sharp moved the one article of Articles 28,29,30. Seconded by George Smith



*Minutes Continued:*

Discussion: Robert Elder reads as one will the Sec of State let this fly? On article 30 was any money used -no, can only be used if voted out of fund by the town.

William Sharp called the question. Seconded by Alfred Stevens

Voice passed to vote

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

**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

Passed under article 28

**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

Passed under article 28

**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.

Moved by Barbara Fitzpatrick. Seconded by Marian Shields

Discussion: none.            Voice passed

**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.*

Moved by Richard Fowler. Seconded by Chris Davidson

Discussion: none. Voice passed

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



*Minutes Continued:*

Jean Daley moves to pass over Article 33. Seconded by Suzanne Woodard

Discussion: Alfred Stevens asks if we do pass over this article does it mean that the \$10,000 voted for in article 32 would be used to fix this bridge? Jean explained that if article 32 was passed there is no need for article 33. This was put in just in case article 32 was defeated. This bridge needs to be fixed.

Voice passed 1 nay. Passed over and therefore defeated

**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.)*

Moved by Chris Davidson. Seconded by James Lambert

Discussion: Nelda Smith why do we have this anyway? Currently we get \$4400 per year, it's very time consuming and expensive to warrant the tax. It cost \$600 to get \$4400. Why give up income no matter how small?

Stood up to be counted yes 18 no 19

Defeated

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

Bill Deal stated that we lost many people on town this year and would like a moment of silence for those who gave of themselves for the town. They are Helen Underhill as Library Trustee, Frank Rodimon Sr. as Road Agent and Erva Barnes as a Firefighter.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

SUBMITTED AS A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

TOWN CLERK  
LINDA LAMBERT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Jean Daley,  
Robert J. Lang  
Dean W. Osgood

## 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 10, 1998 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 on Article One, 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 Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

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.

One Library Trustee to serve for a term of one year.

Moderator to serve for a term of two years.

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six years.

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of two years.

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

**ARTICLE TWO:** To raise and appropriate \$143,382 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:

*Warrant Continued:*

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGE
Officers' Salaries	\$ 18,500
Officers' Expenses	16,000
Auditor Expense	4,600
Election/Registration	1,500
Town Buildings	20,000
Tax Map	600
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	12,000
Planning Board	1,000
Legal and Damages	2,500
Solid Waste Disposal	33,782
Street Lights/Blinker	3,800
Public Welfare	3,000
Memorial Day	250
Recreation and Swimming Pool	1,750
Interest	1,000
Fire Truck Note	14,000
Revaluation Note	7,100
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>500</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>	<b>\$143,382</b>

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,000 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 \$11,000 for the Police Department.

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,500 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.



*Warrant Continued:*

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,983 for Ambulance, Fire and Police dispatching services.

**ARTICLE NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for support of the Library.

**ARTICLE TEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 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.

**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 \$600 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN:** To see if the Town will adopt a Town Ordinance prohibiting the possession of alcoholic beverages on Town properties as provided in RSA 31:39, as follows:

**"Possession of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited on Town Properties.**

1. Declaration of Purpose: In order to preserve and protect the general welfare of the people of Piermont when using municipal property for public purposes, it is necessary to prohibit any person from possessing alcoholic beverages on municipal property.

2. Title: This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Prohibition of Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on Town Properties."

3. Authority: This Town ordinance is pursuant to the authority given to the Town in RSA 31:39.

4. The possession of liquor or alcoholic beverage as defined in RSA 175:1 is prohibited on Town properties, including but not limited to the following: Town recreation fields, swimming area, all Town buildings, the Connecticut River canoe site and access area, School

*Warrant Continued:*

buildings and property, Fire Department building and property, cemeteries, Transfer Station, Town garage, Town Office and Library, Lake Armington access area, the School Lot, the Sara Moore Lot and the Village septic system lot.

Any person violating this Town Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.

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

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:** To see if the Town wants to consider, at a future Town Meeting, a proposed plan and appropriation of funds to renovate the old Church Building for use as the Town Library involving estimated costs between \$150,000 to \$225,000.

Comment: The sole purpose of this Article is to obtain a sense of the Meeting and not for any action or appropriation.

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,065 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

**ARTICLE NINETEEN:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN).

**ARTICLE TWENTY:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the Western Grafton County Juvenile Diversion Program.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE:** 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-TWO:** To appropriate the sum of \$20,180 for the cost of moving the recycling center and transfer station to a new site and this appropriation is to be non-lapsing to be carried forward if not spent in 1998.

*Warrant Continued:*

Comment: The cost to move to a new site includes the following:

Roadway	\$ 7,000
Waterline	1,200
Electrical Work	800
Crane	2,500
Truck	330
Miscellaneous Labor	750
Concrete	2,500
Fence	<u>5,100</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$20,180</u>

Selectmen For: 3 Against: 0

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE:** 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-FOUR:** 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 TWENTY-FIVE:** 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 TWENTY-SIX:** 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 TWENTY-SEVEN:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 17th day of February, 1998



*Warrant Continued:*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Lang

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean W. Osgood

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jean D. Daley

A true copy attest:

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Lang

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean W. Osgood

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jean D. Daley

**RETURN**

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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Lang

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Dean W. Osgood

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Jean D. Daley

This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 17th day of February 1998.

Town Clerk



## SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 1998

Town Charges	\$143,382
Highways and Bridges	65,000
Highway Department/State Subsidy	24,692 *
Police Department	11,000
Fire Department/Fast Squad	13,500
Fire Ponds	1,000 ***
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching	2,983
Library	20,000
Cemeteries	7,500 **
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	2,428
UVLS Regional Planning Commission	580
White Mountain Mental Health	300
Community Action Outreach Program	600
Upper Valley Ambulance Service	8,736
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,065
Hazardous Waste Collection	624
Move Recycling/Compactor to new site	20,180
AIDS Community Resource Network	300
Western Grafton County Juvenile Diversion	300
Vehicular Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Building Improvements Capital Reserve	5,000
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Sub-total	339,170
Estimate of County Tax	70,000
School District budget (Estimated)	902,893
<b>TOTAL OF TOWN, COUNTY AND SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$1,312,063</b>

\*No taxes raised. Paid by State

\*\*Town raises by taxes 3,500. Balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds

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

Balance from a Grant

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

	<b>Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>Actual Revenue</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue</b>
<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION</b>	1,997.00	1,997.00	1,998.00
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers Salaries	17,500.00	17,167.75	18,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	15,000.00	13,915.55	16,000.00
Election & Registration	1,200.00	846.10	1,500.00
Expenses Town Buildings	20,000.00	21,040.68	20,000.00
Auditor Expense	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,600.00
Police Department	8,000.00	9,013.18	11,000.00
Fire Dept. inc. Forest Fires	14,850.00	11,424.45	13,500.00
Planning & Zoning	1,000.00	552.00	1,000.00
Insurance	14,000.00	10,561.00	12,000.00
Update Tax Map	600.00	0.00	600.00
UVLSC	580.00	580.00	580.00
<b>Health Department:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	29,805.00	30,805.45	33,782.00
Move to New Site	0.00	0.00	20,180.00
Dispatch Services	1,685.00	1,698.98	2,983.00
VNAV TNH	2,428.00	2,428.00	2,428.00
White Mt. Mental Health	300.00	300.00	300.00
UVA, Inc.	8,736.00	8,736.00	8,736.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	61,000.00	61,000.00	65,000.00
Street Lighting	3,600.00	3,774.46	3,800.00
General Exp	24,692.00	25,879.41	24,692.00
Highway Dept.			
Library:	16,000.00	16,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Welfare</b>			
Welfare	3,000.00	1,850.59	3,000.00
Community Action	425.00	425.00	600.00
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,030.00	1,030.00	1,065.00
Memorial Day	250.00	242.00	250.00
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	1,750.00	1,436.53	1,750.00
Cemeteries	7,320.00	4,320.00	7,500.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,000.00	3,725.12	2,500.00

*Budget Continued:*

Contingency Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Dump Closure Project	0.00	2,219.63	0.00
Taxes Bought by Town	0.00	30,373.78	0.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	624.00	410.00	624.00
Fire Ponds	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Capital Reserves	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
Misc. Unclassified Expense	500.00	200.00	500.00
Interest on Temp. Loans	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Truck Payment	14,000.00	13,458.00	14,000.00
Revaluation Loan	0.00	0.00	7,100.00
Taxes Paid to County	70,000.00	57,131.00	70,000.00
Payment to School District	914,780.00	687,661.00	902,893.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,286,455.00	1,066,005.66	1,312,063.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

From Local Taxes:

Resident Taxes	4,000.00	4,760.00	4,000.00
Yield Taxes	10,000.00	19,112.79	10,000.00
Resident Tax Penalties	0.00	54.00	0.00
Property Taxes	850,000.00	1,001,589.68	900,000.00
Current Use Changes	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	10,703.96	0.00
Rooms & Meals Tax(State Grant)	20,000.00	26,015.71	20,000.00
Highway Grant	24,692.00	25,879.41	24,692.00
Reimb. a/c St			
Fed. Forest Land	200.00	292.39	200.00
Sale of Town Property	0.00	20,070.06	0.00
Recycling Income	0.00	1,521.24	0.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	55,000.00	70,582.00	60,000.00
Dog Licenses	450.00	1,423.50	450.00
Business Lic,Permits,Filing	100.00	1,108.55	100.00
Rent of Town Property	500.00	500.00	500.00
Income from Trust Funds	14,000.00	15,062.09	14,000.00
Interest on Deposits	5,000.00	9,824.10	6,000.00
Insurance Rebates	0.00	9,809.98	0.00
All Other Receipts	500.00	1,083.99	500.00
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	984,422.00	1,221,393.45	1,040,442.00



*Budget Continued:*

The Town Hall was sold for \$26,000. The back section had to be removed because it encroached on an abutter's air space. The price was reduced to \$25,000 due to less usable area. \$6,000 is being held in escrow because a well has to be drilled to supply water. The existing water supply is on an abutter's property and there is no deeded water right.. If the well costs less than \$6,000 the difference will revert to the Town's General Fund. If it costs more than \$6,000, the difference will be paid by the new owner. A survey had to be done to mark the boundaries at a cost of \$3,313, legal fees amounted to \$772.62 and the cost of removing the back section and side porch amounted to \$1,400. The final profit to the Town was \$14,914.38 not including any refund we may receive from the installation of the well.

## 1997 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

<b>Land</b>		
Current Use (at C.U. values)	1,188,232.00	
Conservation Restriction(at C.U.val)	91,965.00	
Residential	4,060,098.00	
Commercial/Industrial	285,124.00	
<b>Building</b>		
Residential	13,409,945.00	
Manufactured Housing	232,612.00	
Commercial/Industrial	1,246,734.00	
<b>Public Utilities</b>		
Electric (includes Phone)	1,230,081.00	
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		21,744.79
Elderly Exemptions	238,600.00	
Solar Exemptions	1,950.00	
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		270,550.00
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed</b>		21,474,241.00
<b>Utilities</b>		
Central Vermont Public Service	4,367.00	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	350,754.00	
Piermont Hydro	236,550.00	
New England Power Co.	385,830.00	
New England Telephone	14,050.00	
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	238,530.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,230,081.00</b>	
Number of Inventories Distributed in 7	486	
Date of Mailing 1996 Inventories	March 24	
Number of Inventories Returned in 1997	433	
Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions	21	
Number of Individuals Granted Solar Exemptions	1	
Number of Property Owners Who Applied for Current Use	0	

## 1997 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Gross Property Tax	1,000,914.00
Less War Service Credits	-6,300.00
Net Property Tax Commitments	994,614.00
Net School Appropriations	827,624.00
County Tax Assessment	56,059.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1997**

<b>Title of Appropriations</b>	<b>Total Amt. Available</b>	<b>Expend- itures</b>	<b>Unexpende Balance</b>	<b>Over Draft</b>
Town Officers Salaries	17,500.00	17,167.75	332.25	
Town Officers Expenses	15,000.00	13,915.55	1,084.45	
Auditor Expense	4,300.00	4,300.00		
Election & Reg. Exp.	1,200.00	846.10	353.90	
Expenses of Town Bldgs.	20,000.00	21,040.68	1,040.68	
Police Department	8,000.00	9,013.18	1,013.18	
Fire Department	11,600.00	11,424.45	175.55	
Planning & Zoning	1,000.00	552.00	448.00	
Insurance	14,000.00	10,561.00	3,439.00	
Update Tax Map	600.00	0.00	600.00	
UVLSC	580.00	580.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	29,805.00	30,805.45	1,000.45	
Dispatch Services	1,513.00	1,698.98	185.90	
VNA VTNH	2,428.00	2,428.00		
White Mtn. Mental Hlth	300.00	300.00		
UVA, Inc.	8,736.00	8,736.00		
Highways & Bridges	61,000.00	61,000.00		
Street Lighting	3,600.00	3,774.46	174.46	
Library	16,000.00	16,000.00		
Welfare	3,000.00	1,850.59	1,149.41	
Community Action	425.00	425.00		
Grafton Senior Citizen	1,030.00	1,030.00		
Memorial Day	250.00	242.00	8.00	
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	1,750.00	1,436.53	313.47	
*Cemeteries	7,320.00	4,320.00		
Contingency Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Damages & Legal	4,000.00	3,725.12	274.88	
**Dump Closure Project	27,835.00	2,219.63		
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	500.00	200.00	300.00	
Hazardous Waste Collection	624.00	410.00	214.00	
Fire Ponds	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Fire Truck Payment	14,100.00	13,458.00	642.00	
Capital Reserves	20,000.00	20,000.00		
Taxes Paid to County	70,000.00	57,131.00	12,869.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>372,496.00</b>	<b>322,091.47</b>	<b>25,203.91</b>	<b>3,414.67 21,789.24</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, \$25,614.97 will be held in reserve for future costs.

The Town will receive \$1,794.72 from a Grant to offset the cost of the Oil Storage Building at the Recycling Center.

The cost is included in the 1997 expenditures and resulted in the deficit.

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Libraries, lands and Buildings	77,750.00
Furniture & Equipment	4,000.00
Fire Department, Lands/Buildings-Town Garage	58,100.00
Equipment	165,000.00
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	60,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings-Town Garage	7,000.00
Equipment	90,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	2,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment	800,000.00
Cemeteries	50,000.00
Piermont Sewage District Land	5,200.00
Fire Pond	200.00
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	16,000.00
Sarah Moore Lot	13,600.00
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	16,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,365,650.00</b>



**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**of the Town of Piermont, N.H.**  
**County of Grafton**  
**For the Calendar Year ended December 31, 1997**

**ASSETS**

Cash:		
In the Hands of the Treasurer		451,407.06
In the Hands of Others:		
Highway Subsidy	10,380.18	
Road Agents Account	4,346.68	
Total Other		14,726.86
Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes		
Property (net of Reserve)	114,409.67	
Resident	150	
Yield	2,467.00	
Levy of 1996	25,348.00	
Levy of 1995	13,406.36	
Levy of Prior Years	1,070.30	
Total Unredeemed and Uncollected Taxes		156,851.33
Other Assets:		
Due from Other Governments	2,412.63	
Due from Capital Reserve Fund	5,000.00	
Prepaid Expense	593.6	
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ASSETS</b>		<b>630,991.48</b>

**LIABILITIES**

School District Assessment	464,193.00	
Accounts Payable	9,422.30	
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	1,027.99	
Revaluation Loan Payable	20,398.00	
Total Liabilities		500,871.35

## FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Encumbrances		46,536.71
Fund Balance January 1, 1997	77,796.97	
Fund Balance December 31, 1997	83,583.42	
Change in financial Condition	5,786.45	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		630,991.48

## PAYMENTS

General Government		
Town Officers' Salaries	17,167.75	
Town Officers' Expenses	13,915.55	
Election and Registration	846.1	
Auditors	4,300.00	
Tax Map	0	
Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	21,040.68	
Capital Reserve Funds	20,000.00	
Total General Governmental Expenses		77,270.08
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police	9,013.18	
Planning Board	552	
Fire, Incl. Forest Fire	11,424.45	
Insurance	10,561.00	
Dispatch	1,698.98	
Total Protection Expense		33,249.61
Health and Sanitation		
Health Including Hospitals	2,428.00	
Town Trash Removal & Recycling	30,805.45	
Hazardous Waste Collection	410	
Dump Closure	2,219.63	
Total Health Expense		35,863.08
Highways and Bridges		
Town Maintenance	61,000.00	
Highway Subsidy	25,879.41	
Street Lighting	3,774.46	
Total Highways and Bridges Expenses		90,653.87

Library		16,000.00
Public Welfare		
Town Poor	1,850.59	
Ambulance	8,736.00	
White Mtn.Mental Health	300	
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,030.00	
Community Action	425	
Total Public Welfare		12,341.59
Patriotic		
Memorial Day		242
Recreation		1,436.53
Cemeteries		4,320.00
Unclassified:		
Damages, Legal & Dog Damages	3,725.12	
Taxes Bought by Town	30,373.78	
Other	1,700.00	
Total Unclassified Payments		35,798.90
Interest		0
Bonds and Term Notes	13,458.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		13,458.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County	57,131.00	
School District	687,661.00	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		744,792.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>1,065,425.66</b>

### RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes	
Property	982,617.96
Resident	4,760.00
Yield	19,112.79
Current Use	2,000.00
Interest and Costs	10,703.96
Tax Sales Redeemed	18,971.72



Total Collected		1,038,166.43
Recycling Fees and Sales		1,521.24
Block Grant-Highway Subsidy		25,879.41
From State		26,015.71
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	1,423.50	
Business Lic, Permits & Fees	1,108.55	
Rent of Town Property	500	
Sale of Town Property	20,070.06	
Interest on Deposits	9,824.10	
Income from Mutual Funds	15,062.09	
Motor Vehicle Registration	70,582.00	
Insurance Rebate	9,809.98	
Forestry Reimbursement	292.39	
Other	1,137.99	
		129,810.66
Receipts		
Other Than Current Revenue		
Revaluation Loan		20,398.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES</b>		<b>1,241,791.45</b>

## TOWN CLERKS REPORT 1997

### SUBMITTED TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Registrations (945)	70,452.00
Motor Vehicle Titles (94)	130
Dog Licenses (94)	1,235.50
Fees, Penalties	188
Other(Fees, Permits, Zoning Books, etc.)	83
	72,088.50

REMINDER\*\*\*ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD ARE TO BE LICENSED.  
1998 TAGS ARE IN AND AVAILABLE NOW. RABIES TAGS ARE REQUIRED.

### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1997

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

Property Taxes	122,173.66
Resident Taxes	650
Land Use Change	2,000.00
Yield Taxes	856.42
Utilities	480

#### Revenues Committed - This Year:

Property Taxes	996,116.00
Resident Taxes	4,580.00
Land Use Change	0
Yield Taxes	20,723.43
Utilities	8,550.00

#### Overpayment:

Property Taxes	4,199.79
Resident Taxes	0
Adjustment	0

Interest Coll. on Delinquent Tax	6,753.01
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	54

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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1,040,976.23</b>	<b>126,160.08</b>
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\*\*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance.

## CREDITS

### Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	987,347.79
Resident Taxes	4,760.00
Land Use Taxes	2,000.00
Yield Taxes	19,112.79
Utilities	8,910.00
Interest	5,733.93
Penalties	54
Other	183.27

### Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	18,378.83
Resident Taxes	320
Penalties	24.28

### Uncollected Rev. - End of Year

Property Taxes	118,069.97
Resident Taxes	150
Land Use Change	0
Utilities	120
Yield Taxes	2,467.06

**TOTAL CREDITS** 1,167,631.92

### Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies

Unredeemed Taxes: Bal. at Beg. of Fiscal Year	58,796.38
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	0
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	3,697.95
Mortgage Fees	345
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>62,839.33</b>

## CREDITS

### Remittance to Treasurer:

Redemptions	18,971.72
Interest/Costs (After Sale or Lien Execution)	3,697.95
Mortgage Fees	345
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	0
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Sale/Lien	39,824.66

**TOTAL CREDITS** 62,839.33

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Taxes - Current Year

Property	870,701.43
Resident	4,250.00
Current Use	0
Yield	18,256.37
Penalties and Interest	10,703.96

### Taxes - Prior Years

Property	111,916.53
Resident	510
Current Use	2,000.00
Yield Tax	856.42
Redemptions	18,971.72

### State and Federal

Revenue Distribution	26,015.71
Block Grant	25,879.41
Forestry	292.39

### Other Sources

Rent of Town Property	500
Motor Vehicles	70,582.00
Subdivision Fees	597.55
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,423.50
Recycling	1,521.24
Fees	37
Clark Fund	15,062.09
Building Permits and Fees	474
Insurance Rebate	9,809.98
Interest	9,824.10
Library-Electricity	914.22
Sale of Town Property	20,070.06
Revaluation Loan	20,398.00
Capital Reserve Income	20,000.00
Other	223.77
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,261,791.45</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>284,520.40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,546,311.85</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>	<b>1,095,701.87</b>
<b>Balance, December 31, 1997</b>	<b>450,609.98</b>

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	1,500.00
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	4,938.50
Suzanne Woodard	Asst. Town Clerk	483.50
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	5,064.00
James Lambert	Treasurer	800.00
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	800.00
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	281.75
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	150.00
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	150.00
Total		17,167.75
Town Officers' Expenses		
Fletcher Printing		2,327.00
Dept. Agriculture		395.50
Cartographic Associates		400.00
Gem Forms		146.58
Copiers		40.00
Jean Daley		437.71
Norcross Office equipment		126.05
Linda Lambert		808.58
James Lambert		25.00
NEBS		164.56
Martin Flag Co.		434.79
Business Mgt. Sys		663.60
Michie Butterworth		388.95
National Market Reports		192.00
Red Jacket Mountain View		524.04
Lynda Mower		30.00
NE Assoc. of Town Clerks		15.00
NET/AT&T		754.62
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks		55.00
NH Assessing Officials		20.00
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.		65.00
NH City & Town Clerks Assoc.		60.00
NHMA		500.00
Norcross Office		126.05
Pathlab Inc		115.50

Postal Service-envelopes	182.60
Registry of Deeds	124.86
J. Robert Plourde	200.00
Upper Valley Humane Society	131.00
Staples.	170.26
Tuck Press	475.00
Trend Business Forms	88.96
TwinState Typewriter	222.55
U S Postal Svc	550.80
Postmaster	968.22
Perez Litho	144.00
Medlin Accounting	38.00
Journal Opinion	56.25
NH State Treasurer	68.75
Suzanne Woodard	97.00
Wayne Godfrey	329.73
Dean Osgood	20.00
Robert Lang	20.00
Woodsville Guaranty Savings	1,565.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,915.55</b>

#### **Election and Registration**

Everett Jesseman	58.50
Louis Hobbs	42.50
Priscilla Glidden	58.50
Bertha Makey	58.50
Russell Woodard	13.00
Suzanne Woodward	65.00
Carol Priestley	29.25
Carlyle Meacham	71.50
Rose Macri	26.00
Vea Jenks	83.68
Arnold Shields	78.00
Four Corners Store	52.17
Linda Lambert	78.00
Tuck Press	43.00
Piermont Village School	38.50
Fletcher Printing	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>846.10</b>



**Town Buildings**

Perry's Oil	Repair	187.50	
CVEC	Town Bldg	3,157.78	
CVEC	Town Hall	373.26	
John Metcalf	Labor	1,150.50	
WGSB	FICA	98.02	
Sewage District	Sewer Charge	1,320.00	
Jim French	Maintenance	58.00	
Byron Kidder	Survey Town Hall	3,313.00	
Terry Robie	Town Office Roof	3,850.00	
Terry Robie	Fire Dept. Roof	6,000.00	
Terry Robie	Town Hall	1,400.00	
Robert Lang	Labor	120.29	
Four Corners Store	Supplies	2.58	
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Supplies	20.22	
Total			21,040.68
Revaluation			21,078.26

**Police Department**

Four Corners Store	Batteries	6.99	
Ossipee Mtn. Electrical	Radio	1,324.18	
Tuck Press.	Sign	138.00	
Robert Fitz	Badges	96.00	
John Metcalf	Labor	3,818.00	
John Metcalf	Equip/Uniforms	1,983.33	
John Metcalf	Mileage/Telephone	1,127.51	
Neptune Uniforms	Hat	43.80	
Douglas Dutile	Radio Repairs	182.50	
WGSB	FICA	292.87	
Total			9,013.18

**Planning and Zoning Boards**

Journal Opionion		193.50	
Helga Mueller		60.00	
NHMA		10.00	
Postmaster		12.00	
Registry of Deeds		195.50	
Quilin Publishing		81.00	
Total			552.00

**Fire Department**

Al Stevens	Fire Warden & Training	238.13
Advanced Fire	Testing	19.75
American Rural Fire		75.00
Bob's Small Engine	Chain Saw repair	29.40
CVEC	electricity	947.93
Conn. Radio	Pagers	2,663.00
David "Tim" Cole	Fire Chief Salary	600.00
Don's Auto	Repairs/Inspections	263.40
Fairlee F.D.	Compressor	250.00
Fire Tech & Safety	Toxic Plus	645.00
Fire Barn		38.93
Four Corners Service	Gasoline	223.31
H F W Communications	Battery	162.68
Jim Fielder Services	Engine 2 Repair	283.05
Red Hed Supply	Strainer/Couplings	158.98
Bell Atlantic/NYNEX	telephone	548.05
NH Fire Standards	Training	24.75
Fire Dept.	Payroll	1,794.50
Payroll Taxes	FICA	183.19
Perry's Oil	prepay fuel	933.90
Phillip Noyes Co.	Hose/Clothes	421.68
R&R Commun	Radio Repairs	95.27
Tim Cole	Indian Pumps-reimb	186.84
Shur Auto Parts	Parts	24.96
Twin State Mutual Aid	Battery	98.00
Twin State MutualAid	Dues	200.00
UVRESA	Dues	50.00
Various Instructors	Training	264.75
Total		11,424.45

**Fast Squad**

Merriam Graves	Oxygen	11.49	
Nancy Cole	Oxygen Regulator	75.00	
Upper Valley Amb.	Oxygen Case	82.14	
Nancy Cole	Blades	252.72	
Total			421.35

**Insurance**

N.H.M.A.		7,350.00	
River Valley Ins..		615.00	
CFNH-W.C.		2,596.00	
Total			10,561.00

**Solid Waste Disposal**

Floyd Marsh		3,240.00	
CVEC		282.10	
AETS		18.30	
Dexsil Corp.		123.61	
Labor		4,087.06	
Giddings		40.69	
Waste Mgt. NH		20,798.16	
Keep America Beautiful		103.98	
Wayne Godfrey.		23.98	
Jean Daley		101.03	
NH State Treasurer		75.00	
WGSB		300.43	
Mazzilli & Son, Inc.	Oil Shed	1,400.00	
Robert Terrill	Oil Shed	84.66	
Oakes Bros.	Oil Shed	126.45	
Total			30,805.45

Dispatch Service			1,698.98
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH			2,428.00
White Mountain Mental Health			300.00
Ambulance Service			8,736.00
Highway Department			
Payroll		25,164.59	
Expenses		35,848.28	
Total			61,012.87
Street Lights			3,774.46
Highway Subsidy			22,597.96



Welfare		1,850.59
Community Action Outreach		425.00
Grafton Senior Citizen Council		1,030.00
Memorial Day		
Wreaths	42.00	
Lyme Town Band	200.00	
Total		242.00

**Recreation Field & Swimming Pool**

K & R Portable Toilets	468.00	
John Metcalf	763.82	
C M Davidson Inc	131.58	
WGSB	43.22	
Oakes Bros.	2.91	
NH State Treasurer	27.00	
Total		1,436.53

Cemeteries		7,320.00
Damages & Legal Expense		3,725.12
Contingency Fund		1,500.00
Miscellaneous Unclassified Expense		200.00
Fire Truck Payment		13,458.00
County Tax		57,131.00
School District		687,661.00
Library		16,000.00

**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**  
**Regular Account - 1997 Highway Expenditures**

<b>Labor</b>		
Chris Davidson	5,528.25	
Bruce Towle	1,449.00	
Tim Bailey	1,073.25	
Philip Davidson	6,124.50	
Peter Mazzilli, Sr.	1,680.00	
Chad Pierson	3,036.97	
Frank Rodimon	225	
Robert Valliant	4,628.25	
Robert Lang	400	
Cost of Labor		24,145.22
Expenses		1,857.46
<b>Equipment</b>		
C. M. Davidson, Inc.	22,078.69	
P.F.Mazzilli & Son	1,653.83	
Rodimon Excav.	1,118.75	
Northland.	3,482.50	
		24,851.27
<b>Overhead:</b>		
Town Garage	858.76	
Repairs & Maintenance	456.75	
Fuel and Oil	275.62	
		1,591.13
Communication services	562.07	
<b>Services</b>		
Linrock Drilling/Blasting	6,665.13	
Atlantic Broom	138	
		6,803.13
<b>Aggregates:</b>		
Morton Salt		1,189.72
Total Expenditures		61,000.00

*Road Agent's Report Continued:*

**SUBSIDY ACCOUNT**

Equipment:		
C.M.Davidson, Inc.	3,367.23	
Peter Mazzilli & Son, Inc.	2,518.73	5,885.96
Aggregates:		
Martin	1,412.24	
Morrill	605	
Hilltop	416	
GraniteState Mineral	2,557.96	4,991.20
Supplies:		
Kibby Equip.	399.56	
Blaktop	811.88	
Northern States Tire	696.52	
VT Chloride	660	
Atlantic	869.04	
Lawson Products	70.22	
Perry's Oil	617.49	
Bradford Oil	591.64	
Shur Auto	306.84	
Randy Witcher	910	
Mnt. Carr Pine Sales	284.76	
Pikcomm	150	
CVEC	140.25	
Tool Barn	120.7	
Tilcon	245.58	
H.P.Fairfield	257.02	
Misc.	1,111.67	8,243.17
Total Expenditures		19,120.33

Under budget \$6,759.08 to pay December bills and balance due on Rodimon Lane structure.

**Road Agent Annual Report - 1997**

The biggest disappointment for 1997 was not installing the new structure on Rodimon lane. The Design process was very time consuming and repeated phone calls between the Designers and myself led to the non-completion of the structure. The good news is that through all the changes and erasures we came up with a structure that will fit Rodimon Lane very well. The unit is being prepared now and might in installed or at least delivered before Town Meeting.



**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT  
Financial Reports - 1997 Receipts:**

Interest on checking account		125.38	
Rents & Interest Collected		8,915.64	
Total Receipts		9,041.02	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1997			5,028.57
Payments:			
John Metcalf	Labor	1,805.50	
John Metcalf	Supplies	129.72	
WGSB	FICA Expense	160.74	
Bradford WWTF	Testing	920	
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	1,380.00	
CVEC	Electricity	435.32	
HACH	Collection Bottles	70.5	
WGSB	Checks	14	
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	150	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	150	
Four Corners Store		2.99	
NH State Treasurer	Certification	80	
NH DES	Training	60	
NHMBB	Note Payment	2,823.86	
Total Payments			8,182.63
Cash on Hand December 31, 1997			5,886.96

**Sewage Department - 1998 Budget**

Operation & Maintenance:			
Operating Supplies		800	
Electricity		60	
Operator's Salary		2,000.00	
FICA Expense		153	
Waste Water Testing		900	
Bookkeeping		150	
Tax Collector		150	
Pumping Tanks		1,500.00	
Subtotal		5,693.00	
Long Term Debt-NHMBB		2,800.00	
Total Operation & Maintenance		8,513.00	
Sewage Fees for 1998:			
Long Term Debt: 35.5 Units at \$80		2,840.00	
Operation & Maintenance: 30.75 Units at \$174.63		5,370.00	
Total Sewage Fees			8,210.00

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Financial Report- 1997**

Balance December 31, 1996		453.74
Memorials & Trust Funds - Interest		
Matoon Funds	2,505.39	
Vanguard Funds	354.52	
Memorial Funds	302.14	
Library Services	196.82	
Annual Fund Raiser	2,465.00	
Annual Art Show	673.40	
Office Receipts	154.03	
Bank Account Interest	38.53	
Town Appropriation	16,000.00	
Use of Facilities	700.00	
Total Revenue		24,246.03
Total Cash		24,699.77
Total Revenue	24,699.77	
Total Expenditures	20,383.95	
Balance of Account	4,315.82	
Balance Distribution:		
Reserve Funds: Matoon, Vanguard, Memorials		1,399.84
Encumbered		2,915.98
Balance as of December 31, 1996		0.00
PIERMONT LIBRARY BUILDING FUND:		
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank: Statement 01/10/98		5,649.51

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine T. Wescott, Treasurer  
Piermont Public Library Trustees

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 12/31/97**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**TOTAL  
EXPENDED**

**EMPLOYEE EXPENSES:**

**SALARY AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

Nancy Underhill  
Elizabeth Trussell  
Carol priestly  
Maureen Byrne

**Total** **9,362.71**

**LIBRARY SERVICES: BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, MEDIA**

Backwoods Home Magazine  
Brodart Company  
Christian Family Book Club  
Columbia House  
Dartmouth Bookstore  
Doubleday Book Club  
Fairlee Books and Music  
G & S Publications  
Health  
The Horn Book, Inc.  
Journal opinion  
Junior Library Guild  
Leisure Arts  
Literary Guild  
LUV Co-Op  
Magazine Processing Center  
New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.  
Norwich Bookstore  
Popular Subscription Service  
Seventeen  
Strand Book Store  
Time-Life Education  
H. W. Wilson Co.  
Woodsville Bookstore

**Total** **3,780.26**



PROGRAMS/PROJECTS:

New Hampshire Humanities  
Speakers & Travel Expense:

Suzanne Brown  
Arthur Fried  
Ingred Graff

Haverhill library Assoc. "Little red Wagon Program"

Library Annual Art Show:

Commissions:

Betty Balch  
Betty Hall  
Lila Misuraca  
Jane Oakes  
Richard Partington  
George Ruff

Advertising: Tuck Press

Reading programs:

Carol Priestly

Misc. Helga Mueller  
Town of Piermont

Total 1,226.55

OFFICE EXPENSES:

SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT:

B. L. Benn Architects  
Copiers, Etc.  
Demco, Inc.  
Gaylord Brothers  
General Book Covers  
New Hampshire State Library  
Plymouth State College  
Nancy Underhill  
U. S. Postal Service

Total 2,523.18

MAINTENANCE:

Cleaning Services 1,300.00

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Town of Piermont

Fuel oil: Perry's oil Service, Inc.

Telephone: AT&T

NYNEX

Bell Atlantic

Total 1,780.42

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Conferences/Workshops: Helga Mueller, Nancy Underhill

Dues & Fees: NH Library Trustees Assoc.

Total 123.24

MISC. EXPENSES:

Advertising:

It's Classified

Journal opinion

Tuck Press

Box Rentals:

U. S. Postal Service

Woodsville Guarantee Savings bank

Bad Checks:

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

Total 287.59

TOTAL EXPENDITURES January-December 1997: 20,383.95

## 1997 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

In 1997 an "era" came to an end when our librarian Nancy Underhill retired after 20 years of devoted service to the library. Starting as an assistant librarian in 1978, Nancy became librarian in 1982 following the resignation of then librarian Bonnie French. Her combined years as assistant librarian and librarian make her tenure the longest since the founding of the library in 1893. Under her leadership the book collection increased from 8,120 to approximately 15,000 volumes, and the library entered the "electronic age" with the addition of video cassettes and audio tapes, and a computer that is connected to the Internet and thus opens the world to the library's patrons. The Library Board of Trustees accepted Nancy's resignation with deep regrets. At an Open House given in her honor on November 23, the trustees presented Nancy with a gift certificate to the Littleton book store and an original painting of the library by artist Lila Misuraca, a former Piermont resident.

The library trustees have hired Maureen Byrne to succeed Nancy. Maureen, who holds graduate degrees in English and education, comes to the library field after a career as guidance counselor at upstate New York elementary, middle, and high schools. Maureen welcomes comments and suggestions about the future development of the library and is very receptive to offers of volunteer time and skills. She lives in Lyme Center.

The year also saw the resignations of our assistant librarian Elizabeth Trussell, whose helpfulness and computer knowledge were invaluable to the library; and the resignations of trustees Kelly Fitzpatrick, George Smith, and Anna Disco (Fishman). Thanks to all for their service to the library. To fill the vacancies on the Board, the Selectmen have appointed Stephanie Gordon, Nancy Sandell, and Cindy Musty. The trustees plan to hire a new assistant librarian after Town Meeting in 1998.

The library trustees at year end are: Helga Mueller, Chairman; Marian Shields, Kay Wescott; Lydia Hill; Stephanie Gordon; Nancy Sandell; and Cindy Musty.

During the year we have added many fine books, videos, and audio tapes to our collection. Many books have been donated by several of our patrons, for which we are very grateful. Any materials not on our shelves can be requested and obtained within a week through our computerized inter-library loan system. We are connected to the Internet, our E-Mail address is PVL@ConnRiver.net. Since we only have one computer which is used by library staff only, we do not at the present time offer Internet access to our patrons; however, we plan to avail ourselves of Bell Atlantic's offer of free installation of a dedicated line for the computer only, and hope to collaborate with the Village School to pursue funding from the federal E-Rate fund to upgrade our telecommunications service. Programs for all ages - We held a series of three book discussions in February, March, and April sponsored in part by the N.H. Council for the Humanities, with scholars leading discussions on D. Sayers' "Gaudy Night"; P.D. James' "An Unsuitable Job for a Woman"; and Amanda Cross' "Death in a Tenured Position".



We again sponsored a six-session Summer Reading Program with the theme "Read All About Us" a program exploring the culture of different ethnic backgrounds through crafts, music, dance, and foods, run by library volunteer, Carol Priestley, and trustee, Lydia Hill. We also were one of the sponsors of the Little Red Wagon program, and held an Open House at the library with the theme "Show and Tell" in conjunction with the Little Red Wagon program. Thanks to coordinator Carol Priestley we held the very popular Read-A-Thon contest between the Village School students and patrons of the library.

**Fundraising** - Since the taxpayer portion of the 1997 library budget covered only 62% of the actual cost of operating the library, the balance had to be made up from our trust funds (approximately \$2,500) and other fundraising efforts by the Trustees including the annual fundraising letter to the community. This year we held a Contra Dance with the Wauchipauka Plunkers, four used book sales, and our seventh Annual Art Show, which featured the works of 22 local artists and was held for the last time in the Old Town Hall. The Run and Read Program, an annual school- library activity which raises funds to buy library books for school-age children, was not held this year.

**Building fund** - Our building fund started in 1993, for a new or renovated library building, currently contains \$5,650. Contributing to this fund are the 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. During the year the library trustees continued to explore the possibility of moving the library across Route 10 into the Old Methodist Church Building. An architect has been hired and has drawn up preliminary plans for the renovation of the building, and the trustees have looked into engaging the Army Corps of Engineers to provide the labor at no cost but with materials supplied by the Town. The architect estimated the cost of renovating the building to meet the library's specifications at between \$150,000 to 225,000. The trustees have submitted the plans to the Selectmen requesting that an engineering study and cost estimates be obtained and that a warrant article be put on the 1998 Town warrant to elicit comments on this issue by the community.

We thank the community for their generous response to our fundraising letter, and all those who have donated books to the library. We thank all our volunteers and trustees without whom the library cannot function.

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 books to anyone unable to get to the library.

Circulation	Adult Fiction	Non-Fiction	Easy/Junior	Paperbacks
1997 Town	1549	1122	1861	83
1997 School	112	465	1776	27
	Magazines	Videos	Tapes	
1997 Town	286	1235	214	
1997 School	73	9	43	

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT 1997

Police reports tend to be dull-but I will try to make it as short as I can. I receive about 220 complaints a year. There were no serious motor vehicle accidents or major criminal incidents-with the exception of one burglary. I cannot comment further as the case is still open. State Police are still investigating. We did have some vandalism. Another of our distinctive "Piermont" signs was totally removed, the post being sawn off at an angle. We have no clues, either. However, I did predict this would happen. Someone remarked they were so attractive they invited theft. Also, off and on we have vandalism at the Sarah Moore Lot. I expect this will continue until there is nothing left to demolish. A sad thought.

Abandoned property. Last summer two, 10 speed, bicycles were found, one a juvenile bike in the ditch south of the Round Barn, the other on the River Road, an adult model and quite nice. Both appeared undamaged. They both have serial numbers. I would be happy to return them to the original owners, if they can prove ownership. Otherwise we will have to dispose of them in accordance with usual protocol. It is amazing today how complicated some simple activity can become!

Now the goods news. John Metcalf is now fully functional and very active. He is accomplishing those things that have long needed doing. Random patrol activity, traffic control, door checks, assisting with the school bus system-some days following a bus to make sure the children get on and off safely. His cruiser (his own vehicle) is marked and looks very professional. The lights, siren, radio etc. are all new. After all, his life and safety-and yours too- can depend on functional equipment. There are still a few more smaller items to buy, but we put it off until 1998.

All of this costs money. I will be asking for \$11,000 this year. I hope you will support us.

As always we thank especially Sheriff Barry and his Department. They supply all the formal continuing education and firearms certification we require to remain certified. And they do it free!

Respectfully,  
William R. Deal, Chief



## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 1997

Once again we look back on another year gone by. Your fire department responded to thirty calls. Luckily, none of the calls in town were of life threatening type.

We had anticipated purchasing some new protective clothing, but with a decline in membership, we were able to get by with what we had on hand. However, at the beginning of 1998, our membership is once again increasing. Thus, we are looking at purchasing some new coats and pants.

As more people have installed carbon monoxide detectors in their homes, carbon monoxide alarms are beginning to occur. We have purchased a detector, which is now carried on Engine 2. If called to respond to a carbon monoxide detector activation, we now can tell if a real problem exists or if it is simply a low battery, which is often the problem.

We have four new bladder-type Indian tanks for use on grass and brush fires. These are very lightweight and easier for firefighters to carry. Two of these tanks were a gift from our town Fire Warden, Al Stevens. We are very appreciative of this gift, and we thank you Al.

The junior firefighter program continues under the direction of Wayne Godfrey. We have already gained one new full-time firefighter from this program, Josh Hutchins.

It seems that we always hear news reports of a fire of some type in a home equipped with smoke detectors, but NOT WORKING because there were NO BATTERIES. Think about it...a two-dollar battery could save your life or that of a loved one. If for some reason you are unable to have a working smoke detector..please, please..call someone on the fire department and we will provide it for you. Please have a safe year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Cole  
Fire Chief



## FAST SQUAD REPORT – 1997

Piermont FAST Squad has survived for yet another year. The number of calls for our town was 35, a mixture of medical and trauma. Although our number is small, four, the level of expertise and enthusiasm is second to none. Three members work actively for and with Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. – all this in addition to full time jobs and family life. This is dedication. If anyone is interested in Emergency Medical Services, please come and talk to us. Training programs and funds are available.

We are available 24 hours a day. No call is too small. So many times, people “don’t want to be a bother” – well, be a bother. This is what we do. We would rather respond to a call and have it be a minor problem than for someone to wait until it becomes an irreversible emergency. An ambulance from Upper Valley will automatically be dispatched at the same time. We can always cancel the ambulance if it is not needed, there is no charge for this. Speaking of charges, if you have not looked into or purchased a subscription for ambulance service for your household, please do. The purchase price is \$30.00 to cover your household. These are available at the Town Clerk’s office or at the Upper Valley Ambulance office in Fairlee. Please stop in and pick one up and read about the benefits. It is certainly worthwhile.

The 9-1-1 system has enhanced access to EMS. We urge parents to continue to promote awareness and instruction of its use.

Our budget includes \$500 for training and CME purposes. Another \$500 is for supplies, equipment and charges to refill the oxygen tanks.

We extend our thanks to the Fire Department and Police Department for their support on calls. We much appreciate it.

Have a safe and healthy year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cole  
Captain, Piermont FAST Squad

**PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, 1998**

Telephone	500.00
Heat	1,000.00
Electricity	850.00
Gasoline	400.00
Payroll	2,400.00
Chief's Salary	600.00
Forestry	500.00
Twin State Mutual Aid	200.00
UVRESA	50.00
Radio Repairs	500.00
Truck Supplies and Repairs	1,500.00
Air Compresser	250.00
Training	250.00
New Equipment:	
Protective clothing	1,000.00
Pagers	2,500.00
 Sub-Total	 12,500.00

**PROPOSED FAST SQUAD BUDGET**

Training	500.00
Supplies and Equipment	500.00
 Sub-Total	 1,000.00
 Total	 13,500.00

**FIRE CALLS 1997**

1/1	Station Coverage-Haverhill Corner	5/10	School Alarm
1/8	School Alarm	5/11	chimney fire
1/9	Chimney Fire	6/6	School Alarm
1/19	Carbon Monoxide Alarm	6/25	Electrical Emergency
1/27	False Alarm	7/30	Mutual Aid-Bradford
2/10	Station Coverage-Warren	8/19	School Alarm
3/5	School Alarm	9/21	Mutual Aid-Bradford
3/7	School Alarm	9/23	Mutual Aid-Bradford
3/9	Chimney Fire	9/26	Smoke Investigation
3/15	Car Accident	10/24	Station Coverage-Haverhill Cnr
3/20	Mutual Aid-Bradford	10/25	Car Accident
4/9	Station Coverage-Warren	11/13	Chimney Fire
4/18	Car Accident	11/27	Station Coverage-Haverhill Cnr
4/19	Station Coverage-Haverhill Corner	12/22	Chimney Fire
5/8	Station Coverage-Haverhill Corner	12/30	Mutual-Aid-Haverhill Corner
Total Calls	30		

## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

### 1997 FIRE STATISTICS

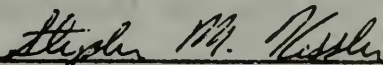
(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)


#### FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

  
 Forest Ranger

  
 Forest Fire Warden



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1997

It is that time again to get the input from the Townspeople of Piermont to direct the Board of Selectmen for another year. I wish to report on the significant happenings in the year 1997.

The long standing dispute and eventual court case of Barbara and Richard Fowler vs. the Town of Piermont over damages from the "washout of the Bean Brook Bridge in Orford, NH was settled out of court in July of 1997. This was a very tiring and frustrating experience. We, the Board of Selectmen, wanted to go to court but the judge in the case strongly urged us to settle and this was done after a half-day of offers and counter offers. The settlement figure of \$15,000 was paid with \$12,000 coming from the New Hampshire Municipal Association and the other \$3,000 split between the Towns of Piermont and Orford.

After a seven month process of surveying the land of the old Piermont Town Hall and tearing down the 4 ft. by 40 ft. back of the stage section of the town Hall in order to get clear title to the back boundary line. We were able to sell the Town Hall to Louise Glass on December 19, 1997 for \$25,000 less up to \$6,000 put into an escrow account to put a well in so the property would have it's own water supply. Previously the water supply was on an abutter's land with no written easements in the deed.

We have had many positive comments concerning the addition to our Police Department. John Metcalf completed all course requirements and is a certified police officer in the State of New Hampshire. John spent much time and effort to accomplish this and he is to be commended. He and Police Chief Bill Deal have been able to work together and be more visible in order to meet the needs and concerns of the community.

Another old issue, the dump closure, is starting to move ahead again. Not much has changed since the first report in 1995, therefore, we found it necessary to change engineering firms in order to get things done in a timely manner. Nobis Engineering is replacing Weston, Inc. as our dump closure consultants, etc. We signed a contract for \$14,500 to finish the dump closure, as opposed to an approximate figure of \$30,000 from Weston, Inc. for the same work to be done. The major cost that will be with us for a long time is water monitoring. For the next few years this will run about \$7,500 a year depending upon the results from the previous test and what the Department of Environmental Services wants us to continue to test for.

This March you will be asked to appropriate a sum of money to move the existing recycling center to another location below the ball field. This must be done because a

recycling center can not be permanently located on a pre-existing landfill and get the proper permits from the Department of Environmental Services.

Another long standing issue, the "Old Church Building" and the moving of the own Library will be discussed at the March meeting. The Library Board of Trustees feel that from their architectural studies and opinions from the State Library Board it would take \$150,000 to \$225,000 to renovate the Old Church Building to meet their needs. Before any money is spent it is our intention to get the opinion from the townspeople to see if they would support this endeavor. If this does not receive the support of the townspeople, it is our intention to set up the building so that various town boards could have their meetings there and possibly town board's offices be put in there at a later date.

Again, I wish to thank my fellow board members and all the other standing boards in the Town of Piermont for their time and dedication in making Piermont a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lang, Chairman



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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

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, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. 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 financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall 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, 1997, 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 of the Town of Piermont taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules 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.

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

January 28, 1998



## 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	Thomas Stevens

Dean Osgood, alternate ex-officio Thomas Stevens Secretary to the Board is Helga Mueller

At the April election of officers Peter LaBounty was re-elected chairman, and Kay Wescott, vice chairman.

The following actions were taken by the Board during 1997:

**Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996** - After reviewing the provisions of this act, the Board worked on developing a Telecommunications Facility Ordinance for the Town and hopes to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance in 1998. The proposed ordinance seeks to establish general guidelines for the siting of telecommunications towers and antennas within the Town.

**Piermont Master Plan** - The Board continued work on developing a Transportation policy to be included in the Master Plan. Sections on Utility and Public Service, Community Facilities, and Conservation and Preservation still remain to be formulated.

**Subdivision Regulations amended** - On September 17, 1997, the Board held a public hearing to incorporate the following changes in the Subdivision Regulations as required by recent State statutes: On applications for subdivision notice has to be given to all professionals whose seals appear on the plat, and to any holders of conservation, preservation, or agricultural preservation restrictions on the property to be subdivided.

**Tri-State Connecticut River Scenic Byway** - The Board expressed their support to the N.H. Office of State Planning for the Scenic Byway program. Routes 10, 25, 25C, and River Road are proposed as scenic byways in Piermont. These roads will encourage recreational travel to facilitate tourism and acquaint the traveling public with the area's landscape, history, and culture.

**Planning Board approvals granted in 1997** - The following applications were approved: Cindy Jackson/Sue Patterson lot line adjustment on Route 10; Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation two-lot subdivision on Route 25C; Carol Aldrich/John W. Aldrich lot line adjustment at Lake Armington; Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation/Pauline Uline lot line adjustment at Lake Tarleton; Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation/Peter T. Blanchard lot line adjustment on Route 25C; Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation/N.E. Adventure lot line adjustment on Route 25C.

Peter LaBounty, Chairman

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Library. 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 31,1997, the Town's Conservation Fund contains \$2,982.55. Expenditures during the year included \$250.00 for membership dues in the New Hampshire Association of Conservations Commissions for the years 1997 and 1998, and \$40.00 for the purchase of conservation handbooks for members. The Underhill Canoe Site Fund for the upkeep of the Underhill Canoe Campsite was \$2,550.45. Contributing to the Conservation fund are 10% of all revenues collected by the town from logging on town-owned land and 10% of all Current Use Lien Release taxes collected by the Town.

**Lake Tarleton Project** - Conservation had a great year in Piermont with the protection of approximately 5200 acres of land surrounding Lakes Tarleton, Armington, Katherine, and Constance almost a reality. In June the New Hampshire Legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the purchase of land from the Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation to establish a state park with a beach area at the western end of Lake Tarleton, and in November Congress okayed a federal appropriation of \$2.65 million for the purchase by the Forest Service of 2,400 acres surrounding the lakes in Piermont for inclusion into the White Mountain National Forest. Private donors have contributed almost \$420,000 to protect the already subdivided lots on Lake Tarleton owned by Lake Tarleton Land Management Corporation.

Additionally 1650 acres on the slope of Piermont Mountain have been protected through a conservation easement purchased by the State of New Hampshire through funds obtained from the Forest Legacy Program.

\$ 1.6 million in federal funds had been appropriated from the 1997 federal budget to purchase 1200 acres on the eastern end of Lake Tarleton in Warren.

The Commission applauds the efforts of the Trust for Public Lands, the Upper Valley Land Trust, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and other land conservation organizations, and the efforts of our New Hampshire legislators both Washington and Concord that "the jewels of Piermont" can be enjoyed by the public in their unspoiled state for generations to come.

**Trails at Bedford Road** - As authorized by the voters at the 1997 Town Meeting, the Commission started the development of trails for educational and recreational purposes at the town-owned land. We plan to accomplish this in two phases. Selective cutting on the westerly half of the property (phase 1) has been completed. Phase 2, selective cutting on the remainder of the property will be started in 1998. So far, \$830.00 has been realized



from the logging, which will be used to construct trails. We plan to begin with laying out a trail on the already cut-over part, and hope to enlist the help of students from the Village School and other volunteers.

**Underhill Canoe Campsite and Sarah Moore Canoe Access** - Both of these sites continue to be with the public. This year over 100 canoeist used the Underhill campsite and all entries in the register were enthusiastic about the site, the views, and the bench! Unfortunately we again had vandalism at the Sarah Moore site. Both sites are maintained by the Commission and are open from May 1 to November 1.

**Tree Planting** - Thanks to the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative a sugar maple was planted in front of the Village School in celebration of Arbor Day.

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

During the year members of the Commission monitored logging sites and wetlands projects in Town, and assisted townspeople with a variety of conservation concerns. By the way, anyone needing any information on beaver control. contact our member Ernie Hartley!

We encourage townspeople to attend our meetings and to use your Commission as a resource; for example, we can provide assistance in completing applications to the Wetlands Board, reviewing planned projects, or consulting on conservation easements.

Helga Mueller, Chairman

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1997**

There was only one meeting of the ZBA in 1997. In November Louise Glass came before the board to request a change in use for the Town Hall building that she planned to purchase from the town. Since the use proposed by Glass – residence with a home business – is permitted without a special Exception, the board voted that there was no need for her to make such a request.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Shipman, Chairman



## PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Officers of the Society in 1997 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 Betty Hall, Director-at-Large.

The Society is not a taxpayer-supported organization. It relies on the yearly dues collected from members, fund-raisers, and donations from benefactors. The Society wants to thank all those who so generously responded to our fundraising letter.

The Society was delighted that the Old Town Hall will not be demolished but will find a new life as a private residence. The sale will preserve a historic building that has been the center of the Town's political and social life for 134 years. The Society had explored the possibility of acquiring the Town Hall in order to provide better accessibility to our collection, but had decided that we would not be able to support the expenses necessary for the upkeep of the building.

We are not so delighted with the theft and vandalism of our Welcome to Piermont signs. The Society had erected the signs at the four main entrances to the Town in 1995 to symbolize the pride in our community. Of the four signs one was stolen, two were vandalized - a sad commentary of our times!

Programs and activities during the year were: an antiques and heirlooms evaluation, program by Archie Steenburgh; "Number Please", a program on New Hampshire telephone operators in the pre-dial era; and an Open House at our museum rooms above the library.

Under the supervision of the Society, Piermont resident Thomas Hall and members of the Bradford Boy Scout Troop have completed the mapping of the East Piermont Cemetery on Cape Moonshine Road and have compiled the data in a computer program to conform to the program used in the Society's mapping of the River Road Cemetery. Being an applicant for an Eagle Scout Badge, Thomas had to demonstrate leadership capabilities by supervising and completing a project that would benefit a community. The Society thanks Thomas for his service to the Town. The East Piermont Cemetery is the third oldest in town. The oldest grave is that of Homar, son of Capt. Perkins and Mrs. Eleanor Fellows, who died June 14, 1823.

Thanks to the efforts of Warren Burbank, the Society was able to add three antique road signs pertaining to Piermont to our collection. We always appreciate any donations from the Town's present or past from townspeople or other area residents. Our museum rooms above the Library may be visited by calling Lloyd Hall at 272-5858. During the

year the Society received and answered several requests on events and people from the Town's past. Information was sought on Deacon John Richards, who moved to Piermont in 1781; on the Chandler and Evans families; on the Andross family, in particular a divorce record of Mills DeForest Andross from Elizabeth Peabody Andross between 1823 and 1830; information on Amos Chas. Lufkin who owned land and buildings in Piermont in 1837 and 1840; and we were able to verify that the Piermont Methodist Church had a cottage a Methodist Retreat at "The Weirs" in New Hampshire.

Our plans for 1998 include completing the expanded mapping of the Clay Hollow Cemetery, and to develop a new "Welcome to Our Community" pamphlet.

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

## TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT - 1997

	1996	1997
Total Recycled	70.95 Tons	73.93 Tons
Total Garbage	196.90 Tons	201.88 Tons

Recycling seems to go up a little each year. Garbage holds about the same each year. Some of this year's totals were 1996 because of the way the bills come in. Even with loss of boxboard and junk mail, recycling is still up. There are still some people who do not recycle. I will be working on you people this year. We might be able to take junk mail and boxboard again, but please do not bring this stuff till asked to. It will be June or July before the deal is complete, if all goes well.

The compactor has saved a lot of money since we installed it. In 1994, with 3 months of it with the compactor, garbage was 247.46 tons. In 1995, 205.04 tons, in 1996 196.90 tons, and in 1997 201.88 tons. Let's say that garbage would stay at the 1994 level. That means we have reduced garbage 138.56 tons at about \$90 per ton, about \$12,500. So, it has just about paid for itself. We are also paying less per ton now than we were in 1994. If anyone out there who is not recycling would like to start and has any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Wayne Godfrey  
Manager

## 1998 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Waste Management of NH	22,196
(includes disposal, dumpster, compactor, hauling & pad)	
Salary	4,105
FICA	330
Training	220
Electric	310
Recycle Hauler	3,630
Plastic Bags	336
Administrative	150
State Certification	75
Light Bulb, Paint and Battery Disposal	430
New Roof	2,000
Total	33,782



## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT – 1997

I would like to speak about dog licensing. House bill 1422 effective Jan. 1, 1995 clearly states the process which I must follow in regards to dog licensing. The license shall expire on May 1<sup>st</sup>. the town clerk shall annually between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> prepare a list of owners who have not renewed their dog licenses by May 31<sup>st</sup> for the local governing body (mayor, selectmen, manager). The local governing body shall within 20 days from June 20<sup>th</sup> issue civil forfeitures for EACH unlicensed dog or to seize any unlicensed dog and to board it in a holding facility for a period of 7 days. The local law enforcement officer shall personally deliver civil forfeitures to each owner of an unlicensed dog (note: the law was amended in 1996 to allow to be delivered by certified mail). The forfeiture notice indicates that the owner has 96 hours to license their dog or a summons shall be issued to district or municipal court (note: the law was amended in 1996 to 15 days to license the dog). The civil forfeiture shall be \$25.00 per dog plus the cost of license and any monthly late fee. On or before July 30<sup>th</sup> the officer shall provide to the local governing body a statement containing the number of owners who received and paid their fines and received summons to court. As you can see, the law is straightforward. I try to be reasonable. If you are having financial problems I have worked out payment plans to take care of the fines, but if you throw the summons back in my face and swear at me, forget it. Pay or go to court.

I handled 55 calls this year. They break down as follows:

Animals on the loose (2 written warnings) (1 fine issued \$25.00)	23 calls
Barking Dogs	1 call
Bear Problem	1 call
Coon Problems	5 calls
Dog or Cat Missing	6 calls
Stray Dog or Cat	10 calls
Car vs. Dog	1 call
Investigate possible animal abuse	1 call
Failure to license, \$25 fine each	5 calls
Retrieve Missing Dog or Cat	2 calls
<hr/> Total	55 calls

Remember, if I or the police department picks up your dog with no tag, the dog goes to the pound. When you pick it up you will have to pay a boarding fee. You may also have to pay the town for the expense of transporting the dog, plus a fine for allowing the dog to run loose. Make sure you put your tags on your dog when you get them.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey, Animal Control Officer

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1997

Interest rates fell a bit this year and cash income for the Funds was down over 1996. The stock market values continue to climb, however; and the capital gain reinvested to buy more shares was at a record level. 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 1997

### BURIALS

Cemetery Sexton Lou Hobbs has, since 1983, been responsible for arranging burials, lot layout and sales, market placement and general customer service for the Piermont cemeteries. A most sincere thanks to Lou for the great service (with much pay) year after year.

### GROUNDS CARE

Many thanks to John Metcalf and his able crew for the fine job done in 1997 on cemetery spring clean-up, mowing, trimming, stone repair, liming and fertilizing and fall clean-up. Piermont's cemeteries are something we can all be proud of.

### FENCES

Also thanks are in order for Nettie Ackerman for painting the new picket fence on the west side of Cedar Grove Cemetery. Her price was very reasonable due to the short commute.

### GRAVE MAPPING

The East Piermont Cemetery (Cape Moonshine Road) was mapped and cataloged this past year by former Piermonter Tom Hall as a Boy Scout project. We are very grateful to Tom for his efforts.

We hope that there will be some way to continue the project until all Piermont's Cemeteries are documented. If anyone is interest, please contact the Cemetery Trustees or the Piermont Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted, Frederick W. Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee

**TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1997

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97	7,667.91
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	525.82
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/97	13,193.73

**TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1997

Beginning Balance 1/1/97	5,164.66
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	365.82
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	10,000.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/97	530.48

**TOWN BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1997

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97	28,169.01
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	1,571.47
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance 12/31/97	34,740.48

**SEWAGE DISTRICT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 1997

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97	32,175.99
Shares Purchased	0.00
Dividend Income	1,641.02
Shares Sold	0.00
Ending Balance, 12/31/97	33,817.01



**TOWN BRIDGES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

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

December 31, 1997

Beginning Balance 1/1/97	5,164.66
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	365.82
Shares Sold	10,000.00
Ending Balance 12/31/97	530.48

**HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND**

For the Support of the Town

31-Dec-97

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gain Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount market Value or Year End Balance
Western Res	2,299.00	0.00	1,100,000.00	47,300.00
Decatur Fund	1,290.00	6,667.41	2,508.87	50,528.68
Fidelity Puritan Fund	2,858.21	4,051.31	4,379.87	84,881.94
Fidelity Fund	2,126.00	15,659.24	7,076.91	210,962.78
Phoenix Fund	902.50	0.00	748.45	6,863.24
George Putnam	1,241.78	2,549.55	2,248.11	40,420.26
Seligman Fund	3,040.75	19,347.10	10,390.19	165,411.73
Chesapeake/Potomac Telephone of VA.	281.26	0.00	15M Bond	4,733.00
Colonial Util.	1,322.88	0.00	2,204.80	41,648.67
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15,062.39</b>	<b>48,274.61</b>		<b>652,750.30</b>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND**  
for the support of the cemeteries December 31, 1997

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gain Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount market Value or Year End Balance
<b>Cemetery Care Fund</b>				
Colonial Utilities	618.24	0.00	1,030.43	19,464.82
Oklahoma Gas/Elec	601.16	0.00	226.00	12,359.26
Fidelity Puritan	2,982.43	4,227.35	4,570.19	88,570.34
Woodsville Bank CD	57.03	1,076.21		
Due From Operating Acct	300.00			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,258.86</b>	<b>4,227.35</b>		<b>121,770.63</b>
<b>Cemetery Lots Fund</b>				
Woodsville Bank CD	164.39			3,777.09
Due from Operating Acct	750.00			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>164.39</b>			<b>4,527.09</b>
<b>Operating Account</b>				
Woodsville Bank	76.84			4,814.28
Due Cemetery Care CD	-300.00			
Due Cemetery Lot CD	-750.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.84</b>			<b>3,764.28</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,500.09</b>	<b>4,227.35</b>		<b>130,062.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Payments</b>				
		Amount		
Green Thumb		90.00		
John Metcalf		6,735.52		
Hale Funeral Home		96.00		
Nettie Ackerman		244.13		
Louis Hobbs		150.00		
Fred Shipman		119.70		
Transfers to Other Funds		<u>0.00</u>		
		7,435.35		
<b>Cemetery Receipts</b>				
Town Appropriation		4,320.00		
Interest and Dividend Income		4,500.00		
Burial Fees, net after expenses		<u>370.00</u>		
		9,190.09		
<b>Cemetery Lot Sales</b>				
None in 1997				0.00

## 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	\$1,000.00
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	\$5,000.00
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
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 I. 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	\$1,000.00
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.	\$1,000.00
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 .	\$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, Lloyd E. and Betty Lou	\$200.00
12/8/94	Cole, Archie and Pauline	\$150.00
8/7/95	Mueller, Myron & Helga	\$200.00
8/13/97	Stevens, Mary	\$100.00
		\$25,889.93

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>FATHERS NAME</u>	<u>MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME</u>
04-27-96	KAYLEE NICOLE ROGERS	SHAWN ROGERS	KARLYCE A BROWN
04-25-97	MICHAEL JOHN WHITE	TIMOTHY G WHITE	TERRI F DEMATT
04-26-97	SHAMUS GARDNER PEYTON	JAMES J PEYTON	HEIDI L GARDNER
05-29-97	KOLIN JOSHUA HUNTINGTON	JEFFREY L HUNTINGTON	LAUREEN E MERRILL
06-18-97	AMBER LYNN KOCH	PETER J KOCH	LISA M EASTMAN
08-31-97	JOSHUA CHASE DELANEY	WILLIAM DELANEY	PAMELA STEVENS
10-14-97	KEVIN ROBERT HYBELS	RALPH C HYBELS	CATHERINE L SMITH
10-26-97	ETTA LAUREL COVERT	HAROLD COVERT	LISA KNAPTON

### MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF BRIDE &amp; GROOM</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u>
01-4-97	THOMAS R SCHWARZ JENNIFFER S BARTLE (WINN)	PIERMONT NH PIERMONT NH
03-15-97	JAMES DOUGLAS INGERSON PAULA LEE ESTES	HAVERHILL NH HAVERHILL NH
05-17-97	RICHARD PAUL HORTON SANDRA LEE GUNTER	PLYMPTON MA PLYMPTON MA
06-28-97	ARNOLD CHASE SMITH BELINDA FLO SCHNITZLER	PIERMONT NH PIERMONT NH
07-12-97	DONALD NORMAN BEAULIEU TRACY LYNN NOLAN	PIERMONT NH PIERMONT NH
08-30/97	KURT MICHAEL YOUNGMAN JAIME DEFOSSÉS	PIERMONT NH WOODSVILLE NH
09-06-97	MICHAEL R HOGAN KRISTEN M STITT	PIERMONT NH LACONIA NH
10-11-97	PETER SILVESTER LOTMAN MICHELLE MARIE FURNO (DAIGLE)	PIERMONT NH PIERMONT NH

### DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
03-02-97	WALTER JOHN FERINE	HAVERHILL NH
03-02-97	HENRY DEARBORN	BRADFORD VT
03-16-97	MEDA KINGHORN	NEWBURY VT
05-08-97	MARY NOYES STEVENS	LYNDONVILLE VT
09-09-97	BRUCE HENRY STYGLES	HAVERHILL NH
11-25-97	VERNON J BIXBY	PLYMOUTH NH



**REQUEST FOR  
PARTICIPATION  
AND DONATIONS**

# ACORN

AIDS Community Resource Network

Dear Town of Piermont:

The latest headlines tell us that the "Top 3" list of killers of young adults still includes HIV/AIDS, along with cancer and accidents. The importance of AIDS continues to be emphasized by the company it keeps. The number of new infections in the United States remains unchanged at a rate of about 40,000 per year. During the same week that the media heralded the seemingly "good news", the HIV infected client list at ACORN increased by 10%, and has increased by more than 50 % in the past year.

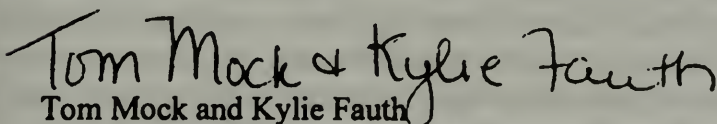
ACORN's mission is "to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS to live fully and with dignity and to stop the spread of the disease through education, information and understanding." However, our wide range of services is becoming very difficult to provide, at this time of decreased federal and state funds, without the financial help of municipalities that we serve.

ACORN is the only AIDS service organization serving Grafton County. We are requesting financial assistance from Piermont and other New Hampshire communities that we serve. While confidentiality rules prohibit us from disclosing the number of HIV/AIDS infected persons in any specific municipality, ACORN provides and coordinates services for over 150 infected and affected individuals in more than 50 local communities of four counties in New Hampshire and Vermont. These services include practical assistance such as transportation, hospital visitation and help with day-to-day tasks, support groups, education and prevention programs for school, community groups and public policy advocacy. Financial assistance from municipalities will go directly to services and education activities that will prevent the spread of AIDS and the ignorance and prejudice that make our efforts necessary.

Please consider our request for \$300.00 in your 1998 budget deliberations. Enclosed please find additional information on ACORN services offered in our community. We would be happy to send a representative to any meeting where our request will be considered to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to receive a response at your earliest convenience. When there is understanding - and a cure - ACORN will not need to exist. Until then, we hope we can count on your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Mock and Kylie Fauth  
Executive Directors of ACORN

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, the Upper Valley River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) completed its *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, a project which has occupied the Subcommittee for four years. The CRJC presented the plan to Governors Dean and Shaheen on the banks of the river in July.

Produced by citizens from the riverfront towns in our region, the plan carries recommendations regarding water quality, fisheries, habitat, recreation, agriculture, historic and archeological resources, and future land use. All of the recommendations in this plan were reached by the consensus of the Subcommittee's diverse membership, which included citizens who could speak for agriculture, riverfront landowners, local business, local government, conservation, and recreation. Therefore, it was impossible for one interest group to drive the decision-making process.

Copies of the plan have been provided to town officials, including each selectman, planning commission, and conservation commission member, and its contents are now or will soon be under discussion. The town library and school also have copies. It is the Subcommittee's hope that the town will adopt the river plan as an adjunct to the town's own plan, once town officials and citizens have had a chance to learn more about it. The plan offers many opportunities for the town to improve or maintain the quality of the Connecticut River. Nothing in the plan can become effective locally until the town acts upon it.

In addition to recommendations for the town to consider, the plan also makes recommendations to landowners and state and federal agencies for ways they can help keep the Connecticut River the valuable resource it now is, and to improve it where possible. In October, local representatives from the Subcommittee met with federal and state agencies to guide them on how these agencies could be most useful to the Connecticut River in our region.

The Subcommittee continues to meet and to advise the states of VT and NH, the federal government and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on other local matters affecting the River, such as bank stabilization, boating access, and permit applications for river-related projects.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee, formed in January 1993 under the NH Rivers and Management and Protection Act, includes citizens nominated by the selectmen of towns on both sides of the Connecticut River from Bradford to Hartford, VT, and from Piermont to Lebanon, NH. The Subcommittee, like the CRJC, is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Monday of the month from 7-9 pm at the Lyme Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas, and those interested in serving as a member should contact their selectmen.



## THE UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC. 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. 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 1997. We responded to approximately 650 request for medical assistance. Of those 650 requests, care was delivered without transporting patients 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 remain \$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 in 1990 the Per Capita cost was \$14.00. \$1.15 of the \$14.00 goes directly to Hanover for dispatch service fees.

The Board of Directors of Upper Valley Ambulance have reviewed the budgetary needs for the upcoming year. Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement rates do not cover the cost of providing service and UVA expects to write off over \$100,000 in those charges. We expect to turn over an additional \$50,000 in unpaid bills to our collection agency. The Dartmouth helicopter service (DHART) has also had an impact on our transportation services, especially in the area of infant transport.

Now, to summarize the activities of Upper Valley Ambulance. We project a volume of 650 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 55 of these transports respectively. Also, we expect to do 350 non-emergency transfers UVA has had continuing success with a vigorous campaign to increase 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.

We continue to use a mix of full-time and part-time paid ambulance personnel. The day to day operations of the ambulance service are being expertly managed by John Vose, Administrator and Kevin Cole, Field Supervisor, who report directly to Town Directors, who are appointed by the Selectmen of the towns. UVA has worked very hard to become a focal point for training for the local F.A.S.T squads and Fire Departments in the region. We also train area residents in CPR. Last year, 217 residents were trained.

We have set some high level goals for 1998. It has been our goal since we started providing this service to deliver the highest level of emergency care possible. Two more of our full time staff have enrolled in Paramedic level training which allows the administration of IV fluids, medications and advanced airway control. All of our staff are now trained in the use of defibrillation for heart attack victims. In addition, we will implement a Domicile Risk Assessment Program this year where our crews will go to the homes of our elderly citizens and assess their homes for potential fall hazards, and make recommendations for a safer home environment in the hopes of preventing an injury form occurring.

As a resident of a member town we strongly urge you to take advantage of our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$35 entitles you to medically necessary Emergency Medical Services at no additional cost to you. Subscription applications are available at your local Town Offices, at Upper Valley Ambulances Business Office in Fairlee, or area places of business. Call (802) 333-4043 for further information.

Submitted, Larry A. Lancaster; Chair, Board of Directors

per Valley Ambulance, Inc.

**Western Grafton County  
Juvenile Diversion  
35 South Court Street  
Woodsville, NH 03785  
(603) 747-2806 phone/fax  
rwold@together.net**

November 29, 1997

Piermont Selectmen  
Piermont, NH

Dear Piermont Selectboard:

This letter is serving a dual purpose to: to introduce myself as the New coordinator of the Western Grafton County Juvenile Diversion program and to ask that Piermont continue to support our efforts.

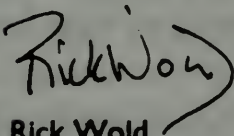
I come to this position with experience in community organizing and prevention efforts, having worked with the St. Johnsbury Community Partnership, First Night St. Johnsbury and Northeast Kingdom Youth Services. I have worked one-on-one with youth, facilitated groups and worked with family systems. For the last year, I served as an Americorps member as a caseworker for Caledonia/Essex (VT) Court Diversion.

I understand that WGCJD has recently had a low referral rate. It is my hope to re-establish us as a viable prevention alternative for youth in Western Grafton County. Some great programs have been implemented such as the Teen Dances (that consistently serve over 140 youth a month), 'my very own bike', etc. and I hope to be able to build and expand upon those ideas. I hope by working collaboratively, we can do this.

In past years, Piermont has contributed \$300 to our prevention/intervention programs and I am asking that you do so again in 1998.

I look forward to working with the communities served by our program. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call (or e-mail) me.

Sincerely;



Rick Wold  
Diversion Coordinator



**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.

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GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$ <u>14,992.68</u>
Request for Senior Services for 1997	\$ 1,030.00
Received from Town of Piermont for 1997	\$ 1,030.00
Request for Senior Services for 1998	\$ <u>1,065.00</u>

**NOTES:**

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.
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**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

**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.

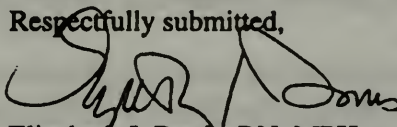
Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Piermont.

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

	Visits 7/1/96- 6/30/97	
Nursing	648	Family Support Services
Physical Therapy	189	Families - 1; Individuals - 4; Home Visits - 1
Occupational Therapy	23	Child Health Services
Home Health Aide	1039	Children - 3; WCC Visits - 4; Home Visits - 10
Homemaker	4	WIC Clients - 5; Clinic Visits - 45
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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

EJD/akl  
12/2/97

**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION**  
**1997 Community Contact Report to the Town of Piermont**

Community Contact (formerly Outreach) is the field services arm of Tri-County Community Action. Our purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and handicapped persons to solve problems and to meet their physical and financial needs. Community Contact staff accomplish this purpose by providing information, counseling, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and by utilizing community resources.

Last year the following direct assistance was provided by the CAP Community Contact Program in Piermont:

	# Households	Amount of Direct Assistance
Fuel Assistance 1996-1997	11	\$4,073.69
Weatherization	2	1,401.65
Total Direct Assistance	13	\$5,475.34

We provided these services to the community:

- Served as a conduit for government surplus food to pantries and soup kitchens serving the area.
- Provided budget counseling which includes money management, debt management and financial planning to area households.
- Assisted Piermont households who were homeless or in imminent danger of homelessness.
- Provided information and referral to Piermont residents regarding matters such as legal problems, landlord/tenant disputes, emergency home repairs, health-medical resources, transportation and electric utility assistance and conservation programs.

With your help, we anticipate being able to provide at least the same level of services to Piermont this year.



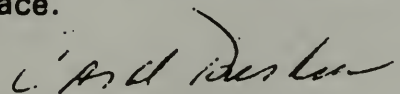
**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT 1997**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term care services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 37 older residents of Piermont were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, offered through the Orford and Haverhill Area Senior Services. These individuals enjoyed 503 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 1,837 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 636 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 12 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,741 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Piermont residents in 1997 was \$16,070.99.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Piermont were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Piermont community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.



Carol W. Dustin  
Executive Director

**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

**Statistics for the Town of Piermont**

**October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997**

**During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 37 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	2,340	x \$	4.90		\$11,466.00
Transportation	Trips	636	x \$	7.01		\$ 4,458.36
Adult Day Service	Hours	-0-	x \$	3.11		\$ -0-
Social Services	Half-Hours	12	x \$	12.75		\$ 146.63

**Number of Piermont Volunteers: 10. Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,742.**

<b>GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only</b>	<b>\$ <u>16,070.99</u></b>
<b>Request for Senior Services for 1997</b>	<b>\$ 1,030.00</b>
<b>Received from Town of Piermont for 1997</b>	<b>\$ 1,030.00</b>
<b>Request for Senior Services for 1998</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,065.00</u></b>

**NOTES:**

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COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	<u>FY 1997</u>	<u>FY 1996</u>
Dining Room Meals	67,025	65,473
Home Delivered Meals	109,253	102,677
Transportation (Trips)	37,696	38,976
Adult Day Service (Hours)	12,910	11,015
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	9,073	9,541

UNITS OF SERVICE COSTS

	<u>FY 1997</u>	<u>FY 1996</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.91
Transportation (Trips)	7.01	6.47
Adult Day Service	3.11	3.69
Social Services	12.75	12.29

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997



**GCSCC SERVICES BY TOWN**  
October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

Towns	60 + Snr'	# of' Inds				
Grafton County (except as noted)	Pop.	Served	Meals	Trips	Social Serv's	Voltr Hours
Alexandria	133	27	596	116	-	139
Ashland	314	90	5107	959	268	459
Bath	145	16	955	1	21	301
Benton	144	38	319	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bethlehem	262	117	5248	1352	87	1330
Bridgewater	179	52	1353	2	104	167
Bristol	451	221	6252	622	214	1190
Campton	351	89	3247	376	69	1398
Canaan	372	187	8002	1010	1040	5152
Dorchester	64	21	591	335	72	320
Easton	54	11	300	-	30	11
Ellsworth	6	3	3	-0-	-0-	-0-
Enfield	517	229	8483	1367	319	1295
Franconia	220	43	1235	114	4	372
Grafton	131	49	2000	223	129	646
Groton	52	28	377	82	187	446
Hanover	1196	163	4307	1117	113	1137
Haverhill	972	280	13165	2401	983	4214
Hebron	111	22	664	32	48	220
Holderness	250	77	2285	314	74	2250
Landaff	267	10	206	2	-0-	128
Lebanon	2099	1034	35257	9278	2640	17951
Lincoln	257	139	3819	3150	13	377
Lisbon	308	84	7793	188	182	2080
Littleton	1128	583	31488	6144	857	8482
Lyman	78	13	732	-0-	5	62
Lyme	272	61	727	95	55	783
Monroe	148	26	269	326	7	55
Orange	54	7	430	71	43	202
Orford	188	59	1909	153	2	691
Piermont	122	37	2340	636	12	1742
Plymouth	645	488	10064	2297	868	4940
Rumney	256	110	2922	498	153	736
Sugar Hill	139	28	402	13	4	96
Thornton	225	64	1424	112	89	773
Warren	141	46	941	1694	8	417
Waterville Valley	30	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Wentworth	115	19	466	20	28	80
Woodstock	167	68	1632	996	-0-	502
Plainfield (Sull.)	236	37	973	891	58	112
Hill (Merr.)	79	4	4	-0-	-0-	-0-
Misc. NH	-	390	2966	160	108	468
Misc. VT	-	517	4864	546	235	2120
Other States	-	153	161	3	5	-0-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12872</b>	<b>5700</b>	<b>176278</b>	<b>37666</b>	<b>9134</b>	<b>63844</b>

1. Services provided to those aged 60 and older. GCSCC provides additional services, including information & referral, recreation, education, adult day care, health screening, discount cards, chore/home repair service, telephone reassurance.
2. 1990 Census Grafton County total over 60 population.

**AGING -- IT'S EVERYONES' FUTURE!**

1997  
WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH  
AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Town of Piermont

*Highlights of 1997:*

During the past year, White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has invested a great deal of effort in augmenting services to children and the elderly; segments of our community which have historically been less than adequately served by the mental health system.

We are proud of the extensive outreach program we are now able to offer to children diagnosed with a severe emotional disturbance who are referred to our agency. Through our children's case manager and one of twelve children's outreach workers on our staff, severely emotionally disturbed children and their families receive in-home supports, assistance succeeding in school and help with practical challenges which effect the stability of family life. These services are offered in conjunction with services provided by our team of psychiatrists, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed marriage and family counselors, licensed clinical social workers and outreach specialists. These professionals work together and with other community caregivers to provide services which are not only appropriate for the child, but also "user friendly" for the family.

Elderly services have been similarly strengthened. Our elderly services coordinator works with our staff and with other community agencies to provide services to elders who may be unable or unwilling to come in to the office for traditional mental health treatment. The Gatekeepers Program, sponsored by White Mountain Mental Health, makes it easy for concerned persons in the community to contact a professional regarding concerns about an elder. Most recently, we have obtained the services of a licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner, who will be making "house calls" with our elderly services coordinator to isolated elders who may be in need of both physical and psychiatric care. In addition to these community based programs, we continue to offer psychiatric consultation services to three area nursing homes. As our community ages, the need for these services increases. We are working hard to respond to the challenge this presents.

*Service Statistics:*

During 1997, 6 Piermont residents received 402 hours of service. These residents were either uninsured or under-insured, and were not able to pay the full cost of services. Our services include:

- individual, group and family therapy
- outreach services to severely emotionally disturbed children and their families
- in-home support and treatment to elders
- substance abuse counseling
- experiential, activity based program for adjudicated adolescent boys
- psychiatric assessment and medication
- psychological assessments
- housing, vocational, and case management services to persons with severe mental illness
- 24 hour emergency service

Thank you, Piermont residents, for your long history of support to our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane C. MacKay CCSW  
Area Director



## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Annual Report 1997

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 Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Our economic development program for communities in Grafton County has certainly grown this year! The program is fully staffed and funded for two years. In order to qualify for certain State funds, it was necessary to create a new organization, the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV). Governed by its own board, EDCUV contracts with UVLSRPC for staff and office space. EDCUV offers community development services, individualized business assistance, and a revolving loan fund, with financing available to businesses in the \$15,000 to \$50,000 range. It has been exciting getting EDCUV up and running. This would not have been possible without your support and the dedicated work of our Economic Development Coordinators. Please give us a call to find out how EDCUV can assist with your community development needs or specific business requests. Our Commission looks forward to a long and productive partnership with EDCUV.

Thanks are also due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. In New Hampshire, the Department of Environmental Services and the regional planning commissions are putting together a statewide environmental program which will require that certain specific tasks be completed in every region, but also allow some funds to be used on regional environmental priorities. Details are still being worked out. A work plan will be finalized in early 1998. This is great news! It enables our Commission to continue our commitment to environmental programs.

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



In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Piermont included:

- Met with Board of Selectmen to discuss economic development needs in town.
- Met with Planning Board to discuss developing a telecommunications section for the Zoning Ordinance and provided information about regulating telecommunications facilities.
- Met with Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Board of Selectmen to discuss the Connecticut River Cultural and Scenic Byway.
- Provided information about potential funding sources for community development projects.
- Sent information about May Planning Conference.
- Created a new regional economic development corporation, Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCLTV), to assist the town and local businesses.
- Working with the Road Agent, completed a road surface study assessing the condition of each road in town and prioritizing maintenance work.
- Assessed environmental impacts of the proposed Route 10 replacement bridge project over Bean Brook.
- Applied for funds to assist with implementation of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan.
- Provided map of protected land for Governor's visit to Smart's Mountain and Lake Tarleton area.
  - Kept the town updated on potential grant funding sources.
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- Began update of two-page economic initiative summary to be made available on the Internet and in brochure form.
- Compiled area and population data for the Upper Valley Land Trust.

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

### **UVLSRPC Services Which Benefit All Member Communities**

- Assist 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 respond to many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member communities.
- Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the District.
- Organize and administer regional household hazardous waste collections.
- Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Co-hosted a forum on household and small business hazardous waste issues.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission.
- Serve on the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- Serve on the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV) Board of Directors.
- Provide staff and office space to EDCUV.
- 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 developments 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.
- Review land use controls and master plans, and suggest amendments.
- Produce our newsletter to provide 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.

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SCHOOL BOARD  
of the  
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
for the  
FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 1996  
to  
June 30, 1997



**ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD**

Alex Medicott  
Cindy Putnam  
Fred Shipman

Term Expires 2000  
Term Expires 1999  
Term Expires 1998

**MODERATOR**  
Arnold Shields

**CLERK**  
Ellen Putnam

**HEALTH OFFICER**  
Barbara Stevens

**TREASURER**  
Ellen Putnam

**AUDITORS**  
Plodzik & Sanderson

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Linda J. Nelson

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**  
Edward Emond

**1996-1997 STAFF  
TEACHERS**

Katherine Blanchard - Principal/Grades 7-8  
Paula Poirier - Art Education  
Dale Gilson - Kindergarten  
Sally Collette - Grades 1-2  
Eileen Belyea - Grades 3-4  
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6  
Vicki Kelly - Grades 7/8, 5th Grade Math  
Ernest Drown - Music  
Cameron Prest - Physical Education/Health Education  
Marianne O'Malley - Sign Language Interpreter  
Debbie Eaton - Reading Recovery  
Carol Priestly - Library Aide  
Betsy Nadeau - Special Education Teacher  
Deborah Craig - Instructional Assistant  
Joanne Roy - Instructional Assistant  
Pam Hartley - Instructional Assistant  
Christine Green - Instructional Assistant (WHS)  
Judith Canning - Instructional Assistant/Music Teacher  
James Raper - Custodian  
Nancy Underhill - Librarian  
Mary McFarlin - Guidance

**SCHOOL SECRETARY**  
Cindy Jackson

**SCHOOL NURSE**  
Barbara Dunbar

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Clough Transportation

**SCHOOL LUNCH**  
Linda Lea Tammy Collins  
Vicki Latona

## Minutes of the Business Meeting April 1, 1997

The reconvened Business Meeting of the School District of Piermont was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on April 1, 1997 by Moderator Arnold Shields. Following the flag salute Shields announced that Vea Jenks and Linda Lea would be counters for the evening. He reiterated that voice and show of hand votes were on ones honor, and any challenges should be made at the time of the vote. He asked that all who wished to speak would use the microphone and that during paper balloting each voter state his/her name as they hand him their ballot, in order to help with checklist efficiency.

Shields directed the clerk to read the motion on the table, which was as follows: Mary Greene moved that Piermont School Board select a high school for grades 9 - 12 for this budget year '97 - '98. Second was by Dennis Halloran.

Helga Mueller moved to remove the motion from the table. Second by Katherine Wescott. **Voice vote - passed.**

Mary Greene requested that her motion be withdrawn, Dennis Halloran agrees; **motion withdrawn.**

Betty Sue Robbie, speaking of her belief that people base their feelings about other people on whether or not they agree with their opinions 100%, mentioned an article in the Valley News in which the school board was quoted as saying the people had not given the board any direction, and that it was important that the people take some responsibility for suggesting how far the budget cuts should go, and which direction the board should take. Robbie moved that the sum of \$871,767 be raised and appropriated for the support of 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 of which the sum of \$817,567 is to be raised by taxes. This motion reflects a 5% increase over last year's budget - not 19.35%. Second by Jim Lambert. Ed Edmond, SAU Business Manager, spoke of a point of order; we must vote to reconsider Article 4, and Robbie's figures would be an amendment to the amount stated in the article. He mentioned that a similar situation presented at another meeting in the SAU and legal counsel present advised that it was necessary to first vote to reconsider the previous article as no money issues can be addressed in the article dealing with other business. Shields stated that while he felt the motion was in order, he would, in the interest of a more orderly process, allow Robbie to restate her motion to include the words "to reconsider", as long as the second would agree. Lambert agreed. Robbie stated that she moved to reconsider Article 4, that the sum of \$871,767 be raised and appropriated for the support of 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 of which the sum of \$817,567 is to be raised by taxes. This reflects a 5% increase. Second by Jim Lambert. Richard Fishman stated that those numbers don't work. Lawrence Underhill stated that he believes we should vote to reconsider first, then amend the article. He suggested that we separate the steps in order to be procedurally correct. Kelly Fitzpatrick asked that the two numbers, \$871,767 and \$817,567 be clarified. Shields then asked Robbie if, with the second's permission, she would move simply to reconsider Article 4. **Robbie moved that Article 4 be reconsidered.** Second, Lambert. Peter Mazzilli stated that he felt that after we vote to reconsider, we should give the school board the chance to present their new budget before directing them. Shields found Mazzilli out of order. **Voice vote - passes.**

ARTICLE 4: Betty Sue Robbie stated that in the revision of Article 4, she moves that the sum of \$871,767 be raised and appropriated for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligation 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 estimated revenue and the appropriation of which the sum of \$817,567 is to be raised by taxes. This reflects a 5% increase. Second by Jim Lambert. Richard Fishman noted that according to the paper available on the school board's table, the bottom line stated that the figure of \$865,715 for an increase of 12.88%. He asked where Robbie got her figure. Lawrence Underhill offered the school board a 20 minute recess to consider their plan of action, but when told by the board that they did not require it, he withdrew his suggestion. Alex Medicott, School Board Chair spoke to Fishman's question. The \$865 thousand on the paper is the appropriation, or the amount needing to be raised by taxes, which is different than what is on this paper. Medicott explained that the differences in the amounts on their prepared sheet are due to other sources of revenue than just taxes from the residents of Piermont, reflecting the difference between appropriation and total budget. Further, Medicott stated that on the back page of the handout is the bottom line figure as presented by the board. He also stated that the board needs little time to tell everyone the implications of Robbie's motion. It would require lowering the revised budget prepared since last meeting by \$80,000. In practical terms that would mean designating a high school and having everyone currently enrolled in high school attend the designated high school unless that student's family could pay the difference; no one would be grandfathered. A number of programs would need to be cut, such as art, gym, sports, guidance, music and kindergarten. He appreciates the intent of the motion, but feels people need to appreciate what the amount stated means to the budget. Tony Smith asked about last year's surplus. Smith stated that he felt, when looking at the two proposed budgets, one increasing taxes by 19%, the other by 5%, that the 5% was misleading given the extra \$70,000. Linda Nelson, Superintendent, spoke of the importance of this issue. She directed attention to the revenue sheet within the handout supplied for the meeting. She explained where monies come into the school budget from. The board has to give best guess estimate as to what it believes will be coming



in, and sometimes more comes in, or less is spent, than anticipated. For instance, since the last meeting, the board has done some careful paring down, and some unexpected money has come in, notably kindergarten money from the state. She noted that at this time last year the anticipated surplus was only \$40,000, but actually became \$73,000 by the end of the year. This year's anticipated surplus (unreserved fund balance) is currently \$30,857. If the \$73,000 had not been returned, this year's budget would not look so bad; the voters gave permission for the board to spend that money last year, but it wasn't spent. Smith emphasized again that what looks like a 19% increase really isn't, because the money was previously in the budget. Cutting the budget like this is going to hurt; no one knows how much it is going to hurt. Alex, Cindy and Fred are not here to give us the shaft; the school is run on a very small amount. Most of the money needed is mandated, such as light bill, heat bill, salaries; you can't cut that stuff. Kay Gould asked for an explanation of how last year's surplus could have been underestimated by \$46,000. Nelson explained that changes happen every year, and the board can only do its best to anticipate what it will need to provide for services such as special ed, but cannot prevent changes from occurring. Changes can mean either savings or more money needed, depending on each circumstance. There are new revenues known since last meeting that can already mean changes in next year's budget. The board must budget for expenses it expects in order to act responsibly, but monies left over will be returned. George Smith asked about the specific changes from the tuition cap. Medlicott explained the \$7400 savings would be realized if the board designated Woodsville High School for next year and the eighth grade class was not grandfathered. There are five students planning to go to more expensive high schools. Smith asked if parents now have to make commitments in terms of transportation and time in order to get their children to high schools other than Woodsville. Medlicott stated that they do, with the exception of Orford, which provides a bus. Smith moved to amend the motion to amend the article, to change the bottom line to \$951,772, and he thanked the school board for doing the best they could for us. Second by Richard Fishman. Smith pointed out his belief that realistically the place to fight school budget battles was five or ten years ago, and should have begun with a master plan. Need to look down the pike, not make these changes tonight. Richard Fishman stated that those who feel the town is spending too much on education should realize that ignorance is much more expensive. If the town cuts its education expenses the impact will be felt in the future. A perception of a lower quality of education might keep people from moving here, and property values can go up or down depending on whether or not people come here. The problem will become a spiral and in ten years the situation will be worse than it is now. He encouraged everyone to not be short-sighted and think only of themselves, but to realize that education for young people is the future of this town, and the whole country. If people's children are well-educated here they may return with better jobs, start businesses, build houses and increase the tax base, so that we might have a comfortable school budget, not a hue and cry every year. Peter Mazzilli stated that he doesn't want to jeopardize education, and according to the cuts the board has outlined on the first page, he sees no places where education is being jeopardized. There are no cuts in books, no cuts in personnel; a little is being done with insurance, a 3%

increase instead of 2%. Looking further ahead, in tuition we will save \$7400 this year, but projected out over four years. . . . Medlicott offered the figures for savings with the designated high school of: \$7,400, first year, then \$15,700, \$21,200, \$26,700 in the following years. This means a cumulative savings, if all choice trends stay the same, of approximately \$70,000 over the next four years. Mazzilli then asked about the \$16,000 special education money not spent. Emond explained that some sizable expenditures had been anticipated, but were not realized, so this money will be returned at the end of the year to offset taxes. He further stated that in reviewing next year's budget with the principal and the special needs director the figures are right on target, with no new students figured in. Mazzilli asked Medlicott if by making the proposed reductions the educational programs were being jeopardized. Medlicott stated that they were not. Cindy Putnam, board member, commented that special needs students include children ages 3 to 21, not just those in this school and the high schools; we are responsible for all of them as soon as they are identified at age three. Betty Sue Robbie feels good education is not assured by more money being spent, but by good teachers, which we have. She believes they are making good salaries and will not abandon ship if cuts are made. Try being a farmer and make about \$20,000 a year and pay \$10,000 in property taxes. She wants good education, we have good education; teachers can be expected to tighten their belts just like everyone else. The unreserved fund balance has been confusing, she and many others have been unable to understand why this amount keeps coming back; couldn't we get back to bare bones, and not have so much padding? Medlicott explained that even with the 2% raise proposed, the level-funding of insurance means the raise will, in most cases, be eaten up if they choose to continue their present level of insurance, even with a cheaper plan. Bradley James wonders how, if everyone keeps voting yes, the town will ever come out of the red. He feels everyone needs to be equal or we will all be in trouble. We are spending beyond our limits and must cut the budget. Teachers would be willing to bend a little so that textbooks can be bought without the expense. Medlicott explained that taxes have gone up a little less than 5%, averaged, over the last seven years, and everything else has, too. He doesn't feel we can separate education from food, gasoline and all the other necessities of living. He admits that, while 4.9% is higher than what other things have gone up it is not by much. The board tries the best it can but cannot be expected to level-fund the school year after year. Elizabeth Trussell, member of PVS class of 1982, spoke of her pride in being from PVS. She had excellent teachers, such as Mrs. Partridge and Mrs. Belyea, among others. She apologized to the kids who might not have the opportunity to choose their high school, like she and her brothers did, but families can't do it. She and other people her age want to live here but there are not opportunities because of taxes and other things. Soon people will be moving in with children who have no history in our town and we will have a population of elderly people who can't afford to pay their taxes. She is working three part-time jobs and having to pay insurance and other expenses; she works at a school just to get insurance. She appreciates where the teachers are coming from, but they have to appreciate where the rest of us are coming from. It makes her angry, but businesses have moved, people are traveling an hour to get to work, taking family time. There is nothing more to say, but we're sorry, we can't do it anymore. Bill



Putnam said he was glad to see so many people out for this meeting. At town meeting there were about 40 or so, budgets were up a certain percentage and no big concerns, there have been disasters in town, they've been taken care of and no big concerns. We had school board elections, and there are a lot of brilliant people here with all the answers, but nobody wanted to take the place of the board members who spend 15-20 nights to go to Woodsville or come here to deal with this. He feels there are other places to save money, such as the Town Hall, which is sitting and not being used. Look at all the new homes, and the \$100,000 summer homes; everybody has it tough. Someone should run for the board if they think they can do it; he doesn't think they can. Will Hill feels this is a great town, everyone agrees. Most likely at the end of the evening there will be a compromise. We are all doing the best we can, the people are what makes this town great. We are in a democracy, in America; he loves it and hopes it can always be this way. He speaks in support of the teachers and the principal, and helpers in the school who are all doing a great job. Teachers have all been to school for at least four years, some even more. Sometimes it sounds like people think the teachers are to blame, and picking their neighbor's pocket, but he knows that is not true. Our teachers are dedicated and talented, and get paid what they are worth. He doesn't want staff cuts; let's make a compromise, and keep everything in good spirit. There are problems everywhere, he hopes for a positive end to this meeting, and not too many people will be bitter no matter what happens. Helga Mueller then asked for clarification on the amendment being discussed; is it George Smith's amendment? Shields agreed that it was. Mueller then asked the school board to elaborate on the high school designation. Medicott read a statement regarding the school board's intent within the proposed changes, stating that the entire board feels it is time to designate a high school, even changes, stating that the entire board feels it is time to designate a high school, even though the town has voted a couple of times in favor of keeping the open voucher system: The Piermont School District will 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 Piermont students may be assigned to other high schools as long as the tuition does not exceed 100% of the contracted rate, the parents will pay the difference. Piermont residents (students) that are currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12 will not be affected if they remain in their current school of choice. Medicott reiterated that as soon as a student changes schools, he would be out from under the grandfather clause. While the board is in agreement about designating a high school, it is not in agreement with what to do with this year's eighth graders. Some, including himself, feel this year's class should be grandfathered, which would mean no savings this year, but the savings would begin the following year. Asked what would happen for students who chose a school with a lower tuition, Medicott answered that there would be no rebates, the money would go back to lowering the whole budget. Will Priestly stated that the fear and frustration of rising property taxes are understandable, and Piermont is not alone as one can see from the vicious letters to the editor in the local papers. He had thought Piermont was above this; example being that for school funding Bradford has coin drops, and Piermont last fall had a Hoedown at the Putnam's farm, which was an impressive and brilliant solution to a challenge.



This was also an example of how vital the school is to the Piermont community. Recently the question "where does it stop" appeared all over town and in the paper, and like any problem it stops when you look at it and create a solution. Anyone can stamp their feet and refuse to pass the school budget, but this only compounds the problem. High taxes are not the problem, only the symptom; the problem is tax base. As he outlined two weeks ago, the voters chose to give up a fortune in tax base and potential tax base in the past year alone, now the same voters are back complaining about the high taxes. Several of those complaining loudest own two homes; apparently the two homes and related expenses are affordable but paying taxes for them is not. He understands the problem for farmers and those on fixed incomes, but they are not the only ones we are hearing from. He had heard people complain about people moving to town because of our great school, and it seems the proposed solution is to cut funding so much that we'll only attract people who are not concerned with education. He has heard people complain that children move out of town after we educate them; maybe they don't feel welcome after listening for twelve years to complaints about how much they cost taxpayers. We all have money problems and high taxes, whether we are on fixed incomes or not, and we can fight about whether the school should have books or we can work toward solving the problem. School costs are only the most obvious reminders of our pitiful tax base, others include bridges that are near collapse, with the resulting lawsuits, library and town offices that are microscopic, shortage of parking, or new town beach that's going to cost money, the dump at the Lake Tarleton property that looks like we are going to get stuck with before too long and many more. They all require tax money, they have nothing to do with this school, and he can't imagine what is going to be cut from the school budget to pay for those things down the road. The school is the one thing in town we can be most proud of, and it would seem to make more sense to bring the rest of the town up to the level of the school, instead of bringing the school down to level of the town. In the town report there was something about Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Council that listed the things they had done for Piermont in particular, and one of the things was an economic development program. When he asked a member of the select board about it, the member didn't know about it, so he called UVLSC and there are several programs they are working on and they are planning to contact the select board about it. It seems the problem is that we have to rebuild our tax base because it has been seriously depleted over the years. Mary Greene asked for the amount that would be saved if the 8th graders were not grandfathered. Medlicott replied that it would be \$7,401. Barbara Michenfelder mentioned the sign at the school stating that it takes the whole community to raise a child. That is very true, what she does not see all year long, are some of the community members coming into school and offering solutions to the problems in the school so that we would not have to hire out. There are a lot of talented people here in Piermont, who would be willing to give up a couple of hours a week to come in and read and work with the children on a regular basis so we wouldn't have to hire someone. She would like to see some solutions here tonight to this problem, and would also like to thank Alex for addressing the issues of the high school, which is something we are going to have to face long-term down the road. She doesn't know anywhere else where teachers are teaching two grade levels for what they are getting paid. Kay Gould

asked what deal Woodsville High School is offering for the designation. Medicott explained that the tuition would start at \$7,000 per student, and other schools have been given the deal that if they send more than 50% they would get an additional 4% discount, or \$280, and with 60% they would get a discount of 5%, he expects we could expect the same. Gould asked what other high schools are equal to or less that amount. Medicott stated that all of the other high schools except Hanover and Orford were. Gould then pointed out that Special Ed. is non-negotiable, the school must abide by the American Disability Act, which is a federal law that mandates them to find the children at need, evaluate them and provide all accommodations. Its not a choice or something we are trying to give them; if they don't do it the court costs can be phenomenal. Gordon White commented that 11.8% of the budget is for special education not 40-50%. Nelda Smith stated that she has lived here since 1977, and put four children through the Piermont school system. She feels the school system has done a very good job, and she feels it is something everyone can be proud of. As a retired person she is aware of how hard it is to meet taxes. She feels the only place to make real savings is in the high school tuition, and we are making the right steps towards this. She also feels, however, that no students should be grandfathered, including those who are already in other high schools. We need to say "no" to our teenagers, but it is not like we are sending them to some horrible place; Woodsville High School is wonderful. Ministers children and military children have had to move around, and they have existed very well, and have children who have moved into a new town and been unable to attend the same schools as their brothers and sisters. She thinks we can ask our young people, even though it is hard for them to do, because it helps on our taxes and saving money in other ways. Gordon White stated that if we allow next year's seniors to stay where they are, and designate the rest, this year coming up we would save \$44,559. Dan Lea asked for a clarification. Given Betty Sue's motion having been made and seconded, to change those figures, and in order for the amendment to be valid, wouldn't both the person making the original motion and the original second have to agree? Shields explained that it is not the case; if we vote the amendment up it changes the figures on the original motion, vote it down and the original figures remain. Mary Greene asked if the board's hesitancy to appoint a school, given that the board has the authority to do that, because the board is not at 100% agreement. Cindy Putnam said none of the board is hesitating on appointing a high school, what they don't necessarily agree on is whether or not to grandfather in this year's eighth grade class. Greene stated that \$7,000 is a lot and for the good of the community, the eighth graders should not be grandfathered in, Peter Mazzili spoke of his confusion about the motion and the amendment being on the floor, and neither of them reflecting what the board came up with. Shields explained that the amendment is the dollar amount the board presented in their revised budget. Donna Odell said that while she supports the tuition cap, she wants to know what the eighth graders were told last year; were they told they would have the choice this year on the basis of last year's vote? She is concerned that we would be going back on our word to them if we now say everyone has to go to Woodsville. Medicott said that the vote last year was to continue the open choice, and full funding system. Taking that lead, all of the eighth graders assumed they would have the choice, and that it would be paid



fully by the town. Odell noted that it is hard to raise teenagers today the way it is, and if we as a town are not going to keep our word to our kids, then that is a bad thing. She would be for the savings this year if it doesn't mean breaking our word to this year's eighth graders. Medicott said he doesn't feel it is so whimsical as that, there is obviously some necessity that has come up in the last year, but the eighth graders have assumed they could go where they wanted, have visited the schools, and a number of them have made choices. Medicott stated further that the dollar amount of \$951,772 in the amendment does not include the \$7,400 that would grandfather the current eighth graders; in order to grandfather them we would have to add \$7,401 to that amount. In answer to Mr. White, according to our figures the amount saved if only the seniors were grandfathered would be \$22,200. Vicki Latona stated that her son did pick a different school. She has lived here for three years, and has grandfathered other people's children, and she thinks that since the eighth graders were given the choice, were taken around to the schools, and the amount being \$7,401, she feels they should have the choice. Lee Robie called the question, John Metcalf second. Voice vote passes. Shields clarified by re-reading the original motion and the amount of the amendment, \$951,772. Roger Hutchins asked that it be clear that the \$7,400 is not included in the amendment. Shields agreed that the amendment does not include the \$7,400, but would need to be amended. Gordon White noted that the motion can only be amended once. **Ballot Vote: 203 voters, 90 yes, 113 no - fails.** Returning to the original motion, the sum of \$871,767. There being no objection to Shields dispensing with rereading the motion, he did not. Tony Smith stated that he feels it is ludicrous to chop it that much and not give any idea of where that cut is to come. Should Kindergarten go, or should we not heat the building, or pay the light bill. Someone should address that. Richard Fishman stated that without a line by line explanation of how the money would be spent, the motion should be tabled. Shields stated he felt people need to talk about it. Fishman stated that he is willing to do it tonight, but to give a figure that is a 5% increase and not say where the money will be spent and where it will not be is insufficient information. Peter Mazzilli stated he thinks we are going off on a tangent again. The board is willing to talk to us, let's let them explain. Medicott answered again the \$80,000 off the budget would mean there would be no choice; every high school student would go to Woodsville or their parents would have to pay. The second group of cuts would be programs; they cost about \$7,000 apiece, and they are art, phys ed., music and guidance. Added to that would be kindergarten, which would fly in the face of everything that the state is trying to encourage us to do, and in fact are putting their money where their mouth is by offering us subsidies, even as early as before this year is out, of between \$500 and \$1,000 per kindergarten student. Linda Nelson added that these cuts would decimate the school. If we pull all of the high school students in the savings would only be \$14,802. Taking out kindergarten would save the \$23,006 salary, guidance would save \$7,296, art would save \$6,432, library would save \$3,309, health would save \$2,253, and you will have lost some revenues here, for a total savings of \$62,098. This is serious; we are not playing games here. Lee Robie asked what is the total number of special education students. Nelson answered that special education cannot be cut. Robie stated that he had not suggested that it be cut, but had simply asked how many students were coded for special education. Cindy



Putnam answered that there are 18 to 20, including preschool through high school. Robie apologized for not being more active. He wants to speak to Tony's question. He feels that instead of looking at phys ed, music and art, we should look at ways we can be more creative in areas such as special education, such as how the coding is done; take a closer look at it. Secondly, instead of looking at what some consider to be the less important programs, look at what some consider to be the top such as from the SAU to principal; Nelson said that while many towns would like to get out of the SAU, it cannot be changed here; it was legally set December 31, and the board is bound to that figure. For clarification, the next cut would have to be classroom teachers, and we already have some very overcrowded classrooms. Kelly Fitzpatrick stated that while he is not usually rather rude and crude, but when he heard someone say that the classrooms were overcrowded he made a very unusual remark which referred to the barnyard product. Mary Greene stated that it is not the voter's place to tell the board what to do, they have already done that with the vote; she is sure our board is capable of making those cuts without harming our children. Bill Putnam offered some food for thought; using old figures of \$5,000 each for high school tuition and elementary cost per pupil, it would have cost \$60,000 for each kid. If a family had four kids, or \$60,000 times 4, and you now have a three or four thousand dollar tax bill, are you still paying off your kids education, or is it a freebie now? Stop and think about the people who go from generation to generation and someone has to pay for it. It wasn't easy for our fathers and grandfathers either, but you have got to have education and it has got to be paid for. A reasonable cut was in line, but this is ridiculous. Fishman stated it is a quality of life vote; people seem to think it is o.k. to cut all these things, and don't think about the long term. Regarding Mary Greene's statement about the school board, it doesn't seem the school board can do anything with this paltry amount of money, and she ought to think about that. And what she said earlier about voters not wanting to tell the school board what to do, we still have a democracy here, and like it or not the voters speak either by voting a budget up or down or by voting a board in or out, and she should consider this before making any more hair-brained suggestions. Shields found Fishman out of order, and stated that no characterizations would be allowed. BettySue Robie stated that the last comment was going on tonight. The suggestion of volunteers going into the school could be found. She feels that the teachers could provide guidance, and Betty Partridge used to do the music and the art; we have multi-talented teachers who could make the difference. Verne Batchelder said he has had two very high-paying jobs, in his career, a teacher, and a farmer. He taught school for 18 years at Thetford Academy, and from that experience has been on the other side of the fence at times. What he has seen is that in sending towns, when the town aggressively cut the budget of their elementary school, the effects weren't readily apparent that year; they got a break for a while. It didn't show up until 4, 5, or 6 years later. When you remove things from your budget like art, music, guidance, those are the things that reach students who are not able to keep up with the regular program. If you remove those support services, those children very soon fall behind a grade level in a subject area and become coded for special education services which you, as voters, have no control over. The only thing you have control over is putting things into your program that guarantee that every student has an opportunity for

a high-quality education that keeps them not coded as special ed, and able to meet the demands of the real world. He saw this many times as an actual classroom teacher, from towns where it was not a question of supporting education or not, it is how you pay for it, now or later. We've seen the figures; the actual rise in school cost has been under 5% over the last 7 years, and we've built a beautiful school that has reached state acclaim. Our students go to high schools and are welcomed with open arms, all levels including special ed students and those who can perform at the highest academic levels, because they are well-prepared, and they enhance the secondary schools of the Upper Valley. If we cannot undo what has been done, Piermont students will not be looked upon the same in the coming years, and we will have done it. The loss of one highly experienced teacher can have an impact on a school, the loss of this many programs would be devastating in a matter of two or three years to the students leaving here. Will Hill asked if this came to a vote now, is there a way to compromise between the proposed 5% increase and 12% proposed by the board before the vote? Shields state that there could be an amendment, and that he wants to be sure that the people are heard. Hill stated his concern that the 5% amount would be devastating, and his worry that perceptions could lead to lawsuits. He hopes an amendment will be made to bring the 5% up so it will not be so devastating. Gordon White wants to clarify one thing: There is an adjustment within Mrs. Robie's figure of \$65,000 to take in the surplus from last year. Nelson stated that the board's figure of \$951,772 included an adjustment of \$30,857. White explained that Robie's amount was arrived at by using last year's appropriation of \$767,981, they added in a 5% increase of \$38,399 for \$860,380 total. At the top of the board's page, there is a budgeted surplus of \$73,378 for 1996 which was not rased by taxes. Nelson explained that amount has already gone back this year. White said he knew that, but while it was not needed last year, it is needed this year, so they put it back in. When he asked if he was making himself clear, and the board and superintendent said no, he stated that he was not surprised. Ed Emonds stated that by starting with the base of \$767,000, that is the net of all revenues that the district gets. It is necessary to start with the \$905,000 which was last year's total budget. James Lambert interrupted to state that the \$767,000 is the amount that the taxpayers paid; Shields found Lambert out of order. White said if he started with \$767,981, and added the surplus of \$73,378, and all the other figures, you come down to \$905,397. The \$73,378 was a surplus, and not raised by taxes. This year Mrs. Robie, instead of the \$976,000, has come in with \$871,000 in which she has taken last year's appropriation of \$767,981, added 5%, added in the figure of the surplus that we don't have this year, because it has to raised by taxes, and he comes up with the figure of \$871,767, less other revenue, so the amount to be raised by taxes is \$817,567. Emond stated that the intent is to raise the appropriation by 5%, the number he is giving for a bottom line, meaning the total amount they can expend, does not include the revenue from the school building aid, aid from the state, it doesn't include the vocational tuition that is reimbursed from the state or the \$5,000 refund from the federal goverment for child nutrition. White disagrees. They have taken last year's figure, with which Emond agreed. Emond stated that the current appropriation of \$767,000 is not the total budget. White stated that they are increasing the total appropriation by 5%. Emond



offered to explain how the figures are arrived at away from the microphone. White yielded the floor. Frank Rodiman asked for clarification of a rumor he had heard that if the budget is voted down twice, the last year's budget would be used with a 10% increase. Nelson said that would not be the case; the Municipal Budget Act does not apply here. Michelle Oakes stated that while she has not lived here her whole life, her husband's family has. At the last meeting she felt that there were conflicts regarding the 19.35% increase, and the tuition question with regard to pinpointing a high school or leaving it open. We came back today, and the board has brought it down to a 12% increase, which she voted for. She has two children, the oldest in kindergarten, and their education is very important to her. It is so important to her that she would be willing to pay out of pocket to get them the education she wants. What is comes down to is that if we pass the motion on the floor, with that amount, and all of the programs are cut, her children will not be well-rounded. If that is lost, she will pay whatever it costs to send her child elsewhere. She feels the board has been very fair in what they have proposed, and if there is still a problem, perhaps what we should consider, although many people don't want to, is to send all but the seniors to Woodsville. We need to keep our grassroots, our base, and cannot sacrifice our elementary school for a few high school students. Mary Greene called the vote, second by Tracy Nolan. Shields ruled the question to be called after Roger Hutchins speaks. Hutchins said these cuts would be devastating to Piermont Village School. He agrees with a great deal of what the school board has presented. He feels in order to come to a middle ground, between 5% and 12%, we need to know what a percent is worth. **Shields called for a voice vote, and declared it unsure.** He then called for **a show of hands, which resulted in a tie. Shields voted nay.** Mary Greene then asked for a recount, a **division of the house, which resulted in 118 in favor, 88 against.** Shields then re-read the motion with the figure of \$871,767. **Ballot Vote: 194 voters, 82 yes, 112 no. Defeated.**

Bruce Labs moved to reconsider Article 4. Second Bill Daley. **Voice Vote Passes.**

ARTICLE 4. Bruce Labs moved that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$938,772 for the support of 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 foundaiton 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. Second by Bill Daley. Labs spoke of his experience in going through a similar event in 1986 in Haverhill, and that they not only lost programs for one year, they lost them for many years. He understands the mood and the flavor around here; he has gone through that. It was devastating to the students he was working with at the time, and it took many, many years for the school to recover. He asks that we please temper this with the understanding that we have a group of people who we have elected to serve us, and to make decisions in our interest. He understands; he dosen't like paying taxes anymore than anyone sitting in the room, but he thinks we also need to understand that we don't want to slash and burn the programs



that are within this building. He is very proud of sending his kids to Piermont School, and he'd like that to continue. He understands the feelings of some of the others in the room, but feels it is important to think about this, that we consider this. He also believes that the sum he is proposing will lower what the school board brought to us, but will not slash and burn the programs we are so proud of in Piermont. Cindy Putnam asked to make one point that hasn't been made tonight, which is that in the current year's budget we are budgeting for 121 students, 88 in elementary, and 33 in high school. In next year's budget we are budgeting 17 more students; there will be 7 more that we know of in the elementary, and 10 more in high school. There being no further discussion, Shields restated the amount in the motion, it being \$938,772. Then called for the vote. **Ballot vote: 188 voters, 65 no, 115 yes.**

Gina Giudicci-Oakes moved to adjourn. Second by Bill Daley. **Voice Vote, passes.**

Adjourned at 10:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Ackerman Putnam,  
School District Clerk.

## MINUTES of the Business Meeting March 11, 1997

### Officials Present During Balloting:

Priscilla Glidden  
Bertha MacKey  
Everett Jesseman  
Carole Priestly  
Ellen Putnam  
Rose Macri  
Suzanne Woodward  
Linda Lambert  
S. Arnold Shields  
Vea Jenks  
Carlyle Meacham  
Dean Osgood  
Jean Daley  
Robert Lang  
Ellen Putnam

### School Ballots Counted by:

Vea Jenks  
Everett Jesseman  
Jean Daley

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 eleventh day of March, nineteen hundred ninety-seven at 10:30 am S. Arnold Shields, Town Moderator, opened the ballot box for inspection, then closed and locked it, declaring the polls open.

At 6:30 pm Shields declared the polls to be closed. A tally of school votes was made by Vea Jenks, Everett Jesseman, Jean Daley and Ellen Putnam: For Moderator: S. Arnold Shields (113), Terry Robie (1); for Clerk: Ellen A. Putnam (111), Terry Robie (1); for Treasurer: Ellen A. Putnam (109), Terry Robie (1); for School Board Member Alex Medicott (110), Terry Robie (1), Joe Medicott (1), Wanda Kivela (1).

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

Ellen A. Putnam, School District Clerk

## Minutes of the Business Meeting March 18, 1997

The Annual Meeting of the School District of Piermont was called to order by Moderator Arnold Shields at 7:02 PM on March 18, 1997. Following the salute to the flag, Shields announced that he had appointed Veal Jenks and Linda Lea as counters for the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers Chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto. Moved by Helga Mueller, seconded by Joe Medlicott. Passed.

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.) Moved by Suzanne Woodard, seconded by Tom Elliott. Passed.

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. 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). Moved by Helga Mueller, seconded by Joe Medlicott. Helga Mueller asked for an explanation of the article, and where the money is coming from. Fred Shipman, School Board Member explained that the proposal is to replace the entire roof with color standing seam metal with a 30 year warranty on the paint. The board has accepted a quote of \$32,110. \$14,400 comes from Owens-Corning (settlement on the existing roof), \$7,500 was appropriated last year for roof replacement, \$4,000, only using what is needed. Pete Mausolea asked the exact condition of the roof, and does it have to be replaced now. Shipman stated that it absolutely does need to be replaced, and while it does not have to be this year, there are leaks, and since it will probably get more expensive if we wait, and the money is available, it makes the most sense to do it now. Lee Robbie asked for a clarification of the \$14,500, and was told it was from the insurance settlement. Robbie then pointed out that while the article states that taxes will not need to be raised to fund this article, those monies have already been raised through taxes. Shipman agreed that the \$7,400, the \$4,000 and the \$9,000 have already been raised by taxes in previous years. Brian Garrigan asked the history of the problem. Shipman explained that the fiberglass mat was defective, the shingle cracked and failed. The settlement amount was prorated based on five years use before the claim. Bill Simpson asked for assurance that the same material would not be used again, stating that he had the same problem with his roof. Shipman reiterated that the new roof will be standing seam metal, and is warranted for 30 years. There being no further discussion, Shields reminded the gathering that only registered voters were to



vote, and that if anyone had a question of a voter's eligibility, the challenge should be made immediately. Voice vote. Passed.

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.) Moved by Mary Greene, seconded by Bradley James. Alex Medicott, School Board Chair, stated that obviously there is a lot of money at stake, taxpayer's money at stake, and also a quality school at stake. Medicott stated his belief that usually when people come to this type of meeting they have already made up their minds, and vote accordingly. He expressed concern because so few people had come to the budget hearing, and so many were in attendance for this meeting. He noted that there has been a lot of misinformation in the community, and expressed his wish that people would vote according to true information, not that which had been circulating and was false. He encouraged everyone to ask questions, make comments and get everything out into the open so that the vote would be an informed one, not one where the taxpayers had been whipped up into a frenzy by misinformation. At this point the Moderator read the article. Bradley James asked how much this would raise each individual's taxes, and spoke of his belief that land use is unfair, and that he has heard that everyone's taxes would be increased by at least 50%, so everyone might as well sell their homes. Pete Mausolea asked if it would be possible to go over the budget line by line. Medicott called attention to page 104 in the Town Report, and stated that for the purposes of discussion, the actual budget could be divided into three sections; one part is high school tuition, part two is special education and all the items that go along with it (Item C on page 104), part 3 is the rest of the budget. While the amount to be raised by taxes is up more than 19%, the budget itself is not up by that much. The lion's share of the increase is due to an increase in the number of high school students, and the fact that tuition have gone up. The special education portion is up several thousand dollars. The third part of the budget, or everything else, is essentially the same, if not down a little. We don't have control over the high school tuition, since we voted for the open voucher system. Dennis Halloran suggested that the town should start sending all high school students to one school. Medicott pointed out that twice in the last two years the town has voted to keep the open voucher system. Bill Daley asked what the trend is as far as enrollment numbers in the future. Medicott stated that there are only four seniors this year, and many more eighth graders who will be going into the system. This year 33 high school students were in the budget, there were no contingencies; next year there will be 43 known at this time. The average tuition is in the high \$6,000 range, so with the added 10 tuition, there is an increase of around \$65,000. Ed Emond, SAU Business Manager, stated that projected high school enrollments are: 43 in '97 - '98, 46 in '98 - '99, 41 in '99 - 200-, 41 in 2000 - 2001, 39 in 2001 - 2002. Mary Greene said that none of this is in cement, and students are able to transfer to a high school

costing more. She asked if she was correct in stating that the school board has the power to appoint a single high school. Medicott stated that she was correct. Linda Lambert asked for clarification on the number of students budgeted last year, that she understood that there were 13 at the beginning of the year. When Medicott explained that there were 33, she asked where the money had come from to pay the tuition of the added students, since the budget had been called "bare bones". Medicott pointed out that the projected surplus this year is much less than it was last year. Lambert said she did not understand how there was enough money to pay for nine more students in a "bare bones" budget. Ed Emond explained that there were 33 students last year, and there will be 43 this year ahead. Pete Mausolea stated that we need to think about the \$32,000. Increase due to the open voucher system. Jim Lambert pointed out that in the Town Report the number of secondary students in the years '95 - '96 was 13, and '96 - '97 was 33. Peter Erpelding asked that we look at the big picture. If averaged high school tuition was rounded up to \$7,000, and we said that every student went to high school, and there were a 100 students, that would equal \$700,000, and he doesn't understand the where the discrepancy is between that figure and the budget total. He feels the school is a business, and that if someone will educate our students for less than we can, it is a better deal to get them contracted out. Jim Lambert said that using the Haverhill rate to figure the costs of educating our 80 K-8 students and 43 9-12 students, if we sent them all to Haverhill we could save \$338,561. Although he is not saying we should do this, he wants to know what Haverhill is doing differently than Piermont. Medicott stated that there are many costs in addition to per pupil costs, and that one can't simply look at per pupil cost, because that is not how the state calculates it. Lambert stated that according to the Town Report, the year 1994-1995, the state per pupil average was \$5,248, and Piermont's was \$7,898. Medicott explained that the state calculates differently than the method Lambert had used, and that it was like comparing apples and oranges. He added that if one were to use the same formula as the state, one would find that Piermont was within 8% of the state average for elementary and middle school students. Lambert asked again, how Haverhill could educate our children for 1/3 less than we can. Shipman stated that we have a new building. Lambert said that Haverhill also has buildings needing to be paid for. Shipman answered that it has to do with economies of scale, some things need to be provided regardless of numbers of students, such as principals, and that economies of scale create a savings when numbers are greater, and using the same resources. Medicott said that a couple of years ago he had gotten figures for small schools of 100 pupils or less, and that their average cost was \$526 more than the state average, our excess is much less than that. It simply costs more to run a smaller school. Lambert said he had the per pupil costs for the years '86-'87 through '93-'94, and they weren't bad until '91-'92. He said his main concern or question is why is our per pupil cost so much higher than Haverhill's. Medicott answered that one reason is that we are a smaller school, and another is that Haverhill gets a lot of foundation aid, which is state money, and we don't. We get absolutely nothing, we haven't for about five years, because the state considers Piermont to be a rich town. Lee Robbie stated his admiration for the school board members, theirs is a difficult job. He asked that Bradley James's question regarding how much his taxes are



going to go up not be forgotten. He says he feels a good compromise would be to select a base, such as Woodsville High School, and let parents pay any tuition over the base. He would be willing to serve on a committee to change laws at the state level. He feels parents should have the option of sending their children to a private school, and that this might actually save money in some instances. Taxpayers are saddled with too much now, and some cannot even move out of town because they cannot sell their property. He feels we need to send to the school board a real strong message that this escalation will stop. Wanda Kivela says she grew up here, and knows Piermont has a history of supporting its children. She feels that if she were to send her child to a more expensive school, she would want to pay the difference, rather than to ask these fine people to pay any more. Mary Greene again stated that the board has the power to reduce our taxes by either appointing a high school or by putting a cap on tuition. She moved that the school board put a cap on the tuition rate, and that anything above that the families pay. Moderator Shields ruled her out of order as there was already a motion on the floor. Bill Putnam asked that everyone stop and take a minute to think. Many people have spoken who have had a lot of money spent on educating their children, and they are complaining. Some people have moved into town because they like the quality of Piermont, and they are complaining. He is here because he likes the quality of Piermont. Sometimes we have to pay a little more; we have to watch our figures and do the best we can. We need to think about this before we make a radical move. Pete Mausolea stated that there must be a limit. Teachers' salaries, for instance. In '95-'96 they were upwards of \$174,000, were they down this year because of Jane leaving? And why was the principal's salary moved to another line? Medicott explained that presently we pay for two-person coverage, or for an annuity for those who don't wish the coverage. The current plan is to allow for up to a 10% increase if necessary, any more than that and the individual would need to pay extra. He stated that the rates are up 37% this year. Asked by Mausolea if this wasn't a luxury, Medicott said it is state-of-the-art, and he has figures showing how many schools will pay for whole family plans; we are not doing anything out of the ordinary in the business. Mausolea asked what percent increase the teachers received in their salaries. Medicott stated that it was 3% across the board, for teachers and support staff. He further stated that this increase would cost the taxpayers about \$9,600. Mausolea asked if this is in addition to the \$22,000 and \$4,000 we are now paying for the principal. Shipman explained that the salary previously paid to Jane Slayton has been split between the present principal and the half-time teacher. He further stated that the half-time teacher does not have insurance through us, but receives half of an annuity. Bradley James asked what the increase in taxes would be if Article 4 passed. People need to know before they vote so they will know whether to vote no or yes. Shipman directed his attention to the bottom of page 103 in the town Report, where it showed the tax increase would be not more than 19.35%. Wilbert Hill asked if Mausolea had been suggesting that the school not pay health insurance or annuities. He disagrees with the idea that health insurance be called a luxury. He takes care of people at a small hospital near here, many of whom do not have health insurance. He feels that a person who goes to college for four years, works hard and is a full time employee of an SAU should have insurance as part of the package. Mausolea



stated that he feels it is not unreasonable for the spouse to have to pay for the second person; we have to cut somewhere. Helga Mueller said she feels 19.35% doesn't mean much to most people. Her property is valued at \$134,000, and her taxes will go up \$900. She asked the school board to give an example. Russell Woodard asked why the school board refuses to print the teachers' salaries in the Town Report? Shipman stated that it has never been done, to his recollection, and the board hasn't felt it would be appropriate; the figures are always available at the budget hearing and always at the SAU office. Rob Elder made a point of clarification; per pupil costs do not include transportation or special ed. costs. If those were included, the actual budget would be \$1.6. He pointed out that if you add these costs to the rounded up figures suggested earlier in the meeting, the difference is much greater, but in the way of savings. Linda Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the items that are pushing up the budget this year are the uncontrollable costs of tuition and special education. Will Priestly spoke as a parent of his gratitude for the school. He noted that many towns are paying a lot more money and getting a lot less. It all comes down to money, and if our taxes were half what they are we'd probably still be here complaining about them, which is normal. He suggests looking at it in another way: In the last year Piermont voted against an article to encourage the building of luxury homes in the Lake Tarelton area, voted for the sale of about 5,000 acres of prime property to the federal government and the loss of property taxes there, showed strong opposition to a satellite tower that would have produced taxes and last week voted to triple the amount of property tax exemptions for the elderly. So, it seems conservation is real important, and aesthetics are important, and the elderly are important, and it seems like it is time to stop blaming the students for our tax problems. Linda Lambert clarified that the tax exemption for the elderly did not go up. She asked for an explanation of the numbers of high school students, as she had understood there were 13 for '95-'96, and would be 33 for '96-'97. Medicott stated that there were 33 students, and Shipman pointed out that there had been a misprint. Nelson stated that the figures had come from the principal's office, and perhaps reflected that there were 13 students coming from the eighth grade. Will Priestly stated that he had misworded the part about the elderly exemption; that it had tripled over what the state allows. Betty Sue Robbie said, with all due respect for our hard-working board, no one in this room is against education. The emotions are very high tonight because taxpayers are being squeezed dry. If the money isn't there we can't get it. People don't know how they can pay their taxes. The board has to recognize what money there is and spend within it. People are saying enough is enough. Medicott explained to Linda Lambert that in printing the number 13 was a transposition, supposed to be 31. Pressed by Lambert for an explanation of the big increase for the coming year, Medicott stated that it was the increase from 33 to 43, and these are actual numbers. Lambert said it was strange that last year the student number went up the tax rate went down, but this year the number is up by 10, and where is the difference? Shipman stated that the school returned \$73,000 because we didn't spend it. Asked by Lambert why it wasn't spent if tuition budget was not spent, \$21,000 came from special ed. monies budgeted but not spent, \$8,600 from itinerant teacher change, salaries and related expenses of \$3,200, tuition revenue of \$4,000, \$9,900 vocational ed. tuition reimbursement, plus some others, such

as \$4,460 from lunch revenues which was unexpected. The net budget surplus, which was returned to the town and did not have to be raised by taxes, was \$73,000, and that's a lot of money. That is what makes the budget increase this year look so high. Feels it would be reasonable to give some credit for not spending money. Kelly Fitzpatrick, speaking to the quality of education, stated that he had substituted at PVS, Oxbow, and several surrounding schools. Piermont school has a good program, and serves its students well, as does Oxbow. Oxbow offers French, Latin, Spanish and calculus, and puts its students into good colleges. When we talk about the cost of high school education, it cannot be emotion at the moment. Consider the concept of putting a cap on the tuition. He stated that he and his wife had paid the extra to send their children where they wanted, living on church school salaries, and paying property taxes in Piermont and the town where they were living. He feels that if you want something for your children it is up to you to make the difference. Peter Preiser asked about the tuition student revenue of \$4,000. Are we educating our students for this amount, or are we subsidizing out of town people? Medicott explained that this particular case involves a family owning a summer place in Piermont, and the tuition was prorated according to the amount of time they live in town, 20%. Preiser asked what we actually charge for out of town students. Shipman stated that would be about \$4,500. Asked by Preiser if that was less than what it costs us, Shipman stated that it was, but there were no extra costs associated with it. He stated further that it has been the policy of the school board to take tuition students, and to consider each one individually. Asked by Preiser if we then pay for their high school tuition, Shipman stated that we do not. Jim Lambert directed the board's attention to page 110 in the Town Report, where test scores show a very high proficiency level in several areas. He challenged the numbers and suggested that they should look at them because he could not believe them. Lee Robbie called the question. Shields announced that in the interest of allowing everyone to speak, he would recognize Tony Smith. Lawrence Underhill rose to a point of order, stating that Shields should honor the question. Tony Smith recalled that someone had spoken of running the school as a business. The downside of this is that in business sometimes costs keep services down, such as in the health care industry. Education can't be run as a business, some expenses must be met. We should start at the state level or in Washington to make changes. We are stuck with some of these expenses, and cannot change them at the moment. If we start running the school as a business, and start cutting corners in order to save money, the end product is not going to be as good. Returning to the question being called, Shields asked for a second; Pete Mausolea. Passes, voice vote. Having been presented with a petition for this vote to be by ballot, Shields re-read the article with the amount of \$976,971. Results counted by Veve Jenks and Linda Lea: **115 no, 55 yes. Defeated.**

Mary Greene moved that Piermont School Board select a high school within SAU 23 to send Piermont high school students. Second Dennis Halloran. Shirley Lang pointed out that there is only one high school in SAU 23. The second was withdrawn, and the motion changed to direct Piermont School Board to select a high school for grades 9-12 for this budget year '97-'98. Second Dennis Halloran. Shirley Lang spoke as a parent of one child in elementary



school, and one recently graduated from high school and knowing that since the budget had been defeated we must cut costs somewhere. She stated that one of the benefits of living in this community is deciding where she wants to send her children to high school, given that different children have different needs, and different high schools address different needs. She understands that the majority will rule, and she can go along with the concept of a tuition cap, but feels it must be left open to choice so that the parents can pay the different and have their child attend the school they choose. Tony Smith asked if this motion would limit choice to one school, and if we might be better to use one of the petition articles from last year instead. Medicott answered that the way he understood the motion, there would still be choice. If the board designates a high school, that in effect puts a cap on what we pay per student for high school. That cap is defined by the tuition of the high school that the board designates. Lang asked if that fact could be established within the motion. Greene stated that fact could be established within the motion. Greene stated that this would be fine with her. Shipman asked if her intent was to use last year's article. Greene stated that she would leave it up to the board, that she did not intend that Woodsville High School be the one designated. Patty Fields stated that she has a son who is graduating this year, and he wants to go to Orford High School. She already has a child at Orford High School. Right now she transports all three of her children to school. She wants to know how all three of her children are supposed to get to three different schools at the same time. She feels it is wrong to take away choice; we have always had choice. If we are to cut anything, it should be Hanover because it is the most expensive, but the other schools should be kept. This year's eighth graders have already been around to the area schools, and have made their choices, like last year's, and they should be allowed to follow through with their choice. Fields asked what the differences were in the tuition. Shipman stated that Orford is \$7,900, Haverhill is \$6,720, (which is discounted as long as we send 50% of our students there). The difference between Orford and Haverhill is \$1,180, plus transportation. Fields stated that she has lived in town for 12 years and Piermont has never transported her children, in fact everyone in Clay Hollow transports their own children. Shipman stated that Hanover's tuition is \$8,867, and the only figure available for Oxbow is last year's tuition at \$6,910. Fields said she feels her question has not been answered; should she have to pay \$1,100 for her son to go to Orford? She feels that with the amount of taxes they pay in this town, they should have the right to choose. Shipman pointed out that the wording last year stated that up to 110% of the tuition of the designated high school would be paid. Fields stated that if there was to be a designated high school, this year's eighth graders, who have made their choices, should be grandfathered. Dan Lea spoke of his gratitude at not being on the school board, as he was certain their seats were getting a little hot. He pointed out that the wording of the motion gives the school board the authority to select a school for the kids to go to, so you are empowering them, if they choose, to select Hanover High School; this needs some discussion. People who are truly interested should be prepared to volunteer to be a member of a committee that will spend some time examining this. We aren't just talking about what is going to happen this year or next year, or five years down the road; there are other things to be considered. People who are truly interested should be prepared to volunteer to be a member of a



Committee that will spend some time examining this. We aren't just talking about what is going to happen this year or next year, or five years down the road; there are other things to be considered. People on a fixed income need to see a limit to where their taxes are going to come down to where they can stay within this town and maintain their homes. On the other hand, there are parents of children coming up through, who want to see their kids get the best education they possibly can. We have already made a big statement tonight in defeating the budget. He doesn't feel this is a decision that can be made in the heat of the moment; there needs to be some more thought, and some research. Perhaps a separate committee should do some research, and come back with a proposal to the Town of Piermont, and the town then vote as to what we want the school board to do. Lee Robbie asked if with the reduced rate Woodsville is cheapest. Shipman answered that, no, Oxbow is cheaper. Robbie stated that this issue does need more discussion, but it should not take that much time. He understands Field's feelings about wanting to send her son to Orford, but even if they are grandfathered, it might be for one year, and then they might have to switch schools. Lang asked about the committee that was formed last year. They spent lots of time, and brought a motion to the school board meeting and it was defeated. There has been work done on this. We are talking about 46 students, minus 13, who are already involved in different schools; that is a consideration. A group of adults should sit down and come up with a plan. This is the time to think of what to do, not to act tonight. Vicki Latona stated that her son has chosen to go to Hanover High School this year. They realize that it is more money, but he was given that option, he was shuffled down to review the school, to look at the school, and to look at all the other schools. She doesn't feel it is fair to ask the students who have already made their choices to go to a different school. Her son took a considerable amount of time to make his choice, and to prepare for the placement exams to get in. She feels it is not right to be voting on this issue tonight, because it was specifically to vote on the budget, and anyone who is not here has no voice. Walter Rodimon stated his belief that this would go into effect next year and would not effect those who are already in school. Kelly Fitzpatrick said he was part of the ad hoc committee that was formed last year to look into the question of school budget, and they also came up with a proposal regarding tuition. The concept was that one school would be picked, but that if students went somewhere else, they would receive a comparable amount towards their tuition in that school, and furthermore, any student currently in high school would be grandfathered where they are. He added that with a difference of \$1,200, per year times four years, this comes close to \$5,000 with increase. Shipman spoke to the committee option, saying he is not a fan of committees. He feels they end up doing work that the fact Piermont already sends 50% of its students to Woodsville speaks pretty clearly that is the school board would have to choose; he would not vote for any other school. Greene said she had presented the motion wide open because it had previously been defeated two years in a row. She also wanted to mention that people in town are home schooling their children, and paying their full tax bill, and are shouldering responsibility. She also stated that all of us as parents have sacrificed for our children, and it can be done if you really want to do it. Pete Mausolea suggested that the school board be given some time to work on the

budget; perhaps we should adjourn for the one week. Katy Blaine asked about tabling the motion until a further time. Shields said this would be possible, but wondered what would be the most expedient. Blaine moved that the motion on the floor be tabled, to be reconvened two weeks from tonight, April 1, 7:00pm at Piermont Village School, to vote, and have the School Board present a new budget and information needed to make an informed decision on school choice. Second by Lee Robbie. Shields requested that the clerk reread the motion. Show of hands, **100 yes, 34 no passes.** 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Ackerman 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 10th day of March, 1998 polls to be open for election of officers at 11:00 in the morning and to close not earlier than 7:00 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 20th day of January, 1998.

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Alex Medicott, Chairperson

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Fred Shipman

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Cindy Putnam  
PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD



**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 17th day of March, 1998 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. (The School Board recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 3: 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. This Article is exclusive of any other Article on this Warrant. (The School Board recommends \$987,535.00)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund to meet the expenses of educating persons with disabilities in accordance with RSA 35:1-b, and further, authorize the transfer of an amount from the June 30, 1998 undesignated fund balance (Surplus). (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 to be added to the Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for building maintenance, and, further, authorize the transfer of an amount from the June 30, 1998 undesignated fund balance (Surplus). (The School Board Recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund. and further, authorize the transfer of an amount from the June 30, 1998 undesignated fund balance (surplus). (The School Board Recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands as said Piermont this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 1998.

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Alex Medicott, Chairperson

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Fred Shipman

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Cindy Putnam  
PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1996-1997**

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

Number of pupils registered during the year	97
Average Daily Membership	86.5
Percent of Attendance	96%
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	
Number of pupils whose tuition was paid by district	
Elementary	0
Junior High	0
Secondary	19

**ENROLLMENT BY GRADE**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
	8	14	11	7	8	11	11	13	11	94

**HONOR ROLL  
Fourth Marking Period  
1996-1997**

<u>Grade Five</u> Rachel Daly * Lindsay Green Michael Musty * Jessica Oakes * Monique Priestley Geoffrey Pushee *	<u>Grade Six</u> Molly Bowman * Erin Dunbar * Emy Medicott * Marinda Morgan * Lily Weinberg *	<u>Grade Seven</u> Nora Batchelder * Andrew Hall * Kristen Pushee* Carrie Putnam *	<u>Grade Eight</u> Joseph Latona * Amanda Oakes *
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\* Indicates students who made the honor roll all four marking periods.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE  
1996-1997 Academic Year**

Kaelea Monahan  
Sarah Priestley  
Geoffrey Pushee  
Jeremy Hodge  
Carmen Henry  
Kristen Pushee  
Andrew Hall



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

Both SAU 23 and the School District faced changes and challenges in 1997. At the SAU level, Denis Ward of the Monroe School Board continued as Chair of the SAU 23 Board. Sarah Lester of Piermont was elected Vice Chair. At their District Meeting in March, 1997, Monroe voters decided to study the feasibility of withdrawing from SAU 23. It was felt that after about 20 years of questions about whether or not SAU participation was cost-effective for this school of approximately 100 students, the issue should be investigated. A Monroe withdrawal would increase the district assessments of remaining districts. However, any change, if the town determined one was needed, would take place in the 1999-2000 school year. The Feasibility Study Committee's Plan was approved by the State Board of Education in January. While the Monroe School Board in January voted four to one not to support the withdrawal plan for the district, voters at the Monroe District Meeting March 10 will make the final decision.

Finding the appropriate, affordable administrative staffing mix for SAU 23 has continued to be a challenge for the twenty-four member SAU 23 Board. When Lynda Fredenberg retired in June, 1997, a half-position in the Finance Office was eliminated in a effort to cut expenses. Marilyn Newman joined the staff part-time in Lynda's place. Her very capable work has already made her an important team member at the SAU. Ed Emond, Business Administrator, also resigned in June, 1997 to take over similar responsibilities in Laconia, New Hampshire. Charles McCoy was selected to replace Emond in July, 1997. By November Mr. McCoy agreed that the financial challenges of administering a six district SAU were more than he had bargained for and resigned.

At the request of Finance Office staff, the SAU did not immediately attempt to replace the Business Administrator position. Staff asked for time to complete the current budget cycle with guidance from district auditors and NH Departments of Revenue and Education. This allows the SAU Board seek advice from finance experts to determine what kind of Finance Office staffing arrangement makes best sense given the level of skills that have been developed in-house over the past three years, in particular by Pat Amsden and Jean Sutherland, who have taken over the day-to-day operation of the Finance Office with assistance from Connie Verratti, Sherry Brill and Marilyn Newman.

A resignation by a special educator at Woodsville High School prompted a series of job changes which resulted in Michael Penkert joining the SAU as Director of Instructional Support Services, a position which Donna Hart had held until choosing to return to Piermont as a special educator. Michael comes to SAU 23 from the Beckett School where he had worked for many years. He will be leading SAU 23 assessment of special education programs in each school, a process begun in the fall and continuing throughout the school year.

Alex Medlicott continued as Piermont Board Chair and representative to the SAU 23 Executive Committee and this year, with Fred Shipman as Vice Chair Cindy Putnam as Board Secretary. Finance issues continue in the forefront this year, with the District Meeting in 1997 having voted to cap Piermont high school tuition rates at the Haverhill rates starting with the graduating eighth graders. The School Board, administration and faculty have been vigilant in working to maintain a high quality educational program while controlling costs wherever possible.

Six goals help direct the work of Piermont Village School. The Mission Statement, adopted by the SAU 23 that prefaces the goals is: All students will be provided the highest quality of academic instruction in positive, safe learning environments that promote inquiry and appreciation for life long learning, so that graduates have the knowledge and skills necessary to participate fully and productively in a democratic, technologically advanced society.

We have made progress toward our goals in the past year.

**1. All students will enter school ready to learn.** Piermont students have access to the White House, SAU 23's pre-school program housed at Woodsville Elementary School, but distance makes it difficult for Piermont students to attend. Local pre-school attendance, however, is encouraged by the school as an important readiness activity for students.

**2. All students will be successful learners, performing at their maximum learning potentials.** One measure of success here is student performance on New Hampshire's Assessment of Academic Progress at third and sixth grades. Student scores in Piermont vary from year to year, which is predictable based on the small class sizes. This year students continued to score generally above the average range. While it is difficult to track the progress statistically with such small numbers, the faculty do carefully analyze each student's scores and use the tests for planning literacy and mathematics programs. The tests have prompted teachers to take a careful look at their instructional practices and how curriculum is aligned with New Hampshire State Frameworks.

The work of SAU 23's Curriculum Advisory Committee continues with Nancy Sandell of Piermont Village School as Chair. SAU 23 Board adopted the Curriculum Frameworks for Health, Physical Education and Art this year. The SAU 23 Technology Committee requested a revision of the proposed Framework based on our districts' newly developed Technology Plans. Nancy Sandell and Vicky Kelly spent time over the summer revising the Social Studies curriculum framework so it would better match that of NH. Their work will be extended to other schools in SAU 23. Piermont Village School is developing three-year Technology Plan, to guide decisions about the future purchase of technology hardware and software.



**3. Students will learn in safe, positive learning environments.** Teachers have developed several strategies for creating a very positive learning climate in Piermont. A Piermont team of teachers and the Principal attended a week-long workshop at Haverhill Cooperative Middle School with Mike Mezzochi in the summer of 1997. Teachers developed plans for improving student discipline programs. As a follow-up, Piermont students in grades three through six will be taking a Student Aspirations Survey this year. Developed by the National Center for Student Aspirations, this survey is being administered in all SAU 23 schools. It gives guidance to faculty and staff about student attitudes about school and future plans. All these activities are part of the schools' long range plan to ensure that schools have in place the kind of supports that allow students to thrive.

In terms of the physical plant, the Piermont Board has continued to fund school building and maintenance projects. Needed roof repairs were completed, with funds from an insurance settlement on replacement of faulty tiles supplemented by local funding. Don Smith carefully monitors building status and makes monthly reports to the Board to allow for timely plant maintenance.

**4. Teachers will exhibit the highest levels of professional practice in their work.** Teachers have participated in several focused professional development activities aimed at strengthening literacy and math instruction. Workshops and in-class assistance with Debby Head and Libby Pollett, math consultants who have worked with us over the past three years, continue to improve math problem-solving instruction. Debby and Libby will be returning this summer for another week-long activity for SAU 23 schools. Literacy continues to be an emphasis in Piermont. Follow up activities on building a positive school climate have also been on teachers' professional development agenda this year. This kind of targeted professional development, sustained over time, is preferred to "one-shot" programs that, while inspiring, tend not to have the lasting impact of consultants who get to know our teachers and programs over time.

**5. Parents and community members will understand and support school goals and direction.** This goal may be the most illusive, but we continue to try to improve communication about the schools in a number of ways. The SAU 23 School-Community Forums, held periodically, allow community members to hear from the consultants who work with us. Last year, Debby Head and Libby Pollett held an evening on mathematics instruction. Mike Mezzochi spent an evening discussing student discipline issues with parents. Jan Duncan a Reading Recovery expert from New Zealand made a very useful presentation on Literacy for families throughout SAU 23, an evening hosted at Piermont Village School.

Although an eye operation interrupted my SAU 23 NOTES for awhile, these NOTES, sent monthly to each home in SAU 23 through the distribution of the Showcase, are another attempt to keep people informed about school programs. In spite of these multiple strategies for keeping the public informed, and even with the monthly school board meetings open for public participation, we still hear that



communication needs to be improved and continue to look for ways to do so.

**6. School budgets will be fiscally responsible while promoting academic excellence.** The budget that follows is an example of our attempt to meet this goal. The budget maintains school programs at the current year's funding levels. The Board and administration have made every attempt to bring in a fiscally responsible budget that will also sustain the excellent programs that are benefitting students.

As always, progress toward these goals is possible thanks to the leadership of the Piermont Cooperative School Board. Under Alex Medicott's able leadership, the School Board has maintained an unwavering focus on academic achievement, teaching quality and fiscal responsibility. As always, a special thank you is due the School Board as a whole, for the clear direction and on-going support of our schools; to Kathy Blanchard for energetic and able leadership as Principal; to the faculty and staff for the high quality of their work with students, and to the Piermont community for your continued support of the school.

It has been the long range plan of Piermont to return to the Teaching Principal administration model, with a half-time middle school teacher and half time principal. A search for this person has begun, and it is the Board's plan to have this model in place by the fall of 1998. I know I join the Piermont community in offering our deep appreciation to Kathy Blanchard for her leadership as Interim Principal during Piermont's transition.

Having ended on a school finance note last year, I would be remiss in not acknowledging the potential importance of the NH Supreme Court's decision to re-design school financing this year. Final funding plans are far from completion. It is hoped that the change in financing will bring much needed tax relief to Piermont and, with it, the possibility that our educational programs, which have always been adequate thanks to local voters' support for schools, will be even stronger.

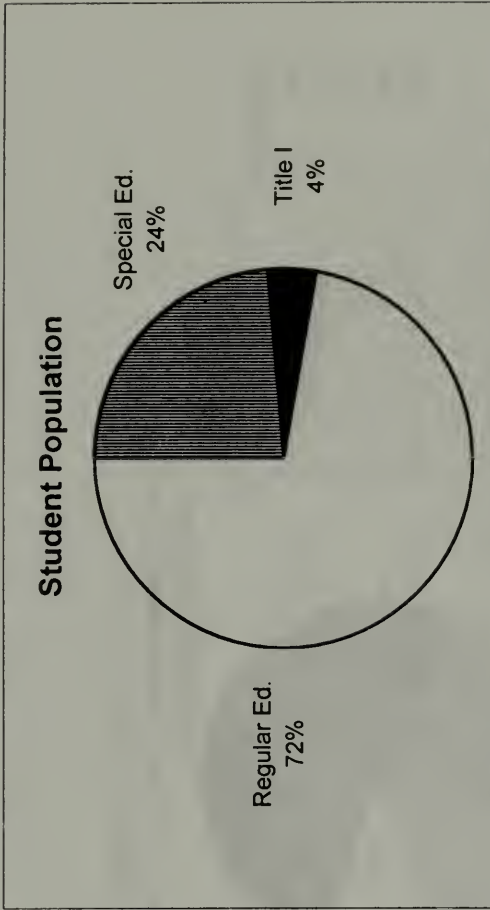
Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Nelson  
Superintendent

# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

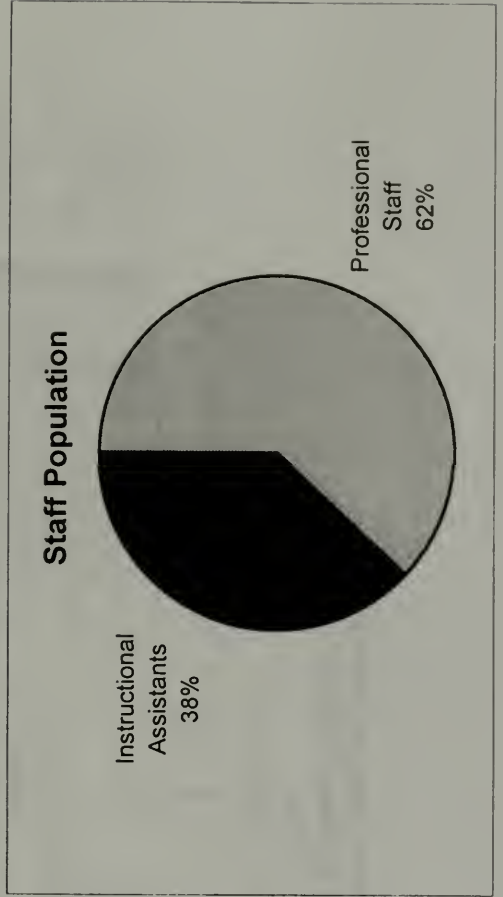
## Student Population at Piermont Village School 1997 - 98

as of 1-23-98



Special Ed.	21
Title I	4
Regular Ed.	64
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>89</b>

## Staff Population 1997-98



(Administrators and SAU support services not included)	
Professional Staff	8
Instructional Assistants	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

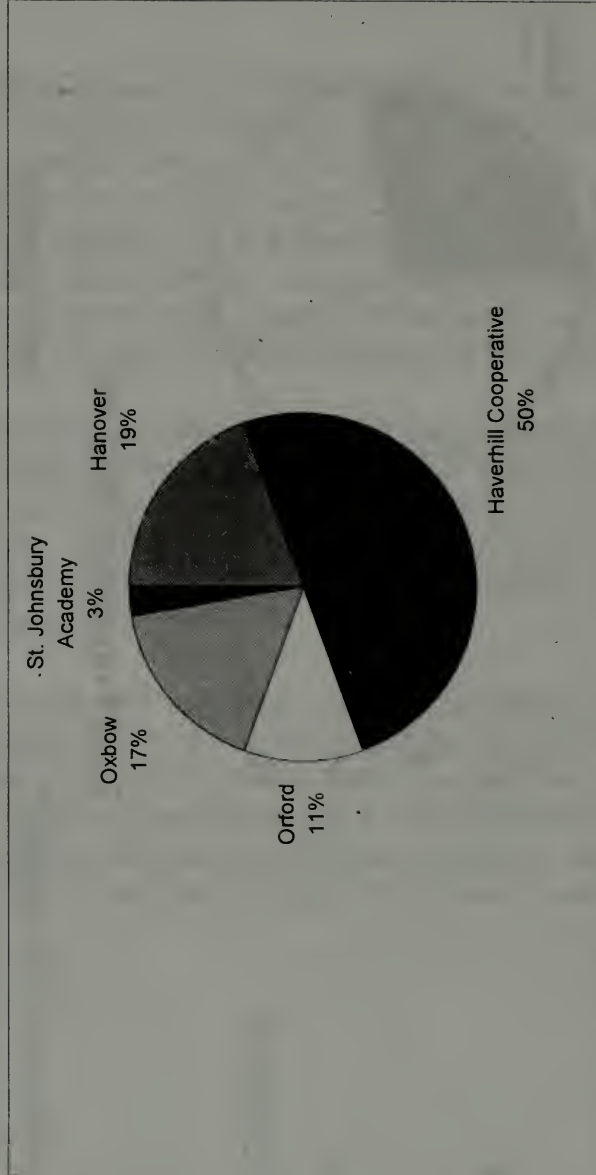
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 1997 - 98  
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

(AS OF 2-3-98)

Hanover	7
Haverhill Cooperative	18
Orford	4
Oxbow	6
St. Johnsbury Academy	1
<b>TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS</b>	<b>36</b>

TOTAL

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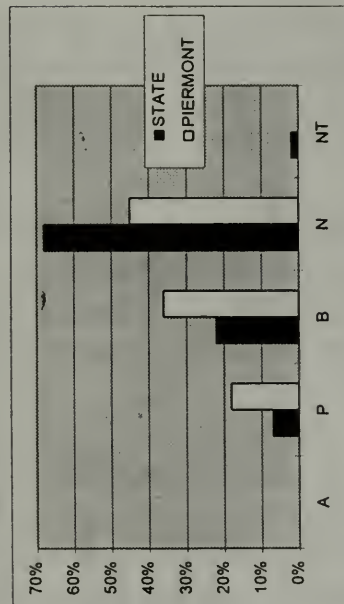




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END-OF-GRADE 6 STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES  
1997**

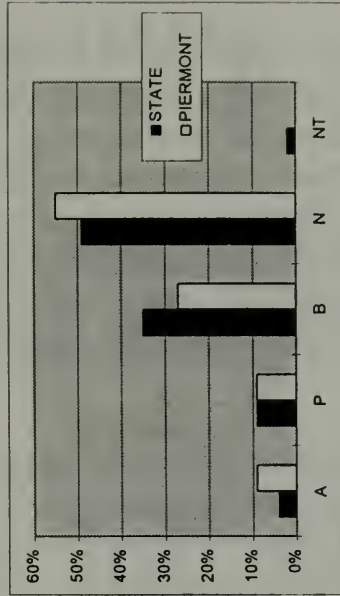
**SCIENCE TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	<1%	0%
Proficient	7%	18%
Basic	22%	36%
Novice	68%	45%
Not Tested	2%	0%



**SOCIAL STUDIES TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	4%	9%
Proficient	9%	9%
Basic	35%	27%
Novice	49%	55%
Not Tested	2%	0%

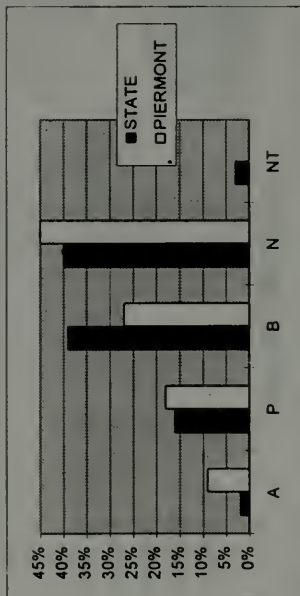


Piermont Grade 3 tested less than 11 students. There are no comparative results.

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
END-OF-GRADE 6 STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES  
1997**

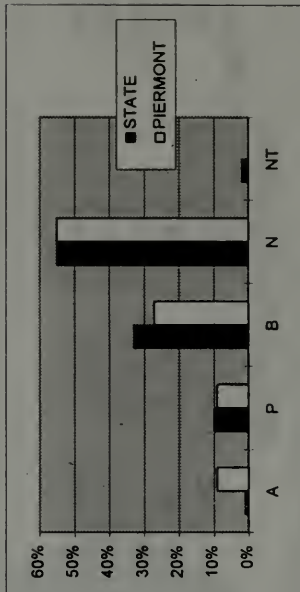
**LANGUAGE ARTS TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	2%	9%
Proficient	16%	18%
Basic	39%	27%
Novice	40%	45%
Not Tested	3%	0%



**MATH TEST SCORES**

	STATE	PIERMONT
Advanced	1%	9%
Proficient	10%	9%
Basic	33%	27%
Novice	55%	55%
Not Tested	2%	0%



Piermont Grade 3 tested less than 11 students. There are no comparative results.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board and voters of Piermont School District I submit the annual report for 1997-98.

Piermont Village School is alive with activity and community involvement, resulting in continued strong academic performance, social and emotional growth, and the physical well being of students. Last spring the all-school play Robin and Marian, an adaptation of Robin Hood written by grade 5-6 teacher Nancy Sandell, played to an packed audience. Music teachers Beth Hilgartner and Ernie Drown supported the story with original and traditional music from the Middle Ages, sung by PVS students in all the grades. Involvement in the production was impressive, with almost every student and many adult volunteers dedicating time, energy, and expertise to an excellent performance.

Other highlights of last spring: Molly Bowman won the Spelling Bee at the school level and then went on to win fifth place in regional competition. Students beat adults in town in the first annual Cabin Fever Readathon, with a score of 545 (students) to 428 (adults). The competition was sponsored by the Piermont Public Library. A gymnastics show in early April was a rousing success with almost half of the student population participating in the program coached by volunteers Cameron Prest, Kate Cook, and Emma Batchelder.

The big event of the spring, of course, was the trip to Washington, D.C. by the 7th and 8th graders. A chartered bus took 23 students and 15 adults to the 4-H Center in Maryland, which served as a base for four days of sightseeing. Trip leader Nancy Sandell was much thanked for her hard work and organization.

In June we saw 10 eighth graders graduate and move on to area high schools for the fall. Although the district decided in April to designate Woodsville as its receiving secondary school, students continued to choose to go to a variety of high schools, with parents paying the difference when tuition charged was higher than Woodsville's.

Over the summer, the VIPs (Volunteers in Piermont) disbanded, but only after purchasing for the school eleven pieces of playground equipment designed to promote physical fitness. They had worked hard over the years at fund raising and wanted to make a significant donation to the school. A work day in September, coordinated by Will Priestley, saw the installation of equipment by a sizable group of parent, student, and community volunteers.

Highlights of this fall and winter have included the Second Annual PVS Cooperative Games and a well attended Fall Open House in September, the beginning of fund raising events for the next Washington trip in May of 1999, and



a wonderful soccer season with coaches Cameron Prest and assistant Alex Medlicott. We formed a student council with representatives from grades 1 through 8 and worked hard on new playground rules.

Turnout for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner was just under 200, with many parents, grandparents, friends, and community members able to join us in a sumptuous feast. Preparations and serving went extremely well, thanks to the organization of school lunch director Linda Lea and assistants Tammy Collins and Vicky Latona. Decorations were provided by the younger students, the 5th and 6th graders and chorus serenaded, and the 7th and 8th graders did set-up and clean-up duty. School board members and staff served the meal to all those attending. Retiring librarian Nancy Underhill was given special recognition with a song by the chorus and the reading and presentation of an original poem by Carol Priestley.

Basketball season began with the Orford Lions Tournament, 6th grader Rachel Daly won the schoolwide Geography Bee, and two Odyssey of the Mind teams formed and began their work toward regional competition in March. On the Friday before winter vacation, Ernie Drown led us in a schoolwide holiday sing, and Santa paid a visit. As I write this report in January, we are planning a Winter Activities Day, with optional overnight camping, in conjunction with the Piermont Outdoor Program. The ski program is up and running for a second year under Karen Garrigan's leadership, with numerous parent volunteers and 51 out of 89 students participating. This is a lively school, continuing to thrive on the efforts and dedication of parents, community and staff.

A number of new staff members have joined us this year. Betsy Nadeau, from Bradford, is our special education teacher, taking the place of Debbie Eaton, who has moved to the position of part time Reading Recovery teacher. Guidance counselor Mary McFarlin from Brownsville, VT has taken over for Helen Skelly, who was offered a full time position in Lyme. Mary is with us on Thursdays. New to the grade 1-2 classroom are educational assistant Jo-Ann Roy from Haverhill and sign language interpreter Marianne "Mickey" O'Malley from Bradford. Piermont's own Barbara Dunbar is now our school nurse; Barbara comes in once a week, either on Thursday or Friday morning. We hired two half time educational assistants to fill one full time position. Judy Canning in the mornings and Ben Gitchel in the afternoons work with students with special needs. Judy also teaches music to grades K-2. Last, but not least, Carol Priestley has taken over Lydia Hill's duties as library assistant and brings her tremendous enthusiasm and good ideas to the school-library connection.

Our major focus for staff development this year is schoolwide behavior. Over the summer, four classroom teachers worked with consultant and educator Mike Mezzochi on dealing with difficult behaviors in the classroom and school. From

that work came our schoolwide behavior plan and continuing efforts to teach students the social skills they need for our complex world. We continue to work hard on both math and literacy instruction; and Nancy Sandell and Vicki Kelly developed over the summer a new curriculum for social studies for grades 5-8 - one that meshes well with our special trip to Washington every other year. It should be noted that Nancy Sandell chairs the SAU # 23 curriculum committee this year.

If you have not visited the school recently, please feel most welcome to do so; if you have, please come again soon. We enjoy the opportunity to share our building and to discuss our programs. We welcome your questions and appreciate your involvement. Thank you - parents, volunteers, and community members - for your strong and continued support of our school.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine H. Blanchard  
Principal

## Greetings From The School Nurse

Although I have been a nurse for over 20 years in the Intensive Care Nursery at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, this is my first experience as a school nurse.

I am finding this to be a rewarding and educational change from caring for sick infants. I know many of the students from living in town and with my own children in the school, but I am enjoying getting to know those I don't.

All children are currently immunized by the requirements of N.H. law. As your child receives new immunizations or a physical exam please send me a copy for their records. Please remember that as your children approach seventh grade they need a second MMR.

As last year, PVS is still involved with the N.H. School Injury Prevention Project which emphasizes playground safety.

At present I'm working on routine screening for vision, height, and weight and will begin hearing soon. I am sending home notices if children need to be referred for further testing by a physician.

As screening is finished in the spring, I hope to do some basic education programs which may include nutrition, healthy teeth, and basic first aid.

If you have questions, I am at school Thursday or Friday mornings. It has been a pleasure working with your children.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Dunbar, RN



**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 1997-98 school year will receive a salary of \$64,375 prorated among the several school districts. The Business Administrator will receive a salary of \$43,000.00 prorated among the several school districts.

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

1997-98 Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$5,645.69	8.77%
Benton	\$984.94	1.53%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$36,236.69	56.29%
Monroe	\$11,433.00	17.76%
Piermont	\$5,529.81	8.59%
Warren	\$4,544.88	7.06%
<b>TOTAL SALARY</b>	<b>\$64,375.00</b>	
Business Administrator Salary		
Bath	\$3,771.10	8.77%
Benton	\$657.90	1.53%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$24,204.70	56.29%
Monroe	\$7,636.80	17.76%
Piermont	\$3,693.70	8.59%
Warren	\$3,035.80	7.06%
<b>TOTAL SALARY</b>	<b>\$43,000.00</b>	

**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

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
For The  
Fiscal Year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1996	\$91,765.90
Received from Selectmen	\$767,981.00
Revenue from State Sources	\$22,569.30
Revenue from Federal Sources	\$7,355.00
Received as income from Trust Funds	\$2,052.79
Received from all Other Sources	\$59,298.32
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$951,022.31</b>
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	\$845,837.62
<b>BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 1997</b>	<b>\$105,184.69</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.

**SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR LAND CASH EQUIVALENT FUND 1997**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97	\$12,936.82
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	\$659.74
Shares Purchased	.00
Shares Sold	.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/97</b>	<b>\$13,596.56</b>

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND 1997**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97		\$6,943.97
Scholarships Awarded		(\$408.00)
Interest Earned:		
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank CD 704846	\$318.04	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank PB 30879	<u>\$53.98</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>372.02</b>
New Fund Donations:		
In Memory of James Dagenhart	\$1,070.00	
In Memory of Dagenhart & Underhill	\$100.00	
In Memory of Frank Rodimon	\$35.00	
By Carlyle Meacham	\$71.50	
By Elizabeth & Gordon Kenneson	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,301.50</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/97</b>		<b><u>\$8,209.49</u></b>

**SCHOOL FUND FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT 1997**

Name of investment	Divident or Interest Income	Capital Gains Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount, Market Value or Year End Balance
Fidelity Cash Reserves	\$192.29	0.00	\$3,713.20	\$3,713.20
Fidelity Puritan Fund	\$1,5832.82	\$2,172.66	\$2,348.85	\$45,520.79
Seligman Fund	<u>\$459.88</u>	<u>\$2,926.04</u>	<u>\$1,571.39</u>	<u>\$25,016.58</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,184.99</b>	<b>\$5,098.70</b>	<b>\$7,633.44</b>	<b>\$74,250.57</b>

**SCHOOL BUILDING EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST 1997**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97	\$9,229.25
Divident Income, Money Market Fund	\$470.67
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance, 12/31/97</b>	<b>\$9,699.92</b>

**SCHOOL SPECIAL ED EMERGENCY EXPENDABLE TRUST 1997**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/97	\$9,229.25
Divident Income, Money Market Fund	\$470.67
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance, 12/31/97</b>	<b>\$9,699.92</b>



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES**

	Actual 1996-97	Budgeted 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99	+ or -
<b><u>770 Unreserved Fund Balance</u></b>	\$61,384.00	\$7,991	\$24,404	\$16,413
<b><u>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</u></b>				
1121 Current Appropriation	\$767,981.00	\$895,081	\$859,539	-\$35,542
1311 Tuition from Pupil & Parents	\$6,675.30	\$0	\$5,400	\$5,400
1312 Tuition from Other LEA's	\$8,974.89	\$3,000	\$5,031	\$2,031
1510 Interest on Investments	\$1,621.95	\$800	\$1,800	\$1,000
1600 Food Service Sales	\$11,491.05	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
1910 Rentals		\$0		\$0
1990 Miscellaneous	\$20,521.32	\$0	\$9,815	\$9,815
1991 Misc Inc. - Trust Fund Interest	\$6,720.35	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
<b><u>3000 Revenues From State Sources</u></b>				
3110 Foundation Aid		\$0	\$13,744	\$13,744
3210 School Building Aid	\$13,500.00	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$0
3221 Vocational Tuition	\$6,127.00	\$10,800	\$17,100	\$6,300
3222 Transportation		\$0	\$952	\$952
3240 Catastrophic Aid		\$4,000	\$0	-\$4,000
3270 Child Nutrition	\$526.00	\$500	\$1,400	\$900
3290 Kindergarten Aid	\$4,000.00	\$0	\$5,250	\$5,250
<b><u>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</u></b>				
4460 Child Nutrition	\$6,214.00	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000
4810 National Forest Reserve	\$196.38	\$100	\$100	\$0
4920 Medicaid	\$2,884.38	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
5000 Transfer from Other Funds	\$20,992.80	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$939,810.42</b>	<b>\$957,272</b>	<b>\$987,535</b>	<b>\$30,263</b>

**School Tax Rates**

	School Year	Rate	\$1.00 on the Tax Rate
Actual	1995-96	\$37.37	\$20,081
Actual	1996-97	\$36.27	\$20,908
Approved March 1997	1997-98	\$43.29	\$20,908
Actual	1997-98	\$38.54	\$21,474
Proposed Budget	1998-99	\$40.03	\$21,474

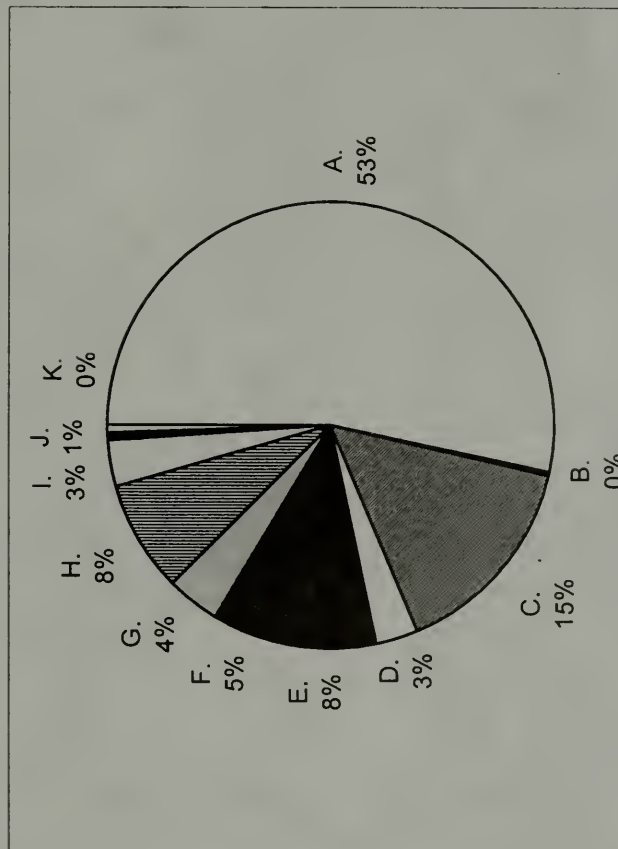
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED 1998-99 BUDGET

<u>DISTRICT SUMMARY</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
		<u>Expense</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1997-98</u>
		<u>1996-1997</u>		<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1998-99</u>
<u>A.</u>	<u>Instruction</u>				
	1100 Regular Programs	\$444,567.40	\$509,991.00	\$484,982.00	(\$25,009.00)
	1270 Gifted and Talented	\$335.00	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
	1300 Vocational Education	\$16,200.00	\$7,600.00	\$22,800.00	\$15,200.00
	2120 Guidance	\$6,598.78	\$7,576.00	\$5,593.00	(\$1,983.00)
	2125 Test Supplies	\$75.23	\$500.00	\$335.00	(\$165.00)
	2190 Assemblies	\$594.51	\$1,300.00	\$1,350.00	\$50.00
	2213 Inst. Staff Training	\$1,326.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
	2221 Ed. Media Supervision	\$3,927.44	\$3,977.00	\$4,043.00	\$66.00
	2222 School Library	\$1,151.71	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00	\$0.00
	2223 Audiovisual	\$574.20	\$485.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$475,350.27</b>	<b>\$535,239.00</b>	<b>\$524,398.00</b>	<b>(\$10,841.00)</b>
<u>B.</u>	<u>Co-Curricular</u>				
	1410	\$2,303.13	\$1,768.00	\$3,434.00	\$1,666.00
<u>C.</u>	<u>Special Education</u>				
	1200 Special Programs	\$69,778.30	\$98,389.00	\$134,428.00	\$36,039.00
	1420 Summer School	\$2,564.48	\$3,651.00	\$1,770.00	(\$1,881.00)
	2140 Psychological Services		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2150 Speech and Audiology	\$11,480.85	\$9,836.00	\$9,070.00	(\$766.00)
	2159 Speech - Summer School	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,380.00
	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$83,823.63</b>	<b>\$111,996.00</b>	<b>\$146,768.00</b>	<b>\$34,772.00</b>
<u>D.</u>	<u>SAU Services</u>				
	2321 Office of the Superintendent	\$33,420.00	\$33,728.00	\$30,606.00	(\$3,122.00)
	<b>TOTAL SAU SERVICES</b>	<b>\$33,420.00</b>	<b>\$33,728.00</b>	<b>\$30,606.00</b>	<b>(\$3,122.00)</b>
<u>E.</u>	<u>Administration</u>				
	2410 Office of the Principal	\$46,371.80	\$48,892.00	\$76,516.00	\$27,624.00

	Actual Expense <u>1996-97</u>	Budget <u>1997-98</u>	Proposed Budget <u>1998-99</u>	Difference 1997-98 <u>1998-99</u>
<b>F.</b>				
	<u>Operation of Buildings</u>			
	2542 Buildings	\$40,996.00	\$43,346.00	\$2,350.00
	4600 Building Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$18,500.00)
	2543 Grounds	\$1,827.06	\$2,325.00	\$950.00
	2544 Equipment	\$3,447.02	\$2,400.00	(\$600.00)
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION OF BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$63,871.00</b>	<b>\$48,071.00</b>	<b>(\$15,800.00)</b>
<b>G.</b>				
	<u>Transportation</u>			
	2552 To and From School	\$31,830.00	\$31,830.00	\$0.00
	2553 Handicapped	\$1,071.58	\$0.00	(\$3,512.00)
	2554 Field Trips	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	2558 Summer School Handicapped	\$591.29	\$1,800.00	\$1,031.00
	2559 Vocational Transportation	\$0.00	\$952.00	\$952.00
	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$36,211.00</b>	<b>\$34,682.00</b>	<b>(\$1,529.00)</b>
<b>H.</b>	<b>5100 Debt Service</b>	<b>\$84,150.00</b>	<b>\$81,112.00</b>	<b>(\$3,038.00)</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>2560 Food Service</b>	<b>\$18,846.00</b>	<b>\$31,111.00</b>	<b>\$12,265.00</b>
<b>J.</b>				
	<u>School Board</u>			
	2311 School Board	\$6,214.93	\$3,578.00	\$35.00
	2313 Treasurer	\$1,171.04	\$969.00	\$0.00
	2314 Election and District Meeting	\$264.01	\$584.00	\$15.00
	2315 Legal Services	\$193.50	\$750.00	\$0.00
	2317 Audit	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD</b>	<b>\$9,843.48</b>	<b>\$7,981.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>K.</b>				
	<u>District Wide Services</u>			
	2112 Attendance	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	2130 Health	\$2,561.15	\$2,704.00	\$4.00
	2645 Staff Services/Health	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	2900 Other Support Services	\$256.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$2,817.15</b>	<b>\$2,854.00</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>



	<u>Actual Expense 1996-97</u>	<u>Budget 1997-98</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 1998-99</u>	<u>Difference 1997-98 1998-99</u>
<b>M</b>				
<u>Other District Wide Services</u>				
5240 Transfer to School Lunch	\$10,447.23	\$11,790.00	\$1.00	(\$11,789.00)
5255 Transfer Expendable Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$10,447.23</b>	<b>\$11,790.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>(\$11,788.00)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$859,304.08</b>	<b>\$957,272.00</b>	<b>\$987,535.00</b>	<b>\$30,263.00</b>



Category	Actual Expense 1996-97	Budget 1997-98	Proposed Budget 1998-99	Difference 1997-98 1998-99
A. Instruction	\$524,398			
B. Co-Curricular	\$3,434			
C. Special Ed.	\$146,768			
D. SAU Services	\$30,606			
E. Administration	\$76,516			
F. Operation of Bldgs.	\$48,071			
G. Transportation	\$34,682			
H. Debt Service	\$81,112			
I. Food Service	\$31,111			
J. School Board	\$7,981			
K. District-wide Services	\$2,854			
L. Federal Projects	\$0			
M. Other District-wide Services	\$2			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$987,535</b>			

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROPOSED BUDGET 1998

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>BUDGET 1997</u>	<u>BUDGET 1998</u>
<b><u>Employee Expenses:</u></b>	9000	10550
Salary/S.S./Med	9000	10550
<b><u>Library Services:</u></b>	5775	5975
Books/rental	1300	1500
Books-Purchased	3000	3000
Mags/Newspapers	525	525
Media/Tapes&Vid	950	950
<b><u>Programs/Projects</u></b>	1000	900
Programs	800	800
Travel	200	100
<b><u>Office Expenses:</u></b>	2600	1750
Supplies-Copier	150	200
Supplies-Office	400	400
Supplies-Computer	200	200
Postage/Petty Cash	200	250
Computer Contrac	200	600
Bookshelves/Misc	500	100
Copier	950	300
<b><u>Maintenance:</u></b>	1800	3850
Insurance	300	0
Cleaning Service	1400	1300
Miscellaneous	50	0
Snow Removal	50	50
Carpet-Purchase/Install		2500
<b><u>Utilities:</u></b>	2970	2550
Electricity	800	800
Fuel Oil	1100	1000
Telephone	700	750
Internet:		
Telephone Installat	370	0
<b><u>Professional Dev.:</u></b>	700	900
Workshops	350	200
Travel	200	200
Dues/Fees	150	150
Courses: Certification		350
<b><u>Misc. Expenses:</u></b>	140	290
Checking Acct. Ch	0	50
Advertising	100	200
Box Rentals	40	40
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<u>23985</u>	<u>26765</u>
<u>Town Assessment</u>	<u>16000</u>	<u>20000</u>
<u>Library Income</u>	<u>8885</u>	<u>6765</u>





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