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REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS

PIERMONT, N.H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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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

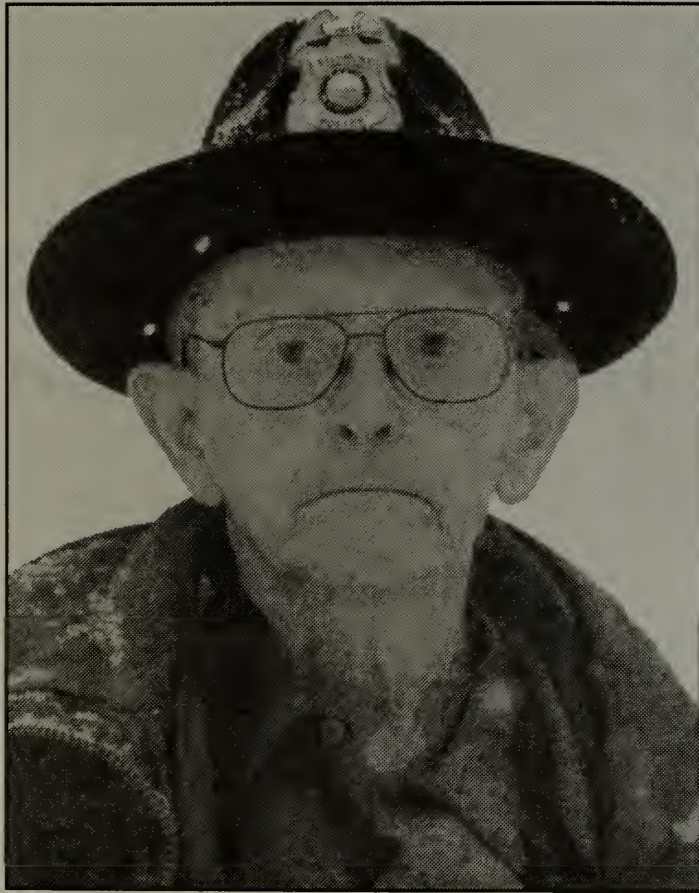
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This Town Report

Is Dedicated To

WILLIAM R. DEAL

“BILL”



Police Officer 1965-1981, Police Chief 1981-2004

THANK YOU, BILL, FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

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

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Robert J. Lang, Chr (2004)	989-5684
	Dean W. Osgood (2005)	272-5804
	Jean . D. Daley, Chr (2006)	272-4944
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2006)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2006)	272-5848
Road Agent	Christopher Davidson (2005)	272-9110
Police Chief	William R. Deal	272-5882
Fire Chief	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Forest Fire Warden	Roy Belyea (2005)	272-4886
Health Officer	Alex Medlicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Vea Jenks (2004)	272-4838
	Russell Woodard (2006)	272-4378
	Louis Hobbs (2008)	272-5810
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chr. (2005)	272-4938
	William R. Deal (2004)	272-5882
	Louis Hobbs (2006)	272-5810
Moderator	Arnold Shields (2004)	989-3171

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Katherine Wescott, Treas. (2006)	Marian Shields (2006)
Helga Mueller, (2005)	Joe Medlicott (2004)
Stephanie Gordon, Chr. (2005)	Nancy Sandell (2004)
Cindy Piro (2006)	
Maureen Byrne, Librarian	
Jim Meddaugh , Assistant Librarian	

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Terry Robie	272-4901
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Fred Shipman, Chr. (2004)	George Schmid, Vice Chr. (2004)
Jeffrey P. Dube (2006)	Charlie Brown (2005)
Steve Daly (2005)	
Dean Osgood, Alternate (2005)	Helga Mueller, Alternate (2005)

PLANNING BOARD

Peter Labounty, Chr.(2006)
Fred Shipman (2005)
Suzanne Woodward (2004)
Jean D. Daley, Ex-Officio
Helga Mueller, Secretary

Scott Jacob (2006)
Robert Michenfelder (2006)
Kay Wescott (2005)
Bill Morris, Alternate (2004)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joe Medicott., Pres.
Frederick Shipman, Treas.
Lloyd Hall, Dir. of Preservation

Helga Mueller, V.P.
Anna Williams, Corresp. Secy.
Betty Hall, Dir-at-Large.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Helga Mueller, Chr.
David Ritchie
Donald Smith
Robert A. Michenfelder, Honorary Member

Charles Grant
Eric Underhill
Ernest Hartley, Jr.
Asa Metcalf

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION

Wayne Godfrey, Manager
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2003

TOWN OF PIERMONT

Polls opened in the Old Church Building at 10:00a.m. For voting by Official Ballot on Articles 1, 2, 3 and closed at 6:30 p.m. There were 132 voters voting throughout the day.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Piermont Village School by Moderator Shields followed by Pledge of Alliance. Moderator explained procedure for voting and appointed Helga Mueller and Fred Shipman as counters if needed. Reconfirming that a voter can only vote if on checklist of the Town.

Joe Medicott called to not have the entire warrant read at this time. Seconded by Bill Deal. Voice passed

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

Selectman (three years)	Jean Daley
Town Clerk (three years)	Linda Lambert
Tax Collector (three years)	Linda Lambert
Treasurer (one year)	James Lambert
Trustee of Trust Funds (three years)	Lou Hobbs
Three Library Trustees (three years)	Cindy Piro, Marian Shields, Kay Wescott

ARTICLE TWO (By Official Ballot): To see whether the Town vote to amend the Piermont Zoning Ordinance by adding a provision for seasonal cottages. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to amendments at the meeting:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance:

This amendment adds a new provision to Article VIII, Section 2.2 of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- e. In all districts, a detached seasonal guest cottage may be constructed as an accessory structure, on the same property as a primary single-family residence, exclusively for the use of the occupants of the primary residents and their non-paying guests, subject to the following standards:

Minutes Continued:

1. The floor area of the cottage cannot be greater than 300 square feet.
2. No part of the cottage may be rented, leased, converted to a condominium or sold separately without subdivision approval.
3. Unless subdivision approval is obtained, the cottage shall have no permanent or built-in kitchen facilities and must remain physically incapable of being used as a permanent dwelling.”

YES__ 71__

NO __57__

PASSED

ARTICLE THREE (by Official Ballot): To see whether the Town vote to amend the Piermont Zoning Ordinance by adding a definition for a seasonal dwelling. The following question will appear on the official ballot and is not subject to amendments at the meeting:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance: This amendment adds to Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance, Definitions, the following:

Dwelling, seasonal: A dwelling used on an intermittent basis, such as, but not limited to, a vacation home, summer cottage or hunting and fishing camp, for not more than a total of 183 days in any 365 day period.”

YES__ 75__

NO __53__

PASSED

ARTICLE FOUR: To raise and appropriate \$445,802 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:

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGE
Officers Salaries	24,500
Officers Expenses	25,000
Auditor Expense	6,200
Election/Registration	2,000
Town Buildings	30,000
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	33,287
Police Dept.	14,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	24,700
Tax Maps	600
Library	28,000
Cemeteries (see note 1)	8,500
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	5,461
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635

Minutes Continued:

Testing Monitoring Wells	7,500
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	7,000
Legal Expenses	3,500
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	36,000
Street Lights and Blinker	4,300
Highways and Bridges	90,000
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	30,447
Public Welfare	6,000
Memorial Day	600
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning	681
Recreation and Swimming Pool	5,000
Interest	100
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note	32,791
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	7,000
Miscellaneous	500

TOTAL TOWN CHARGES 445,802

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$1,500; balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

Note 2: The Town expects to receive \$14,000 from the sale of bags and other charges to offset this cost.

Note 3: This amount is received from the State for use by the Highway Department.

Note 4: No money is raised by taxes. All money comes from User Fees.

Moved by: Helga Mueller

Seconded by: Tom Elliott

Discussion: none

Voice passed

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,870 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Moved by: Austin Hogan

Seconded by Tom Elliott

Discussion: Jean Daley amends article to read \$3010. Dean Osgood so moves Don Smith seconded. The Select Board received request after Town Report went to print.

Amendment voice passed. Wayne Godfrey moves article as amended John Metcalf seconds. Voice passed as amended

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$600 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

Moved by: Gary Danielson

Minutes Continued:

Seconded by: Robert Elder
Discussion: none Voice Passed

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

Moved by: Fred Shipman
Seconded by: Wayne Godfrey
Discussion: none Voice Passed

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,175 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

Moved by: Wayne Godfrey
Seconded by: Tom Elliott
Discussion: none Voice Passed

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the Haverhill Area Teen Center and Juvenile Diversion Program.

Moved by: John Metcalf
Seconded by: Wayne Godfrey
Discussion: Robert Elder asks if the Town has a representative on the Council-
no one there to answer. Voice Passed

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$354 to be paid to the Lower Cohase Communication Committee to maintain a web site to promote Haverhill and Piermont, New Hampshire and Bradford and Newbury, Vermont.

Moved by: Helga Mueller
Seconded by: Scott Jacobs
Discussion: Kay Johnson asks if anyone here who can explain this, Scott Jacobs is a member of board and added that they promote area business and tourism
Voice Passed

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$600 to monitor the water quality in each of the three major lakes within its borders, Lake Catherine, Lake Armington and Lake Tarleton. The monitoring will take place between May 1st and December 1st and measure pollutants such as, but not limited to, E-Coli, mercury, and arsenic and contaminates resulting from runoff.

Moved by: Helga Mueller
Seconded by: Steve Daly
Discussion: Bill Morris moved to amend article to add last sentence "The lake monitoring program will be administered by the Piermont Conservation Commission in consultation with the Lake Armington and Lake Tarleton

Minutes Continued:

Associations.” Bill Daley seconds. What results have the testing shown-Armington is good and stable.

Amendment Voice Passed Article voice passed

ARTICLE TWELVE: By request of the Conservation Commission: To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire Legislature:

“Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural, and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.”

Moved by: Bill Daley

Seconded by: Gary Danielson

Discussion: Helga Mueller says the Conservation Committee would be glad to write this letter. All this says is that it should remain in State budget. Chris Davidson asks letter to say exactly what this article says and no more.

Voice not clear Show of hands YES 41 NO 12

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be paid into the Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved by: Barbara Fowler

Seconded by: Chris Davidson

Discussion: Kay Johnson is this for work being done or just adding to fund-adding to fund see page 41. Our share is \$136,000 using State plans, but the bridge is being closely monitored. This price is based on State doing the work using their plans. Current balance is on page 62.

Voice passed a few nays

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved by: Tom Elliott

Seconded by: Joe Medlicott

Discussion: none Voice Passed

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved by: Tom Elliott

Seconded by: Helga Mueller

Discussion: none Voice Passed

Minutes Continued:

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved by: Tom Elliott

Seconded by: Joe Medlicott

Discussion: none Voice Passed

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by: Tom Elliott

Seconded by: Austin Hogan

Discussion: none Voice Passed

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved by: Wayne Godfrey

Seconded by: Tom Elliott

Discussion: none Voice Passed

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000 to be paid into the Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust, these funds to come from anticipated revenue raised from recycling and not to be raised from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved by: Tom Elliott

Seconded by: John Metcalf

Discussion: none Voice Passed

ARTICLE TWENTY (By Petition): To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution, presented by petition:

Whereas, New Hampshire's residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved:

Minutes Continued:

That we, the citizens of Piermont, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

Moved: Helga Mueller

Seconded: Don Smith

Discussion: Is this being done in all Towns? Yes. Robert Elder asks were the 10 voters who requested this to be on warrant from town? Yes, no one here who signed petition to answer why it was on warrant. Petition is at Town office for anyone to view. Voice passed some nays

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Moved: Bill Deal

Seconded: Jim Lambert

Discussion: Jim Lambert asks where the authorization to pay County was voted on. Jean Daley says it is mandated by State so a vote is not needed.

Bill Deal asks for a moment of silence to remember those who have passed on.

Bill Morris asks if someone could clarify how does a bridge repair process how does payment get paid by State or Town by Fund or share cost with State? If bridge caves in Road agent can fix otherwise money has to be voted on by Town. Why is the Town's portion for a new bridge the same cost if it was done by State or Town road agent crew for a State designed bridge? Moderator ruled out of order. Stopped discussion.

Motion to adjourn: Scott Jacobs

Seconded by Fred Shipman

Adjourned at 8:35

Town Clerk

Linda Lambert

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 9, 2004
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 9, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Polls will be located in the Old Church Building and will be open at 10:00 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 7:30 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 Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six years.

One Moderator for a term of two years.

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

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$483,692 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	26,500
Officers Expenses	25,000
Auditor Expense	6,900
Election/Registration	2,500
Town Buildings	30,000
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	40,953
Police Dept.	23,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	26,730
Tax Maps	800
Library	30,000
Cemeteries (see note 1)	11,300
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	6,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635
Testing Monitoring Wells	7,500
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	7,500
Legal Expenses	2,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	44,793
Street Lights and Blinker	4,300
Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	49,000
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	41,000
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	30,900
Public Welfare	6,000
Memorial Day	600
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning	681
Recreation and Swimming Pool	5,000
Interest	100
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note-Final Payment	30,000
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	12,000
Miscellaneous	500
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	483,692

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$4,800; balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

Note 2: The Town expects to receive \$15,500 from the sale of bags and other charges to offset this cost, also \$2,325 from the Recycling Expendable Trust Fund..

Note 3: This amount is received from the State for use by the Highway Department.

Note 4: No money is raised by taxes. All money comes from User Fees.

Warrant Continued:

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$92,000 to remove and replace the bridge on Route 10 end of Church Street and reconstruct approximately 600 of Church Street beginning at the Route 10 intersection. This is a special, non-lapsing Article.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to reclassify from a Class VI to a Class V town highway, in accordance with RSA 231:22-a, that portion of Rodimon Lane which has been reconstructed to Town highway standards at no cost to the Town, to the satisfaction of the Piermont Road Agent. The existing Class V road extends approximately 445 feet from Route 25C and the reconstructed portion is approximately 455 feet, so that this reclassification will result in a total of 900 feet of Class V highway. This reclassification shall be contingent upon Road Agent final approval after spring conditions.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,010 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$600 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$900 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,175 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the Haverhill Area Teen Center and Juvenile Diversion Program.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$354 to be paid to the Lower Cohase Communication Committee to maintain a web site to promote Haverhill and Piermont, New Hampshire and Bradford and Newbury, Vermont.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Woodsville Area Fourth of July Celebration

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,786 for the preservation of historical town records.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,700 for the purpose of replacing the floor in the town highway garage, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that entire sum from the Town Buildings Improvements Capital Reserve

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Warrant Continued:

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of replacing some windows, doors and entryway in the Old Church Building, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that entire sum from the Town Buildings Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be paid into the Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article:

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000 to be paid into the Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust, these funds to come from anticipated revenue raised from recycling and not to be raised from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 11th day of February, 2004

Warrant Continued:

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 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, Chairman

Dean W. Osgood

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 11th day of February 2004

Linda Lambert
Town Clerk

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 2004
FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. SEE POSTED BUDGET

Town Charges	\$483,692
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	3,010
White Mountain Mental Health	600
Community Action Outreach Program	900
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,175
Haverhill Teen Center and Juvenile Diversion Program	300
Woodsville 4 th of July Celebration	500
Lower Cohase Web Site	354
Church Street bridge replacement and reconstruction	92,000
Preservation of town records	3,786
Replace town garage floor	9,700
Old Church Building Capital Improvements	10,000
Town-Fire & Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund	20,000
Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund	2,000
Town Sub-total	658,017
Estimate of County Tax	79,000
TOTAL OF TOWN AND COUNTY	\$737,017

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PIERMONT, N.H.

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation <u>2003</u>	Actual Expenditures <u>2003</u>	Appropriation <u>2004</u>
General Government:			
Town Officers Salaries	24,500	24,539.00	26,500
Town Officers Expenses	25,000	22,093.09	25,000
Election & Registration	2,000	1,410.02	2,500
Expenses Town Buildings	30,000	31,929.40	30,000
Town Garage Floor	0	0	9,700
Old Church Building Improvements	0	0	10,000
Auditor Expense	6,200	6,200.00	6,900
Police Department	14,000	13,984.69	23,000
Fire Dept. inc. Forest Fires & Fast Squad	24,700	24,606.77	26,730
Planning & Zoning	7,000	10,914.87	12,000
Insurance	7,000	7,633.51	7,500
Highway Reconstruction Note	32,791	32,768.46	30,000
Preservation of Town Records	0	0	3,786
Update Tax Map	600	600	800
UVLSC	681	681	681
Health Department:			
Solid Waste Disposal	36,000	36,944.10	44,793
Dispatch Services	4,965	5,470.61	6,000
VNAV TNH	3,010	3,010.00	3,010
White Mt. Mental Health	600	600.00	600
UVA, Inc.	10,635	10,635.00	10,635
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	90,000	89,950.00	90,000
Street Lighting	4,300	4,156.01	4,300
Highway Subsidy	30,447	30,447.40	30,900
Church Street bridge and reconstruction	0	0	92,000
Library:	28,000	28,000.00	30,000
Welfare	6,000	1,877.50	6,000
Memorial Day	600	574.00	600
Lower Cohase Region Profile Task & Web Site	354	354.00	354
Haverhill Area Teen Center	300	300.00	300
Woodsville 4 th of July	0	0.00	500.00
Community Action	850	850.00	900
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,175	1,175.00	1,175
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	5,000	2,393.90	5,000
Cemeteries	8,500	1,500.00	11,300

Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses	3,500	950.31	2,000
Sewer District	33,287	33,287.00	40,953
Contingency Fund	1,500	1,429.11	1,500
Dump Closure Project-Monitoring Wells	7,500	7,415.81	7,500
Taxes Bought by Town	0	47,116.85	0
Capital Reserves	52,000	52,000.00	52,000
Misc. Unclassified Expense	500	0.00	500
Interest on Temp. Loans	100	0.00	100
Taxes Paid to County	79,000	67,132.00	79,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	582,595	604,929.41	737,017

SOURCES OF REVENUE

From Local Taxes:

Resident Taxes	4,000	4,060.00	4,000
Yield Taxes	30,000	5,599.91	5,000
Property Taxes	1,000,000	1,002,177.78	1,000,000
Current Use Changes	0	0.00	0
Interest and Penalties	0	12,379.84	10,000
Rooms & Meals & Revenue Sharing	25,000	26,330.91	25,000
Highway Grant	30,447	30,447.00	30,900
Fed. Forest Land	2,000	2,308.83	2,675
Pay as You Throw Income	15,000	14,944.31	15,500
Recycling Income	0.00	1,241.46	1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	90,000	118,146.50	100,000
Dog Licenses	1,100	1,494.00	1,200
Business Lic,Permits,Filing	100	912.75	500
Rent of Town Property	650	700.00	650
Income from Trust Funds	12,000	9,897.83	10,000
Interest on Deposits	0	3,435.01	10,000
Insurance Rebates	2,000	1,594.00	2,000
From Building Capital Reserve	0	0	19,700
Sewer District	33,287	33,287.00	40,953
All Other Receipts including dump closeout	500	1,210.16	500
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	1,246,084	1,270,167.29	1,280,078

2003 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land		
Current Use (at C.U. values)	1471,798	
Conservation Restriction	275,975	
Residential	11,985,472	
Commercial/Industrial	682,165	
Buildings		
Residential	26,379,935	
Manufactured Housing	518,600	
Commercial/Industrial	2,715,024	
Public Utilities		
Electric (includes Phone-no land)	1,715,661	
Valuation Before Exemptions		45,744,630
Elderly Exemptions	293,400	
Solar Exemptions	1,950	
Blind Exemption	30,000	
Total Exemptions		325,350
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed		45,419,280
Utilities		
Central Vermont Public Service	7,530	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	604,748	
New England Power Co.	692,124	
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	411,259	
Total	1,715,661	

2003 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Gross Property Tax	1,102,025
Less War Service Credits	-5,900
Net Property Tax Commitments	1,096,125
Net School Appropriations	1,088,376
Less Adequate Education Grant	-276,838
State Education Taxes	-239,075
Town Tax Rate	4.94
School Tax Rate	12.60
State School Tax Rate	5.47
County Tax Rate	<u>1.46</u>
Total Tax Rate	24.47

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2003**

Title of Appropriations	Total Amt. Available	Expend-Itures	Unexpended Balance	Over Draft
Town Officers Salaries	24,500	24,539.00		39.00
Town Officers Expenses	25,000	22,093.09	2,906.91	
Auditor Expense	6,200	6,200.00		
Election & Reg. Exp.	2,000	1,410.02	589.98	
Expenses of Town Bldgs.	30,000	31,929.40		1929.40
Police Department	14,000	13,984.69	15.31	
Fire Department	24,700	24,606.77	93.23	
Planning & Zoning	7,000	10,914.87		3,914.87
UVLSRPC	681	681		
Insurance	7000	7,633.51		633.51
Update Tax Map	600	600.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	36,000	36,944.10		944.10
Dispatch Services	5,461	5,470.61		9.61
VNAV TNH	3,010	3,010.00		
Haverhill Area Teen Center	300	300.00		
White Mtn. Mental Hlth	500	500.00		
UVA, Inc.	10,635	10,635.00		
Highways & Bridges	90,000	89,950.00	50.00	
Highway Subsidy	30,447	30,447.40		.40
Street Lighting	4,300	4156.01	143.99	
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note	32,791	32,768.46	22.54	
Library	28,000	28,000		
Welfare	6,000	1,877.50	4,122.50	
Village Sewer District	33,287	33,287		
Community Action	850	850.00		
Grafton Senior Citizen	1,175	1,175.00		
Memorial Day	600	574.00	26.00	
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	5,000	2,393.90	2,606.10	
*Cemeteries	8,500	1,500.00		
Contingency Fund	1,500	1,261.34	238.66	
Legal	3,500	950.31	2,549.69	
Lower Cohase	354	354.00		
Dump Closure	7,500	7,415.81	84.19	
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	500	0.00	500.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	100	0.00	100.00	
Capital Reserves	52,000	55,241.46		3,241.46
Taxes Paid to County	79,000	67,132.00	11,,868.00	
TOTALS	582,991	560,786.25	25,917.10	10,712.34

Unexpended Balance 15,204.76

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

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Bldgs.-Selectmen-Library, FireDept.,Hwy.Garage	188,400.00
Furniture & Equipment	11,800.00
Land-Selectmen-Library, Fire Dept.,Hwy.Garage	41,400.00
Equipment-Fire Department	228,000.00
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	53,000.00
Bean Brook Road Land	16,300.00
Highway Equipment	94,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	27,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	603,500.00
Cemeteries	28,500.00
Piermont Sewage District Land	1,300.00
Fire Ponds	12,300.00
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	16,000.00
Sarah Moore Lot	34,000.00
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	41,500.00
TOTAL	1,397,000.00

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the Town of Piermont, N.H.
County of Grafton
For the Calendar Year ended December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash:		
In the Hands of the Treasurer	537,932	
Taxes Receivable (net of Allowance for Uncollectible		
Taxes	90,118	
Prepaid Items	4,448	
TOTAL OF ASSETS		632,498

LIABILITIES

Interfund Payable	387,743	
Accounts Payable	13,332	
Deferred Tax Revenue	118	
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	3,469	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		404,662

EQUITY

Fund Balance		
Unreserved		
Undesignated		227,836
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		632,498

TOWN CLERKS REPORT 2003

SUBMITTED TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1,233)	121,882.20
Motor Vehicle Titles (137)	274.00
Dog Licenses (197)	1,308.00
Fees, Penalties (dogs)	526.50
Other (Fees, Permits, Zoning Books, etc.)	289.50
	124,280.20

REMINDER***ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD MUST BE LICENSED.
2004 TAGS ARE IN AND YOU DO NEED PROOF OF RABIES TO LICENSE.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2003

Uncollected taxes –Beg of Year	This Year	Prior Years
Property Taxes	89,454.06	
Resident Taxes	710.00	
Land Use Change	322.00	
Utility	1,665.00	
Yield Tax	275.48	
 Revenues Committed –This Year		
Property Taxes	1,098,991.33	
Resident Taxes	4,200.00	
Land Use Change	1,425.00	
Yield Taxes	2,478.13	
Excavation Taxes	50.00	
Utilities	22,711.50	
 Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	302.83	
Prepay 2004	104.56	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	2,888.54	4,070.20
Penalties Collected on Resident Tax	21.00	60.00
TOTAL DEBITS	1,133,172.89	96,556.74
 CREDITS		
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	This Year	Prior Years
Property Taxes	1,017,201.86	89,158.46
Resident Taxes	3,740.00	600.00
Land Use Change	1,425.00	322.00
Yield Taxes	2,478.13	275.48
Excavation Taxes	50.00	
Utilities	20,043.50	1,491.66
Interest	2,888.54	4,070.21
Penalties	21.00	60.00
 Abatements Made		
Property Taxes	985.37	468.93
Resident Taxes	120.00	110.00
Deeded		416.12
 Uncollected Rev – Year End		
Property Taxes		80,795.37
Resident Taxes		340.00
Utilities		2,668.00
 TOTAL CREDITS	1,133,172.89	96,556.74

TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES

Unredeemed Taxes-Bal at Beg of Fiscal Year	36,062.28
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	43,963.35
Interest Collected After Execution	7,051.74
TOTAL DEBITS	87,077.37

CREDITS

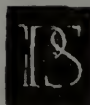
Remittance to Treasurer:	55,803.64
Abatements Deedings	3,239.73
Interest Collected	7,051.74
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Lien	20,982.26
TOTAL CREDITS	87,077.37

Linda Lambert , Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Taxes - Current Year	
Property	1,015,697.98
Resident	3,740.00
Gravel Tax	50.00
Yield	2,458.33
In Lieu of Taxes	3,543.63
Penalties and Interest	15,424.23
Taxes - Prior Years	
Property	89,568.93
Resident	600.00
Current Use	1,747.00
Yield Tax	275.48
Redemptions	58,021.23
State and Federal	
Revenue Distribution	7,854.00
Block Grant	30,447.40
Forestry	2,952.25
Rooms & Meals	21,041.77
State Grant	484.00
Capital Reserve Income	0.00
Other Sources	
Rent of Town Property	650.00
Motor Vehicles	122,156.20
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,834.50
Recycling	1,188.89
Pay as you Throw	15,382.43
Clark Fund	8,568.05
Planning Board Fees	758.00
Building Permits	350.00
Insurance Rebate	412.50
Interest	3,432.70
Library-Electricity	860.38
Sale of Town Property	2,030.24
Other	1,177.73
Total Receipts	1,412,707.85
Beginning Balance	544,999.45
Total	1,957,707.30
Less Expenditure	1,422,340.59
Balance December 31, 2003	535,366.71

James A. Lambert, Treas.; Town of Piermont



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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, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with many 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.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, 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, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 22, 2004

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

Town Officers Salaries		
Jean D. Daley	Selectman	1,700.00
Robert J. Lang	Selectman	1,700.00
Dean W. Osgood	Selectman	1,700.00
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	10,200.00
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	5,184.00
James Lambert	Treasurer	1,000.00
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	1,000.00
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	655.00
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	1,000.00
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	400.00
Total		24,539.00

Town Officers' Expenses

AT&T/Verizon	Telephone	1,537.29
BMSI	Seminars/Support/Software	2,476.30
Piermont School District	Reimb. Town report	-574.37
Fletcher Printing	Town Report	2,573.18
CPI Printing	Forms	45.00
Gem Forms	Tax bills	574.18
IDS	Dog tags	98.39
Branham Publishing	Book	12.90
Jean Daley	Reimbursements	1,007.30
Jim Lambert	Reimbursements	169.16
Linda Lambert	Reimbursements	462.83
Martins Flag	Flags	203.94
Matthew Bender & Co.	Annual updates-RSA's	370.86
JM Landscaping	Wreath	25.00
NHTCA	Seminar Fee/Dues	100.00
NH Assoc. Assessors	Dues	20.00
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks	Dues & Conference	70.00
NH Dept. of Agriculture	Dog Licenses	505.50
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	Dues,	40.00
NHMA	Dues/Book	528.50
Mount Washington Hotel	Seminar-town clerk	644.00
Mountain View Grand Resort	Seminar-tax collector	352.00
Nyberg, Purvis & Assoc.	Assessing	3,535.00
Philatelic Fulfillment Center	Stamped Envelopes	632.55
Postmaster	Postage & box rents	1,772.00
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	Annual Fee	100.00
Gardner, Fulton & Waugh	Sewer District	142.80
Giddings Mfg.	Signs	108.90
Register of Deeds	Recording Fees	422.36
Helga Mueller	Reimburse expenses	19.90
State of NH	Books	21.00

New England Micrographics	Microfilm storage	75.00	
Robert Lang	Lien title Searches	290.00	
Debra Clark, Town Clerk Assoc.	Spring workshop	60.00	
Tuck Press	Notices	192.00	
UVLSRPC	Dues	681.00	
Wayne Godfrey	Reimbursements	140.34	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	Box Rent & Fees	821.00	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	FICA	1,877.28	
Total			22,093.09

Election and Registration

CPI Printing		42.00	
NH City & Town Clerks Assoc.		100.00	
Everett Jesseman		72.00	
Louis Hobbs		72.00	
Rose Macri		16.00	
Marion Shields		32.00	
Linda Lambert		204.00	
Priscilla Glidden		72.00	
Sandra James		72.00	
Vea Jenks		72.00	
S. Arnold Shields		88.00	
Russell Wodard		205.04	
Suzanne Woodard		128.00	
Four Corners Store		75.37	
Tuck Press		144.00	
WGSB		15.61	
Total			1,410.02

Town Buildings

C M Davidson	Thermostat	50.00
CVEC	Electricity	3,256.83
C. M. Davidson	Paving	4,750.00
John Metcalf	Labor	655.00
Ernestine Fadden	Cleaning	751.00
K&R Portable Toilets	Port-a-Potty rental	993.00
Oakes Bros. Inc.	New Toilet for fire station	298.53
Perry's Oil Service	Fuel Oil and Service	1,796.68
Piermont Sewer District	User Fees	1,667.50
Terry Robie	Labor & Expenses	3,950.00
Town of Hanover	Monitoring Fee	400.00
Jim Lambert	Electrical Services	684.68
Perry's Oil Service	F.D./Town Garage furnaces	2,087.54
Bigelow Paving Co. Inc.	Paving	6,000.00
Bob Lang	Snow removal	50.00
W.G.S.B.	FICA	50.12
Pierson's Home Decorating	Paint	150.48
Pike Industries	Asphalt	3,963.96

Verizon	Old Church Bldg.	374.08	
Total			31,929.40

Police Department

John Metcalf	Labor	6,839.00	
John Metcalf	Mileage	2,814.25	
John Metcalf	Telephone/supplies.	77.47	
John Metcalf	Insurance	308.00	
Tuck Press	Magnetic signs	160.00	
Gall's Inc.	Light bar cover	47.97	
William R. Deal	Salary	1,200.00	
William R. Deal	Expenses	1,851.00	
W.G.S.B.	FICA	615.00	
State of New Hampshire	Books	42.00	
State of New Hampshire	Testing Radar	30.00	
Total			13,984.69

Planning and Zoning Boards

Journal Oponion	Notices	264.34	
Helga Mueller	Secretary/Expenses	750.00	
Register of Deeds	Recording	96.74	
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	ZBA Camp Walt Whitman	9,581.79	
UVLSRPC	Regulations	93.00	
Postmaster	ZBA Box Rent	24.00	
Office of State Planning	Books	12.00	
NHMA	Fees	93.00	
Total			10,914.87

Fire Department

Battery Zone	Batteries	97.50	
C M Davidson Inc.	Fire Ponds	2,819.06	
CVEC	Electricity	1,478.25	
Chief Supply Corp.	Supplies	136.39	
Don's Auto	Repairs/inspections	952.92	
Fairlee Fire Brigade	Dues	250.00	
Four Corners Store	Gasoline	512.13	
Frontline Fire & Rescue	Clothes/Equipment	2,322.11	
Pikcomm Communications	Pager & repairs	486.25	
Dingee Machine	Supplies	347.79	
Peter Pierce	Fire school	70.00	
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Materials	112.16	
Forestry	Grass Fires	615.59	
Red Hed Supply	Fire Pond supplies	51.04	
Payroll	Time/Expenses	4,781.25	
Newton's	Repairs	56.94	
Perry's Oil Service	Fuel Oil	2,452.15	
KDD Auto Parts, Inc.	Parts	125.60	
Giddings Mfg. Co.	Fire Pond Signs	43.50	
Jean Daley	Supplies	63.65	

N.H. State Firemen's Assoc.	Dues	160.00
Municipal Emergency Services	Boots and helmet	431.46
VISA	Supplies/Repairs	651.50
Simplex Grinnell	SCBA Safety Disc	20.00
Treasurer, State of NH	Inspection	25.00
Twin State Mutual Aid	Dues	200.00
UVRESA Inc.	Dues	50.00
Verizon & AT&T	Telephone	426.52
Shipman Company	Fire Pond	450.00
Wayne Godfrey	Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00
Wayne Godfrey	Expense Reimbursements	660.81
W. W. Grainger, Inc.	Parts	47.05
Piermont Fire Dept.	Reimbursement	340.35
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	FICA	364.81
Total		22,887.78

Fast Squad

Tom Elliott	Reimbursements	365.63
Ellen Putnam	Training	95.00
Bound Tree Corporation	Supplies	647.94
Wells River Clinic	Hepatitis Shots	286.00
Merriam Graves	Oxygen	25.12
Postmaster	Box Rent	24.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	Supplies	66.30
Pikcomm Communications	Radios	495.00
Total		1,718.99

Insurance

N.H.M.A.		6,666.49
Primex-Workers Compendation		967.02
Total		7,633.51
Library		28,000.00

Solid Waste Disposal

Floyd Marsh	Trucking Recyclables	5,945.00
CVEC	Electricity	271.86
White River Paper	Plastic Bags	2,425.30
Various	Labor	8,318.55
Clean Harbors Environmental	Paint Pickup	525.00
Waste Mgt. NH	Trash Disposal	15,843.5
Wayne Godfrey.	Expense reimbursement	184.00
Verizon	Telephone	82.68
NH State Treasurer	Recertifications	100.00
WGSB	FICA	636.34
Northeast Quality Printing	Labels	661.84
Advanced Recycling	Trucking Recyclables	1,060.14
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Supplies	122.34
Don's Auto	Tire disposal	767.50

Sub-Total	36,944.10
Pay as you throw Income	-15,398.93
Total	21,545.17

Dispatch Service	5,470.61
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	3,010.00
White Mountain Mental Health	600.00
Haverhill Area Teen Center	300.00
Ambulance Service	10,635.00
Highway Department	89,950.00
Street Lights	4,156.01
Highway Subsidy	30,447.40
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note	32,768.46
Welfare	1,877.50
Community Action Outreach	850.00
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,175.00
Memorial Day	
Wreaths	51.00
Piermont Village School	175.00
Lyme Town Band	300.00
Tuck Press	48.00
Total	574.00

Recreation Field & Swimming Pool

K & R Portable Toilets	Port-a-Potty Rental	280.00
John Metcalf	Labor	1,416.00
Bob Lang	Labor & supplies	168.00
John Metcalf	Equipment rental	206.50
Twin State Fertilizer	Lime	165.07
NH DES	Testing Pool	50.00
WGSB	FICA	108.33
Total		2,393.90

Cemeteries	1,500.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	950.31	
Contingency Fund	1,261.34	
Conservation Commission	Current Use Lien Releases	174.70
Lower Cohase	354.00	
Woodsville 4 th of July	500.00	
Miscellaneous Unclassified Expense Taxes bought by town	47,116.85	
Dump Well Monitoring	7,415.81	
County Tax	67,132.00	
School District	856,103.00	

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT
Regular Account 2003 Highway Expenditures

Equipment:

C. M. Davidson, Inc.	76,314.50
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Aggregates:

Martin's Quarry	820.15
Pike Industries	708.28
Warren Sand & Gravel	228.00
Blaisdell	112.00
Sub-total	1,868.43

Materials:

Oakes Bros., Inc.	119.21
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Winter Salt

Cargill Salt	3,024.21
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Miscellaneous:

Pikcomm	211.75
Repairs & Maintenance	2,943.88
Fuel & Oil	2,930.72
Electric	1,722.90
Calcium Chloride	<u>629.44</u>
Sub-total	8,438.69

Total Expenditures	90,010.97
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Interest Received	10.97
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Total	90,010.97
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Budget and Interest	90,010.97
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Deficit/surplus	0.00
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SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

Equipment:

C.M.Davidson, Inc.	4,214.50
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Lee Waterhouse	608.00
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\$4,822.50

Aggregates:

Martin	301.19
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Warren Sand & Gravel	1,902.00
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Blaisdell	14,634.92
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Pike	2,245.60
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\$19,083.71

Materials:

Arthur Whitcomb 1,116.00

Winter Salt

Cargill Salt

Miscellaneous:

Repairs & Maintenance	685.61	
Fuel & Oil	430.55	
Electric	123.65	
Sub-total		1,239.81

Total Expenditures \$29,006.52

Budget \$30,447.40

Deficit/Surplus \$1,440.88

Road Agent
Town of Piermont

Due to a high expenditure for winter maintenance of 2002 we were unable to complete all the projects we had hoped. It is very difficult to plan summer projects when it is unknown how the winter is going to go. After explaining this fact to the selectmen we derived a new plan in which there will be two budgets. One will be a set amount for "summer projects" and one will be for "winter maintenance". The summer budget will be fixed. This budget is a dollar amount needed to complete the projects for the upcoming construction season.

The winter budget is an approximate amount but will vary according to the degree of maintenance needed to confront the weather pattern of that year. I have averaged all the years winter expenditures in which I have been in office, along with an adjustment for sand purchase which commenced for this (2003-2004) plow season, and derived an "average" year expenditures. The average expenditures are \$33,591.06 from 1996 to 2002. The expenditures for winter of 2003 including sand purchase were \$54,630. The sand purchase of 3000CY amounted to \$21,231.93. Judging by the sand usage so far 2,250 CY should be a "normal" year's usage or \$15,750 addition in the average for winter sand. The total budget amounts to \$49,341.06 or for ease of numbers \$49,000. The upcoming projects we are planning are:

Lily pond pavement wear course (approx 1/3 of road)	\$20,000
Skim pave portions of Indian Pond	\$ 7,000
Road mowing	\$ 1,500
Aggregates	\$ 13,000
Electric, R+M	\$ 9,000
Grading, calcium	\$ 7,000
Misc expenses	\$ 11,500
Total	\$ 69,000.00

The Highway Subsidy will offset +/- \$ 28,000, so \$41,000 will be needed for the "summer" budget.

A warrant article that will be present is the replacement of box bridge at the North end of Church Street. A very preliminary design to reconstruct all of Church Street including incidentals totals \$ 275,000. The warrant article will include remove and replace the box bridge, reconstruct sub grade, and pave to an approximate point 600' south of the Rt 10 intersection. This is just past the Dube residence. The breakdown is as follows:

Precast Box bridge	\$32,000
Replace sub grade	\$15,000
Crushed gravel	\$ 6,000
Pavement (3")	\$ 30,000

If you have traveled over the bridge you would realize there is a problem. One comment to me was "if my car was old enough I would have left it in the hole so others could drive on it". The only "quick" fix we can muster is to fill the holes with gravel or pavement. The walls and deck of the structure have cracked and heaved allowing ground water to carry soils through the cracks. The departure of soils obviously leaves holes.

Another road of concern is Indian Pond Road. As much as I hate a band aid approach, we must shim pave some portions. We have tried for the last two years but budget constraints explained earlier squashed any hopes, but we can't let it go any longer. If the gravel roads weather mud season well, and we can limit the aggregate expenditures I will try to reconstruct a portion of Indian Pond. Then try to work on small sections every year. For information I did a quick takeoff of materials needed to reconstruct The paved portion of Indian Pond. The result was a staggering \$639,048. This did not include any new drainage or the twin culvert near Lutz fire pond. We have pecked away at some of the drainage by replacing some of it. The \$7,000 shown above is specifically earmarked for this road for skim paving. As some have noticed the Skim pave the State installed on River Road and some of Rt 25 has not held up well, as Indian pond does not have the traffic these do I hope to gain three to four years by shimming the bad spots.

In conclusion the requested budgets are as follows:

Summer Budget	\$ 41,000
Winter budget	\$ 49,000

Respectfully submitted

Chris Davidson

**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT
Financial Reports - 2003 Receipts:**

Interest on checking & savings accounts		162.61	
Taxes & Interest Collected		22,071.24	
Transfer from Certificate of Deposit		<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts			27,233.85
Cash on Hand January 1, 2003			11,158.76
Payments:			
John Metcalf	Labor	6,106.00	
Donald Smith	Labor	2,400.00	
WGSB	FICA Expense	763.14	
Woodard & Curran/SPEX	Testing	4,360.30	
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	Legal services	292.25	
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	1,800.00	
CVEC	Electricity	235.84	
Woodard & Curran	Evaluation Study	1,326.91	
John Metcalf & Donald Smith	Mileage	1,373.64	
John Metcalf & Donald Smith	Training	351.58	
Various	Maintenance	612.00	
Various	Operating Supplies	368.59	
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	300.00	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	300.00	
Telephone		11.60	
Miscellaneous		215.00	
NHMBB	Note Payment	2108.54	
Total Payments			22,925.39
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003-Checking account			10,338.54
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003-Savings account			17,909.72
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003-Certificate of Deposit			15,275.51

Sewage Department – 2004 Budget

Operation & Maintenance:	
Operating Supplies	500.00
Operator's Salary	6,900.00
Assistant Operator's Salary	2,820.00
FICA Expense	750.00
Waste Water Testing	6,500.00
Waste Water Testing Mileage	1,700.00
Evaluation Study	15,473.00
Bookkeeping	300.00
Tax Collector	300.00
Legal Expense	300.00
Electricity	300.00
Pumping Tanks	1,500.00
Mowing & Cleanup	750.00
Miscellaneous	<u>215.00</u>
Subtotal	38,308.00
Long Term Debt-NHMBB	2,205.00
Transfer from Savings for Evaluation Study	-15,473.00
Total Operation & Maintenance	25,040.00
Sewage Fees for 2004:	
Long Term Debt: 35 Units at \$63	2,205.00
Operation & Maintenance: 33.5 Units at \$682	22,847.00.
Total Sewage Fees	25,052.00

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 2003**

Early in 2003 the Library's Trustees sent out a fundraising letter to address the budget constraints the Library had been experiencing. The positive response from the community, along with a revised library budget passed in March, allowed us to breathe a collective sigh of relief and carry on with our main job: serving the library needs of Piermont.

A few new developments mark the year.

--Danuta Jacob joined the Library staff as bookkeeper in July. There is a surprisingly large number of accounting tasks associated with running a library and Danuta keeps them all straight.

--The Library joined the LUV (Libraries of the Upper Valley) audio co-op this year. Many patrons commented positively on the broader range of unabridged cassette and CD audiobooks rotating into our facility every 4 months.

--Finally, we inaugurated a tradition of welcoming newborn Piermonters with a children's book specially purchased and dedicated to each. We look forward to seeing these infants grow into young borrowers at the Library.

As a staff, we concentrated on an in-the-library project, inter-shelving and inter-cataloguing junior and easy non-fiction to create a "Young People's Non-fiction" area. We're happy to say this project is just about complete and we think it works well to give youngsters a full range of juvenile choices on a given subject. Many adults like to peruse this collection for introductory information as well.

You may want to peruse our circulation statistics for the year to get a kind of readers' profile of Piermont. As a community, Piermont uses the Library for many things, but children's books (2,640 circulations), video selections (2,261 circulations) and adult fiction (1,725 circulations) stand out.

It's important to say thank you to our faithful volunteers and to those who remember the Library with book, video and audio donations. Our hours remain Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3-7:00 and Sunday 1-3:00. Thursday morning is Storytime at 11:00. Public access to the computer is Monday through Thursday 4:30-6:30 and Sunday 1-2:30. You can reach us with suggestions and requests at 272-4967.

2003 - LIBRARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- January 31 Second graders from Piermont Village School, after reviewing the season's best picture books, voted **Duck on a Bike** by David Shannon the Piermont picture book of the year. Have you read it? It's delightful.
- February- Storytime for pre-schoolers continued.
May
- March 6 Trustee Stephanie Gordon led a book discussion on **House of Sand and Fog** by Andre Dubus III .
- April 12 Ben Gitchel taught his 4th ethnic cooking class for the Library. This time it was Mexican cooking.
- April 24 Trustee Joe Medlicott led a book discussion on **Heart of Darkness** by Joseph Conrad .
- June 8 Trustee Helga Mueller led "Piermont: An Historical Walk."
- July 5 The trustees held their Book and Tag Sale to coincide with the Fire Department BBQ.
- July-August The Summer Reading Program was held. This year's theme was "Reading Rocks the Granite State." Participants shared ice cream at two parties held in September. Police Officer John Metcalf read and spoke at the party for younger Readers.
- October 31 Trick 'r' Treat for a Book was held Halloween night.
- October - Storytime continued, this time with a "First Storytime" for 2's and 3's
- December on Tuesday and "Pre-school Storytime" on Thursday.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS -- 2003

PPL	Adult Fiction	Non-fiction	Children's	Paperback	Magazines
	1,725	1,302	2,640	346	443
	Large Print	Audiobook	Video	Music CD	
	14	489	2,261	136	
PVS	Adult Fiction	Non-fiction	Children's	Paperback	Magazines
	181	669	1,652	94	79
	Large Print	Audiobook	Video	Music CD	
	--	62	24	--	

PPL Sub-total = 9,356

PVS Sub-total = 2,761

Totals (public library with school figures)

Adult Fiction	1,906
Non-fiction	1,971
Children's	4,292
Paperback	440
Magazine	522
Music CD	136
Video	2,285
Audiobook	551
Large Print	14

Total Circulation: 12,117

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT
EXPENDITURES: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2003

LIBRARY EMPLOYEES:

Librarian	11,658.00
Assistant Librarians	4,521.00
Social Security and Medicare	1,459.37
Workers Compensation	61.00

LIBRARY SERVICES

Books	3,782.42
Magazines/Newspapers	684.68
Audio/Video	718.80

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

80.00

OFFICE EXPENSE:

Office Supplies	489.67
Office Equipment	248.00
Accounting Fees	325.00
Advertising	29.00
Postage/Box rent	176.33

MAINTENANCE:

Cleaning Service	1,325.00
Snow Removal	50.00
Repairs	155.89

UTILITIES:

Electricity	757.30
Fuel Oil	800.00
Telephone	1,228.20
Internet Service	90.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Travel	410.33
Dues and Fees	35.00
Course Fees	20.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

29,352.49

RECEIPTS

Memorial Gifts	500.00
Fines and Replacements	81.31
Copier Fees	69.05
Book Sales	340.44
Encumbered Funds Prior Year	3,308.84
Programs for Public	146.00
Transfer for non-fiction	374.68
Piermont School	700.00

Miscellaneous Income	49.85
Town Appropriation	28,000.00
Total Revenue	36,267.36
Cash on Hand December 31, 2002	11,218.13

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET 2004

LIBRARIAN	\$14,040
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN	5,720
ACCOUNTANT	1,000
SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE	1,590
WORKERS COMPENSATION	65.00
LIBRARY MATERIALS	5,150
OFFICE EXPENSES	1,950
MAINTENANCE	2,150
ELECTRICITY	1,200
FUEL OIL	1,000
TELEPHONE AND INTERNET	1,200
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	950
PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC	400
MISCELLANEOUS	335
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$36,870

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2003

By the time you read this, I will have survived my 83rd birthday and I must say that I am tired. Not from the largely hidden stress and liabilities my position entails, but from the weight of those 83 years. It has seemed best to me to retire now, while I am still functional, and this I have done-with a touch of sadness-as it is hard to leave a task that has occupied much of my time since 1965. I extend my thanks and gratitude to the following:

The New Hampshire State Police-Troop F
The Grafton County Sheriff's Department
The neighboring Police Departments and their officers
The Board of Selectmen of Piermont, who have ever stood behind us in our efforts
To you, the people of Piermont, for your help and trust
And to one individual whose efforts have made it possible for me to carry on as long as I have – and that person is John Metcalf. Thank you, John.

Respectfully submitted:

William R. Deal, Chief (Retired)
Piermont Police Department

2003 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

In last year's report I reported our membership was growing. Also you may have noticed I listed having five new members but only four names were listed. One name was missed during re-typing. It was Bruce Henry. Please thank him for serving his town. Sadly, this year I have to report just the opposite. Our membership is once again way down. Of the five new members, two moved, one has gone away to college and one has changed jobs and moved from the area. We are now down to ten members plus one in probation status. Don't be surprised if one day you call for help and no one is around to respond. We need new members! Of the ten current members, 3 work out of town. Just the other day we had a call and only two firefighters were able to respond.

We would like to thank everyone who has responded to our fund raising letter and events. We have been able to purchase much needed equipment without raising the budget way up. We purchased a new saw to take out windows in a car accident. We bought a new skill saw and reciprocating saw which are both battery powered. Both came in handy this January. We also bought a new refrigerator for the station. Also, we are having two new boxes put on the front of rescue to carry chains, etc. This was made possible with money given in memory of Chief Floyd Smith and his wife, Pearl. We also put curtains and border trim in the new addition. These, plus other small items cost a little over \$2,800.

The two fire ponds were repaired as scheduled. But replacement hose was put on hold due to high cost of heat and electricity last year. Our plans for a pond on the end of Indian Pond Road to cover Barton Road and parts of Route 25C fell apart, due to ledge in the area where we had hoped to build it. We are in the talking stage of one, maybe in the area of the Round Barn. This won't happen until 2005 if at all.

For new equipment this year we will be doing more hose replacement, updating our helmets and boots and other small items. Also a new radio for the engine, but this will be of no cost to the town as it is coming from the State Homeland Security money.

For the past two years I have applied for grant money to replace the engine, but have not yet been lucky. I will try again this year. Last year the rough quote for a new engine without new air packs and gear was \$170,000. Adding in needed equipment brings the cost to about \$195,000.

We have been busy as usual keeping the station in order and fund raising. With less of us, it takes longer.

We responded to 37 calls for service. They break down as follows:

Mutual Aid Calls	12	Chimney Fires	2
Assist Fast Squad	3	Odor Investigation	1
Brush Fires	2	Tractor Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	12	Fuel Leak	1
Electrical Pole/Wires	3		

If you have any questions about your fire department, please ask. If you would like to join, please see any fireman or me.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey, Fire Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67

(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

FAST SQUAD REPORT 2003

The FAST Squad responded to fifty two emergency calls during the past year, nearly twice the number from 2002. The months of May, June, July, and August were particularly busy with 33 calls. As in other years, I would like to remind everyone that we're just a phone call away and are available 24 hours a day. If there is any question as to the need for medical assistance, please pick up the phone and dial 911. Help will be dispatched immediately.

The FAST squad grew this year with the addition two new members. Nancy Cole completed a First Responder course last year at River Bend, and has returned to the squad. Debbie Capobianco moved to Piermont last spring. She has certification as an EMT Intermediate and joined the squad in May of 2003. Please join me in welcoming both Nancy and Debbie to the squad.

Keith Brick did not re-certify as an EMT last March, and is no longer serving on the FAST Squad. I would like to thank Keith for the time he was able to give to the squad.

We were able to purchase several pieces of new equipment this year. Each member now has a Pulse Oximeter (a device that measures the amount of oxygen in a person's blood) and Glucometer (a device that measures the amount of sugar in a person's blood). These devices will allow squad members to better care for persons with breathing difficulties or diabetes.

As in past years, I would encourage you to purchase a subscription from Upper Valley Ambulance service. The cost is only \$ 40.00 and covers everyone in your household for one year. Subscription cards are available at the Town Clerk's office or at the Upper Valley Ambulance office in Fairlee. Please pick one up and read about the benefits, it's certainly worthwhile.

The FAST Squad needs more people. It is our desire to recruit at least one new member this year. Money has been budgeted for training so please come and talk to us if you are interested in joining the FAST squad. No amount of time is too small to be of assistance. We meet at the fire station, usually the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., or you may contact any squad member.

(Tom Elliott, Ellen Putnam, Nancy Cole, Debbie Capobianco)

This year we are requesting \$ 1,800.00 for our budget. This money will be used for training, equipment, and consumable supplies, such as oxygen, bandaging, etc.

Have a safe and healthy year.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Elliott

Captain, Piermont Fast Squad

PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2004

Telephone	500
Heat	2,100
Electricity	1,500
Gasoline	575
Payroll	5,200
Chief's Salary	1,000
FICA	475
Forestry	800
Twin State Mutual Aid	250
Hepatitis B Shots	980
Radio Repairs and Supplies	450
Truck Supplies and Repairs	2,600
Air Compressor	250
Training	1,000
Mileage	500
New Equipment	5,000
Testing Equipment	500
Fire Ponds	800
State Firefighters Association	200
Internet Access	150
Computer Supplies	100
Fast Squad	1,800.00
Total	26,730

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2003

Maybe it's a sign of the time period we are in, but the selectmen and citizens of Piermont are entering into a period of uncertainty. We thought that our re-evaluation of land and buildings in Piermont in 1998-1999, if reviewed each year, would be valued data for five to ten years. Sadly, with interest rates so low and demand for land and housing so high there has been very little correlation between our assessments for land and buildings and the selling prices in the town of Piermont. Because of this huge discrepancy, the department of revenue administration probably will mandate a re-evaluation to correct the huge discrepancies in land and building values. This process will be a costly, time consuming and again frustrating time for the citizens of Piermont.

My last "editorial comment" concerns the "dispute" with Camp Walt Whitman. As all parties to the dispute "jockey" for position with the New Hampshire Superior Court to me it's a sad commentary. In the end, the only "winners" will be the attorneys representing all parties. All parties involved have some valued points. Why can't all parties sit down, "compromise", and agree to live up to whatever is agreed upon.

Lastly, we need younger people to get involved in our town affairs so they understand what's going on and maybe will be better informed to get involved in town government.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lang, Chairman

PIERMONT PLANNING BOARD 2003

Meetings of the Board are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. Members of the Board at year-end were:

Peter Labounty, Chairman	Suzanne Woodard
Robert R. Michenfelder, Vice Chairman	Kay Wescott
Fred Shipman	Scott Jacob
William Morris, alternate	George Smith, alternate

Jean Daley, ex-officio

At the April election of officers Peter Labounty was reelected chairman and Robert R. Michenfelder was reelected vice chairman. In May, the selectmen appointed Scott Jacob and George Smith alternate members of the Board. Following the resignation of Thomas Stevens, the selectmen appointed Scott Jacob a full member and William Morris alternate member.

The following actions were taken by the Board in 2003:

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance - On January 15, 2003, the Board held a Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the Piermont Zoning Ordinance which added a provision for seasonal dwellings and a definition for such dwelling to the ordinance. The proposed amendment was approved by the voters at the March 11, 2003 Town Meeting.

Piermont Master Plan - Work is continuing on completing the sections on Community Facilities and Services, Conservation and Preservation, and Utility and Public Service sections for inclusion in the Master Plan.

The Board is also in the process of developing a questionnaire to solicit the community's input in updating the Land Use section of the 1991 Town Master Plan.

Flood Plain Ordinance - The Board is continuing its review of the Town's Flood Insurance Ordinance and looking into the feasibility of adopting the State' Flood Plain Development Ordinance. The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has been contacted and will assist the Board in developing the ordinance in 2004. Any change in the existing ordinance will have to be approved by the voters at Town Meeting.

Planning Board approvals granted in 2003 - Evelyn Morrill, 2-lot subdivision on River Road, Tax Map R20, Lot 26A; John Metcalf, 2-lot subdivision on Route 25, Tax map R10, Lot 32; Roy and Eileen Belyea, Voluntary Merger of Lots 15 and 16, Tax Map R1 on Route 25; Tim and Deborah Olsen, 2-lot subdivision on Route 25C, Tax Map R16, Lot 5; John and Mary Simpson and William Hutzley, 2-lot subdivision on Route 25C, Tax Map R16, Lot5; SH&S Investments, Inc., 2-lot subdivision on Highview Meadows Road, Tax Map R1, Lot 24 A/B; SH&S Investments, Inc., lot line adjustment off Highview Meadows Road, between Lot 24 and common land, Tax Map R1 ; Thelma Sepessy, William Sepessy, Thelma Sidmore, 2- lot subdivision on Route 10, Tax Map R12, Lot 3.

Other business of the Board - The Board made several changes to the subdivision checklists requiring that the following be noted on the plat: State and Town driveway permit numbers, State septic approval numbers, and a key to symbols.

During the year members attended workshops given by the New Hampshire Municipal Association and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Peter Labounty, Chairman

PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2003

Regular monthly meeting of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. The members of the Commission at year end are: Helga Mueller, chairman; David Ritchie, treasurer; Charles Grant, Ernest Hartley; Asa Metcalf; Donald Smith; Eric Underhill; and Robert A. Michenfelder, honorary member.

As of December 31, 2003, the Town's Conservation Fund contains \$2,984.35 of which \$2,474.64 is in a Certificate of Deposit at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank. The Underhill Canoe Site fund for the upkeep of the Underhill Canoe Campsite, also in a CD at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank, contains \$3,346.16. The Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of the Piermont Town Forest and Trails on Bedford Road contains \$4,045.71.

Piermont Town Forest and Trails - Developed by the Commission starting in 1997, the site is managed by the Commission for recreational and educational purposes and to promote wildlife and forest stewardship. During the year members of the Commission maintained the trail system at the site. A special thank-you goes to Dana Hartley and Pam Hartley who assisted with this "housekeeping" chore. A color-coded trail map of this site is available at the Town Clerk's office and at the library. Townspeople of all ages are encouraged to use the trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding and snowmobiling.

Canoe Campsites - The Underhill Canoe Campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access continue to be popular with the public. Both sites are maintained by the Commission and are open from May 1 to November 1. For the first time since the Underhill site was established in 1993, it was severely vandalized.

Other activities - Members of the Commission participated in monitoring the water quality of Lakes Tarleton, Armington, and Katherine. See separate report.

The Commission assisted the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission in identifying important visual resources in Piermont as part of the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Priority Resource Protection project.

In order to prevent the introduction of milfoil into Lake Tarleton, members of the Commission together with the Lake Tarleton Association and with the cooperation of Camp Walt Whitman inspected the boats launched into the lake by the Camp every Monday morning during the summer months.

Student member - Dana Hartley, a sophomore at Oxbow High School, has been accepted by the Commission as a student member because of his past contributions and his interest in assisting the Commission in its activities. The Commission believes that furthering an interest in conservation by a student is an important part of its mission.

The Commission applauds George and Ramona Schmid for conserving 71 acres of their Flatlander Farm on Route 10 and 62 acres of farmland on River Road, and Jim and Ellen Putnam who protected their 50-acre Winsome Farm with a conservation easement.

We are available to assist property owners with complaints on violations, wetland applications, information on beaver control, establishing conservation easements, or any other conservation concerns.

Helga Mueller, Chairman

WATER QUALITY MONITORING 2003

In order to protect and preserve the water quality of Lake Tarleton, Lake Armington and Lake Katherine, the voters at the 2003 Town Meeting approved Article 11 appropriating \$600 to monitor the water quality of these lakes and designated the Piermont Conservation Commission to administer the monitoring activities together with the Lake Armington and Lake Tarleton Associations. The article specified that the three lakes were to be tested three times each between May 1 and December 1 for a variety of pollutants, including E.Coli and phosphorus.

In 2003 Piermont volunteers collected water samples on June 17, July 20, and August 24 under the auspices of the New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP), a department of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The program in addition to training volunteers, provides the equipment and analyzes the samples. Its goal is to identify sources of pollution before they impact water quality.

For each of the three tests volunteers had to pick-up the test equipment at the DES in Concord and deliver collected water samples to the DES laboratory in Concord. While many samples are analyzed at no cost, there are charges for such tests as E-coli and phosphorus. For 2003 the total cost to the Town for the water testing was \$240, thanks to the volunteers who did not charge for their travel expenses to Concord.

Following is a summary of the water quality data of Lakes Tarleton, Armington and Katherine for the 2003 season. Copies of the reports showing detailed the test results are on file at the Town Clerk's office. Quoted references refer to data supplied by the NHDES.

Lake Armington

Thanks to efforts on the part of dedicated residents, principally Bill Koch, samples from this lake have been collected annually since the late 1980's. Trends have been charted, and the samples collected in 2003 were in the range expected. All samples indicate excellent water quality except ANC (Acid Neutralizing Capacity) which is poor because we do not have limestone in the surrounding "hills" to neutralize acid rain inputs. However, pH has remained fairly stable for the past 15 years at a pH of 6.5 (slightly acidic).

Lake Tarleton

The lake has been tested by the State prior to 2002, when the first samples were collected by volunteers. The samples obtained during the 2003 testing season indicate excellent water quality. One parameter of concern, and one of the most important for us to monitor, is the relatively low (unfavorable) reading of 3.1 for ANC (Acid Neutralizing Capacity), which means that the surface waters are vulnerable to the effects of acid precipitation. On the other hand, the E-coli reading is extremely favorable. However, it too must be monitored. The reading taken at Lake Tarleton's State Park was "1." The State standard for beach areas are "88" or less, so this reading is 'as good as it gets.' Noteworthy is the clarity of the lake, since a Secchi disk is visible at a depth of 4.6 meters, which is exceptional and is much greater than the State's average of 3.7 meters.

Lake Katherine

This lake had never been tested in the past and therefore, the first water samples collected on June 17, 2003, established a base line. The water samples, analyzed by the DES laboratory, established that the general health of the lake is good with water quality conditions well below state average. Phosphorus for example, one of the most important water quality parameter measured 9 micrograms per liter well below the state average of 11 micrograms per liter.

Thanks go to the volunteers who participated in the 2003 water monitoring activities including Bill Koch, Charley Muntz, Rob Wipfler, Bill Morris, Walter Donovan, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Donald Smith, Helga Mueller and Michael Poole.

Sampling the lakes three times each year helps to develop a comprehensive set of data from which long term water quality trends can be discerned and helps to identify a negative trend which can be countered with remedial action. To this end, we hope to obtain funding from the town to continue the monitoring program in 2004.

Bill Koch, Charley Muntz, and Helga Mueller

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2003

In 2003, there was again one case that occupied the Board's time. Camp Group, Inc. dba Camp Walt Whitman put their lawsuit against the Town "on hold" and applied to the ZBA for a Special Exception to operate a youth camp on Lake Armington.

After eight hearings/meetings between April and October, the Board granted the Camp a Special Exception with conditions.

Since that time, the Camp has "reopened" their lawsuit against the Town claiming the Board's decision was too limiting. At the same time, a group of property owners living on or near Lake Armington, has also filed a lawsuit against the Town claiming the Boards decision was too lenient. The case is expected to come before the Grafton County Superior Court sometime in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Shipman, Chairman

PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Though the Society is not a taxpayer-supported organization, its activities have been reported in the Town Report since the Society's founding in 1974. This year, the Society celebrates 30 years as a non-profit organization for preserving the heritage of the townspeople. We rely primarily on the yearly dues collected from members and donations from generous benefactors. The annual membership fees are \$3 for individuals, \$5 per family, and \$1 for students. Piermonters over the age of 80 are automatically made members and pay no dues. Donations to the Society are tax deductible. Dues are payable during January and may be mailed to Fred Shipman, Treasurer, Piermont Historical Society, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, N.H. 03779

The officers and directors of the Society in 2003 were: Joe Medlicott, president; Helga Mueller, vice president; Fred Shipman treasurer; Anna Williams, corresponding secretary, Lloyd Hall, director of preservation; and Betty Hall, director-at-large.

During the year the Society received and answered requests for information on events or people from Piermont's past. We also sponsored a historical walk of the buildings in downtown Piermont, and held an Open House at our museum rooms located above the library. The museum may be visited by calling Lloyd Hall at 272-5858. We hope that we will be able to provide the townspeople with better access to our collection, when the renovation of the former kindergarten room in the Old Church Building, approved by the voters in 1999, is completed. We plan to use the room for temporary displays of some of our artifacts and memorabilia.

As in years past, I conclude with a plea for volunteers to help us with our projects. Please join us in our effort to keep Piermont's past alive for our descendants. Contact any officer listed above if you would like to help in this endeavor.

Helga Mueller, Vice President

TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT - 2003

Well, 2003 has come to a close with not a lot of changes. The prices for recyclables are still very low. Steel is just starting to come back up now. Our contract with Waste Management of NH came up this year for renewal. I decided to shop around a little and see what was out there. We choose to go with Normandeau Trucking out of Groveton, NH. Their rates were better and trucking is less per trip. Also, we will be buying our own dumpster and going into a swap pool with them. Over the past 15 years or so we paid enough in rental fees to buy 4 dumpsters.

On the trash side of things, it was up but there were a lot of new people in town. Last year we took in about 115 tons; this year it was 130.61 tons.

On the recycling side, last year it was about 100 tons. This year it was just about the same, so we are holding steady on recycling. Still a good bunch of recycling over the last 15 years. That is about a 46% ratio for recycling. The state wanted every town to be at 40% a couple of years ago, so we are there. I don't think there are many other town doing that much. Piermont should be proud!

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey, Manager

2004 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Waste Management of NH	2,500
Normandeau Trucking	13,240
Salary	8,700
FICA	666
Training	750
Electric	300
Recycle Hauler	5,900
Plastic Bags for recycling	450
State Recertification	100
Light Bulb Recycling	600
Paint Recycling	550
Metal Removal and rental	1,200
Tire removal	900
Haz Mat Day	8875
Bags and Labels for PAYT	2,900
Maintenance on Compactor	500
Compactor Box	4,650*
Total	44,793
Income from Sale of Bags and other fees-estimate	-15,500
*Money to come from Recycling Expendable Trust	-2,325
Total Tax Money Needed	26,968

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2003

The stock market values and returns have declined significantly. This has meant less income from our trust funds. 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 2003

BURIALS

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

GROUNDS CARE

Many thanks to John Metcalf and his able crew for the fine job done in 2003 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman,
Bookkeeping Trustee

TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	38,507.87
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	110.28
Shares Sold (see note)	<u>28,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	15,618.15

**TOWN FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**
For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles-Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	30,887.27
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	306.30
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	41,193.57

TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance 1/1/03	21,753.11
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	209.28
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	26,962.39

TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	43,279.07
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	<u>400.38</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/03	48,679.45

TOWN BEAN BROOK BRIDGE EXPENDABLE TRUST
For the Repair and Maintenance of Break Brook Bridge - Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	61,774.46
Shares Purchased	20,000.00
Shares Sold	622.85
Dividend Income	<u>610.70</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	81,762.31

TOWN BRIDGES EXPENDABLE TRUST
For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges - Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance 1/1/03	18,564.67
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>180.88</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/03	23,745.55

TOWN RECYCLING/TRANSFER EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	1,589.30
Shares Purchased – See Note	1,241.46
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>24.26</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/03	2.855.02

Note: Funds deposited to this account were credited in 2004. The amount cannot be determined until the end of year, as it comes from the annual recycling income.

TOWN BEDFORD LOT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	4,010.19
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>35.52</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/03	4,045.71

HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
For the Support of the Town
31-Dec-03

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gain Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance
Westar Energy**	957.00	0.00	1,100.00	22,275.00
Columbia Utilities Fund*	770.60	0.00	3,446.32	36,496.53
Fidelity Puritan Fund	4,056.08	1,623.79	5,483.13	101,273.32
Fidelity Fund	2,005.70	0.00	9,116.82	256,000.31
Phoenix Fund	275.40	0.00	748.45	3,839.53
George Putnam	907.20	0.00	2,577.28	43,762.16
Seligman Fund	397.00	0.00	13,233.44	137,892.46
Chesapeake/Potomac Telephone of VA.	140.63	0.00	0	0.00
Delaware Group	657.23	0.00	3,042.81	52,092.91
Centennial Money Market	38.16		5,038.16	5,038.16
TOTALS	10,205.00	1,623.79		658,670.38

**Westar Energy, Inc. was formerly Western Resources

*Columbia Utilities Fund was formerly Liberty Utilities Fund

CEMETERY TRUST FUND
for the support of the cemeteries December 31, 2003

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gain Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance
Cemetery Care Fund				
Liberty Utilities Fund	360.133	0.00	1,610.67	17,056.96
Oklahoma Gas/Elec	495.96	0.00	452.00	10,933.88
Fidelity Puritan	2,538.00	0.00	5,721.39	105,674.04
Woodsville Bank CD-704862	54.78	0.00		2,176.21
Due From Operating Acct				325.00
TOTAL	3,448.87	0.00		136,166.09
Cemetery Lots Fund				
Woodsville Bank CD-704863	177.52			6,738.64
Due from Operating Acct				200.00
TOTAL	177.52			6,938.64
Operating Account				
Woodsville Bank-23104015	9.59			4,370.68
Due Cemetery Care CD				-325.00
Due Cemetery Lot CD				-200.00
TOTAL	9.59			4895.68
GRAND TOTAL	3,635.98	0.00		148,000.41
Cemetery Payments				
		Amount		
Asa Metcalf		96.00		
John Metcalf		7,485.32		
Lou Hobbs		575.00		
Hilltop Sand & Gravel		187.00		
Hale Funeral Home		50.00		
Twin State Fertilizer		125.86		
Fred Shipman		770.00		
Town of Piermont		25.00		
Oakes Bros., Inc.		15.27		
USPS		36.00		
		<u>9,365.45</u>		
Cemetery Receipts				
Town Appropriation		1,500.00		
Interest and Dividend Income		3,935.94		
Burial Fees, net after		<u>2,075.00</u>		
		7,510.94		
Cemetery Lot Sales				
South Lawn Cemetery		200.00		

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, Iasbelle, 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	Ludman, 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
1/12/99	Stevens, Alfred	100.00
11/21/99	Hogan, Austin	100.00
4/15/00	Halloran, Dennis & Mary	100.00
7/26/00	Jesseman, Stella	100.00
10/01/01	Robert H. Adams and George & Ida Hartwell	100.00
11/18/02	Michenfelder, Robert R.	300.00
6/16/03	Robie, Keith M & Verna E	200.00
10/25/03	Randall, Neil & Gloria	125.00
		\$27,014.93

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2003

BIRTHS:

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	FATHERS NAME	MOTHERS
01-18-2003	Tori Jean Betz	Michael	Jennifer
01-18-2003	Devyn Carol Betz	Michael	Jennifer
05-03-2003	Morgan Ashley Wagstaff	Erik	Rebecca
05-07-2003	Emily Sierra Prest	Cameron	Heather
05-24-2003	Luke Tatsuo Holland	Raymond	Andrea
09-02-2003	Kimberly Anne Underhill	Calvin	Jean
09-29-2003	Jocelyn Anne Patterson	Ronald	Merriel

DEATHS:

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH
01-14-2003	Barbara E Fulford	Lebanon, NH
04-01-2003	John F Goodwin	
04-27-2003	George Ritchie	North Haverhill, NH
05-01-2003	Robert Lutz(JR)	Manhattan, NY
06-12-2003	Verna T. Robie	Lebanon, NH
06-29-2003	Marjorie A Porfido	Lebanon, NH
07-13-2003	Madeline Rose Lynes	Inverness, FL
07-20-2003	Eunice V Hobbs	Lebanon, NH
08-18-2003	Dorothy A Lutz	Wilder, VT
10-27-2003	Dorothy Sybil Aldrich	Plymouth, NH

MARRIAGES:

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE AT TIME
02-09-2003	Kent Ignacio	Piermont, NH
	Jeanne Engley	Piermont, NH
05-03-2003	Asa M Metcalf	Piermont, NH
	Heidi J Osgood	Piermont, NH
07-24-2003	Lewis R Chase	Piermont, NH
	Marina A Gonchar	Piermont, NH
10-31-2003	Russell J Clark	Piermont, NH
	Darlene H Potter	Piermont, NH
12-27-2003	John R Rutherford	North Haverhill, NH
	Gretchen A Hyden	West Seattle, WA
12-28-2003	Robert A Ritchie	Piermont, NH
	Kathleen P Leary	Newbury, VT

**REQUESTS
FOR
PARTICIPATION
AND
DONATION**



ANNUAL REPORT 2003 CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at issues as wide-ranging as the status of municipal wastewater treatment plants in the watershed to the hazards of development on the varved clays left by glacial Lake Hitchcock. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

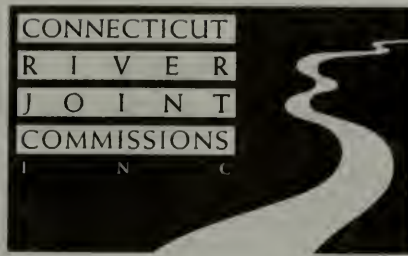
With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for the bi-state Milk Marketing Study Group, a major conference on storm water management, a documentary film on Vermont's copper mining history, the Orford Conservation Festival, and a northern extension of the Connecticut River Birding Trail.

In 2003, the Commissions completed a major riverbank restoration demonstration project at the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, which protected both a key Contact Period archeological site at the fort and a population of federally endangered mussels just offshore. We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to *the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. Our five local river subcommittees are an active voice for river issues in their regions.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we worked to provide signage for each of them, and provided staff and coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

Robert Ritchie, Connecticut River Commissioner



ANNUAL REPORT - 2003
Upper Valley River Subcommittee
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Upper Valley Subcommittee began to update our *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* with a close look at water quality and water-related issues in our region, particularly the need for more complete information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating. The Town of Norwich and City of Lebanon have sent new representatives to the Subcommittee, bringing new ideas and interests to ensure that discussions continue to be well-balanced.

The Subcommittee has continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, advising the two states on the Orford/Fairlee bridge restoration, advising a landowner on a dock proposal, and following the continued commercial and highway developments in West Lebanon. We are also monitoring the success of a major riverbank restoration project in Fairlee.

We have encouraged all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. The heavy rains of last August demonstrated the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the NH Shoreland Protection Act now applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the third Monday evening of every other month, at the Lyme Town Office. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Charles Grant and Harold Covert, Piermont representatives



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December 1, 2003

Board of Selectmen
Town of Piermont
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Select Board:

The Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, at your 2004 Town Meeting, \$900 in funding from the Town of Piermont to help support its Community Contact Division.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2002-2003:

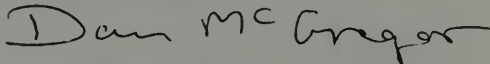
Services Provided:	# of House Holds	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance Program	36	\$20,430
Weatherization Program	3	\$6,178
State Wide Electrical Assistance Program	24	\$9,600
Food Pantry (83 people receiving 3 days worth of food)	27	\$1,245
Referrals (i.e.; Housing, Health, Budgeting, Legal Aid, Income)	72	---

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, THE PIERMONT CITIZENS HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$37,453 IN ASSISTANCE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2002 AND JUNE 30, 2003.

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others countywide.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Piermont for its past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Very truly yours,



Daniel G. McGregor
Woodsville Community Contact Manager

WEATHERIZATION
752-7105

AMERICORPS
752-5760

ADMINISTRATION
752-7001

CT. DIVERSION-YTH. ALTERNATIVES
752-1872

COMMUNITY CONTACT
752-8041

R.S.V.P.
752-4103

FUEL ASSISTANCE
752-7100

PLANNING & ADMIN.
752-7165

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Annual Report for 2003

The UVLSRPC is a not-for-profit association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We provide a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together in the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area to work together on issues of common concern. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as decision-making at the state level in both states that affect the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2003, we completed work on both a new Regional Transportation Plan and new Economic Development element for the Regional Plan, as well as updates on Population Trends and Natural & Scenic Resources. In other activities, we:

- Worked with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and residential development in the Upper Valley.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including emergency management equipment, village highway corridor redesign, recreation facilities and transportation system enhancements.
- Completed incorporation of Grafton County communities in North Country Economic Development District for federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant eligibility; obtained EDA approval of East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation and others to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and began work with Western Region Development Corporation on CEDS for Sullivan County. Continued to support tourism organizations in the Region.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of their master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Provided technical assistance to local committees addressing a number of issues such as affordable housing, interstate interchange area development, open space, capital improvements programming, downtown revitalization, sewers, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Developed guidelines for balancing state highway needs with those of a downtown or village area utilizing a concept plan for Charlestown as a case study.
- Facilitated Upper Valley Conservation Network and provided technical assistance to Upper Valley Trackers.
- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold, Mascoma and Ottauquechee Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized five hazardous waste collections that gave 1,170 households a way to keep approximately 13,100 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste.

- Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 4 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete several more in the coming year, including all 3 Vermont towns; and continued to facilitate well-integrated emergency planning within the core Upper Valley communities.
- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and RSA 36:56 in New Hampshire.
- Collected traffic data in 24 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Developed plans for Upper Valley traffic model to increase ability to predict and avoid traffic increases. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to involve area employers in programs to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to 5 communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Held several informational and training sessions for local officials on land use planning issues, (including siting wind power facilities, how to avoid sprawl, and programs available to keep historic villages healthy), natural resource protection issues, (including stormwater management and Vermont's new septic rules), and board member skills, (including fostering productive citizen participation in the planning and development review processes). Facilitated discussions on future plans of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth College, and the Mt. Sunapee Ski area, and potential impacts on growth-related factors such as housing and traffic in the region.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., application of NH Shoreland Protection Act, policies on unmaintained roads, management of excavations, implementation of floodplain ordinances, capital improvement programming and impact fees, road acceptance policies, coordination of review of applications among various local boards, regulation of telecommunications facilities, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to incorporate 2000 Census information into digital regional socioeconomic database as it became available; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners each community appoints, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. In addition, this year we have established a new committee to enhance the exchange of information with member communities. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or info@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford, Executive Director

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH
and
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Town of Piermont

Each year the writing of this report provides an opportunity to reflect on the year's challenges and accomplishments. This year, my 10th as Director, I would like to reflect on the changes in mental health and developmental services during the past decade.

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- All clients, including children and elders, were required to come into the office for appointments, and missed appointments were common.
- Medications were difficult to regulate, had many side effects and were often not effective. Medications for serious mental illness were generally very sedating and management of severe symptoms was often difficult.
- Many people with developmental disabilities were put on "behavior plans" to manage their aggressive or inappropriate behavior.
- Our most mentally ill adults attended a "day program" in our building; almost none were viewed as being capable of holding a job.
- All of our developmental services were provided in our building in a "sheltered workshop". Recreation outside of the building involved several clients going together in a van. "Real" jobs were rare.
- The concept of outpatient mental health short-term therapy was new and regarded as a poor substitute for longer term treatment.
- Most mental health clients were insured, and most insurance covered an unlimited number of visits.

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- Most children, elders and seriously ill adults needing mental health treatment are seen at home, school or in their community. Multiple services assist people where they live.
- A new generation of medications, combined with new understanding of brain chemistry has provided effective treatment for many forms of mental illness. "Self management" and "recovery" are now realistic goals.
- We no longer utilize "behavior plans" for people with developmental disabilities. Instead, we view behavior as communication and we try hard to respond to the needs expressed.

- Mentally ill adults receive support to live and work in the community. "Clean and Green Enterprises" is an active client-run business.
- People with developmental disabilities are working in a variety of jobs and are reliable and loyal employees. Some people with disabilities have their own businesses. Our staff work to connect people with disabilities to their community instead of "sheltering" them.
- Our mental health clinicians are trained to provide short-term therapy, which research has shown to be as effective as longer-term treatment.
- A high percentage of our mental health clients are uninsured due to the high cost of health insurance, and all insurance companies limit the number of visits they will cover. We continue to be the "safety net" for these people.

It is clear that much has changed in the past decade. Some changes, like the skyrocketing cost of health insurance, are cause for concern. Other changes, like the availability of in-home supports, improved medications and community integration of people with disabilities, are cause for celebration. In both cases, we need the support of our towns to assure that we continue to move forward in the next decade.

During 2003, 4 uninsured or under-insured people in the town of Piermont received 21 hours of service. Town contributions allow us to continue to offer discounted services. Thank you for the past decade of support.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane C. MacKay, Area Director

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Piermont

October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 39 Piermont residents (out of 137 residents over 60, 2000 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	1,671	x	\$6.10	\$	10,193.10
Transportation	Trips	203	x	\$10.57	\$	2,145.71
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$6.11	\$	0.00
Social Services	Half-hours	19.5	x	\$21.88	\$	426.66
Activities		152		N/A		

Number of Piermont volunteers 7. Number of Volunteer Hours: 553

GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$	<u>12,765.47</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2003	\$	1,175.00
Received from Town of Piermont for 2003	\$	1,175.00
Request for Senior Services for 2004	\$	<u>1,175.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 9%; Contributions 10%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.



Grafton County

Senior Citizens Council

Inc. GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2003

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03766-0433

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fax: 603-448-3906

www.gcscc.org
e-mail: gcscc@gcscc.org

Bristol Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 266
Bristol, NH 03222
744-8395

Horse Meadow Senior Center
91 Horse Meadow Road
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
787-2539

Linwood Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 461
Lincoln, NH 03251
745-4705

Littleton Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 98
Littleton, NH 03561
444-6050

Mascoma Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333

Orford Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 98
Orford, NH 03777
353-9107

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204

Upper Valley Senior Center
P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-4213

RSVP of Upper Valley & White Mts.
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Lebanon, NH 03766
448-1825

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2003, 39 older residents of Piermont were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Haverhill and Orford senior programs:

- Older adults from Piermont enjoyed 508 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,163 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Piermont residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 203 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 20 visits by a trained social worker.
- Piermont's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 553 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Piermont residents in 2003 was \$12,765.47.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Piermont's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Financial Statements for GCSCC
Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003

October 1 - September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY 2002	FY 2003
Dining Room Meals	82,437	77,984
Home Delivered Meals	123,938	119,695
Transportation (Trips)	40,054	44,698
Adult Day Service (Hours)	13,842	15,426
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	12,176	8,192
ServiceLink contacts		940

COST PER UNIT OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY 2002	FY 2003
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 5.70	\$ 6.10
Transportation (Trips)	\$ 10.93	\$10.57
Adult Day Service	\$ 3.11	\$ 6.11
Social Services	\$17.57	\$21.88

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC
Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services -- Report to the Town of Piermont

The Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net – with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Piermont to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

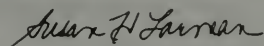
- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants who require hi-tech health care; and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

The VNA provided the following services this past year: (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

Skilled Nursing	183	<i>Family Support Services</i>	
Physical Therapy	65	Families served	1
Speech Therapy	11	Individuals served	4
Occupational Therapy	11	Fatherhood Program, Dads served	1
Medical Social Worker	8		
Home Health Aide	270		
Total Visits	548	<i>WIC (Women, Infants and Children)</i>	
		Number of Clients	9
		Clinic Visits	48
 <i>Orange County Parent Child Center</i>			
Families	1		
Children	4		
 <i>MCH</i>			
Children	5		
Home Visits	21		

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH, Inc.
 46 S. Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001



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*Executive Councilor
District One*

Report to the People of District One By Ray Burton, Executive Councilor

It is a pleasure to report to you now in my 25th year of serving the 98 towns, 4 cities and Coos, Carroll, Grafton, Sullivan and Belknap counties of New Hampshire. All together there are 249, 000 people who I consider my customers, clients and constituents. It has always been a pleasure to respond, as my duties within the Executive Branch of your state government mandate, to inquiries for information, relief and assistance as provided in NH state law and budget. It is an honor to serve you as a public servant.

Below are listed several documents that are available to citizens and I find them to be a valuable NH resource.

The 2003-2004 state telephone directory of state departments and personnel. This 180 page directory includes TDD access numbers, office information, coordinators, map of location of state buildings, legislative listings, judicial branch listings, department listings, personnel listing and a topical listing. This is available for a cost of \$6.00 plus \$2.50 postage. Make checks payable to the State of New Hampshire, or order on line at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/visitorcenter. The entire directory is available at <http://www.state.nh.us/government/agencies.html>

The 2003-04 NH County Directory of all NH County officials is free and available by calling (603) 224-9222. This is also on the web at www.nhcounties.org

Also available at no cost from the Secretary of State Office at 271-3242 or at elections@sos.state.nh.us, or mail at Secretary of State, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301 are the following publications:

- The NH Election Procedural Manual for 2004-2005
- The NH Election Laws for 2004-2005
- The NH Political calendar for 2004-2005

The duties of the NH Executive Council, The NH Tour Guide book, the official tourist map and the NH Constitution are always available from my office at 271-3632 or 747-3662 or ray.burton4@gte.net

As long as I'm around as one of your elected officials never ever feel you are alone in your hour of need. Contact me anytime!

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford, Whitefield

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charles town, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tiltonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro.

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Livermore, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

2003 REPORT OF UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION—GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants. Educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on-site visits, seminars and conferences, and up-to-date web sites. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keeps up-to-date on the latest research and information, and works collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

A professional staff of seven educators works out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. Two additional staff members work in Plymouth and Littleton to provide educational programs for limited-resource families. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with Extension programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN GRAFTON COUNTY, FY03:

- To strengthen NH's Communities: Community Profiles; Community Conservation Assistance Program; Preserving Rural Character through Agriculture; Urban and Community Forestry; Community Youth Development; and Volunteer Training.
- To strengthen NH's Family and Youth: After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H Youth Development; Family Lifeskills Program; 4-H Camps; Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; and Volunteer Leader Training Programs.
- To sustain NH's Natural Resources: Dairy Management; Agroecology; Forest Industry Assistance; Forest Resources Stewardship Program; Fruit Production and Management; GIS Training; Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Plant Health Diagnostic Laboratory; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Program; Water Quality/Nutrient management Programs and Agricultural Business Management.

Extension Staff: Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy; Deborah Maes, Family Development; Northam Parr, Forestry & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP Program, and Jean Conklin, Agricultural Resources. Educators are supported by Donna Mitton, Kristina Vaughan and Sharon Youngman.

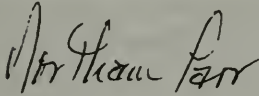
Extension Advisory Council: Mike Dannehey of Woodsville; Shelia Fabrizio of North Haverhill; James Kinder of Haverhill; David Keith of North Haverhill; Shaun Lagueux of Bristol; Jane O'Donnell of Littleton; Cindy Putnam of Piermont; Debby Robie of Bath; Carol Ronci of Franconia, Denis Ward of Monroe. Teen Members include: Tosona Melanson of Dorchester; Molly Roy of Bath and Justine Morris of Haverhill.

Extension Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Phone: 603-787-6944 **Fax:** 603-787-2009
Email: ce.grafton@unh.edu
Mailing Address: 3785 DCH, Box 8, North Haverhill, NH 03774-4936
Web Site: <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>

Extension programs and policies are nondiscriminatory with regard to age, color, handicap, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and veterans's status.

Respectfully submitted,



Northam D Parr, County Office Administrator



Cohase Connection

Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce

2003 Annual Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Bailey

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Tim Copeland

Keith Darby

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Scott Jacob

Judy Jowell

Richard Pollock

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Karen Whalen

Lynn Wheeler

Chamber Office
802-222-5631 or
1-866-LCOHASE

Web Site
www.cohase.org

The 2004 Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, January 29, at 6:00 PM at the Horse Meadow Senior Center. Refreshments will be served followed by the business meeting and election of directors. All members are urged to attend.

2003 has been a busy year for your Chamber. Following are some of the highlights:

Membership

At the end of the year membership is at an all time high of 109 members.

Business After Hours

During the year we had BAH events at Catamount Quilt Shoppee, Copelands, Seams Sew Easy, Dress Depot and Hubert's. BAH is a great opportunity to visit a business and meet informally with other Chamber members. Let us know if you would like to have BAH at your business.

Lower Cohase Area Map & Guide

We are working on a new Map and guide, to be published in the spring of '04. If you want your business on the map, send in the enclosed application with your dues now.

Web Site

www.cohase.org continues to grow, with new businesses added and more information for tourists. Check it out and use it to market your business. Use the Community Calendar for promoting events of your business and other organizations to which you belong.

Farmers Market

The Lower Cohase Farmers Market has continued this year, but has struggled with low numbers of vendors and customers. Help us find some new vendors to keep the market going.

Blues & BBQ

The First Annual Whole Hog Festival was a huge success, with 1000 people attending, a good time for everyone and a profit for the Chamber.

We're already planning for next year's festival on September 18, 2004.



REPORT OF THE WOODSVILLE/WELLS RIVER FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and it is time again for my annual report from the Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee. As always I must say that it has been a good year for this committee and for the celebration that we so enjoy putting together.

The past year saw several changes from years gone by. The most major change this past year was found at the very beginning of the day. With the closing of the Davidson Industries (formerly Newman Lumber) property our committee was forced to find a new location to set up our grand parade. With the consent of the Woodsville Elementary School and the cooperation of homeowners and businesses in the area, Parade Chairman Steve Strout and his crew were able to line up this very grand parade and still were able to step off at the appointed hour with very little notice to the thousands of parade watchers.

The Fourth of July Committee took the lead on the building of a new office/storage facility on the Community Field. With the consent of the Precinct Commissioners and the financial help of generous donators and much labor from N.F.P. Construction of Woodsville, the building is up. There is still finish work to be done, and contributions are still greatly appreciated. We plan to have the final touches done in time for the 2004 celebration.

The 2003 celebration saw Bingo added to the list of activities on the field. With the help of caller David Victor and the contribution of prizes from Betty Ward, Margaret Hunt, Janice Parkington (Cheap Kids II) and others, this new project brought in some additional and much needed money to our fund raising efforts.

On a much sadder note I feel that it is only appropriate at this time to mention the passing of one of the former Presidents of the Fourth of July Committee. Paul Mayette passed away during 2003. He headed this group for several years and saw the celebration grow and prosper. We will all miss Paul and hope to keep the tradition of this celebration strong and prosperous as Paul helped it to become.

In closing I should also thank all of the volunteers who make this annual event happen. And would like to mention that we are more than just a Woodsville/Wells River Organization. In fact we have officers from Woodsville, Monroe and Barnet, volunteers from Bath, Wells River, Bradford, Mt. Lakes, Ryegate, Littleton and more. So wherever you live feel free to join us in continuing this celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Scruton, President
Woodsville/Wells River
Fourth of July Committee



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January 9, 2004

Board of Selectmen
Town of Piermont
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Members of the Board:

It has been another very exciting year at Cottage Hospital. Over the past year we have seen growth in many areas of the hospital, including our Obstetrics department, and we welcomed three new providers to the area.

In general, the year was something of a turn-around year as the full impact of Critical Access revenues was felt as well as slight volume increases. We were incredibly fortunate to achieve Critical Access designation, which has turned the hospital's position to a positive bottom line for the second year in a row for 2002-2003.

At Cottage Hospital we are all very proud of the personal care that we are able to give to our patients. Time and time again, we hear about the outstanding care that patients and family members have received while with us.

We know our communities are supportive of our institution, and we are extremely grateful for the financial support that our area towns have provided over the years. Although funds are always needed and welcomed at Cottage Hospital, we know there are many worthy organizations also asking for money this year. Therefore, the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees has decided NOT to ask the town of Piermont for financial support for the tenth consecutive year.

We thank you for your continued support and pledge to continue to do our best to provide you with the best healthcare possible.

We will appreciate your including this message in your 2003 Annual Report, and we will forward our 2003 Annual Report to you as soon as it is available. Best wishes for a healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Reginald J. Lavoie
Administrator

"A Critical Access Hospital"

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2002 to JUNE 30, 2003

ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Glen Meder - Chair
Vernon Jones
Lisa Knapton

Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2006

MODERATOR

Arnold Shields

CLERK

Linda Lambert

HEALTH OFFICER

Alex Medicott

TREASURER

Frederick Shipman

AUDITORS

Plodzik & Sanderson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Howard R. Goodrow, Interim

2002-2003 STAFF

Russell Collins - Interim Principal
Eileen Dohrman - Kindergarten
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2
Kathryn Marshall - Grades 3-4
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6
Lydia Hill - Math/Language Arts
Paul Munn - Math
Paula Poirier - Art Education
Sue Stillman/Allison Uresky - Music
Eileen Dohrman - Title One/Reading Recovery
Debbie Walker - Special Education Teacher
Kenneth Marier - Physical Education/Health Education
Pam Hartley - Instructional Assistant
Ben Gitchel - Instructional Assistant
Elena VanZandt - Guidance
Marcy Hill - Teacher of the Deaf
Moira Debois - School Psychologist
Linda Hauber - Speech/Language Pathologist
Maureen Byrne - Librarian
Kathy Barth - School Nurse
Cindy Jackson - School Secretary
Ron Hartley/Jim Raper - Custodian
Linda Lea - Lunch Director

**PIERMONT
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 18, 2003
MINUTES**

Pursuant to the Warrant, the Annual School District Meeting took place at the Piermont Village School in Piermont on the 18th day of March 2003.

Moderator, Arnold Shields, called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Present were citizens of the community, School Board members, Lisa Knapton, Glen Meder and Vernon Jones, Interim Principal, Russell Collins, and Patricia Amsden, SAU #23 Finance Manager. Mr. Shields led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, introduced the School Board and the Administration and stated that the Tellers for the meeting would be Fred Shipman and Don Smith.

The Moderator reminded the audience that if their name was not on the checklist they could not vote this evening. The method of voting would be voice vote, show of hands, and by division of the house. The Moderator informed the public that per himself and Lisa Knapton, School Board Chair, there were no items on the warrant that legally required a ballot vote.

The oath was administered to Lisa Knapton (School Board), Fred Shipman (Treasurer), and Arnold Shields (Moderator), per results of the election.

Fred Shipman motioned to dispense with the reading of the warrant. Motion was seconded by Nancy Sandell. No discussion. Passed by voice vote.

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

Moderator stated if there were no objections he would proceed to Article II. There were no objections.

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. (The school board recommends: \$1,254,933.00)

Helga Mueller motioned to accept the figure of \$1,254,933.00. Motion was seconded by Fred Shipman. No discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003. (The school board does not recommend this article.)

Helga Mueller motioned to accept, seconded by George Smith. Discussion followed as to tax impact and reason the school board did not recommend. Article failed by show of hands vote (13 ayes, 16 nays).

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Building Maintenance Expendable Trust, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003. (The school board does not recommend this article.)

Motion by George Smith, seconded by Don Smith. Discussion followed concerning proper name of the fund. Motion to amend the Article to read "Building Emergency Repairs Expendable Trust". Motion was seconded by Bill Morris. No discussion. Motion to amend Article 4 passed by voice vote.

George Smith moved to return to Article 4 as amended, seconded by Nancy Sandell.

No further discussion. Moderator asked for vote on Article 4 as amended. Article failed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building Capital Reserve Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003. (The school board does not recommend this article.)

Motion by Don Smith, seconded by George Smith. No discussion. Article failed by show of hands vote (12 ayes 16 nays).

ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Technology Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003. (The school board does not recommend this article.)

Motion by George Smith, seconded by Kelly Fitzpatrick. Mr. Smith asked what the current balance was in this trust. Lisa Knapton replied \$10,080.70. No further discussion. Article failed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Tuition Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2003. (The school board does not recommend this article.)

Motion by Jean Daley, seconded by Helga Mueller. Discussion took place concerning the dollar amount in the Article. Jean Daley noted that \$30,000 dollars is tuition for only three children for one year. George Smith motioned to amend the Article to read "up to \$45,000 dollars". Seconded by Jean Daley. Fred Shipman noted that no matter what is voted on it is still up to the Board if they want to put money into the fund. Moderator asked for vote on the amendment. Amendment failed by voice vote. Moderator asked for vote on original Article. Article passed by show of hands vote (22 ayes 10 nays).

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will agree to re-institute annual compensation for School Board Members based on a stipend of \$1000 per year per member, and to appropriate the funds necessary for this purpose. This will take effect with members elected at the election of March 11, 2003, and remain in effect until such time that the voters desire a change. (This is a petition article)

Motion by Fred Shipman, seconded by George Smith. Discussion as to why stipend was discontinued. Fred Shipman noted that several years ago due to a high budget the Board had cut their salary. Shipman stated it was time to recognize our volunteers. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the district will vote in accordance with Chapter 101 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated as amended, to exclude from Social Security and Medicare coverage the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) effective the calendar year beginning January 1, 2003. (The school board recommends this article.)

Motion by Jean Daley, seconded by Ernie Hartley. Discussion as to reason for the Article. Pat Amsden noted it was just a bookkeeping item for ballot clerks as they make so little money it is not reasonable to take out taxes. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets;

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose any and all unfunded and under-funded federal educational mandates, including but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws.

Motion by Don Smith, seconded by Wanda Kivela. No discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Will Priestly stated there had been some interest in building a solar electric system for the school and asked if there were any volunteers to take care of the paperwork and grant writing. The Moderator informed the public to see Mr. Priestly after the meeting if they were interested.

Helga Mueller asked the status of the proposed addition to the school. Lisa Knapton stated a Building Committee had been established with Fred Shipman as Chair. Fred stated there had been no meetings so far. A needs analysis should be done first.

As there was no further business, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Smith
Recording Secretary

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004 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 Old Church Building in said district on the 9th day of March 2004, polls to be open for election of officers at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member for a term of three years expiring in 2007.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this _____ day of February 2004.

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Lisa Knapton

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004 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 on the 16th day of March 2004, action on the Articles in this Warrant to be taken commencing at 7:30 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 what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. (The school board recommends: \$1,331,751.00)

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ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this _____ day of February 2004.

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Lisa Knapton

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant--Attest:

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Lisa Knapton

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

I certify that on the _____ day of _____ 2004, I posted a copy of the written warrant attested by the School Board of said District at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at _____ being a public place in said District.

Signature

State of New Hampshire

County of Grafton ss

_____, 2004

Personally appeared the said

_____ and made oath the above certificate is true.

Before me _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am pleased to write this my first report to you as Superintendent of Schools for SAU #23. I hope over the next few years during my time in this position I will be able to provide leadership through stability, hard work and a sense of direction for the education of the children of each school district.

This being said I want the town to know where I feel we should be headed by listing my goals as submitted to each school board in September 2003. These goals are not listed in any particular order.

1. To begin meetings to make changes to the Master Plan for Professional Development.
2. To have the entire SAU working together on the development and implementing of a writing program for all students.
3. To use staff development time to have all teachers compare student work and talk about curriculum and assessment.
4. To begin the process of a bussing plan for all students within the SAU.
5. To begin a School Improvement Plan for each school in the SAU.
6. To begin a Master Degree Program in curriculum and instruction within the SAU.
7. To open and successfully run the King Street School Program.
8. To pass reasonable budgets in 2004 in order to support schools in each district.

Besides the aforementioned goals, there are a few more things that we are trying to achieve this first year as we develop a routine of how the education in each school district will get better. I am trying to maintain a schedule that keeps me visible in all districts, especially for the key decisions that take place. I will participate in interviewing and hiring every person who works in any capacity within each school district in the SAU. In addition, I will encourage the employees to make reasonable decisions about our schools in the context of what is best for our children at all times.

We expect to have a Master's Degree Program in the SAU starting in February 2004. After a year and a half of working with Lesley University in Massachusetts we will be offering a program in the subject area of Literacy: Language, Reading and Writing. This will be a 33-credit Master's Program and will be held in Haverhill.

We opened the King Street School in August 2003; this is an alternative school program to help us do a better job educating students who are at times difficult to work with in grades 9-12. We hope this will help to keep these students in school while controlling the costs to each district.

In addition, we began a program to improve our students' writing skills in all grades. This effort will continue until all of our personnel are trained and we have a system in place that will promote better writing skills in our students over time.

We have a Gifted and Talented Committee in place with the SAU and we are meeting to plan a series of steps to try to better identify and plan for our gifted students. This work will continue to move forward until the plan is fully developed in 2004-05.

I hope to be effective in lobbying for resources on behalf of the districts. The theme in the legislature has been to try to cut away state money given in the last few years to the school districts. As you can imagine, this has been very difficult to deal with. I will continue to speak out for additional funding from the State and Federal Government for our districts. I encourage you as taxpayers to do the same.

I am extremely grateful to the members of the SAU #23 School Board for electing me to this challenging position and I look forward to serving you as Superintendent in the future. I am indeed thankful of your trust in me and for the people I am privileged to work with everyday in the Central Office and in the schools. I will work each day in the interest of the public I serve, especially our students, and it is my sincere hope to improve our school system each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to submit the 2003 Piermont Village School report to you, the members of the Piermont community. I am writing to you in a new capacity; as of July, I moved from my teaching position to that of principal. This position actually gives me a broadened perspective of the positive things happening in our school.

We are constantly focused on improving teaching and learning in our building. This year we are focusing particularly on writing since our SAU has taken on a writing initiative. We have been working with a consultant, Geri Williams, on specific strategies for improving and assessing writing in the classrooms. Moreover, while we continue to work on improving, we also take notice that in general Piermont students do very well when they move on to high school.

Piermont Village School claims traditions as part of its culture. We look at our traditions as opportunities for our whole school community to come together to enjoy or celebrate. We hope these activities will be motivational, memorable, positive learning experiences for our students. In the last year, we have enjoyed a number of traditions.

In February, students participated in the bi-annual Science Fair. The focus was on exploring science through the scientific method. Our annual play last year was a rendition of *Alice Through the Looking Glass*. This was the second Piermont production of this classic tale. The potato picnic, which originated in Mrs. Bianchi's second grade class, has now become an all school activity that everyone looks forward to. Piermont students traditionally enjoy two field days a year, one in the fall and one at the end of the year, where multi-age teams of students attack various challenges. This fall brought another opportunity for everyone to carve pumpkins for the Metcalf Farm pumpkin lighting. This winter we had a new activity that will probably become a tradition; students participated in "Holiday Customs Around the World", where multi-age groups spent a day experiencing holiday customs from six different countries. We have been lucky to have the ELF natural science program continue this year in grades K-6. The theme of the program this year is Earth and Sky.

Last April saw the 7th and 8th graders and seven parents off on the bi-annual pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. The present 6th and 7th graders are already looking forward to their trip next year. The planning, working together, preparing academically, and the trip itself all make for an incredible educational experience for our students.

The end of each term brings recognition for students who make the honor roll. Teachers cook and serve breakfast to all students who maintain outstanding grades in academics and in citizenship. At the end of last school year, staff cooked and served dinner to students who made the honor roll all three terms and to their proud parents. This is a coveted invitation.

Last winter we held our annual Geography Bee and Spelling Bee. Ian Cleaves won the Geography Bee, passed a qualifying test, and went on to the regional competition. The winner of the spelling bee was Paul Alicea; runner up Keith Ratel represented us at the regional Spelling Bee and did very well.

There are lots of sport activities involving Piermont students. Soccer season sprouted two co-ed teams this fall. Kate Cook coached the 7th & 8th grade team. Jeff Huntington coached the 4th - 6th grade team. Last winter over 50 children, pre-school through 8th grade, participated in the ski program and snowboard program. Glen Meder organized this program, which requires help from many adults in order to be successful. Piermont sponsored three basketball teams this year, a 4th - 6th grade boys team coached by Jeff Huntington, a 4th - 6th grade girls team coached by Piermont alumni Heather Winot, and a 7th & 8th grade boys team coached by Brian Garrigan. There were not enough girls for a 7th & 8th grade team, but Haverhill Middle School graciously allowed interested Piermont students to join their team for the season. Pam Hartley organized a potluck sports banquet last June for athletes and their families, at which all athletes received recognition for their participation.

As always, eighth grade graduation was an impressive occasion, which evoked feelings of pride in these youngsters as well as a sense of loss as long-term members of our school community moved on to area high schools. We sent eight 8th graders on to high school this year. There are a total of 32 Piermont students in area high schools.

Staff changes this fall included a new 5th/6th grade teacher, Erin Chesters, a new special education teacher, Susan Lapierre, and new school nurse, Kathleen Ford. We currently have 87 students at the elementary school.

From my unique vantage point, I see how hard the staff at PVS is working to create a rich and motivating learning environment for our students. I also recognize how much we benefit from the support of parents and community members. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sandell, Principal

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Honor Roll Third Marking Period 2002-2003

Grade Five

Courtland Hanley
Alex Kivela*
Thomas White

Grade Six

Corey Langley*
Anthony Mazzilli*
Jennifer Noyes*
Jesse Oakes
Joshuah Short

Grade Seven

Ian Cleaves*
Jonathan Cook*
Brendan Grant*
Drew Jones*
Samantha Olsen
Sarah Priestley
Faith Putnam*
Keith Ratel*

Grade Eight

Krystal Hessberger*
Adam Hill*
Shannon Labs*
Jonathan Oakes*

*Indicates students who were on the honor roll all three marking periods.

In order to be named to the honor roll a student must be in grades five through eight and receive A's and B's in all subject areas, social adjustment and work habits.

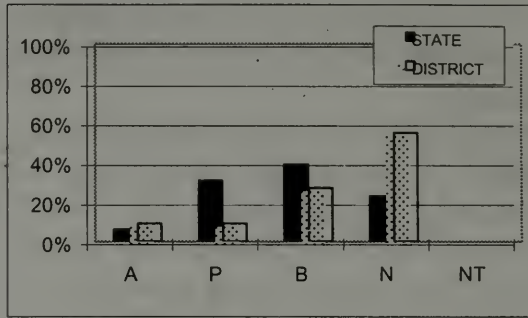
SCHOLARSHIPS

Erin Dunbar
Emilia Medlicott
Marinda Morgan
Bryan Nadeau
Hanna Nadeau

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES**

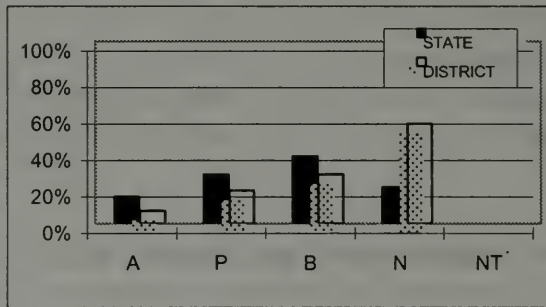
Language Arts

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	6%	9%
Proficient	P	31%	9%
Basic	B	39%	27%
Novice	N	23%	55%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



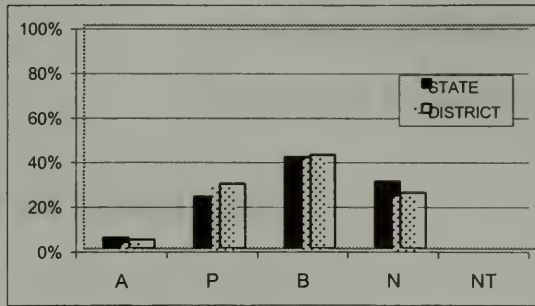
Mathematics

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	15%	7%
Proficient	P	27%	18%
Basic	B	37%	27%
Novice	N	20%	55%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



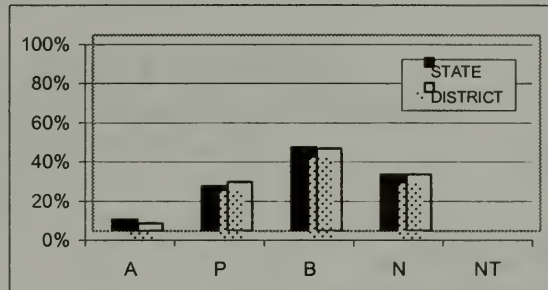
**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SIXTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES
Cumulative 3 yr. Average
Language Arts**

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	5%	4%
Proficient	P	23%	29%
Basic	B	41%	42%
Novice	N	30%	25%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



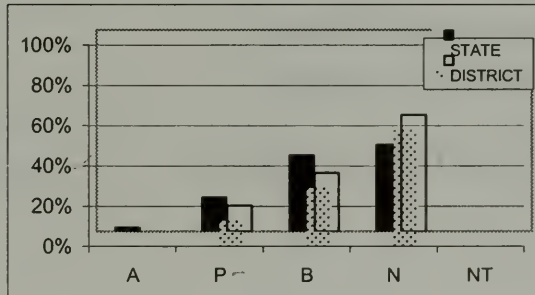
Mathematics

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	6%	4%
Proficient	P	23%	25%
Basic	B	43%	42%
Novice	N	29%	29%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



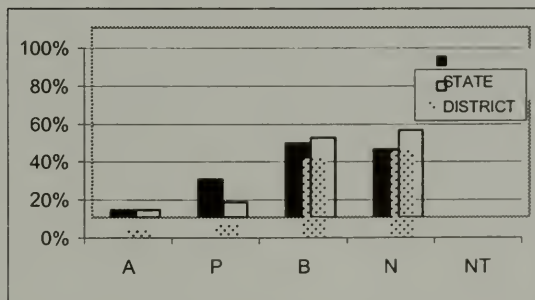
Science

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	2%	0%
Proficient	P	17%	13%
Basic	B	38%	29%
Novice	N	43%	58%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



Social Studies

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	4%	4%
Proficient	P	20%	8%
Basic	B	39%	42%
Novice	N	36%	46%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%



This provides aggregated results for the three most recent years of testing (2001, 2002, 2003).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
2002-2003**

Number of Pupils registered during the year	93
Average Daily Membership	78.5
Percentage of Attendance	96%

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	14	16	13	10	8	7	12	5	8	93

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS
(December 2003)**

CT. River Valley	1	3%
Haverhill Cooperative	18	52%
Oxbow	7	21%
Hanover	5	15%
SAU Alternative Schools	2	6%
St. Johnsbury Academy	1	3%
TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS	34	100%

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

6/30/2003

Balance Sheet - General Fund

Assets

Cash	\$63,094
Investments	

Receivables

Accounts	2,028
Intergovernmental	10,311
Interfund	1,761
Prepaid Items	11,170

TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$88,364
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$10,457
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	3,105
Interfund Payable	
Deferred Revenues	
Reimbursement Anticipation Note Payable	

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$13,562
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Equity

Fund Balances

Reserved for Encumbrances	\$12,647
Reserved for Special Purposes	30,000
Unreserved	<u>32,155</u>

TOTAL EQUITY	\$74,802
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$88,364
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**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
For The
Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003**

SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 2002:	\$ 147,067.32
Add 2002-03 receipts	1,147,498.62
Less 2002-03 School Board orders	<u>1,231,472.00</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2003:	\$ 63,093.94

(Ending balance includes money market accounts)

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2004	40,000	21,600	61,600
2005	40,000	18,900	58,900
2006	40,000	16,200	56,200
2007	40,000	13,500	53,500
2008	40,000	10,800	50,800
2009	40,000	8,100	48,100
2010	40,000	5,400	45,400
2011	40,000	2,700	42,700
TOTALS	320,000	97,200	417,200

Audit Report

The Piermont School District has been audited by the Plodzick & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office at the James R. Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill, NH.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/03		\$10,390.47
Scholarships Awarded		(\$358.99)
Interest Earned		
Woodsville Guaranty		
Savings Bank CD 704846	264.81	
Woodsville Guaranty		
Savings Bank PB 30879	<u>3.96</u>	
	TOTAL	\$268.77
		\$268.77
 New Fund Donations:		
		<u>\$00.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03		\$10,300.25

SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EMERGENCY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	\$39,016.28
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	346.54
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	\$39,362.82

SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	\$43,792.48
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	388.92
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	\$44,181.40

SCHOOL BUILDINGS EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	\$39,016.28
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	346.54
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	\$39,362.82

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	\$10,140.28
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	90.06
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	\$10,230.34

SCHOOL TUITION EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/03	\$30,132.27
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	338.43
Shares Purchased	30,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/03	\$60,470.70

SCHOOL FUND FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gains Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount, Market Value or Year End Balance
Fidelity Cash Reserves	34.49	0.00	3,719.20	3,713.20
Fidelity Puritan Fund	2,175.22	870.82	2,940.51	54,311.18
Seligman Fund	60.04	0.00	2,001.39	20,854.53
Totals	\$ 2,269.75	\$ 870.82		\$ 78,878.91

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005		
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>revised MS24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>	
FUND 1					
770	Beginning Fund Balance	141,884	32,155	40,000	7,845
<u>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</u>					
1121	Current Appropriation	454,600	572,463	689,521	117,058
1510	Interest on Investments	1,653	1,600	1,600	-
1511	Trust Fund Interest	1,390	1,300	1,300	-
1980	Refund from prior year	-	-	1,023	1,023
1990	Miscellaneous	2,253	2,200	1,900	(300)
<u>3000 Revenues From State Sources</u>					
3111	State Adequacy Grant	255,156	276,838	329,893	53,055
3112	State Adequacy Tax	251,503	239,075	141,311	(97,764)
3210	School Building Aid	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
3230	Catastrophic Aid	34,094	14,160	10,000	(4,160)
3241	Vocational Tuition	22,399	7,642	8,142	500
3242	Transportation	265	142	-	(142)
<u>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</u>					
4580	Medicaid	33,097	33,000	33,000	-
4810	National Forest Reserve	729	652	652	-
TOTAL FUND 1 REVENUES		1,069,139	1,161,072	1,230,342	69,270
FUND 2 GRANTS					
4521	Title One/REAP	13,804	17,033	26,936	9,903
4536	Title Two	6,218	13,763		(13,763)
4536	Other	1,561	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND 2		21,583	30,796	26,936	(3,860)
FUND 4 FOOD SERVICE					
1600	Food Service Sales	12,867	13,500	13,000	(500)
3260	State Reimbursement	552	400	569	169
4460	Federal Reimbursement	9,023	7,000	9,294	2,294
5221	Transfer from General Fund*	7,283	10,010	11,611	1,601
TOTAL FUND 4		29,725	30,910	34,473	3,563
	Transfer to Trusts	50,000	30,000	-	(30,000)
TOTAL		1,312,331	1,284,933	1,331,751	46,818

SCHOOL TAX RATE PER \$1,000

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>		
	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>actual</u>
Local Education Tax	10.20	12.60	15.18	2.58	45,419
State Education Tax	5.87	5.47	3.23	(2.24)	43,704
TOTAL	16.07	18.07	18.41	0.34	

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET 2004 - 2005

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES</u>	<u>CURRENT YEAR BUDGET</u>	<u>NEXT YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	<u>CURRENT VS. PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
FUND 01 GENERAL FUND				
110 PROFESSIONAL SALARIES:	319,394	350,206	332,880	(17,326)
111 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY:	1,478	1,055	4,430	3,375
112 SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES:	77,766	93,002	92,189	(813)
113 SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES:	1,702	1,700	1,700	-
120 SUBSTITUTES:	2,916	4,810	4,935	125
122 CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES:	-	1,700	1,700	-
211 HEALTH INS:	22,945	39,563	50,533	10,970
213 LIFE INSURANCE:	230	246	258	12
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE:	960	1,244	1,139	(105)
220 FICA:	30,452	34,572	33,498	(1,074)
231 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT:	2,676	4,576	4,502	(74)
232 PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT:	6,715	10,363	10,009	(354)
240 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:	5,108	9,700	10,200	500
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.:	80	316	301	(15)
260 WORKERS' COMP:	510	979	947	(32)
290 ANNUITIES:	4,615	3,575	2,600	(975)
310 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES:	43,657	48,155	44,989	(3,166)
320 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE:	28,591	34,612	45,084	10,472
330 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	19,491	22,924	32,598	9,674
340 TEST SCORING:	162	250	250	-
411 WATER & SEWAGE:	4,881	4,500	5,000	500
421 RUBBISH REMOVAL:	1,111	1,350	1,100	(250)
422 SNOW REMOVAL:	1,115	1,500	1,300	(200)
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.:	17,745	6,400	7,000	600
432 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS:	1,937	2,495	1,013	(1,482)
440 RENTALS:	1,949	1,650	2,671	1,021
490 SECURITY:	545	550	550	-
510 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION:	38,177	41,386	42,202	816
520 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE:	4,501	3,800	3,850	50

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES</u>	<u>CURRENT YEAR BUDGET</u>	<u>NEXT YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	<u>CURRENT VS. PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	
531 TELEPHONE:	2,222	2,628	2,220	(408)	
532 DATA COMMUNICATIONS:	2,547	2,820	3,041	221	
534 POSTAGE:	779	1,135	1,100	(35)	
540 ADVERTISING:	1,947	975	1,120	145	
550 PRINTING:	739	1,250	1,050	(200)	
561 TUITION/IN-STATE LEA:	158,854	213,636	253,232	39,596	
562 TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA:	156,411	116,411	119,904	3,493	
564 TUITION - PRIVATE	16,076	600	20,025	19,425	
580 TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD:	790	775	1,170	395	
610 SUPPLIES:	13,352	13,586	19,272	5,686	
611 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	-	-	1,500	1,500	
622 ELECTRICITY:	9,581	9,800	9,800	-	
623 PROPANE:	7,116	8,000	8,500	500	
640 BOOKS	5,330	8,615	5,830	(2,785)	
650 SOFTWARE:	861	700	2,450	1,750	
733 ADDITIONAL FURNITURE:	2,135	1,050	300	(750)	
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:	2,483	2,745	1,227	(1,518)	
737 REPLACEMENT FURNITURE:	100	3,000	1,750	(1,250)	
738 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT:	1,027	350	1,950	1,600	
810 DUES/FEES:	3,504	4,145	4,860	715	
830 INTEREST:	24,300	21,600	18,900	(2,700)	
890 MISC.:	34	100	100	-	
910 PRINCIPAL:	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	
930 FUND TRANSFERS:	57,283	40,012	11,613	(28,399)	
no \$30,000 transfer to trust funds; Lunch transfer increases \$1,600					
TOTALS- FUND 01 GENERAL FUND:	1,148,881	1,221,112	1,270,342	49,230	4%
FUND 02 - GRANTS					
TOTALS- FUND 02 GRANTS	21,621	30,796	26,936	(3,860)	
FUND 04 FOOD SERVICE					
112 SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES:	13,897	15,074	15,379	305	
120 SUBSTITUTES:	335	500	500	-	
213 LIFE INSURANCE:	17	17	19	2	
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE:	40	44	45	1	
220 FICA:	1,089	1,191	1,214	23	
231 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT:	567	889	907	18	

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES</u>	<u>CURRENT YEAR BUDGET</u>	<u>NEXT YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	<u>CURRENT VS. PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
240 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:	-	55	150	95
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.:	3	17	17	-
260 WORKERS' COMP:	18	110	112	2
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.:	-	900	1,000	100
580 TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD:	-	-	100	100
610 SUPPLIES:	609	1,000	1,000	-
630 FOOD FOR LUNCH PROGRAM:	13,221	13,000	13,000	-
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:	-	200	-	(200)
738 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT:	-	-	1,000	1,000
810 DUES/FEES:	28	28	30	2
TOTALS- FUND 04 FOOD SERVICE:	29,823	33,025	34,473	1,448
TOTAL BUDGET	1,200,325	1,284,933	1,331,751	46,818
		Additional warrant articles 3 - 7 total:	50,000	
TOTAL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES		1,284,933	1,381,751	96,818

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a**

		<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200	Special Programs	121,790	142,965
1430	Summer School	963	2,505
2150	Speech and Audiology	6,067	7,377
2162	Physical Therapy	1,025	72
2163	Occupational Therapy	3,825	4,070
2722	Special Transportation	3,700	-
Total Special Education Expenses		137,370	156,989
 <u>Special Education Revenue</u>			
3110	Adequacy Funding SPED portion	62,776	65,889
3240	Catastrophic Aid	34,544	34,094
4580	Medicaid	2,594	33,098
Total Special Education Revenue		99,914	133,081
 Difference		 (37,456)	 (23,908)
 IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds			
Part A - Preschool		523	523
<small>(Combined with other districts to fund SAU 23 preschool paid for through SAU 23)</small>			
Part B - Special Education		13,556	16,018
<small>(Combined to provide SAU-wide psychological services paid for through SAU 23)</small>			

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

One half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts 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 2003-2004 school year, will receive a salary of \$78,000. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator position at SAU #23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$8,790	11.27%
Benton	\$1,927	2.47%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$51,800	66.41%
Piermont	\$8,424	10.80%
Warren	\$7,059	9.05%
TOTAL	\$78,000	100%

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY 2004-2005

DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
	APPROVED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	75,860	94,668	136,648
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	174,121	171,607	175,735
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM ADDED** (funded by tuition)	6,755	6,884	128,342
1435 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	18,740	18,103	7,076
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	94,432	102,088	18,896
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	2,992	5,828	113,668
2159 SPEECH SUMMER SCHOOL	1,485	1,635	6,155
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	2,438	2,284	1,635
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,750	3,045	2,284
2317 AUDIT	500	500	3,350
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	309,046	320,705	500
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT			334,850
Salaries and benefits for 6 staff			14,145
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	107,169	121,090	126,736
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	3,100	2,400	5,646
2620 BUILDING RENT	20,000	20,000	(400)
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	9,412	8,737	20,000
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT			3,780
2820 NETWORK	1,200	1,212	675
Financial accounting software/network upgraded to WINDOWS			17,439
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	500	1,000	500
TOTAL FUND 1 PROPOSED BUDGET	830,500	881,786	1,100,269
IDEA GRANTS	145,000	192,611	236,031
TOTAL BUDGET	975,500	1,074,397	1,336,300
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COSTS	446,851	445,877	445,877
			261,903
			218,483
			43,420
			(500)

The district shares remain the same, even though expenses increased, due to tuition revenues.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET

PROJECTED REVENUES

2004 - 2005

LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT

1320	Tuition - French Pond	\$184,113
1321	Tuition - King Street School	\$131,325
1325	Tuition -French Pond Summer School	\$8,400
1950	Itinerants	\$155,544
1951	Speech/ Language	\$119,823
1510	Interest	\$500
5000	Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	\$5,000
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$49,687</u>
	Total Other Revenue Fund I	\$654,392
1111	DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	\$445,877
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 1	\$1,100,269
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 2 - GRANTS	<u>236,031</u>
	TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS	\$1,336,300

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