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PLAISTOW 1976



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IN MEMORIAM

Library Tr., Cemetery Tr., Selectman, Auditor, & Fire Dept.

PAUL D. PALMER

Police Chiefs

FRANK ESTEY & JOHN PHILBRICK

Industrial Commission

DANIEL HEALEY

Tax Collector

EVA B. COOK

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Clifton E. Cook
Representatives to the General Court	Leonard Sanborn Annie Mae Schwaner K. Michael Tavitian Robert Vlack
Supervisors of the Check List	Mahlon T. Keezer Marlene Todd Gladys A. B. Tozier
Selectmen	Thomas H. Cullen, Chairman Norman L. Major LeRoy S. Dube
Treasurer	Ruth E. Jenne
Collector of Taxes	Stanley T. Herrick
Town Clerk	Helen A. Hart
Trustees of the Public Library	Barbara N. Baratt, Chairman Robert H. Rochussen, Vice Chairman Asst. Treas. Barbara Nichols, Secretary David Dana, Treasurer Ruth C. Cook Nils Persson
Highway Agent	Carlton Johnson
Auditors	Robert A. Chooljian John D. Fitzgerald
Fire Engineers	T. Richard Latham, Chief John D. Fitzgerald Robert A. Chooljian Gene Brown Donald Petzold
Constable	Alexander Brown, Jr.

Cemetery Trustees	Catherine L. Foster, Clerk Dennis Cronin Craig Morse
Budget Committee	Irving S. Gilman, Chairman George Nott, Vice-Chairman Eleanor Sargent, Secretary Rosemarie L. Bayek Norbert Gauron Pauline H. Keezer Michael McPherson John Merrill Garold Morse John A. Palmer William Sculley Joyce Wright LeRoy S. Dube, Selectman

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Administrative Assistant	Robert Casazza-----*
Attorney	James F. Fleming-----*
Board of Adjustments	Donald E. Wood, Chm.-----1977 John D. Fitzgerald, V. Chm.-----1980 John E. Hansbury, Clerk-----1978 Emile Langlois-----1977 George W. Colby, Jr.-----1979
Alternates on the Board of Adjustments	Neil Walker-----* John A. Palmer-----* Robert R. Rivard-----*
Board of Health	Aretmus J. W. Packard, Chm.-----* Barbara Burnim, R.N., Sec.-----* Bernard J. Dube-----*
Bookkeeper	Brenda E. Major-----*
Building Inspector	Bernard J. Dube-----*
Cemetery Sexton	Herbert K. Reed-----*
Census Taker	Theresa Bourque-----*
Civil Defense Director	T. Richard Latham-----*
Dog Officer	Guy Sawyer-----*
Financial Agent	Norman L. Major-----*

Highway Supervisor	Robert W. Bennett-----*
Industrial Commission	Charles R. Graham, Chm.-----*
	Irving S. Gilman-----*
	Carlton S. Ingalls-----*
	William F. Simmons-----*
	Joan Keezer-----*
	Albin Noyes-----*
Librarian	Susan Allison-----*
Assistant Librarians	Muriel Herrick-----*
	Marjorie Knowles-----*
Merrimack Valley Health Planning District	Donald L. Durand-----*
Overseer of the Poor Welfare Department	Board of Selectmen
Planning Board	J. Alden Palmer, Chm.-----1978
	Walter Pearson-----1980
	Bruce M. James-----1977
	Charles O. Stevens, III-----1977
	Thomas H. Cullen, Selectman
Police Department	
Chief	Alexander Brown, Jr.-----*
Full Time Patrolmen	Robert L. Tanguay-----*
	Joseph E. Coakley-----*
	Kenneth J. Heim-----*
Clerk	Nancy Hall-----*
Par Time Patrolmen	Norman W. Beaton-----*
	Ernest Brown-----*
	Alfred E. Chase-----*
	John W. Colby-----*
	Frederick C. Copp-----*
	Bernard J. Dube-----*
	Ignatius A. Fournier-----*
	Robert W. Jackson-----*
	Thomas McTeague-----*
	Walter O'Connor-----*
	Meredith Packard-----*
	Gene V. Paul-----*
	Joan Picnowicz-----*
	Nicholas Pichowicz-----*
	William Query-----*
	Bryan Richards-----*
	Clinton W. Senter, Sr.-----*
	Milton Todd-----*
	Curtis Young-----*

Selectmen's Clerk	Ruth E. Jenne-----*
Recreation Commission	Arnold P. Ziemian, Chm.-----*
	Dorothy Ketchum, Sec.-----*
	Rosemarie L. Bayek, Treas.-----*
	Barbara James-----*
	Michael McPherson-----*
	Earl Smith-----*
Street Light Inspector	Robert S, Burnell-----*
Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Commission	Thomas S. Cullen, Selectman-----*
Surveyor of Wood and Timber	Board of Selectmen
Tree Warden	Leon A. Bowie-----*
Conservation Commission	Joseph MacFarlane, Chm.-----*
	Donald L. Durand, Sec.-----*
	Leon A. Bowie-----*
	Edward LaFave-----*
	Charles O. Stevens, III-----*
	Russell Sargent-----*
Bicentennial Committee	Walter O'Connor, Chm.-----*
	Madlyn Brown, Co-Chm.-----*
	Brenda E. Major, Sec.-----*
	Frances Bramley, Pub.-----*
	Joyce Wright, Treas.-----*
	Barry A. Sargent, Sel. Rep.-----*
Greater Lawrence Solid Waste Committee	Joseph MacFarlane-----*
Highway Safety	Alexander Brown-----*
	Joseph E. Coakley-----*
	T. Richard Latham-----*
Mosquito Control	Peter Taylor-----*
	Robert Rivard-----*

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Pollard School in said Plaistow on Tuesday, the eighth of March, next, at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept Trust Funds now held by the Cemetery Trustees.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
5. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the revised law relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this Town?
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,200.00) to continue the position of the Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to be used for maintenance and recreation purposes at the Vic Geary Drop In Center for the Plaistow's Senior Citizens share of the cost. Funds to be dispersed by the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$5,268.00) for the purpose of conducting a summer recreation program for all children of Plaistow, of elementary school age and to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate and do all things necessary to get approval of and to accept and spend Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds to pay wages and to accept and spend Community Services Administration (CSA) funds for the purpose of purchasing recreation equipment and materials. Said CETA and CSA funds to be used to reduce the above dollars sum appropriated by the Town. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be set aside and added to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund for the future purchase of new and improved equipment for the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) for a storage building for the Recreation Field at Ingalls Terrace. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a covered area for Arts and Crafts and Picnic Area at the Recreation Field at Ingalls Terrace. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) being a contribution to the Greater Salem Mental Health Association by the Town of Plaistow for services to its citizens. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the land and buildings on Elm Street presently owned by the Lagasse Amusement Co. for a municipal building to house the Fire, Highway and Police Department vehicles, and to raise the sum by issuance of Town notes or bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Ch. 331, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and issue bonds or notes, and to fix the rate of interest and all other terms thereof and to take such action as may be required to effectuate the purpose of this vote. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the first payment on the purchase of the Lagasse Amusement building Specified in Article #13 above. (This article will be withdrawn if Article #13 is not approved). (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the renovation of the Lagasse Amusement building specified in Article #13. (This article will be withdrawn if Article #13 is not approved). (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight Dollars (\$3,788.00) for mosquito control procedures by the Town Mosquito Control District. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee).
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to increase the salary of the Tax Collector. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee).

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be set aside for a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for future purchase of highway equipment. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for grading and resurfacing approximately one half mile of Harriman Road North from Forrest Street. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for catch basins and gravel for Glendale Circle approximately 500 feet from Main Street. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee).
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase and install double sided reflector type street signs, brackets and poles. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee).
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for an audit of all Town accounts to be conducted by the State Municipal Accounting Division. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
23. Article (1) "To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of Title 11 of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated amended by Chapter 302 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$4,588.00) to defray the town's share of the cost thereof, from April 1st through December 31, 1977".
Article (2) "To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election". (\$363.00).
Article (3) "To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis". (\$379.00).
Article (4) "To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions of election officials or election workers for a calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for each service is less than \$50.00". (\$25.00).
Article (5) If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the Board of Selectmen as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.
Article (1) and (5) must be adopted in every case for coverage to be effective. If the voters wish to exclude any of the services listed in articles (2), (3), and (4) the appropriate articles must be adopted. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$387.00) provided to the Town of Plaistow by the United States Office of Revenue Sharing as provided in their Anti-recessional Assistance Fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) to be expended for the support of the Town of Plaistow's "Old Home Day". (By Petition). (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend \$351,966.00 approved by the United States Economic Development Administration for the extension of the towns Municipal Water System, the application for which was approved at the special town meeting of December 14, 1976, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Works Capital Investment Act of 1976. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) for the town's share of surveying the Greenough Road reconstruction project which will be financed by the Federal Aid Urban System "D" Funds on a 30 -70% basis with the town's share being the lesser. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$990.00) for the town's share of surveying the following highway safety projects which will be financed by the Federal Aid Urban System "D" Funds on a 30 - 70% basis with the town's share the lesser.
 1. Improve line of sight, sign and mark pavement to reduce hazard at intersection of route 125 and East Road.
 2. Signalization, signing and pavement marking at intersection of South Main Street and North Avenue.
 3. Signalization, signing and marking at intersection of Jesse George Road and North Main Street.
 4. Signalization, signing and marking of area near Fire Station on Main Street.(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee).
29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) to conduct the Halloween Parties for all children of Plaistow. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to increase the Town Treasurer's salary from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).
31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such State and/or Federal Funds as may be made available, and to expend the same.

32. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain Federal Interest Free Loans, and to expend the same, as may be required for the preparation of plans and designs of Town Roads, Municipal Buildings, extension of Water System and Sewer System and other Town functions.
33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for specific purposes for the Town of Plaistow.
34. Whereas, that there continues to exist within the state a serious shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodation at rents which elderly and low income persons can afford, and that such persons are forced to occupy sub-standard dwelling accommodations; and

Whereas, the General Court of the State of New Hampshire has enacted Chapter 204-A of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated establishing the New Hampshire Housing Commission; and

Whereas, RSA 204-A:9 provides that in a municipality where there is no local housing authority operating, the Commission shall not operate without the consent of the governing body of a municipality; and

Whereas, said RSA 204-A:9 provides that consent of the governing body must be given for each project; and

Whereas, under the provisions of Section 8 of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, is authorized to enter into annual contributions contracts with public housing agencies pursuant to which such agencies may enter into contracts to make assistance payments to owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the BOARD OF SELECTMEN of the TOWN OF PLAISTOW as follows:

That the New Hampshire Housing Commission be and is authorized to operate in the TOWN OF PLAISTOW.

That said New Hampshire Housing Commission is authorized to sponsor a project, under Section 8 of the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (a) existing standard housing 30 dwelling units; (b) rehabilitated housing units; the total amount of the foregoing not to exceed 10 dwelling units. The total number of dwelling units authorized by this and all previous authorizations shall not exceed 40 dwelling units.

Delete all of Article V Section 5 and insert "All construction of on site sewage disposal systems shall be done in conformance with local and state regulations."

yes no
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

Amendment #4 - Are you in favor of amending Article V Residential District 6b? Occupation may be carried on only by a permanent resident of the dwelling and not more than one other employee.


Change Article 6b from "permanent resident" to "resident owner".


yes no
(Recommended by the Planning Board)


- 37. To see if the Town will vote to plow sidewalks in the walking distances for school children on Main Street to the Pollard School. (By Petition)
- 38. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Plaistow Historical Society, Inc., to use a designated room in the Town Hall for meeting purposes and for storage and display of historical artifacts. (By Petition)
- 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept as submitted the reports of Agents, Auditors, and other officers and committees heretofore appointed.
- 40. To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

Selectmen
of
Plaistow

Thomas H. Cullen
Thomas H. Cullen, Chairman 

Norman L. Major
Norman L. Major 

LeRoy S. Dube
LeRoy S. Dube 

PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 15, 1977

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Thomas H. Cullen

Thomas H. Cullen, Chairman



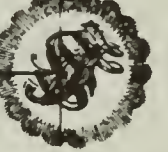
Norman L. Major

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LeRoy S. Dube

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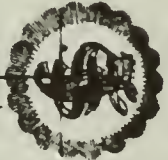


PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 15, 1977

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attached copy at the Plaistow Post Office and Westville Post Office, being public places in said Town, on the 15th day of February 1977.

Thomas H. Cullen

Thomas H. Cullen, Chairman



Norman L. Major

Norman L. Major



LeRoy S. Dube

LeRoy S. Dube



BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977
 Compared with
 Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
 of the Previous Year, January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1976	Actual Revenue Prev. Year 1976	Estimated Revenue Ens. Year 1977
<u>From State:</u>			
Interest and Divid- ends Tax	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,006.54	\$ 20,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	6,000.00	6,723.79	6,300.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	32,000.00	37,227.97	32,000.00
Highway Subsidy	20,487.79	20,487.80	20,434.30
Reimb. Business Profits Tax	7,250.00	7,250.00	7,612.00
<u>From Local Sources:</u>			
Dog Licenses	1,200.00	1,743.50	1,300.00
Business Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	885.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	90,000.00	131,981.04	90,000.00
Int. on Taxes & Dep.	20,000.00	63,974.64	20,000.00
Income from Tr. Funds	10.00	10.78	10.00
Withdraw from Capital Reserve Funds	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,750.00
Fines & Forfeits District Court	9,000.00	14,724.10	10,000.00
Resident Tax Retained	31,000.00	33,910.00	32,000.00
Rent of Town Property	10.00	55.00	10.00
Income from Departments	2,100.00	55,107.86	2,100.00
Bonds and Notes	C 157,000.00	157,000.00	100,000.00
Federal & State Sources	A 3,468.00	3,468.00	355,821.00
Revenue Sharing	B 70,000.00	70,000.00	45,000.00
Total Revenue from all Sources except Property Taxes	\$ 473,035.79 =====	\$ 630,056.02 =====	\$ 744,347.30
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes; ex- clusive of County & School Taxes			<u>300,559.05</u>
Total Revenue			\$1,044,906.35 =====

Purpose of Expenditures	Appropriations Prev. Year 1976	Appropriations Recommended By Budget Committee 1977	Appropriations Without Rec. of Budget Committee 1977
<u>General Government:</u>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,900.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	25,600.00	27,900.00	
Election & Registration	2,500.00	1,200.00	
District Court	17,260.00	16,200.00	
Town Hall Expense	13,500.00	15,500.00	
<u>Protection of Persons & Property:</u>			
Police Department	93,243.00	97,380.00	
Fire Department	32,350.00	36,250.00	
Care of Trees	1,700.00	1,500.00	
Planning & Zoning	3,150.00	4,050.00	
Damage by Dogs	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<u>Health:</u>			
Health Department	350.00	8,965.00	
Vital Statistics	150.00	150.00	
Town Disposal Area	22,000.00	24,320.00	
<u>Highways and Bridges:</u>			
Highway Department	91,150.00	94,260.00	
Street Lighting	19,100.00	22,500.00	
Town Road Aid	572.26	569.35	
<u>Libraries:</u>			
Library Trustees	15,783.00	17,974.00	
<u>Public Welfare:</u>			
Town Poor	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	8,000.00	

<u>Patriotic Purposes:</u>					
<u>Memorial Day</u>	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$
<u>Recreation:</u>					
Recreation Commission		3,500.00		5,434.00	
Parks and Playgrounds		1,000.00		1,100.00	
<u>Public Service Enterprises:</u>					
Municipal Owned Water System		7,000.00		10,000.00	
Cemeteries		5,000.00		4,000.00	
Conservation Commission		300.00		300.00	
Industrial Commission		100.00		300.00	
Regional Planning District		3,534.00		3,534.00	
<u>Interest on Debt:</u>					
Temporary Loan		18,000.00		20,000.00	
Long Term Notes		2,600.00		8,511.00	
		<u>13,000.00</u>		<u>31,500.00</u>	
<u>Payment on Debt Principal:</u>					
Long Term Notes		<u>13,000.00</u>		<u>31,500.00</u>	
Total Operating Budget	\$	434,142.26	\$	495,997.35	
<u>Special Articles:</u>					
Fire Department - Special Equip.	\$B	35,000.00	\$		
Gr. Salem Mental Health Assoc.		3,000.00		3,000.00	
Children's Halloween Parties		600.00		600.00	
Summer Recreation Program	A	5,268.00	A	5,268.00	
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste		500.00			
Historical Society		250.00			
Create Mosquito Control Dist.		2,500.00			
Ambulance Service		11,100.00			
Establish Highway Department	C	70,000.00			
Extension of Water Line	A	52,000.00	A	351,966.00	
A. Z. Tool Building for Library	B	35,000.00			
A. Z. Tool Building for Library	C	2,000.00			
Renovate Building for Library		35,000.00			
Continue Position of Admr. Ass.					
Subsidy Vic Geary Drop-in-Center					
					3,788.00

Fire Department - Equipment Fund	\$	10,000.00	\$
Storage Area - Ingalls Terrace		1,700.00	
Arts & Crafts Area - Ingalls Terr.		1,000.00	
Purchase Lagasse Property		C100,000.00	
1st Pay. on Lagasse Prop. Note		B 25,000.00	1,000.00
Temp. Renovate Lagasse Prop.		B 20,000.00	
Increase Salary of Tax Collector		5,000.00	
Highway Department - Equip. Fund		4,500.00	
Improvement to Harriman Rd.			
Improvements to Glendale Circle		3,000.00	
Installation of Street Signs, etc.		4,588.00	2,500.00
Independent Audit - Town Books		A 387.00	5,000.00
Employee Social Security		600.00	
Anti-recessional Assist. Fund		3,600.00	
Old Home Day Expense			
Highway Project Survey (Greenough Rd.)			
Highway Project Survey (Misc. Locations)			990.00

	\$	1,044,906.35	\$	13,278.00
		=====		=====

A	Federal or State Sources	\$	3,468.00
B	Revenue Sharing Funds		70,000.00
C	Bonds or Notes		157,000.00

- Irving S. Gilman, Chairman
- George Nott, Vice-Chairman
- Eleanor Sargent, Secretary
- Rosemarie L. Bayek
- Norbert Gauron
- Pauline H. Keezer
- Michael McPherson
- John Merrill
- Garold Morse
- John A. Palmer
- William Scully
- Joyce Wright
- LeRoy S. Dube, Selectmen

SUMMARY AND INVENTORY

Land		\$	11,494,420.00	
Buildings		\$	35,760,915.00	
Public Utilities:				
Gas	\$	335,150.00		
Electric	\$	<u>1,245,692.00</u>	\$	1,580,842.00
Boats and Launches			\$	6,900.00
Less:				
Current Use Value Credit			\$	<u>30,920.00</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed			\$	48,812,157.00
Less:				
Elderly & Blind Exemptions			\$	<u>739,525.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed			\$	48,072,632.00
				=====

Number of Inventories Distributed for 1976

Mailed	2076
Date Mailed	March 15, 1976
Number of Inventories Returned	931

Selectmen:

Thomas H. Cullen
Norman L. Major
LeRoy S. Dube

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
 ASSESSED FOR 1976

Town Officers Salaries	\$	14,000.00
Town Officers Expenses		25,600.00
Elections & Registrations		2,500.00
District Court		17,260.00
Town Hall Expense		13,500.00
Police Department		93,243.00
Fire Department		32,350.00
Care of Trees		1,700.00
Planning & Zoning		3,150.00
Damages by Dogs		2,400.00
Damages & Legal Expense		4,000.00
Civil Defense		1,000.00
Health Department		350.00
Vital Statistics		150.00
Town Dump Maintenance		22,000.00
Town Maintenance - Summer		49,150.00
Town Maintenance - Winter		42,000.00
Street Lighting		19,100.00
Town Road Aid		572.26
Libraries		15,783.00
Old Age Assistance		8,000.00
Town Poor		12,000.00
Memorial Day		300.00
Recreation Commission		3,500.00
Parks & Playgrounds		1,000.00
Water Service Maintenance		7,000.00
Cemeteries		5,000.00
Industrial Commission		100.00
Payment on Debts - Principal		13,000.00
Payment on Debts - Interest		20,600.00
*Greater Salem Mental Health Assoc.		3,000.00
*Fire Department Equipment Reserve		35,000.00
*Children's Halloween Parties		600.00
Southern Rockingham Regional Planning		3,534.00
Conservation Commission		300.00
County Tax Assessment		86,014.81
Timberlane Regional School District	1,802,955.40	
*Library Purchase (Revenue Sharing)		35,000.00
*Library Purchase		2,000.00
*Library Renovation		35,000.00
*Historical Society		250.00
*Ambulance Service		11,100.00
*Greater Lawrence Solid Waste		500.00
*Highway Department		70,000.00
*Water Line Extension		52,000.00
*Summer Recreation Program		5,268.00
*Mosquito Control		2,500.00
*Fire Department Truck Account		65,000.00
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TOTAL	\$	2,640,330.47

Less - Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$	22,006.54	
Savings Bank Tax		6,723.79	
Meals and Rooms Tax		33,987.20	
Yield Tax		186.26	
Interest on Deposits		25,000.00	
Fines & Forfeits - Municipal Court		10,000.00	
Water & Electric Depts.		2,200.00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees		100.00	
Dog Licenses		1,200.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fee		120,000.00	
Summer Recreation Program		3,468.00	
Federal Grant - Water Tower		3,500.00	
Revenue Sharing		70,000.00	
National Bank Stock Tax		6.50	
Proceeds of Bond & Long Term Notes		157,000.00	
Withdrawn from Fire Dept. Equip.		65,000.00	
Highway Subsidy		20,487.80	
Resident Taxes Retained		31,880.00	
Cash Surplus		67,000.00	\$ 639,746.09
			<hr/>
Total of Town, School, and County			\$ 2,000,584.38
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted 170 Special Session			\$ 139,432.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits Overlay			26,625.00 <hr/> 25,513.37
Property Taxes to be Raised			\$ 1,913,290.75 =====
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:			
Gross Property Taxes			\$ 1,913,290.75
Less War Service Credits			<hr/> 26,625.00
Total Tax Commitment			\$ 1,886,665.75 =====
Tax Rate Approved by State Commission per \$100.00			
Municipality	\$.32	
County		.16	
School		3.50	
		<hr/>	
	\$	3.98	

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 1976

Appropriation Account	Amount	Receipts	Payments	Balance	Overdraft
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	14,000.00	35,448.43	14,768.80	-	768.80
Town Officers' Expenses	25,600.00	27.00	62,151.64	143.03	1,103.21
Elections & Registrations	2,500.00	14,724.10	2,383.97	14,914.10	-
District Court	17,260.00	55.00	17,070.00	-	1,038.50
Town Hall	13,500.00	10,743.49	14,593.50	-	1,713.01
Police Department	93,243.00	237.64	105,699.50	-	56.84
Fire Department	32,350.00	-	32,644.48	-	-
Fire Depart. Equip. Fund	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	532.83	-
Care of Trees	1,700.00	-	1,167.17	120.35	-
Damage by Dogs	2,400.00	-	2,279.65	241.97	-
Damages & Legal Expenses	4,000.00	-	3,758.03	3,338.01	-
Planning & Zoning	3,150.00	1,541.63	1,353.62	-	-
Civil Defense	1,000.00	-	1,094.00	103.00	94.00
Health Department	350.00	-	247.00	73.15	-
Vital Statistics	150.00	-	76.85	-	-
Salem Mental Health	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	282.45	-
Mosquito Control	2,500.00	-	2,217.55	-	-
Ambulance Service	11,100.00	-	11,100.00	-	-
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste	500.00	-	500.00	-	-
Town Disposal Area	22,000.00	1,232.00	22,662.21	569.79	-
Town Maint. - Summer	49,150.00	-	44,186.30	4,963.70	-
Town Maint. - Winter	42,000.00	32.90	46,970.82	-	4,937.92
Street Lighting	19,100.00	-	22,680.68	-	3,580.68
Town Road Aid	572.26	-	624.76	-	52.50
Highway Department	70,000.00	-	70,000.00	-	-
Library Department	15,783.00	-	15,783.00	-	-
Library Building Purchase	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	-	-
Library Building Purchase	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	-
Town Poor	12,000.00	408.76	12,260.32	148.44	-
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	527.83	6,231.42	2,296.41	-
Memorial Day	300.00	-	300.00	-	-
Historical Society	250.00	-	250.00	-	-
Recreation Commission	3,500.00	9.00	3,476.83	32.17	-
Parks & Playgrounds	1,000.00	-	926.92	73.08	-

Halloween Parties	\$ 600.00	\$	600.00	\$	-	\$
Summer Recreation Program	5,268.00		3,076.67		3,175.76	
Water Tower Maintenance	7,000.00	984.43	7,333.49	2,040.58	1,707.09	
Cemeteries	5,000.00	1,874.13	3,011.09		3,863.04	
Conservation Commission	300.00		130.00		170.00	
Industrial Commission	100.00		26.94		73.06	
Southern Rock. Regional	3,534.00		2,701.83		832.17	
Water Main Ext.	52,000.00		52,000.00		-	
Temporary Loans	18,000.00	53,388.15	40,467.50		30,920.65	
Long Term Note	2,600.00		2,027.00		573.00	
Water Tower Note	7,000.00		7,000.00		-	
Water Line Note	6,000.00		6,000.00		-	
	<u>\$651,360.26</u>	<u>\$123,275.07</u>	<u>\$718,833.54</u>		<u>\$ 69,147.25</u>	<u>\$ 13,345.46</u>

Less Overdrafts
Unexpended Balance

13,345.46
\$ 55,801.79

Overlay
Refunds & Abatements
(by voucher)

\$ 25,513.37
18,137.61

Less Abatements to Collector:
Property and Resident 1976
Property and Resident Prior Years

\$ 6,340.82
3,444.43

Net Unexpended Balance

\$ 9,785.25
\$ 52,392.30

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Cash on Deposit		\$ 727,099.29
Cash on Deposit - Specials:		
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	\$ 3,683.19	
Fire Dept. Fire Truck	33,731.00	
Town Hall Brick Pointing	2,305.80	
Exploratory Test Well	1,255.30	
Planning Board Rec. Account	3,995.25	
Mt. Misery	189.20	
Mt. Misery Grant	239.31	
Water Tower Account	1,750.00	
Revenue Sharing Account	824.41	
Library Gift	33,820.24	
Ambulance Service	2,775.00	
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste Dis. Acc.	500.00	
Highway Department	16,511.54	
Water Line Account	53,025.82	
Antirecessional	387.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 154,993.06
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Year 1975	\$ 42,271.99	
Year 1974	20,733.95	
Year 1973	12,876.01	
Prior Years	8,172.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 84,054.33
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property & Resident Taxes		
1976	\$ 258,045.95	
1975	1,841.94	
1974	110.00	
Previous Years	5,602.26	
Head Tax	220.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 265,820.15
Uncollected Water Bills		<hr/> \$ 3,007.77
		<hr/> \$ 1,234,974.60
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (cont.)

Liabilities

Timberlane Regional School District		\$ 931,455.40
State of New Hampshire:		
Unremitted Resident Taxes		189.00
		\$
Special Reserve Account:		
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund	\$ 3,683.19	
Fire Dept. Truck Acc.	33,731.00	
Town Hall Brick Pointing	2,305.80	
Exploratory Test Well	1,255.30	
Planning Board Rec. Account	3,995.25	
Mt. Misery	189.20	
Mt. Misery Grant	239.31	
Water Tower Account	1,750.00	
Revenue Sharing Account	824.41	
Library Gift	33,820.24	
Ambulance Service	2,775.00	
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste Dis. Acc.	500.00	
Highway Department	16,511.54	
Water Line Account	53,025.82	
Antirecessional	<u>387.00</u>	<u>\$ 154,993.06</u>
		\$1,086,637.46
Surplus		<u>\$ 148,337.14</u>
		<u>\$1,234,974.60</u>
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall:			
Land and Buildings		\$	150,000.00
Furniture and Equipment			8,500.00
Library:			
Land and Buildings			37,000.00
Furniture and Equipment			11,000.00
Police Department:			
Equipment			13,000.00
Fire Department:			
Land and Buildings			36,000.00
Equipment			69,000.00
Highway Department:			
Land and Buildings and Disposal Area			40,000.00
Equipment			65,000.00
Recreation:			
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds			39,000.00
Water Supply Facilities:			135,000.00
Water Holes:			7,500.00
Cemetery Equipment:			400.00
			400.00
		\$	611,400.00

LAND AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEEDS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE</u>		
Addie Carter	24A Mt. Misery	1	\$	5,100.00
Arthur Cote	29A Merrill Land	2		12,100.00
G. Lorentzen	1A Noyes Farm	2		50.00
G. Denoncour, Est.	1A Castle Land	2		50.00
L. Demarais, Est.	Land - Danville Rd.	2		100.00
				100.00
			\$	17,400.00

Code 1 Held for future town value
 2 Town's title clouded - not free to sell

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

TOWN OF PLAISTOW, N. H.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977)

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Fund Balance

Available Funds, January 1, 1976 (July 1, 1976) \$ 21,176.37

Add Revenue:

Entitlement Payments	\$ 46,496.00	
Interest	<u>3,152.04</u>	<u>49,648.04</u>

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS \$ 70,824.41

Less Expenditures:

Capital Expenditures:

Library	\$ 35,000.00
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Total Expenditures	<u>35,000.00</u>
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Available Cash - December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977) \$ 35,824.41

Less: Encumbrances, (Appropriations Authorized)
December 31, 1976 (June 30, 1977)

<u>Capital Outlay:</u> Public Safety	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
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Total Capital Encumbrances	\$ 35,000.00
Total Encumbrances	<u>35,000.00</u>

Available Unobligated Funds - December 31, 1976
(June 30, 1977) \$ 824.41

We have examined the accounts and record for the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Plaistow, N. H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances & Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures & encumbrances incurred, & status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Plaistow, N. H. for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Signed

Robert H. Chooljian
John Fitzgerald

Auditors

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1975 Permits-----	\$ 2,981.04	
1976 Permits-----	<u>129,000.00</u>	\$ 131,981.04

Filing Fees: 25.00

Dog Licenses Issued:

599 Male and Neuter Dogs	@ \$ 2.00	\$ 1,198.00	
61 Female Dogs	@ 5.00	305.00	
190 Fees, Delayed	@ 1.00	190.00	
6 Lost Tags, Replaced	@ .25	1.50	
1 Kennel License	@ 25.00	25.00	
2 Kennel Licenses	@ 12.00	<u>24.00</u>	1,743.50

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED..... \$ 133,749.54

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 131,973.54	
Filing Fees	25.00	
Dog Licenses	<u>1,743.50</u>	

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TREASURER..... \$ 133,742.04

Michael F. Gay, Bad Check Uncollected 7.50

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TREASURER \$ 133,749.54

Respectfully submitted,

Helen A. Hart
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1976

-Debits-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,887,602.88	
Resident Taxes	31,880.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	6.50	

Total Warrants \$ 1,919,489.38

Yield Taxes: 292.32

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,244.75	
Resident Taxes	880.00	4,124.75

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes: 88.59

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes: 62.00

TOTAL DEBITS \$ 1,924,057.04
=====

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,631,000.86	
Resident Taxes	28,220.00	
National Bank Stock	6.50	
Yield Taxes	292.32	
Interest Collected	88.59	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	62.00	\$ 1,659,670.27

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,880.82	
Resident Taxes	460.00	6,340.82

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:

(as per Collector's list)

Property Taxes	\$ 253,965.95	
Resident Taxes	4,080.00	258,045.95

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 1,924,057.04
=====

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1975

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:

Yield	\$	5.97	
Property Taxes		203,475.29	
Resident Taxes		<u>5,740.00</u>	\$ 209,221.26

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$	557.39	
Resident Taxes		<u>1,080.00</u>	1,637.39

Interest Collected on Delinquent
Property Taxes:

10,497.90

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:

473.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 221,829.55
=====

-Credits_

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal
Year Ended December 31, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$	201,444.23	
Resident Taxes		5,620.00	
Yield Taxes		5.97	
Interest Collected During Year		10,497.90	
Penalties on Resident Taxes		<u>473.00</u>	\$ 218,041.10

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$	1,006.51	
Resident Taxes		<u>940.00</u>	1,946.51

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:
(As per Collector's list)

Property Taxes	\$	1,581.94	
Resident Taxes		<u>260.00</u>	<u>1,841.94</u>

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 221,829.55
=====

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1974

-Debits-

<u>Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:</u>	
Resident Taxes	\$ 300.00
<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:</u>	<u>7.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 307.00 =====

-Credits-

<u>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal</u>	
<u>Year Ended December 31, 1976:</u>	
Resident Taxes	\$ 70.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>7.00</u>
	\$ 77.00
<u>Abatements Made During Year:</u>	
Resident Taxes	120.00
<u>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:</u>	
(As per Collector's list)	
Resident Taxes	<u>110.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 307.00 =====

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrants
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1973 back to 1957

-Debits-

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Polls	\$ 70.00
Property	5,000.00
Resident	370.00
Yield	<u>200.80</u>

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 5,642.26
=====

-Credits-

Abatements Made During Year:

Resident	\$ 40.00
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:
(as per Collector's List)

Polls	\$ 70.00
Property	5,000.00
Resident	330.00
Yield	<u>200.80</u>
	\$ <u>5,602.26</u>

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 5,642.26
=====

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax

Levy of 1970

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1976: \$ 220.00

TOTAL DEBITS \$ 220.00
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-Credits-

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:
(as per Collector's list) \$ 220.00

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 220.00
=====

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts - As of December 31, 1976

-Debits-

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	1975	1974	1973	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1976	\$	\$39,941.80	\$15,644.85	\$ 9,147.84
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	55,861.04			
<u>Interest Collected After Sale</u>	177.74	1,462.98	263.90	295.81
<u>Redemption Cost</u>				5.30
TOTAL DEBITS	\$56,038.78	\$41,404.78	\$15,908.75	\$ 9,448.95

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$12,823.27	\$19,029.63	\$ 2,445.39	\$ 904.99
Interest & costs After sale	177.74	1,462.98	263.90	301.11
<u>Abatements During Year</u>	765.78	178.22	323.45	70.47
<u>Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1976</u>	42,271.99	20,733.95	12,876.01	8,172.38
TOTAL CREDITS	\$56,038.78	\$41,404.78	\$15,908.75	\$ 9,448.95

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley T. Herrick
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1976		\$ 782,315.88
<u>Received from Tax Collector:</u>		
1976 Property Tax	\$ 1,631,000.86	
1975 Property Tax	201,444.23	
1976 Resident Tax	28,220.00	
1975 Resident Tax	5,660.00	
1974 Resident Tax	30.00	
Redemptions	37,409.01	
Bank Stock Tax	1,515.44	
Yield Tax	298.29	
Interest & Penalties	<u>9,619.55</u>	1,915,197.38
<u>Received from Town Clerk:</u>		
Auto Registrations	\$ 131,981.04	
Dogs & Kennels	1,743.50	
Filing Fees	<u>25.00</u>	133,749.54
<u>Received from Arlington Trust:</u>		
Temporary Loans	\$ 1,400,000.00	
Interest on Cert. of Dep.	<u>52,264.26</u>	1,452,264.26
<u>Received from the United States Treasury:</u>		
Revenue Sharing	\$ 46,496.00	
Internal Rev. Service Reimb.	1,200.30	
Anti-recessional Funds	<u>387.00</u>	48,083.30
<u>Received from State of N. H.:</u>		
Highway Subsidy	\$ 20,487.79	
Business Profits Tax	139,432.44	
Interest & Dividends Tax	22,006.54	
Meals & Room Tax	37,227.97	
Savings Bank Tax	6,723.79	
Grant Reimb.	2,930.96	
Police School Reimb.	600.00	
ASAP Reimb.	1,540.00	
Radar Reimb.	949.00	
Highway Safety Agency	1,050.00	
Rec. Park Grant #33-00205	14,250.00	
Old Age Assistance	527.83	
Gas Tax Reimb.	1,273.75	
Forest Fire Reimb.	84.00	
Police Safety Council	24.00	
C. Pratt - Reimb.	<u>100.00</u>	249,208.07

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (cont.)

<u>Received from Plaistow District Court:</u>		
Court Receipts & Small Claims	\$	14,724.10
<u>Received from Cemetery Trustees:</u>		
Perpetual Care	\$	880.00
Int. on Trust Funds		58.13
		938.13
<u>Received from Police Department:</u>		
Pistol Permits	\$	77.00
Insurance Reports		487.17
Licenses & Permits		685.00
Parking Tickets		122.00
		1,371.17
<u>Received from Plaistow Bank & Trust:</u>		
Cert. of Dep. - Water Tower	\$	3,500.00
Int. on Cert. of Dep.		294.94
		3,794.94
<u>Received from Plaistow Coop:</u>		
Acct. #13409 - Rec. Park	\$	30,602.50
Int. on Acct.		551.76
Int. on Acct.		327.13
Acct. #13410		125.00
Acct. #13411		250.00
Exploratory Test Wells Acct.		3,087.44
		34,943.83
<u>Received from Other Sources:</u>		
Mrs. William J. Nelson - Gift for Lib	35,140.39	
Indian Head Nat'l Bank - High Acc.	6,000.00	
Planning Board - Recording fees	240.00	
Hearing Fees	932.26	
Planning Board - Manno	711.75	
Zoning Map Sales	79.50	
Town Map Sales	65.25	
Zoning Book Sales	68.00	
Building Fees	2,170.30	
Temporary Signs	200.00	
Sale of Books	25.00	
Bid Documents	750.00	
Rev. Sharing Acct.	371.00	
Library Renovation Acct.		
from General Fund	2,846.00	
Highway Acct.	48,896.57	
Water Line Acct.	264.00	
Fire Dept. Truck Acct.	31,269.00	
Whittaker Fund - Pent. 5¢ Savings	10.78	
Sale of Lots	900.00	
Rent of Town Hall	50.00	
Sale of Check Lists	30.00	
Coffee Machine	113.57	
Copy Machine	171.60	
		131,304.97

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (cont.)

Reimbursements:	\$	\$
CETA - Rock/Straf Manpower Adm	33,273.71	
Use of Fire Equip. & Report	30.00	
Police Dept. Insurance	1,117.50	
Sale of old copy machine	25.00	
Leon Benson	147.50	
S. Rock. Computer Printout	51.33	
Rec. Comm. - tennis program	9.00	
Water Tower Maint. - Process Eng.	1,020.29	
Westville Homes	1,020.29	
MacGregor, Waldron & Nagle	62.35	
Ambulance Reimb.	140.00	
Senter Bros. - Gravel	1,232.00	
J. Dube - Tel.	3.20	
Hills Agency - Cem. Bond	36.00	
S. N. H. Motor Sales - Cruiser	500.00	
Bicentennial Committee	656.01	
Recreation Commission	67.00	
Misc. Reimb.	153.81	
G. Paul - overpayment	48.75	39,593.74
 Total Receipts		\$ 4,807,489.31
Less Selectmen's Orders		\$ 4,080,374.36
Less 2 checks returned insufficient funds		\$ 15.66
 Balance on Hand - December 31, 1976		\$ 727,099.29

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Jenne
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The total valuation of the Town amounted to \$48,812,157.00. The Town closed the year with an unexpended balance of \$52,392.30.

There were 468 Veteran's Exemptions and seven total disabled exemptions for a total of \$28,300.00. 104 Elderly exemptions and one Blind exemption were granted for a total valuation of \$739,525.00.

Town elections will be held at Pollard School on March 8th. The Town Meeting will be held at Timberlane Regional High School on March 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Once again residents are reminded to be sure to complete their Real Estate Inventories, as an abatement may not be requested of this has not been complied with. Veterans must have their permanent blue card on file with the Selectmen and are reminded that although the card is permanent, each year an application is made at the bottom of the regular Real Estate Inventory. Anyone knowing an elderly person 65 years or older, please remind them that their application must be applied for each year in order to be eligible. All forms must be completed by April 15th.

A Highway Department has been formed with a working supervisor and one highway maintenance person paid from town funds and three laborers paid with Federal Funds (CETA). Two trucks with plow attachments, two sanders and a combination backhoe/loader have been acquired. A metal Highway building has been erected at the Sanitary Landfill site by John A. Palmer & Son with a contract price of \$25,000.00.

The water main extension construction project, from the existing line to the Fire Station, in the amount of \$52,000.00 approved last year, is now under way. The contract for the materials has been signed and it is expected that the bids for the construction will be approved, shortly.

The application for \$351,966.00 for a grant of Federal Funds submitted to the Economic Development Commission, U. S. Dept. of Commerce has been approved and accepted by the town and must be started within 90 days after accepting the grant. The project includes a 12" water main for fire protection purposes which could be a basis for potable drinking water. The project has been divided into three sections:

1. From Junction of R.R. tracks and Main St., up Main St. to Maple Ave., to Witch Lane for a total of 3,120 feet, where a 1,000,000 gallon water reservoir will be constructed.
2. Another 930 feet of pipe will installed from the Fire Station down Main Street to Chadwick Ave. to Keezer Manufacturing Co.
3. Additional 2000 feet of pipe is to be installed from B & M Railroad tracks to Westville Road to Route 125.

This project was and will be instrumental in bringing in and retaining industry in town.

The Selectmen publicly thank Mrs. Mary Nelson for the gift of \$35,140.39 towards the renovation of a new public library. The gift was given in memory of her late husband, William J. Nelson, former Superintendent of Schools. The construction and conversion of the A-Z Tool building for a public library, approved last year, has been started by John A. Palmer & Son, Inc. who was awarded the contract in the amount of \$61,536.00.

During the year, the Selectmen took advantage of new regulations permitting the day to day operating funds to be placed into an interest earning account.

We acknowledge and appreciate the important contributions to the town made by the following persons who have completed their tenure in various town boards, committees, commissions and appointed positions. Constance Simard, Representative to the General Court; Jack Tatirosian, M.D., Anna Peaslee and Robert Jackson Jackson, Health Dept.; Barry A. Sargent, Selectman; Helen Smith, Treasurer; Anna Peaslee, Supervisor of the Checklist; John Judson, Jr., Fire Dept. Engineer; Paul Palmer and Joyce Wright, Cemetery Trustees; Robert Jackson, Building Inspector; Donald Sargent, Dog Officer; Donald McKendry, Planning Board and S.R.R.P.D.C.; Perry Xenakis, Planning Board; Daniel Healy, Industrial Commission; Chester Taylor, Recreation Commission, George Peabody, Fireman and former Fire Chief; and Paul Palmer, Library Trustee.

Further Exploratory Test Well drilling was conducted during 1976 in a continuing effort to obtain additional water supplies to help support residential and commercial growth of the town. To date, quality water in large enough quantities, has not been located, however further drilling will continue. The Selectmen thank those who have allowed the drilling and those who have permitted us to cross over their land.

We wish to thank the Bicentennial Committee, "Spirit of '76", for a job well done. The programs were exciting and in keeping with the Spirit of 1976. Also, we wish to commend the townspeople for showing so much interest and enthusiasm during the various patriotic events. We urge adoption of the "Old Home Day" special article so that this spirit may continue.

The Greater Lawrence Solid Waste Disposal Committee with Plaistows' Representative, Joseph MacFarlane, continues to meet periodically. While the progress is slow, the need is still urgent.

There continues to plague the Selectmen, many legal problems constantly arising such as septic, water, drainage and parking problems that are time consuming and slow in resolving. With the growth of the town it is expected these problems will continue to increase. They require much tact and time and the townspeople are urged to be understanding while they are being solved.

One of the items that will be accomplished this coming year is publishing an up to date zoning ordinance booklet.

This year we received from the Federal Government \$46,496.00 in Revenue Sharing Funds and \$387.00 in Anti-recessional Funds.

The Selectmen also want to thank the Plaistow Lion's Club for their gift to the town of a bandstand. The foundation has been completed and the Lion's estimated the bandstand should be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

After much thought and consideration in looking at the availability of properties in the town, and the outlook pointing to the scarcity of acceptable properties at reasonable prices to satisfy the growing needs of the town in the future, the Selectmen recommend the purchase of the Lagasse building to take care of the future needs of the Fire Department, Highway Department and the housing of Police Vehicles.

The building has been judged solid by two architects and an appraiser, in addition the building is located on six acres of land abutting the cemetery. It is proposed to pay off the \$100,000.00 note for the purchase of the building with the use of Revenue Sharing funds. We will apply for Federal Funds to rehabilitate and modernize the building. This property would satisfy the expansion needs of the Fire and Highway Departments as well as the Cemetery, for years to come. If the recommendation is accepted by the townspeople, then the Board of Selectmen would welcome suggestions and recommendations in the implementation of the proposed plan.

We appreciate the support given us by the townspeople in the past and we wish to solicit your continued support in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas H. Cullen, Chairman
Norman L. Major
LeRoy S. Dube

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1976		\$	782,315.88
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
1976 Property Taxes	\$ 1,631,000.86		
1975 Property Taxes	201,444.23		
1976 Resident Taxes	28,220.00		
1975 Resident Taxes	5,660.00		
Previous Years	30.00		
Yield Tax	298.29		
Interest & Penalties	9,619.55		
Bank Stock Tax	1,515.44		
Redemptions	37,409.01		
	\$ 1,915,197.38	\$	1,915,197.38
<u>From Town Clerk:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 131,981.04		
Dog and Kennel Licenses	1,743.50		
Filing Fees	25.00		
	\$ 133,749.54	\$	133,749.54
<u>From State:</u>			
Business Profits Tax & Interest	\$ 139,432.44		
Meals & Rooms Tax	37,227.97		
Interest & Dividends Tax	22,006.54		
Savings Bank Tax	6,723.79		
Highway Subsidy	20,487.79		
Forest Fire Reimb.	84.00		
Gas Tax Refund - Police & Fire	1,273.75		
Police Grant	2,930.96		
Police Schooling	600.00		
Police - ASAP	1,540.00		
Police - Radar	949.00		
Highway Safety	1,050.00		
Recreation Park	14,250.00		
Old Age Assistance	527.83		
Police Safety Council	24.00		
Miscellaneous	100.00		
	\$ 249,208.07	\$	249,208.07
<u>From Federal:</u>			
U. S. Treasury - Revenue Sharing	\$ 46,496.00		
Internal Revenue	1,200.30		
Anti-recessional	387.00		
	\$ 48,083.30	\$	48,083.30
<u>From Arlington Trust Company:</u>			
Temporary Loans	\$ 1,400,000.00		
Interest on Investments	52,264.26		
	\$ 1,452,264.26	\$	1,452,264.26
<u>From Plaistow Bank & Trust Co:</u>			
Interest from Cert. of Deposits		\$	294.94

From Plaistow Co-operative Bank:

Acc. #13409 - Recreation Park	\$	30,602.50	
Interest on Account		551.76	
Interest on Account		327.13	
Account #13410		125.00	
Account #13411		250.00	
			\$ 31,856.39

From Local Sources & Reimbursements:

Planning Board - Manno	\$	711.75	
District Court		14,724.10	
Town Hall Rent		50.00	
Perpetual Care		938.13	
Sale of Lots		900.00	
Whittaker Fund		10.78	
Licenses, Permits and Fees		2,610.30	
Bid Documents - Library		750.00	
Miscellaneous		552.92	
			\$ 21,247.98

Reimbursements:

Sale of Gravel	\$	1,232.00	
Rockingham/Strafford Manpower		33,273.71	
Ambulance		140.00	
Hearing Fees		932.26	
Process Engineering - W. T. Maint.		1,020.29	
Westville Homes - W. T. Maint.		1,020.29	
Police Dept. - Insurance Reports, Pistol Permits, Parking Tickets, Cruiser Sale, etc.		3,037.42	
Gift - Mrs. Mary Nelson- Library		35,140.39	
Miscellaneous		585.19	
			\$ 76,381.55

From Special Reserve Accounts:

Library Renovations	\$	2,846.00	
Highway Department		54,896.57	
Water Line Extension		264.00	
Water Tower Account		3,500.00	
Exploratory Test Well Works		3,087.44	
Fire Dept. Fire Truck		31,269.00	
Bicentennial Committee		656.01	
Rev. Sharing		371.00	
			\$ 96,890.02

Total Receipts \$ 4,807,489.31

Less Disbursements \$ 4,080,390.02

Balance on Hand - December 31, 1976 \$ 727,099.29
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SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 14,768.80	
Town Officers' Expenses	62,151.64	
Elections & Registrations	2,383.97	
District Court	17,070.00	
Town Hall Expense	14,593.50	\$ 110,967.91

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	\$ 105,699.50	
Fire Department	32,644.48	
Care of Trees	1,167.17	
Planning & Zoning	1,353.62	
Damage by Dogs	2,279.65	
Damages & Legal Expenses	3,758.03	
Civil Defense	1,094.00	\$ 147,996.45

Health:

Health Department	\$ 247.00	
Vital Statistics	76.85	
Town Dump Maintenance	22,662.21	\$ 22,986.06

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Maint. - Summer	\$ 44,186.30	
Town Road Maint. - Winter	46,970.82	
Street Lighting	22,680.68	
Town Road Aid	624.76	\$ 114,459.56

Libraries:

\$ 15,783.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 6,231.42	
Town Poor	12,260.32	\$ 18,491.74

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day		\$ 300.00
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Recreation Commission:

\$ 3,476.83

Parks & Playgrounds:

926.92

Public Services:

Water Service Maintenance	\$ 7,333.49	
Cemeteries	3,011.09	
Regional Planning Commission	2,701.83	
Conservation Commission	130.00	
Industrial Commission	26.94	\$ 13,203.35

Payment to other Governmental Divisions:

Timberlane Regional School	\$ 1,784,864.66	
2% Bond & Debt Tax	.99	
Rockingham County Assessment	86,014.81	\$ 1,870,880.46

Payment on Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans	\$ 1,400,000.00	
Long Term Notes	13,000.00	\$ 1,413,000.00

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	\$ 40,467.50	
On Long Term Notes	2,027.00	\$ 42,494.50

Unclassified:

Overpayment - withholding	\$ 2.60	
Discounts & Abatements	18,137.61	
Taxes bought by Town	55,861.04	\$ 74,001.25

Special Appropriations:

Ambulance Service	\$ 11,100.00	
Mosquito Control	2,217.55	
Greater Salem Mental Health	3,000.00	
Children's Halloween Parties	600.00	
Exploratory & Test Well Works	3,087.44	
Dev. of Recreational Property	32,539.26	
Gr. Lawrence Solid Waste	500.00	
Summer Recreation Program	3,076.67	
Library Purchase	37,000.00	
Highway Department	54,896.57	
Historical Society	250.00	
Anti-Recessional	387.00	
Library Gift	35,140.39	
Mt. Misery	125.00	
Mt. Misery Grant	250.00	
Library Renovations	3,596.00	
Water Line Ext.	264.00	
Fire Truck	31,269.00	
Revenue Sharing	12,104.45	\$ 231,403.33

TOTAL

\$ 4,080,374.36

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 14,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Thomas H. Cullen	Selectman	\$ 1,000.00	
Norman L. Major	Selectman	1,000.00	
Leroy S. Dube	Selectman	750.00	
Barry A. Sargent	Selectman	250.00	
Helen A. Hart	Town Clerk	6,868.80	
Stanley T. Herrick	Tax Collector	4,000.00	
Ruth E. Jenne	Treasurer	500.00	
Robert Chooljian	Auditor	200.00	
John Fitzgerald	Auditor	200.00	
		<u>200.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,768.80</u>

Overexpended \$ 768.80
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TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 25,600.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Clerical Service:

Ruth E. Jenne, Clerk	\$ 7,537.65
Brenda E. Major, Bookkeeper	3,673.57
Norman L. Major, Financial Agent	250.00
Manpower - Ron Hasseltine	11,660.90
Sec. of Bd. of Adjustment - M. Collins	300.00
Census Taker, Theresa Bourque	550.00
Building Inspector - Robert Jackson	923.00
Bernard J. Dube	1,313.00
Printing & Delivery of Town Report	1,830.00
Advertising, Hearing fees, etc.	633.44
Office Supplies	2,128.81
Postage	1,908.74
Telephone	2,010.44
Assoc. dues & Conv. Exp.	957.34
Insurance & Officers' Bonds	711.43
Recording Tax exemptions	145.13
Dog tags and Books	128.34
Tax Bills - Arlington Trust	1,449.26
Re-Appraisal of Property	2,090.32
Ceta Program	12,046.00
Admin. Assistant	8,273.00
Consulting Engineer	635.00
Furniture	89.00
Misc.(mileage, manpower, boat tax, etc.)	907.27
	<u>\$62,151.64</u>

Less Reimb.: (Manpower, Build. fees
 hearing fees, supplies, etc.) 35,448.43 \$ 26,703.21

Overexpended 46 \$ 1,103.21
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ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 2,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Supervisors: Mahlon T. Keezer	\$ 97.50	
Anne Peaslee	80.00	
Gladys A. B. Tozier	<u>107.50</u>	\$ 285.00
Clifton E. Cook, Moderator		125.00
Ballot Inspectors		430.00
Clerks		290.00
Ballots, Checklists, ect.		674.05
Janitorial Service		285.12
Election Meals		180.67
Police Work		<u>114.13</u>
		\$2,383.97

Less Reimbursements 27.00 \$ 2,356.97

Unexpended Balance \$ 143.03
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DISTRICT COURT

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 17,260.00
 Receipts from District Court (Net) 14,724.10
 Total \$ 31,984.10

Summary of Expenditures:

Daniel H. Andernacht, Justice	\$8,900.00	
Roy Daubenspeck, Ass. Justice	2,670.00	
Kendall Chase, Special Justice	200.00	
Richard L. Russman, Special Justice	50.00	
Edith F. Signor, Clerk	<u>5,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,070.00</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 14,914.10
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TOWN HALL EXPENSES

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 13,500.00

Summary of Expenses:

Custodial Service	\$3,380.00	
Heat	1,975.75	
Electricity & Electric Heat	2,499.18	
Gas	20.96	
Insurance- Building & Content	2,116.88	
Supplies & Repairs	2,765.80	
Laborers (Ceta Program)	86.25	
Repairs to Town Hall	1,362.87	
Misc.	<u>385.81</u>	
		\$14,593.50

Less Reimbursements 55.00 \$ 14,538.50

Overexpended 1,038.50
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 93,243.00

Summary of Expenditures:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WAGES</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alexander Brown, Jr. Chief	\$ 13,200 91	\$	\$ 13,200.91
Robert Tanguay Patrolman	10,004.88		10,004.88
Joseph Coakley Patrolman	8,883.20		8,883.20
Kenneth J. Heim Patrolman	8,747.40		8,747.40

Part-Time Patrolmen:

Norman W. Beaton	598.38		598.38
Ernest Brown	1,196.50		1,196.50
Alfred E. Chase	551.50		551.50
Joseph Coakley	401.76	36.66	438.42
John W. Colby	1,676.75		1,676.75
Fred Copp	860.75		860.75
Bernard J. Dube	2,507.88		2,507.88
Ignatius A. Fournier	490.75		490.75
Kenneth J. Heim	1,629.67	52.00	1,681.67
Robert W. Jackson	931.50		931.50
Diane Kinney	16.25		16.25
Thomas R. McTeague	1,860.55	7.80	1,868.30
Donald Nye	16.25		16.25
Walter O'Connor	1,050.50		1,050.50
Gene V. Paul	284.50		284.50
Meredith Packard	87.75		87.75
William Query	2,364.14	19.76	2,383.90
Bryan Richards	1,210.00	2.34	1,212.34
Robert L. Tanguay	1,582.73		1,582.73
Milton H. Todd	696.25		696.25
Curtis Young	2,566.45	9.75	2,576.20
	<u>\$ 63,417.20</u>	<u>\$ 128.31</u>	<u>\$ 63,545.51</u>
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POLICE DEPARTMENT (cont.)

Summary of Expenditures (continued):

Ruth E. Palmer	\$	409.50	
Joan Pichowicz		260.53	
Nancy Hall		4,954.76	
State Retire. & Hos. (Chief & Patrol)		6,269.10	
Uniforms		1,416.59	
Cruiser Equip. & Repairs		4,291.14	
Gen. Maint. (Misc.)		810.87	
Office Supplies		1,257.10	
Telephone		2,378.30	
Insurance (Cruiser & Patrol)		4,397.20	
Radio Maintenance		353.33	
Crusier - Gas & Oil		8,043.53	
Ambulance		697.00	
Equipment		2,188.20	
Cruiser		3,964.45	
Gov. Crime Comm. reimburse.		336.00	
Training		127.50	
		<u>\$105,699.50</u>	
Less Reimburse. (Grants, Schooling, Gas refund, ins. claims, radar, ASAP, safety council, Highway safety		<u>10,743.49</u>	<u>\$ 94,956.01</u>
Overexpended			<u>\$ 1,713.01</u> =====

CARE OF TREES

1976 Appropriation.....			\$ 1,700.00
Summary of Expenditures:			
Leon A. Bowie, Tree Warden	\$	346.37	
Tamarack Tree Service		156.80	
Triple-A Nursery		266.50	
Ralston Tree Service(spraying)		335.00	
tree cutting		62.50	
		<u>1,167.17</u>	<u>\$ 1,167.17</u>
Unexpended Balance			<u>\$ 532.83</u> =====

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 32,350.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Payroll - regular	\$ 8,792.00
Payroll - Forest Fires	1,447.60
Insurance - Trucks (Liability, etc.)	
Building & Contents	2,219.15
Firehouse Pond & Waterholes	1,657.90
Truck Maint. & Repairs	4,923.66
Building Maint. & Repairs	473.97
Alarm System	584.15
Telephone	1,420.13
Telephone Answering Service	720.00
Heat	1,138.71
Electricity	689.79
Supplies	175.00
Radio	364.49
Training	2,425.65
Firefighting Equipment	3,062.51
Personal Equipment	249.51
Fire Prevention	281.43
Forest Fire Account	2.83
Misc. Acc.	397.71
Hose Account	1,593.29
Hand Tub Account(storage)	25.00

\$ 32,644.48

Less Reimbursements

237.64

\$ 32,406.84

Overexpended

\$ 56.84
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PLANNING AND ZONING

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 3,150.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Ruth E. Palmer, Clerk	\$ 148.70
Eleanor Sargent, Clerk	50.00
Advertising	215.69
Recording plats	163.50
Supplies	210.14
Maps (purchased)	56.25
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc. (Engineering)	479.50
Misc.	29.84

\$ 1,353.62

Less Reimbursements(recording fees, maps
books, etc.)

1,541.63

\$ +(188.01)

Unexpended Balance

\$ 3,338.01
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DAMAGE BY DOGS

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 2,400.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Donald Sargent, Dog Officer	\$ 1,000.00	
Guy Sawyer, Dog Officer	1,200.00	
Supplies	<u>79.65</u>	<u>\$ 2,279.65</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 120.35 =====

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 4,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
James F. Fleming, Town Council	\$ 3,311.33	
J. Philip Esty, State Tax Assessor	145.40	
Clinton F. Goodwin	220.80	
Andernacht, Fleming & Boynton	<u>80.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,758.03</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 241.97 =====

CIVIL DEFENSE

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 1,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Joseph S. Hills Agency - insurance	\$ 294.00	
Repairs to Civil Defense truck	<u>800.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,094.00</u>
Overexpended		\$ 94.00 =====

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 350.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Robert W. Jackson, Inspector	\$ 100.00	
Bernard J. Dube, Inspector	140.00	
Anne Peaslee, R.N.	5.00	
Supplies	<u>2.00</u>	<u>\$ 247.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 103.00 =====

VITAL STATISTICS

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 150.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Helen A. Hart, Town Clerk	\$ <u>76.85</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ <u>73.15</u> =====

LIBRARY

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 15,783.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Plaistow Public Library, Trustees	\$ <u>15,783.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	- 0 - =====

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - SUMMER

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 49,150.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Cold Patch (65.92 tons)	\$ 1,027.05
Gravel	540.00
Cold Patching	1,004.00
Johnson's equipment	2,448.00
Cleaning Catch Basins	139.00
Sweeping	139.00
Mowing	300.00
Rental of Equipment	1,304.00
Calcium	71.60
Road Repairs	1,579.18
Rd. resurface, lowered catch basins, and culvert installation	3,755.00
Rd. resurface and swale pave.	7,709.64
Vehicle	20,000.00
Gas & Oil for truck	236.17
Welding	40.00
Insurance	251.00
Salt (48.95 tons)	845.36
Supplies	1,757.90
Truck Maint. & Repairs	218.74
Advertising	18.29
Supervision	690.00
Misc.	112.37
	<u>\$ 44,186.30</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ <u>4,963.70</u> =====

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - WINTER

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 42,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Supervision	\$	175.00
Cold Patch (82.35 tons)		1,267.09
Salt (547.77 tons)		10,402.44
Screened Sand (2,264 yds.)		3,521.00
Cold Patching		1,466.60
Sanding & Salting		6,935.63
Plowing		8,161.48
Scraping Roacs		1,803.83
Loading Sand		4,169.00
Cleaning Catch Basins		455.46
Water problems		412.50
Breaking & Chopping ice		1,166.50
Glendale Circle		338.00
Truck rental		650.00
Forrest St. project		1,485.20
Heat for Building		422.20
Pavement markings		77.65
Gas & Oil for trucks		435.90
Supplies		1,529.75
Insurance		1,803.31
Misc.		292.28
		\$ 46,970.82

Less Reimbursements (Gas refund) 32.90 \$ 46,937.92

Overexpended \$ 4,937.92

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TOWN DUMP MAINTENANCE

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 22,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

William A. Maguire Co., Ext.	\$	260.00
Robert L. Rossi, Contractor		5,127.75
Fred Yakel, Contractor		9,060.00
Senter Bros., Contractor		8,000.00
Cleaning Dump Road		130.00
Supplies		84.46
		\$ 22,662.21

Less Reimbursements (gravel) 1,232.00 \$ 21,430.21

Unexpended Balance \$ 569.79

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TOWN POOR

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 12,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Rockingham County Home & Hospital	\$ 2,737.48
Sharon Nursing Home	3,500.05
Room & Board (teenagers)	1,613.00
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	364.76
IGA Foodliner	265.00
Custeau's	495.00
Alexander's Market	25.00
Westville Market	60.00
Gordon F. Merrick Co. - oil	240.60
Cash Oil Co.	79.85
Davis' Garage	28.27
Philip's Service	85.00
Rexall Drug - Raymond	82.68
Nault's Pharmacy	6.98
Exeter Hospital	22.89
New England Telephone	35.91
Rent	2,280.00
Misc.	337.85

\$ 12,260.32

Less Reimbursements 408.76 \$ 11,851.56

Unexpended Balance \$ 148.44
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 8,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	6,231.42
	<u>\$ 1,768.58</u>
Less Reimbursements	<u>527.83</u>

Unexpended Balance \$ 2,296.41
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STREET LIGHTING

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 19,100.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	<u>\$ 22,680.68</u>
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Overexpended \$ 3,580.68
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TOWN ROAD AID

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 572.26
Summary of Expenditures:		
N. H. Highway Division	\$ 572.26	
Rental of chain saw	<u>52.50</u>	<u>\$ 624.76</u>
Overexpended		\$ 52.50 =====

MEMORIAL DAY

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 300.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Carl G. Davis Post #34, American Legion		<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		- 0 - =====

RECREATION COMMISSION

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 3,500.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Junior Baseball League	\$ 824.00	
Girl's Softball	143.95	
Band Concerts	580.00	
Junior Football	450.00	
Hockey	750.00	
Basketball	374.85	
Misc.	354.03	
	<u>\$3,476.83</u>	
Less Reimbursements	<u>9.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,467.83</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 32.17 =====

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 100.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Postage & Misc.		<u>\$ 26.94</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 73.06 =====

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 1,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Richard Ripley, Custodian	\$ 520.00	
Insurance	54.31	
Supplies	134.00	
Gas & Oil for tractor	<u>218.61</u>	<u>\$ 926.92</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 73.08 =====

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 7,000.00
Service Charge.....		2,040.58
Total		<u>\$ 9,040.58</u>
Summary of Expenditures:		
Norther Utilities	\$3,122.99	
Process Engineering (W. T. Maint.)	1,695.55	
Process Engineering (Diesel pump)	1,545.96	
Gordon F. Merrick Co. (oil)	14.00	
Insurance	101.15	
B & M Railroad	165.00	
Pipe	564.00	
Repairs to Hale Spring pump	<u>124.84</u>	<u>\$ 7,333.49</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,707.09 =====

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

1976 Appropriation.....			\$ 18,000.00
Interest Received on Invested Funds	\$ 53,388.15		
Interest Paid on Temporary Loans	<u>\$ 40,467.50</u>	<u>\$ 12,920.65</u>	
Unexpended Balance			\$ 30,920.65 =====

CEMETERIES

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 5,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Herbert K. Reed, Sexton	\$ 512.10	
Laborers	1,042.62	
Clerk of Cemetery Trustee	57.50	
Supplies	181.77	
Perpetual Care	400.00	
Landscaping	527.97	
Repairs (Gas & Oil)	150.41	
Insurance	138.72	
	<u>\$ 3,011.09</u>	
Less Reimbursements	<u>1,874.13</u>	<u>\$ 1,136.96</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 3,863.04</u> =====

INTEREST ON LONG-TERM NOTES

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 2,600.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Haverhill National Bank		<u>2,027.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 573.00</u> =====

LONG-TERM NOTES

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 13,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Haverhill National Bank - Water Tower	\$ 7,000.00	
Haverhill National Bank - Water Line	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,000.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>-0-</u> =====

GREATER SALEM MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

1976 Appropriation..... \$ 3,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Greater Salem Mental Health Association		<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>-0-</u> =====

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 300.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
N. H. Association of Conservation Commission	\$ <u>130.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 170.00 =====

FIRE DEPARTMENT - EQUIPMENT FUND

Unexpended Previous Appropriation.....	\$ 31,682.69
Interest.....	2,000.50
1976 Appropriation (from Revenue Sharing).....	<u>35,000.00</u>
Total.....	\$ <u>68,683.19</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Transferred to Fire Dept. Truck Account	\$ <u>65,000.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 3,683.19 =====

FIRE DEPARTMENT - TRUCK ACCOUNT

1976 Authorization (transferred from Fire Dept. Equip. Fund).....	\$ 65,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Howe Fire Apparatus Co.	\$ <u>31,269.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 44,731.00 =====

EXPLORATORY & TEST WELL WORKS ACCOUNT

Unexpended Previous Appropriation.....	\$ 4,074.31
Interest.....	268.43
Total	\$ <u>4,342.74</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Layne New England Co	\$ 2,454.50
Keyes Associates	<u>632.94</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ <u>3,087.44</u> \$ 1,255.30 =====

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 600.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Pollard School P.O.P.S.	\$ <u>600.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	- 0 - =====

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 1/1/76.....	\$ 21,176.37
Entitlement Payment.....	46,496.00
Interest.....	3,152.04
Total	<u>\$ 70,824.41</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Library Purchase	\$ 35,000.00
Fire Dept. Equip. Account	<u>35,000.00</u>
Unappropriated Balance	\$ 824.41 =====

MT. MISERY ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 1/1/76.....	\$ 284.59
Interest.....	29.61
Total	<u>\$ 314.20</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	\$ <u>125.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 189.20 =====

MT. MISERY GRANT ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 1/1/76.....	\$ 444.16
Interest.....	45.15
Total	<u>\$ 489.31</u>
Summary of Expenditures:	
Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	\$ <u>250.00</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 239.31 =====

WATER TOWER ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 1/1/76.....		\$ 5,250.00
Interest.....		294.94
Total		<u>\$ 5,544.94</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Transferred to General Fund		<u>\$ 3,794.94</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>\$ 1,750.00</u>

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 11,100.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Shanahan Ambulance	\$ 8,325.00	
Ambulance Account	<u>2,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,100.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>- 0 -</u>

GREATER LAWRENCE SOLID WASTE ACCOUNT

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 500.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Greater Lawrence Solid Waste Account		<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>- 0 -</u>

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 52,000.00
Interest.....		1,289.82
Total		<u>\$ 53,289.82</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Palmer & Dodge	\$ 264.00	
Extension of Water Mains	<u>53,025.82</u>	<u>\$ 53,289.82</u>
Unexpended Balance		<u>- 0 -</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 70,000.00
Interest.....	1,408.11
Total	<u>\$ 71,408.11</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Palmer & Dodge	\$ 356.00	
Pickup and Plow (Dodge)	6,439.34	
Signs for Trucks	128.28	
International Truck and Spreader	11,860.96	
International Loader Back-hoe	19,575.00	
repairs to loader	25.44	
16" adjustable wrench	27.55	
J. A. Palmer & Son, Inc. - garage	16,434.00	
Highway Department Account	<u>16,511.54</u>	<u>\$ 71,408.11</u>

Unexpended Balance	-0-
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SUMMER RECREATION ACCOUNT

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 5,268.00
Receipts from Rockingham/Strafford Manpower.....	984.43
Total	<u>\$ 6,252.43</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Roy Huntress, Director	\$ 900.00	
Mary E. Giampa, Asst. Director	600.00	
Kimberly Schive, Arts & Crafts Dir.	300.00	
Supplies(Reimb. by Manpower)	968.17	
Supplies	<u>308.50</u>	<u>\$ 3,076.67</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 3,175.76
(to be returned to General Fund)	=====

MOSQUITO CONTROL ACCOUNT

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 2,500.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Kim Radtke	\$ 1,178.10	
Wilfred Burr	860.25	
James Katkins	122.00	
Mileage	41.25	
Supplies	<u>15.95</u>	<u>\$ 2,217.55</u>

Unexpended Balance	\$ 282.45
(to be returned to General Fund)	=====

SOUTHERN ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 3,534.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Southern Rockingham Regional Planning	\$ 2,650.50	
Arlington Trust - street listings	<u>51.33</u>	<u>\$ 2,701.83</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 832.17 =====

COUNTY ASSESSMENT TAX

1976 Appropriation.....		\$ 86,014.81
Summary of Expenditures:		
Rockingham County Treasurer		<u>\$ 86,014.81</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0- =====

DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL LAND

Unexpended Previous Appropriation.....		\$ 30,629.89
Interest.....		317.13
Grant.....		<u>14,250.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 45,197.02</u>
Summary of Expenditures:		
Advertising	\$ 39.60	
Recording Fee	7.00	
Signs	135.16	
Contractor - Iafolla Industries	<u>32,357.50</u>	<u>\$ 32,539.26</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$ 12,657.76 =====

ANTI-RECESSIONAL ACCOUNT

Received from U. S. Treasury		\$ 387.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Anti-Recessional Account		<u>\$ 387.00</u>
Unexpended Balance		-0- =====

PLANNING BOARD RECREATION ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 1/1/76.....	\$ 1,938.00
Interest.....	237.25
Receipts.....	1,820.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,995.25</u>
 Balance on Hand 12/31/76	 \$ 3,995.25 =====

LIBRARY RENOVATION

Library Gift from Mrs. Mary Nelson.....	\$ 35,140.39
Interest.....	1,525.85
Receipts.....	750.00
Total	<u>\$ 37,416.24</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Goodwin-Gallagher Assoc.	\$ 2,787.00	
Insurance	97.00	
Bid contracts	700.00	
Misc.	12.00	\$ 3,596.00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 33,820.24 =====
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 250.00
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Summary of Expenditures:

Richard F. Leville	\$ 250.00
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Unexpended Balance	- 0 - =====
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TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance 1975-1976 Appropriation.....	\$ 913,364.66
1976-1977 Appropriation.....	1,802,955.40
Total	<u>\$2,716,320.06</u>

Summary of Expenditures:

Timberlane Regional School District	\$1,784,864.66
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Balance Due the District	\$ 931,455.40 =====
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EXPENDITURES NOT REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS

Temporary Loans:

Arlington Trust Company \$ 1,400,000.00

Taxes Bought by the Town:

Stanley T. Herrick, Tax Collector 55,861.04

Discounts, Refunds, and Abatments:

Wesley D. & Marilyn C. Davis	397.88
Mary W. Wheeler	8.50
Nettie Belle Hill Estate	195.50
Robert Litwinovitch	2.50
John & Denise Russ	66.83
Sandra J. Daniels, Exec. of N. J. Daniels, Est.	141.50
Donald K. Davis	3.50
George Yates	5.00
Timberlane Regional High School	15.00
Philip M. Brault	2.00
John E. Cannon	40.50
Evelyn Merrick	10.00
Nicholas & Joan Pichowicz	291.19
Unwar Samaha, Clerk of Superior Court	750.64
J & M Realty Trust	9,496.11
Shirley J. Cook	132.32
Richard Nelson	68.83
Grace A. Vlack	2.50
J & M Realty Trust	4,314.99
John J. O'Connor	395.09
Sandra Daniels	44.50
Wilbur & Mary Ellen Webster	22.00
R. Hasseltine	49.14
Mary Seeley	12.04
Joyce Cookson	12.04
Scott Whitford	27.77
Joseph Caillouette	28.75
Richard Johnson	28.75
Herbert Howard	27.04
Steven Howard	28.75
Roy Tarbox	28.26
Michael Murphy	27.28
Mark LaFave	27.40
Edward Rosetti	28.51
Gary Peltonovich	26.55
Carol Snow	10.87
Cindy Sgro	8.77
Lisa Bayek	10.87
Ruth Palmer	27.60
Brenda Major	47.72
Ruth Jenne	20.46
Barbara James	32.91

Discounts, Refunds and Abatements (cont.):

Wendy Fischer	10.32
Michael Venturi	10.87
Christina Venturi	10.87
James Tarbox	10.87
Lynn Bayek	10.99
Rock/Strafford Manpower Adm.	454.23
Robert Emerson	161.78
Richard Nelson	6.00
B. Keith Ames	2.50
Salvatore Paone	6.00
William B. Little	104.26
Robert Wyman	56.14
Mrs. Eldredge Matthews	157.21
Carrie L. Whitman	157.21
Angelina Galante	10.00
Kenneth Lord	50.00

\$ 18,137.61
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ABATEMENTS

Abatements on the 1976 Property Warrant:

Veterans Exemptions:

Frank R. & Jean M. Banaski	\$	50.00	
Hazel Brainard		50.00	
Howard & Barbara Daniels		50.00	
Mary Crowell		50.00	
Howard & Francesca Driscoll		50.00	
Earl W. Grainger		50.00	
Richard Helfrich		50.00	
Robert E. & Marcia Hudson		50.00	
Charles & Carmen Jaffarian		50.00	
Robert & Pauline Jean		50.00	
Russell & Gertrude Kaskiewicz		50.00	
Walter & Judith Kimball		50.00	
Richard & Ulrike Latour		50.00	
Kenneth & Ann Lord		50.00	
Ernest & Marie Miller		50.00	
John & Lucy Ann Morehouse		50.00	
Edmund Perry		50.00	
Paul & Eleanor Poley		50.00	
Paul W. Ringer		50.00	
Edward & Jayne Sullivan		50.00	
Paul & Corrine Tozier		50.00	
Frederick & Willa Vogel		50.00	
Melvin & Beatrice Welsch		50.00	
Arthur & Pauline Young		50.00	
		<u>50.00</u>	\$ 1,200.00

Land Value Credit:

Carlton & Anita Marshall	\$	523.37	
Eugene & Ann Goudreault		848.54	
Rev. John Parsons		428.85	
Rev. John Parsons		347.26	
		<u>347.26</u>	\$ 2,148.02

Property Sold to Town:

Kenneth Bernard (A-Z)			\$ 449.87
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Billing Error:

Zelda Primrose	\$	157.21	
R & L Builders		69.65	
Fieldstone Realty Co.		7.96	
Garold Morse		55.72	
Bernard Collins N/F		123.38	
		<u>123.38</u>	\$ 413.92

Value Adjustments:

Robert & Joyce Hurd	\$	149.25	
R & C Realty Trust		41.79	
Michael & Patricia Godfrey		143.28	
Lawrence & Laura Lee Faretta		181.09	
		<u>181.09</u>	\$ 515.41

Abatements on the 1976 Property Warrant (cont.)

Boat Tax:

William Dame	\$	5.97	
Paul Atlas		3.98	
Charles Bexanson		19.90	
Earle Grainger		3.98	
George Gebow		19.90	
Reinhardt Gallipeau		7.96	
Norman L. Major		1.99	
Eleanor Martel		11.94	
Merton Merry		7.96	
William Riley		11.94	
Gordon Sykes, Jr.		5.96	
Paul C. Studley		35.82	
Sydney Stearns		43.18	
Ronald Vinnacombe		15.92	
Francis Walsh		11.94	
Neil Walker		17.91	
Walter Pearson		15.92	
Edward Perkins		15.92	
Harold Pettingill		15.92	
			\$ 274.01
			\$ 5,001.23
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Abatements on the 1975 Property Warrant:

Redemption Book:

Leonard Wing	\$	280.25	
R & L Builders		83.30	
Helen Scarborough, Heirs		26.39	
Raymond & Jean Arsenault		19.86	
A. Duff N/F		83.30	
			\$ 493.10

Hardship:

Mildred Kimball	\$	15.96	
William Shaw		164.57	
Alma Herrick		157.21	
Edith Killam		200.00	
Mrs. Walter Sickel		200.00	
Pearl Beaulieu		157.21	
			\$ 894.95

Billing Error:

Fronica Tikelis	\$	108.27	
Kelly Corner Dev.		172.43	
Trinity House Camp		30.07	
			\$ 310.77

Abatements on the 1975 Property Warrant (cont.):

Value Adjustment:

John Atwood	\$	98.25	
William Simmons, Jr.		132.33	
Marina Benjamin		465.16	
Phyllis Ordway, Heirs		<u>272.68</u>	\$ 968.42
			<u>\$ 2,667.24</u>
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Abatements on the 1974 Property Warrant:

Value Adjustment:

John Atwood	\$		96.04
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Redemption Book:

R & L Builders	\$		<u>82.18</u>
	\$		178.22
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Abatements on the 1973 Property Warrant:

Redemption Book:

R & L Builders	\$	74.65	
Leonard Wing		<u>248.80</u>	\$ 323.45
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Abatements on the 1972 Property Warrant:

Redemption Book:

R & L Builders	\$		70.47
			=====

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1976 LEVY

Non-Resident

Jean Arsenault
Raymond Arsenault
Robert Baratt
Wanda Brasier
Mark Dargle
Dennis F. Dodier
Patricia A. Hunter
Richard W. Hunter

Cheryl N. Lamb
Joseph H. Simoneau
Robert B. Simpson
Wendellyn O. Thayer
Randall Xenakis
David P. Kelley
Eleanor C. Kelley

Deceased

William Castle
Mary E. Currier
Daniel F. Healey
Dorothy V. Henderson

Dorothy Lieber
Ronald E. McGilvray
Ruth M. McGilvray

Over-age

Ralph E. Harris
Maria R. Lacey
Mildred C. Moran

Frances Minnich
Rev. Herbert C. Noel
Ida Parziale

Under-age

David S. Hauser

Veterans Widow

Viola M. Miller
Anna E. Peaslee

Mary P. Seeley

Service People

Walter W. Maddocks
Gary A. Willms

Duane Demeritt

Hardship

Barbara Back
Theresa Caillouette
John A. Kavanaugh
Roger A. Lovell

Susan M. Paine
Thomas Law
Hildegarde Law

Duplicate Billing

Chahe Berberian
Martin Griffin

David S. Hauser
Steven R. Webster

Paid Elsewhere

Peter W. Wheeler

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1975 LEVY

Non-Resident

Anne M. Barry
Donald W. Barry
Gail L. Benson
Donald F. Bickford
Marie T. Bisson
Charles N. Blois, Jr.
Barbara D. Burns
Leonard Burns
Craig H. Campbell
Robert Carrow
Robert P. Carter
Angela R. Church
Elizabeth F. Clement
Robert J. Clement, Sr.
Joseph Colantoni
Mary V. Colantoni
Ralph E. Conlon
Alan Corey
Diana Corey
Mark Dargle
Margaret E. Donabedian
Rosealie G. Dufresne
Loretta J. Dumont
Roberta A. Earnshaw
Edith Ellis
Terry L. Ellis
Sandra G. Farr
William M. Farr
George J. Fleig
Kyenam Fleig
Ellen E. Freehan
Kenneth M. Fulmore
Mary Fulmore
Roseann L. Gagnon
Karen L. Hatch
Bruce K. Hawkes
John D. Hewson
Donald A. Hillerby
Joan L. Hillerby
Vivian M. Houle
Alfred T. Howard
Anne-Mae T. Jablonowski

Frank C. Jablonowski
Robert Jansen
Charles Jones
Jeanne M. Kennedy
Susan Kropoff
John J. Lane
Deborah Lang
Robert Lang
Helen Lattime
Bradley S. Lavigne
Jane M. Lavigne
Janet S. Lawson
Robert Lawson
Timothy W. Leavitt
Mary Loring
Robert Loring
Leroy Mansfield
Evelyn M. McKenney
Norris McKenney
Brenda L. Middlemiss
Mark J. Middlemiss
Robert Millard
Harriet D. Mook
Rev. Henry K. Mook
Richard C. Mower
Theresa Nichols
Harry A. Pratt
Roland R. Raymond
Peter Reynolds
Margaret L. Richardson
Robert W. Richardson
Sharon Roberts
Susan J. Senter
James P. Simoneau
Marjorie L. Thompson
Eric A. Watson
Mary A. Weare
Albert F. Wihry
Eva M. Wihry
George T. Wittman
Mary C. Wittman

Under-age

Vicki J. McIntosh

Service People

Robert A. Chooljian, Jr.
Donald J. Cote
Susan M. Dickinson

Thomas S. Johnson
Robert Jordon
Virginia Roberts

Over-age

Jeannette M. McLean

Ida Parziale

Paid Elsewhere

Priscilla Foote

Duplicate Billing

Michael Mitchell

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1974 LEVY

Gail Benson
Joseph Colantoni
Mary Colantoni
Loretta Dumont
Edith Ellis
Terry Ellis

Vivian Houle
Alice Mirabito
Paul Mirabito
Michael Mitchell
Roland R. Raymond
Bryan Richards

ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1973 LEVY

Loretta Dumont
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ABATED RESIDENT TAXES TO COLLECTOR 1972 LEVY

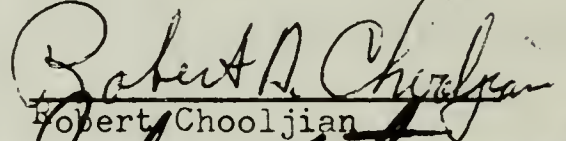
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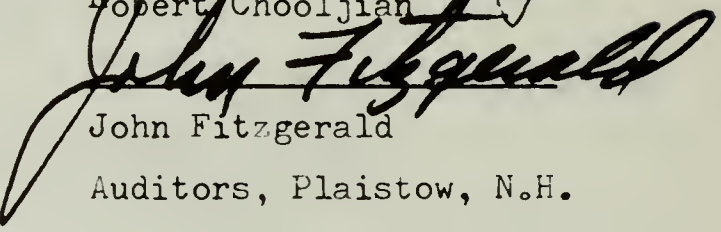
TOWN AUDITORS
Plaistow, N. H. 03865

The 1976 Audit of the Town of Plaistow for the period January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976 has not been completed.

As of this date, February 16, 1976 the Auditors have not received the reports of all of the trustees and agents or the final reports of the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and the District Court.

The audit will be completed when all records are made available to us.


Robert Chooljian


John Fitzgerald

Auditors, Plaistow, N.H.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

In November 1976 I was hired by the Town of Plaistow for the job as Highway Road Supervisor on a part time basis. On January 1, 1977 I began the job full time. Since that time we have had one of the most severe winters we've had in years. With snow storms one right after another and road icing conditions accompanying each storm our newly established Highway Department and work crew have had their hands full. With the help of the Selectmen, cooperation of the townspeople and a dependable crew we have been able to keep problems to a minimum.

As of now the Highway Department owns one International Dump Truck with a snow plow and wing. The Department also has a four drive Dodge pickup equipped with an eight foot fisher plow, a loader back-hoe combination, two sanders - one large five to seven yard and one smaller one and a half yard. We have had a few problems with equipment but most of them were worked out with little difficulty.

Communications seems to be our most difficult problem at this time, but we are at present working out a solution.

As new Highway Supervisor my goals are; to try and keep the town roads up to standards realizing the town budget and try to stay within that budget. In the winter my goal is to provide that town with bare pavement as soon as possible after each snow storm. With the proper use of de-icing chemicals to keep traffic moving in safety with regard to the effects on roadside vegetation and ground water.

With cooperation and patience and a little understanding eventually we hope to make the Town Highway Department one of the most efficient in the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Bennett
Highway Supervisor

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Money Available

Carried forward from last year	\$ 27.43
Town share 1976-1977 appropriation	572.26
State share 1976-1977 appropriation	<u>3,815.05</u>
Total	\$ 4,414.74

Money Spent

Al Hoyt, Jr. - Gravel	\$ 192.00
Payroll - Equipment - w/e 9/11/76	2,044.80
Trimount - Asphalt	857.74
Merrimack Paving - Hottop	<u>82.50</u>
Total	\$ 3,177.04

Balance in Account	\$ 1,237.70
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Note: In the above balance of \$1,237.70, the amount of \$20.28 is being held in escrow, pending the State Attorney General's ruling on time and one-half for eight hours on a labor payroll of 5/10/75.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1975	\$ 6,377.34
Correcting duplication of deposits (ref: Dec., 1972)	(80.14)
Corrected Bal. in Ck. Acct. as of Dec. 31, 1975	<u>\$ 6,297.20</u>

Receipts:

Closed Interest Acct. #4008359	\$	1,362.14
Interest Rec. on Acct. #4008359		16.98
Harris Acct. from Investments		500.00
Interest Rec. on Harris Acct.		9.04
Dividends on Invested Funds		650.50
Interest on Checking Acct.		<u>152.26</u>

Total Receipts	<u>\$ 2,690.92</u>
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Sub-balance Checking Account	\$ 8,988.12
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New Funds Interest Account	\$	750.00
Rec. from Bank Interest		<u>14.05</u>

Balance on Interest Account	<u>\$ 764.05</u>
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Total Balance on Accounts, Dec. 31, 1976	\$ 9,752.17
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Expenditures:

Transfer to Savings Cert.	\$	7,000.00
John Colby, Maplewood Cemetery		
Bal. due from 1975 Trust		10.00
Transfer to Savings Cert. (Harris)		500.00
Town of Plaistow, Perpetual Care		880.00
Town of Plaistow, Int. on Trust Fund		58.13
Father Griffin, Holy Angels Cemetery		
Int. on Invested Funds		691.69
John Colby, Maplewood Cemetery		
Int. on Invested Funds		<u>410.75</u>
		<u>\$ 9,550.57</u>

Balance on Checking & Interest Acct., Dec. 31, 1976	\$ 201.60
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INVESTED FUNDS

Savings Cert. #6252 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	\$ 24,480.70
Savings Cert. #6250 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	5,391.21
Savings Cert. #6251 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	9,078.59
Savings Cert. #6160 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	3,300.00
Savings Cert. #3112 - Plaistow Co-operative Bank	7,000.00
Total Interest for 1976 on Savings Certificates	<u>3,366.91</u>

Total Invested Funds as of December 31, 1976	\$ 52,617.41
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REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES (cont.)

Report of Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 1976

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	New Funds Created
1-2-76	Holt Fund	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$ 100.00
5-24-76	George & Irving Senter	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$ 100.00
6-10-76	Joseph D. Hennessy Fund	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$ 150.00
6-18-76	Jeanne DePaolo & Ernest Carpenter Fund	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$ 200.00
12-29-76	George Henderson	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	\$ 100.00
12-29-76	Mrs. Muriel Bellefontaine	Perpetual Care	Plaistow Co-op Bank	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL				<u>\$ 750.00</u> =====

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Foster, Clerk
Craig Morse
Dennis Cronin

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1976	\$ 1,577.55	
Received from Town of Plaistow	15,783.00	
Transferred from Fines Account	<u>600.00</u>	\$ 17,960.55

Expenditures:

Salaries - Librarian	\$ 4,020.00	
Assistant Librarians	3,450.63	
Pages	765.45	
New Books Purchased	2,513.41	
Periodical Subscriptions	404.52	
Encyclopedias & Reference Books	696.05	
Postage & P. O. Box	109.15	
Supplies	352.28	
Insurance	174.00	
Dues to Library Organizations	18.00	
Telephone	254.73	
Education & Convention Expense	39.00	
Capital Equipment	55.00	
Transferred to New Equipment Fund (for shelving)	2,000.00	
Transferred to New Equipment Fund (for Fireproof Cabinet for Historical Items)	1,000.00	
Public Activities	99.92	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>6.95</u>	<u>\$ 15,959.09</u>

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1976	\$ 2,001.46	=====
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Special Funds on Deposit in Plaistow Co-Operative Bank:

New Equipment Fund	\$ 4,537.03
Virginia Robinson Fund	605.93
Encyclopedia/Reference Fund	333.13
Annie L. Dow Fund	292.87
Fines Account	644.85
Irving E. Peaslee Memorial Fund	335.88
Paul D. Palmer Memorial Fund	1,431.84

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara N. Baratt, Chairman
Robert H. Rochussen, Vice-Chairman
and Asst. Treasurer

Barbara Nichols, Secretary
David W. Dana, Treasurer
Ruth C. Cook
Nils C. Persson

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1976 \$ -0-

Receipts:

Fines paid (1,943 criminal cases)	36,293.00
Small claims including payment of forms, second summons and executions, after costs	674.89
Civil cases including entry fees, judgements, executions and payment of writ forms	560.59
Bail Forfeiture	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 37,628.48
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Expenditures:

Paid to Department of Safety, Motor Vehicle Division for fines	\$ 17,547.24
Paid to N. H. Fish & Game Department for fines	44.00
Expenses: telephone, postage, printing, dues, bond, library, ass't clerk, misc. supplies and witness fees (expenses are paid from receipts after payment to State of N. H.)	5,313.14
Paid to the Town of Plaistow, N. H.	<u>14,724.10</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 37,628.48
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Respectfully submitted,

Edith F. Signor, Clerk
District Court

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department now employs a full-time Chief, three full-time Officers, a full-time Clerk, 16 part-time Officers and two Police-women.

All three full-time men have now completed the mandatory State Police Training School and have also been certified as Breathalyzer Operators.

The Chief and full-time Officers have this year, completed a total of 19 weeks in Supervisory, Breathalyzer, Photography, Fingerprinting and Prosecuting Schools. Our continued use of the schooling made available, free to the department by the Crime Commission, will make us more qualified in the different aspects of investigative work.

The full-time personnel have been working closely with the School Department and have lectured on Bicycle Safety at the Pollard School. Demonstrations of the Radar and Breathalyzer Units were given at the High School in addition to lectures on various aspects of Police work. Several local organizations have also requested and received demonstrations of the Breathalyzer.

The only major purchases this year, have been the new Police Cruiser and a moving Radar Unit. The Radar was purchased with equal Town and Highway Safety Funds. This Radar Unit differs from the older model in that it enables the Cruiser Duty Officers to monitor a vehicle speed while doing his routine patrol.

The Department was again faced with two Strikes, (these making four in as many years), one at Westville Homes and the other at Process Engineering. These put a severe strain on Department Personnel; but the Mutual Aid arrangement with neighboring departments enabled us to keep the necessary men available for duty thus keeping the situations for the most part quiet and orderly.

A series of Bicentennial events climaxing with the celebration on the Fourth of July weekend were all without incident, due partly to the co-operation of the Fire Department and Police Department but mainly to the wonderful attitude of the Townspeople.

The Police Association once again worked with the youngsters in town sponsoring a Little League Team and running a Baseball Clinic for the younger set.

In a joint community spirit venture, they sponsored a Thanksgiving Day Football Game with all proceeds going to the Timberlane Scholarship Fund.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (cont.)

I take this opportunity to remember Past Chiefs Frank Esty and John Philbrick who passed away this year.

In closing, I wish to thank all my department personnel, Town Hall personnel, neighboring Police Departments, Sheriff's Department, State Police, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and the Selectmen for their continued support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Brown, Jr.
Chief of Police

Motor Vehicle Accidents	223
1 car	33
2 car	134
3 car	7
Hit & Run	16
1 car & other (Bike, Motorcycle)	33
Number persons summoned	636
Total Offenses	1068
Motor Vehicle Violations	
Speeding	474
DWI	68
Misc.	134
Assaults investigated	18
Robbery	2
Breaking Entering & Larceny	76
Stolen Autos	16
Stolen Bicycles	32
Shoplifting	26
Bad Checks	48
Drug cases investigated	12
Juvenile cases	44
Missing persons	14
Juveniles arrested	34
Juveniles confined	8
Misc. complaints	62

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our nation's bicentennial year was an eventful one for all of us, and concurrently marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of Plaistow Fire Department. We are proud to have had a part in all activities from parades and fireworks, to good natured dunkings and stockade imprisonments. Our rescue personnel provided stand-by medical aid at virtually all functions, and the department supplied other talent and equipment on a volunteer basis throughout the year-long festivities. The Bicentennial Committee deserves great credit for making this year one which will long be remembered.

Your Board of Fire Engineers worked diligently on specifications for a new truck, and a contract was awarded the Howe Apparatus Company at a price of \$53,673.00 for a pumper which is scheduled to be delivered in June of 1977. The truck will have a front suction which will be invaluable in our drafting operations.

Early in the year we were plagued with problems at the dump, but the selectmen resolved the situation, and provided the dump is maintained properly, we should have no future problems. The fire lane ordinance enacted last year had to be re-written because of technical difficulties, and adopted by selectmen. We are disappointed that construction on the water line, voted last year, was not started, but hope that construction will begin early in 1977. We are also disappointed to report that illegal filling of water sources continues.

While the amount of responses generally remained the same as last year, mutual aid calls to surrounding communities increased. We expect mutual aid responses to increase, due to the lowering of the water table, thus reducing our available supply. We foresee a significant need for tank truck response on a mutual aid basis to and from communities in the area. We urge citizens who see wet areas being filled in, to contact the Conservation Commission, since filling these areas is not only illegal, but destroys natural waterways and substantially reduces the available water for firefighting.

This past year we had only four building fires of serious nature, and we feel that the inspection program is having a positive effect by keeping fires to a minimum. Fire Inspector Bill Judson, and Building Inspector Jim Dube are to be commended for their diligent team work in this field.

We strongly urge every family to purchase an approved smoke detector for his home, and we will be happy to assist anyone desiring information. Early detection of a fire has saved many lives; detectors are low cost and well worth the investment. We hope to have the building code ammended to require smoke detectors in all new buildings.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (cont.)

We would like to thank all the citizens who have helped us this year, in carrying out our many and varied functions. I would like also to personally thank all firemen both active members and veterans for their dedication and outstanding service to the Fire Department.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Vehicles: Fires, accidents, gas spills	25
Structural:	
Residential	
Minor, including chimney	10
Working fires	4
Commercial, Industrial, Schools	4
Brush: Grass, Woods, Dump, etc.	27
False:	5
Medical Aid:	18
Mutual Aid to others	15
Miscellaneous	14

Respectfully submitted,

T. Richard Latham
Chief

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE

The activities of the Civil Defense as directed from state headquarters in Concord requires maintaining a degree of preparedness for coping with natural and/or civil disasters. Our plans have been fairly well developed where fire, police, and medical aid is immediately available. According to state and national standards, our fall-out shelter capacity is at a minimum, but to rectify this, the cost would be prohibitive.

The rescue feature of our Civil Defense is becoming more of an integral part of routine emergency, and plays an important part of our service to Plaistow and surrounding communities. This past year, members of the Fire Department have worked hard in order to put the truck, purchased by the women's Fire Department Auxiliary, in good working order. A new motor was installed, and much equipment was donated by the Firemen's Association. The Town can be proud to have one of the finest and well equipped rescue vehicles in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Richard Latham
Director

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Bernard J. Dube, Building Inspector

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully submit the following report on permits issued by this department from January to December 1976.

	TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
DWELLINGS	One Family	28	\$ 897,500.00
ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS		62	95,949.00
MOBILE HOMES		1	7,000.00
SWIMMING POOLS		18	80,900.00
GARAGES		26	142,120.00
COMMERCIAL		35	480,895.48
INDUSTRIAL		<u>4</u>	<u>81,440.00</u>
TOTAL		174	\$1,785,804.48

The total number of building permits issued for the year was 174 as compared to 104 in 1975. There were 42 Occupancy Permits issued in 1976.

The total estimated cost was \$1,785,804.48 in 1976 as compared to \$997,314.00 in 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard J. Dube
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The year 1976 was relatively quiet as far as tree problems were concerned. Two dead trees were removed by the Town by contract plus four by the Tree Warden. Additionally, a considerable amount of deadwood was removed from roadside trees where it was felt to be hazardous to traffic or pedestrians. The Exeter & Hampton Electric Company was helpful, as always, in removing two other dead trees. The trees are felled by the Electric Company and cleanup was provided by the Town, thus benefiting both parties.

As has been the case for many years now, the Town arranged to have roadside Elm Trees sprayed with methoxychlor in an attempt to decrease the spread of the Dutch Elm Disease. This spraying is done in early spring at which time it is of most benefit towards disease control and at the same time, least detrimental to wildlife. This spraying is approved by the Plaistow Conservation Commission.

The 1976 spring tree planting program consisted of the planting of seventeen trees. Thirteen trees were maple, two mountain ash and two flowering crabs. The trees were purchased at the Triple-A Nursery in Haverhill and planted by the Tree Warden. This annual roadside planting is a token attempt to help offset tree loss due to disease and age.

At the time of writing of this report, we are only two weeks into 1977 and the amount of tree damage due to the severe snow and ice storms has been very bad. The full extent of damage will not be known until snow melts and fallen branches are exposed. If any resident needs help in cleaning up roadside branches in the Spring, be sure to contact the Tree Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon A. Bowie
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

1976 continued the trend of increased activity in the areas of planning, subdivision control, and site development approval.

In the area of planning, your Board has been working regularly toward the development of a master plan (town plan) as required by state statute. Assisting the Board are two groups, the Southern Rockingham Regional Planning Staff and the Plaistow Sounding Board - a group of citizens interested enough in the future development of the town to meet regularly to discuss and recommend master plan development. Any Plaistow citizen who is willing to meet at least monthly and who feels he or she has an interest in the future development of the town is urged to join. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at Town Hall.

1976 Town Meeting action approved changes to the zoning regulations regarding plain zoning and acceptance of Wildbrook Drive, Glendale Circle and Bittersweet Drive.

The Board approved proposals for extensions of the non-potable municipal water system as proposed by the Board of Selectmen. These have been subsequently approved at regular and special town meetings.

Soils mapping of the Town has been completed by Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Staff and has been submitted to the Federal Government for approval. Since soils will be the major consideration in many decisions regarding use in the future, this is an important accomplishment.

According to state law, permits for driveway entrances from town roads are under the control of the Planning Board; therefore, the Board has drawn up regulations. Applications for permits are available from the Building Inspector.

In the area of subdivision control, approval was granted for subdivisions creating 29 new lots along existing streets. There are two subdivision proposals pending which would create 16 & 4 lots respectively along new or extended streets.

The Board granted site development approval (for non-residential development) for 22 requests.

The Board is unable to be aware of all the development to be proposed for 1977 but one potential developer has indicated he is assembling a 146 acre parcel for future residential development. Proposed commercial development includes one mini-mall along Route 125 approved and at least 2 other proposed to be submitted for approval in a matter of weeks. This together with other potential proposals indicate that the town is going to feel extremely strong pressure in growth, both residential and commercial, particularly our national economic climate improves.

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The board met on its regularly scheduled meeting night; the last Thursday of the month. The case load was averaged at about four cases a month and the majority of them were resolved with a final decision.

The board has endeavored to work more closely with the Building Inspector and the Planning Board. It is hoped that we will work together even more closely in 1977. Our goals continue to be fair and honest decisions on all appeals within the board's jurisdiction and the framework of our existing Zoning Ordinance.

The board regrets the decision of Mr. Neil Walker not to serve as a full time member. Mr. Walker served many years as a member and also as its Chairperson. We will miss his experience on the board. Mr. Walker has agreed, however, to become an alternate member.

Mr. George Colby has become a permanent member of the board, as has Mr. Emile Langlois. We welcome these men and are sure they will serve with distinction.

The board again wishes to acknowledge the services of Mrs. Mavis Collins as their corresponding secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Wood, Chairman
John Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairman
John Hansbury, Secretary
George Colby, Member
Emile Langlois, Member

ALTERNATES

John A. Palmer
Neil Walker
Robert R. Rivard

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Guy L. Sawyer, Dog Officer

Gentlemen:

The following list covers the time from June 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976.

Calls for information.....	83
Calls for lost dogs.....	88
Dog Bites.....	12
Dogs Destroyed.....	35
Dogs killed by accidents.....	22
Cats killed by accidents.....	18
Cats destroyed.....	41
Pigs unrestrained.....	2
Dead skunks.....	18
Live skunks trapped.....	32
Horses unrestrained.....	2
Dogs returned to owners.....	153
Dogs given new homes.....	31
Complaints of unrestrained dogs.....	208
Complaints of barking dogs.....	41
Complaints of dogs killing fowl.....	2
Bats complaints.....	4
Muskrat complaints.....	3
Hornets.....	2
Dead Racoons.....	5
Racoons trapped.....	12
Injured birds.....	8
Summons issued to court unlicensed dogs.....	103
Summons issued to court other.....	4
Restraining orders issued.....	22
Assist other Dog Officers.....	2
Calls on abusive treatment.....	2
Dead guinea pigs.....	1
Woodchucks trapped.....	3
Dead Woodchuck.....	2
Stolen Horses.....	1
Dead Rabbits.....	2
Dead Squirrels.....	4
Stolen Dogs.....	1
Injured Dogs.....	7
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	976

Dog owners are reminded that the restraining law is in effect all year long.

Respectfully submitted - Guy L. Sawyer, Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Improperly kept animals, both of household and outdoor nature, are still a problem in residential areas. An increasing number of complaints are being brought to the attention of the Board of Health. Swift and constructive action should be taken in areas where there is a clear health problem.

In conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Public Health, an influenza inoculation clinic was provided for all interested residents, in November.

Sewerage drainage is still a major problem. With the increasing population and the projected residential and industrial growth of the Town, prompt action must be taken. Mr. Jim Dube, member of the Board of Health, is making a concentrated effort to meet this challenge to our community.

In regard to the sewage problems in Town; it is one of our main concerns. This is why we are trying to get the control of these systems back to the Town level instead on the state level. We would appreciate any help we can get from the people of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

Artemas J. W. Packard, Chairman
Barbara Burnim, Secretary
B. James Dube, Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE STREET LIGHT INSPECTOR

During the past year ten new street lights have been installed in various sections of the town. As has been stated in the past, the primary purpose for town sponsored street lights has been vehicle and pedestrian safety.

If lights are desired for personal convenience or protection of property; "yard lights" should be considered. These are available from Exeter & Hampton Electric Co. at a cost of \$5.08 plus fuel charge per month.

Street light outage may be reported to the Exeter & Hampton Electric Company office in Plaistow. Pole number or an accurate description of the location are necessary to properly identify the street light and correct the outage.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Burnell
Street Light Inspector

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1976 saw the addition of Tami Jackson, Sandy Allison and presently Linda Gates serving as page along with Muriel Herrick and Marjorie Knowles, Assistant Librarians to complete the staff.

Our drama group presented two bicentennial plays this year which were put on during National Library Week along with our adult book drawing and refreshments which were served by The Friends of the Library. The drama group was asked and did perform "A Tale of Two Drummers" during the town's bicentennial celebration in July on the Town Green.

The Summer Reading Club was extremely popular with thirty children completing the program. A party was held in their honor during Children's Book Week with entertainment provided, games played and certificates and ribbons awarded. Prizes were won and a children's book drawing was held.

Story Hour continues on Saturday mornings with stories, games, parties and dramatic activities. They presented a skit during Children's Book Week.

Several wonderful gifts have been donated to the new Library including a desk and desk chair, twelve reading chairs, a film strip projector, shelving and a circular display case. Much of our time and energy has been taken up with plans and preparation for the new Library. We appreciate all the help and recommendations we have received and look forward to and need everyone's support in the move to our new quarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Allison
Librarian

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN (cont.)

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 a.m.	

Books Purchased-----	471
Gifts-----	276
Magazines Purchased-----	54
Magazines by Gifts-----	10
Books Discarded-----	491
Total Volumes in the Library-----	12,521
Adult Fiction-----	6,906
Non-fiction-----	3,435
Magazines-----	2,109
Juveniles-----	7,196
Records-----	579
Total Circulation-----	19,725
New Borrowers-----	306
Days Open-----	199

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Allison
Librarian

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The commission would like to thank all of the townspeople who have volunteered their time and effort to make the recreation programs a continuing success. We encourage anyone who may be interested in helping in any way with our present programs, or interested in developing other types of recreation programs or facilities, to attend our meetings.

Development of the recreation field on Ingalls Terrace got underway with the opening of construction bids on March 29, 1976. Actual construction began on April 19th and after some delay due to wet grounds and inclement weather completion was on June 11th. Due to the dry summer seeding and fertilizing will have to be done in the spring.

Our thanks goes to Joe Giampa for conducting tennis lessons for 40 boys and girls on the new courts. Also a thanks to Andy Bly who conducted a basketball clinic for 35 boys on the new courts.

Later on in the year a backboard was installed in the parking lot where tennis enthusiasts could practice. The parking area was also used for hopscotch, four square and street hockey.

The new area was used for the Summer Recreation program and would have been used more extensively if a storage shed had been available for equipment and a picnic shelter for arts and crafts.

Three Band Concerts were held this past summer, played by the Haverhill Municipal Band and the Merrimack Valley Blue Grass Band. Those who brought their chairs and blankets to the Town Hall Green enjoyed a very relaxing summer evening. Popcorn and punch were also available. A variety of weekly band concerts are in the planning stages for next summer.

The Plaistow Recreation Commission has had another successful summer program. The program started July 12th under the direction of Roy Huntress as director, Mary E. Giampa, Assistant Director and Kimberly Schive, arts and crafts director. They were assisted in the program by youths hired under the Manpower Rockingham/Strafford Administration.

The more than 150 children which were enrolled, enjoyed such games as archery, tennis, street hockey, tetherball, baseball, croquet, and various board games. There was an excellent arts and crafts program which included tie-dying tee shirts, sand designs, weaving, decoupage, gimp and clay projects.

There were field trips which included the New England Aquarium, Benson's Wild Animal Farm and Franklin Park Zoo. We purchased tee shirts so that all the children were easily recognized by the chaperones because of the lettering, Plaistow Recreation Playground.

We concluded the program with a cookout of hotdogs, chips, tonic

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION (cont.)

and baked goods. Mrs. Tammy McSheehy helped with the program. Games were played and prizes were awarded for perfect attendance.

The Greater Plaistow Hockey League finished their first season. There were thirty boys from Plaistow involved. Congratulations are extended to the midget team for winning the Division Championship in their first year. The league would like to thank George Gallant for all his help over the past years.

The basketball program in town had a successful season. The program involved 110 boys and girls in grades 4 thru 8. The program ran from December 1975 to March 1976. The Town and Recreation Commission would like to thank Ron Hasseltine for all his work with the girls basketball program. Special thanks also goes to Will Ketchum and Stu McCormack for their help with the boys program.

The Timberlane Junior Football Program had a successful season. There were 50 Plaistow boys from grades 6 thru 8. The league consisted of six teams. There were four teams in a local Timberlane Division and two teams in the YMCA Division.

The Timberlane Junior Baseball League provided another excellent baseball season for a record 250 Plaistow boys and girls. These boys and girls participated in Minor, Intermediate, Junior, Senior, and Babe Ruth Divisions. Special recognition and thanks are given to Jim Kirsch and Bob Gagnon for the many years they have given to the baseball program in town. The Timberlane Babe Ruth team was the League A champions again for the fourth consecutive year.

The Softball league had another successful season. Thanks to the work of Nancy Pearson, the program is open to 4th and 5th graders.

In conclusion, we would once again like to thank all the people who have worked with us to make the recreation programs within the town a tremendous success. Also the commission wished to acknowledge the contribution of former member Chester Taylor who resigned this year. His efforts and time were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Ziemian, Chairman
Dorothy Ketchum, Secretary
Rosemarie Bayek, Treasurer
Barbara James
Michael McPherson
Earl Smith

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

The year 1976 brought many visitors to our cemetery as we endeavored to keep it looking nice and also kept the cost at a minimum.

We continued our growth program of expansion and documentation. One entire section was re-leveled at a higher elevation making a very pleasing and rewarding venture.

Our cemetery is properly maintained at a minimum cost with a projected expansion to the year 2000. We have hundreds of lots available in one of the nicest locations in the area.

Anyone wishing special projects done on their lot is requested to contact me now - so that we may put your project on our calendar for this year.

Anyone wishing a part time job of mowing lawns and raking leaves is also requested to contact me as soon as possible.

I want to thank the townspeople and the Selectmen for their fine cooperation - that has helped to make this a satisfying experience. I pledge to do my best to serve you all,

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert K. Reed
Cemetery Sexton

REPORT OF THE
SOUTHERN ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Southern Rockingham Commission would like to thank the Town of Plaistow and, especially members of its Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Conservation Commission for their generous cooperation during 1976. These official bodies and others have been very helpful in assisting us with our various planning programs during the past year.

During 1976 the Regional Planning Commission completed the soil survey field and map work; provided the Planning Board with assistance in developing the Town Plan; prepared a wetland inventory and evaluation; provided the Planning Board with subdivision proposal assistance; work with the town in transportation planning matters and assisted in the preparation of the Public Works Employment Act Application, funded in December 1976.

The Regional Planning Commission returned about three times more in planning services to Plaistow than it received in town contributions. This testifies that the town utilizes regional planning services in an aggressive fashion. We are delighted 1976 saw such effective cooperation between the town and its Regional Planning Commission, and look forward to what the new year will bring.

Regional Planning Services to Plaistow

1. Soil Survey (maps and fieldwork)	\$ 4,101.96
2. Town Planning	3,686.02
3. Water Quality Planning	1,484.08
4. Transportation Planning	889.00
5. Subdivision Application Assistance	158.70
6. Miscellaneous Local Assistance	<u>429.08</u>
Total	\$ 10,748.84

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Gilmore, Director
Thomas H. Cullen, Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To date, more than 500 gallons of waste oil have been collected from the waste oil tank at the town disposal area. This tank was placed there through the efforts of the commission for use by the townspeople. The oil collected provides a twofold benefit. First, it represents 500 gallons of a natural resource that has been recycled and second, it is 500 gallons of oil that has been disposed of properly and therefore has been kept out of our underground drinking water sources.

Because of the low price of waste paper, the paper recycling program is not as yet economically feasible. The Commission is still waiting for the proper time to start this program up again.

Several gravel pit applications and dredge and fill applications were acted on this year. Each application was handled with a visit to the site in question and then followed up with a letter to the proper agency either recommending or not recommending application approval.

Presently the Conservation Commission is in the process of formulating better regulations concerning wetlands and gravel operations. Wetland proposals will include such things as proximity of buildings, septic systems, roads, etc. to areas designated as poorly drained and very poorly drained. Gravel operation proposals will include such things as maximum gravel or earth that can be removed from an area without a permit, maximum depth of excavation above the seasonal high water table and impervious material without a special permit, reseeding requirements, top soil replenishment standards, steepness of the finished slopes and set backs from adjacent property.

The regular meetings of the Conservation Commission are held at the Town Hall on the first Monday of each month. Citizens of Plaistow are invited to attend and participate in the regular meetings. Participation by the townspeople will help your Conservation Commission make decisions and suggestions that reflect the feelings of the people it serves. Even though the Commission has no regulatory powers, its recommendations do have an affect on conditions in Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph MacFarlane, Chairman
Donald Durand, Secretary
Leon Bowie
Edward LaFave
Russell Sargent
Charles O. Stevens, III

REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the Plaistow Bicentennial Committee I would like to thank all the people who worked on and with the committee for all their time and efforts.

This years celebration started off in May with the melodrama "Lily, the Felon's Daughter" which I hope provided some joy and entertainment for the community.

Our 4th of July Celebration began on Friday with sky divers and a band concert provided by the Haverhill City Band. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 18, Plaistow had its first bonfire. On Saturday an Old Time Country Fair was held on the Town Hall Green. The "Colby" Dunking Machine provided a lot of fun for young and old. On display provided by the Plaistow Historical Society was a section of the "Old Elm" which brought memories back for many people. Sunday our celebration started with an Ecumenical Service at the Plaistow Baptist Church. At 2:00 P.M. bells rang out across the nation; Clifton Cook rang the bells at the Baptist Church. In the afternoon Poster Contest Awards were presented. The Children of the Library presented a Bicentennial Play. In conclusion a battle between the Militias was performed.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter O'Connor, Chairman
Madlyn Brown, Co-Chairman
Brenda E. Major, Secretary
Joyce Wright, Treasurer
Frances Bramley, Publicity
Barry A. Sargent, Selectmen Rep.

THE PLAISTOW MILITIA

The Plaistow Militia was formed on May 16, 1975, in an effort to stimulate interest in our American heritage. The Militia participates in historical reenactments and events pertaining to the Colonial era, with special attention to the events of the American Revolution.

On September 29, 1975 the Selectmen of the Town of Plaistow by proclamation reactivated the Militia as an historical unit, and since that time the Unit has been active in Colonial, and present day events. This past year the Unit played an active part in local Memorial Day parades, and in Plaistow's July 4th Bicentennial celebration, with our battle reenactment on the village green. It was at this time that the first real blasts from our Revolutionary cannon were heard echoing throughout the town. It was the hard work and determination of the men in the Militia and the Sons of Liberty (our Junior Militia) that this cannon became a reality. It is our hope that the residents of Plaistow will enjoy this piece of American heritage for many years to come.

Other events in which the Militia participated were Kingston's July 4th Bicentennial weekend where our Militia won a trophy for "Best Received"; and a "Turkey Shoot" in Newton, New Hampshire where Kevin Major won a ribbon in the 50 yard musket shoot.

Additional events were Bicentennial parades in Danville, Salisbury, Haverhill, and Candia. Followed by a trip to Boston's "Freedom Trail", and the flag raising ceremony at the Police and Fire Departments benefit football game.

An open invitation is given to all area residents who wish to become members of their Militia as numerous events are already planned for this spring and summer.

The members of the Militia wish to thank all of you for your support, and we look forward to helping you in the future to actively remember the heritage and events of our great nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Sargent, Captain
Edward LaFave, Ensign
Walter Proctor, Sergeant Major

REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

This past summer a complete survey was taken by a team of Entomologists from the University of New Hampshire to locate mosquito breeding sites within the boundaries of the Town of Plaistow.

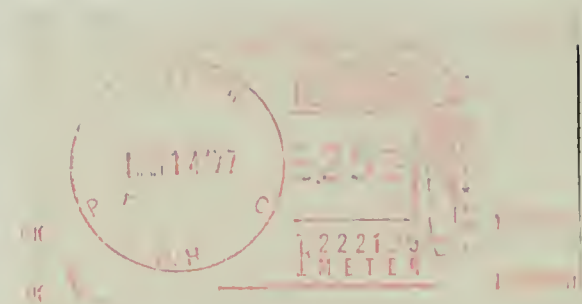
Approximately 700 of these sites were located and an indepth was made on each one. Each of the 700 reports contains 23 bits of information, from the species of mosquito to the recommended method of control. These reports and a map showing the site locations are available for inspection in the Selectmen's Office.

This summer we hope to get started on a definite control program. The Selectmen have been given a summary of this past summers program along with a proposed budget and planned program for this coming summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter B. Taylor, Chairman
Robert Rivard
Russell Sargent

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