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**REPORT**  
**OF THE OFFICERS**  
**PIERMONT, N.H.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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**This Town Report**

**Is Dedicated To**

**Past and Present Piermont Participants  
In  
Operation: Enduring Freedom**



**SARAH BROWN**

**FAUNCE CLEAVES**

**CARL GUERIN**

**PETER KOCH**

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**RAYMOND HOLLAND**

**TIMOTHY LANG**

**NICK HUTCHINS**

**If we have missed anyone, please notify the Board of  
Selectmen, and accept our apologies.**



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

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Dean W. Osgood, Chair (2005)	272-5804
	Jean. D. Daley, Chr (2006)	272-4944
	Robert J. Lang, Chr (2007)	989-5684
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2006)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2006)	272-5848
Road Agent	Christopher Davidson (2005)	272-9110
Police Officer-in-Charge	John E. Metcalf	272-4372
Fire Chief	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Forest Fire Warden	Roy Belyea (2005)	272-4886
Health Officer	Alex Medlicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Vea Jenks (2004)	272-4838
	Russell Woodard (2012)	272-4378
	Louis Hobbs (2008)	272-5810
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chr. (2005)	272-4938
	William R. Deal (2007)	272-5882
	Louis Hobbs (2006)	272-5810
Moderator	Arnold Shields (2006)	989-3171

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Katherine Wescott, Treas. (2006)	Marian Shields (2006)
Helga Mueller, (2005)	Joe Medlicott (2007)
Stephanie Gordon, Chr. (2005)	Nancy Sandell (2007)
Cindy Piro (2006)	
Maureen Byrne, Librarian	
Jim Meddaugh , Assistant Librarian	

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Terry Robie	272-4901
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## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Fred Shipman, Chr. (2007)	George Schmid, Vice Chr. (2007)
Steve Daly (2005)	Charlie Brown (2005)
Helga Mueller (2006)	
Dean Osgood, Alternate (2005)	



## **PLANNING BOARD**

Peter Labounty, Chr.(2006)  
Fred Shipman (2005)  
Suzanne Woodward (2007)  
Jean D. Daley, Ex-Officio  
Helga Mueller, Secretary

Scott Jacob (2006)  
Bill Morris (2007)  
Peggy Fullerton (2005)

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

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

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Helga Mueller, Chr.  
David Ritchie  
Donald Smith

Charles Grant  
Eric Underhill  
Asa Metcalf

## **RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION**

Wayne Godfrey, Manager  
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2004  
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

Polls opened in the Old Church Building at 10:00 for voting by Official Ballot on Article One and closed at 6:30. There were 123 voters voting through out the day.

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

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

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

Selectman- three years	Robert Lang
Treasurer - one year	James Lambert
Trustee of Trust Funds - three years	William Deal
Two Library Trustees- three years	Joe Medicott, Nancy Sandell
Supervisor of the Checklist - six years	Vea Jenks
Moderator- two years	S.Arnold Shields

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$483,692 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGE
Officers Salaries	26,500
Officers Expenses	25,000
Auditor Expense	6,900
Election/Registration	2,500
Town Buildings	30,000
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	40,953
Police Dept.	23,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	26,730
Tax Maps	800
Library	30,000
Cemeteries (see note 1)	11,300
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	6,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635
Testing Monitoring Wells	7,500
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	7,500

*Minutes Continued:*

Legal Expenses	2,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	44,793
Street Lights and Blinker	4,300
Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	41,000
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	49,000
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	30,900
Public Welfare	6,000
Memorial Day	600
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning	681
Recreation and Swimming Pool	5,000
Interest	100
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note-Final Payment	30,000
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	12,000
Miscellaneous	500
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	483,692

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

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

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

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

MOVED: Helga Mueller

SECONDED: Joe Medlicott

DISCUSSION: Robert Elder questions the fact that the Recreation and Swimming pool line had 2600 dollars left over why is this still at \$5000. Explained that what is left over reverts back to general fund and this year we need to address the diving board and its base. Helga Mueller asks why police line in budget is up. Selectmen explain due to Bill Deals retirement that we need a part time officer to help John Metcalf and they need some training and equipment. A part time Certified Officer is hard to find. John has agreed to assist. Training for only two more years. David Davis asks why line for updated maps is higher. Maps are being updated at this time costing \$1400. \$600.00 was encumbered last year and the \$800 this year. Also asked, why Planning Board line item is up \$5000. Robert Lang explains this is due to the impending law suite with Camp Walt Whitman - last year it came to \$10915.00 and this years is unknown. Christa Davis stated that this budget is up 20% is there anyway to curtail this. Selectmen states this is a bare bones budget. Donald Smith what is 'taxes bought by the town' means. Selectmen explains it's a wash item - check given to tax collector for unpaid taxes (Lien) then check deposited back to town, at this point interest is at 18% for the Town instead of the 12%.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

Austin Hogan moved to swear in the elected officers for the Town. So done.

*Minutes Continued:*

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

MOVED: Richard Thibodeau

SECONDED: Mark Winberry

DISCUSSION: Glen Meder asks what is non-lapsing Article means = money is there until the project is finished. Fred Shipman asked what does reconstruction mean - Chris Davidson explains that here means remove drainage problem, pavement, down to bare bones page 38. Fred asks the bridge weight rating - H25 = 69000 weight per state highway. Glen Meder ask what kind of bridge do we have know = it was a box poured in place - the walls and seams are cracking and are separating. Glen asks what the life extensity is for a pre poured bridge = about 50 years. Christa Davis asks why such a heavy weight load on this bridge = this was old Route 10 at one time and there is not cost difference for load weight so we are keeping up to state standard. Vinney Delana asks if road jobs are coming in on time and at cost = Chris- yes Selectmen- yes on budget. Bill Simpson states road is disgusting and should be fixed. It was suggested job goes out to bid but who would write up specifications. Discuss presumed on closing road at bridge = hot debate ended in keeping this road open. Questioned how much traffic uses this road in a day's time. In 1998 while writing up ten year plan for roads there was a survey done = 93 cars the full length (Route 25 to Route 10) on the road and 23 (Route 25 to Post Office) in one day. Is road to be widen - no the town has no easements to widen road. Wayne Godfrey calls the question Tom Elliott seconds  
Voice passed

VOICE PASSED FEW NAYS

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

MOVED: Gary Danielson

SECONDED: Warren Burbank

DISCUSSION: Meg Ritchie-Cleaves asks were does it end now = this will end at Rodimon's old sugarhouse. Kate Johnson asks what is the difference between a Class 5 and a Class 6 road = a class 5 is town maintained and a class 6 is still a town road but not maintained. What is number of houses on this road now = 4 year round and 1 new one being built. The owner before accepted by the Town does improvements and Road Agent approves the update before accepted.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

*Minutes Continued:*

MOVED: William Morris  
SECONDED: Donald Smith  
DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

MOVED: Gary Danielson  
SECONDED: Fred Shipman  
DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

MOVED: Helga Mueller  
SECONDED: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: Christa Davis asks what is this organization = Jean explains this helps the elderly and disabled for fuel, winterizing, etc, page 70

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

MOVED: Marian Shields  
SECONDED: Tom Elliott  
DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

MOVED: Fred Shipman  
SECONDED: Wilbert Hill  
DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

MOVED: Helga Mueller  
SECONDED: Kay Wescott

DISCUSSION: Robert Elder asks if this has any value for the Town. Yes- this site will list anything on the web about activities and off ricers in the Town. Will Hill - how many hits does this site get = unknown. Katy Johnson stated that this site attracts visitors to this area therefore helps local business and organizations in and around Piermont.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

*Minutes Continued:*

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

MOVED: Helga Mueller

SECONDED: Mark Winberry

DISCUSSION: Robert Elder ask if this item is new = been on warrant for 2 years.

SHOW OF HANDS 33 yes 17nos PASSED

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

MOVED: John Metcalf

SECONDED: William Deal

DISCUSSION: Robert Ritchie amends to include an update to the 1947 Town History and genealogy. Seconded by Katy Johnson. Bill Deal stated he was involved with first report and the expense to add all genealogy to book is very expensive and whom do you leave out? Genealogy can be done by families no need for town to pay to have this done. David Davis called amendment seconded by Joe Medlicott Voice failed Tom Elliott call original article seconded by David Davis

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

MOVED: Tom Elliott

SECONDED: Chris Davidson

DISCUSSION: Vinney Delana asks if the Town garage is used only for Town equipment. No- the Road Agent uses for his equipment as part payment for being Road Agent. The town only owns a grader; the road agent uses his own equipment while working for the town. The drain was sealed hoping to stop the cracking but about 6 months ago it started to hold water. DES is involved at this time and it has to be fixed-soil 'could be' contaminated and needs to be removed. Christa Davis asks why DES is involved just seal the floor = there was a complaint filed. What goes on the floor = rain water, are there doors on garage = yes, so why does rain gets in. There is a slope around garage so rain flows into instead of away from garage. What about changing slope = can't be done. Warren Burbank says what the State garage has the same problem a lot of the problem is the melting snow off the trucks. Tom Elliott states that the DES has concerns over water and clarity for surrounding area by any garage. John Metcalf calls question Kay Burbank seconds Voice passed

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

*Minutes Continued:*

MOVED: Tom Elliott

SECONDED: Helga Mueller

DISCUSSION: Tom Elliott asks which doors and windows are to be replaced. Robert Lang says all windows in meeting room in Old Church Building, plus the entryway to the new Historical Room in back of the Old Church Building.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

MOVED: Tom Elliott

SECONDED: Chris Davidson

DISCUSSION: David Davis ask what was the final figure for this project= \$103,000 Robert Elder questions that we have another 1 ½ years to pay for this = yes.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

MOVED: Tom Elliott

SECONDED: Warren Burbank

DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Bridges Expendable Trust.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

MOVED: Tom Elliott

SECONDED: Chris Davidson

DISCUSSION: Robert Elder asks how much in 10 years comes out of this fund – this fund is for emergencies not upkeep. David Davis asks if money here can be used to go towards new bridges = yes. William Morris calls question seconded by Kay Burbank. Voice passed

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

MOVED: Kay Wescott

SECONDED: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

MOVED: Glen Meder

Minutes Continued:

SECONDED: Helga Mueller

DISCUSSION: Katy Johnson asks how often does this have to be done = State law says every 5 years. The sales ratio - sales in proportion to assessment- is way off (40%), the State may call for revaluation at any time. Helga asks last valuation cost – Selectmen thinks around \$40,000 Jim Lambert as treasurer thinks closer to \$90,000.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

MOVED: Joe Medlicott

SECONDED: Katy Johnson

DISCUSSION: None

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

Bill Deal asks for a moment of silence for departed towns people including Elizabeth Robinson.

Donna Huntington wants to explain the process to obtain a National Forest Parking Permit. You have to go to the Rangers Station in Plymouth – 62 year old and over are a Golden Pass for \$10.00, under 62 is \$20.00 and the Old Village Smithy in Rumney also sells these.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23.

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March 12,2004

TOWN CLERK

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Linda Lambert

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Robert J. Lang

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Dean W. Osgood

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Jean D. Daley



**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2005  
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

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

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, will be held at the Piermont Village School on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Polls will be located in the Old Church Building and will be open at 10:00 a.m. for voting by Official Ballot on Article One and Article Two and will close at 6:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Piermont Village School.

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

One Selectman to serve for a term of three years.

A Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

One Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years.

Two Library Trustees to serve for a term of three years.

One Road Agent for a term of three years.

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

ARTICLE TWO: (by official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Town of Piermont Zoning Ordinance by adding a Floodplain Management Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board. The amendment enacts a revised Floodplain management Ordinance. Copies of the complete text of the proposal are available for review at the Town Office. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment revises the Floodplain Management Ordinance as an addendum to the Zoning Ordinance, establishing certain permit requirements for development within designated floodplain areas and setbacks. The details are required by state and federal emergency management agencies as a condition of the Town’s participation in the federal flood insurance program. The amendment also makes editorial changes to the existing ordinance, consistent with the new ordinance.”

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$497,000 to upgrade the present Piermont Village sewer system, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$497,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds

*Warrant Continued:*

and determine the rate of interest; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept any federal, state or other grants for this purpose, and to utilize the said grants for the purpose of reducing the amount to be borrowed, and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required.) Note: It is the Selectmen's intent to make any bond payments using sewer user fees, and not using general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE FOUR: To raise and appropriate \$494,946 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGE
Officers Salaries	31,800
Officers Expenses	25,000
Auditor Expense	7,500
Election/Registration	3,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	26,858
Police Dept.	25,955
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad (see Note 5)	31,755
Tax Maps	800
Library	32,000
Cemeteries (see note 1)	23,300
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	6,451
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635
Testing Monitoring Wells	5,900
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	7,500
Legal Expenses	5,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	38,449
Street Lights and Blinker	4,700
Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	60,000
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	52,500
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	33,398
Public Welfare	6,000
Memorial Day	600
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning	745
Recreation and Swimming Pool	2,500
Interest	100
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	22,500
Miscellaneous	500
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	494,946

*Warrant Continued:*

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$18,800; balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

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

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

Note 4: This entire amount is anticipated to come from user fees, with no money raised by taxes.

Note 5: Grant approved for \$3,370 and have also applied for \$245 to offset these charges.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,805 (gross budget) to reconstruct a portion of Indian Pond Road beginning at a point 1.13 miles south of the Route 25C Indian Pond Road intersection (top of first hill, by Fields residence), to the intersection of Piermont Heights Road (total length 2,300 linear feet) including pavement grinding, install drainage, install subbase and pave 2” binder; and of this amount to authorize the issuance of not more than \$90,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and determine the rate of interest; with the remaining \$20,805 to be raised by taxation. (2/3 ballot vote require) The Selectmen recommend this article. Note: If this project does not pass, the regular budget shim pavement will be used at this location. If it passes, shim pave will be done on first hill (about ¼ ways up).

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to complete Phase II of Church Street reconstruction beginning at a point 730 lf from Route 10 Church Street intersection (where we left off in 2004) south 1,025 lf (to where we started shimming in 2004 just before bridge at the James’ residence). Project consists of pavement grinding, drainage, subbase and pave 2” binder and 1” wear.

NOTE: This article is not recommended if Article 5 passes.

ARTICLE SEVEN; To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,325 to complete Indian Pond Phase I. This coincides with the 10 year plan. This project would start the reconstruction of Indian Pond Road, to begin at the point where Indian Pond changes to a dirt road North 650’. Project description is to grind existing pavement, drainage, subbase and pave 2” binder.

NOTE: This article is not recommended if Article 5 passes.

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

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

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$950 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

*Warrant Continued:*

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to ACORN.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$362 to be paid to the Lower Cohase Communication Committee to maintain a web site to promote Haverhill and Piermont, New Hampshire and Bradford and Newbury, Vermont.

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

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for a Statistical Update per orders from the State of New Hampshire Dept. of Revenue Administration and to authorize Selectmen to withdraw that entire sum from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,865 to fund the first year of a five-year revaluation of the Town. (Note: the contract is a rolling revaluation service to be completed on or before October 1, 2009. doing ¼ of the Town annually for a total cost of \$66,460, with payments of \$7,865 each in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, plus an additional \$10,000 in 2007 for a statistical update at that time and \$25,000 in 2009 to update values, hold hearings, and defense of values.)

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to remove the Christmas tree on the town common and replace it with a smaller one.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

*Warrant Continued:*

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 15th day of February, 2005

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Jean D. Daley

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Robert J. Lang

*Warrant Continued:*

RETURN

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

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This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 15th day of February 2004

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Linda Lambert, Town Clerk

**SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 2005  
FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. SEE POSTED BUDGET**

Town Charges	\$494,946
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	3,010
White Mountain Mental Health	600
Community Action Outreach Program	950
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,300
ACORN	300
Woodsville 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration	500
Lower Cohase Web Site	362
Indian Pond Road	110,805
Church Street Phase II	60,000
Indian Pond Road Phase I	41,325
Statistical Update	15,000
Revaluation Year One Installment	7,865
Remove Christmas Tree from Common	1,500
Sewer District Upgrade	497,000
Town-Fire & Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund	20,000
Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund	2,000
 Town Sub-total	 1,282,463
 Estimate of County Tax	 95,000
 <b>TOTAL OF TOWN AND COUNTY</b>	 <b>\$1,377,463</b>

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

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Actual		
	Appropriation	Expenditures	Appropriation
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers Salaries	26,500	28,768.00	31,800
Town Officers Expenses	25,000	23,295.52	25,000
Election & Registration	2,500	4,717.10	3,000
Common Tree	0.00	0.00	1,500
Expenses Town Buildings	30,000	26,769.81	25,000
Town Garage Floor	9,700	9,444.85	0.00
Old Church Building Improvements	10,000	10,000.00	0.00
Auditor Expense	6,900	6,900.00	7,500
Police Department	23,000	23,098.89	25,955
Fire Dept. inc. Forest Fires & Fast Squad	26,730	25,675.30	31,755
Planning & Zoning	12,000	21,965.69	22,500
Statistical Update	0.00	0.00	15,000
Revaluation Year One	0.00	0.00	7,865
UVLSRPC			745
Insurance	7,500	7,698.60	7,500
Highway Reconstruction Note	30,000	31,205.45	0.00
Preservation of Town Records	3,786	3,486.00	0.00
Update Tax Map	800	636.00	800
<b>Health Department:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	44,793	40,537.33	38,449
Dispatch Services	4,965	5,990.00	6,451
VNAV TNH	3,010	3,010.00	3,010
White Mt. Mental Health	600	600.00	600
UVA, Inc.	10,635	10,635.00	10,635
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance-Winter	49,000	66,296	60,000
Town Maintenance-Summer	41,000	31,626	52,500
Street Lighting	4,300	4,705.50	4,700
Highway Subsidy	30,900	30,899.75	33,398
Church Street bridge and reconstruction	92,000	101,822.23	0.00
Indian Pond Road	0.00	0.00	110,805
Indian Pond Phase I	0.00	0.00	41,325
Church Street	0.00	0.00	60,000
Library:	30,000	30,000.00	32,000





Fed. Forest Land	2,675	3,407.52	2,675
Planning Board/ZBA Fees Reimbursed		396.20	
Pay as You Throw Income	15,500	16,657.30	15,500
Recycling Income	1,500	1,920.57	1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	100,000	122,136.67	100,000
Dog Licenses	1,200	1,518.50	1,200
Business Lic,Permits,Filing	500	809.54	500
Rent of Town Property	650	750.00	650
Sale of Town Property	0	2,244.90	19,000
Income from Trust Funds	10,000	7,400.50	8,500
Interest on Deposits	10,000	731.34	1,000
Insurance Rebates	2,000	0.00	0.00
From Building Capital Reserve	19,700	19,444.85	15,000
Fire Dept. Grant	0.00	0.00	3,370
Sewer District	40,953	40,963.00	26,858
Sewer District Note	0.00	0.00	497,000
Note for Indian Pond Reconstruction	0.00	0.00	90,000
All Other Receipts including dump closeout	500	4,412.84	500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>	<b>1,280,078</b>	<b>1,564,648.77</b>	<b>1,861,451</b>

## 2004 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	
Current Use (at C.U. values)	1,905,570
Conservation Restriction	201,500
Residential	12,088,376
Commercial/Industrial	668,655
Buildings	
Residential	27,787,230
Manufactured Housing	566,268
Commercial/Industrial	2,768,624
Public Utilities	
Electric (includes Phone-no land)	1,715,661
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>	<b>46,891,884</b>
Elderly Exemptions	265,000
Solar Exemptions	1,950
Blind Exemption	30,000
<b>Total Exemptions</b>	<b>296,950</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed</b>	<b>46,594,934</b>
Utilities	
Central Vermont Public Service	7,530
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	604,748
New England Power Co.	692,124
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	411,259
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,715,661</b>

## 2004 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Gross Property Tax	1,244,177
Less War Service Credits	-5,700
Net Property Tax Commitments	1,238,417
Net School Appropriations	1,193,490
Less Adequate Education Grant	-289,030
State Education Taxes	-145,237
Town Tax Rate	5.44
School Tax Rate	16.29
State School Tax Rate	3.24
County Tax Rate	<u>1.85</u>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>26.82</b>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2004**

<b>Title of Appropriations</b>	<b>Total Amt. Available</b>	<b>Expend- Itures</b>	<b>Unexpended Balance</b>	<b>Over Draft</b>
Town Officers Salaries	26,500	28,768		2,268
Town Officers Expenses	25,000	23,296	1,704	
Auditor Expense	6,900	6,900		
Election & Reg. Exp.	2,500	4,717		2,217
Expenses of Town Bldgs.	30,000	26,770	3,230	
Police Department	23,000	23,099		99
Fire Department	26,730	25,675	1,055	
Planning & Zoning	12,000	21,966		9,966
Garage Floor	9,700	9,445	255	
Insurance	7,500	7,699		199
Update Tax Map	800	636	164	
Solid Waste Disposal	44,793	40,538	4,256	
Dispatch Services	4,965	5,990		1,025
VNAV TNH	3,010	3,010		
Haverhill Area Teen/ACORN Center/ACORN	300	300		
White Mtn. Mental Hlth	600	600		
UVA, Inc.	10,635	10,635		
Highways & Bridges	90,000	97,922		7,922
Highway Subsidy	30,900	30,900		
Street Lighting	4,300	4,706		306
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note	30,000	31,205		1,205
Library	30,000	30,000		
Welfare	6,000	7,407		1,407
Village Sewer District	40,953	40,953		
Community Action	900	900		
Grafton Senior Citizen	1,175	1,175		
Memorial Day	600	502	98	
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	5,000	6,969		1,969
*Cemeteries	11,300	4,800		
Contingency Fund	1,500	228	1,272	
Old Church Bldg. Door/Window	10,000	10,000		
Preservation of Town Records	3,786	3,486	300	
Church Street Reconstruction	92,000	101,822		9,822
Woodsville 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	500	500		

Legal	2,000	7,089	5,089
Lower Cohase	354	354	
Dump Closure	7,500	5,242	2,258
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	500	0	500
Interest on Temporary Loans	100	0	100
Capital Reserves	52,000	51,189	811
Taxes Paid to County	79,000	87,115	8,115
TOTALS	735,301	764,508	16,003 51,609

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

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Bldgs.-Selectmen-Library, FireDept.,Hwy.Garage	188,400.00
Furniture & Equipment	13,800.00
Land-Selectmen-Library, Fire Dept.,Hwy.Garage	41,400.00
Equipment-Fire Department	228,000.00
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	53,000.00
Bean Brook Road Land	16,300.00
Highway Equipment	94,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	27,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	603,500.00
Cemeteries	28,500.00
Piermont Sewage District Land	1,300.00
Fire Ponds	12,300.00
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	16,000.00
Sarah Moore Lot	34,000.00
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	41,500.00
TOTAL	1,399,000.00

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TOWN OF PIERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**General Fund**  
**December 31, 2004**

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**ASSETS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 199,596
Investments	249,999
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)</u>	
Taxes	116,913
Accounts	2,957
Prepaid Items	<u>2,504</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 571,969</u>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$ 34,090
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	1,370
Intergovernmental Payable	404,460
Interfund Payable	1,932
Deferred Tax Revenue	140
Other Deferred Revenue	<u>100</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>442,092</u>

**Equity**

**Fund Balances**

Reserved For Encumbrances	4,958
<u>Unreserved</u>	
Undesignated	<u>124,919</u>
Total Equity	<u>129,877</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 571,969</u>

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT 2004**

**SUBMITTED TO TREASURER**

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1,233)	121,891.67
Motor Vehicle Titles (137)	268.00
Dog Licenses (197)	1,377.50
Fees, Penalties (dogs)	207.00
Other (Fees, Permits, Zoning Books, etc.)	335.00
	124,079.17

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

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2004**

<b>Uncollected taxes –Beg of Year</b>		
Property Taxes		80690.81
Resident Taxes		340.00
Utility		2668.00

<b>Revenues Committed –This Year</b>		
Property Taxes	1239518.15	
Resident Taxes	4400.00	
Yield Taxes	7135.08	
Excavation Taxes	52.00	
Utilities	25044.00	

<b>Overpayments:</b>		
Property Taxes		50.46
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	1082.57	4662.32
Penalties Collected on Resident Tax	12.00	22.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1277243.80</b>	<b>88433.59</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>
Property Taxes	1135629.38	80230.56
Resident Taxes	3920.00	220.00
Yield Taxes	6676.13	
Excavation Taxes	52.00	
Utilities	24681.50	2668.00
Interest	1082.57	4662.32
Penalties	12.00	22.00
<b>Abatements Made</b>		
Property Taxes	950.53	510.71
Resident Taxes	220.00	120.00
Yield Taxes	458.95	
<b>Uncollected Rev – Year End</b>		
Property Taxes	102938.24	
Resident Taxes	260.00	
Utilities	362.50	

<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>1277243.80</b>	<b>88433.59</b>
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**TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES**

<b>Unredeemed Taxes-Bal at Beg of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>19887.24</b>
<b>Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year</b>	<b>28862.45</b>
<b>Interest Collected After Execution</b>	<b>4690.73</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>53440.42</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>Remittance to Treasurer:</b>	<b>30719.68</b>
<b>Interest Collected</b>	<b>4690.73</b>
<b>Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Lien</b>	<b>18030.01</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>53440.42</b>

**Linda Lambert , Tax Collector**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Taxes - Current Year	
Property	1,134,161.45
Resident	3,920.00
Gravel Tax	52.00
Yield	0.00
In Lieu of Taxes	7,848.27
Penalties and Interest	13,950.51
Taxes - Prior Years	
Property	80,359.96
Resident	220.00
Current Use	0.00
Yield Tax	0.00
Redemptions	31,814.70
State and Federal	
Revenue Distribution	7,854.00
Block Grant	30,899.75
Forestry	3,312.70
Capital Reserve Income	21,834.85
Rooms & Meals	23,527.80
Other Sources	
Rent of Town Property	750.00
Motor Vehicles	122,159.67
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,584.50
Recycling	1,714.73
Pay as you Throw	16,657.30
Clark Fund	7,400.50
Planning Board Fees	611.20
Building Permits	325.00
Insurance Rebate	0.00
Interest	1,481.57
Library-Electricity	762.97
Sale of Town Property	2,244.90
Misc. Reimbursements	3,937.01
Other	1,214.45
Total Receipts	1,527,275.92
Beginning Balance	535,366.71
Total	2,062,642.63
Less Expenditure	1,4643,283.2
Balance December 31, 2004	419,359.38

James A. Lambert, Treas.; Town of Piermont

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

Town Officers Salaries		
Jean D. Daley	Selectman	1,700.00
Robert J. Lang	Selectman	1,700.00
Dean W. Osgood	Selectman	1,700.00
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	13,853.00
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	5,640.00
James Lambert	Treasurer	1,000.00
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	1,000.00
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	775.00
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	1,000.00
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	400.00
Total		28,768.00

Auditor Expenses	6,900.00
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**Town Officers' Expenses**

AT&T/Verizon	Telephone	1,625.76
BMSI	Seminars/Support/Software	3,431.92
Advanta	Supplies	84.89
Piermont School District	Reimb. Town report	-757.50
Fletcher Printing	Town Report	2,861.02
Ellen Divan	Cleaning	180.00
Branham Publishing	Books	12.90
IDS	Dog tags	98.77
Giddings Mfg.	Signs	363.50
Jean Daley	Reimbursements	752.82
Bob Lang	Reimbursements	60.00
Linda Lambert	Reimbursements	831.62
Martins Flag	Flags	203.94
Matthew Bender & Co.	Books	45.45
JM Landscaping	Wreath	25.00
Journal Opinion	Notice	21.80
NEBS	Checks	159.25
NHTCA	Seminar Fee/Dues	630.00
NH Assoc. Assessors	Dues	20.00
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks	Dues	20.00
NH Dept. of Agriculture	Dog Licenses	512.50
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	Dues,	40.00
NH DES	Testing Lakes	280.00
NH DOS	Books	21.00
New England Micrographics	Microfilm storage	75.00
Nyberg, Purvis & Assoc.	Assessing	3,255.00
Peggy Fullerton	Assisting Linda	36.00
Philatelic Fulfillment Center	Stamped Envelopes	421.70
Postmaster	Postage & box rents	1,872.00
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	Annual Fee	100.00

Print Graphics of Maine	Tax bills	769.89
Bank Charges	Fees	108.22
Register of Deeds	Recording Fees	196.56
Town of Hanover	Monitoring Fee	400.00
Tuck Press	Notices	406.00
Upper Valley Humane Society	Stray dogs	355.00
UVLSRPC	Dues	681.00
VISA	Supplies	94.67
Wayne Godfrey	Expenses	392.54
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	Box Rent & Fees	67.50
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	FICA	2,409.80
Total		23,145.52

### **Election and Registration**

Ace Blueprint Services	59.19
NH School Board Assoc..	25.00
Everett Jesseman	279.00
Louis Hobbs	382.50
Rose Macri	337.50
Peggy Fullerton	382.50
Linda Lambert	663.50
Jim Lambert	202.50
Ellen Divan	292.50
Vea Jenks	396.00
S. Arnold Shields	443.00
Russell Wodard	211.50
Suzanne Woodard	198.00
Four Corners Store	401.40
Tuck Press	371.00
Lawrence Forbes	18.00
Diane Forbes	18.00
Ben Elder	18.00
Irma Waterman	18.00
Total	4,717.10

### **Town Buildings**

CVEC/PSNH	Electricity	3,500.30
Perry's Oil	Old Church Bldg.	1,423.43
John Metcalf	Labor	1,553.00
Ernestine Fadden	Cleaning	708.00
K&R Portable Toilets	Port-a-Potty rental	925.00
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Supplies	227.36
Jim Lambert	Electrical Work	1,522.05
Piermont Sewer District	User Fees	1,812.50
Terry Robie	Labor & Expenses	1,718.00
Wayne Godfrey	Labor & Materials	730.28
Asa Metcalf	Mowing	171.00
Bigelow Paving Co. Inc.	Paving Town Buildings	4,131.00

Bob Lang	Painting & Maintenance	746.04
W.G.S.B.	FICA	105.32
Pierson's Home Decorating	Paint	308.46
Four Corners Store	Batteries	2.09
Verizon	Old Church Bldg.	664.14
Perry's Oil	Library Furnace	77.81
Wayne Godfrey	Chairs	99.20
Advanta	Town clerk computer	1,019.91
MBNA	Selectmen Computer & Table	1,243.84
Valley Floors	Carpets, OldChurch Bldg.	4,081.08
Total		26,769.81

### **Police Department**

John Metcalf	Labor & Expenses	11,386.19
Steve Medeiros	Labor & Expenses	3,545.79
Corey's Gun Shop	Equipment	703.99
Motorola	Radio	3,285.00
Tuck Press	Signs and Ad	133.00
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	838.33
NH Dept. of Safety	Certification & books	72.00
Ossipee Mountain Elec	Light bar & install radio	2,438.80
Postmaster	Box Rent	36.00
Quartermaster	Equipment	468.30
Stoffel Seals Corp.	Supplies	191.50
Total		23,098.89

### **Planning and Zoning Boards**

Journal Opionion	Notices	105.94
Helga Mueller	Secretary/Expenses	750.00
Register of Deeds	Recording	42.00
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	ZBA Camp Walt Whitman	20,201.82
UVLSRPC	Regulations	72.00
Postmaster	ZBA Box Rent	24.00
LGC	Subscription	18.00
Ross Business Center	Printing Community Survey	218.95
Office of State Planning	Books	12.00
NHMA	Dues	519.00
Total		21,965.69

### **Fire Department**

Bob's Small Engine Repair	Parts	217.74
Babe Ackerman	Expense reimbursement	18.00
Capital One	Print Cartridges	232.04
CVEC/PSNH	Electricity	1,035.54
Chief Supply Corp.	Supplies	113.94
Don's Auto	Repairs/inspections	1,722.91
Bob's Small Engine Repair	Parts	217.74
Various	Expense reimbursement	382.04
Fairlee Fire Brigade	Dues	250.00

Four Corners Store	Gasoline	604.60
Frontline Fire & Rescue	Clothes/Equipment	1,945.26
Pikcomm Communications	Install radio	75.00
Dingee Machine	Supplies	908.14
Exxon Mobile	Diesel fuel	42.00
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Materials	155.91
Fire Tech & Safety NE	Parts	42.70
Ferguson Waterworks	Dry Hydrant	703.01
Payroll	Time/Expenses/FICA	2,117.06
GRS Auto	Repairs	85.00
Perry's Oil Service	Fuel Oil	1,624.11
KDD Auto Parts, Inc.	Parts	127.62
MBNA	Print Cartridges	70.62
Motorola	Radio/Pager repairs	156.00
N.H. State Firemen's Assoc.	Dues	150.00
Municipal Emergency Services	Equipment	2,415.09
NH Fire Prevention Society	Training	50.00
Simplex Grinnell	Cylinder hydro test	73.00
Treasurer, State of NH	Wetlands permit	100.00
Twin State Mutual Aid	Dues	200.00
UVRESA Inc.	Dues	50.00
Verizon & AT&T	Telephone	470.49
Orford Fire Dept.	Supplies	85.99
Wayne Godfrey	Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00
Wayne Godfrey	Expense Reimbursements	938.09
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	Repairs	371.05
Piermont Fire Dept.	Reimbursement	1,094.40
Professional Utility Servies	Heat Searcher	145.00
Public Safety Center	Batteries	178.28
Pufco	Foam	375.00
Roy Belyea	Fire Warden	239.10
Station House Supply	Equipment	1,309.67
Vermont Fire Technologies	Parts	319.37
VISA	Parts/signs/internet	449.28
Wells River Clinic	Hepatitis Shots	144.00
Perry's Oil	Propane	226.62
Don's Auto	Truck repairs	650.00
Total		23,881.41

### **Fast Squad**

Ellen Putnam	EMS Conference	205.00
Alex Medlicott	EMT Tuition	450.00
Bound Tree Corporation	Supplies	218.87
TomElliott	EMSConference	315.00
Merriam Graves	Oxygen	76.31
Postmaster	Box Rent	24.00
Tom Elliott	Supplies	54.71

Upper Valley Ambulance	Nancy Cole Tuition	450.00	
Total			1,793.89
<b>Insurance</b>			
N.H.M.A.		6,773.35	
Primex-Workers Compensation		925.25	
Total			7,698.60
Library			30,000.00
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>			
Floyd Marsh	Trucking Recyclables	4,361.60	
CVEC/PSNH	Electricity	201.47	
White River Paper	Plastic Bags	3,592.00	
Various	Labor	8,583.83	
Northeast Resource Recovery	Paper removal	97.98	
Waste Mgt. NH	Trash Disposal	2,504.95	
Wayne Godfrey.	Expense reimbursement	448.71	
C M Davidson	Cement Pad	1,950.00	
NH State Treasurer	Recertifications	100.00	
WGSB	FICA	670.62	
Alicia Chapin	Labeling bags	352.00	
Advanced Recycling	Trucking Recyclables	937.31	
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Supplies	65.83	
Don's Auto	Tire disposal	720.00	
Atlantic Leasing Corp.	Compactor Maintenance	595.00	
Complete Recycling	Hazardous Waste Disposal	613.98	
Complete Recycling	Fluorescent bulbs disposal	127.25	
John Metcalf	Training mileage	58.50	
Normandeau Trucking	Waste Disposal	11,342.3	
North Country Council	Hazardous Waste Disposal	813.75	
NRRA	Dues	100.00	
Perry's Oil	Propane	32.25	
Tuck Press	Help Wanted Ad	53.00	
Wastequip Accurate Group	Compactor Box	4,650.00	
Sub-Total			42,972.63
Pay as you throw Income			-16,657.30
Recycling Expendable Trust	Compactor Box		-2,325.00
Total			23,990.03
Dispatch Service			5,990.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH			3,010.00
White Mountain Mental Health			600.00
Haverhill Area Teen Center			300.00
Ambulance Service			10,635.00
Highway Department-Winter			66,295.45

Highway Department-Summer		31,626.27
Street Lights		4,705.50
Highway Garage Floor		9,444.85
Highway Subsidy		30,899.75
Lily Pond Reconstruction Note		31,205.45
Old Church Bldg. Windows & Doors		10,000.00
Welfare		7,406.62
Community Action Outreach		900.00
Grafton Senior Citizen Council		1,175.00
Memorial Day		
Wreaths	52.00	
Piermont Village School	150.00	
Lyme Town Band	300.00	
Total		502.00

### Recreation Field & Swimming Pool

K & R Portable Toilets	Port-a-Potty. Rental	250.50
John Metcalf	Labor	663.59
Bob Lang	Labor & supplies	335.60
MBNA	Diving Board	818.95
Terry Robie	Labor & Expenses	4,800.00
NH DES	Testing Pool	100.00
Total		6,968.64

Cemeteries		4,800.00
Damages & Legal Expense		7,088.75
Contingency Fund		228.00
Church Street Reconstruction		101,822.23
Preservation of Town Records		3,486.00
Monitoring Lakes		150.00
Update Tax Map		636.00
Lower Cohase		354.00
Woodsville 4 <sup>th</sup> of July		500.00
Miscellaneous Unclassified Expense	Taxes bought by town	28,862.45
Dump Well Monitoring		5,241.59
County Tax		87,115.00
School District		886,538.00



**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**  
**Regular Account 2004 Highway Expenditures**

**Winter Budget**

**Equipment:**

C. M. Davidson, Inc. 38,465.50

**Aggregates:**

Pike Industries 88.20

Cargill Salt 8,651.68

Blaisdell Sand & Gravel 8,099.38

Sub-total 16,839.26

**Repairs**

H.P. Fairfield 612.36

DD Garage Doors 195.00

Reynolds 110.98

Franklin Welding (sand screen) 2,000.00

Sub-total 2,918.34

**Miscellaneous:**

Pikcomm 81.50

Miscellaneous 2,391.58

Sub-total 2,473.08

**Total Expenditures 60,696.18**

**Summer Budget**

**Equipment**

C.M.Davidson, Inc. 16,167.50

Lee Waterhouse 750.00

Bigalow Pavings 4,542.60

Sub-total 21,460.10

**Aggregates**

Blaisell Sand and Gravel 2,838.98

Pike Industries 8,236.73

W.B. & R.L. Martin 2,141.80

Warren Sand & Gravel 308.00

Sub-total 13,525.51

Miscellaneous	
Repairs & Maintenance	304.17
Fuel & Oil	650.21
Electric	838.20
Miscellaneous	447.88
Sub-total	2,240.46
Total expenditures	37,226.07
Budget	41,000.00
Deficit/surplus	3,773.93
	<b>To be used against winter budget</b>

### SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

**Equipment:**

C.M.Davidson, Inc.	16,324.50
Bigalow Paving	4,965.35
Sub-total	22,289.85

**Aggregates:**

W.B. & R. L. Martin	437.95
Warren Sand & Gravel	815.90
Sub-total	1,253.85

**Materials:**

Oakes Bros. Inc.	1,233.40
JM Landscaping	49.99
Sub-total	1,283.39

**Miscellaneous**

Repairs & Maintenance	648.20
Fuel & Oil	1,796.70
Electric	187.03
Sub-total	2,631.93

Total expenditures 27,459.02

Budget 30,899.75

**Deficit/surplus (for December bills) 3,440.73**

# ROAD AGENT REPORT 2004

## Road Agent Town of Piermont

Winter Maintenance again was the big issue for 2004. Our expected expenditures for the 2004 winter budget of \$49,000 ended at \$60,696.18. Although large winter storms were not prevalent, small fronts were very common. Smaller storms actually eat into the sand stockpile more than the big ones. December of 2004 showed a tremendous amount of freezing rain/rain. The rain is the worst precipitation as far as cost. Sand is applied sometimes 6 times a day on the dirt roads and salt 3-4 times on the pavement. We used 5 loads of salt in December of 2004, normal usage is two, and at about \$1,500 per load this adds up quickly.

As 2005 has started as 2004 ended, I am increasing the expected expenditures for the winter to \$60,000

Although the two budgets are independent of each other, I did cancel some summer projects to help ease the overrun on the winter budget. Indian Pond ate up most of the summer budget from the shimming operations. \$ 17,500 was spent to shim the two areas on Indian Pond, almost half of the summer budget. The road was so far out of shape it took triple the estimated quantity of pavement to shim it.

The summer expected expenditures are as follows:

Lily pond pavement wear course (approx 1/5 of road)	\$ 10,000
Skim pave portions of Indian Pond	\$ 15,000
Road mowing	\$ 4,500
Aggregates	\$ 24,000
Electric, R+M	\$ 5,000
Grading, calcium	\$ 9,000
Misc expenses	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 82,500

The Highway Subsidy will offset +/- \$ 30,000 so \$ 52,500 is requested for the summer portion of the budget. The result is an increase of 10% if the winter budget holds true to expected expenditures.

Presented as Warrant Articles are three projects that could be accomplished. I basically took the worst areas that need to be addressed and presented them with a price tag to the town. They are listed here by my belief of priority:

Indian Pond: Begin at a point 1.13 miles south of the Rt 25C Indian Pond Road intersection (top of first hill, by Fields residence), To the intersection of Piermont Heights Road. Project consists of pavement grinding, install drainage, install subbase and pave 2" binder. Project length is 2300 lf. Est. cost \$110,805.00 If this project does not make vote, the regular budget shim pavement will be used at this location. If does pass vote shim pave will be done on first hill (about ¼ ways up)

Church Street phase II: Begin at a point 730 lf from Rt 10 Church Street intersection (where we left off in 2004) south 1025 lf (to where we started shiming in 2004, just before bridge at the James' residence. Project consists of pavement grinding, drainage, subbase and pave 2" binder and 1" wear. Est. cost \$60,000

Indian Pond Phase I: This coincides to the 10 year plan. This project would start the reconstruction of Indian Pond Road. To begin at the point where Indian Pond changes to a dirt road North 650'. Project description is to grind existing pavement, drainage, subbase, and pave 2" binder. Est. cost \$ 41,325.00

As there would be no catastrophic failure and present harm to the traveling public, I feel it should be voted by the town to see which, if any, of the projects to be completed for the 2005 construction season.

As the Bean Brook Expendable trust is almost to my expected budget, this bridge is slated for replacement in 2006. The town will be holding an public meeting fall of 2005 for input of the town so bridge design can be completed winter 2005/2006 and will be ready for 2006 construction season.

2005 budget request:

Winter: \$60,000.00

Summer \$52,500.00

Chris Davidson

Road Agent

**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT  
Financial Reports - 2004 Receipts:**

Interest on checking & savings accounts		2,751.84
Taxes & Interest Collected		27,361.31
From Savings Account		5,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>30,113.15</b>
Cash on Hand January 1, 2004		10,338.54
Payments:		
John Metcalf	Labor	6,225.00
Donald Smith	Labor	2,352.00
WGSB	FICA Expense	741.29
Woodard & Curran/SPEX	Testing	4,083.56
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	Legal services	1,149.04
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	950.00
CVEC/PSNH	Electricity	132.48
Woodard & Curran	Evaluation Study	15,473.09
John Metcalf & Donald Smith	Mileage	1,448.39
Primex	Workers Comp.	117.00
Various	Maintenance	665.00
Various	Operating Supplies	694.87
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	300.00
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	300.00
Telephone		15.82
Miscellaneous		375.00
NHMBB	Note Payment	2,164.58
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>37,187.12</b>
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004-Checking account		3,364.57
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004-Savings account		12,293.61
Cash on Hand December 31, 2004-Certificate of Deposit		17,936.19

## Sewage Department – 2005 Budget

Operation & Maintenance:		
Operating Supplies	600.00	
Operator's Salary	7,488.00	
Assistant Operator's Salary	3,200.00	
FICA Expense	750.00	
Waste Water Testing	6,825.00	
Waste Water Testing Mileage	1,940.00	
Bookkeeping	300.00	
Tax Collector	300.00	
Legal Expense	300.00	
Electricity	300.00	
Pumping Tanks	1,800.00	
Mowing & Cleanup	800.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>	
Subtotal	24,653.00	
Long Term Debt-NHMBB	<u>2,205.00</u>	
Total Operation & Maintenance	26,858.00	
Sewage Fees for 2005:		
Long Term Debt: 35 Units at \$63	2,205.00	
Operation & Maintenance: 33.5 Units at \$736	24,656.00	
Total Sewage Fees		26,861

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL REPORT - 2004**

In 2004, the library took time for a few renewal projects. A new copier was purchased to replace the workhorse that finally gave out. (Staff can make copies for patrons; cost is still .20 per page.) New countertops and shelving in the library office space replaced sagging ones and a new bookcase to house part of our expanding Young People's Non-fiction collection was added. Gifts in memory of Charlotte Wilson were used to purchase a bookcase especially for toddler-pre-schooler board books. Yes, we're looking spiffier these days and making the most of our available space.

The trustees and librarian undertook a thorough review of library policies and procedures in 2004 and updated many of them. A time-consuming job, such a re-look helps us be clear about our library mission and how we function day-by-day to see it through.

There was a final area we felt was in need of renewal and expansion: public computer time. For the past four years the public has been invited to share the staff's computer for a couple of hours each day. Not only is staff computer use a daily and growing proposition (much of interlibrary loan, acquisitions, bookkeeping, etc is computer-dependent), but clearly the public has been showing as well a growing interest in Internet searches, email checks, and word processing. A computer is a vital resource any library must offer. Thus began discussion and plans in 2004 to purchase a computer in 2005 that would be exclusively for patron use. Our goal is to offer access during most of our 18 open hours per week. Peter Labounty has been a supportive advisor in this area.

The library continued to offer interesting and fun programs for both children and adults in 2004. We invited youngsters to: Listen and Draw with Nilda Gomez; An Afternoon of Crafts with Geri Wood; and Pencil Drawing Techniques with Katie White. Story times continued with winter, spring, and summer sessions. Adults turned out for a Coyote Program with New Hampshire Fish and Game's Kris Bontaites; "Iceland and Icelandic Horses" with author Nancy Marie Brown; and a South Africa slide show with Betty Sue Robie. Stephanie Gordon was back in the facilitator's chair leading a book discussion on **The Life of Pi**.

A few library statistics:

2004 school circulation	1,850
2004 public library circulation	8,806
TOTAL circulation	10,656
Materials acquired in 2004	518
Total collection at end of 2004	13,319 materials
Interlibrary loans completed in 2004	553

In July this year we said goodbye to bookkeeper Danuta Jacob and welcomed her replacement, Sean Kelly. As we do each year, we send thanks to all who have donated to the library's success with books, audios, videos, and volunteer time.

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
EXPENDITURES: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2004**

**LIBRARY EMPLOYEES:**

Librarian	14,062.00
Assistant Librarian	5,420.00
Social Security & Medicare	1,792.48
Workers Compensation	127.00
IRS Penalty & Interest (non budgeted)	1,618.32

**LIBRARY SERVICES:**

Books	3,714.96
Magazines & Newspapers	394.71
Audio/Video	935.94

**PROGRAMS/PROJECTS:**

118.95

**OFFICE EXPENSE:**

Office Supplies	1,000.22
Office Equipment	1,333.19
Accounting Fees	990.50
Advertising	12.88
Postage/Box Rental	132.99

**MAINTENANCE:**

Cleaning Service	1,375.00
Snow Removal	0.00
Repairs	150.00

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity	699.97
Fuel Oil	1,002.85
Telephone	120.00

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Travel	501.58
Dues and Fees	50.00
Course Fees	<u>257.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

36,887.43



**REVENUE: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2004**

Patron's Donations and Gifts	250.00
Fines and Replacements	104.99
Copier Fees	56.40
Book Sales	343.07
Encumbered Funds Prior Year	0.00
Programs for Public	74.05
Transfer for Non-fiction	1,783.31
Piermont School	700.00
Town Appropriation	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>33,419.50</b>
<b>CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2004</b>	<b>7,763.80</b>

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
PROPOSED BUDGET: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2005**

Librarian	15,548.00
Assistant Librarian	5,720.00
Accountant	2,000.00
Social Security and Medicare	1,627.00
Workers Compensation	65.00
Library Materials	5,850.00
Office Expenses	3,135.00
Maintenance	2,150.00
Electricity	1,000.00
Fuel oil	1,500.00
Telephone & Internet	1,300.00
Professional Services	950.00
Programs for Public	400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>41,245.00</b>

## POLICE REPORT

Change appears to be the “word” for the year 2004. Chief William R. Deal retired January 31, 2004. John Metcalf was appointed OIC (Officer-in-charge) of the Piermont Police Department.

The first month without Chief Deal was one of the busiest months the Police Dept. had in many years. Maybe we shouldn't have let the word out the Chief Deal had retired.

In June the Selectmen began a search for a second part-time police officer and future police chief. In August the Selectmen hired Steve Medeiros. Steve had over 16 years in law enforcement and was very interested in working in a small town.

For several years, thought and talk had been about having an office for the police to work out of. Bill Deal and John Metcalf had utilized their homes as “the office”, but due to expanding functions for the police dept. it was necessary to find a specific place for the police dept. office.

The Old Church Building was chosen as the site for the police dept. The decision was to use the room behind the Meeting Room and just off the Historical Society Room. By the end of 2004, the room had been cleaned, painted and carpeted. Many thanks to Wayne Godfrey for obtaining at no cost to the town a desk and many chairs.

The Police Dept. now has its own post office box, P.O. Box 57.

During 2004 the Piermont Police Dept. responded to 244 complaints or requests from the community, issued 52 motor vehicle warnings for speed and issued 11 citations for motor vehicle complaints.

Steve and I wish to continue to serve the community in positive, proactive ways. As always, each of you are the eyes and ears to keeping our community safe for all. Give us a call, stop us, or write a letter and let us know your concerns.

We are available to serve you!

Remember-if you have an emergency Dial 9-1-1

John Metcalf, OIC, PPD  
PO Box 57  
Piermont, NH 03779

## 2004 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

We need your help! We need more members! We need young members! We have picked up a couple new members this year, Steve Daly and Matthew Prince. Welcome them on, and thank them for their service to the town. We also have two in probation. The one last year in probation did not work out. The days of someone joining and not coming to drills and schools no longer can happen. The insurance company and department of labor have a fit. If someone gets hurt, the first thing they want to see is their training records. If not trained for what they were hurt doing, the town could be fined. But the worst part is the injury to the firefighter.

I have set up a truck committee to have a proposal for the 2006 town meeting. I would expect the cost to be close to \$200,000. That sounds like a lot of money, and it is at one time, but if you take that price over the life of the truck and divide by the number of calls it's really not bad. Our present truck is now 25 years old and getting very tired and undependable. I have applied for a Grant for the last three years and will again this year if the program is still running. There is talk of changing how it is given out, with money given to towns that have a high risk for attacks. I doubt Piermont is high on that list. This is how the homeland state money is given out now.

Also, on Homeland Grant money, I took a lot of heat on the article that came out in the Valley News. The article didn't tell the whole story. What I said was, I saw nothing on the approved list we could use. I did apply for the money and the State said we could not buy the items we needed. Since that article, the State has changed its mind and we can now buy the items we needed. Of course, it's not like "here is the money-go out and get the items". You go out, buy and pay, and hope the State comes through with the money to pay us back. Glad people are watching over me. Maybe you can put your energy into joining the fire department. We also were supposed to get six new radios from the State Grant. We got three and are still waiting for the rest to come. It's been a year and a half. Of course if State decides midway to change its mind and not give out the radios, they can. Sorry, too bad. This happened some years ago with another State Grant. There are some towns that have not even received one radio, so I guess we are lucky.

Through our fund raising this year we replaced two of our air packs which were outdated and one of them failed the last flow test. The cost to repair was way too much and we would still have an outdated unit. The cost of these two units was \$5,804. By law, our air packs need to be flow tested every two years to ensure they are working properly and to ensure the safety of the person wearing them. When I took over as Chief, our air packs had never been tested. We also replaced the chairs in the meeting room as the others were over 30 years old. This cost was almost \$400. We also purchased a fast coffee maker for use when at fires and items to carry coffee in. When we had a fire the ladies who made coffee had to wait a long time for the coffee to brew, and then bring it to the fire scene in anything they could get their hands on. This will make it much easier on everyone. Total cost of these items was about \$225. We also gave our annual donations to the Christmas baskets for the church, Operation Santa and other small donations. Total money given back to the town was about \$7,000.

Calls this year were down slightly, but we had some very bad ones. We had a total of 32 calls, down 5 from 2003. Of the 32 calls, 3 were not paid by the town. They were either paid by insurance or by the person responsible. If you have a Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm and it goes off you need to call 9-1-1 and get out of the building. You can not smell or see it. That's why it's called the silent killer. Don't tell us you know it's the

alarm because you don't know. The only way to know is to take a reading with a meter. We had a call this spring where two children were kept in the hospital with CO poisoning. It is nothing to fool with. Get out and call 9-1-1 from somewhere else.

We responded to the following calls this year:

Mutual Aid Calls	12	Chimney Fires	2 *
Assist Fast Squad	1	Fire Alarms	1
Structure Fires	2	Smoke Investigation	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	Calls for Service	1
Electrical Pole/Wires	1	Stove Fire	1
CO Alarms	4	Permit Problems	2

\* Received Mutual Aid on both

If you have any questions about your fire department, please ask. If you would like to join, our meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at the fire station.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey, Fire Chief

#### PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2004

Telephone	400
Heat-Oil and Propane	2,200
Electricity	1,200
Gasoline	750
Payroll	5,200
Chief's Salary	1,500
FICA	530
Forestry	900*
Twin State Mutual Aid	250
Hepatitis B Shots	780
Radio Repairs and Supplies	500
Truck Supplies and Repairs	2,000
Air Compressor	250
Training	1,000
Mileage	750
New Equipment	5,000
New Equipment from Homeland Grant	3,370**
Testing Equipment	300
Fire Ponds	2,000
State Firefighters Association	200
Internet Access	750
Computer Supplies	125
Fast Squad	<u>1,800</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,755</b>

\*Grant of \$245 applied for

\*\*Grant will cover this full amount at no cost to taxpayer

But have to raise it to spend it

## FAST SQUAD REPORT 2004

The FAST Squad responded to thirty seven emergency calls during the past year, down from last years high of fifty two. May and July were our busiest months with six and seven calls respectively. As in other years, I would like to remind everyone that we're just a phone call away and are available 24 hours a day. If there is any question as to the need for medical assistance, please pick up the phone and dial 911. Help will be dispatched immediately.

Debbie Capobianco moved out of the area last spring. We were sorry to see her go, and will miss her. Even though she wasn't with the squad very long, her contributions were appreciated.

Nancy Cole is in the process of upgrading her certification from First Responder to Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B). She is currently enrolled in an EMT class being offered by Upper Valley Ambulance with the expectation of completing the course and certification exams in February.

Alex Medicott has agreed to join the FAST Squad. Although Alex is a physician, there are significant differences in the treatment protocols between the pre-hospital and hospital environments. As such, Alex is also taking the EMT course at Upper Valley Ambulance. He too, will be completing the course and certification exams in February. Please join us in welcoming him to the Squad.

Both Ellen and I are re-certifying this year. We have completed the required forty eight hours of continuing education and will be taking a 24 hour refresher class in early February. We are also required to take a written and practical exam to complete our re-certification requirements, which are currently planned for mid February.

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

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

*(Tom Elliott, Ellen Putnam, Nancy Cole)*

This year we are requesting \$ 1800.00 for our budget. This money will be used for training, equipment, and consumable supplies, such as oxygen, bandaging, etc.

Have a safe and healthy year.

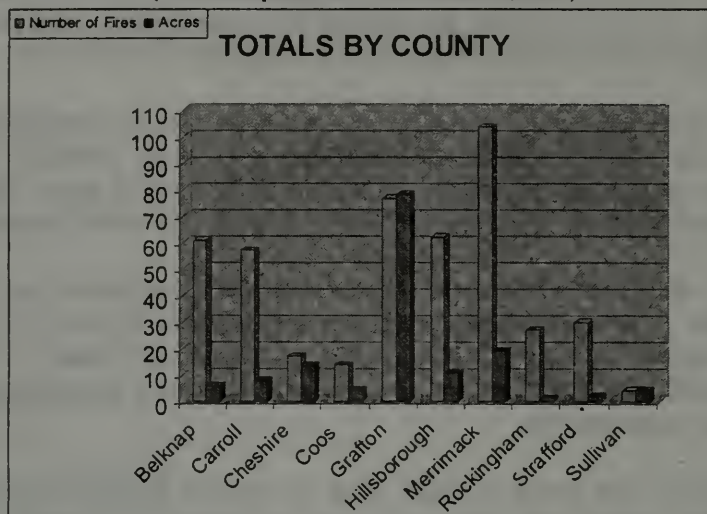
Respectfully submitted  
Tom Elliott  
Captain, Piermont Fast Squad

## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdfi.org](http://www.nhdfi.org).

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

**2004 FIRE STATISTICS**  
(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15	2004	462	147
Campfire	41	2003	374	100
Children	12	2002	540	187
Smoking	19	2001	942	428
Debris	201			
Railroad	1			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	163	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2004

If more State and Federal requirements, more legal advice, court appearances, complaints, etc. are indications of progress, it would appear that we're making progress.

Sales of real estate in Piermont continue to be inconsistent with assessed values. For that reason, we have been "nudged" by the State Department of Revenue Administration to correct the problem this year. DRA suggested that we do a "Statistical Update" this year and then contract for a 4-year cyclical revaluation starting in 2005. A quarter of the town's real estate will be re-valued each year, resulting in a full revaluation every four years. The firm of Earls, Neider and Perkins has been selected to provide the statistical update and revaluation.

Two new computers have been purchased. One will be needed for the statistical update and revaluation, and for maintaining real estate property records in Piermont. The other will be for use of the Town Clerk. The state has required that town clerks be provided with internet services so that motor vehicles can be registered on-line. Slowly, all of New Hampshire towns are being brought up to Cyber-ville level.

The retirement of former police chief, Bill Deal, left a void, thereby increasing the burden on the shoulders of John Metcalf. We all became more aware of the additional "little" things that Bill had been provided so quietly. Although John's shoulders are broad, it is too much for a police department of one.

After a search for a part-time officer, we were very pleased to have Steve Medeiros accept the position. If you happen to see him around Piermont, introduce yourself (if he doesn't introduce himself before you get the chance). You'll find that he is very friendly and desires to please the residents of Piermont.

Along with the addition of Steve Medeiros, a room in the old church building is being renovated to become an office for the Piermont Police Department. This office will also be available for State Police usage since Piermont is a convenient location for exchanges between the Twin Mountain District and the Lebanon District.

The saga of Camp Walt Whitman continues. In addition to their continuing contest against the ZBA ruling about camper enrollment, the camp is now also contesting a denial of tax abatement.

Wastewater treatment in Piermont is another major item on the agenda of the Board. Required additional testing at the WWT plant has boosted the expense of operation of the facility. Anticipated additional testing, and signs of impending failure of the existing facility has necessitated a study of means of remedy. The remedy chosen will require much less testing, but since it will require a larger area, a different location will be needed. The location proposed is on the "old ball field" on the Metcalf property. If approved, construction will begin this year.

I mentioned "complaints" at the beginning of this report. I could also add that we receive compliments and thanks for the services provided by the Selectmen.

A friend once commented that he could withstand complaints as long as every once in a while he'd receive a pat on the back and hear someone say, "Atta boy!"

Submitted by,  
Dean W. Osgood, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

## PIERMONT PLANNING BOARD 2004

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

Peter Labounty, Chairman

Scott Jacob

Fred Shipman

William Morris

Peggy Fullerton

Suzanne Woodard

Jean Daley, ex-officio

At the April election of officers Peter Labounty was reelected chairman and Robert R. Michenfelder, vice-chairman. The year saw the resignations from the Board of Kay Wescott, Robert Michenfelder, and George Smith. The selectmen appointed William Morris a regular member of the Board in September and Peggy Fullerton in December. At year-end there were no alternate members of the Board. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity please contact the selectmen.

The following actions were taken by the Board in 2004:

**Floodplain Ordinance** – With the assistance of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, the Board completed work on developing a new floodplain ordinance to replace the existing flood plain ordinance which had been adopted by the Town in 1986. The proposed new Floodplain Management Ordinance, based on the State of New Hampshire's model Floodplain Ordinance, will be easier to administer and enforce. The floodplain ordinance is needed, so that buildings located in the floodplain are eligible to obtain flood insurance. The proposed ordinance will be presented at a public hearing on January 19, 2005, and will be on the ballot for voter approval at the 2005 Town Meeting.

**Update of Land Use Section of the 1991 Town Master Plan** – In June, the Board mailed out questionnaires to solicit the community's input in updating the Land use Section of the Master Plan. The Board is at present tabulating the responses received from residents and property owners.

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

**Planning Board approvals granted in 2004** – Morton and Katherine Bailey – 2-lot subdivision on Knapp Road, Tax map R-17, Lot 6-4; Neil Robie/Geoffrey Gibbey – 2-lot subdivision on Indian Pond Road, Tax Map R-3, Lot 30

**Other business of the Board** – The Board held several conceptual hearings on proposed lot line adjustments and subdivisions. The Board would like to encourage residents to participate in the update of the Master Plan.

Peter Labounty, Chairman



## PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2004

Monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. The members of the Commission at year-end are: Helga Mueller, chairman; David Ritchie, treasurer; Charles Grant; Asa Metcalf, Donald Smith; and Eric Underhill.

The year saw the resignation of Ernest (Ernie) Hartley. Ernie had been an active and valuable member of the Commission for almost 10 years. He will be missed.

The Commission also was saddened by the death this year of its honorary member, Robert A. Michenfelder.

As of December 31, 2004, the Town's Conservation Fund contains \$3,038.43 of which \$2,503.08 is in a Certificate of Deposit at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank. The Underhill Canoe Site fund for the upkeep of the Underhill Canoe Campsite, also in a CD at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank, contains \$3,384.61. The Expendable Trust fund for the maintenance of the Piermont Town Forest and Trails on Bedford Road contains \$4,011.31.

### **Piermont Town Forest and Trails**

This site on Bedford Road is managed by the Commission for recreational and educational purposes. It serves as an outdoor classroom for Village School students to learn about nature and forest stewardship. This year students planted red pine seedlings under the supervision of Ernie Hartley and forester Eric Underhill. A color-coded trail map of this site is available at the Town Clerk's office and at the library. Townspeople are encouraged to use the trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, and snowmobiling.

### **Canoe Campsites**

As in every year since they were established by the Commission through a grant from the Joint River Commissions, both the Underhill Canoe Campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access continue to be popular with the public. Both sites are maintained by the Commission and are open from May 1 to November 1.

### **Water Quality Monitoring**

Members of the Commission together with members of the Lake Tarleton and Lake Armington Associations monitored the water quality of Lakes Tarleton, Armington, and Katherine. In 2004, volunteers collected water samples on June 20, July 22, and August 29 under the auspices of the New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP), a department of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The program trains volunteers, provides the equipment and analyzes the samples. The goal of the program is to identify sources of pollution before they impact water quality. Once a year, a state biologist monitors the volunteers taking the samples. The town annually provides funds for the testing and travel expenses for volunteers taking collected samples to the DES laboratory in Concord. Following is a brief synopsis of the results of the water quality testing for 2004. Copies of the reports showing detailed data are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

**Lake Armington** – Samples from this lake have been collected annually since the late 1980's. The 2004 samples indicate excellent water quality.

**Lake Tarleton** – 2004 was the third year that samples were collected by volunteers. In general water quality was excellent with the exception of a “spike” in e-coli bacteria at the State Park beach. From a reading of “10” (excellent) taken on June 20, the reading jumped to “470” on July 22, before again subsiding to “2” (excellent) on August 29. The State standard for beach areas is “88” or less. While the State biologist wasn't overly concerned about the “spike,” but at her request the State beach will be included in the State's Public Beach Inspection Program in 2005. Personnel from this program monitor and sample beaches from June through Labor Day.

**Lake Katherine** – 2004 was the second year this lake was tested and samples collected again indicated excellent water quality.

Thanks go to the volunteers who participated in the 2004 water testing activities including Michael Poole, Charley Muntz, Rob Whipfler, Donald Smith, Helga Mueller, Barbara and Kelly Fitzpatrick, Peter Fitzpatrick, Grita Taylor, Linda Michelsen, Robert Poole, and Wendy and Bill Cahill.

### **Other matters**

The Commission cooperated with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and the DES in updating the Local Resource Protection Priorities data layer which will be useful for local planning and conservation efforts, and also updated the Conservation/Public Lands data for the GRANIT program of the University of New Hampshire.

The Commission applauds the Lake Tarleton Association for its effort to prevent the spread of exotic milfoil and other invasive plants into Lake Tarleton. Thanks to a \$3,000 grant from the New Hampshire Lakes Association's “Lake Host Program,” the Association was able to hire Jonathan Lang to be stationed at the Lake Tarleton Boat Access to do courtesy inspections of boats prior to their launching. From June through September, Fridays through Mondays, Jonathan and several volunteers inspected boats and trailers and educated boaters as to the dangers of exotic plants. During these four months there were 489 boat launches and 179 hours of volunteer work. Fortunately, no exotic weeds were found. The Association plans to continue the Lake Host program in 2005.

During the year the Commission monitored logging activities and wetlands projects in town. There were several instances of wetlands violations in town this year. We would like to remind property owners that permits from the DES Wetlands Bureau are required for any projects that seek to excavate, remove, dredge, fill or construct any structures in, or on the bank of any fresh or tidal surface waters or wetlands. The Commission is available to assist property owners with complaints on violations, wetlands applications, establishing conservation easements, or any other conservation concerns.

Helga Mueller, chairman

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2004

Relative to the Special Exception granted to Camp Walt Whitman in 2003, in December 2004 the Grafton Superior Court issued an order affirming the ZBA's decision on all counts except the number of campers allowed. This will need to go back to the ZBA for further review and a subsequent decision. All the conditions of the ZBA's Special Exception had been appealed by the Camp in that lawsuit.

In that same order, the Court denied the Camp's claim that they were "grandfathered" to operate a youth camp on Lake Armington with no restrictions whatsoever.

And finally, in the same order, the Court denied the Intervenor's (neighbors and abutters) appeal of the Special Exception.

In other business, the ZBA heard a request for an area Variance from Thomas Johnson, who has a residence on Cape Moonshine Road. The applicant requested a Variance to construct an addition. The request was denied on the grounds that there is not enough room to maintain the required setbacks from the property lines. The applicant has appealed, offering to provide a survey as proof of the necessary distances. The case is pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Shipman, Chairman

## PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The officers and directors of the Society in 2004 are: Joe Medicott, president; Helga Mueller, vice president; Fred Shipman, treasurer; Anna Williams, corresponding secretary, Lloyd Hall, director of preservation; and Betty Hall, director-at-large.

The Society is not a taxpayer-supported organization but relies wholly on yearly dues collected from members, fundraisers, and donations from benefactors. Annual membership fees are \$3 for individuals, \$5 per family, and \$ 1 for students. Piermonsters over the age of 80 are automatically made members and pay no dues. Donations to the Society are tax deductible. Dues are payable during January and may be mailed to Fred Shipman, Treasurer, Piermont Historical Society, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, N.H. 03779.

During the year the Society answered requests for information on events or people from Piermont's past. Our museum rooms are located above the library and may be visited by calling Lloyd Hall at 272-5858 or Helga Mueller at 272-4359.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the donations by Fred and Priscilla Glidden of the Lake Tarleton Club and Lake Tarleton area. We appreciate any donations of artifacts and memorabilia from Piermont's past or present.

We are happy to report that the renovation of the former kindergarten room at the Old Church Building was completed late in December. The room has been repaired, painted, and a new rug has been installed. It has its own entry on the west side of the building and is handicapped accessible. Since not all of our collection of artifacts and memorabilia can be accommodated in one room, we plan to use it for temporary exhibits. Our first exhibit in the new room is scheduled for the spring of 2005.

We are grateful to the townspeople who approved the renovation and to the Selectmen who made it possible.

Please consider joining us in our effort to keep Piermont's past alive for our descendants. Contact any officer listed above if you would like to help in this endeavor.

Joe Medicott, President

## TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT - 2004

Well, 2004 has come and gone with a lot of changes at the transfer center. We joined Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), a recycling cooperative. The first change was how we handled paper. We now take it in a mixed container, no more sorting. A real easy system, I thought, but some people just can't seem to get it right. People started putting everything into the container, plastic, glass, trash. Some still do, but it's not as bad as when we first started. We still have to go over and pull stuff out. Since we started the new program we have recycled 23.33 tons of paper (in five months) with money coming back to the town. After paying for trucking the town received \$182.45. The way we were doing it would have cost us over \$2,000. I heard from many people that the paper was not being recycled; we were just putting in a landfill. I wonder where someone got the idea that a company would pay us for paper then pay to dispose of it. What a way for a company to make money. We are doing nothing any different than when we took it in the building other than you can now mix it together. A rule of thumb-if it comes in contact with food, don't recycle it, i.e., no paper plates, no napkins, no ice cream containers, no pizza liners, no wax coated cardboard. IF NOT SURE, ASK BEFORE DUMPING YOUR BAG.

Another change that started end of year is plastic. We are now mixing it with tin with no need to sort, but we have not allowed many people near the container yet after the problems with the paper. This will allow us to truck more plastic in fewer trips and save more money.

Another change to come in the spring will be building a glass bunker. By doing this, we will be able to take all types of glass with very few no's. We will be able to hold glass until we have a trailer load 20 tons, thus paying to truck one load compared to a load every two weeks. Another cost savings to the tax payer. I have applied for a grant to pay up to 50% of glass bunker from NH the Beautiful but won't know until mid February if received.

One other item I would like to speak about. You may have read in the newspaper how Lebanon was fined for having open paint at their recycling center. The fine was "only" \$68,000 after meetings and getting it reduced. It could happen anywhere. This past fall someone put paint on the back side of the building, knowing full well it was wrong. The next time you want to do something like that THINK WHAT COULD HAPPEN. You would have no one to blame if the town had to pay a fine. You knew it was wrong, or you would not have put it where you did. Hopefully, we could catch you and you could pay the fine instead of hé taxpayers.

The budget for this year shows a decrease of about \$6,300 due to cut backs in trucking recycling loads (Last year I budgeted \$5,900 for this, this year \$2,575) and switching for a full year to a new trash company.

This year we had 117.86 tons of trash, down from last year about 135. Also, we had 98.02 tons of recycling. This is a 45% trash to recycle ratio.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey  
Manager

## 2004 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Normandeau Trucking	13,310**
Salary	9,000
FICA	689
Training	350
Electric	250
Recycle Hauler	2,575
Plastic Bags for recycling	150
State Recertification	200
Light Bulb Recycling	350
Paint Recycling	500
Metal Removal and rental	1,200
Tire removal	900
Haz Mat Day	875
Bags and Labels for PAYT	3,100
Maintenance on Compactor	1,100
Cement Pad for Glass Bunker	3,850*
Plastic Dumpster	<u>600</u>
Total	38,449
Income from Sale of Bags and other fees-estimate	-15,500
Possible Grant toward Glass Bunker	-1,500
From recycling Trust Fund towards Bunker	-1,000
Total Tax Money Needed	21,049

\*\*Includes trucking and disposal fees

\*Have applied for a Grant to cover part of cost but won't know until after February 1<sup>st</sup> if approved

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2004

The stock market values and returns have improved slightly. This has meant a bit more income from our trust funds. Piermont funds are invested in low risk, and therefore, lower yield, investments, earning what is a reasonable income given current market conditions.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman  
Bookkeeping Trustee

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2004

### RIVER ROAD CEMETERY

This past fall, all the grave stones, markers, curbing and monuments in Piermont's oldest cemetery got a thorough professional cleaning – the first ever known to these Trustees. The removal of moss, lichen and mildew has made a wonderful difference in the appearance of the cemetery and will help slow down the deterioration of the carved surfaces of the markers. In future years we hope to do other cemeteries – as funds permit.

### BURIALS

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

### GROUNDS CARE

Many thanks to John Metcalf and his able crew for the fine job done in 2004 on cemetery spring clean-up, mowing, trimming, stone repair, liming and fertilizing and fall clean-up. Piermont's cemeteries are something we can all be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee

### **TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	15,618.15
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	142.08
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04	20,760.23

### **TOWN FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles-Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	41,193.57
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	330.72
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04	51,554.29

**TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
 For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund  
 December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance 1/1/04	26,962.39
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	251.28
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04	37,213.67

**TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
 For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund  
 December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	48,679.45
Shares Sold	19,444.85
Dividend Income	<u>363.81</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/04	29,598.41

**TOWN BEAN BROOK BRIDGE EXPENDABLE TRUST**  
 For the Repair and Maintenance of Bean Brook Bridge - Cash Equivalent Fund  
 December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	81,762.31
Shares Purchased	20,000.00
Shares Sold	0.00
Dividend Income	<u>716.68</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04	102,478.99

**TOWN BRIDGES EXPENDABLE TRUST**  
 For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges - Cash Equivalent Fund  
 December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance 1/1/04	23,745.55
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>204.62</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/04	28,950.17



**TOWN RECYCLING/TRANSFER EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**  
**December 31, 2004**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	2,855.02
Shares Purchased – See Note	1,188.89
Shares Sold	2,325.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>15.43</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/04	1,734.34

Note: Funds deposited to this account were credited in 2005. The amount cannot be determined until the end of year, as it comes from the annual recycling income.

**TOWN BEDFORD LOT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**  
**December 31, 2004**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	4,045.71
Shares Sold	65.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>29.39</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/04	4,010.10

**HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND**  
**For the Support of the Town**  
**31-Dec-04**

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gain Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance
Westar Energy**	836.00	0.00	1,100.00	25,157.00
Columbia Utilities Fund	937.76	0.00	3,446.32	43,389.19
Fidelity Puritan Fund	2,582.60	4,142.77	5,806.46	110,032.42
Fidelity Fund	455.84	0.00	9,223.76	275,605.86
Phoenix Fund	260.40	0.00	748.45	3,869.47
George Putnam	804.12	0.00	2,577.28	46,545.92
Seligman Fund	939.57	0.00	13,233.44	153,243.25
Centennial Money Market	38.79		5,076.95	5,076.95
Delaware Group	584.21	0.00	3,042.81	56,687.62
Centennial Money Market	<u>38.16</u>		<u>5,038.16</u>	<u>5,038.16</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,439.29</b>	<b>4,142.77</b>		<b>719,607.38</b>

\*\*Westar Energy, Inc. was formerly Western Resources

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND**  
for the support of the cemeteries December 31, 2004

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gain Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance
<b>Cemetery Care Fund</b>				
Columbia Utilities Fund	438.25	0.00	1,610.67	20,278.30
Oklahoma Gas/Elec	751.45	0.00	452.00	11,982.52
Fidelity Puritan	2,695.05	0.00	6,058.78	114,813.81
Woodsville Bank CD-704862	49.73	0.00		2,176.21
Due From Operating Acct				<u>650.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,934.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>149,900.84</b>
<b>Cemetery Lots Fund</b>				
Woodsville Bank CD-704863	155.67			6,907.66
Due from Operating Acct				<u>400.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155.67</b>			<b>7,307.66</b>
<b>Operating Account</b>				
Woodsville Bank-23104015	4.01			1,236.23
Due Cemetery Care CD				-650.00
Due Cemetery Lot CD				<u>-400.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.01</b>			<b>186.23</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,094.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>157,394.73</b>
<b>Cemetery Payments</b>				
		Amount		
Asa Metcalf		70.00		
John Metcalf		7,414.00		
Lou Hobbs		375.00		
Hale Funeral Home		200.00		
John E. Clegg, Jr.		3,130.00		
Fred Shipman		490.00		
WGSB		12.95		
USPS		<u>24.00</u>		
		9,365.45		
<b>Cemetery Receipts</b>				
Town Appropriation		4,800.00		
Interest and Dividend Income		3,938.49		
Burial Fees, net after expenses		1,075.00		
Miscellaneous		<u>100.00</u>		
		9,913.49		
<b>Cemetery Lot Sales</b>				
South Lawn Cemetery		200.00		

ACCRETION OF CEMETERY FUND

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

6/15/46	Dodge, George & Croydan	\$200.00
6/15/46	Cutting, David	\$100.00
10/30/47	Corliss, George	\$100.00
11/2/47	Mrs. Kennedy	\$50.00
9/4/48	Horton, Fred	\$100.00
11/15/48	Ranney, Orlene	\$50.00
11/28/49	Ames, Luella	\$85.00
11/28/49	Runnels, Arthur	\$85.00
1/2/51	Flint, Burton & Ella	\$1,000.00
11/14/52	Underhill, Stephen	\$100.00
3/29/54	Underhill, Leon	\$100.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$50.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$600.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$5,000.00
8/20/55	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
5/29/56	LaMontagne, Claraence	\$100.00
6/13/56	Alessandrini, Simeone	\$100.00
12/25/56	Evans & Weeks	\$100.00
10/27/57	Striker, William	\$50.00
11/4/58	Robie, Lyman E.	\$100.00
2/3/59	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
11/25/59	Smith, George F.	\$100.00
4/13/60	Morey, Dwight	\$100.00
2/15/62	Piermont Grange	\$125.38
2/15/62	Drew, Harris	\$100.00
10/12/62	Gilbert, Ernest E.	\$50.00
8/8/63	Bedford, Arvilla	\$100.00
8/31/63	Perkins & Herrick	\$50.00
9/11/63	Delbar, Robinson & Simpson	\$100.00
9/21/63	Robinson, Fred C.	\$100.00
7/19/66	Davis, Mrs. Walter	\$50.00
11/17/66	Davis, Norman	\$100.00
12/22/66	Owen, Dr. Robert L.	\$100.00
4/17/67	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
9/26/67	Deal, Eleanor D. & William R.	\$100.00
3/11/69	Jewell, Carrie J.	\$100.00
4/29/69	Hartley, E.D. & M.	\$100.00
9/2/69	Mellin, Kenneth & Marjorie	\$100.00
4/1/70	Burns, Mrs. Lester M. & Children	\$100.00
6/25/70	Robertson, Paul H.	\$100.00
8/31/70	Weeks, George W.	\$100.00
12/15/70	Swain, Earl C. & Lillian M.	\$100.00
3/25/71	French & Heath	\$100.00
5/24/71	Fellows, Charles	\$50.00
7/31/71	McDonald, Eben & Floyd	\$100.00
12/27/71	Drew, Ralph Harris, In Memory of	\$100.00
5/1/72	Clayburn, Eda P.	\$25.00
6/30/72	Fadden, Lois & Edward	\$100.00

7/25/72	Lee, Robert E. & Mildred	\$100.00
9/7/72	McLam, N. Gordon & Lurlene	\$100.00
9/15/72	Putnam, Gladys Emery	\$100.00
10/11/72	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
3/3/73	Simpson, J. Ralph & Elsie M.	\$100.00
6/14/73	Mitchell, Edward & Helen	\$100.00
8/1/74	Keller, Mr. & Mrs. George, In Memory of Bertha Brooks	\$100.00
12/31/74	Heath, In Memory of Carrie Simpson	\$100.00
6/16/75	Ferine, lasbelle, In Memory of	\$100.00
7/14/75	Byron, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard	\$100.00
7/24/75	Mason, Anna, In Memory of Mrs. E.H. Sheldon	\$500.00
7/12/76	Hibbard, Lloyd C. & Eudora M.	\$100.00
11/4/76	Stetson, Clinton & Edna	\$100.00
1/17/77	Webster, Ralph & Pauline, In Memory of Hattie Webster	\$220.00
7/20/77	Burbeck, Christie G.	\$100.00
7/28/77	The Ritchie Family	\$100.00
11/28/77	McDonald, Floyd, In Memory of Alice McDonald	\$100.00
6/1/78	Robinson, Phillip	\$100.00
8/21/78	The William Daley Family	\$200.00
10/9/78	Gilbert, Ernest E. & Helen L.	\$50.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
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12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
7/7/79	The Henry 1. Wilson Family	\$100.00
12/21/79	Underhill, Ernest S. & Nancy W.	\$100.00
7/24/80	Wilson, George H. & Annie	\$100.00
10/7/80	In Memory of Floyd F. Davis	\$1,000.00
7/11/81	Wilson, Charles E. & Beatrice	\$100.00
8/20/82	Miller, Marianna Metcalf	\$200.00
12/4/82	In Memory of William & Vera Weaver	\$100.00
12/27/82	Brewer, James T. & Alice A.	\$1,000.00
1/24/83	Ludman, Jennie H.	\$50.00
4/11/83	Ritchie, Helen & G. Fremont	\$100.00
4/29/83	Smith, Floyd L. & Pearle W.	\$100.00
5/27/83	Stetson, Dale, In Memory of Louis & Bessie Stetson	\$200.00
10/11/83	Mack, Walter & M.W. Kenyon .	\$100.00
11/21/83	Woodard, Russell & Suzanne	\$100.00
9/22/84	Mack, Delbert	\$100.00
1/31/85	Jackson, Paul & Ellen	\$100.00
7/5/85	Whitlock, George & Betty	\$100.00
8/29/85	In Memory of Eugene B. Robbins	\$100.00
7/17/86	Mitchell, Robert L.	\$100.00
5/25/87	Gardner, Harold, Sr. & Sophronia	\$100.00
11/18/87	The Alfred & Marion Musty Family	\$100.00
4/12/88	Hartley, Ernest W. & Nancy C.	\$100.00
10/11/89	Wardrop, John & Marjorie	\$100.00
10/8/90	Sheldon, Charles	\$500.00

11/8/90	Hare, Daniel	\$200.00
4/2/91	Owen, Winifred	\$100.00
8/8/91	Hill, Evril	\$100.00
8/19/91	Hare, Margaret	\$200.00
11/4/93	Cheney, Donald	\$200.00
4/26/94	Webster, Ralph A. Jr. & Pauline	\$500.00
9/21/94	Hall, Lloyd E. and Betty Lou	\$200.00
12/8/94	Cole, Archie and Pauline	\$150.00
8/7/95	Mueller, Myron & Helga	\$200.00
8/13/97	Stevens, Mary	\$100.00
1/12/99	Stevens, Alfred	100.00
11/21/99	Hogan, Austin	100.00
4/15/00	Halloran, Dennis & Mary	100.00
7/26/00	Jesseman, Stella	100.00
10/01/01	Robert H. Adams and George & Ida Hartwell	100.00
11/18/02	Michenfelder, Robert R.	300.00
6/16/03	Robie, Keith M & Verna E	200.00
10/25/03	Randall, Neil & Gloria	125.00
1/28/04	Blay, Fletcher C & Carole	200.00
6/13/04	Oakes, Wendell G & Virginia M	150.00
		\$27,339.93



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Piermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 as shown on pages 3 through 7. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Piermont's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

Management has chosen not to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Managements Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. Therefore these financial statements are presented following the principles that were in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. The financial statements presented do not contain separate statements for governmental, proprietary, if applicable and fiduciary fund types, nor are major and non-major funds separately identified and classified. The financial statements presented report expendable and nonexpendable trust funds some of which should be reported as special revenue and permanent funds under the new reporting model. The financial statements also present a general long-term debt account group which should not be reported as such, but the information contained therein should be included in the government-wide financial statements were they presented. Also, the financial statements do not contain any information on capital assets because the government has not maintained historical cost records of such assets. Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis as required. The amounts that would be reported in the missing statements and required supplementary information, and the effects of reclassifying and properly reporting the information presented are not reasonably determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of Piermont as of December 31, 2004, or the changes in its financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Piermont basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. For reasons stated in the third paragraph of this report, we expressed an opinion that the financial statements of the Town of Piermont do not fairly present financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying combining and individual fund statements.

January 21, 2005

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
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## VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2004

### BIRTH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Cole, Daniel James	April 06,2004	James	Stacey
Sweeney, Cecilia Mackenzie	April 12,2004	Christopher	Christine
Hutchins, Rowen Scott	April 13,2004	Nicholas	Megan
Underhill, Wyatt John	May 21,2004	Jeffrey	Abigal
Rose, Stella Euphemia	Sept 11,2004	Brian	Alison
White, Rian Richard	Oct 04,2004	Donald	Kathleen

### MARRIAGE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
James E Trussell	Piermont, NH	
Ann M Winslow	Piermont, NH	June 07,2004
Roger P Hutchins	Piermont, NH	
Beth J Cushing	Piermont, NH	July 17,2004
Craig S Keysar	Piermont, NH	
Rebekah Page	Piermont, NH	August 14,2004
Bradley James Jr	Piermont, NH	
Jessica Schroeder	California	Oct 03,2004
Marc Burnell	Northfield, VT	
Kathryn Davis	Northfield, VT	Nov 12,2004

### DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of</u>
Ritchie, Helen	01-22-2004	Lebanon, NH
Oakes, Virginia	01-27-2004	Piermont, NH
Dearborn, Helen	02-01-2004	Hartford, Vt
Michenfelder, Hazel	02-17-2004	Piermont, NH
Noyes Jr, Woodrow	02-18-2004	Claremont, NH
Wilson, Charlotte	02-19-2004	Haverhill, NH
Saladino, Peter	04-19-2004	Hartford, Vt
Michenfelder, Robert	05-12-2004	Piermont, NH
Deeter, Roberta	05-19-2004	Lebanon, NH
Keniston, Doris	06-17-2004	Woodsville, NH
Latona, Frank	06-21-2004	Lebanon, NH
Gilbert, Helen	06-27-2004	Concord, NH
Cummings, Clyde	08-28-2004	Piermont, NH
Dearborn, Nancy	10-14-2004	Hartford, Vt
Musty, Edgar	11-28-2004	Piermont, NH
Allan, Sylvia	12-06-2004	Piermont, NH



**REQUESTS  
FOR  
PARTICIPATION  
AND  
DONATION**

WOODSVILLE AREA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 50

WOODSVILLE, NH 03785



NOVEMBER 30, 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
TOWN OF PIERMONT  
PO BOX 67  
PIERMONT NH 03779

Dear Selectboard,

Please accept this letter as a request for a donation from the Town of Piermont to benefit the Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Celebration.

This annual event entertains thousands of North Country residents and their friends and family from near and far. Donations go toward parade awards, bands, field entertainment and a grand fireworks display.

You can email me at [garyscruton@yahoo.com](mailto:garyscruton@yahoo.com) or call me at work 603-747-2505 days or 603-747-3942 evenings if you would like further details or would like a presentation at any time.

If a donation is made we would appreciate it if you would make checks payable to the Woodsville Area Fourth of July Corporation and remit prior to this year's celebration. We also respectfully request a response to this letter as soon as possible so that we may, in the case that you do wish to donate, be sure to include your town in the list of sponsors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Scruton".

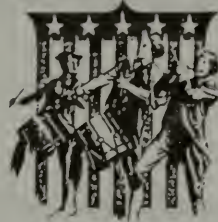
Gary Scruton, President  
Woodsville Area Fourth of July Committee

500.00

# WOODSVILLE AREA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 50

WOODSVILE, NH 03785



## *2004 Annual Report*

Again this year I am honored to be allowed to provide you with the following report on the status of the Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee.

The 2004 celebration was again blessed with some fine July weather. Woodsville's Central street and Wells River's Railroad & Main Streets were lined with thousands of parade enthusiasts and they were not disappointed. Music was provided by the St. Johnsbury Town Band and McLure's Alumni Band, both riding on trucks, and the marching and performance of the Woodsville High school Band. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. David Heintz and his students for again taking the time and showing the spirit to be a part of this celebration. Flats were judged in three divisions: Fire Departments, commercial and all others. There were plenty of commercial non-floats, politicians, kids on bikes, fire trucks, etc. to fill out this annual parade that offers two hours of entertainment for the whole family and is considered one of the largest parades in area.

Following the parade there was a full schedule of events at the Woodsville Community field. Two tents were filled with music from 1 PM until 11 PM. Another tent offered Bingo games with donated prizes and the proceeds going to help support the celebration. There was a Cow (actually a Burro this year) Chip Bingo game which also benefited the celebration. We were able to offer a petting zoo with a great variety of animals that the children could touch, pet and even feed. the petting zoo was sponsored by a local business. Our great thanks, JR. We saw the return of the midway with rides for young and old, and the flea market area, in a new more convenient location, brimming with precious and not so precious items for all ages. The evening ended with one of the largest Twin State Fireworks Displays ever seen.

New for 2004 was the hiring of a private security force for the activities at the Community Field. This was done with the support and full knowledge of the Haverhill Police Department. It allowed them to be better able to handle the other issues of the day. Traffic control before, during and after the parade was still handled by our local officers.

As with all organizations of this nature, money is a continuing concern. We utilize several different methods of raising funds to cover the costs of the day. Concessionaires and vendors pay fees to have a space on the Community Field. We run Bingo and Animal Bingo as well as a regular raffle to help fill the coffers. Donation jars are placed in local businesses during June and early July for patrons to make donations. We have volunteers on the parade route collecting just before the parade. And we put together an annual booklet with our program, Parade and Grand Marshall biographies, pictures from last year's parade and the names of every donator. It is here that the Town of Haverhill is acknowledged for the annual contribution to this event.

Allow me to close with the note that the 2005 Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Celebrator will be the 25th Annual.

With sincere thanks to the taxpayers of Piermont,

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

# WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH

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P.O. Box 599 • 29 Maple Street • Littleton, New Hampshire 03561 • 603-444-5358 • Fax 603-444-0145

December 10, 2004

Board of Selectmen  
Piermont, NH 03779

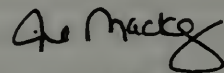
Dear Selectmen:

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services is requesting level funding for the year 2005 in the amount of \$878. In recognition of your tight budget, our request has not increased for over 10 years. A report of our services, including the number of Piermont residents we have served in 2004 and hours of service, will be sent to you when it becomes available in mid-January.

As always, I would be happy to attend your budget meeting or a selectman's meeting if further information about the services we provide to town residents would be helpful to you. Just let me know the date and time and I will be there!

As always, thank you for your support of our services.

Sincerely,



Jane C. MacKay, LICSW  
Area Director

Northern New Hampshire Mental Health and Developmental Services

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27 Central Street  
Woodsville, NH 03785  
603-747-3658

173 Middle Street  
Lancaster, NH 03584  
603-788-2521 ext: 2138

Rt. 112, Main Street  
Lincoln, NH 03251  
• 603-745-2090

**2004**  
**White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services**  
**Director's Report**

**Town of Piermont**

The world has changed. We here in the North Country would like to think that our location somehow shelters us from this reality, but this is not the case. Children in our communities are developing more emotional, behavioral and developmental disorders than at any time in the past. The families we see at White Mountain Mental Health are often facing multiple stressors: lack of job security, lack of health insurance, a child with serious problems in school, and the financial and emotional stress of single-parenting. It is no surprise that depression, anxiety and substance abuse often are the result.

As the level of pressure rises, our society can offer fewer natural supports. Many people live relatively isolated lives, and have no place to turn when life becomes overwhelming. Others may call upon friends or family and find that these potential supports are themselves so over-burdened that they are unable to respond. In this post – 9/11 world, we all share anxiety as we deal for the first time in our lives with fears of terrorism and the reality of our sons, daughters and spouses leaving to fight a frightening and far-away war.

In this environment, White Mountain Mental Health, and our developmental services program, Common Ground is here to help. Part of our job is to provide the intensive and extensive services that are needed to allow persons with serious mental illness or developmental disability to live successfully in their communities. These services are funded through our contract with the State of New Hampshire. But most of our clients are not State funded. We turn to the towns and to private donors for assistance to allow us to continue to be here for all of the people who live among us, who need competent, professional help in facing the tribulations of life.

Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often private. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, of the fact that the small appropriation provided by your town has an immeasurable impact on the quality of life in our communities. This impact is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, and in elders who are able to stay independent and productive.

Support for our services is not only "the right thing to do"; it is an investment in the health and productivity of our community. Needs assessments in local towns consistently show that unmet mental health needs rank as one of the top three concerns of area residents. Our ability to help address this concern among uninsured or under-insured residents of the North Country is dependent upon your continued support.

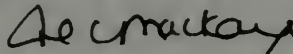
*Service Statistics:*

During 2004, 6 residents of Piermont received 37.75 hours of service. Our services include:

- 24 hour emergency service
- individual and family treatment, offered both in the office and in homes
- intensive, "wrap-around" services to children with serious emotional disturbance and their families
- in-home support and treatment of elders
- substance abuse counseling and substance abuse prevention services
- psychiatric consultation and medication evaluation
- a wide array of supports and services to allow persons with a developmental disability to live full lives and to provide respite and support to their families

Thank you for your continued appropriation to allow us to continue these services.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane C. MacKay LICSW  
Area Director

# WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH

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December 30, 2004

Board of Selectmen  
Piermont, NH 03779

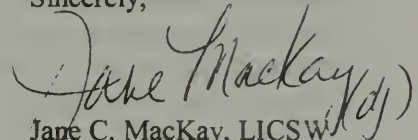
Dear Selectmen:

Enclosed you will find the 2004 Director's Report for White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental services. Please feel free to publish this in your annual report and/or to provide copies to your selectboard and budget committee.

As always, I would be very happy to attend your budget committee meeting to explain more fully the services we provide and to answer any questions you may have. Please let me know if this would be useful for you.

Thank you for your continuing support of our services.

Sincerely,

  
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW  
Area Director

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Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Regional Planning Commission

Jean Daley, Chair  
Piermont Board of Selectmen  
PO Box 67  
Piermont, NH 03779

November 17, 2004

Re: Fiscal Year 06 Funding Request and Annual Report for 2004

Dear Ms. Daley,

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) respectfully requests \$744.45 for the Town's membership dues for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. This figure is based on our recently adjusted dues rate of \$1.05 per person and the 2000 U.S. Census population figure of 709 year-round residents in Piermont. While the cost of living, including health insurance, gas, rent, postage and other expenses, has risen steadily, this is our first increase in the dues rate since it was raised to .96 per person seven years ago. At that time, dues covered approximately 20% of our operating costs. This year they are expected to cover just 16%.

Dues provide the local match required to bring almost a quarter of a million federal dollars to our region for transportation and emergency management planning. Dues are also an important source of funding for most of our work on regional issues, coordination with state agencies, much of our day to day local technical assistance to communities, and some of the overhead that supports the 12,000 hours of planning services performed annually for the benefit of the region's communities. Other sources of funding include contracts with state agencies for specific planning services, contracts with individual communities, and limited special-purpose grants from other organizations.

This increase is just one step to ensure that our revenues keep up with expenses. Hourly rates charged for special projects specific to the needs of one community, such as master plan updates and zoning amendments, are being increased as well. Member communities will continue to see a substantial discount - \$50 per hour compared to \$100 for nonmembers.

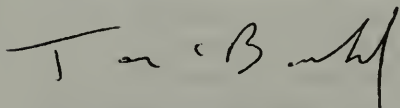


In the future we will be considering other options to make sure revenues keep up with costs, such as smaller more routine increases in the dues rate, or perhaps changes to the dues structure. I will look forward to hearing your suggestions from your community's representative(s).

Our audit and annual report for 2004 are enclosed. The annual report condenses into two pages the various planning services provided in our region over the past year. If you have any questions about UVLSRPC or its work, please do not hesitate to call me.

Many thanks for Piermont's ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara E. Bamford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "B".

Tara E. Bamford  
Executive Director

cc: Planning Board Chairs, Town Planners and UVLSRPC Commissioners

# LOWER COHASE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HAVERHILL & PIERMONT, NH • BRADFORD & NEWBURY, VT

December 1, 2004



PO BOX 209  
BRADFORD,  
VERMONT  
05033  
802-222-5631

Dear Piermont Selectboard:

Each year the Chamber asks each of the four towns in the Lower Cohase Region, Newbury, Bradford, Haverhill and Piermont, to contribute \$.50 per capita to promote the region and to help run the regional web site, [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org). The web site has listings of local businesses, schools, government officers, events and much more. We are continually improving the site, and welcome comments, corrections or changes you may have. We especially need to have people and organizations send in events for the calendar, which can be done by e-mail or by using the simple form on the site.

In addition to the web site, the Chamber publishes a full color, 17 x 22" illustrated map of the area. Bert Dodson, a well-known local artist whose work has been featured in such publications as *Vermont Life*, prepared the basic map, which includes symbols for local libraries, schools, boat launches, picnic areas and swimming areas. An updated map and guide will be prepared for publication in the spring of 2005.

The Chamber promotes events which help bring people into the area, and Business After Hours gatherings to get our business leaders together and learn more about area businesses. This year the second Annual Whole Hog Blues & BBQ Festival was a huge success, with over 1000 people attending, a good time for everyone and increased sales for local merchants. We're already planning for next year's festival.

In order to continue the work the Chamber has started, we are asking each of the four towns to contribute \$.50 per capita again for 2005. We welcome your comments and suggestions for things the Chamber can do to help the area, and encourage you to become involved in Chamber activities and meetings.

The Chamber has contracted with the Bradford Area Workforce Investment Board (BWIB) to provide staffing and office services for the Chamber. Please contact Al Stevens, BWIB Executive Director, at the address below for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin Harrison".

Marvin Harrison, President  
Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 209, Bradford, VT 05033

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# ACORN

## A COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

October 12, 2004

Town of Piermont (Grafton County)  
Linda Lambert  
573 RT 25C  
Piermont, New Hampshire 03779

Annually, A Community Resource Network, (ACORN) asks many of the 96 municipalities that comprise our four county catchment areas in Vermont (Windsor and Orange) and New Hampshire (Grafton and Sullivan) **to partner with us** in the provision of our programs and services. Specifically, we are asking **Piermont** to allocate \$300.00 from your town taxes to help us continue to fulfill our mission.

In the past year, ACORN provided many vital services, as well as, financial assistance to almost 200 individuals either living with HIV/AIDS or directly affected by HIV/AIDS by a family member. Please see the attached list of this past year's accomplishments to more fully understand our role in your community.

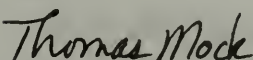
This spring, ACORN's Board of Directors voted to change our name and mission statement in a manner that would allow us to incorporate programs and services for members of our communities both infected and affected by Hepatitis C (HCV). HCV is now the leading blood born viral pandemic both in the U.S. and internationally. To provide a local perspective, it is now estimated by State Health Epidemiologists that we have approximately 660 persons living in Vermont with HIV/AIDS and over 11,000 with HCV. Likewise in New Hampshire, HIV/AIDS estimate are around 1,500 while estimates for HCV exceed 26,000. In all cases of Hepatitis C infection, if a person remains undiagnosed and untreated, 80% will go on to develop chronic liver disease. Treatment for HCV can last a full calendar year requiring weekly injections with side affects that can leave an individual unable to function in their normal daily activities.

Much the same as in the beginning of the AIDS pandemic when there were no state and federal dollars to provide services, we begin our battle with HCV with only local municipal and private funding sources. ACORN has a twelve year history leading the way in our community's fight against HIV/AIDS and we will now lead the fight to reduce both the incidence and suffering associated with Hepatitis C.

Your town tax contribution means more this year than ever. Not only will it allow us to continue providing vital services to those living with HIV/AIDS it will allow us to begin doing the necessary community education, outreach, testing and support for those with HCV. ACORN wants to insure that no individual or family living in our community has to face the challenges of dealing with either of these chronic, life threatening disease unassisted and unsupported.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support. Should you require additional information or require a spokesperson from ACORN present at your decision-making meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas Mock

Executive Director

The Rivermill Commercial Center 85 Mechanic Street Suite 240  
Lebanon, New Hampshire 03766  
603-448-8887 fax 603-448-8885 email: acorn@valley.net  
Federal Tax ID #22-3104237

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission  
Annual Report for 2004

Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area work together towards balanced growth through UVLSRPC membership. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire-only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:


- Worked with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection priorities, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness of state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.
- Participated in transportation programs that will bring additional funding in the region for sidewalks, public transit, and a US Route 4 corridor study.
- Developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County, and continued to participate in CEDS programs in both East-Central Vermont and NH's Grafton County to guide growth in a manner consistent with local resources and needs, and increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.
- Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.
- Provided technical assistance to local boards and committees addressing a number of issues, such as natural resource and open space protection, capital improvements programming, downtown or village redevelopment, trail mapping, school building and transportation needs, and parking needs and traffic circulation.
- Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections in which 884 households participated to keep approximately 6,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste, including outreach to small businesses on affordable disposal.
- Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 11 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete hazard mitigation plans for

several more communities in the coming year; and assisted with all-hazard emergency operations plan for Southern Windsor County.

- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and to New Hampshire planning boards as requested.
- Collected traffic data in 22 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials. Topics of bi-monthly program series included Smart Growth, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Solid Waste, Community Water Supply, and Small Shared Septic Systems. Assisted with series of educational workshops for conservation commission members and VLCT VT Interactive TV workshops, and provided training for local officials in VT on conducting effective public hearings.
- Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers, and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; stormwater management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.
- Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.
- Developed new website - [www.uvlsrpc.org](http://www.uvlsrpc.org) - to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events. Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to expand regional socioeconomic database; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at [tbamford@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:tbamford@uvlsrpc.org) to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford  
Executive Director



# TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties  
 30 EXCHANGE STREET, BERLIN, N.H. 03570  
 TOLL FREE NO. 1-800-552-4617  
 FAX NO. 752-7607

December 5, 2004

Board of Selectmen  
 Town of Piermont  
 Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Select Board:

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, at your 2005 Town Meeting, \$950 in funding from the Town of Piermont to help support its Community Contact Division.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2003-2004:

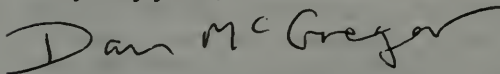
Services Provided:	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	32	\$18,613
Weatherization	1	\$3,762
State Wide Electrical Assistance Program	55	\$26,589
Food Pantry (204 people receiving 3 days worth of food)	75	\$3,060
Referrals (i.e.: Health, Budgeting, Legal Aid, clothing...)	160	

**THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF PIERMONT HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$52,024 IN ASSISTANCE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2003 AND JUNE 30, 2004.**

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

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Piermont's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residence.

Very truly yours,



Dan McGregor  
 Woodsville Community Contact Manager

WEATHERIZATION  
752-7105

AMERICORPS  
752-5760

ADMINISTRATION  
752-7001

CT. DIVERSION-YTH. ALTERNATIVES  
752-1872

COMMUNITY CONTACT  
752-8041

R.S.V.P.  
752-4103

FUEL ASSISTANCE  
752-7100

PLANNING & ADMIN.  
752-7165

December 1, 2004

Ms. Linda Lambert  
Town Clerk  
Town of Piermont  
130 Route 10  
Piermont, NH 03779-3205

Dear Chairperson and Selectboard:

We are grateful to the citizens of the Town of Piermont for partnering with the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. (VNA and Hospice), to ensure quality home healthcare, Hospice, and family services. Regardless of an individual's ability to pay, we are committed to providing skilled care to uninsured and under-insured residents in your community.

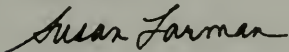
The salaries and benefits climbed by 5.8% this year. In addition, 2003 delivered some harsh news: home care reimbursements were reduced in October 2002 by 4.9% with an additional 10% that followed in April of 2003. Currently, there is a 2004 gap in funding on average of \$891 per average homecare patient episode. As hospitals are releasing patients sooner, we are seeing patients at home facing more complex and costly recovery issues. As a responsible steward of the trust and resources given to us by our donors and the towns that support us, we have been successful in re-engineering clinical and business practices without compromising care.

Implementation of our new laptop technology means our nurses spend more time with patients and less with paperwork. The Medicare and Medicaid system measures our effectiveness, and they compare us nationally. Overall, we are as effective, if not more so, than many other providers in the nation.

We also recognize the increased pressures on the towns and therefore request no increase in funding for the coming year to continue offering home healthcare, family support services, and Hospice care. Would you consider providing support at the level of \$3,010?

Enclosed please find a summary for the town's Annual Report which tells how the Town of Piermont residents used our services in the past year. We are grateful for this partnership, and we look forward to obtaining your support for the coming fiscal year.

Very truly yours,



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

SHL/slm

Enclosures – Program Report, VNA and Hospice 2004 budget, IRS determination letter, VNA and Hospice 2003 annual report, current audit, VNA and Hospice Message

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

The VNA and Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net – with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA and Hospice provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone in need of skilled care, regardless of ability to pay. We are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services.

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

- ① Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- ① Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through Hospice they have that control.
- ① Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following services this past year: (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)

**Home Care**

Skilled Nursing	255
Physical Therapy	107
Speech Therapy	18
Occupational Therapy	14
Medical Social Worker	4
Home Health Aide	488
Homemaker	36

**Total Visits** **922**

**WIC (Women, Infants and Children)**

Number of Clients	8
Clinic Visits	18

**Hospice**

Patient Families served	3
Volunteer Hours	3
Volunteer Visits	1

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA  
 President and CEO

Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH, Inc.  
 46 S. Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001-7911



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Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.  
Statement of Operating Budget Variances (Unaudited)  
For the Five Months Ended May 31, 2004

	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
Net patient service revenue	\$ 6,285,613	\$ 6,230,531	55,082
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	139,456	139,456	-
Other operating revenue	887,646	727,292	160,354
Total Operating Revenue	<u>7,312,715</u>	<u>7,097,278</u>	<u>215,437</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Salaries and benefits	5,399,560	5,252,248	(147,312)
Other operating expenses	1,783,341	1,896,040	112,699
Depreciation and amortization	122,174	122,174	-
Interest expense	16,128	16,624	496
Bad debt expense	120,852	120,852	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>7,442,055</u>	<u>7,407,938</u>	<u>(34,117)</u>
<b>OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<u>(129,340)</u>	<u>(310,660)</u>	<u>181,320</u>
<b>Other Revenue and Gains (Loss)</b>			
Contributions	178,129	372,940	(194,811)
Realized gain (loss) on investments	11,987	-	11,987
Investment income	13,919	20,765	(6,846)
Total Other Revenue and Gains	<u>204,035</u>	<u>393,705</u>	<u>(189,670)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>74,695</u>	<u>83,045</u>	<u>(8,350)</u>
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	12,976		12,976
<b>INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 87,671</u>	<u>\$ 83,045</u>	<u>\$ 4,626</u>

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.  
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Fairlee, VT 05045  
802-333-4043 \* 800-683-9196 \* Fax 802-333-4234  
Email: [uvambulance@valley.net](mailto:uvambulance@valley.net) Website: [www.uppervalleyambulance.org](http://www.uppervalleyambulance.org)

#### ANNUAL REPORT - 2004

To the Citizens of the Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present our 14th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our eight (now - nine) communities since July 1, 1990. In the past fourteen years, Upper Valley has responded to over 19,000 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 900 requests for emergency medical assistance from the nine communities we serve.

Corinth voted to join at last year's Town Meeting. They are the ninth town served by UVA. We are very pleased providing emergency services to a larger portion of Vermont and New Hampshire. 2004 has proven to be a challenging year from a businesses perspective. We have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. We continue to absorb double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service

2005 should be no different. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule was implemented in 2002 and "adjustments" are ongoing. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2005 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/ per capita.

The cornerstone of Upper Valley Ambulance is our personnel. We are proud to have paramedic level EMTs staffing our ambulances. The clinical equipment is updated and hands-on training is ongoing. Further training allows Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with the complex equipment between hospitals.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program, "Home Sweet Home...Home Safe Home" continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home environment. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

Many of you are familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$40 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit, or have their blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, if you have any questions concerning our service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Lancaster, Chair  
Board of Directors



90 Swiftwater Road, P.O. Box 2001, Woodsville, New Hampshire 03785-2001 • 603-747-9000 • FAX 603-747-3310

January 21, 2005

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Members of the Board:

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

In general, the year was a financially close one, in which we have had some shifting in our payor mix, contributing to reduced net revenues with higher contractual allowance. We have, however, managed to end the fiscal year with a small positive bottom line for the third year in a row for 2003-2004.

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

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

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

We will appreciate your including this message in your 2004 Annual Report, and we will forward our 2004 Annual Report to you as soon as it is available. Best wishes for a healthy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reginald J. Lavoie".

Reginald J. Lavoie  
Administrator

"A Critical Access Hospital"



# Raymond S. Burton

338 River Road  
Bath, NH 03740  
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*Executive Councilor  
District One*

Report to the People of District One  
By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor,  
State of New Hampshire

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants here in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index) or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.



## Towns in Council District #1

### CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bertlett,  
Chatham, Conway, Eaton,  
Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,  
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,  
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,  
Tuttenboro, Wakefield, Wolfboro.

### GRAFTON COUNTY:

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

### BELKNAP COUNTY:

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

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### COOS COUNTY:

Barlin, Carroll, Clarksville,  
Colabrook, Columbia, Dalton,  
Dixville, Dummer, Errol,  
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,  
Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,  
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,  
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,  
Whitfield

### SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,  
Croydon, Grantham, Newport  
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



Grafton County

# Senior Citizens Council Inc.

P.O. Box 433  
Lebanon, NH  
03766-0433

phone: 603-448-4897  
fax: 603-448-3906

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

October 25, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RSVP of Upper Valley & White Mts.  
P.O. Box 433  
Lebanon, NH 03766  
448-1825

Dean Osgood, Chair  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
PO Box 27  
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Mr. Osgood:

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,300.00 from the Town of Piermont for Fiscal Year 2005. This represents a per capita amount of \$9.49 for each of the 137 Piermont residents aged 60 and older.

During FY 2004, 47 elders from your community received congregate or home delivered meals through Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., used our transportation service, our adult day care program, the services of our social worker or one or more of our other services designed to support the independence of older adults. GCSCC's cost to provide services for Piermont residents in 2004 was \$15,217.10.

Enclosed is a report detailing services provided to your community during 2004. Should you have questions or concerns about this report or our request, I would be most happy to meet with you to discuss our services in more detail.

We very much appreciate Piermont's support and look forward to serving older individuals in your community this coming year.

Sincerely,

Roberta Berner  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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



Grafton County

# Senior Citizens Council

**Inc. GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

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Lebanon, NH  
03766-0433

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fax: 603-448-3906

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

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

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

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

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

During 2004, 47 older residents of Piermont were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Orford and Horse Meadow Senior Centers:

- Older adults from Piermont enjoyed 545 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,928 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Piermont residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 58 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They benefited from the adult day care program a total of 16 hours.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 24 visits by a social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Piermont's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 853.5 hours of volunteer service.

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

The cost to provide GCSCC services for Piermont residents in 2004 was \$15,217.10.

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

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

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

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

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

Upper Valley Senior Center  
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Lebanon, NH 03766  
448-4213

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Roberta Berner, Executive Director

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## Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Piermont

October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 47 Piermont residents (out of 137 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	x	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	=	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	2,473	x	\$5.72	\$	14,145.56
Transportation	Trips	58	x	\$9.05	\$	524.90
Adult Day Service	Hours	16	x	\$7.47	\$	119.52
Social Services	Half-hours	19	x	\$22.48	\$	427.12
Activities		44		N/A		
ServiceLink	Contacts	5				

Number of Piermont volunteers 6. Number of Volunteer Hours: 853.5

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GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$	<u>15,217.10</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2004	\$	1,175.00
Received from Town of Piermont for 2004	\$	1,175.00
Request for Senior Services for 2005	\$	<u>1,300.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 9%; Contributions 10%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.



COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Financial Statements for GCSCC  
Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004

October 1-September 30

**UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED**

	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>
Dining Room Meals	77,984	81,486
Home Delivered Meals	119,695	109,546
Transportation (Trips)	44,698	45,108
Adult Day Service (Hours)	15,426	17,323
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	8,192	7,212
ServiceLink Contacts	940	1,360
Adult In Home Care	(new program)	4,622

**COST PER UNIT OF SERVICE PROVIDED**

	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>
Congregate/home delivered meals	\$6.10	\$5.72
Transportation (per trip)	\$10.57	\$9.05
Adult Day Service (hour of Service)	\$6.11	\$7.47
Social Services (per unit)	\$21.88	\$22.48
Adult In-Home Care (hour of service)		\$21.40



# Cohase Connection

Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce

Annual Report -- December, 2004

## CHAMBER HAS BEST YEAR EVER

As 2004 winds down, we take a moment to review our third year:

\* Membership is at an all time high of 123, 85 businesses, 14 non-profit and government, and 24 individual members.

\* The Second Annual Whole Hog Blues and BBQ Festival was an outstanding success. We had paid admission for 915 people, plus all the children, vendors and workers who were admitted at no charge.

\* We helped sponsor two Paddle the Border events which brought dozens of people out for a trip down the Connecticut with food and music at the end.

\* We revised and reprinted our Area Map and Guide and distributed thousands of copies. We are now working on a historic sites tour brochure.

\* Our web site, [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org) has been upgraded and improved. Check it out for pictures of the Whole Hog Festival and information about new business members.

\* Twelve Vermont members are taking advantage of group health insurance through VACE, covering over fifty people.

\* Our budget is balanced and our membership dues are the lowest in either state.

\* We are actively working with the Eastern Vermont Regional Marketing Program to maximize marketing of travel and tourism opportunities in our area.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, February 7  
5:30 PM

As we have in past years, we will have our annual meeting at the Horse Meadow Senior Center in Haverhill. A light supper will be provided. This year, in order to foster better understanding among the many organizations that serve the area, we have invited representatives from area Selectboards, retail marketing organizations, economic development and travel and tourism groups to each make a brief presentation about what they are doing.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Bailey

Suzanne Bessette

Marie Bigelow

Tony Brainerd

Dale Bromley

Tim Copeland

Keith Darby

Ann Fabrizio

Marvin Harrison

Ellyn Ingalls

Scott Jacob

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Gary Langlois

Richard Pollock

Kimberly Seymore

Paula Shea

Al Stevens

Karen Whalen

Lynn Wheeler

Chamber Office  
802-222-5631



## ANNUAL REPORT 2004 CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as the future of hydro dam ownership and status of boating law enforcement on the river to economic development initiatives in the valley. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

In 2004, the Commissions stimulated a water quality assessment of the entire 275 miles of river shared by New Hampshire and Vermont. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency led the study to bring reliable information to those using the river and planning for its future. CRJC also sponsored a major study of the river's behavior in the north country, to better understand the reasons for erosion and how the river moves through its valley.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including the new Lebanon Trails and Recreation Map, a natural resources inventory for the Waits River headwaters, several river access projects, a wetlands inventory for Bradford, and farmland conservation in Claremont.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we won a federal grant to provide signage for each of them, and created a video about the river valley, "Welcome to the Heart of New England." CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

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

*Robert Ritchie, Connecticut River Commissioner*

*We would be happy to make this report available electronically: please email  
[contact@crjc.org](mailto:contact@crjc.org)*

# Upper Valley River Subcommittee



Piermont

Orford

Lyme

Hanover

Lebanon

New Hampshire

Bradford

Fairlee

Thetford

Norwich

Hartford

Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT - 2004

## Upper Valley River Subcommittee Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, scenic views, and more, including the practical question of whether all our towns are prepared for emergency water rescues. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on riverbank projects, advising landowners on dock proposals, and following the continued commercial and highway developments in West Lebanon.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the statewide Shoreland Protection Act applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

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

*Charles Grant and Hal Covert, Piermont representatives*

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# UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

October 25, 2004

## COUNTY OFFICES

**Belknap County**  
524-5475

**Carroll County**  
539-3331

**Cheshire County**  
352-4550

**Coos County**  
788-4961

**Hillsborough County**

**Milford**  
673-2510

**Goffstown**  
624-9481

**Merrimack County**  
796-2151

**Rockingham County**  
679-5616

**Strafford County**  
749-4445

**Sullivan County**  
863-9200

To: Grafton County Town Offices  
From: Northam Parr, Extension County Office Administrator  
Re: UNH Grafton County Cooperative Extension 2004 Annual Report

Over the last several years we have been pleased to see the UNH Cooperative Extension report in many of your annual town reports. This allows members of each community to be aware of our educational programs and opportunities.

Enclosed is a written copy of the report. Some of you have indicated that you would like to get a copy of this report electronically. We can send that to you in Word or WordPerfect, or you can send us a disk and we can copy the report and submit it to you that way. Also, if there is specific information that would be vital to your constituents, we can adapt the report for coming years. Contact us by email at [grafton@ceunh.unh.edu](mailto:grafton@ceunh.unh.edu).

I appreciate the opportunity to let each of Grafton County's towns learn about Cooperative Extension programs.

Sincerely,

Northam D. Parr  
County Office Administrator  
Extension Educator, Forest Resources

UNH Cooperative Extension programs and policies are consistent with pertinent Federal and State laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding age, color, handicap, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran's status. College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, County Governments, NH Division of Forests and Lands, Department of Resources and Economic Development, NH Fish and Game Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service cooperating.

## 2004 Report of UNH Cooperative Extension-Grafton County Office

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

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

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

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

### **Educational Programs in Grafton County, FY04:**

- **To strengthen NH's Communities:** Community Conservation Assistance Program; Preserving Rural Character through Agriculture: Urban and Community Forestry; Community Youth Development; Volunteer Training (Master Gardeners, Coverts Cooperators, Community Tree Stewards, 4-H Leaders); Land Use Planning; Finance & Tax Assistance.
- **To strengthen NH's Family and Youth:** After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H Youth Development: Family Lifeskills Program; Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; and Volunteer Leader Training Programs.
- **To sustain NH's Natural Resources:** Dairy Management; Agroecology; Forest Resources Stewardship Program; Fruit Production and Management; GIS Training; Lakes Lay Monitoring Program; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Plant Health Diagnostic Laboratory; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Program; Water Quality/Nutrient Management Programs, Agricultural Business Management; Estate Planning and Conservation Easement Education Programs.
- **To improve the economy:** Small Business Assistance (Forest Industry, Logging, Contractors, Consulting Foresters, Farms, Nurseries); Farm and Forest Product Marketing; Agricultural Business Management; Family Financial Management; Employment Skills Training Program.

**Extension Staff:** Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy; Deborah Maes, Family & Consumer Resources; Northam Parr, Forestry & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peter, Nutrition Connections; and Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP (Lifeskills for Employment, Achievement and Purpose). Educators are supported by Jerilynn Martino, Donna Mitton and Kristina Vaughan at the Extension Office.

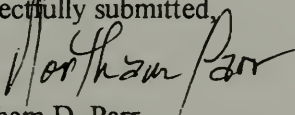
**Extension Advisory Council:** Mike Dannehy, Woodsville; Sheila Fabrizio, North Haverhill; James Kinder, North Haverhill; David Keith, North Haverhill; Shaun Lagueux, Bristol; Jane O'Donnell, Littleton; Cindy Putnam, Piermont; Debby Robie, Bath; Carol Ronci, Franconia; Denis Ward (Chair), Monroe. Teen Members include: Molly Roy, Bath and Justine Morris, Haverhill.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Northam D. Parr  
County Office Administrator

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**of the**  
**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**for the**  
**FISCAL YEAR**  
**JULY 1, 2003 to JUNE 30, 2004**



# ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD

Glen Meder - Chair  
Vernon Jones  
Lisa Knapton

Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2005  
Term Expires 2006

**MODERATOR**  
Arnold Shields

**CLERK**  
Vacant

**HEALTH OFFICER**  
Alex Medicott

**TREASURER**  
Frederick Shipman

**AUDITORS**  
Plodzik & Sanderson

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

### 2003-2004 STAFF

Nancy Sandell - Principal  
Eileen Dohrman - Kindergarten  
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2  
Kathryn Marshall - Grades 3-4  
Erin Chesters - Grades 5-6  
Lydia Hill - Math/Language Arts  
Nancy Sandell - 7/8 Science  
Paul Munn - Math  
Paula Poirier - Art Education  
Annette Coughlin - Music  
Eileen Dohrman - Title One/Reading Recovery  
Susan La Pierre - Special Education Teacher  
Kenneth Marier - Physical Education/Health Education  
Pam Hartley - Instructional Assistant  
Christine Stack - Instructional Assistant  
Elena VanZandt - Guidance  
Marcy Hill - Teacher of the Deaf  
Moira Debois - School Psychologist  
Maren Boothby - Speech/Language Pathologist  
Maureen Byrne - Librarian  
Kathleen Ford - School Nurse  
Cindy Jackson - School Secretary  
Jim Raper - Custodian  
Linda Lea - Lunch Director

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
March 16, 2004**

Moderator Arnold Shields called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He asked if there was a need for any ballot votes. He explained the rules of the meeting. No objections.

Fred Shipman made a motion to dispense reading the entire warrant. Second by Alex Medicott. Passed by voice vote.

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

None. Moved to article 2.

**ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. (The school board recommends: \$1,331,751.00)**

Moved by Helga Mueller, second by Steve Daley. Tony Smith asked about tuition. The moderator ruled out of order. Article passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established Tuition Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2004. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Bill Daley moved the article, second by Jean Daley. Alex Medicott asked if these funds would come from the fund balance. Meder answered yes. Rob Elder asked if the board recommendation was unanimous. Meder replied yes. Article passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2004. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Moved by Chris Davidson, second by Mrs. Graham. Mr. Daley asked the board to explain the intent of the fund. Meder explained it is to help cover unforeseen special education costs that may arise. Rob Elder asked when the last \$20,000 special education expense arose. Meder explained there were several during this year, but those students moved. Shipman added that this fund has never been used. Article passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Buildings Repairs Expendable Trust, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2004. (The school board recommends this article.)

Moved by Bill Daley, second by Chris Davidson. Jean Daley recommended that the \$39,362 balance should be enough to cover any emergency repairs; more is needed in the Capital Reserve if we are anticipating building additions. Mrs. Graham asked why the board recommended this article. Meder replied this fund is also to keep taxes level in an emergency. Shipman added that this fund has not been used. Shawn Rogers asked about the use of the Capital Reserve vs. the Expendable Trust. Jean Daley explained the difference. Mr. Windbury made a motion to amend the article to read "School Building Emergency Repairs Expendable Trust". It was discussed that that is not the official name of the trust. Amendment withdrawn. Mr. Grant asked how much is spent annually on maintenance. Meder replied that \$7,000 is budgeted for maintenance next year. Grant suggested the balance in the fund is adequate. Don Smith suggested no more than \$40,000 is necessary. Shipman called article 5 to question. Seconded. All in favor. Article failed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building Capital Reserve Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2004. (The school board recommends this article.)

Article moved by Peter Trap, second by Helga Mueller. Trap amended article to \$10,000. Seconded. Davidson suggested discussion on the original article. Elder spoke in favor of the amendment. Vote on the amendment: voice vote unclear. Show of hands: amendment passed 16 – 11. Article 6 passed as amended by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Technology Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2004. (The school board recommends this article.)

Article moved by Tony Smith, second by Alex Medicott. Shawn Rogers asked a question on the use of the fund. Sandell explained the goal to set up a server and filtering software in the school. Mark Windbury asked if there is a budget for this project. Sandell explained that the budget for the project was around \$9,000, some parts are in the budget, other funds hope to be obtained through grants. Rogers asked if the committee endorses this amount to support the plan. Labs explained the new technology plan was just approved by the State and more grant funds may become available as a result. Sandell explained the committee is in the preliminary stage of planning. Tony Smith asked about the process to expend the money in the trust. Pat Amsden explained the process for an expendable trust. Rogers moved to question. Shipman seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

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

Board Chair Glen Meder read the attached statement to the public. Shipman made a motion to change the name of the Buildings Repairs Expendable Trust to be the "School Buildings Emergency Repairs Expendable Trust". Second by Glen Meder. Approved by voice vote.

Lisa Knapton brought to the attention of the voters that there was a town trust fund established in 1947 for the benefit of the schools. Now the schools receive interest only every year. There is a balance of \$78,878 in the fund. The board asked for direction from the community on how they would like to see that fund used. Some people commented that the principal balance may be better used as part of the Capital Reserve fund. Shipman said he would research with the State how to make any changes in the trust if the community wished to do so. Pat Amsden will check with the Department of Revenue. Rob Elder directed the board to bring a recommendation to the community at the April meeting.

Motion by Helga Mueller to adjourn at 8:34, seconded by Mr. White. All in favor.

Respectfully,

Pat Amsden

## Tuition Discussion

A week before our annual budget hearing in February, the Dresden School District announced that Hanover High School's tuition for next year was being raised from \$11,674 to \$15,008, an increase of about 26%. This increase makes Hanover's tuition about 52% more expensive than the other high schools to which we have been sending students.

The members of the board felt that this tuition was unreasonable, and in the interest of the taxpayers of Piermont, voted not to contract with Hanover for any new students for the next year. We did increase the budget by a little over \$12,000 so that the Piermont students already attending Hanover could remain there.

Despite all the discussion about school choice over the years, there is no policy on the books concerning how the board determines what towns we will, or will not, contract with for high school services. The board feels that this situation puts the taxpayers at risk of having to pay exorbitant tuition. Therefore, it is our goal to write and enact a policy on this issue before the next school year starts.

We have two main goals in trying to determine what this policy should be:

1. To keep school choice as open as is practical or feasible.
2. To protect the taxpayers of Piermont from being forced to pay "outrageous" tuition.

We plan to be discussing this issue beginning at our regular April board meeting, and would welcome any interested parties to attend and share your comments and concerns.

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Old Church Building in said district on the 8th day of March 2005, polls to be open for election of officers at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member for a term of three years expiring in 2008.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2005.

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Lisa Knapton

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2005 SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005, action on the Articles in this Warrant to be taken commencing at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

- ARTICLE 1: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000.00) for the construction and equipping of an addition to the existing school building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than one million forty-six thousand dollars (\$1,046,000.00) of bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and authorize the school board to take any other action to carry out this vote. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$54,000 from the School Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. In addition, to raise and appropriate \$31,000 for the 2005-2006 interest payment to be raised by general taxation. The school board recommends this appropriation. (A 2/3 ballot vote is required.)
- ARTICLE 2: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 3: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. The school board recommends one million four hundred eighty thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars (\$1,480,226.00.)
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will vote to pay tuition to Hanover for students currently in the eighth grade, and further to raise and appropriate thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the estimated difference in tuition for 7 students to attend Hanover. The school board does not recommend this article.

- ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building Capital Reserve fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2005. Furthermore, to make the school board agents to expend the Capital Reserve fund. The school board recommends this article.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the previously established Tuition Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2005. The school board recommends this article.
- ARTICLE 7: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2005. (The school board recommends this article.)
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2005.

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Lisa Knapton

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It gives me a great sense of pleasure to report our progress on the goals set forth in my first annual report last year. I am aware that meaningful goals take time to achieve and, while I am happy that we have begun measures and have shown some progress, I realize that there is much more to be done on each of these issues.

- We have finished the Professional Development Master Plan for SAU #23 and it has been approved by the NH Department of Education until 2007.
- We have worked hard with consultants to develop the instruction of writing for our teachers throughout the SAU. Our consultant, Diana Leddy, has been conducting a yearlong class on Teaching Writing in the Classroom with approximately 30 teachers. This should make a difference in student writing for all of our students within the SAU.
- I am pleased to say that none of the schools within our SAU have been designated as “schools in need of improvement”. While I am very happy about this, it is important to realize there is no one person in any district who is responsible for this improvement, it is a collaborative effort by administrators and faculty.

The Federal Government, through “No Child Left Behind” legislation, will continue to raise the bar for standards in our schools and students. In short, what is acceptable as progress for our students today will not be good enough in the future, and we must work together for continued improvement within our school system.

- Each school in the SAU has a School Improvement Plan and each school is working to improve their areas of weakness.
- We have successfully opened King Street School as an alternative school for some of our high school students, and have expanded the size of the French Pond School Program that serves our younger students. Both of these programs help us to keep our own students within our district, which also helps to keep costs down to the taxpayers.
- The most contentious issue within our SAU has been how much each district pays for bussing students. After working on this issue for the last year and a half, I believe that we will have some very good news to announce soon that will be a win-win situation for all of our districts, and help to keep our transportation costs down.
- The SAU Gifted and Talented Committee has been meeting for about a year and a half to develop policies and tools to help in identifying and providing for gifted and talented students within the SAU. All the school boards recently accepted an evaluation tool presented by the committee.

- I have lobbied hard in Concord to try to get resources for all of the SAU school districts so we do not lose State funds we desperately need to sustain our programs and not further burden our taxpayers. We have seen some success, but more work is needed to help the legislature understand our ongoing needs. I have felt that our local elected representatives have expressed support for us in this cause. We need additional funding from the State and Federal Government, especially on previous unfunded mandates like Special Education and No Child Left Behind.

I look forward in the upcoming year to begin work in the following areas.

1. Infuse more technology within our programs. We will need significant teacher training in this area to help our students develop higher level thinking skills.
2. Update and revise our policies within all the districts in the SAU.
3. Reach out to other school districts and SAU's to establish partnerships so we might share some costs that will benefit our students.
4. Work with Math Curricula to try to improve student work in this area. I hope to earmark resources to develop the Math Curriculum in all schools at all grade levels.

I am very conscious that many of the goals we set take more than one year to accomplish. Sometimes turning a school district, and in this case the SAU, takes considerable time and effort. Therefore, we need to look at the items listed as ongoing projects.

I continue to be thankful for the work, many times behind the scenes, of the SAU Board members. These people work very hard to make our schools better, and for the most part receive little recognition for what they do.

I look forward to continued service as your Superintendent. I feel privileged to work with the Central Office staff at SAU #23, and with the staff of each of the eight schools I serve. My hope is to continue to make decisions with the interest of our students in mind. It is my intention to work in unison with the communities to try to improve our schools, if only just in small steps. The schools after all, are a reflection of the community.

I thank you for your trust in me; I will never take it for granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs  
Superintendent of Schools

## PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to submit the 2004 Piermont Village School report to you, the Piermont Community.

The 2003-2004 year found us working particularly on writing, and that focus is continuing this year. Several of our in-service days with the SAU have centered on improving student writing. The 2004-2005 school year also finds us striving to improve the climate in our school so children are able to learn. Staff members worked together on two separate days incorporating the *Responsive Classroom* program into our school. This work was grant funded. Staff members have been involved in a variety of professional development ventures, including some around this particular program.

We are happy to have Adam Houghton, a part time technology person, on staff this year. His services have been invaluable as we work on using technology to improve instruction.

Some student accomplishments bear mentioning. In our annual Spelling Bee, fourth grader Julian Grant took first place. Eighth grader Brendan Grant placed first in the Geography Bee. The seventh and eighth grade classes from both last year and this one should be commended for their support of younger students, formally and informally. The Student Council also deserves special mention. Pam Hartley has worked effectively with this group through an election process and then in a format where they contribute continuously to the school and to the Piermont community.

Although our main purpose here is education, we know that students remember the special events. These events and our traditions are what make us unique. Here are a few of the highlights from this last year.

Last winter, students participated in the bi-annual International Fair. The PVS gym was transformed into an international bazaar. An amazing amount of learning was involved in the preparation for this event.

The annual spring play found us producing *The Wizard of Oz* for the third time. Each time we do this production, it takes on a different tone because of who is involved. All students and staff participated in some way, most on stage, but a lot of hard work and organization went on behind the scenes as well.

In the spring, we undertook an all-school unit on water. One of the highlights of this unit was working with artist-in-residence Betsy Giberson. Every class created a beautiful colorful banner that depicts an aspect of water. These banners now hang in the school lobby.

This fall we again were fortunate to carve pumpkins for the annual pumpkin lighting at the Metcalf farm. This is something the students really enjoy, and they enjoy going to the lighting and trying to find the pumpkin they carved.

An annual event that kindles feelings of pride and future promise is the eighth grade graduation. This year eleven fine young men and women left Piermont to go on to high school: Ian Cleaves, Jonathan Cook, Katie Fields, Brendan Grant, Drew Jones, Kaelea Monahan, Sarah Priestley, Dan Putnam, Faith Putnam, Keith Ratel, and Greg Smith. These students chose to attend a variety of high schools: Oxbow, Thetford, Rivendell, Woodsville, and St. Johnsbury.

Sports are a vital part of life here at PVS. This fall there were two school soccer teams, a 7/8 grade team and a 4-6 team. Basketball season is underway right now. We have all kinds of basketball teams: a 7/8 boys and a 7/8 girls team, a 5/6 boys team, a 3-6 girls team, and a 3/4 boys team. There is also a clinic for K-3 basketball players scheduled to start in January. It looks like about two thirds of Piermont students will be participating in the ski/snowboarding program, which is organized by Glen Meder and staffed by parent volunteers.

We had some staff changes this fall. Belinda Smith moved into the 3/4-grade position. Cassandra Spaulding joined us in grades 5/6. Rebecca Bailey returned one day a week as our music teacher. Dotti Unkles joined us as our one day a week guidance counselor. The federal No Child Left Behind act requires that teachers meet certain qualifications to be considered qualified. You will be happy to know that all the teachers at PVS are "highly qualified."

As we look ahead, one concern that looms is our high numbers in the lower grades. For two years, we had to split a class to accommodate those numbers. We did not have to do so this year, but it looks like we will have to again next year. Splitting a class causes serious space issues at our school. An increase of only a few students in the younger grades will cause us class size issues for many years.

Seventh and eighth graders are looking forward to their trip to Washington in May. On their behalf, thank you to everyone in the community who has supported their fund raising efforts. We extend a special thank you to the Piermont PTA, which has supported a variety of programs this year enriching our experience here at PVS. Many thanks as well to the ELF volunteers who bring a rich environmental science program to us each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sandell, Principal

# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Honor Roll Third Marking Period 2003-2004

### Grade Five

Meaghan Jones\*

### Grade Six

Courtland Hanley\*  
Alex Kivela\*

### Grade Seven

Morgan Henry  
Corey Langley  
Anthony Mazzilli  
Jesse Oakes  
Joshuah Short

### Grade Eight

Ian Cleaves  
Jonathan Cook\*  
Brendan Grant\*  
Drew Jones\*  
Faith Putnam

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

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

## Perfect Attendance

Nicholas Breton  
Keith Brick  
Jacob Chapin  
Julian Grant  
Kolin Huntington  
Daniel Jones  
Michael Langley  
Jennifer Noyes  
Christopher Underhill

## Scholarships

Rachel Daly - Colby College  
Felicia Garrett - Norwich University  
Jonathan Lang - Daniel Webster College  
Michael Musty - Boston College  
Jessica Oakes - Southern New Hampshire University  
Geoffrey Pushee- Colby-Sawyer College

May-04

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Language Arts

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	9%	7%
Proficient	P	32%	15%
Basic	B	35%	26%
Novice	N	25%	52%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

Mathematics

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	13%	0%
Proficient	P	30%	22%
Basic	B	37%	30%
Novice	N	18%	48%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

SIXTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Language Arts

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	6%	4%
Proficient	P	26%	26%
Basic	B	39%	52%
Novice	N	28%	17%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

## SIXTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES Cont.

### Mathematics

		STATE	DISTRICT
Advanced	A	6%	4%
Proficient	P	24%	26%
Basic	B	42%	48%
Novice	N	27%	22%
Not Tested	NT	0%	0%

This provides cumulative averages for the three most recent years of testing (2002, 2003, 2004).

Science and Social Studies were not tested in 2004.

Disaggregated results are available to the public at the school and the Superintendent's office.

Education Level Of Faculty And Administration (In Full Time  
Equivalents)

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	MA+30
TEACHERS	7.73	0	1.5	0	0
ADMINISTRATION	0	0	1	0	0

Number Of Teachers With Emergency/Provisional Certification - 1

Number Of Core Academic Courses Not Taught By Highly Qualified  
Teachers - 0

**PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW**

As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or Legal guardian,  
you have the right to know:

1. Who is teaching your child
2. The qualifications and experience of your  
child's teacher(s)

For information concerning your child's teacher(s),  
please contact the Superintendent's Office at:

SAU #23  
2975 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH 03774  
603-787-2113



**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
2003-2004**

Number of Pupils registered during the year	91
Average Daily Membership	79.3
Percentage of Attendance	96%

**ENROLLMENT BY GRADES**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	10	8	16	8	10	10	7	9	13	91

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS  
2003-2004**

Haverhill Cooperative	18	53%
Oxbow	8	24%
Hanover	5	15%
SAU Alternative Schools	2	6%
St. Johnsbury Academy	1	2%
<b>TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

6/30/2004

Balance Sheet - General Fund

Assets

Cash \$50,351

Receivables

Accounts 735

Intergovernmental 8,623

Interfund 5,287

Prepaid Items 9,450

**TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS** \$74,446

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable \$6,770

Accrued Payroll and Benefits 3,240

Interfund Payable 0

Deferred Revenues 0

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$10,010

Equity

Fund Balances

Reserved for Encumbrances \$0

Reserved for Special Purposes 50,000

Unreserved 14,436

**TOTAL EQUITY** \$64,436

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** **\$74,446**

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
For The  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on hand July 1, 2003:	\$ 63,093.94
Add 2003-04 receipts	1,206,088.14
Add interest earned	764.65
Less 2003-04 School Board orders	<u>1,219,595.93</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2004:	\$ 50,350.80

(Ending balance includes money market accounts)

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

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

**Audit Report**

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

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/04		\$10,120.57
Scholarships Awarded		(\$268.77)
Interest Earned		
Woodsville Guaranty		
Savings Bank CD 704846	175.68	
Woodsville Guaranty		
Savings Bank PB 30879	<u>1.92</u>	
TOTAL	\$177.60	\$177.60
New Fund Donations:		<u>\$00.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04		\$10,029.40

## SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EMERGENCY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04		\$39,200.77
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund		242.31
Shares Purchased		0.00
Shares Sold		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04		\$39,443.08

## SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04		\$43,999.52
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund		272.02
Shares Purchased		0.00
Shares Sold		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04		\$44,271.54

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04		\$39,200.77
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund		242.31
Shares Purchased		0.00
Shares Sold		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04		\$39,443.08

## SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	\$10,188.25
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	62.95
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04	\$10,251.20

## SCHOOL TUITION EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/04	\$30,274.70
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	319.33
Shares Purchased	30,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/04	\$60,594.03

## SCHOOL FUND FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Name of Investment	Dividend or Interest Income	Capital Gains Reinvested	Total Shares Owned	Principal Amount, Market Value or Year End Balance
Fidelity Cash Reserves	10.49	31.22	3,744.42	3,744.42
Fidelity Puritan Fund	1,382.69	2,221.70	3,113.91	59,008.59
Seligman Fund	142.10	0.00	2,001.39	23,176.14
Totals	<u>\$ 1,535.28</u>	<u>\$ 2,252.92</u>		<u>\$ 85,929.15</u>

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES**

	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>	
	<u><b>ACTUAL</b></u>	<u><b>REVISED</b></u>	<u><b>PROJECTED</b></u>	<b>+/-</b>
<b>FUND 1</b>				
770 Fund Balance (to reduce taxes)	32,155	14,436	42,000	27,564
<u><b>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</b></u>				
1121 Current Appropriation	572,463	759,223	702,433	(56,790)
1510 Interest on Investments	379	300	300	-
1511 Trust Fund Interest	1,103	1,100	1,100	-
1980 Refund from prior year	85	1,023	1,055	32
1990 Miscellaneous	-	1,900	1,824	(76)
5252 Transfer from Technology Trust	-		3,500	3,500
<u><b>3000 Revenues From State Sources</b></u>				
3111 State Adequacy Grant *	276,838	289,030	428,052	139,022
3112 State Adequacy Tax	239,075	145,237	175,306	30,069
3210 School Building Aid	12,000	11,168	12,000	832
3230 Catastrophic Aid	13,047	9,566	10,000	434
3241 Vocational Tuition	7,296	8,362	22,863	14,501
3242 Transportation	136	285	-	(285)
<u><b>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</b></u>				
4580 Medicaid	26,666	28,000	9,800	(18,200)
4810 National Forest Reserve	796	712	712	-
<b>TOTAL FUND 1 REVENUES</b>	<b>1,149,883</b>	<b>1,255,906</b>	<b>1,368,945</b>	<b>113,039</b>
<b>FUND 2 GRANTS</b>				
4521	24,058	26,936	33,291	6,355
<b>TOTAL FUND 2</b>	<b>24,058</b>	<b>26,936</b>	<b>33,291</b>	<b>6,355</b>
<b>FUND 4 FOOD SERVICE</b>				
1600 Food Service Sales	15,898	13,000	16,000	3,000
3260 State Reimbursement	450	569	629	60
4460 Federal Reimbursement	8,223	9,294	8,200	(1,094)
5221 Transfer from General Fund*	8,578	11,611	11,161	(450)
<b>TOTAL FUND 4</b>	<b>33,149</b>	<b>34,473</b>	<b>35,990</b>	<b>1,517</b>
Transfer to Trusts	30,000	50,000	-	(50,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,269,246</b>	<b>1,381,751</b>	<b>1,480,226</b>	<b>98,475</b>

**SCHOOL TAX RATE PER \$1,000**

	<u><b>ACTUAL</b></u>	<u><b>PROJECTED</b></u>		<b>CURRENT</b>
	<u><b>2004-2005</b></u>	<u><b>2005-2006</b></u>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>VALUATION</b>
Local Education Tax	16.29	15.08	(1.21)	46,595
State Education Tax	3.24	3.91	0.67	44,880
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>19.53</b>	<b>18.99</b>	<b>(0.54)</b>	
Total all warrant articles	121,000	2.32		
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AND ALL ARTICLES</b>		<b>21.30</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>/\$1,000</b>

\*Adequacy funding amounts published by the State Dept of Education 11/15/04 are subject to change

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET 2005 - 2006**

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	CURRENT VS.
	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
<b>FUND 10 GENERAL FUND</b>				
110 PROFESSIONAL SALARIES:	343,612	332,880	\$345,771.00	12,891
111 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY:	2,112	4,430	\$4,430.00	-
112 SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES:	69,102	92,189	\$67,130.00	(25,059)
113 SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES:	1,296	1,700	\$1,700.00	-
120 SUBSTITUTES:	1,822	4,935	\$5,353.00	418
122 CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES:	1,170	1,700	\$2,370.00	670
211 HEALTH INS:	43,548	50,533	\$53,724.00	3,191
213 LIFE INSURANCE:	252	258	\$274.00	16
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE:	1,112	1,139	\$1,031.00	(108)
220 FICA:	31,334	33,498	\$32,642.00	(856)
231 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT:	2,706	4,502	\$3,583.00	(919)
232 PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT:	8,494	10,009	\$13,289.00	3,280
240 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:	6,510	10,200	\$11,100.00	900
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.:	-	301	\$282.00	(19)
260 WORKERS' COMP:	1,533	947	\$925.00	(22)
290 ANNUITIES:	2,275	2,600	\$1,300.00	(1,300)
310 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES:	48,155	44,989	\$47,218.00	2,229
320 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE:	32,658	45,084	\$36,493.00	(8,591)
330 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	21,471	32,598	\$37,304.00	4,706
340 TEST SCORING:	178	250	\$0.00	(250)
411 WATER & SEWAGE:	4,661	5,000	\$5,000.00	-
421 RUBBISH REMOVAL:	1,284	1,100	\$1,300.00	200
422 SNOW REMOVAL:	810	1,300	\$1,300.00	-
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.:	6,957	7,000	\$6,950.00	(50)
432 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS:	1,072	1,013	\$1,096.00	83
440 RENTALS:	2,634	2,671	\$6,251.00	3,580
490 SECURITY:	545	550	\$550.00	-
510 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION:	38,034	42,202	\$39,500.00	(2,702)
520 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE:	3,079	3,850	\$3,850.00	-
531 TELEPHONE:	2,032	2,220	\$2,200.00	(20)
532 DATA COMMUNICATIONS:	2,972	3,041	\$840.00	(2,201)
534 POSTAGE:	921	1,100	\$1,200.00	100
540 ADVERTISING:	1,166	1,120	\$1,150.00	30
550 PRINTING:	902	1,050	\$1,050.00	-
561 TUITION/IN-STATE LEA:	220,434	253,232	\$192,474.00	(60,758)
562 TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA:	70,420	119,904	\$267,864.00	147,960
564/569 TUITION - PRIVATE	32,699	20,025	\$83,265.00	63,240

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2003-2004</u> <u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2004-2005</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2005-2006 CURRENT VS.</u>	
			<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
580 TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD:	-	1,170	\$1,600.00	430
610 SUPPLIES:	15,372	19,272	\$19,045.00	(227)
611 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	-	1,500	\$3,500.00	2,000
622 ELECTRICITY:	9,614	9,800	\$9,800.00	-
623 PROPANE:	7,492	8,500	\$11,600.00	3,100
640 BOOKS	7,229	5,830	\$6,455.00	625
650 SOFTWARE:	1,194	2,450	\$200.00	(2,250)
733 ADDITIONAL FURNITURE:	1,523	300	\$1,400.00	1,100
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:	1,447	1,227	\$1,100.00	(127)
737 REPLACEMENT FURNITURE:	233	1,750	\$750.00	(1,000)
738 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT:	1,862	1,950	\$1,350.00	(600)
810 DUES/FEES:	4,125	4,860	\$4,975.00	115
830 INTEREST:	21,600	18,900	\$16,200.00	(2,700)
890 MISC.:	19	100	\$50.00	(50)
910 PRINCIPAL:	40,000	40,000	\$40,000.00	-
930 FUND TRANSFERS:	38,578	61,613	\$11,161.00	(50,452)
<b>TOTALS- FUND 10 GENERAL FUND:</b>	<b>1,160,250</b>	<b>1,320,342</b>	<b>1,410,945</b>	<b>90,603</b>
<b>TOTALS- FUND 22 GRANTS</b>	<b>24,058</b>	<b>26,936</b>	<b>33,291</b>	<b>6,355</b>
<b>FUND 21 FOOD SERVICE</b>				
112 SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES:	15,152	15,379	15,686	307
120 SUBSTITUTES:	219	500	550	50
213 LIFE INSURANCE:	19	19	22	3
214 DISABILITY INSURANCE:	44	45	41	(4)
220 FICA:	1,176	1,214	1,242	28
231 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT:	889	907	1,068	161
240 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:	125	150	-	(150)
250 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.:	-	17	17	-
260 WORKERS' COMP:	44	112	114	2
430 CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.:	766	1,000	1,000	-
580 TRAVEL EXPENSES:	-	100	100	-
610 SUPPLIES:	1,100	1,000	1,100	100
630 FOOD FOR LUNCH PROGRAM:	12,789	13,000	14,000	1,000
734 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:	500	-	-	-
738 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT:	270	1,000	1,000	-
810 DUES/FEES:	56	30	50	20
<b>TOTALS- FUND 21 FOOD SERVICE:</b>	<b>33,149</b>	<b>34,473</b>	<b>35,990</b>	<b>1,517</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,217,457</b>	<b>1,381,751</b>	<b>1,480,226</b>	<b>98,475</b>
WARRANT ARTICLES		50,000	121,000	71,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		<b>1,431,751</b>	<b>1,601,226</b>	<b>169,475</b>



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

	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>
<b><u>Special Education Expenses</u></b>		
1200 Special Programs	142,965	134,246
1430 Summer School	2,505	3,152
2150 Speech and Audiology	7,377	6,818
2162 Physical Therapy	72	-
2163 Occupational Therapy	4,070	4,968
2722 Special Transportation	-	518
<b>Total Special Education Expenses</b>	<b>156,989</b>	<b>149,702</b>
<b><u>Special Education Revenue</u></b>		
3110 Adequacy Funding SPED portion	65,889	52,884
3240 Catastrophic Aid	34,094	13,047
4580 Medicaid	33,098	26,666
<b>Total Special Education Revenue</b>	<b>133,081</b>	<b>92,597</b>
 <b>NET COST TO TAXPAYERS</b>	 <b>23,908</b>	 <b>57,105</b>
 <b>IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds</b>		
Part A - Preschool	523	523
<small>(Combined with other districts to fund SAU 23 preschool paid for through SAU 23)</small>		
 Part B - Special Education	 16,018	 18,787
<small>(Combined to provide SAU-wide psychological services paid for through SAU 23)</small>		

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

One half of the School Administrative Unit expenses are prorated among the school districts on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2004-2005 school year, will receive a salary of \$80,340. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator position at SAU #23 at this time.

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

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$9,239	11.50%
Benton	\$1,840	2.29%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$53,619	66.74%
Piermont	\$8,106	10.09%
Warren	\$7,536	9.38%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,340</b>	<b>100%</b>

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY 2005-06

DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	+/-
	APPROVED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET	APPROVED BUDGET	
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	94,668	136,648	136,079	(569)
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	171,607	175,735	183,608	7,873
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM		128,342	139,238	10,896
1430 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	6,884	7,076	7,415	339
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	18,103	18,896	27,567	8,671
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	107,916	119,823	128,713	8,890
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT			50	50
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION			62,462	62,462
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	1,635	1,635	1,635	-
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,284	2,284	2,340	56
2317 AUDIT	3,045	3,350	5,000	1,650
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	500	500	500	-
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	320,705	334,850	361,478	26,628
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	121,090	126,736	133,856	7,120
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,400	2,000	3,000	1,000
2620 BUILDING RENT	20,000	20,000	21,000	1,000
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	8,737	3,780	4,350	570
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT		675	675	-
2820 NETWORK	1,212	17,439	21,382	3,943
Financial accounting software/network upgraded to WINDOWS				
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	1,000	500	500	-
<b>TOTAL FUND 1 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>881,786</b>	<b>1,100,269</b>	<b>1,240,848</b>	<b>140,579</b>
IDEA GRANTS	192,611	236,031	250,754	14,723
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,074,397</b>	<b>1,336,300</b>	<b>1,491,602</b>	<b>155,302</b>
<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COSTS</b>	<b>445,877</b>	<b>445,877</b>	<b>445,877</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 PROJECTED REVENUES**

		<u>2004 - 2005</u>	<u>2005 - 2006</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<b>LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT</b>				
1320	Tuition - French Pond	\$184,113	\$190,550	\$6,437
1321	Tuition - King Street School	\$131,325	\$144,200	\$12,875
1325	Tuition -French Pond Summer School	\$8,400	\$8,400	\$0
1950	Itinerants	\$155,544	\$241,190	\$85,646
1951	Speech/ Language	\$119,823	\$124,830	\$5,007
1990	Other local revenue (town internet line fees)		\$178	
1510	Interest	\$500	\$500	\$0
5000	Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$49,687</u>	<u>\$80,123</u>	<u>\$30,436</u>
	Total Other Revenue Fund I	\$654,392	\$794,971	\$140,579
1111	<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$445,877.00</b>	<b>\$445,877.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 1</b>	<b>\$1,100,269</b>	<b>\$1,240,848</b>	<b>\$140,579</b>
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 2 - GRANTS	<u>236,031</u>	<u>250,754</u>	<u>14,723</u>
	<b>TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS</b>	<b>\$1,336,300</b>	<b>\$1,491,602</b>	<b>\$155,302</b>







