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# REPORT

## OF THE OFFICERS

### PIERMONT, N.H.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

**2006**

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Any Time of Day or Night**

**Ambulance**

**Fire**

**Police**

**Dial-911**

When dispatcher answers, give your

**Name**

**Problem**

**Location and**

**Your Phone Number**

The needed help will start out immediately  
to where you are

**This Town Report**

**Is Dedicated To**

**Jean Daley**

**Served our Town**

**For 24 Years**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU  
HAVE DONE**

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

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Robert J. Lang, Chair. (2007)	989-5684
	Dean W. Osgood (2008)	272-5804
	(Bill Daley as of 1-1-2007)	
	Mark Fagnant (2009)	272-4349
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2009)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert (2007)	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2009)	272-5848
Road Agent	Christopher Davidson (2008)	272-9110
Police Officer-in-Charge	Steve Medeiros	272-9351
Fire Chief	Keith Brick	272-9308
Forest Fire Warden	Roy Belyea (2009)	272-4886
Health Officer	Alex Medicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Vea Jenks (2010)	272-4838
	Russell Woodard (2012)	272-4378
	Louis Hobbs (2008)	272-5810
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chair. (2008)	272-4938
	Jean Underhill (2007)	272-
	Louis Hobbs (2009)	272-5810
Moderator	Arnold Shields (2008)	989-3171

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Joyce Thompson, (2009)	Marian Shields Treas. (2009)
Helga Mueller, Chair. (2008)	Joe Medicott (2007)
Stephanie Gordon (2008)	Nancy Sandell (2007)
Betty Hall, (2009)	
Margaret Ladd, Librarian	
Jim Meddaugh, Assistant Librarian	

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Terry Robie	272-4901
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## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Fred Shipman, Chair. (2007)	George Schmid, Vice Chair. (2007)
Steve Daly (2009)	Charlie Brown (2008)
Helga Mueller (2008)	
Mark Fagnant (2008)	

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Peter Labounty (2009)  
Fred Shipman (2008)  
Suzanne Woodward (2007)  
Dean Osgood, Ex-Officio  
Helga Mueller, Alt. (2009) Secretary

Edward French (2008)  
Bill Morris, Chair. (2007)  
Peggy Fullerton (2008)  
Jean Daley (2009)

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

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

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Helga Mueller, Chair. (2008)  
David Ritchie (2007)  
Bill Morris (2009)

Charles Grant (2007)  
Eric Underhill (2008)  
Ernie Hartley (2009)

## **RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION**

Wayne Godfrey, Manager  
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2006  
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

    Polls opened in the Old Church Building at 10:00 a.m. for voting by Official Ballot on Article One and closed at 6:30 p.m.- 120 voters voted during these hours.

    Moderator opened meeting at 7:35 followed by Pledge of Alliance. He further explained procedure for voting at town meetings- (on your honor to vote- if you're on the checklist).

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

One Selectman - three years	Mark Fagnant*
Treasurer- one year	James Lambert*
Trustee of Trust Fund - three years	Louis Hobbs
Trustee of Trust Funds-one year	Jean Underhill*
Three Library Trustees-three years	Betty Hall*, Marian Shields*, Joyce Tompkins*
Town Clerk-three years	Linda Lambert*
Tax Collector-three years	Linda Lambert*
Moderator - two years	S. Arnold Shields*
Supervisor of Checklist- six years	Russell Woodard

    \*Swore in all new officers that were elected and present for both town and school.

    The floor was turned over to Selectman Robert Lang – he presented a gift certificate from JM Landscaping to Jean Daley upon her retirement. Also, two dozen roses where given to her in appreciation for the 24 years served on the Board of Selectman along with a standing ovation. Everyone will miss her.

    ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$206,950 to purchase a new fire engine, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$138,450 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, and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$61,000 from the Town Fire/Emergency Services Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund and accept a donation of \$7,500 from the Piermont Firefighters Fund Raising Account to apply to this purchase. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Moved by: Helga Mueller

Seconded by: Tom Elliott

Discussion: Glen Meder asks what kind of Fire Truck are you looking at - a pumper. Abby Metcalf asks the Fire Chief to explain why we need a new upgraded truck as it was explained at the public hearing. Parts are hard to find / parts need to be machined for the truck we have now / it flunked the flowage test set for mutual aide requirements / insurance for homeowners would go up 30-40%. Chris Jacobs asks to clarify where the total \$206,950 is coming from = \$138,450 is to be raised by Bond- \$61,000 is from Reserve Fund- \$7,500 from Fire Departments Fund Raising account. Christa Davis asks how does the new truck compare to what we have now = larger cab for five people / pump will work / has more water storage on board. Does the upgrade have to be new? = Bradford and Haverhill both bought used trucks and still aren't happy- their trucks are broken down with no warranty left. - A new one has warranties and hoping to last at least 20 years. Shawn Rogers inquired what if we took out a ten year bond, what would it cost per year in taxes = the select board figured for a three year bond and that would cost \$68 a year for a \$100,000 home they have not figured for a longer time. Is there any grant money around for this? = The Fire Department has been looking and applying for nearly three years the answer is no. Ballot vote with BLUE ballot-It is now 7:54 voting will be open until 8:54 to let everyone to come in and vote for one hour.

ARTICLE THREE: To raise and appropriate \$558,136 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	36,500
Officers Expenses	25,000
Auditor Expense	7,500
Election/Registration	3,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	40,365
Police Dept. (Note 5)	58,387
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	30,570
Tax Maps	800
Library	33,500
Cemeteries (see note 1)	11,700
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	6,964
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635
Testing Monitoring Wells	10,000
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	9,000
Legal Expenses	10,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	35,102
Street Lights and Blinker	5,500
Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	60,000
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	58,500
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	32,413
Public Welfare	30,000
Memorial Day	600
Recreation and Swimming Pool	5,000
Interest	100
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	10,000
Miscellaneous	500
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>	<b>558,136</b>

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$6,800; balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

Note 2: The Town expects to receive \$16,000 from the sale of bags and other charges to offset this cost.

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

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

Note 5: This will be reduced to \$42,000 if the town passes Article 5 to lease/purchase a police cruiser.

Moved: Wayne Godfrey

Seconded: Tom Elliott

Discussion: George Smith wants to increase budget to \$559,636 in the recreation's budget line item. Seconded by Fred Shipman

Discussion: Why this increase= a 1,500 increase to the Recreation and swimming pool line item to join in Orfords swim program at Indian Pond as a town. How many in program from Piermont= Kathy Cook responded with an average count of 50 and this helps Orford keep certification of instructors. Vote on amendment voice PASSED to increase

Glen Meder asks how and why in Note #5 would it decrease? Decrease in paid mileage for use of personal cars.

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS HEARD

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the preservation of town records.

Moved: Tom Elliott

Seconded: Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: none VOICE PASSED NO NAYS HEARD

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to purchase a new police cruiser, and further, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that entire sum of \$21,000 from the Town Equipment Capital Reserve fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved: Michelle Metcalf

Seconded: Tom Elliott

Discussion: Helga Mueller asks for explanation on how it differs to buy outright compared to leasing then buying = we do our own repairs and up kept in both cases. Chris Jacobs asks if this is set up as a police cruiser=yes the State buys as a fleet so is cheaper for the towns. The one we're looking at is a 2006 Ford Explorer fully equipped. Shirley Gould asks how many years a new cruiser would last under normal conditions= on an average of 15,000 miles in Piermont it should last at least 5 years. Abby Metcalf asks if this cruiser would stay in Piermont= yes at the office

for use of whoever is on duty. Meg Cleaves asks if it will be used for court dates by the police dept.? = No- would use own personal cars. Berkley Nicol asks what is in the budget for this decrease of \$42,000 = mileage for private car use. Asa Metcalf asks where would the upkeep of cruiser come from= police budget. Jim Lambert asks for ballot vote seconded by Peggy Fullerton. It was asked if we vote against a town cruiser at this time how, as a town, would we have to stock private cars with police gear such as lights and signs etc. Is the fund for cruiser same as for fire truck= NO Voice failed for ballot vote.

VOICE VOTE FOR ARTICLE PASSED WITH A FEW NAYS

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease-purchase agreement for \$22,000 for the purpose of leasing and purchasing a new police cruiser, and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,863 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This agreement contains an escape clause.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

If Article Five passes, this article will be passed over.

Moved: Margaret Cleaves

Seconded: William Daley

Discussion: None PASSED OVER

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote under RSA 35:16-a to dissolve the School Fund for Support of the School District which was created by Town Meeting vote under Article 10 in 1948 for the support of the schools from proceeds from the sale of flowage rights. Said funds, \$89,500 plus acculated. Interests, with accumulated interest, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

NOTE; in 1948 the town received \$4,200 from the sale of flowage rights on the two school lots and the Sara Moore Lot. The Town voted to turn this money over to the Trustees of Trust Funds to be used for the support of the school. The NH Attorney General's office advised that prior to 1983 towns in New Hampshire did not have the authority to create trust funds. This Article will dissolve the Trust Fund and the proceeds will be used to reduce taxes. The School will have a similar Article in their Warrant to create this trust fund, which will increase their taxes by the same amount. The effect of this Article is to turn over to the School District the funds that belong to them. The amount is slightly more than \$89,500.

Moved: Helga Mueller

Seconded: Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Jean Daley would like to amend article to read \$88,869.62-that is what is in fund today. Lisa Knapton says State of NH is every fussy on this issue so would like to be as precise as possible. All the Select board would like to do is close out this fund and turn it over to the school board = all money at time of transfer. The last sentence "The amount is slightly more than \$89,500." Be deleted and instead read "account amount at time of transfer".

Lisa Knapton so moved article seconded by Gary Danielson

Voice passed amendment

ARTICLE AS AMENDED- VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,000 for the purpose of conducting a town-wide property revaluation and furthermore to withdraw the sum of \$30,000 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of \$36,000 to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved: Fred Shipman

Seconded: Glen Meder

Discussion: Glen Meder asks about the money allotted last year for the start of an update- where did that money go? = That money went into data so they have that much already done. DRA, Select board and the Assessors thought it would be an easy fix for last year (2005), it wasn't. Our equalization ratio was 55.3% it needs to be nearer to 90%. The best the assessors could do working with old data was 75%. DRA called for a full revaluation is why they allowed the Town to use last year's values for the Dec 2005 bills. Data is that far off - we need new data to fix problem.

VOICE PASSED A FEW NOS HEARD

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to pave a portion of Indian Pond Road.

Moved: Chris Davidson

Seconded: Tom Elliott

Discussion: Asa Metcalf asks why pave Indian Pond Rd why not grinds up pavement and make it a dirt road? = Chris is not going to think about that because the price and maintance would be too great. Indian Pond's sub soil is not good enough for a dirt road. It would have to be dug

down about 3 feet; mud season in a normal year would be terrible. What is Road Agents ten-year plan, why not put into fund until we have enough for complete paving? Every year the road agent has in his budget an amount for road paving but never has enough left in his budget to do it. The pavement on Indian Pond Road is hard to plow and is hard on equipment so they have to do something now. Walter Rodimon asks about Lily Pond why hasn't it gotten a finally paving after two years in budget for paving? = Road agent was planning to do both Indian Pond and some on Lily Pond but didn't communicate that to the Selectmen for warrant article but that's the intention. Still hoping to do 80% on Indian Pond and 20% on Lily Pond this year. By doing a separate warrant article the Road Agent has to use it as stated-for road repair only. Why wasn't it in the road agent's report about budget run overages to explain why it wasn't done = he will try to do it better in future reports. Helga asks for clarification = \$25,000 is going to Indian Pond Road and Lily Road for paving = YES. How far and what area will this amount cover on Indian Pond, from Dale Fields knoll to top of road just inside Orford line (hopefully).

VOICE PASSED A FEW NOS HEARD

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to resurface gravel roads with 6 inches of gravel.

Moved: Tom Elliott

Seconded: Michelle Metcalf

Discussion: What roads is this for = Cape Moonshine and Knapp Road. How many feet will \$25,000 cover? It why cost \$1,689. Per foot of road at a depth of 6".

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

ARTICLE ELEVEN: 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.

Moved: Tom Elliott

Seconded: Sandra Rounds

Discussion: none VOICE PASSED

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

Moved: Gary Danielson

Seconded: Sandra Rounds

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

Moved: Tom Elliott

Seconded: Michelle Metcalf

Discussion: Abigale Underhill asks what is this program? It provides meals on wheels; fuel assistants etc, people in Piermont do use this program.

VOICE PASSED NO NOS HEARD

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

Moved: Chris Davidson

Seconded: Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: none VOICE PASSED NO NAYS

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

Moved: Mary Musty

Seconded: Tom Elliott

Discussion: Have we voted this in before = yes. What exactly do these people do= (no one here to speak for this article) – it helps and supports people in treatment with aids, hepitis.

SHOW OF HANDS YES 36 NO 35 PASSED

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: 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.

Moved: Helga Mueller

Seconded: John Metcalf

Discussion: Lisa Knapton asks what are we reporting on this web site? = Helga explains that the site markets the area for tourists and lists events for the towns on an Internet page. What is web site? = See page 74

VOICE PASSED NO NAYS HEARD

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



Moved: Tom Elliott

Seconded: Michelle Metcalf

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED A FEW NOS

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Expendable Trust Fund, subject to the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for purposes of funding recreation facilities and activities, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents for the expenditure of this fund; and further, to raise and appropriate up to \$2,000 from the Town's undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2006, to be placed in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved: Chris Davidson

Seconded: William Daley

Discussion: Glen Meder asks what kind of expenses the committee envisions for this fund? They sent out surveys to all of the town's people and from that survey the towns people gave some ideas on what they wanted to see in Piermont. For example 65% wanted to see a tennis /basketball court. Had gotten estimate for \$72,000 but actual cost should be around \$40,000. With town doing the work. Kathy Cook inquired if the swim program would be included in the recreation budget? It could, but this fund would be used for long term items like the basketball/ tennis court. Where would this court be placed if we do build this in the future? Not sure, haven't talked to select board, but possibly would be above recycling center on old town dumpsite. Helga Mueller asks if there are any programs geared to the older folks in town? Yes- looking into cribbage tournaments, card games, etc. The committee is still in planning stage for a lot of things; right now the committee is concentrating on summer programs for kids this year.

It's 8:54 so counting Article two ballots on Fire Truck.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved: Wayne Godfrey

Seconded: William Daley

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to raise and 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: Michelle Metcalf

Discussion: Is there a purpose for the money here if fire truck is bought this year.

Chris Davidson amends article to read \$10,000 Seconded by Helga Mueller

Helga why increase = so we can build the fund up a little faster and not hurt taxpayers as hard for an item in one big year like the Fire Truck this year.

HAND COUNTS ON AMENDMENT 50 YES 13 NOS  
PASSED

VOICE PASSED FEW NOS -AS AMENDED

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved: Wayne Godfrey

Seconded: Tom Elliott

Discussion: none VOICE PASSED

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved: Keith Brick

Seconded: Steve Daly

Discussion: none VOICE PASSED NO NOS

Moderator announces results on Article two on whether to purpose a new Fire Truck = there was 92 ballots issued- (62 votes is the 2/3 ballot count required by law)

82- YES 10 -NO PASSED

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

Moved: Wayne Godfrey

Seconded: Michelle Metcalf

Discussion: Randy White asks if this was to rebuild the fund for the next time we need something - yes.

VOICE PASSED NO NOS

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to raise and 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: Michelle Metcalf

Second: Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

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

Moved: William Daley

Seconded: Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Moderator asks for a brief moment of silence for the members of the community who have passed away this year and an extra kind thought for Bill Deal who thought of this town, as he's family. Also and thank you for Wayne Godfrey as Fire Chief and John Metcalf for police officer in charge.

Chris Davidson as Recreation Committee Chairman read a dedication for the town's ball field on Bedford Road to be named John Metcalf's Athletic Field- (this was pre approved by select board.)

Motion made to adjourned by Fred Shipman seconded by George Smith

VOICE PASSED meeting adjourned at 9:15

Submitted,  
Town Clerk  
Linda Lambert

Board of Selectmen

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2007  
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 13, 2007 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, Two, Three 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.
- One Selectman to serve for a term of one year.
- 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.

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

ARTICLE TWO: (By official ballot) "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 to the existing Town of Piermont Flood Plain Management Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: amend the flood plain ordinance as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?"

ARTICLE THREE; (By Official Ballot / By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Piermont Zoning Ordinance adopted on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1971 by adding provisions for a building permit system, with inspections performed by a Building Inspector hired by the Selectmen, to be financed by fees to be set by the Selectmen. The following question shall appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment, as proposed by petition, for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, as follows: (The amendment will require a building permit prior to any construction of new structures or any improvements which increase the footprint of existing structures, as well as an inspection system financed with a fee to be set by the Selectmen)? The Planning Board opposes this amendment.”

If this question is adopted by a majority of those present and voting, the following changes will become effective for the Piermont Zoning Ordinance (with changed wording shown in bold):

- Amend Article VI, Section (a) to read as follows: “a. **A building permit must be obtained before any action is taken to constructor erect any new building or structure, or any addition to any existing building or structure which increases the footprint of such a structure;** this requirement extends to all structures, residential including mobile homes, non-residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural.”
- Amend Article VI Section 1, by adding a new paragraph © as follows; “**c. All work requiring a building permit shall be inspected a minimum of three times, The Selectmen shall hire or contract with a part-time Building Inspector, who shall be under the supervision of the Zoning Administrator, if the two positions are filled by different persons. A schedule of building permit fees shall be adopted by the Selectmen, sufficient to adequately compensate the Building Inspector.**”
- Amend Article VIII, Section 1 “Application” by deleting the words “a permit or” just before the words “Board of Adjustment” so that the entire sentence reads as follows: “After the enactment of this Prodinance the regulations specified in this Article shall be followed as they may apply, and permitted uses shall not require Board of Adjustment approval unless so stated.”

ARTICLE FOUR: To raise and appropriate \$653,025 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
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	7,777
Auditor Expense	8,500
Cemeteries (see note 1)	11,700
Contingency	2,000
Election/Registration	3,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	32,680
Fire Truck Payment	40,223
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	31,093
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	60,000
Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	60,000
Insurance	13,000
Interest	500
Legal Expenses	15,000
Library (see note 5)	42,865
Loan Payment- Fire Truck	40,223
Memorial Day	500
Miscellaneous	500
Officers Expenses	27,000
Officers Salaries	52,860
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	10,000
Police Dept.	38,200
Public Welfare	25,000
Recreation and Swimming Pool	7,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	37,901
Street Lights and Blinker	4,500
Tax Maps	800
Testing Monitoring Wells	12,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,615
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	40,365
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>	<b>653,025</b>

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$6,800; \$3500 comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, \$1400 comes from user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

Note 2: The Town expects to receive \$18,000 from the sale of bags and other charges to offset this cost.

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

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

Note 5: \$9365 from Trust Funds and \$33,500 raised with taxes

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the preservation of town records.

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

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years (\$20,000)

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, (\$30,000)

For a person 80 years of age or older (\$40,000)

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than (\$25,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than (\$32,000); and net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person’s personal residence and up to 2 acres of land.” Under no circumstances shall the amount of the exemption for any age category be less than \$5000.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE SEVEN: “Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:281l, The Optional Veterans’ Tax Credit whose procedure for modification is authorized by RSA72:27-a,111 to increase the optional veterans’ tax credit from its current amount of \$100 to \$500 “the maximum currently allowed by law”, such amount to be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran’s residential property.”

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$12,000 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, 2011. Doing ¼ of the Town annually for a total cost of \$12,000, each year in 2007,2008,2009,2010, 2011 for a statistical update at the end in 2011 to update all values, hold hearings, defense of values.)

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,350 to reconstruct approximately 1000 linear feet of Indian Pond Road. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE TEN: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,400 to remove the existing steel beam girder and wood planking (now 14' wide x 30' long single span bridge) crossing Bean Brook on Bean Brook Road with a concrete beam and deck for a 21' wide x 36' long span bridge. (To date we have \$145,492.88 in Bean Brook Bridge Expandable Trust Fund.) (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,200 to purchase an applicator and storage tank for a Liquid Dust Suppression System.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. For the benefit of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,160 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

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

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



ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,450 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: 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 EIGHTEEN: (By petition) “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to deposit 100% of the revenue collected from the Land Use Change Tax into the Town’s Conservation Fund. Increasing to 100% the percentage of the Land Use Change Tax going to the Conservation Fund will enable the Conservation Commission to be more responsive in protecting Piermont’s farms and woodlands.”

The Selectmen does not recommend this Article.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: (By request of the Recreational Committee) To raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to set up a Recreational Facility Expandable Trust. The facility would house a tennis court, basketball court, and various court games. Committee was given a cost of approximately \$75,000.

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

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

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,000 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-SIX: (By petition) To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Piermont. These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

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

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 20th day of February 2007

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Robert Lang

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Mark Fagnant

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William Daley

RETURN

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Robert Lang

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Mark Fagnant

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William Daley

This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 20th day of February 2007

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Town Clerk

**SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 2007**  
**FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. SEE POSTED BUDGET**

Bean Brook Bridge	172,400
Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund	20,000
CASA	500
Community Action Outreach Program	950
Dusting Suppression System	12,200
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,450
Indian Pond Road- Reconstruction	124,350
Lower Cohase Web Site	362
Preservation of Town Records	3,000
Revaluation	12,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Charges	653,025
Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Recreation Expendable Trust Fund	2,000
Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund	3,000
Town-Fire & Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	3,160
White Mountain Mental Health	600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,031,997</b>
 Estimate of County Tax	 108,000
<b>TOTAL-TOWN AND COUNTY</b>	<b>1,139,997</b>

## 2007 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS

	APPRO 2006	SPENT 2006	APPRO FOR 2007
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
ACORN	300	300	
Auditors Expense	7,500	8,100	8,500
CASA			500
Cemeteries (Note 1)	11,700	6,800	11,700
Community Action	950	950	950
Dispatch Services	6,964	6,915	7,777
Elections	3,000	3,792	3,000
Fire - Fast Squad-Forest Dept	30,570	28,011	32,680
Grafton Senior Citizen Center	1,300	1,300	1,450
Gravel Roads	25,000	15,337	
Hwy Subsidy (Note 3)	32,413	32,413	31,093
Hwys & Bridges Maint Summer	58,500	56,101	60,000
Hwys & Bridges Maint Winter	60,000	58,388	60,000
Indian Pond Road	25,000	28,750	124,350
Insurance	9,000	11,248	13,000
Library (Note5)	33,500	33,500	42,865
Loan Payment (Fire Truck)			42,223
Lower Cohas	362	362	362
Memorial Day	600	551	500
Planning & Zoning	10,000	7,171	10,000
Police Department	42,000	41,982	38,200
Preservation of Town Records	3,000	2,999	3,000
Recreation and Swimming	5,000	5374	7,000
Revaluation -full	66,000	63,300	12,000
Solid Waste Disposal (Note 2)	35,102	23,038	37,901
Street Lighting& Blinkers	5,500	4,091	4,500
Town Buildings Expense	25,000	23,138	25,000
Town Officers Expenses	25,000	30,158	27,000
Town Officers Salaries	36,500	36,165	52,860
Update Town Maps	800		800
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635	10,635	10,615
VNAV TNH	3,010	3,010	3,160
Welfare	30,000	11,397	25,000
White Mt Mental Health	600	600	600
Woodsville 4th of July	500	500	

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Contingency Fund	1,500	1,500	2,000
Damages and Legal Expenses	10,000	15,784	15,000
Monitoring Dump Wells	10,000	11,854	12,000
Sewer District (Note 4)	40,365		40,365
Sewer District Note	497,000		
Taxes Bought by Town		79,979	

**CAPITAL RESERVES**

Interest on Temp Loans	100	1,300	100
Unclassified Expense	500		500

<b>TAXES PAID TO COUNTY</b>	108,000	105,093	108,000
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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	1,076,971	771,883	876,571
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Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$6,800; \$3,500 comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, \$1,400 comes from user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

Note 2: The Town expects to receive \$18,000 from the sale of bags and other charges to offset this cost.

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

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

Note 5: \$9,365 from Trust Funds and \$33,500 raised with taxes

## 2006 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

### Land

Current Use (at C.U. values)	1,548,245	
Conservation Restriction	281,800	
Residential	32,231,719	
Commercial/Industrial	2,073,770	
Non taxable	1,649,500	
		37,785,034

### Buildings

Residential	48,761,440	
Manufactured Housing	787,280	
Commercial/Industrial	4,421,420	
Non taxable	114,900	
		54,085,040

### Public Utilities

Electric (includes Phone-no land)	854,729	854,729
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	<b>TOTALS</b>	92,724,803
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Non- taxable		-1,661,496
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<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		91,063,307
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Elderly Exemptions	260,000	
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Solar Exemptions	1,950	
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<b>Total Exemptions</b>		261,950
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<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed</b>		<b>*90,801,357</b>
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### Utilities

Central Vermont Public Service	998	
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Public Service Company of NH	349,022	
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New England Power Co.	56,896	
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New Hampshire Electric Coop.	469,211	
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Transcanada Hydro Northeast, Inc	78,462	
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Evans, Evans & Evans Inc	114,924	
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	<b>TOTALS</b>	1,069,513
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ITEM	BUDGETED ACTUALLY PROPOSED		
	2006	SPENT	2007
Ambulance, Fire, Police Dispatch	6,964	7,340	7,777
Auditor Expenses	7,000	8,100	8,500
Cemeteries (note 2 )	11,700	6,800	11,300
Contingency	1,500	2,000	2,000
Elections	3,000	4,730	3,000
Fire Dept/Fast Squad	30,570	28,055	32,680
Highways-Bridges Summer	58,500	57,637	60,000
Highways-Bridges Winter	60,000	54,902	60,000
Insurance	9,000	13,529	13,000
Interest	100	113	100
Legal Expenses	10,000	13,662	15,000
Library (note 3)	33,500	33,500	33,500
Memorial Day	600	301	500
Miscellaneous	500		500
Officers Expenses	25,000	26,534	27,000
Officers Salaries	36,500	36,165	52,860
Planning Bd./Zoning Bd.	10,000	7,171	10,000
Police Dept	42,000	41,882	32,680
Public Welfare	30,000	14,405	25,000
Recreation and Swimming Pool	5,000	4,195	7,000
Solid Waste Disposal (note 4 )	35,102	23,037	45,000
Street Lights and Blinker	5,500	4,091	4,500
Tax Maps	800		800
Test-Monitoring Wells (recycling)	10,000	11,854	12,000
Town Buildings	25,000	20,098	25,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635	10,635	10,635
Village Sewer System (note 1 )	40,365		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>508,836</b>	<b>430,735</b>	<b>500,332</b>



<b>TOWN</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>
Gross appropriations	951.221		
Revenues	-602.863		
Overlapp	-2.503		
War Service Credits	-4.900		
		355.761	3.91
<b>SCHOOL RATE</b>			
Gross appropriations	1,414.485		
Equitable Education Grant	-410.348		
State Education Taxes	-205.425		
		798.712	8.80
<b>STATE EDUCATION RATE</b>			
Equalized Valuation Factor	(rate) 2.52		
		205.425	2.29
<b>COUNTY PORTION</b>			
Due to County	105.093		
Shared Revenues	-1.032		
		104.061	1.15
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>			
Less war service		1,463.959	
		-4900	
		1,459,059	<b>16.15</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

State Education Tax	89,716,944	2.29	205,425
All Other Taxes	* <b>90,801,357</b>	13.86	<u>1,258,534</u>
			1,463,959

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Bldgs. -Selectmen-Library, Fire Dept., Hwy. Garage		259,540
Furniture & Equipment		20,000
Land-Selectmen-Library, Fire Dept. Hwy. Garage		284,250
Equipment-Fire Department		430,000
Equipment- Police Department		25,000
Old Church, Lands and Buildings		355,210
Bean Brook Road Land		56,830
Highway Equipment		94,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	U1P8D	36,810
Schools, Lands and Buildings		961,810
Cemeteries		37,740
Piermont Sewage District Land	R1P3	19,830
Fire Ponds		40,950
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	R11P2	82,000
Sarah Moore Lot	R20P25	40,000
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	R19P6	111,280
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,893,440</b>

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**of the Town of Piermont, N.H.**  
**County of Grafton**  
**For the Calendar Year ended December 31, 2005**  
**NEEDS TO BE REPLACED BY 2006**

**ASSETS**

Cash:		
In the Hands of the Treasurer	187,303	
Taxes Receivable (net of Allowance for Uncollectible		
Taxes	531,388	
Prepaid Items	5,649	
TOTAL OF ASSETS		724,340

**LIABILITIES**

Interfund Payable	24,819	
Accounts Payable	451,030	
Deferred Tax Revenue	10	
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	110,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		588,176

**EQUITY**

Fund Balance		
Unreserved		
Undesignated		136,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		724,340

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2006**

Uncollected taxes –Beg of Year		
Property Taxes		511,157.76
Land Use Release		1,725.00
Yield Tax		870.76
Resident Taxes		760.00
Penalties		1,411.02
Utility		4,520.75
Revenues Committed –This Year		
Property Taxes	1,479,037.61	
Resident Taxes	4,690.00	
Yield Taxes	19,465.31	
Excavation Taxes	54.00	
Inventory Penalties	2,143.86	
Utilities	26,578.00	
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	12,848.24	1,547.57
Prepayments	2,158.20	159.63
Other		974.50
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	854.94	3,514.45
Penalties Collected	16.00	69.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1,547,846.16</b>	<b>526,710.44</b>

**CREDITS**

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	This Year	Prior Years
Property Taxes	1,152,378.79	477,873.77
Resident Taxes	3,460.00	700.00
Land Use Change		1,725.00
Yield Taxes	13,859.78	870.76
Excavation Taxes	54.00	
Utilities	23,186.91	4,520.75
Interest	862.68	3,583.45
Penalties	870.94	
Conversion to LIEN		34,991.19

Abatements Made:

Property taxes	5,428.08	
Resident Taxes	230.00	60.00
Penalties		29.07

Uncollected	Rev – Year End		
	Property Taxes	336,237.18	
	Resident Taxes	1,000.00	
	Penalties	1,281.18	
	Yield taxes	5,605.53	
	Utilities	3,391.09	
	Excess Credit		2,356.45

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TOTAL CREDITS	1,547,846.16	526,710.44
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TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES

Unredeemed Taxes-Bal at Beg of Fiscal Year	26,173.94
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	38,096.36
Interest Collected After Execution	5,281.00
TOTAL DEBITS	69,551.30

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:	36,061.14
Interest Collected	5,281.00
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Lien	28,209.16
TOTAL CREDITS	69,551.30

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2006

### Taxes - Current Year 2006

Property	1,139,951.98
Resident	3,470.00
Gravel Tax	54.00
Yield	13,859.78
In Lieu of Taxes	3,922.53
Penalties and Interest	15,132.35
Deferred Tax Lien	2,000

### Taxes - Prior Years

Property	513,304.96
Resident	680.00
Current Use	1,725.00
Yield Tax	870.76
Redemptions	35,586.14

### State and Federal

Revenue Distribution	7,854.00
Block Grant	32,412.50
Forestry	4,189.19
Capital Reserve Income	112,000.00
Rooms and Meals	28,059.83

### Other Sources

Rent of Town Property	700.00
Motor Vehicles	122,344.91
MA Fees	2,717.50
Dog Licenses and Fees	2,107.00
Recycling	2,683.23
Grant received	1,000.00
Zoning	366.94
Pay as you Throw	16,076.19
Trust Funds	15,751.22
Planning Board Fees	333.13
Building Permits	275.00
Insurance Rebate	4,900.00
Library-Electricity	750.20
Interest Income	3,339.85
Sale of Town Property	30,000.00
Welfare Recovered	3,813.59
Other	1,757.71
Donations	7,550.00
Recreation Income	1,969.28
Total Receipts	2,133,508.77

Amount of Note Payable	125,000.00
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Amount of Note Payable	138,450.00
Beginning Balance	133,371.64
Total	2,405,330.41
Less Expenditure	2,105,702.85
<b>Balance December 31, 2006</b>	299,627.56
In Mascoma Bank in Mutal Fund	100,000.00

James A. Lambert, Treas.; Town of Piermont

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT 2006**

**SUBMITTED TO TREASURER**

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1,206)	122,117.41
Motor Vehicle Titles (114)	228
Dog Licenses (218)	2,107
State sticker fees	2717.50
Other (Fees, Permits, Zoning Books, etc.)	532.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127,702.43</b>

2007 TAGS ARE IN AND YOU DO NEED PROOF OF RABIES

If there is anyone in Town who would like to take over as Town Clerk at the end of my term, Please let me now. You will have two years to learn so you will feel comfortable doing it. The only requirement is to be a resident, and if you now a little about a computer it sure would be a plus but not necessary. Remember you have at least two years to learn. Thank you, Linda

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

**Town Officers Salaries**

Jean D. Daley	Selectman	375	
Robert J. Lang	Selectman	1,500	
Dean W. Osgood	Selectman	1,500	
Mark Fagnant	Selectman	1,125	
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	16,210	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	8,641	
Linda Lambert	Administrative	1,500	
James Lambert	Treasurer	1,500	
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	750	
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	914	
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	1,000	
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	400	
Jean Underhill	Bookkeeper	750	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36,165</b>

**Town Officers' Expenses**

AT&T	Telephone	383
BMSI	Seminars/Support/Software	2,669
Bridge Weekly	Ads	212
Charter Communications	Internet	550
Conferences	Town Clerk Tax Collector	1,364
Fletcher Printing	Town Report	2,670
Giddings Mfg.	Signs	356
Helga Mueller	Selectmen Minutes	385
IDS	Dog tags	103
J M Landscaping	Gift Certificate	150
Jean Daley	Reimbursements	121
Journal Opinion	Ads	181
Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender	Updates for law books	704
LGC	Legal	310
Linda Lambert	Reimbursements	858
Manatron	Assessing program	2,808
Matthew Bender & Co.	Books	126
Mileage		672
Misc	Expenses	200
NEBS	Checks	160
New England Micrographics	Microfilm storage	225
NH Assoc. Assessors	Dues	20
NH Dept. of Agriculture	Dog Licenses	455
NH DES	Books	173
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	Dues,	70
NHMA	Dues	1,111

NHTCA	Seminar Fee/Dues	277	
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	Annual Fee	100	
Postmaster	Postage & box rents	3,205	
Print Graphics of Maine	Forms	893	
Register of Deeds	Recording Fees	106	
Ross Business Center	Copier supplies	914	
Spring Appraisal Company	Camp Walt Whitman	630	
Staples	Okidata Printer	536	
Town of Hanover	Monitoring	425	
Tuck Press	Notices	385	
Upper Valley Humane Society	Euthanize and Board	328	
UVLSRPC	Dues and appropriation	103	
Verizon	Phone	1,281	
Wayne Godfrey	Cleaning	157	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	Box Rent & Fees	25	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	Fica	3,757	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30,158</b>

### **Election and Registration**

Ace Blueprint Services	Ballots	70	
Bert Keniston	Election Clerk	36	
Ellen Divan	Election Clerk	266	
Everett Jesseman	Election Clerk	1756	
Four Corners Store	Meals	291	
James Lambert	Election Clerk	86	
Linda Lambert	Election Clerk	525	
Louis Hobbs	Election Clerk/ Supervisor	275	
Peggy Fullerton	Election Clerk	211	
Rose Macri	Election Clerk	72	
Russell Woodard	Election Clerk/ Supervisor	397	
S. Arnold Shields	Moderator	335	
Suzanne Woodard	Election Clerk	473	
Tuck Press	Ads	318	
Vea Jenks	Election Clerk/ Supervisor	261	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3792</b>



**Town Buildings**

Bob Lang	Painting	248	
PSNH	Electricity	2,009	
John Metcalf	Labor	1,585	
K&R Portable Toilets	Port-a-Potty rental	1,065	
Misc	Repairs	591	
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Supplies	43	
Patten's Gas	Heat Town Buildings	1,829	
Perry's Oil Service	Propane and Repair	6,069	
Piermont Sewer	All	1,945	
Pike Industries, Inc	Asphalt	39	
PSNH	Town Common Lights	660	
Terry Robie	Repairs	4,600	
Tom Stevens	Lights and Garage	1415	
Twin State Fertilizer	Lime	211	
Verizon	Old Church Bldg.	312	
Wayne Godfrey	Cleaning	517	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		23,138

**Police Department**

Camden Elliott	Training and Labor	4,300	
Charter	Internet	386	
Corey's Sport Shop	Equipment	719	
Dell Computer	Computer	638	
Dons Auto Repair	Repair Siren	394	
Four Corners Store	Gas- cruiser	760	
Gall's Inc.	Supplies	2,010	
Grainger	Supplies	230	
Legal		298	
Mileage	Before new cruiser	4,066	
Misc	Fica, ect	1,538	
National Crim. Prevention Council	Badges	243	
NH Dept. of Safety	Certification & books	1,109	
Ossipee Mountain Elec	Light bar & install radio	2,301	
Quartermaster	Equipment	1,452	
Rinkers Communications	Pagers	472	
Steve Medeiros	Labor & Expenses	20,478	
Verizon	Telephone	588	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		41,982

**Planning and Zoning Boards**

Gardner Fulton & Waugh	ZBA Camp Walt Whitman	4387	
Helga Mueller	Secretary/Expenses	750	
Journal Opinion	Notices	412	
Lewis Nexis	Land Use Books	55	
LGC	Subscription	170	

Postmaster	ZBA Box Rent / Postage	415	
Register of Deeds	Recording	106	
UVLSRPC	Regulations Dues	875	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		7,171

### Fire Department

1 <sup>st</sup> Responder News	Books	113	
Battery Zone	Batteries	1,080	
Bob's Small Engine	Chain saw	418	
Charter Communications	Internet	522	
PSNH	Electricity	1,761	
Fica		457	
Fire Tech & Safety	Bisystems	421	
Forestry	Brush Fire	64	
Four Corners Store	Gasoline	475	
Frontline Fire & Rescue	Clothes/Equipment	1,372	
KDD Auto Parts, Inc.	Parts	169	
Keith Brick	Fire Chief Salary	600	
Mileage	Reimbursement	451	
Misc	Repairs	508	
Motorola	Radio/Pager repairs	156	
N.H. State Firemen's Assoc.	Dues	200	
NAPA of Bradford	Parts	54	
Perry's Oil Service	Heat	3,346	
Pikcomm Communications	Install radio	30	
R&R Communication	Repairs	134	
Station House Supply Inc	Supplies and Hoses	5,784	
Training		565	
Twin State Mutual Aid	Dues	200	
UVRESA Inc	Dues	50	
Verizon & AT&T	Telephone	308	
VISA	Parts and Equipment	1,761	
	<b>Sub-total</b>		20,999
Aaron Rich	Fireman	271	
Austin Hogan	Fireman	342	
Bruce Henry	Fireman	561	
Corey Collins	Fireman	230	
Dan Noyes	Fireman	310	
Dana Hartley	Fireman	38	
Glen Putnam	Fireman	368	
Jeff Huntington	Fireman	568	
Jim Putnam	Fireman	224	
Keith Brick	Fireman	695	
Matthew Prince	Fireman	360	
Michelle Metcalf	Fireman	241	
Roy Belyea	Fireman	303	
Ryan Anderson	Fireman	28	

Stephen Medeiros	Fireman	16	
Steven Daly	Fireman	41	
Wayne Godfrey	Fireman	270	
			Sub-total 5,231
			<b>Fire Department TOTAL 26,230</b>
<b>Homeland Grant for Fire</b>		<b>90,000</b>	

**Fast Squad**

Barbara Fitzpatrick	Fast Squad Class	50	
Bound Tree Corporation	Supplies	952	
Cardiac Science	Supplies	59	
Cottage Hospital	Hepatitis shot	158	
Ellen Putnam	EMS Conference	100	
Ellen Putnam	Fast Squad Class	80	
Merriam Graves	Oxygen	39	
Postmaster	Box Rent	26	
Tom Elliott	Supplies	317	
			<b>Fast Squad TOTAL 1,781</b>

**Fire and Fast Squad TOTAL 28,011**

**Insurance**

N.H.M.A.		5500
Primex-Workers Compensation		5748
		<b>TOTAL 11,248</b>

**Solid Waste Disposal**

C M Davidson	Blocks	215
C.M. Whitcher Rubbish Removal	Glass hauler	600
Don's Auto	Tire disposal	263
Fica		773
John Metcalf	Labor	1,771
John Metcalf	Mileage	628
Linda Martin	Labor	387
NH State Treasurer	Recertification	50
Normandeau Trucking	Waste Disposal	13,337
North Country Council	Hazardous Waste /	1,084
Northeast Quality Products Comp	Labels	687
Northeast Resource	Rental Steel Box	472
Northeast Resource Recovery	Paper removal	319
Northeast Resource Recovery	Scrap Metal	291
Northeast Resource Recovery	Fluorescent Lights	162
NRRA	Dues	50
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Supplies	138
Perry's Oil	Propane	58

PSNH	Electricity	230	
Randy Dunbar	Labor	797	
Rick Stygles	Labor	2,391	
Shane Stygles	Labor	187	
Tuck Press	Ads	60	
Wayne Godfrey	Labor	4,524	
Wayne Godfrey	Vests	104	
White River Paper	Plastic Bags	3,096	
Sub-Total			32,115
Pay as you throw Income		9,077	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>23,038</b>

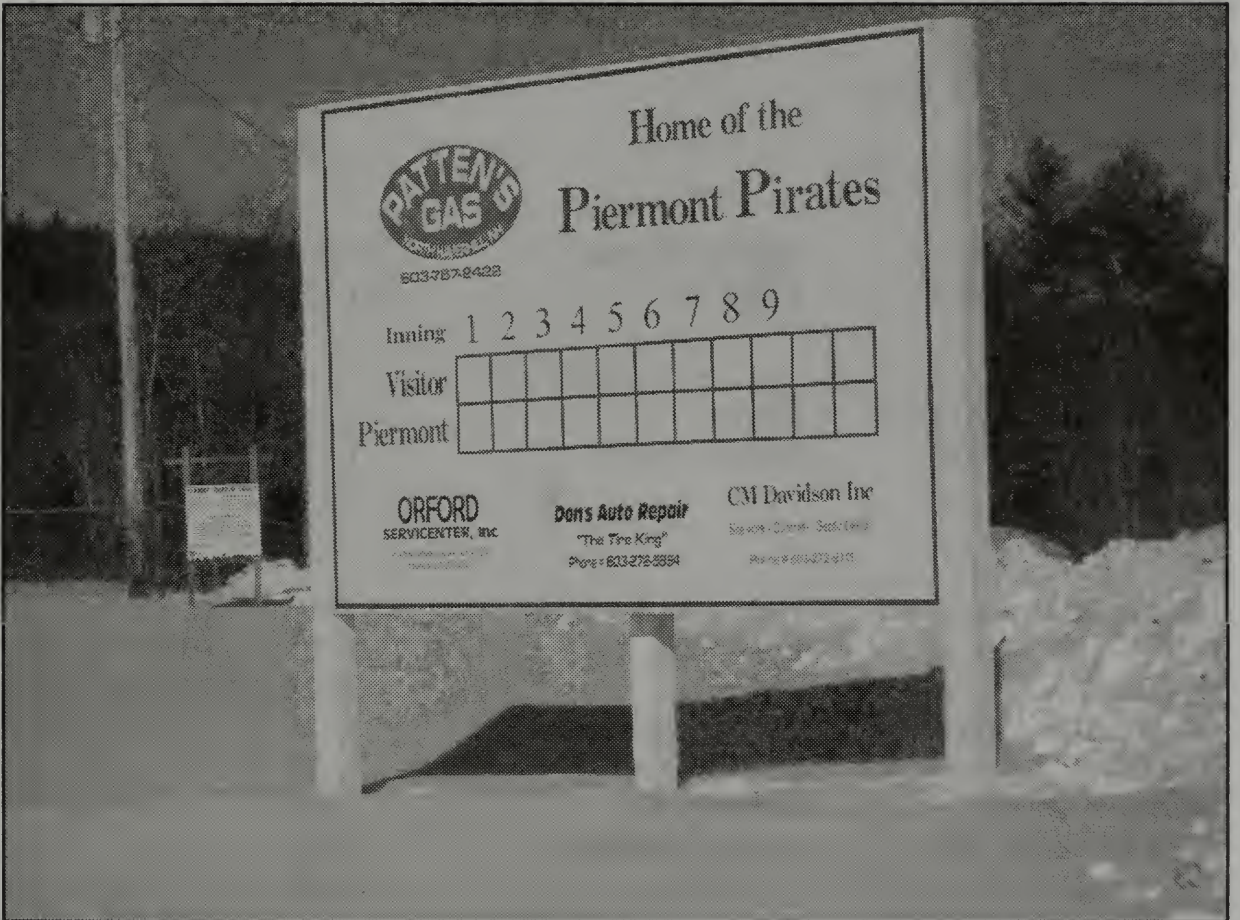
### Recreation Field & Swimming Pool

Cameron Prest	Trophies	449	
Chris Davidson	Horseshoe Pit, Signs, clay	200	
JEI Standing Roof	Roof	60	
John Metcalf	Labor	1065	
Misc	Supplies	714	
NH DES	Testing Pool	642	
Rec. Department in Orford	Swimming Program	1,500	
Stateline Sports, LLC	T-Ball Equipment	262	
The Sign Shop		482	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,374</b>
Donations	Donation towards field		-2,215

### Appropriations and Expenditures

Acorn	Article 15	300
Ambulance Service		10,635
Auditor Expenses		8,100
Brown's River Bindery	Article 4	2,999
C M Davidson Inc	Steven's Fire Pond	9,353
Cemeteries		6,800
Community Action Outreach	Article 13	950
Dispatch Service		6,915
Dump Well Monitoring		11,854
Fire Truck (Dingee Machine)	Article 2	153,863
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	Article 14	1,300
Gravel Roads	Article 10	15,337
Highway Department-Summer		56,101
Highway Department-Winter		58,388
Highway Subsidy		32,413
Indian Pond Road Paving	Article 9	28,750
Library		33,500
Lower Cohase	Article 16	362
Memorial Day		551
Miscellaneous Unclassified Expense	Taxes bought by town	49,979
Police Cruiser (Gateway)	Article 5	21,003

Revaluation	Article 8	63,300
Street Lights and Blinkers		4,091
Trust Funds	Articles 18-24	49,000
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	Article 11	3010
Welfare		11,397
White Mountain Mental Health	Article 12	600
Woodsville 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	Article 17	500
	Town Sub-total	641,351
	County Tax	105,093
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>746,444</b>



**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**  
**Regular Account 2006 Highway Expenditures**

**Winter Budget**

**Equipment:**

C. M. Davidson, Inc.	Trucking	3,075	
Road Agent	Equipment and Labor	46,040	
			49,115

**Aggregates:**

Cargill Incorporated	Salt	1,210	
Beattie Crushing and Stone	Sand	4,850	
			6,060

**Miscellaneous:**

Repairs	Plow	289	
Patten's Gas	Fuel and Oil	2,769	
Tenco New England		155	
			3,213

**TOTAL** **58,388**

**Summer Budget**

**Equipment**

C M Davidson Inc.	Grader Repairs	1,710	
C M Davison, Inc	Labor	31,158	
			32,868

**Aggregates**

Blaisell Sand and Gravel	Gravel	1,728	
W.B. & R.L. Martin	Stone, Stapak	1,556	
David Lackie		1,418	
			4,702

**Miscellaneous**

Repairs & Maintenance	Nuts and Supplies	608	
PSNH	Electricity	201	
Bradford/Pratt	Diesel	7,992	
Southworth -Milton	Grader repairs	1,123	
C M Davidson, Inc	Beaver Dam	1,170	
Merriam Graves	Oxygen, Etc	428	
C M Davidson, Inc	Repair Planking	3,873	
Winterset, Inc		3,136	
			18,531

**TOTAL** **56,101**

## SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

**Equipment:**

C. M. Davidson, Inc.	Fix planking/rail	3,873	
Bigalow Paving	Indian Pond Road	1,246	
C M Davidson Inc	Grading	2,238	
Blaktop		1,691	
	SUB - TOTAL		9,048

**Aggregates:**

Beattie Crushing		2,347	
Blaisdell Sand & Gravel		759	
	SUB - TOTAL		3,106

**Miscellaneous**

Ferguson Waterworks		4,723	
Repairs & Maintenance		132	
Fuel & Oil		576	
Electric		153	
Northern Brush Cutting	Mowing	4,575	
C M Davidson Inc	Labor	10,100	
	SUB-TOTAL		20,259
	TOTAL		32,413

# ROAD AGENT REPORT 2006

Road Agent  
Town of Piermont

I am very pleased that the theme of the result in the 2006 Road Agents budget is surplus. The winter budget was under due to a season with infrequent occurrences. The summer budget surplus resulted from a higher than expected subsidy from the State and a milder spring. The approved paving article was exactly on target as I balanced a small overage using the summer budget. The Gravel article was significantly lower. This was due to a Contractor working near Piermont ended their project with a crushed gravel surplus. We were able to purchase the material at a fantastic price resulting in a surplus for the Article.

Efforts were put forth this fall on the new 10-year plan. 2007 will start a somewhat aggressive plan for correction of the roadway inadequacies around town. I will remind all of the projects will be presented to the town as Warrant Articles so the voters will have control as to how the 10-year plan is completed. Copies of the 10-year plan are available for viewing at the Town Clerks office, or I would be glad to supply a copy by request.

The 2007 Summer Budget will emphasize ditching, shoulder berm removal, and road aggregate stabilization (in laymans terms "dust control"). I have been very stingy with dust control in the past, and really only applied based on complaints. After studying it more and prompting discussions on this subject I have deduced that a majority of those talked to be in favor of applying dust control, but were reluctant to complain about the lack thereof. A couple of years ago I was going to apply a surplus toward the equipment needed to apply a liquid based control. The unit was ordered, but before the order was completed the company went defunct. Phone calls for other applicator showed the cost about 25% more than originally planned. I weighted the coverage vs. the minimal complaints and decided against the purchase. The price of \$12,200 will purchase the equipment. This would include a 1700-gallon storage tank, and a 1000 g skid mounted tank supplied with an engine and spray bar that could mount in any 6-wheel truck.

I am respectfully requesting for the 2007 budget.

Winter:           \$60,000

Summer           \$60,000

Subsidy           \$31,093

Chris Davidson   Road Agent



**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT**

**Financial Reports - 2006 Receipts:**

Interest on checking & savings accounts	22.41	
Fees & Interest Collected	27,813.55	
Total Receipts		27,835.96

Cash on Hand January 1, 2007

Payments:

Asst Operator	Labor	1,192.91	
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	2,100.00	
Evaluation Study		20,729.03	
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	Legal services	487.50	
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	300.00	
John Metcalf	Labor	7,266.45	
John Metcalf	Mileage	1,541.19	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	300.00	
Misc		876.84	
NH DES	Violation Fees	100.00	
NH Treasurer	Operators Training	62.91	
NHMBB	Note Payment	2,001.50	
Plowing and Mowing		557.25	
Primex	Workers Comp.	248	
PSNH	Electricity	147.17	
Telephone		4.55	
Valley News & Journal Opinion	Posting Notices		
Various	Maintenance	557.25	
Various	Operating Supplies	970.12	
WGSB	FICA Expense	723.94	
Woodard & Curran	Engineering & design	15,711.46	
Woodard & Curran/SPEX	Testing	3,304.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		51,980

## Sewage Department – 2007 Budget

Operation & Maintenance:	
Operating Supplies	600
Operator's Salary	7,800
Assistant Operator's Salary	800
FICA Expense	700
Waste Water Testing	1,700
Waste Water Testing Mileage	1,800
Bookkeeping	300
Tax Collector	300
Legal Expense	300
Electricity	200
Pumping Tanks	3,000
Mowing & Cleanup	600
Violation Fees	300
Land Lease	1,500
Miscellaneous	400

**SUB-TOTAL**      20,500

Engineering Design	There is no numbers for now –
DES & USDA Grants	It is due from uditors    And usde

Long Term Debt- NHMBB  
 Long Term Debt- Upgrade

**TOTAL**

Sewage Fees for 2007:  
 Long Term Debt- 35.5 units at 314.65  
 Long Term Debt: 35.5 Units at 57.53  
 Operation & Maintenance: 34 Units at \$798.62

## PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT - 2006

2006 developed into an amazing year for the library. February brought "Congratulations" to our library from CLiF, Children's Literacy Foundation, awarding us a grant of 100 new children's books. Many thanks to CLiF and to Duncan McDougall, Executive Director.

March brought Andy Timmins of NH Fish and Game Department with talk on "Bears," focusing on the biology and life history of the black bear.

In April when our computer failed to open, we purchased a new Dell computer for processing books, ordering Inter-Library Loans, and researching books, etc. This Dell package included a color printer. Stephanie Gordon led an enjoyable book discussion on the book, *Housekeeping*.

May was a bustling, rousing library month. Planning was underway for a "Pirate" summer reading program called Treasure Reading, which would last for a month. Memorial Day Book Sale was sunny and prosperous, earning \$273.47 and recycling many books to new homes.

June 9<sup>th</sup>, Duncan McDougall brought 97 new books, all processed and ready to be checked out to students. Every child could check out one book. Duncan regaled us with his storytelling and his love of literature, a wonderful gift of books and of memories for the Piermont students.

The summer reading "Pirates" descended upon the library in droves, 29 in all. They read books, worked a pirate ship puzzle, followed a library treasure map, earned doubloons, and were awarded a "Pirate" t-shirt. Lots of fun prizes were awarded too.

In September when school began, the library filled with children's voices searching topics and checking out books for book reports. All Piermont Village School students visit the library once a week with Lydia Hill, school librarian. This year the K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders read all the Ladybug books and voted in a statewide election for their favorite book. Also, Nancy Sandell, principal, encouraged our involvement with the online Encyclopedia Britannica, which can now be accessed at home by all

Piermont students and families. Call the library for the codes if you need them.

We received another CLiF Grant for a visiting author and illustrator to come to our school. On October 11, Marty Kelley came! In his hour-long presentation, he talked about the writing process and how he began writing. The students have emailed him about writing and received encouragement back.

In November, guest speaker Jere Daniell discussed the roll of one Piermont man, Isaac Patterson, whose vote was instrumental in the ratification of the Constitution by New Hampshire. Mr. Daniell put Piermont on the map, but Isaac Patterson put the United States on the map.

Next, we enjoyed Middle Eastern food while discussing the book, *Crescent*, led by Cathy Miles Grant. This well attended function was yummy and enlightening as readers explored the nuances of the novel and of baklava.

Lastly, in December, we were awarded a Gates Staying Connected Grant for \$600 to help us become part of the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Program. Our library has purchased two MP3 players to check out to patrons with audio books downloaded on them for a two-week period. You will also be able to download to your MP3 player at home if you have a high-speed Internet connection. We can burn a book on CDs for you to check out. More information will come in February. Check our new library blog site: <http://piermontlibrary.blogspot.com/> for more about upcoming events.

Our library ran a survey to gather information from its patrons and the town. This survey will help us reexamine the job we do for patrons. Trustees Marian and Joyce and Librarian, Margaret, were able to attend meetings with Terry Knowles, Registrar for the state. Discussed were the role of trustees and librarians and the legal issues concerning libraries, patrons, and gift donations.

Piermont Public Library wants to thank **those** who made donations in memory of loved ones; those who donated books, audio books, DVDs, and

magazines; and those who gave of their time and energy to making our library “Small Town Perfect.” \*

\*The quote “Small Town Perfect” came to us on one of our returned surveys; we love it. Thanks, whoever you are. Trustees are Helga Mueller, Joyce Tompkins, Marian Shields, Stephanie Gordon, Nancy Sandell, Joe Medicott; Librarian: Margaret Ladd, Assistant Librarian: James Meddaugh.

Circulation:	PPL:	9184
	PVS:	1923
Total .....		11107
2006 Books/CDs Acquired:		745
2005 Collection:		13875
Total .....		14620
Visits by Patrons 2006 .....		3609

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Ladd

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
PROPOSED BUDGET: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2007**

Wages	
24,464.00	
Social Security and Medicare	
1,720.00	
Workers Compensation	
80.00	
Library Materials	5,850.00
Office Expenses	2,400.00
Maintenance	2,200.00
Electricity	1,000.00
Fuel oil	2,250.00
Telephone & Internet	1,050.00
Professional Services	850.00
Programs for Public	400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>570.00</u>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>42,834.00</b>

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
EXPENDITURES: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2006**

**LIBRARY EMPLOYEES:**

Librarian	12,240.00
Assistant Librarian	7,071.50
Social Security & Medicare	1,477.37
Workers Compensation	68.00

**LIBRARY SERVICES:**

Books	2,729.44
Magazines & Newspapers	437.97
Audio/Video	30.22

**PROGRAMS/PROJECTS:**

	32.00
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**OFFICE EXPENSE:**

Office Supplies	1,394.75
Office Equipment	29.99
Accounting Fees	1,993.00
Postage/Box Rental	65.35
Miscellaneous	295.67

**MAINTENANCE:**

Cleaning Service	1,325.00
Snow Removal	100.00
Landscaping	152.95

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity	552.83
Fuel Oil	2,079.20
Telephone	562.91
Internet Service	245.00

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Dues and Fees	230.00
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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

\$33,413.15

**REVENUE: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2006**

Patron's Donations and Gifts	770.00
Fines and Replacements	88.31
Copier Fees	-
Book Sales	395.47
Encumbered Funds Prior Year	
Programs for Public	
Transfer for Non-fiction	1,630.55
Piermont School	700.00
Miscellaneous Income	14.50
Town Appropriation	<u>33,500.00</u>

**TOTAL REVENUE**

\$37,098.83

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2006

\$11,768.68

## Report of the JLMC

The JLMC met 4 times this year, with Wayne Godfrey, Chairman, Austin Hogan, Secretary, and Dean Osgood, representing the town. We discussed items ranging from safety of town buildings, building inspections, the marking of town property with address markers in case of emergency, and made recommendations to the board of selectmen. As of this date, we have had no response from the board of selectmen.

Sincerely,

Wayne Godfrey  
Chairman  
JLMC



## Police Report 2006

During 2006, many changes to the Piermont Police Department were taking place in response to the ever-changing role of a small town police agency. However, this did not prevent us from having a busy but successful year.

One of the more significant changes was the purchase of the towns first official police vehicle, a 2006 Ford Explorer. The officers of the Department wish to thank the town for their approval of this purchase and we want to assure you that the investment will be put to good use. We now have access to areas of Piermont that were virtually inaccessible with our previous. We believe we now have the best police vehicle in the area.

The Department also welcomed Officer Camden E Elliott to the force in May of 2006. Officer Elliott graduated from the 247<sup>th</sup> Part Time Officers Academy with honors and represented Piermont well both professionally and academically while in training. All current and future officers will be required to attend additional basic and specialized training on a regular basis in order to bring the most competent and skilled officers to our town. As this report is being composed, we are currently processing a third police candidate who will attend the part time academy in April 2007. This represents another major change, as Piermont will now be covered by three part time police officers, improving coverage and response times to emergency and non-emergency incidents.

Officer Elliott and I responded to over 250 incidents and requests for service in 2006. This represents not only an increase in total responses, but also an increase in disturbance and crime related calls for service. I feel that we are well equipped and up to the task. We will work hard to meet the Towns needs and we will remain vigilant and creative to discourage unwanted activity.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support during this time of change along with the Piermont Fire Department and Fast Squad. We will continue to build strong ties with these folks to strengthen our PIERMONT emergency Services.

We would also like to thank Officer John Monaghan of the NH Division of Motor Vehicles for his tremendous support of the department. He has assisted us throughout the year in our efforts to educate motorists that travel in and through Piermont. We also want to thank Troop F of the NH State Police for their assistance. We have and will continue to work at maintaining a great working relationship with these dedicated Troopers. Additionally, special



thanks go out to Chief Todd Gray and Officer Martin Cashin of the Orford Police Department. Throughout 2006, a strong relationship between the two departments was forged. These officers gave advice, support and responded to assist us whenever called and we look forward to continuing this partnership into 2007 and beyond.

Finally, we wish to thank the residents of Piermont for their support. A police agency is only as good as its townspeople and to that end, we will be exceptional. Positive interaction between the police and the citizens are crucial to the safety and well being of the town and our ability to maintain peace and order. We encourage all residents to help us stay vigilant by reporting ANY activity that might seem out of the ordinary. We will investigate all calls for service no matter the complaint.

I look towards 2007 with great excitement and anticipation and I am honored to serve the residents of the Town of Piermont.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen P Medeiros  
Department Supervisor

### **2006-YEAR End Statistics**

Complaints Received	256
Motor Vehicle Accidents	27
Motor Vehicle Citations	32
Motor Vehicle Warninas	216
Defective Equipment Taas	40
Animal Control Responses	10
Truant Officer Responses	2
Court Appearances	6
Medical Emeraencies	6
Fire Call Responses	4
Alarm Responses	21
911 Calls	9
Bank Checks	82
Business Checks	80
Suspicious Person/ Activity	14
Civil Standbv	4
Buralaries	6
Assault	2
Untimelv Deaths	1
Vacation House Checks	29
Miscellaneous Responses	43

## 2006 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2006 was a very busy but exciting year for the fire department, we received a homeland security grant for \$90,250.00 which replaced all of our bunker gear, pagers, and SCBA units all of which were getting old and worn out.

The State did just as they said they would with the radio project and replaced all of our old portable and mobile radios.

We had several new members join this year. They are as follows Dan Noyes, Dana Hartley, Rich Dion, Andy Mauchly, Corey Collins, and Gregg Collins which brings membership to 19 leaving one space on the roster open. Meetings are still the first Mondays at 7:30 if anyone is interested in joining.

On February 3, 2007 the new fire truck was delivered to town and is working well. This will be a huge asset to Piermont and the mutual aid towns we serve.

Calls for service were up again this year. We responded to 8 car accidents, 11 downed power lines, 2 smoke/fire alarms activations, 1 structure fire, 2 illegal burns, 4 chimney fires, 10 mutual aid calls, and 4 misc. calls for service for a grand total of 42.

Respectfully submitted  
Keith Brick Chief

## Proposed Fire Department Budget 2007

Telephone	400
Heating Oil- Propane	4,000
Electricity	1,800
Payroll	6,000
Fire Chief Salary	800
FICA	550
Forestry	900
Hep B Shots	500
Radio Repair & Supplies	1,500
Training	1,500
Mileage	750
New Equipment	6,000
Fire Ponds	1,000
State Firefighters Assoc Dues	280
Internet Access	500
Gasoline	400
Diesel	400
Test Equipment	400
Truck Supplies and Repairs	2,000
Mutual Aid Dues	250
Air Compressor	250
Computer Supplies	200
Fast Squad	2,000
Misc.	200
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Total Budget	32,680

## FAST SQUAD REPORT 2006

The FAST Squad responded to forty emergency calls during the past year, approximately the same number as last year. 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.

Please be sure to prominently display your address number where it will be visible from the street. Our calls are dispatched to addresses and although we try to know where everyone lives, it is a tremendous help to have those numbers visible to the ambulance crews and us.

It's re-certification time again. Ellen, Barb and Alex will be re-certifying in February, John still has one year left and will re-certify in 2008.

Nancy Cole has opted not to re-certify and will be leaving the squad at the expiration of her current certification in March. Please join me in thanking her for her service to the town, she will be missed.

I also have opted not to re-certify this year and will be leaving the squad in March. I have truly enjoyed being part of the squad and serving the towns' people. As a result of my departure Ellen Putnam will be assuming the role of Captain.

As in past years, I would encourage you to purchase a subscription from Upper Valley Ambulance service. I believe the cost is still \$ 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, the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., or you may contact any squad member.

*(Ellen Putnam, Alex Medlicott, Barbara Fitzpatrick, John Monaghan)*

This year we are requesting \$ 2000.00 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

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2006

In my last Selectman's report (2003) I mentioned that we needed "younger people" to get involved in our Town affairs. In March of 2006 Mark Fagnant was elected as selectman. Mark has served you well becoming activity involved in all facets of Town Government. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

It also must be noted that he replaced a lady that has given much of her life to serve the community of Piermont. Jean Daley did this without reservation. Her commitment to the town of Piermont and her position as "selectperson" was ongoing 24 hours a day. I wish to say thank-you for a job well done. She continues to be a resource for all Piermont public servants to use when needed.

Another selectman Dean Osgood resigned on December 31, 2006 for personal reasons. Dean has spent much of his adult life in Piermont serving the community in many different roles. Thank-you Dean for your commitment to the citizens of Piermont.

After interviewing prospective candidates to fill the remaining three months until Town meeting the Board appointed William Daley to assume this position until the March 2007 Election.

Many people have been surprised by the land values affixed to their property by the recent re-appraisal of 2006. Please keep in mind that the Town of Piermont was at 51% Property Assessment Ratio, this meant that our land values in this case we completely "out of whack" with the actual selling prices of land in the last five years. Each year the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire reviews all real estate transactions in the Town of Piermont. Their main focus is the relationship of the Towns' assessed values of the property at the time of the sale in relation to the selling price. In the majority of cases in the last five years the selling prices of land and/or land and buildings in Piermont has been at least 50% or more than the assessed value. This accounted for our poor Property Assessment Ratio. The mandate from the Department of Revenue Administration is for the Town to be "always" within 10% of the actual assessed valuation.

I hope this helps you understand the predicament the Town was in and why we had to have a re-evaluation. I know many may not agree with the values that were arrived at but this becomes part of the Abatement Process of the Re-valuation.

Thank you for the privileged of serving you as "selectperson". It is my goal to serve the Town another three years until another hopefully younger person wishes to get "emerged" into Town Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lang Chairman Board of Selectmen

## Piermont Planning Board 2006

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:

William Morris, Chairman  
Peter Labounty, Vice Chair  
Fred Shipman  
Jean Daley, alternate

Peggy Fullerton  
Ed French  
Suzanne Woodard  
Dean Osgood, ex-officio

At the April election of officers William Morris was re-elected chairman and Peter Labounty, vice chairman. The selectmen appointed Ed French a regular member of the Board. The Board was saddened by the death in January of Donna Huntington who had been a member of the Board.

The Board took the following actions in 2006:

**Floodplain Management Ordinance** – The Board worked on amending Piermont's Floodplain Management Ordinance in order to be in compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and the new updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The proposed amendments will be presented at a public hearing on January 17, 2007, and will be on the warrant for voter approval at the 2007 Town Meeting.

**Piermont Master Plan** – Work is continuing to update the 1991 Master Plan. The Board is in the process of reviewing completed sections on Housing, Community Facilities and Services, Recreation, Utility and Public Service. Still to be developed is the section on Conservation and Preservation. The Board is waiting for the Conservation Commission to complete a Natural Resource Inventory, which when finished, will serve as the Conservation Plan for the Town and as a Natural Resources chapter of the Master Plan

**Subdivision approvals granted by the Board in 2006:** H. Russell and Shirley Gould, 3-lot major subdivision including construction of a new cul-de-sac on Fox Run, Tax Map R-9, Lot 11; Linda and James Guay, 2-lot subdivision on Cape Moonshine Road, Tax Map R-6, Lot 7A; Estate of Sam Musty, 3-lot subdivision on River Road, Tax Map R-10, Lot 18. The Board also approved the request by Adam Bernatas for a Voluntary Merger of lots 50 and 51, Tax Map R-11 on Rivervale Road.

In addition to above approvals, the Board held conceptual hearings on six (6) proposed subdivisions.

William Morris, Chairman

## **PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2006**

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.

Members of the Commission at year-end are: Helga Mueller, chair; David Ritchie, treasurer; Bill Morris; Eric Underhill; Ernest Hartley; Charles Grant; Chris Jacobs; and Dana Hartley, student member.

The year saw the resignations from the Board of Donald Smith and Asa Metcalf. The selectmen appointed Ernest Hartley and Chris Jacobs to succeed them. The Board would like to thank both Donald and Asa for their contributions to the Commission.

As of December 31, 2006, the Town's Conservation Fund contains \$1,294.50. The Underhill Canoe Site Fund, in a CD at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank, contains \$3,493.75. In addition, the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of the Piermont Town Forest and Trails on Bedford Road contains approximately \$4,217.86. In 2006, the following monies were spent from the Conservation Fund: \$150 for membership in the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and \$1,150.25 for a set of GIS maps needed for the development of a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town.

### **Natural Resource Inventory**

Working with GIS maps obtained from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission, the Commission is in the process of developing a Natural Resource Inventory of the Town with individual members researching and compiling different sections of the inventory. The inventory, when completed, will cover water, wildlife, forest, natural communities, agricultural and soil resources. It will also list lands that have been permanently conserved to protect their natural resources for the benefit of future generations.

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

The Commission for recreational and educational purposes manages this site on Bedford Road. It serves as an outdoor science lab for Village School students to learn about nature and forest stewardship. This year kindergartners learned all about reforestation by planting balsam fir seedlings under the guidance of Ernie Hartley and forester Eric Underhill. Townspeople are encouraged to use the trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. A color-coded trail map is available at the site, at the town offices, and the library.

## **Canoe Campsites**

Both the Underhill Canoe Campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access continue to be popular with the public. The Underhill site, located at the confluence of the Connecticut River and Eastman Brook, is accessible by canoe only. The Sarah Moore Access is located off River Road. 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, Katherine, and Armington . In 2006, volunteers collected water samples in June, July, and August, which were taken by volunteers to the DES laboratory in Concord for testing. The Town annually provides funds for the testing and travel expenses for the volunteers. Since the water quality-monitoring program started in 2002, the water quality of the three lakes has consistently been good with minor spikes in e-coli bacteria usually occurring in July at the state park beach.

## **Other Matters**

The Commission applauds the Lake Tarleton Association for its continuing effort to prevent the introduction of milfoil and other invasive plants into Lake Tarleton by participating in the New Hampshire Lakes Association's "Lake Host Program" and the DES "Weed Watching" program.

The Commission also applauds Hal Covert and Lisa Knapton, owners of the Moonstruck Farm for protecting their 125-acre farm on River Road with a conservation easement.

During the year, the Commission monitored logging activities and wetlands projects in town. 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 structure in or on the bank of any surface waters or wetlands. We are available to assist property owners with complaints about violations, wetlands applications, establishing conservation easements, or any other conservation concerns.

Helga Mueller, Chairman



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2006

On January 12, 2006 the New Hampshire Supreme Court heard arguments from both sides in the Camp Walt Whitman v. Town of Piermont case. The finding of the Supreme Court was that the Grafton County Superior Court had made an error in its decision of December 2004, and thus remanded the issue back to the Superior Court. The Superior Court has since made a decision vacating the ZBA's granting of a Special Exception to the Camp and allowing the Camp to operate and expand as they wish without Town control. The Town immediately appealed this decision. As of this writing, no date has been set for a hearing.

After a rehearing in July, the Board upheld its decision to grant RoseMarie Musty-Faustini an Equitable Waiver from a dimensional requirement after having initially a Variance request for a deck that is too close to the property line. The Board, however, made it clear that it was not an error on the part of the Zoning Administrator, Terry Robie, but an unclear Zoning Permit process that had created the issue at the outset.

Abutters appealed this decision; and a hearing was held in September. At this hearing the Board overturned its original Waiver and ruled that the applicants ignorance of or confusion about the ordinance was no excuse for their action. The applicant has appealed our decision to the Grafton County Superior Court; and no hearings have been set as of this writing.

In other business:

The ZBA granted an area variance to Four Corners Store for an addition to the east side of the existing building.

The ZBA granted a Special Exception to Emily Shipman for a Piermont Farmer's Market at the corner of Route 25 and River Road on the former Gould's Country Store lot.

The ZBA granted an area Variance to Brad Caswell for the reconstruction of a seasonal cottage on the island in Lake Armington.

If there is any one issue that has occupied a majority of our time this year,

it has been issues dealing with “Minimum Dimensional Requirements” as set out in the Piermont Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Administrator, Terry Robie, and I have been working on a revised Zoning Permit- required when any structure is expanded or erected or any use of land or building changes. We hope to be able to gather more information and answer more questions at the beginning of the process in order to avoid problems later when it becomes more expensive to correct.

PLEASE, check with the Zoning Administrator or ZBA if you have plans to build, expand or change use of a structure or change use of land only. The ZBA is available and will meet on demand with ample notice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman, Chairman



## PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2006

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

The officers of the Society in 2006 are Joe Medlicott, president; Helga Mueller, vice president; Fred Shipman, treasurer; Anna Williams, corresponding secretary; Lloyd Hall, director of preservation; and Betty Hall, director-at-large.

Two thousand-six was an exciting year for the Society. It started with the opening at the Old Church Building on Memorial Day of our exhibit on the history of Lake Tarleton and the Lake Tarleton Club. This was the first display in the newly- refurbished former kindergarten room in the Old Church Building. Members of the Society, who had worked to prepare for the exhibit for months, were rewarded with a great turnout of visitors, not only on opening day but also throughout the year. The exhibit featured memorabilia and artifacts of the Lake Tarleton Club and its surrounding property from 1909 to the present. Established by Bertram E. Pike as the White Mountain Lake and Forest Club, it was purchased by the Jacobs family in 1937 and operated as the Lake Tarleton Club until 1969. Following a series of failed schemes by a number of developers, it became part of the White Mountain National Forest in 2000. A booklet on the history of Lake Tarleton written by local author Robert Fillion is available from the Society.

The Society would like to thank Lou Hobbs for his generous donation of memorabilia of the Lake Tarleton Club and other individuals who contributed to the success of the exhibit by providing memorabilia on loan for the duration of the exhibit.

In conjunction with the Piermont Public Library, the Society in October sponsored a program, entitled "How the Town of Piermont Helped Create a National Union," presented by noted Dartmouth historian, Jere Daniell, and professor of history at the College. In his talk, Daniell outlined the struggle Federalists in New Hampshire faced in 1788 to ratify the United States Constitution in New Hampshire, and how the vote of Isaac Patterson, legislator and delegate from Piermont to the convention in Concord, was instrumental in ratifying the Constitution in New Hampshire. Patterson held a commission as captain before the Revolutionary War and received a commission of the same grade from the

new government. He died on October 25, 1811 and is buried in the River Road Cemetery.

In 2007, in conjunction with the Library and the Village School, we are planning an exhibit on the history of Piermont schools from 1775 to the present.

We welcomed several new members including Jordan Selph and Ken and Linda (Kline) Settel. 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

Please consider joining the Society. Our annual membership dues are \$5 per family, \$3 for individuals, and \$1 for students. Individual life memberships are \$50. Dues may be mailed to: Piermont Historical Society, c/o Fred Shipman, treasurer, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, N.H. 03779

Joe Medlicott, President

## **ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT 2006**

Dear Citizens of Piermont, I submit my animal control report for 2006. Things have been slower this year as compared to the previous year, as we did not have as many cases of rabies. We did have a case of a dog biting 2 different people, which resulted in fines of \$300. We had several people that failed to license their dogs this year, two of which received summons to Haverhill District Court for failure to comply.

One item this year we will be concentrating on this year will be people that walk their dogs and allow them to excrete on other people's property. It appears to be a real problem in our town's cemetery. The law says RSA 466; 31 (c) It's against the law if it digs, scratches, or excretes, or causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than its owner's. And it is subject to a fine of \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second. So please a reminder to clean up after your dog.

Sincerely

Wayne E. Godfrey  
ACO  
Town of Piermont

## TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT-2006

Dear Piermont Residents: I'm pleased to submit my 2006 Recycling Report.

Things at the Recycling this year has been going quite well. We still have a few minor problems with people putting non-recyclable items in the plastic and paper containers. This year's totals look very good and are as follows:

Trash for the year was 119.34 tons, up from last year's totals of 116.91. We are seeing an increase in people using our facility who used to have their trash picked up, but are now finding it too costly to have it picked up.

On the recycling side of things, it shows a large increase over last year. We went from 103.10 tons to this year's total of 128.83 tons, and breaks down as follows:

GLASS	14.2 tons
PAPER	66.04
PLASTIC	11.11
STEEL	35.59
OTHER METALS—ALUMINUM CANS, ETC.	1.53 TONS

This is a 51.6 % ratio of trash to recycling which is a figure the town's people should be proud of. Thank you for doing such a good job. After paying trucking and processing the material, we made approximately \$1400 versus paying \$120 a ton to dispose of it. If we did not have a recycling program, we would have had the loss of that income plus it would have added about \$16000 to the budget to dispose of it.

Another item this year is that we had to raise the price of bags. We have not raised the price since we started in 2001. We have taken increases in the price of bags and trucking, and it is estimated there are approximately 60 - 33-gallon bags in a ton of trash. Thus, how we came up with the price of the cost of bags including the cost of trucking.  $120/60=\$2.00$ . There is also the cost of the bags and the labels and putting the labels on that has to be figured into the price. Our local people that pick up trash

have gone up several times on their prices. So the next time you come in and yell at me that I'm ripping you off, check what they would charge to pick it up. Some of the towns around us are charging close to \$3 a bag.

## Electronics Recycling

There is now a new law going into effect that no electronics can be disposed of in landfills. So, thus, we came up with the fee schedule to help us run this program. It is estimated that a small town like ours will produce 8000 lbs. a year of this material. From July 2006 till the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2007 we gathered 1500 pounds of this material already.

Another item I would like to discuss is white goods and disposal cost. We have been charging for large items like washing machines, refrigerators, freezers, for many, many years. I take a lot of grief over this. People tell me that steel prices are way up and we should be taking this stuff for free. Yes, right now, steel prices are high, but there have been several years when they have not been. It costs right now \$1000 a year to have the dumpster setting there, without moving it, and then, when we move it, a \$200 trucking fee per load. So as you can see, it is not free. We have had several fly by night companies that would come in and take the metal free and not charge us, but it's all good and well when the prices are high. Once the price goes down, we never see these fly by night companies again. So, we charge a set fee, which we've done for years. Some months we make money, some months we don't. But it all balances out in the end. Some towns take it free but you can only dispose of it once a year. Imagine the complaints I would get then, if you could only dispose of metal once a year.

Sincerely,

Wayne E. Godfrey  
Recycling Manager  
Town of Piermont

## 2007 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Normandeu Trucking	14,394.00**
Salary	10,460.00
FICA	812.00
Training	375.00
Electric	260.00
Recycle Hauler	1,500.00
Plastic Bags for recycling	130.00
State Recertification	100.00
Light Bulb Recycling	220.00
Paint Recycling	550.00
Metal Removal and rental	1,100.00
Tire removal	375.00*
Haz Mat Day	1,200.00
Bags and Labels for PAYT	4,200.00
Maintenance on Compactor	300.00
Propane for Heating Office	75.00
Electronics Recycling	1,600.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
NRRA Dues	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,901.00</b>
Income from Sale of Bags and other fees-estimate	-18,000.00
Total Tax Money Needed	19,901.00

\*\*Includes trucking and disposal fees

\* Fee charged to person leaving off the items

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2006

The stock market values and returns have again improved slightly. This has meant a bit more income from our trust funds. Piermont funds are invested in low risk, and therefore, lower yield, an investment 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 to principle. 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

## TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2006

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	26,344.12
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	827.22
Shares Sold	<u>21,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	16,171.34

## TOWN FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles-Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2006

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	62,983.37
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	2,474.34
Shares Sold	<u>61,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	14,457.71



**TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
 For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund  
 December 31, 2006

Beginning Balance 1/1/06	20,237.09
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	1,046.50
Shares Purchased	12,865.00
Shares Sold	<u>30,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	4,148.59

**TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
 For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund \*

December 31, 2006

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	30,419.56
Dividend Income	<u>1,391.72</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/06	31,811.28

**TOWN BEAN BROOK BRIDGE EXPENDABLE TRUST**

For the Repair and Maintenance of Bean Brook Bridge - Cash Equivalent  
 Fund

December 31, 2006

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	119,721.35
Shares Purchased	20,000.00
Dividend Income	<u>5,771.53</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	145,492.88

**TOWN BRIDGES EXPENDABLE TRUST**

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

December 31, 2006 \*\*

Beginning Balance 1/1/06	34,725.79
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>1,635.46</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/06	41,361.25

**TOWN RECYCLING/TRANSFER EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**  
**December 31, 2006**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	2,633.40
Shares Purchased	2,000.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>197.69</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/06	4,831.09

**TOWN BEDFORD LOT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**  
**December 31, 2006**

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	4,117.86
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	<u>85.32</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/06	4,303.18

- \* Beginning balance reflects -\$5000 adjustment for funds misapplied in 2005
- \*\* Beginning balance reflects -\$5000 adjustment for funds misapplied in 2005

31-Dec-06

**HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND**  
**For the Support of the Town**

<b>Name of Investment</b>	<b>Principal Amount Market Value Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Dividend or Interest Income</b>	<b>Capital Gain Reinvested</b>	<b>Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance</b>
American Balanced Fund	327,290.03	8,632.24	7,475.14	356,777.50
Capital World Growth & Income Fund	117,977.09	3,221.22	5,803.69	141,115.71
Growth Fund of America	122,109.84	1,083.79	4,352.59	134,393.40
Washington Mutal Investors Fund	181,200.85	2,819.08	4,906.05	209,754.78
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>148,577.81</b>	<b>15,756.33</b>	<b>22,537.47</b>	<b>842,041.39</b>

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2006

## SOUTH LAWN CEMETERY

Last year we began the expansion into the “new” section of South Lawn. This is a 3-acre parcel directly behind the existing South Lawn that was purchased from Alfred Stevens in 1973. In 2006 we cleared brush and trees and removed some fence and stumps. We then plowed, harrowed and planted the new section with a cover crop. Next season we will continue with turf improvement and layout.

## 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 2006 on cemetery spring clean up, mowing, trimming, stone repair, liming and fertilizing and fall clean-up. The crew also filled in and seeded the slowly sinking grave plots in the older cemeteries. Piermont’s cemeteries are something we can all be very proud of. Due to wet and hot weather this past summer, I think John broke the old record for number of mowing in a number of the cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W, Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee

## CEMETERY TRUST FUND

For the support of the cemeteries December 31, 2006

Name of Investment	Jan1, 2006 Market Value	Capital Gain Reinvested	Dividend Income	Principal Market Year
<b>Cemetery Care Fund</b>				
Growth Fund of America	26,353.14	939.35	233.90	29,004.1
Washington Mutual Fund	39,105.89	1,058.80	824.20	45,268.2
American Balanced Fund	70,634.15	1,613.25	1,862.96	76,998.0
Capital World Growth	25,461.24	1,252.52	695.19	30,454.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161,554.42</b>	<b>4,863.92</b>	<b>3,616.25</b>	<b>181,725.</b>

PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

<b>Payments</b>	Amount
Asa Metcalf	369.00
Abby Metcalf	165.00
Ai Metcalf	418.00
John Metcalf	4,887.50
Lou Hobbs	625.00
Local Government Center	22.00
Piermont Plant Pantry	4,558.00
Fred Shipman	450.00
Robert Mitchell	369.00
USPS	<u>65.00</u>
Farm Way	87.46
Flags Over America	173.00
Hale Funeral Home	125.00
Twin State Fertilizer	439.04
	<b>SUB- 12,753.00</b>
 <b>Receipts</b>	
Town Appropriation	6,800.00
Interest and Dividend	3,760.28
Burial Fees, net after	875.00
Lot Sales	575.00
	<b>SUB- 12,010.28</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Reconciliation for Year Ending Dec 31, 2006

Beginning Cash Balance as of Jan 1, 2006	\$13,678.43
Receipts	\$12,010.28
Disbursements	<u>(\$12,753.00)</u>
Ending Cash Balance as of Dec 31, 2006	\$12,935.71
 Bank Statement Balance as of Dec 31, 2006	
Checking, WGSB #23104015	\$12,312.20
 Checks & Deposits Outstanding as of	
Dec 31, 2006	<u>\$623.51</u>
	\$12,935.71

## Vital records for 2006

### BIRTH

Name	Date	Father	Mother
Foster, Montgomery Gordon	Feb. 21, 2006	Peter	Monica
Hutchins, Espen Keeran	March 17, 200	Nicholas	Megan
Vuyovich, Lillian Alta	May 5, 2006	Brett	Carrie
Taylor, Caitlyn Olivia	June 1, 2006	Timothy	Jennifer
Ladd, Charles Morton Robert	August 13, 2006	Robert	Rebecca
Holland, Logan Jiro	September 14, 2006	Raymond	Andrea
Kingsbury, Landon James	October 12, 2006	Jamie	Elizabeth

### DEATHS

Name	Date of Death	Place of Death
Huntington, Donna	01-08-2006	Lebanon, NH
Musty, Samuel	02-06-2006	Piermont, NH
Johnson, Annie Guay Wilson	05-11-2006	Haverhill, NH
Stevens, W. Alfred	05-19-2006	Lebanon, NH
Davis, Ellis C	08-19-2006	Piermont, NH
Wardrop, Marjorie Irene	09-13-2006	West Lebanon, NH

## MARRIAGE

<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date</b>
Oloson, Raymond Doison	Fort Bend, TX	01-13-2006
Berwich, Rachel Merle	Orford, NH	
Ibey, Daniel A	Piermont, NH	05-15-2006
Davis, Melissa A	Piermont, NH	
Monroe, Marc	Sherman Oaks, CA	07-15-2006
Huntington, Jasmya	Sherman Oaks, CA	
Monahan Jr, Francis	Lexington, SC	09-16-2006
Lewis, Jennifer Lynn	Jacksonville, FL	
Morris, William N	Piermont, NH	09-23-2006
Conroy, Evelyn R	Piermont, NH	
Hogan, Matthew T	Piermont, NH	10/14/2006
Brown, Joanne M	Piermont, NH	
Lamarre, Timothy	Piermont, NH	12-23-2006
Marsh, Hannah M	Orford, NH	

**REQUESTS  
FOR  
PARTICIPATION  
AND  
DONATION**



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Fairlee, VT 05045  
802-333-4043 \* 800-683-9196 \* Fax 802-333-4234  
Email: [uvambulance@vallev.net](mailto:uvambulance@vallev.net)

ANNUAL REPORT – 2006

To the Citizens of the Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our nine communities since July 1, 1990. Since then, Upper Valley has responded to over 22,000 ambulance calls.

This year has proven to be challenging from a business perspective. We have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. Fuel costs have soared as well as the “expected” 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 continue to provide a high level of service

We expect 2007 to 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 has approved the 2007 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 EMT’s staffing our ambulances. The clinical equipment is updated and hands-on training is ongoing. Further training will allow Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with complex equipment between hospitals.

Many of you may not be 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 plan to further emphasize the Subscription Service in the coming year.

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



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Dear Ms. Daley:

On behalf of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, I respectfully submit this request for your municipal consideration. Your support will allow us to better serve the abused and neglected children in your own area.

CASA of NH is a statewide, private non-profit organization created to provide advocacy for the state's abused and neglected children. Our organization recruits, trains and supervises volunteers from communities throughout the state who are, then, appointed to cases by New Hampshire's District and Family Court Judges. Under NH state law, children who come to the attention of the courts as a result of abuse or neglect are required to have a guardian ad litem (GAL) appointed to represent their *best interests*. Historically, attorneys have filled the role of guardian ad litem in these cases at a significant cost to our state and with large caseloads. Unfortunately, this limits the time these individuals can spend on any one case or with any one child. For the past 18 years, CASA volunteers have effectively served in this capacity and have become a powerful voice for over 6,200 New Hampshire children. CASA/GALs are generally limited to one or two cases at any given time and have the infrastructure of CASA's professional staff to guide them through the complexities of these cases.

In the county of Grafton, there are 46 child abuse and neglect cases currently open, involving 69 abused and neglected children. CASA volunteers have donated thousands of hours of their time to help ensure that these children's needs are being met and services provided to help facilitate the safe reunification with their biological family. In cases where reunification cannot take place, the CASA volunteer works diligently to ensure that another permanent home can be found for these children so they have an opportunity to grow up in safe, permanent homes.

We respectfully request consideration for inclusion in your 2007 budget in the amount of \$500. This tangible support will directly impact the children of your town by allowing CASA of NH to recruit, train and supervise local citizens to advocate for them. The by-product is that the community is strengthened and the most vulnerable and fragile citizens of your area have the promise for a more hopeful and productive future. If you need further information, please call me at 626-4600.

Sincerely,

Marcia Sink, President/CEO

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## ***Giving NH's Abused Children a Voice in Court***

### What is CASA of New Hampshire, Inc.?

CASA of NH is a statewide, private non-profit dedicated to guiding abused and neglected children through the NH child protection and juvenile court systems to safe, permanent homes. It is one of 950 programs of the National CASA Association (NCASAA) in Seattle, Washington.

### Who are these children?

The children whom CASA serves all have individual stories and experiences, but share one thing: their emotional and physical health has been jeopardized by someone who is supposed to nurture and protect them. In addition to that victimization, their path to healthy development is now at the discretion of a court system that has little personal knowledge of them. CASA volunteers advocate to ensure that no child's story goes unheard and that there is someone committed to their wellbeing.

### What is a CASA/Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteer and what is their role?

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is a trained citizen appointed as the GAL by the District or Family Court judge to protect the best interest of a victimized child. A CASA's role is to research the case and present the court with a unique, *child-centered* perspective. To prepare their recommendations, CASA/GALs talk with family members, social workers, school officials, healthcare providers, and others who are knowledgeable about the child. The CASA/GAL also reviews all records pertaining to the child's schooling, medical treatment, and child welfare progress. Most importantly, they visit with the child *at least once a month* for full understanding.

### How long does a CASA/GAL volunteer remain involved with a case?

We ask CASA/GALs to commit to the child until the case closes -- typically, twenty-four months.

### How many CASA/GALs are there and how many children does CASA of NH serve?

CASA of NH has 400 CASA/GALs representing about 1,000 or 72% of victimized children involved in the NH courts. In order to advocate for the remaining children, CASA of NH needs to maintain a ready pool of 500 – 550 advocates. Since 1989, it has served over 6,200 children.

### What training does a CASA volunteer receive?

Each CASA/GAL volunteer is thoroughly screened and must complete a comprehensive 40-hour pre-service training before taking a case. Ongoing in-service trainings are also required.

### Is there a "typical" CASA volunteer?

CASA of NH volunteers range in age from 21 to 80+ years, come from all walks of life, and have a variety of professional, educational, and ethnic backgrounds. Over 70% of our advocates work full-time, but many others are retired. The only criteria are that the person have good common sense and a desire to make a difference for victimized children – the rest we can teach.

How many cases does a CASA carry and how much time does it require?

CASA volunteers are only required to take one case at a time – representing one child or a sibling group -- and spend approximately 10–15 hours per month per case. Much of that is phone time with individuals knowledgeable about the child, at least one visit to the child each month, and a court hearing every three months.

How effective is the CASA of NH program?

Judges throughout New Hampshire have noted the value of the information that CASA brings to the proceedings and are appreciative of the unique perspective presented by CASA/GALs. In addition, national studies show that a child who has been assigned a CASA/GAL spends less time in court and in foster care than those who do not have CASA advocacy. We want each child to be reunited with his/her biological family IF it can be a safe and nurturing place. If it cannot, we urge the decision-makers to find safe, permanent homes where the child can thrive.

How is CASA of NH funded?

As a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, CASA of NH relies on a diverse revenue base. Thirty to forty percent of our operating budget is from state and federal funding (e.g., Victims of Crime Act), with the balance from individual, civic, and corporate contributions; private grant monies; and revenue from CASA of NH's own fundraising efforts.

How many staff members work for the organization?

There are twenty full- and part-time staff members: President/CEO; Senior Staff Attorney; Office Assistant; Resource Development Assistant; Director of Development; Holiday Card Project Coordinator; Recruitment and Training Coordinator; Technology Coordinator; Bookkeeper; two Senior CASA/GAL Supervisors, and ten CASA/GAL Supervisors.

Are there other ways to help CASA besides being a CASA/GAL?

Yes! Being a CASA/GAL is not possible for everyone. CASA of NH also seeks individuals who wish to help underwrite the program, special events or projects with monetary or in-kind donations; who wish to assist on committees or in the office; and who are willing to tell others about our mission and vision. In addition, an auxiliary organization called *Friends of CASA* is in the formation stage and will provide many volunteer possibilities for those interested in becoming more actively involved with the organization.

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2006 Director's Report

*Northern Human Services*  
White Mountain Mental Health  
Common Ground

This year White Mountain Mental Health has provided 58.25 hours of outpatient mental health services to 11 Piermont residents who were either uninsured or underinsured. In addition Common Ground has spent 4,847 hours supporting citizens of Piermont with a developmental disability to live full lives.

The number of people accessing all of our services has increased. This year we have particularly noted a rise in calls to our 24-hour emergency service. At least one clinician is occupied full-time every day handling unscheduled emergency situations, and both a clinician and a psychiatrist are on-call nights and weekends to support local residents and local emergency rooms. The increase in night and weekend contacts has been particularly notable; a 21% increase over 2005.

As citizens of a town from whom we request financial support, you may wonder who uses our services and how your money is spent. Here are some examples:

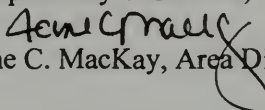
- A 42 year old woman referred by to us by emergency room physician when no physical cause was found to explain her intense headaches. She has no health insurance.
- A 7-year-old child who constantly disrupts the class with his outbursts. His parents are in the process of divorcing.
- A young woman whose husband was wounded in Iraq.
- A 16 year old boy brought to the hospital after attempting suicide when his girlfriend broke up with him
- A 21-year-old college student, who suddenly began hearing voices, became very paranoid and was unable to finish the semester.
- A family with a severely developmentally disabled child for whom we provide funds for periodic respite.

None of these people would have received services if we did not exist. None were able to pay for private care.

Perhaps you or your family have benefited from our services. We are the "safety net" for North Country residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The good news is that our towns support us to allow their residents to access services that are provided by highly competent mental health professionals at a fraction of the full cost. Additionally, our developmental services program, Common Ground, provides homes, jobs and support to more than 100 persons with a developmental disability.

As always, we thank you for continuing to help us make these services available.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jane C. MacKay, Area Director



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE  
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Town of Piermont  
c/o Dean Osgood, Board Chair  
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Dear Selectboard and citizens of Piermont:

The Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH is grateful to the citizens of the Town of Piermont for the long tradition of partnership with our agency. Your special appropriation dollars ensure a safety net of health services for Piermont's citizens. With your support, medically necessary care and supportive services are provided to *all*, regardless of ability to pay.

Our goal is to provide compassionate care to every member of your community who needs our services, from birth to the end of life. VNA & Hospice services benefit the entire community by addressing risk factors before problems escalate and lead to more complex and costly community health issues. For example, many of our Maternal and Child Health clients in Piermont have serious social and medical challenges. We give these families the support they need to identify and resolve problems early on before their children enter the school system.

The VNA & Hospice also helps Piermont residents manage chronic diseases like congestive heart failure and diabetes outside of medical institutions. In addition, we provide short-term care for those who need skilled services after hospital discharge. Under our care, patients achieve their goals for improving their health while surrounded by all of the comforts of home. And, our nurses provide health teaching so patients and their caregivers will understand how to prevent health crises in the future. By keeping Piermont residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care reduces the need for the Town's medical emergency services.

Every year we face new fiscal challenges in the delivery of care. This year, largely due to an increase in staff, the cost of wages rose by 9%. Health insurance premiums grew by 13%. To help our home visiting staff meet the high price of gasoline; we increased our mileage reimbursement by 30%. The costs of specialized treatment therapies like wound imaging and pain management have also grown; our Hospice medication expenses have risen by 30%. In recent years, reimbursement rates have not kept pace with the high inflationary costs of providing these essential health services.

We are requesting \$3,160 in funding from the Town of Piermont for the next fiscal year, an increase from the \$3,010 allocated annually the last four years. An increase in funds will help us balance the delivery of quality patient care while, at the same time, making progress in addressing our challenges. Over the years, the Town's commitment to supporting our work has enabled hundreds of families to receive high quality, compassionate care in the safety and security of their Piermont residences. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this year's request.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA  
President & CEO

Member



*At Home with Care*  
Serving 86 Communities

# VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

## *Homecare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Piermont*

The VNA & 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 town's support continues to be crucial for patients. Surrounded by memories, familiar furnishings, and family photographs, people almost always wish to confront the issues of illness, accident or aging, and dying in the comfort of their homes.

Other reasons to support these services:

- The VNA & Hospice's ability to provide healthcare at home helps keep patients out of emergency rooms and hospitals. Thus the need for town emergency services is reduced.
- Thanks to advances in medical technology, treatments including wound imaging, pain management, chemotherapy, antibiotic and nutrition infusion may now be administered by a home health nurse.
- Family members and other caregivers receive direction and guidance, making their care more effective and less stressful. This results in significant health, social and emotional benefits for both the patient and the caregiver.
- Preventative services like the community clinics in Piermont and our therapists' ability to steer their patients away from fall hazards help hundreds of Piermont residents save on their medical bills and enable them to remain a part of their community.

Our core programs are Homecare, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health. Town funding ensures that these medically necessary and supportive services are provided to all Piermont citizens, including the uninsured and under-insured.

Between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, VNA & Hospice staff provided 866 home visits to 22 Piermont residents. These individuals were cared for by our nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, medical social workers, home health aides, parent aides, or personal care attendants. Our Hospice physician and trained Hospice volunteers were available to provide additional visits as needed.

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence and for your support which helps keep our services strong.

Sincerely,  
Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA  
President and CEO



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE  
OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **HOW YOUR COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM HOME HEALTHCARE & HOSPICE**

- ❖ ***The VNA & Hospice serves all who qualify without regard to ability to pay***
- ❖ ***Patients remain in their homes and communities***

People feel more secure in a familiar environment, surrounded by those they love and with memories they cherish. Illness, accident, aging and dying are best confronted in the comfort and safety of home.

- ❖ ***Reductions in emergent care and hospitalization cut town expenses***

The VNA & Hospice's ability to provide care at home helps keep patients out of emergency rooms and hospitals. Thus the need for town emergency services is reduced.

- ❖ ***Patients and caregivers benefit from home healthcare***

The VNA & Hospice is committed to providing high quality care and promoting optimal patient comfort and independence. Family members and other caregivers receive direction and guidance, making their care more effective and less stressful. This results in significant health, social and emotional benefits for both the patient and the caregiver.

- ❖ ***Homecare is cost effective***

Healthcare spending is expected to continue to outpace economic growth through the next decade. Supporting home healthcare is one proven way to control these escalating costs.

Thanks to advances in medical technology, treatments including wound imaging, pain management, chemotherapy, antibiotic and nutrition infusion may now be administered by a home health nurse. Data from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Studies illustrates the cost advantages of homecare:

- 60 days homecare: \$2,213
- 1 hospital day: \$3,608
- 60 nursing home days: \$28,500

***Supporting home healthcare is an investment in a community safety net  
that benefits the entire community.***





ANNUAL REPORT - 2006  
**Upper Valley River Subcommittee**  
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee updated the water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains open, shorelands protected from development, and vegetated riparian buffers growing along riverbanks to keep them stable and to filter pollutants from water running off the land into the river.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. Citizens interested in representing the town should contact the select board. The public is welcome to join our meetings, on the third Monday evening of every other month at the Thetford Bicentennial Building. A calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Management Plan* are on the web at [www.crjc.org/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm).

*Charles Grant and Hal Covert, Piermont representatives  
to the Upper Valley River Subcommittee*

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) have considered issues as wide-ranging as the 2005 Alstead flood to climate change and the effects of ice jams. In 2006 CRJC provided \$82,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including a land management program for horse owners led by Grafton County Cooperative Extension.

We hosted the Environmental Protection Agency in announcing results of the Connecticut River Fish Contaminant Study, the first whole-river study of its kind, which was requested by CRJC. Results for the Upper Valley region indicate that mercury is a threat to subsistence fishers and to birds and mammals that eat Connecticut River fish, but not to recreational fishers. PCBs, dioxins, and DDT breakdown products are also present in fish tissue. Our web site, [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org), carries links to this study and to state fish consumption advisories.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2006 we created a manual to help local groups prepare engaging heritage tourism-related publications to showcase their communities. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

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. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

*Robert Ritchie, Connecticut River Commissioner*

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# The Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce

*Serving the towns of Haverhill and Piermont, NH and Bradford and Newbury, VT*

**Our Mission:** The Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to fostering a vibrant economic climate by encouraging cooperation and communication among the region's communities, while ensuring a high quality of life.

Now entering its sixth-year, our membership (businesses, non-profits & individuals) has grown to 152, and our goal is to add another 20-30 members in 2007. As we grow, we are trying to be pro-active to the changes in the regional retail and travel & tourism climate, while trying to keep our mission in the forefront. Some of our projects and goals:

- We're leading the effort to educate local businesses on how to prepare for, and maximize, their opportunities in relation to the expected significant increase in retail traffic that will accompany the new Wal-Mart opening. Educational seminars and courses are being developed through the Chamber and should be available by spring '07.

- We help advertise businesses throughout the year in a number of ways....

A free listing and locator placement on our annual full color Area Guide and Map for business memberships... over 10,000 printed and distributed by more than 40 retail and travel/tourism establishments.

A free listing and web page, or link to a web site, on the Business Directory of our website, [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org), our primary source for marketing the area (this website is now undergoing major upgrading!)

Representation, through our participation, on the Regional Marketing Program for the Eastern VT area and through state tourism websites.

- Networking through Chamber-sponsored events.
- Sponsoring, or co-sponsoring The Whole Hog Music & BBQ Festival, Paddle the Border, Vermont North By-Hand Artisans' Studio Tours, The Alumni Hall Photography Contest, Farmer's Markets, and Autumn Adventures to attract tourism
- Reporting on important business issues and events in our quarterly newsletter, The Cohase Connection, and through timely e-mail communications directly to our members.

- Offering access to affordable group health and dental care for employees of Vermont businesses through our partnership with the Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives; 72 Vermont residents are currently participating. (We're also looking at similar opportunities in New Hampshire).
- The Web Site and the Map/Brochure are valuable resources for residents as well as visitors, with information on town governments, schools, a community calendar and links to many sites with pertinent information.
- Fostering communication between the town governments, economic development organizations and non-profits in the region to maximize the resources and minimize conflicts. This includes scheduling several joint meetings throughout the year and keeping representation on a number of boards and committees to keep information flowing throughout.

We hope you will continue to support the Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce and that you will communicate your thoughts, wishes and concerns to us. Our contact information is:

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**UNH Cooperative Extension-Grafton County Office**  
**Northam D. Parr, County Office Administrator**  
**Annual Report 2006**

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information and technical assistance, 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 four educators and one specialist work out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Administrative Offices in North Haverhill. Another professional member works in Plymouth to provide nutrition education programs for limited-resource families and schools. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with Extension programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

**Educational Programs in Grafton County, FY06:**

- **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); Community Profiles.
- **To Strengthen NH's Family and Youth:** After-School Programs; Family Resource Management; 4-H/Youth Development; Nutrition and Food Safety Education; Parenting Education; Cradle Crier/Toddler Tale Newsletters; Volunteer Leader Training.
- **To Sustain NH's Natural Resources:** Dairy Management; Agro-ecology; Forest Resources Stewardship; Fruit Production and Management; GIS Training; Lakes Lay Monitoring; Integrated Pest Management; Ornamental Horticulture; Insect and Disease Control; Vegetable Crop Production; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Water Quality/Nutrient Management; Estate Planning and Conservation Easement Education.
- **To Improve the Economy:** Small Business Assistance (Forest Industry, Loggers, and Foresters; Farms and Nurseries); Farm and Forest Product Marketing; Agricultural Business Management; Family Financial Management.

**Extension Staff:** Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H/Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy; Deborah Maes, Family & Consumer Resources; Northam Parr, Forestry & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; Educators are supported by Teresa Locke, Donna Mitton and Kristina Vaughan at the Extension Office.

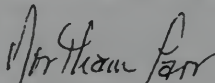
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Extension Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Northam D. Parr  
County Office Administrator



## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

### Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Annual Report for FY 2006

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the Region does not lower our quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. 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.

Here is a summary of our work during the past year:

- Obtained funding for Route 120 Corridor Management Plan in Hanover and Lebanon, and for transit planning with Community Transportation Services in Sullivan County.
- Completed approval process for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements. Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County through the North Country CEDS Committee.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association and Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition to help communities collaborate on watershed management planning.
- Brought Route 4 Corridor Management Plan near completion to balance growth of Canaan and Enfield village centers with needs of commuters.
- Adopted revised UVLSRPC Regional Plan incorporating new Housing and Economic Development elements.
- Promoted our Region's priorities for federal and state transportation funding including Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grants. Served on NH Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Advisory Committee (CMAQ).
- Worked with state agencies to ensure that the needs of our Region's communities are understood and addressed. Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies, NH Association of Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Policy Committee, NH GIS Advisory Committee, and Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee.
- Co-wrote innovative zoning guidebook with NHDES and NHARPC.
- Assisted Connecticut River Joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Provided consulting services to Twin Pines Housing Trust.
- Participated in Sullivan County Community Mobility Project to begin identifying and addressing unmet transportation needs.
- Performed over 100 traffic counts throughout the Region to provide data for state and regional transportation plans.
- Continued day-to-day collaboration with regional partner organizations, e.g. Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Connecticut River Byway Council, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Upper Valley Housing Coalition, North Country R C & D, and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

- Organized 4 hazardous waste collections in which over 700 households participated to keep over 4,500 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the Region's groundwater.
- Facilitated 4 roundtable discussions for municipal representatives to discuss and get advice on issues of common concern including: balanced growth, protecting community quality of life and natural resources, the need for more affordable and senior housing, the tax structure, the lack of money for planning, Class VI road policies, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, telecommunications towers, FEMA assistance, flood management and other emergency preparedness, and keeping the master plan a current and living document.
- Assisted 15 communities with updates of local master plans, 6 with natural resource inventories, 7 with zoning amendments, 3 with other regulations, and 3 with capital improvement programs.
- Completed road inventories in 5 additional member communities, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 8 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 5 with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Assisted Sullivan County communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted 6 communities with review of proposed developments.
- Completed special projects to address local needs, such as the Elkins Village Plan in New London and culvert inventory for Newbury.
- Compiled planning how-tos for communities interested in enhancing their "creative economy" as an economic development tool.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including law lecture series and bi-monthly programs including: Being Heard in Concord, Managing Growth in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region, Planning for Town Woodlands, Natural Resource Inventories, and Reducing Municipal Energy Consumption: Addressing Climate Change.
- Responded to numerous day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance, data and GIS maps.
- Maintained website - [www.uvlsrc.org](http://www.uvlsrc.org) - to share information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations.
- Provided information to businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other area organizations.
- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up-to-date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS, and changes in NH land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.

Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of each area of the Region, while balancing the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. In FY2006 we held a retreat to enable representatives from member communities and other local officials to identify the most important focus areas for the UVLSRPC for the next 5 years. The following 5 priorities were identified:

- Planning for and Managing Growth
- Resource Protection
- Economic Stability
- Education and Advocacy
- Solid Waste

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 addressing the issues above and others that arise in the future. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program continues to focus 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@uvlsrc.org](mailto:tbamford@uvlsrc.org) to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford  
Executive Director



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Regional Planning Commission

## Benefits of Regional Planning A Look at UVLSRPC's FY07 Workplan

UVLSRPC's FY07 Workplan targets four levels on which member communities benefit from participating in regional planning.

### ***Regional Planning Pools Resources for More Effective and Efficient Planning***

Like players on any team, each community brings a unique set of strengths, opportunities, challenges and needs. Needs vary with geography, size, and time. Like any team, all of our goals are furthered by working together. By pooling resources of \$1.10 (less than a cup of coffee) per resident paid by each community for membership this year, UVLSRPC provides over 7,000 hours of local and regional planning services.

This year's workplan includes over 1,200 hours of professional planning assistance to individual local planning boards made possible by the dues-subsidized member rate. This includes master plan updates, zoning amendments, and review of subdivision applications. Hazard mitigation plans are being provided to five communities at no cost to the community to enable eligibility for FEMA disaster relief and future grants for hazard mitigation projects.

### ***Regional Planning Empowers Local Planning Boards***

UVLSRPC has four professional planners available to answer your day-to-day questions on topics such as land use planning, regulation and procedures, natural resource inventories, transportation issues, capital budgeting, development exactions, historic resource protection, economic development, and hazard mitigation. With additional funding provided by the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and others, UVLSRPC staff will also be visiting several communities to provide more hands-on assistance on tools available for water resource protection and other land use planning topics not adequately addressed by conventional zoning alone.

In addition, UVLSRPC will continue to organize several informational workshops for planning boards and other local officials during the year, facilitate several planning roundtables where local officials can share and brainstorm on local planning challenges, host the Local Government Center's annual fall law lecture series, and maintain the website for information on upcoming events sponsored by UVLSRPC and other organizations.

Planning boards developing their own master plans, zoning ordinances, or subdivision or site plan review regulations with volunteers or other sources can still obtain free guidance, help finding necessary resources, and review and comment from UVLSRPC staff.

### ***Regional Planning is Collaboration on Regional Issues***

UVLSRPC staff will continue to facilitate and provide support for the Sullivan County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee in FY07 as well as represent the region's nine Grafton County members on the North Country CEDS Steering Committee.

UVLSRPC will be providing assistance to the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition this year with a number of tasks including a compilation of information on water resource protection tools available to communities. UVLSRPC assisted with the formation and start-up of the group over the past year to develop a management plan for the watershed of Lake Sunapee, which is an important economic resource as well as drinking water supply.

Three grants of federal transit funding will provide enhanced support to the region's public transit providers in the coming year - Advance Transit serving the Upper Valley core, and Community Transportation Services in the Claremont and Newport area.

UVLSRPC's next corridor management plan (the Route 4 plan is almost complete) will focus on the current and future land use along the NH Route 120 corridor from the Hanover Coop at the north through the intersection with Interstate 89 to the south. UVLSRPC will help NHDOT, Lebanon, Hanover and major employers, e.g., Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with its 5,500 employees, assess infrastructure needs and management options for the increasingly congested corridor. UVLSRPC's application scored the highest in the competition for these federal funds from NHDOT.

UVLSRPC continues to organize and administer household hazardous waste collections. In the past year, this kept over 9,790 gallons of hazardous waste out of the region's groundwater.

### ***Regional Planning is Speaking Together with a Louder Voice***

Newbury's Transportation Enhancement Grant application was chosen by the UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee to be the region's highest priority for this year's round of funding. With the support of the region behind them, Newbury's application scored the highest statewide in the project selection process.

Local needs were furthered this year through UVLSRPC's participation in the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and its Legislative Policy Committee. The region's priorities were reflected in several bills signed into law this year. These included: HB653 enabling communities to create and own community-wide broadband networks, and to use bonding authority to pay for such networks; HB1167 providing funding for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP); HB1330 simplifying the process for local adoption of flood insurance rate maps; HB1429 exempting municipal employees from liability for hazardous spills while en route to collection or disposal facilities; and SB386, giving municipalities affected by large groundwater withdrawals intervenor status during the permitting process, allowing local communities to have greater control over their water resources.





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December 2006

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State House Room 207  
Concord, NH 03301

*Executive Councilor  
District One*

## Report to the People of District One By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor

It is an honor to report to the people of this large Northern District in my capacity as Executive Councilor, one of several elected public servants. The five member Council was founded in the NH Constitution and much of NH law provides an additional avenue at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government.

2007 will be a year when members of the Council are charged with conducting public hearings on the State of New Hampshire 10-year transportation plan. With inflation affecting basic transportation costs, and presently no plan for an increase in the State gasoline tax, I don't look for any new projects becoming a reality. We'll be lucky to complete what is currently in the plan.

I continue to seek volunteers to serve on the 300 or so Boards and Commissions as prescribed by New Hampshire law. There are some great opportunities to serve your state government! Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

The NH web site is a very valuable for citizens. If internet is not available to you, use your local public or school library to go to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov) and find all state agencies, general court (representatives) and senate members, mailing addresses, and where legislative bills and proposals are. I send my weekly schedule to some 500 e-mail addresses that include town offices, county officials, district media, NH House and Senate members, and others. If you would like to be on that e-mail list please send your e-mail address to [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov). I often include other public notices and information.

It is an honor to continue to serve you now in my 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

Sincerely,

### COOS COUNTY:

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

### SULLIVAN COUNTY:

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



### Towns in Council District #1

#### CARROLL COUNTY:

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

#### GRAFTON COUNTY:

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

#### BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,  
Gifford, Laconia, Meredith,  
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Programs

Bristol Area Senior Services  
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(Lincoln 745-4705)

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(Littleton 444-6050)

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(Canaan 523-4333)

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(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center  
(Plymouth 536-1204)

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(Lebanon 448-4213)

RSVP & The Volunteer Center  
(Lebanon 448-1825)

Grafton County ServiceLink  
(1-866-634-9412)

**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

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

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

During 2006, 57 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 815 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,340 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Piermont residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 20 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They benefited from the adult day care program a total of 5 hours.
- They received assistance—including Medicare D assistance—and help with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 91 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 1,075.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide GCSCC services for Piermont residents in 2006 was \$15,346.

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.

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

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

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

# Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Piermont  
October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 57 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	2,155	x	\$5.84	\$	12,585
Transportation	Trips	20	x	\$10.09	\$	202
Adult Day Service	Hours	5	x	\$13.00	\$	65
Social Services	Half-hours	67.5	x	\$25.27	\$	1,706
ServiceLink contacts		23	x	\$34.27	\$	788
Activities		122				

Number of Piermont volunteers 6. Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,075.5

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GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$	<u>15,346</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2006	\$	1,300
Received from Town of Piermont for 2006	\$	1,300
Request for Senior Services for 2007	\$	<u>1,450</u>

**NOTE:**

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Contributions 8%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.



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January 19, 2007

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Members of the Board of Selectpersons:

It has been another very exciting year at Cottage Hospital. Over the past year we have seen growth in many areas of the hospital. As many of you know, we are reaching completion of a very exciting building project, which will make space for the expansion of growing clinical services such as Pain Management, Day Surgery, Radiology and Laboratory.

Financially, Fiscal Year 2006 closed with a positive bottom line and was slightly higher than last year. It has also been a busy year with regard to technology. We have continued to enhance our Picture Archive and Communications System (PACS) in Radiology as well as other departments. The majority of the hospital's departments have been working hard to reach our goal of a complete Electronic Health Record in the next five years.

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 towns for financial support for the thirteenth consecutive year.

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

We will appreciate your including this message in your 2006 Annual Report, and we will forward our 2006 Annual Report to you as soon as it is available. Best wishes for a healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Reginald J. Lavoie  
Administrator

"A Critical Access Hospital"

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**  
**of the**  
**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**for the**  
**FISCAL YEAR**  
**JULY 1, 2005 to JUNE 30, 2006**

# ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL BOARD

Glen Meder - Chair  
Vernon Jones  
Shawn Rogers

Term Expires 2007  
Term Expires 2008  
Term Expires 2009

### MODERATOR

Arnold Shields

### CLERK

Karen Fagnant

### HEALTH OFFICER

Alex Medicott

### TREASURER

Frederick Shipman

### AUDITORS

Plodzick & Sanderson

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

### 2005-2006 STAFF

Nancy Sandell - Principal  
Eileen Dohrman - Kindergarten  
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2  
Belinda Smith - Grades 3-4  
Cassandra Spaulding - Grades 5-6  
Lydia Hill - 7/8  
Nancy Sandell - 7/8 Science  
Paul Munn - Math  
Paula Poirier - Art Education  
Rebecca Bailey - Music  
Heather Odell - Special Education Teacher  
Kenneth Marier - Physical Education/Health Education  
Pam Hartley - Instructional Assistant  
Nathan Old - Instructional Assistant  
Kimberly French - Guidance  
Maira Debois - School Psychologist  
Maren Boothby - Speech/Language Pathologist  
Margaret Ladd - Librarian  
Laurie Rippe - School Nurse  
Cindy Jackson - School Secretary  
Jim Raper - Custodian  
Linda Lea - Lunch Director

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
March 21, 2006**

Moderator Arnold Shields called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He explained the rules of the meeting and introduced School Board Members Glen Meder, Lisa Knapton and Vernon Jones, Principal Nancy Sandell, School District Clerk Karen Fagnant, Finance Manager Pat Amsden, and Superintendent Bruce Labs. He asked that Fred Shipman and Bill Daley be the counters if hand votes were needed.

Fred Shipman made a motion to dispense reading the entire warrant. Second by Alex Medicott, all in favor.

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

Moved by Helga Mueller, second by Mark Fagnant. No discussion. Article 1 passed by voice vote.

**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 one million five hundred seventy-five thousand nine hundred sixty-one dollars (\$1,575,961.00)**

Moved by Helga Mueller, second by Ernest Hartley. Discussion on out of state tuition increase, decrease in the King Street and French Pond School funds due to smaller enrollment, and the busing contract. Bruce Labs explained how the contract entered into by the 5 school districts saves over \$500,000 for the SAU in the next five years. This is the first year of the five-year contract. Article 2 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to install five new classroom safety exit doors that open outward. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Jean Daley moved the article, Ellen Putnam seconded. Discussion. Glen Meder stated that the article reading that the school board recommends the article was misleading. The fire marshal has recommended to change the doors to out swing but that the doors, as they are, meet code because there are fewer than 50 students in each classroom. The gym doors do swing out. One concern of changing the doors is snow blockage. Fire drills are currently being held and the doors have posed no problems. Article 3 failed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Enrichment Trust Fund, for the purpose of providing educational program enhancements.**

**Furthermore, to raise and appropriate ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) toward this purpose and to name the school board as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) The school board recommends this article.**

**Note: This amount is being returned to taxpayers by the town of Piermont from a previously established trust fund. This article will move those funds into the school district trust.**

Article moved by Fred Shipman, second by Mark Fagnant. Jean Daley asked the board what the purpose of the fund would be and how much would be spent each year. Lisa Knapton stated that in the past enrichment programs have been chopped from the budget and that this fund, established in 1947, would help fortify the curriculum. Staff will be asked to make requests to the Board / Principal for use of the funds. Jean Daley inquired as to the balance of the fund. Fred Shipman presented the balance of \$91,494.32. Jean Daley made a motion to amend the article. The amendment would move the money to a building capital reserve fund instead. George Smith seconded. Alex Medicott asked if there would be a limit set for usage each year. Glen Meder stated that a hearing would be needed to allocate the funds therefore controlling the amount spent. Rob Elder asked if there was an explanation as to the funds origin and intended use. Records show that the fund was established by the town to be held in trust and used to benefit the school. The State does require that the fund be for a specific purpose, such as to enrich the school. George Smith inquired as to the ability to dissolve and reallocated the funds if needed in the future. This can be done by two-thirds vote. Bill Daley suggested that the funds might be used to build a science lab. Such use would enhance the school building and the science curriculum. Vote on amendment with show of hands. All in favor 2. Opposed by majority. Amendment to article failed. Rob Elder made a motion to amend the article to split the balance. \$40,000 to the original enrichment fund and the remaining \$50,000 to be put into a building fund, Kate Cook seconded. Vote by show of hands. In favor 7. Opposed 27. Amendment to article failed by majority vote. Article 4 further discussion, none. In favor of article 4 as originally written 25. Opposed 4. Article 4 passed by hand vote.

**ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) 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, 2006. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Article moved by Fred Shipman, second by Ernest Hartley. No discussion. Article 5 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) 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, 2006. (The school board recommends this article.)**



Article moved by Helga Mueller, Shawn Rogers seconded. Discussion. All in favor. Article 6 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) 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, 2006. (The school board recommends this article.)**

Fred Shipman moved, Ernest Hartley seconded. No Discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

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

Glen Meder thanked Lisa Knapton for her time and knowledge while serving on the Board. Lisa was applauded.

Abby Metcalf took the floor and read the following:

For years when new families moved to Piermont, when asked why, the answer was because of the Piermont school system. Now for a few years, the trend has changed and people do not feel that the school is what it used to be. There are students in Piermont for one reason or another who go elsewhere to get their elementary education. There are new families with the first child in that family who is ready to go to school and they are deciding to go out of town to school never even trying the Piermont school system. I, as a Piermont resident, taxpayer, parent, grandparent of children and grandchildren who have been thru this school and are currently attending this school, am giving a challenge to the school board to look into and see what the problems might be and to correct and improve on them. It is not the physical plant that educates a child, it is what and who is in that plant that accomplishes that. Having been a board member, I know the work it entails. Sometimes frustrating, sometimes rewarding, but the main goal is to see that all children in Piermont can receive the best education possible within this building. Teachers, principal and support staff must give all their energy to all the children to see that no child is left behind. It is the duty of the school board to see that they do their job. As a board, be unique, don't always do what the rest of the SAU does. Reward teachers on merit as a result of their performance not just a guaranteed step on the salary scale. They will work harder. Make Piermont the best school in the area. Thank you for listening. Abby Metcalf

Motion by Bill Daley to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Jean Daley. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Fagnant  
School District Clerk

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2007 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 13th day of March 2007, 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 2010.

Given under our hands at Piermont this \_\_\_ day of February 2007.

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Shawn Rogers

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2007 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 20th day of March 2007, action on the Articles in this Warrant to be taken commencing at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

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

ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. The school board recommends one million, seven hundred eighty-seven thousand, eighty-three dollars (\$1,787,083.00)

ARTICLE 3: To raise and appropriate fifty-eight thousand, two hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$58,277.00) to fund a full-time Reading Specialist at Piermont Village School as required in ED 306.15(a)(3) of Minimum Standards for School Approval. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Piermont this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2007.

Glen Meder, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Shawn Rogers

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is with a great deal of pride that I submit to you a report on the progress of our school system. We have made some positive steps which we believe over time will pay dividends in the development of our students.

The SAU has just finished its third year of working to improve student writing. Consultants have worked with teachers in groups and individually. Although we have already committed much time and effort to this work we must continue to do so if we are truly going to improve student writing.

We now have two full years of data from the NWEA Tests on how each student is performing in math, reading, and language usage. These tests are given to our students each fall and spring, and in some districts a third time in the middle of the year. The tests allow us to chart each student's progress and let us know when students do not make as much progress as expected. Workshops have taken place to help teachers better understand what the test results mean, and where students may be weak. These tests are taken on the computer and, as a bonus, the students seem to enjoy taking them. This probably helps make the results more accurate than most.

Throughout the districts in SAU #23 a serious investment has been made in technology in the last two years. Teachers are becoming more educated in using technology so they can use computers as well as textbooks to lead instruction in the classroom. This has been a massive undertaking of time and money and I am pleased to inform you that while this is still a work in progress, there has been a great deal of growth in the use of computers for instruction.

In Piermont, the staff has been working very hard to improve literacy and student performance on standardized tests. By using results of the NWEA tests the staff should have a better idea of where to concentrate their efforts.

This past year the entire SAU worked on developing a Wellness Policy. This policy was adopted by all the districts in August. All schools are looking carefully at more nutritious food choices and increased physical activity for our students. The goal is to teach our students to keep a healthy balance in their lives.

As part of the annual school approval process, schools underwent safety inspections this past year by the NH Dept. of Labor in addition to fire inspections. I am pleased to report that there were few, if any, deficiencies. Those we did have were quickly corrected.

In 2004 I submitted goals to the school board, I am happy to say that with the exception of number five, which has not been addressed, I think we have made a good effort in all of the areas listed. Please see a copy of those goals below.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SAU GOALS  
FOR 2005-2007

1. To continue to have the entire SAU work together to implement a writing program to improve student writing systematically within all schools for all students.
2. To develop a system of pre and post testing for every student and to use the data to drive instruction and personalize learning for all students.
3. To improve technology in each district so teachers can utilize it within the classroom to support instruction and promote higher level thinking skills for all students. To use teaching strategies and learning activities that are differentiated, dynamic, and adjusted to the needs of the students using technology that is driven by the curriculum, not vice versa.
4. To use staff development time to work on School Improvement Plans in each of our schools and maintain active school improvement teams.
5. To conduct at least one focused educational forum in each district to solicit input from community members as to the direction of education in our schools.
6. To do a careful review of each district's policies making sure they reflect current federal and state laws and are consistent with the direction of the school district.
7. To consider the condition of each of the buildings in our SAU and make recommendations to improve the safety and space needs of our students.
8. To pass reasonable and responsible budgets to support the needs of our schools.
9. To keep all board members informed about the changes to the curriculum in SAU #23 and the Curriculum Advisory Council.

The school funding issue will not go away. Our costs continue to go up each year and adequacy funding has not kept pace. In Bath, Benton, and Piermont funding has dropped. I don't expect to see this issue solved in my career, but my hope is that we can do more with less until the time we can take some of the burden off property owners. I look forward to a resolution to this issue in the "near future".

I will continue to make decisions I believe are in the best interests of the students to improve their education. I wish to thank all the taxpayers for your continued support; it is truly appreciated and will never be taken for granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs  
Superintendent of Schools

## ANNUAL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the 2006 annual Piermont Village School report to you, the Piermont community.

There are many ways to measure the success of a school. You will be happy to know that Piermont students continue to do well in high school, and we continue to hear comments from high school teachers about how well prepared Piermont students are. This preparation happens in many ways.

Our main focus at Piermont Village School is on students making as much progress as possible academically. Behind the scenes, the PVS staff spends a lot of time working to improve instruction and, therefore, learning. Some opportunities for students to show their stuff are the Geography Bee and the Spelling Bee. This past year, both Bees were won by 6<sup>th</sup> grader Julian Grant. We are lucky to have a cadre of volunteers bringing the ELF science program into our classrooms monthly. Last year we embraced an all-school unit on the Middle Ages that allowed for learning across the curriculum and generated a lot of enthusiasm in our building. This culminated in a Medieval Fair where students shared what they had learned with the public, and where visitors could participate in jousting, games and eating. We are reaping the benefits of the NWEA tests which we adopted last year. We now have enough information from this test to assess individual student progress in the areas of reading, math and language, and to see patterns of strength and weakness across the grades. This will help us improve instruction. Beyond the regular classroom, we also offered opportunities for students to participate in sports and theater experiences. Last spring, tied in with the Middle Ages unit, our annual school play was *King Arthur*. The play gave students the opportunity to act in front of a large group and to learn the story of the Arthurian legend. We were able to offer sports programs in soccer, basketball, and skiing.

We relish opportunities to celebrate success with our students. The honor roll recognizes students who achieve exceptional overall academic and social success. Each term students who are on the honor roll are invited to the honor roll breakfast, prepared and served by their teachers. At the end of the year, students who are on the honor roll all three terms are invited with their parents to the Honor Roll banquet. Other student successes are recognized at the Awards Assembly at the end of the year. Sports participation is recognized at the annual Sports Banquet, organized this year by Pam Hartley. A highlight of this particular banquet was special recognition to Coach Brian Garrigan, who has been coaching our 7/8 boys' basketball team for about 20 years now.

In order to make our school a comfortable place to learn, we provide opportunities for students to make connections with other students and to take on leadership roles. Student Council is an elected body of students who have decision making power within the school. This year, under the guidance of

Heather Odell, older students have taken on the management of the Lounge, an after school recess spot where students of all ages can go to use computers, play games, or participate in special activities. There are other opportunities for younger and older students to interact in a structured way. During National Read Day, older students read to younger ones. We have had several Field Days, where students participated in a variety of cooperative activities in a mixed age group. Twice a month, the whole school gathers for a community meeting. Mrs. Lea, our food services manager, plans special lunch events monthly as well as the monthly Birthday Table.

Over the summer, some facility maintenance was done. In the spirit of putting your tax dollars to good work, especially now that our building is 15 years old, we aim for ongoing scheduled upkeep. This not only keeps our building looking nice, but saves money in the long run.

We are proud of the success of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who graduated in June: Helen Cleaves, Justin Fagnant, Courtland Hanley, Alex Kivela, Shannon Page, Tori Rogan, Tiffany Sargent, Kiri Veillette. These are our high school numbers at this time: 15.5 Piermont students at Oxbow, 11 at Woodsville, 5.5 at Thetford, 5 at Rivendell, 4 at St. Johnsbury, 2.5 at Riverbend, 1 at Hanover, 1 at Mascoma. In September, there will be more 8<sup>th</sup> graders entering high school than there are 12<sup>th</sup> graders graduating. This will have a tax impact. The next year the situation should reverse.

On behalf of the 7th and 8th graders, thank you for supporting the Washington, D.C. fundraising activities. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is looking forward to their Washington adventure this April. And thank you to all the Piermont community members who donate time to make our school a better place for learning, including ELF volunteers, coaches, field trip drivers, classroom volunteers and ski instructors.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sandell, Principal

## PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Honor Roll Third Trimester 2005-2006

#### Grade Five

Brendan Jones\*  
Cooper Trapp\*

#### Grade Six

Alyvia Covert\*  
Julian Grant\*

#### Grade Eight

Helen Cleaves\*  
Alex Kivela\*  
Michael Langley\*  
Alex Oakes\*  
Nicholas Thomson\*  
Peter Trapp\*

\*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

Justin Fagnant  
Brendan Musty  
Brian Priestley

### Scholarships

Jeremy Daly-University of Michigan  
John Garrigan-University of Connecticut  
Rebecca Hessberger-Keene State College  
Nicole Latona-New York University  
Matthew Musty-Berklee College of Music



**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
2005-2006**

Number of Pupils registered during the year	83
Average Daily Membership	77.3
Percentage of Attendance	96.2%

**ENROLLMENT BY GRADES**

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	8	8	11	8	13	5	12	10	8	83

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS  
(as of December 2006)**

Haverhill Cooperative*	12	26%
Oxbow*	16	34%
Hanover	1	2%
Mascoma	1	2%
Rivendell	5	11%
St. Johnsbury Academy	4	8%
Thetford Academy*	6	13%
French Pond & King Street	2	4%
<b>TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Have students attending Riverbend

**PIERMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL  
TEACHER QUALITY REPORT**

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

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	MA+30
TEACHERS	1.5	4.2	2.3	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

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET

6/30/2006  
GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	Acct	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
CASH	100	75,982.17
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	130	1,185.69
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES	140	7,492.78
OTHER RECEIVABLES	150	756.55
PREPAID EXPENSES	180	6,750.00
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	190	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>92,167.19</b>
 <b>LIABILITY &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
INTERFUND PAYABLES	400	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYABLES	410	
OTHER PAYABLES	420	12,157.98
ACCRUED EXPENSES	460	743.59
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	470	251.54
DEFERRED REVENUES	480	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	490	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>13,153.11</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>		
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	753	17,571.66
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	760	
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	770	61,442.42
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>		<b>79,014.08</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>		<b>92,167.19</b>

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER  
For The  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on hand July 1, 2005:	\$ 55,020.26
Add receipts (including interest)	1,492,857.42
Less 2005-06 School Board orders	<u>1,471,995.51</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2006:	\$ 75,882.17

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
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>240,000</b>	<b>56,700</b>	<b>296,700</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 Value 1-1-06	\$12,203.12
Scholarships Awarded	(\$345.86)
Income Earned	599.46
New Fund Donations	0.00
Ending Value 12-31-06	\$14,034.07

## SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EMERGENCY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	\$45,540.17
Income Earned	1,252.30
Shares Purchased	5000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	\$51,792.47

## SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	\$85,611.52
Income Earned	2,256.22
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	\$87,867.74

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	\$40,420.95
Income Earned	1,071.35
Shares Purchased	0.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	\$41,492.30

## SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	\$12,492.49
Income Earned	365.84
Shares Purchased	8,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>(7,574.00)</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	\$13,284.33

## SCHOOL TUITION EXPENDABLE TRUST

Beginning Balance, 1/1/06	\$95,684.38
Income Earned	3,386.03
Shares Purchased	20,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/06	\$119,070.41

## SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND 2006

Name of Investment	Beginning Balance	Dividend Income	Capital Gains Reinvested	Year End Balance
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	21,415.02	451.35	697.87	24,908.38
American Balanced Fund	38,680.39	1,020.20	1,154.77	42,435.67
Capital World Growth & Income Fund	13,943.01	381.23	861.4	16,858.04
Growth Fund of America	14,431.40	128.09	642.5	16,010.55
<b>Totals</b>	<b>88,469.82</b>	<b>1980.87</b>	<b>3356.54</b>	<b>100,212.64</b>

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES**

		<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>	
		<u><b>ACTUAL</b></u>	<u><b>REVISED</b></u>	<u><b>BUDGET</b></u>	<u><b>+/-</b></u>
<b>FUND 1</b>					
770	Fund Balance (to reduce tax	-	28,442	20,000	(8,442)
<u><b>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</b></u>					
1121	Current Appropriation	750,412	798,712	970,158	171,446
1510	Interest on Investments	5,099	4,500	4,500	-
1511	Trust Fund Interest	1,188	1,100	-	(1,100)
1910	Rentals	-	-	-	-
1980	Refund from prior year	-	-	-	-
1990	Miscellaneous	4,610	800	800	-
5252	Transfer from Trust	3,500		83,390	83,390
<u><b>3000 Revenues From State Sources</b></u>					
3111	State Adequacy Grant *	410,348	410,348	348,796	(61,552)
3112	State Adequacy Tax	171,618	205,425	203,798	(1,627)
3210	School Building Aid	11,727	11,727	11,727	-
3230	Catastrophic Aid	19,547	-	3,000	3,000
3241	Vocational Tuition	19,271	23,250	41,244	17,994
3242	Transportation	-	1,436	2,380	944
<u><b>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</b></u>					
4580	Medicaid	21,317	12,000	12,000	-
4810	National Forest Reserve	2,249	2,009	2,009	-
<b>TOTAL FUND 1 REVENUES</b>		<b>1,420,886</b>	<b>1,471,307</b>	<b>1,683,802</b>	<b>212,495</b>
<b>FUND 2 GRANTS</b>					
4521		37,349	38,339	38,339	-
<b>TOTAL FUND 2</b>		<b>37,349</b>	<b>38,339</b>	<b>38,339</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND 4 FOOD SERVICE</b>					
1600	Food Service Sales	13,596	13,000	13,000	-
3260	State Reimbursement	406	400	400	-
4460	Federal Reimbursement	10,208	8,700	10,000	1,300
5221	Transfer from General Fund*	10,034	15,773	21,542	5,769
<b>TOTAL FUND 4</b>		<b>34,245</b>	<b>37,873</b>	<b>44,942</b>	<b>7,069</b>
	Transfer to Trusts	31,682	123,000		(123,000)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>1,524,162</b>	<b>1,698,961</b>	<b>1,787,083</b>	<b>88,122</b>

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

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	CURRENT
	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	VALUATION
Local Education Tax	15.96	8.80	10.68	90,801
State Education Tax	3.79	2.29	2.27	89,717
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL TAX RATE</b>	<b>19.75</b>	<b>11.09</b>	<b>12.95</b>	per \$1,000

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY**

<u>OBJECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>+ OR (-)</u>
		<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07 BUDGET</u>	<u>2007-08 BUDGET</u>	
110	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	305,615	338,730	363,285	24,555
111	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	2,313	4,440	4,440	0
112	SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	90,420	104,983	95,344	-9,639
113	SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES	811	1,700	1,800	100
120	SUBSTITUTES	2,191	5,353	6,100	747
122	CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES	1,680	3,300	3,300	0
211	HEALTH INS	48,352	61,288	67,973	6,685
213	LIFE INSURANCE	283	299	290	-9
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,003	1,121	1,113	-8
220	PAYROLL TAXES	30,795	34,285	36,206	1,921
231	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	4,865	7,012	8,145	1,133
232	PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	11,127	12,261	17,625	5,364
240	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	4,650	11,700	12,000	300
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	125	739	380	-359
260	WORKERS COMP	2,346	3,402	3,420	18
310	SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	48,980	67,791	75,025	7,234
320	EDUCATION SERVICES	46,946	34,462	52,212	17,750
330	OTHER PROF. SERVICES	40,808	41,147	29,565	-11,582
411	WATER & SEWAGE	5,990	7,500	10,000	2,500
421	RUBBISH REMOVAL	2,312	1,525	1,800	275
422	SNOW REMOVAL	1,110	2,000	2,000	0
430	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	13,970	15,050	12,750	-2,300
432	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	1,191	1,200	3,512	2,312
440	RENTALS	6,381	6,211	6,018	-193
450	CONSTRUCTION CONSULTS	18,450	0	0	0
490	SECURITY	605	600	1,100	500
510	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	32,824	35,489	35,765	276
520	LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,087	3,850	4,798	948
531	TELEPHONE	1,955	2,200	2,200	0



OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSES 2005-06	APPROVED 2006-07 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET	+ OR (-)
532	DATA COMMUNICATIONS	840	840	850	10
534	POSTAGE	757	1,200	1,200	0
540	ADVERTISING	2,210	1,550	2,500	950
550	PRINTING	665	1,250	1,050	-200
561	TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	206,859	184,313	171,636	-12,677
562	TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA	285,780	356,090	484,051	127,961
564	TUITION - PRIVATE	6,534	4,600	41,352	36,752
580	TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD	1,056	1,050	550	-500
610	SUPPLIES	14,257	19,750	19,575	-175
611	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	4,577	6,000	5,000	-1,000
622	ELECTRICITY	11,629	9,200	12,500	3,300
623	PROPANE	10,098	15,100	15,000	-100
640	BOOKS	6,029	7,025	6,625	-400
650	SOFTWARE	0	1,165	1,515	350
733	ADDITIONAL FURNITURE	864	1,500	100	-1,400
734	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	3,710	2,575	2,000	-575
737	REPLACEMENT FURNITURE	1,488	1,200	1,200	0
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	3,952	1,150	1,150	0
810	DUES/FEES	4,376	5,230	5,190	-40
830	INTEREST	16,200	13,500	10,800	-2,700
890	MISC.	250	50	250	200
910	PRINCIPAL	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
930	FUND TRANSFERS	41,716	138,773	21,542	-117,231
	<b>TOTAL: GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,395,031</b>	<b>1,622,749</b>	<b>1,703,802</b>	<b>81,053</b>
Fund: FOOD SERVICE - 21					
112	SALARIES	15,074	16,887	17,224	337
120	SUBSTITUTES	142	550	0	-550
211	HEALTH INS	0	0	5,760	5,760
213	LIFE INSURANCE	22	22	23	1

OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSES 2005-06	APPROVED 2006-07 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET	+ OR (-)
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	39	44	45	1
220	FICA	1,164	1,292	1,318	26
231	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	1,024	1,150	1,505	355
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	5	48	20	-28
260	WORKERS COMP	93	130	122	-8
430	REPAIRS/MAINT.	0	1,000	1,000	0
580	TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD	0	100	100	0
610	SUPPLIES	1,477	1,100	1,550	450
630	FOOD	14,695	14,500	15,225	725
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	478	1,000	1,000	0
810	DUES/FEES	32	50	50	0
	<b>TOTAL: FOOD SERVICE - 21</b>	<b>34,245</b>	<b>37,873</b>	<b>44,942</b>	<b>7,069</b>

Fund: SPECIAL REVENUES - GRANTS - 22

110	SALARIES	29,348	29,970	31,319	1,349
211	HEALTH INS	4,281	4,483	3,807	-676
213	LIFE INSURANCE	15	13	10	-3
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	77	78	60	-18
220	FICA	2,276	2,293	1,788	-505
232	RETIREMENT	1,101	1,109	1,355	246
240	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	0	25	0	-25
310	SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	0	0	0	0
810	DUES/FEES	252	268	0	-268
890	MISC.	0	100	0	-100
	<b>TOTAL: SPECIAL REVENUES - GRANTS - 22</b>	<b>37,349</b>	<b>38,339</b>	<b>38,339</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>1,466,626</b>	<b>1,698,961</b>	<b>1,787,083</b>	<b>88,122</b>

Warrant Article #3

**GRAND TOTAL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES:**

56,536

**1,843,619**

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

		<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
<b><u>Special Education Expenses</u></b>			
1200	Special Programs	129,542	104,264
1430	Summer School	2,825	2,203
2150/2159	Speech and Audiology	7,156	16,352
2162	Physical Therapy	1,983	-
2163	Occupational Therapy	6,569	4,840
2722	Special Transportation	3,368	-
<b>Total Special Education Expenses</b>		<b>151,444</b>	<b>127,660</b>
 <b><u>Special Education Revenue</u></b>			
3110	Adequacy Funding SPED portion	52,884	56,405
3240	Catastrophic Aid	13,307	19,547
4580	Medicaid	19,017	21,317
<b>Total Special Education Revenue</b>		<b>85,209</b>	<b>97,269</b>
 <b>NET COST TO TAXPAYERS</b>		 <b>66,235</b>	 <b>30,391</b>
 <b>IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds</b>			
Part A - Preschool		523	523
Part B - Special Education		18,843	21,364

**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 2006-2007 school year, will receive a salary of \$85,970.06. 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	\$9,654.44	11.23%
Benton	\$1,435.70	1.67%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$57,127.10	66.45%
Piermont	\$9,826.38	11.43%
Warren	\$7,926.44	9.22%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,970.06</b>	<b>100%</b>

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY**

DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008		+/-
	APPROVED	BUDGET	APPROVED	BUDGET	APPROVED	BUDGET	
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	136,079	136,079	143,335	143,335	139,580	139,580	(3,755)
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	183,608	183,608	167,959	167,959	198,710	198,710	30,751
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM	139,238	139,238	152,704	152,704	149,137	149,137	(3,567)
1430 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	7,415	7,415	7,635	7,635	8,620	8,620	985
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	27,567	27,567	18,729	18,729	23,602	23,602	4,873
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	128,713	128,713	194,001	194,001	207,748	207,748	13,747
2210 CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT	50	50	50	50	1,448	1,448	1,398
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION	62,462	62,462	74,670	74,670	79,312	79,312	4,642
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	1,635	1,635	1,683	1,683	3,385	3,385	1,702
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,340	2,340	2,338	2,338	2,718	2,718	380
2317 AUDIT	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,500	5,500	500
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	500	500	350	350	500	500	150
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	361,478	361,478	371,208	371,208	398,520	398,520	27,312
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	133,856	133,856	139,930	139,930	151,469	151,469	11,539
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,500	(500)
2620 BUILDING RENT	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,800	21,800	800
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	4,350	4,350	3,470	3,470	3,405	3,405	(65)
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMT	675	675	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000	500
2820 NETWORK	21,382	21,382	23,595	23,595	24,960	24,960	1,365
2832 RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING	500	500	300	300	300	300	-
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,240,848</b>	<b>1,240,848</b>	<b>1,332,457</b>	<b>1,332,457</b>	<b>1,425,214</b>	<b>1,425,214</b>	<b>92,757</b>
IDEA GRANTS	236,031	236,031	267,108	267,108	263,841	263,841	(3,267)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,476,879</b>	<b>1,476,879</b>	<b>1,599,565</b>	<b>1,599,565</b>	<b>1,689,055</b>	<b>1,689,055</b>	<b>89,490</b>

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	445,877	593,095	658,688	65,593
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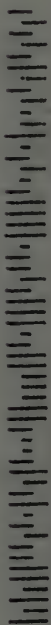
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008	+/-
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	
<b>LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT</b>			
1320 Tuition - French Pond	144,200	151,408	7,208
1321 Tuition - King Street School	162,225	151,408	(10,817)
1325 Tuition -French Pond Summer School	7,635	8,620	985
1950 Itinerants	231,507	236,942	5,435
1951 Speech/ Language	183,670	207,748	24,078
1990 Other local revenue	-	-	
1510 Interest	3,225	3,500	275
5000 Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	6,900	6,900	-
Use of Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total Other Revenue General Fund	<u>739,362</u>	<u>766,526</u>	<u>27,164</u>
1111 <b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>593,095</b>	<b>658,688</b>	<b>65,593</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 1</b>	<b>1,332,457</b>	<b>1,425,214</b>	<b>92,757</b>
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 2 - GRANTS	<u>267,108</u>	<u>263,841</u>	<u>(3,267)</u>
<b>TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS</b>	<b>\$1,599,565</b>	<b>1,689,055</b>	<b>89,490</b>

SCHOOL DISTRICT SHARES OF ASSESSMENT	
Bath	82,336
Benton	12,383
Haverhill	423,470
Piermont	75,025
Warren	65,474
	<u>658,688</u>



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