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REPORT
OF THE OFFICERS
PIERMONT, N.H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

2007

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Any Time of Day or Night

Ambulance

Fire

Police

Dial-911

When dispatcher answers, give your

Name

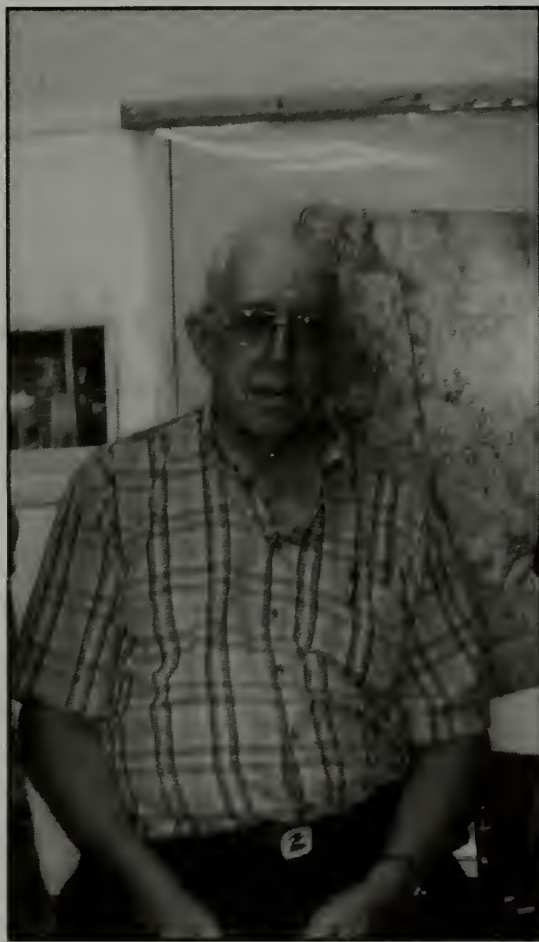
Problem

Location and

Your Phone Number

The needed help will start out immediately
to where you are

**This Town Report
Is Dedicated To**



“Lou “Hobbs

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

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Robert Lang, Chair (2010)	989-5684
	Mark Fagnant, (2009)	272-4349
	William Daley, (2008)	272-9186
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2009)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2009)	272-5848
Road Agent	Christopher Davidson (2008)	272-9110
Police Chief	Robert Garvin	
Fire Chief	Keith Brick	272-9308
Forest Fire Warden	Roy Belyea (2009)	272-4886
Health Officer	Alex Medlicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Vea Jenks (2010)	272-4838
	Russell Woodard (2012)	272-4378
	Peggy Fullerton (2008)	989-3933
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chr. (2008)	272-4938
	Jean Underhill (2010)	272-9756
	Abby Metcalf (2008)(one year)	272-4372
Moderator	Arnold Shields (2008)	989-3171

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Joyce Tompkins, (2009)	Marian Shields (2009)
Helga Mueller, (2008)	Joe Medlicott (2010)
Stephanie Gordon, (2008)	Nancy Sandell (2010)
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, Chr. (2010)	George Schmid (2010)
Steve Daly (2009)	Charlie Brown (2008)
Helga Mueller (2008)	
Robert Lang, Alternate (2008)	

PLANNING BOARD

Peter Labounty (2009)
Fred Shipman (2008)
Suzanne Woodward (2010)
Mark Fagnant, Ex-Officio
Helga Mueller, Secretary(2009)

Edward French (2008)
Bill Morris, Chr. (2010)
Peggy Fullerton (2008)
Jean Daley (2009)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joe Medlicott., Pres.
Frederick Shipman
Lloyd Hall

Helga Mueller
Anna Williams.
Betty Hall

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Helga Mueller, Chr. (2008)
David Ritchie (2010)
Bill Morris (2009)
Ernie Hartley (2009)

Charles Grant (2010)
Eric Underhill (2008)
Asa Metcalf-Forrester

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION

Wayne Godfrey, Manager
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

Polls will open at 10:00 AM in the old church building to vote on articles one and two. Polls will close at 6:30 PM. Town meeting will continue in Piermont Village School at 7:30 to continue with the remaining Articles of Town business.

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

One Selectman	term of three years
Road Agent	term of three year
A Treasurer	term of one year
A Trustee of Trust Funds	term of three years
A Trustee of Trust Funds	term of one year
Moderator	term of two years
Two Library Trustees	term of three years
Supervisor of Checklist	term of six years

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$646,438. 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	8,611
Auditor Expense	9,500
Cemeteries (see note 1)	11,200
Contingency	2,000
Election/Registration	5,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	38,480
Fire Truck Payment	38,836
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	32,376
Highways and Bridges-Summer Maintenance	62,800
Highways and Bridges-Winter Maintenance	65,000
Insurance	9,500
Interest	5,000

Legal Expenses	10,000
Library (see note 5)	42,865
Memorial Day	1,500
Miscellaneous	500
Officers Expenses	25,000
Officers Salaries	54,000
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment	10,000
Police Dept.	46,684
Public Welfare	15,000
Recreation and Swimming Pool	7,000
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	39,908
Street Lights and Blinker	5,500
Tax Maps	800
Testing Monitoring Wells	11,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,635
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	34,243
Conservation Commission (new)	2000
Assessors Pickups (new)	2,500
Revaluation Payment (new)	12,000
Shelving In Safe (new)	2,000
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	646,438

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$6,800; \$3,500 comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, \$900 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. NHDES -a 30% Aid Grant which equals to \$8,500 per year

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

ARTICLE THREE: 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 FOUR: To see if Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Woodsville Area Fourth of July Committee.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,100. to reconstruct \pm 2000 linear feet by 20' wide of Indian Pond Road. The project to begin at the end of pavement (near Hamilton's residence) and proceed north, the scope of work to contain; pulverizing existing pavement, geo textile fabrics, select material, drainage improvements and placements. Placement to consist of 2" compacted base coarse and 1" compacted wear coarse. This Article coincides with the 10 year plan.

The Majority of Selectmen DoNot recommend this Article.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000. to reconstruct \pm 750 linear feet of Indian Pond Road. This project's location is the same as ARTICLE FIVE and is provided to offer a scaled down version of such. If ARTICLE FIVE is approved this Article should be voted down and defeated.

The Majority of Selectmen DoNot recommend this Article.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. to be paid into a new Barton Road Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. This project coincides with the 10 year plan for a 2011 target date.

The Majority of Selectmen Do not recommend this Article.

ARTICLE EIGHT: (Petitioned article) To see if the Town would spend the sum of \$300. to assist the Lake Tarleton Association and Lake Armington Association in their efforts to fund the cost associated with the administration of the NH Department of Environmental Services Lake Host program. The Lake Host Program is involved throughout the State of NH in inspection and intervention activity at public lake landings to detect the presence of invasive, aggressive and harmful aquatic weeds on boat hulls and trailers that could have a seriously negative effect on water

quality. The Lake Associations will jointly file a grant request to NH DES in the spring of 2008 for funding the costs of hiring part-time summer help to conduct the inspections at the two public landings adjacent to Route 25C (Lake Tarleton Road). As part of the grant process, the State of NH encourages funding participation by the towns and municipalities that have the participating lakes within their borders. Both Lake Tarleton Association and Lake Armington Association will also provide volunteers to assist in the inspection activity throughout the summer of 2008. The Lake Host Program has been an extremely effective effort by the State of NH to maintain the excellent water quality in our lakes. The water quality in both Lake Tarleton and Lake Armington is extremely high, and we believe that the Lake Host Program activity will assure that we will continue to protect a valuable resource that all can access and enjoy.

ARTICLE NINE: 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 TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$878. for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,050 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

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

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

ARTICLE FOURTEEN:

"To see if the Town will vote to hold an adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting on _____ [insert time and date chosen to allow for holding a properly-noticed planning board hearing 5 weeks in advance] for the purpose of taking action on a petitioned article calling for the repeal of the Town of Piermont Zoning Ordinance. Due to a mistake, the Planning Board did not become aware of this properly-submitted petition in time to schedule the public hearings required in order to include this question on the March 11 ballot."

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,351 to install a generator that will produce 230Amps of power to supply stand-by power for the Town's Emergency Shelter which is the Piermont Village School.(state will issue a 50% grant).

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to go into the Recreational Facility Expendable Trust. (The facility would house a tennis court, basketball court, and various court games. Committee was given a cost of approximately \$75,000.in 2007).

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town of Piermont Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund that was created in 2000 to accumulate funds for Bean Brook Bridge reconstruction project and liquidated by vote of the Selectman after a hearing in February, 2007 with the proceeds going to the Town Treasurer in October, 2007. **NOTE:** There has been a zero balance in this account since October 16,2007. This is a housekeeping article to satisfy State reporting requirements.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE EIGHTTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town of Piermont Sewage District Expendable Trust Fund that was created in 1988 to act as a depository for surplus Sewer funds and liquidated by a vote of the Selectmen after a hearing in February, 1999 with the proceeds going to the Town Treasurer in March, 1999. **NOTE:** There has been a zero balance in this account since March 3, 1999. This is a housekeeping article to satisfy State reporting requirements.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE NINETEEN: 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: 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-ONE: 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-TWO: 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-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate The 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-FOUR: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 24 day of February 2008.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert Lang
Mark Fagnant
William Daley

RETURN

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert Lang
Mark Fagnant
William Daley

This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 24 day of February 2008.

Town Clerk

SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 2008

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. SEE POSTED BUDGET

Town Charges	646,438
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	3,160
White Mountain Mental Health	878
Community Action Outreach Program	1,050
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,300
CASA	500
Woodsville 4 th of July Celebration	500
Lake Host Program	300
Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce	362
Revaluation	12,000
Tri-County Community Action	1,050
Fire Engine-Payment	38,836
Paving a Portion of Indian Pond Road	173,100
Town-Fire & Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	2,659
Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Exp.Trust Fund	3,000
Town Recreation Expendable Trust Fund	5,000
Emergency Shelter Generator	41,351
Town Sub-total	956,944
Estimate of County Tax	115,285
TOTAL OF TOWN AND COUNTY	1,072,229

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 13, 2007
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

Polls opened at 10:00 AM in the old church building. There were 175 voters who voted on Articles One, Two, Three for the Town and Article One for the Village School. Polls closed at 6:30 PM. Counted the results when preceded to the Village School for the remaining Town Meeting.

S. Arnold Shields Town Moderator announced he has been ill and as appointed and sworn in Joyce Tompkins as Moderator pro-tem for the meeting.

Joyce Tompkins opened the meeting at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Alliance.

All newly elected members for the Town and the school who were present were sworn in. (Everyone was present.)

A motion not to read the entire warrant was made and seconded passed by voice vote.

Results for Articles one, two, and three voted on by all day voting were read.

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

One Selectman	term of three years	Robert Lang
One Selectman	term of one year	William Daley
A Treasurer	term of one year	James Lambert
One Trustee of Trust Funds	term of three years	Jean Underhill
Two Library Trustees	term of three years	Joe Medicott Nancy Sandell

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?"

YES 128 NO 44 Passed

ARTICLE THREE; (By Official Ballot / By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Piermont Zoning Ordinance adopted on March 9th 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.”

YES 39

NO 135 FAILED

Moderator Tompkins introduced the Board of Selectmen.

Bob Lang made a statement for the Board about the errors in the Town Report. They would like to make a few changes as follows: ON PAGE 20 delete one of the 2 fire truck payments of 40,223, need to add in the 7,777 for dispatching, total should read 620,579. PAGE 22 Article 9 and 10, with further research, doesn't need to be a 2/3 vote only a majority required (because these articles require no bond). Being money articles the Board of Selectmen has to recommend or not an article, they recommend both of these articles. PAGE 26 total charges should read 620,579, Town Recreation Expandable Trust Fund should read 5,000, total would be 1,004,551 and with County Tax reads 1,112,551. Motion by Jean Daley to have the corrections amends the articles. Seconded by Jim Lambert Voice approved. Proceeded with meeting.

ARTICLE FOUR: To raise and appropriate \$620,579 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
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

TOTAL TOWN CHARGES 620,579

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

MOVED BY: Helga Mueller

SECONDED BY: Jean Daley

DISCISSION: None Voice PASSED No Nays

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

MOVED BY: S Arnold Shields

SECONDED BY: Gary Danielson

DISCISSION: None Voice PASSED No Nays

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.

MOVED BY: S Arnold Shields

SECONDED BY: Robert Elder

DISCUSSION: How do we as a Town verify assesses? The Selectmen goes over with the applicant the State forms and their income tax 1040 forms needed to verify limits to qualify. Why does the Town need to do this at all? Our assessments doubled so we feel the exemptions for the elderly should kept up the increase. Exemptions are there to help residents who are on fixed incomes. The age levels are staying the same just increasing income levels with this article. Why can't we help the younger people in town that needs help also? This exemption is for the elderly only age limits are set by State legislators. Towns have welfare assistants for the younger residents. There is an abatement process also in place for anyone who disagrees with his or her assessment for taxes.

Voice PASSED a few nos

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, 11l 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

MOVED BY: Fred Shipman

SECONDED BY: John Metcalf

DISCUSSION: None

Voice PASSED

No Nays

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.)

MOVED BY: Sam Rounds

SECONDED BY: Jean Daley

DISCUSSION: How is five years considered quarterly? The Town will be revalued each year in one quarter of the town. In the fifth year they will activate the precise four years valuation with adjustments for the current market values. By keeping up with assessments we're hoping we will not be forced to have a complete revaluation as we did this last year. The State was willing to work with us last year with all our troubles. They are very willing to help the Town with anything we need as long as we are trying. So the board is saying we will not see a change in values for the next four years except for new construction and in fifth year is when assessment will change? Yes, our C.O.D. should stay within 10% of 100% market assessed value which is where the State what's it to be.

Voice PASSED a few Nos

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.)

MOVED BY: Chris Davidson

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: What 1000 feet is this going to be? Informally hoping for ½ way up hill to Dale Fields. If this money is not in the summer, winter or subsidy budgets why doesn't this go out to bid? If put out to bid was told it would cost closer to \$250,000, will need to have engineered plans. It was again stated that a majority is all this needs not a ballot vote. Why isn't this in Road Agents budget? Can Chris break this cost down? (See

attachment A). Bill Hamilton speaking for this article stated he has been in town for 35 years and nothing has been done on Indian Pond Road. He urges the town do fix it right. If this article were to pass it would be \$30,000 not the \$124,000? Correct. Chris has a 10-year plan for all town roads. What does this article have as a 2" Base and 1" Wear for road? (See attachment B). It was brought up that neither Lily Pond nor Church Street has a wear coat why start new project. Shouldn't we finish these old jobs first before starting new! Church Street does have a wear coat from Route 10 to Fred Shipman's Garage but Lily Pond Road doesn't. Lily Pond Road will be done this year out of the subsidy account. Article called

Voice PASSED few Nos

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.)

MOVED BY: Helga Mueller

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: Jean Daley asks to amend article to read the balance of the Fund be removed from Expandable Trust. Seconded by Helga Mueller. Voice PASSED on amendment. S. Arnold Shields moves article as amended. Seconded by Bill Hamilton. Is this a complete cost for the bridge-Yes. (See attached list C from Chris) Is this a guaranteed cost or are you coming back for more money? Could but don't see any unforeseen problems and has built in for cost inflation. Frank Rodimon asks for clarification on article- Road Agent is asking for 27,000 dollars (difference from expandable fund) along with all the Bean Brook Bridge Expandable Trust. That is correct the fund is gaining interest every day until we withdraw funds so it could be less because of this.

Voice PASSED No Nays

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

MOVED BY: Chris Davidson

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCISSION: Is this for calcium chloride? We would like to try a new product –magnesium (lasts for 3 months at a time) later on use calcium chloride (use ever month). Katy Blaine asks if this is toxic because she lives with children down from the town garage? It's in a sealed storage 3,000 tanks and it passed CA EPA standards and they are the toughest. It doesn't need special care. It's non-toxic and non- flammable. George Smith expressed a concern that the Road Agent was to have his own equipment to be road agent. He was under the assumption this was so the town wouldn't own equipment except for the grader? Yes this is true but in pass the town has owned smaller items. Does it go in back of pickup? It can be mounted in any 6 to 10 wheeled dump trucks. Do we need this on our dirt roads \$12,000 seems like a lot of money? Another storage tank we don't need! The town has 11.2 two lane dirt roads out of 19 miles for the calcium chloride application not only does it slow down dust but the dust causes 5% of road base to decrease. Do we really need this at all? CALLED the article.

Show of hands Yes 71 No 43 CALL for recount
Division of House Yes 44 No 48 CALL for ballot vote
Recessed for voting. Audience went through Checklist for a ballot vote.
Yes 39 No 51 article FAILED

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).

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Ellen Putnam

DISCISSION: This should be done indivially not as a town article.

Voice PASSED a few No

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.

MOVED BY: Ellen Putnam

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCISSION: None Voice PASSED

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

MOVED BY: Gary Danielson

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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.

MOVED BY: Fred Shipman

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Barbara Fitzpatrick

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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.

MOVED BY: Helga Mueller

SECONDED BY: Fred Shipman

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED a few Nos

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.

MOVED BY: Helga Mueller

SECONDED BY: Sam Rounds

DISCUSSION: Bill Morris, speaking for the conservation committee, explained that they now get 10% of curreant use release. What will be done with this money? Hopefully to buy land, but now it will go into an account to raise enough funds to buy land so it won't be subdivided. Fred Shipman asks what kind of fund is this money in and how is it spent? Checking account what is the five-year projection on curreant use release money? We have a few subdivisions in the works and it could get to be a large amount but who really knows. Curreant Use Release is based on 10% of market value of land coming out of curreant use. Helga Mueller, chairman of the conservation committee, states they are receiving the lowest percentage around the area. Chris Davidson remarked that at a meeting he was at recently with the Land Trust of New Hampshire they remarked that Piermont has the most land conserved in the State. This should be enough. Does committee need a vote of town to spend this money? Helga reads article that first established the conservation committee that states they have to come before the town to spend any money at all. George Smith, in his opinion, the town needs to support the committee but not with this article. It should be done by a line item in budget not by curreant use release. When White Mountain National Forrest come off the tax rolls the tax on that parcel went from \$30,000 to \$3,000 – do we need more off tax rolls? Select board stated that there isn't much coming out of curreant use once it goes in. They feel the Town needs this revenue to help keep taxes down and for services a development would present for the Town. What amount is in this account now? Neither (Bill or Helga) had any idea what is in the account. The Select board pointed out that there is a lot of land in conservation in Town today. Fred Shipman makes motions to amend article to read 50% of curreant use release fees and to have conservation committee have a small operating fund also they have to come before the town to spend anything else. Abigale Underhill seconded. Bill Morris is against this amendment – what if the committee needs a fast deposit for a quick buy? The committee can call a special meeting of the town to discuses with town's people the buy. What is operating expenses for the committee? David Ritchie, committee treasurer, states about \$150. per year. Katherine Johnson remarked that the committee is a valuable asset to the town and we should have a respectable budget for their use. Fred Shipman and Abigale Underhill withdrew motion for the amendment. Selectman pointed out we could loose thousands of dollars over 10 to 15 years in taxes if this article passes. Don Mitchell pointed out the fact that

with taxpayers' money used to buy this land it also takes it off the tax rolls. In essence we would be paying twice for the same land. Chris Davidson CALLED Article, John Metcalf seconded. Voice passed to move article - Show of Hands Yes 31 No 43

Ballot FAILED

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.

MOVED BY: Chris Davidson

SECONDED BY: Tom Elliott

DISCUSSION: Where would this go? Not sure but maybe on the property adjacent to the old dump site.

Voice PASSED

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

PASSED OVER (article 10 passed)

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

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Bill Cahill

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Chris Davidson

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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.

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Sam Rounds

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Abigale Underhill

DISCUSSION: By passing article 8 do we need this article? If we have to do a revaluation for the State this would help out. After 4 years we need not but in any more money we will be on the revaluation cycle.

Voice PASSED a few Nos

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

MOVED BY: Tom Elliott

SECONDED BY: Roy Belyea

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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.

MOVED BY: Helga Mueller

SECONDED BY: Steve Rounds

DISCUSSION: None Voice PASSED

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

Alex Medlicott would like to recognize Captain Tom Elliott and Nancy Cole for they are leaving the Fast Squad. Standing ovations was given.

George Smith would like to thank Bob Lang for stepping in after he said he would not run and ran for another three-year term after no one filed.

The Piermont Puddle (swim hole) wasn't opened in 2006- why? New regulations mean new equipment plus needs some repair work. Does the Town want the Puddle kept open? There was a show of hands to keep it open. Recreation Committee Chairman stated they already have, as a line item, \$1,500 for testing and start up of the puddle in 2007.

Gary Danielson thanks Joyce Tompkins for standing in when Moderator Shields got ill on such short notice.

Katherine Johnson would like to thank Emily Shipman for her starting up the Market Place in town at old store lot. The town really does need it and everyone enjoys the vendors' products.

Robert Ritchie stood up for Bill Deals moment of silence for those who have passed away.

S.Arnold Shields moved to adjourn

Abigale Underhill seconded

Voice Passed Adjourned at 9:50.

Selectmen, Chairman
Robert Lang

Submitted by Town Clerk,
Linda Lambert

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Ambulance Service		10,635.00
Auditors Expenses		8,500
CASA	Article 12	0
Cemeteries		6,800
Community Action Outreach	Article 15	950
Dispatch Service		8,403.48
"Dump" Wells Monitoring		11,489
Fire Truck Payment		54,029.98
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	Article 16	1,450
Hwy Summer		60,647.81
Hwy Winter		81,821.9 0
Hwy Subsidy		31,093.00
Indian Pond Road	Article 9	124,350
Bean Brook Bridge	Article 10	-46,152.41
Library		33,500
Lower Cohase	Article 17	362
Memorial Day		412
Preservation of Town Records	(see Town Clerk Report)	0
Revaluation	Article 8	12,000
Street Lights/ Brinkers		5,103.90
Trust Funds	Articles 19-25	53,000
Visiting Nurse All. VT/ NH	Article 13	3,160
Welfare		7,774.32
White Mt Mental Health	Article 14	600

ITEM	BUDGETED	ACTUALLY	PROPOSED
	2007	SPENT	2008
Assessors Pickups (changes)		4,970.75	2,500
Auditor Expenses	8,500	8,500	9,500
Cemeteries (note 2)	11,700	6,800	11,200
Conservation Committee		118	2,000
Contingency	2,000	0	2,000
Dispatch Services	7,777	8,403.48	8,611
Elections	3,000	1,825.61	5,000
Fire Dept/Fast Squad	32,680	32,862.69	38,480
Fire Truck Payment	40,223	40,451	38,836
Highways/Bridges-Summer	60,000	60,647.81	62,800
Highways/Bridges-Winter	60,000	81,821.9	65,000
Hwy Subsidy (note 3)	31,093	31,093	32,376
Insurance	13,000	9,098.86	9,500
Interest	500	6,828.96	5,000
Legal Expenses	15,000	6,354.48	10,000
Library (note 5)	42,865	33,500	42,865
Memorial Day	500	412	1,500
Misc.	500	531	500
Officers Expenses	27,000	30,017	25,000
Officers Salaries	52,860	44,376.51	54,000
Planning BD/Zoning Bd Expenses	10,000	12,831.99	10,000
Police Dept	38,200	37,237.7	46,684
Public Welfare	25,000	7,774.32	15,000
Recreation and Swimming Prog	7,000	6,774.84	7,000
Revaluation Payment		12,000	12,000
Shelving for Safe			2,000
Solid Waste Disposal (note 4)	37,901	32,874.01	39,908
Street Lights/Blinkers	4,500	5,103	5,500
Tax Maps	800	0	800
Test-Monitoring Wells (recycling)	12,000	11,489	11,000
Town Buildings	25,000	22,444.73	25,000
Upper Valley Ambulance	10,615	10,635	10,635
Village Sewer System (note 1)	40,365	37,743.09	34,243
	620579	605,520.73	646,438 TOTAL

2007 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land		
Current Use (at C.U. values)	1,532,887	
Conservation Restriction	281,800	
Residential	32,205,019	
Commercial/Industrial	2,006,750	
Buildings		
Residential	49,612,630	
Manufactured Housing	768,250	
Commercial/Industrial	4,590,740	
Public Utilities		
Electric (includes Phone-no land)	846,405	
Valuation Before Exemptions		91,844,481
Elderly Exemptions	532,780	
Solar Exemptions	1,950	
Blind Exemption		
Total Exemptions		534,730
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed		91,309,751
Utilities		
Central Vermont Public Service	1,042	
New England Power Co.	58,035	
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	485,802	
Evans Evans and Evans	121,797	
Public Service of NH	78,871	
Total		745,547

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2007 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: PIERMONT

Barbara J. Polunin
11/9/07

Gross Appropriations	972,351
Less: Revenues	437,520
Less: Shared Revenues	2,371
Add: Overlay	2,957
War Service Credits	24,200

Net Town Appropriation	559,617
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	559,617	TOWN RATE
		6.13

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	1,575,689
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(430,865)

State Education Taxes	(203,798)	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	941,026	10.31

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.24		STATE SCHOOL RATE
90,981,428		203,798	2.25
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
90,463,346			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
Pay to State →	0		

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	116,317
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,032)

Approved County Tax Effort	115,285	COUNTY RATE
		1.26

Total Property Taxes Assessed	1,819,726	TOTAL RATE
Less: War Service Credits	(24,200)	19.95
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	1,795,526	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	90,463,346	2.25	203,798
All Other Taxes	91,309,751	17.70	1,615,928
			1,819,726

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Bldgs.-Selectmen-Library, FireDept.Hwy.Garage	259,540
Furniture & Equipment	20,000
Land-Selectmen-Library, Fire Dept.,Hwy.Garage	284,250
Equipment-Fire Department	430,000
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	355,210
Bean Brook Road Land	56,830
Highway Equipment	94,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	36,810
Schools, Lands and Buildings	961,810
Cemeteries	37,740
Piermont Sewage District Land	37,740
Fire Ponds	40,950
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	82,000
Sarah Moore Lot	40,000
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	111,280
Equipment-Police	30,000
TOTAL	2,878,160

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

Professional Association /Accountants & Auditors

November 26, 2007

RECEIVED NOV 28, 2007

Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Piermont
P.O. Box 67
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Members of the Board:

As we have tried to keep you aware through letters throughout the past year, auditing standards have been changing drastically. The latest set to *affect* our audit procedures are the risk assessment standards (AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards Nos. 104 - 111). These standards require that we as auditors, obtain a more in-depth understanding of each client and its internal controls to identify the risk of material misstatement from error or fraud, and what the client does to mitigate the risks. They also require a much more rigorous assessment of the risks of how and where the financial statements could be materially misstated, and an improved linkage between the assessed risks and the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures performed in response to those risks.

We have sent some of our directors and senior staff people to various training programs to ascertain the type of procedures that we must now follow in all of our audit engagements. It appears that the time to complete an audit will increase significantly, in some cases by as much as 50%.

Because of this projected increase in time and the finite number of audit staff that we have (coupled with the retirement this year of one of our directors), we have come to the unfortunate conclusion that we are going to have to discontinue services with some of our clients. This decision was not reached lightly as we have had longstanding engagements with many of our clients. In determining which clients to terminate, we have considered many factors, including time of year, distance, difficulty or ease of completion, number of staff required, hours to complete, etc.

We therefore, wish to let you know that we will not be able to perform your audit for the year ended December 31, 2007. We are sorry that we have not given you more notice, but we have had to meet several times in order to make these decisions. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best. We will be available to provide copies of work papers to your new auditor to assist in the transition.

We are still awaiting the certification in order to finalize your audit report for 2006. As soon as we receive that certification, we will send you the management representation letter to be signed, and will let you know if there are any other items required at that time.

Yours truly,

Sheryl A. Pratt, CPA Director

SELECTMENS REPORT FOR 2007

The year 2007 was a challenging year for Town Officials. We saw the Camp Walt Whitman Case returned by the New Hampshire Superior Court back to the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board must try to reach an agreement with Camp Walt Whitman on the limits of the Camp size. Amperes plus support staff)

I know many people were surprised when they got their tax bill. For the most part the same people who attended the Town Meeting do not go to the School Meeting. The actions of both groups on warrant articles pushed the tax rate up by 23 ½%.

The most discouraging episodes was the letter we received on November 28,2007 from our auditors: Plodzick and Sanderson, (see page). Because of the timing of the letter were unable to have your audit done in January as we always have had done. We just recently found an auditor who will be able to do the audit in the spring of 2008.

Finally in December we had” the changing of the guard” in the Police Department; Mr. Robert Garvin replaced Mr. Stephen Medeiros. The Board of Selectmen made Mr. Garvin, Police Chief.

I THANK Bill Daley and Mark Fagnant for their efforts in Town offices for the year 2007.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Lang Chairman of the Board

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT 2007
SUBMITTED TO TREASURER**

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1,210)	119,691.47
Motor Vehicle Titles (110)	220
Dog Licenses, Fines (186)	1,514
State sticker fees	2,732.50
Other (Fees, Permits, Zoning Books, etc.)	290
	124,447.97

REMINDER***ALL DOGS OVER 4 MONTHS OLD MUST BE LICENSED.
2008 TAGS ARE IN BUT YOU NEED PROOF OF RABIES TO OBTAIN LICENSE

You noticed that last year Article 5, I asked the town for \$3,000 to continue the preservation of Town records.

We received a grant from the Conservation Plates (Moose Plates) from the State that covered this and much more. We first received an appraisal of what we need from Dartmouth Collage. From this workup we got 2 sets of shelves, some acid free boxes to store your already preserved books, a new dehumidifier, thermo system to keep an eye on conditions in safe from outside safe, plus a few smaller items to help preserve our records. All vital record books are know done and hopefully we can start on other town records that don't qualify here (minutes, deeds, etc).

We had \$10,000 to spend (only on Vital Records). We didn't spend all of this amount but we did get everything the grant would allow (we spent \$5,800).

I personally would like to thank all MOOSE PLATE owners for contributing to this fund. The extra you pay for your plates goes into this fund and made available to Towns.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2007

Uncollected taxes –Beg of Year		
Property Taxes		335,508.09
Resident Taxes		1,000.00
Yield Taxes		5,605.53
Utility		3,391.09
Revenues Committed –This Year		
Property Taxes	1,797,247.68	-400.66
Resident Taxes	4,250.00	
Land Use Change	3,610.00	
Yield Taxes	7,328.93	
Excavation Taxes	43.00	
Utilities	27,130.00	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	1,058.27	7,415.68
Penalties Collected	2,684.36	1,638.50
TOTAL DEBITS	1,843,352.24	354,158.23

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	This Year	Prior Years
Property Taxes	1,548,533.53	289,264.58
Resident Taxes	3,080.00	600.00
Land Use Change	3,610.00	
Yield Taxes	7,328.93	5,605.53
Excavation Taxes	43.00	
Utilities	24,165.25	3,391.09
Interest	1,058.27	4,018.90
Penalties	1,867.39	1,400.53
Conversion to LIEN		44,491.36
Abatements Made:		
Resident Taxes	240.00	300.00
Property Taxes	1,708.13	5,026.24
Uncollected Rev – Year End		
Property Taxes	247,822.99	
Resident Taxes	930.00	60.00
Utilities	2,964.75	
TOTAL CREDITS	1,843,352.24	354,158.23

TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES

Unredeemed Taxes-Bal at Beg of Fiscal Year	30,048.93
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	44,559.36
Interest Collected After Execution	6,551.16
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	<u>81,159.45</u>

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:	35,661.14
Abatements	908.26
Interest Collected	6,458.35
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Lien	38,131.70
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>	<u>81,159.45</u>

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2007

TAX CURRENT YEAR	
PROPERTY	1,540,801.77
RESIDENT	3,080.00
YIELD	10,266.65
GRAVEL TAX	43.00
INTEREST & PENALTIES	12,871.32
TAXES PRIOR YEARS	
PROPERTY	335,307.25
RESIDENT	650.00
YIELD	5,605.54
CURRENT USE	3,610.00
REDEMPTIONS	31,559.77
REDEMPTIONS INTEREST	6,276.35
STATE & FEDERAL	
REVENUE DISTRIBUTION	7,854.00
BLOCK GRANT	31,093.42
FORESTY	3,229.00
CAPITAL RESERVE INCOME	149,786.39
ROOM & MEALS	30,811.79
OTHER SOURCES	
RENT OF TOWN PROPERTY	750.00
MOTOR VEHICLE & TITLES	119,911.47
ELDERLY TAX LIEN	3,941.74
M A FEES	2,732.50
DOG LICENSES & FINES	1,597.50
PAY TO THROW	18,720.20
RECYCLING	3,346.96
TRUST FUND	18,456.51
PLANNING BOARD FEES	613.69
ZONING	135.00
BUILDING PERMITS	160.00
INTEREST INCOME	3,494.04
ELECTRIC (LIBRARY)	611.55
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY	500.00
INSURANCE REBATE	67.00
INVESTMENT RECEIVED FROM MSB	100,000.00
DONATIONS	305.00
RECREATION INCOME	145.00
OTHER	519.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,448,853.46
BEGINNING BALANCE	299,627.56
TOTAL	2,748,481.02
LESS EXPENDITURES	2,420,083.16
BALANCE 12-31-06	328,397.86

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

Town Officers Salaries

Robert Lang	Selectman	2,500
Mark Fagnant	Selectman	2,000
William Daley	Selectman	2,000
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	13,957.5
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	7,010
Linda Lambert	Administrative Asst.	3,362.5
Katy Blaine	Deputy Town Clerk	3,549
James Lambert	Treasurer	4,725
Jean Underhill	Bookkeeper	926.25
Elizabeth Bayne	Bookkeeper	1,717
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	955
Wayne Godfrey	Emergency Mangement	174.26
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	1,000
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	500
	TOTAL	44,376.51

Town Officers' Expenses

Animal Control Expenses		315
Bank Charges	Fees	20
Branham Publishing	Books	718.69
Charter / Electric	Internet/Electric	611.55
Commerford, Nieder Perkins	Assessing- pickups	6,270.75
Conferences	All Officers	987.23
FICA		3,445.85
Fletcher Printing	Town Report	2,875
Giddings Mfg.	Signs	152.1
Grafton County	Filing Fees	280.32
Elizabeth Bayne	Reimburstments	361.73
IDS	Dog tags	71.74
Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender	Updates for law books	344.43
Linda Lambert	Remibustments	655.46
NEBS	Checks	355.98
New England Micrographics	Microfilm storage	75
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks	Dues	60
NH Dept. of Agriculture	Dog Licenses	489.5
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	Dues	25
NHMA	Dues	20
Philatelic Fulfillment Center	Stamped Envelopes	695.25
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	Annual Fee	100
Postmaster	Postage & box rents	1,899
Ross Business Center	Copier repair	139.95

Staples	Supplies	1,608.22
Press	Notices	736.31
Verizon	Phone	348.46
Legal Expenses		6,354.48
	TOTAL	30,017

Election and Registration

Ace Blueprint Services		54.7
Everett Jesseman		90
Geraldine Wood		81
Lou Hobbs		90
Peggy Fullerton		208
Linda Lambert		776.15
Ellen Divan		90
Russell Woodard		90
Vea Jenks		90
Joyce Tompkins		108
Four Corners Store		97.76
Tuck Press		50
	TOTAL	1,825.61

Town Buildings

CVEC/PSNH	Electricity	1,710.86
Perry's Oil	Old Church Bldg.	3,053.99
Perry's Oil	Repairs	352.71
John Metcalf	Labor- Yard Maintenance	1,409
K&R Portable Toilets	Town Garage	1,125
Bob Lang	Misc Supplies	208.99
FICA		118.43
Godfrey Enterprises	Cleaning	469.97
Verizon	Old Church Bldg.	348.46
Patten's Propane	Town Office Heat	952.62
Terry Robie	Repairs/Railing/Police Station	8,750
Piermont Sewer	Sewer.	1,945
Misc Exspenses		1,565.84
Yard Supplies	Maintenance	433.86
	TOTAL	22,444.73

Police Department

Robert Garvin	Labor & Expenses	448
Steve Medeiros	Labor & Expenses	15,249
Greg Collins	Labor & Expenses	2,646.5
Camden Elliott	Labor & Expenses	1,963
Verizon & Charter	Telephone & Internet	1,879.52
Training		1,628
Gasoline		1,150.21

Gall's Inc.	Supplies	1,320.55
NH Dept. of Safety	Certification & books	635.57
Ccorey's Sport Shop	Equipment	2,281.81
Pikcomm Communications	Install Radios	111.75
Mileage		94.09
Police Cruiser		836.95
Quartermaster	Equipment/ Uniforms	2,842.04
Fica Expense		1,482.82
Staples	Computer & Supplies	2,116.94
Repairs & Maintenance		280.06
Misc		270.89
	TOTAL	37,237.7

Planning and Zoning Boards

Journal Opionion	Notices	475.95
Helga Mueller	Secretary/Expenses	750
Register of Deeds	Recording	63.39
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	ZBA- Camp Walt Whitman	5,337.03
UVLSRPC	Regulations -Dues	812
Postmaster	Box Rent Postage	272.6
Gardener Fulton & Waugh	ZBA -Faustini	4,957.27
Misc	Legal	163.75
	TOTAL	12,831.99

Fire Department

Diesel Fuel		474.41
Orford Service Center	Batteries	351.74
Charter & Verison	Internet & Telephone	761.96
PSNH	Electricity	2,411.25
Station House Supply Inc	Supplies	787.5
Perry's Oil Service	Fuel Oil	3,913.77
Training		4,440
Four Corners Store	Gasoline	293.64
Misc		349.42
Air Compressor		250
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Materials	187.38
Truck Supplies/ Repairs		2,304.02
Mileage		307.39
Publis Safety	Traffic Cones	669.15
Motorola	Radio/Pager	527.5
Twin State Mutual Aid	Dues	200
UVRESA Inc	Dues	50
Fire Barn	Equipment	3789.98
Visa	Parts and Signs	746.95

FICA		653.13
Dred Warehouse	Forestry	868.87
Roy Belyea	Fire Warden	48.8
Wayne Godfrey	Deputy Warden	41.68
Aaron Rich	Firemen	390.94
Austin Hogan	Firemen	478.42
Bruce Henry	Firemen	654.41
Cory Austin	Firemen	294.01
Cory Collins	Firemen	113.18
Dana Hartley	Firemen	414.93
Glen Putnam	Firemen	565.55
Greg Collins	Firemen	438.44
James A Mauchly	Firemen	460.73
Jeff Huntington	Firemen	552.44
Jim Putnam	Firemen	206.71
Keith Brick	Firemen /Chief	1,516.88
Matthew Prince	Firemen	471.31
Michelle Metcalf	Firemen	571.29
Richard Dion	Firemen	540.9
Roy Belyea	Firemen	341.68
Steven Daly	Firemen	378.25
Wayne Godfrey	Firemen	44.08
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	SUBTOTAL	32,862.69

Fast Squad

Speare Memorial Hospital	Pharmacy	427.24
Defibulator / Pads		1192.86
Training		195
John Monaghan	Supplies	319.9
Upper Valley Ambulance	Books	60
Misc	Supplies	36
	SUBTOTAL	2231

TOTAL 35,093.69

Insurance

Local Government Center	Liability	8,853.84
Acadia Ins.	Indian Pond Rd	312
	TOTAL	9,165.84

Solid Waste Disposal

Floyd Marsh	Trucking Recyclables	680.
PSNH	Electricity	203.35
White River Paper	Plastic Bags/Labels	4,636.97

Northeast Resource Recovery	Paper removal	50.
Linda Godfrey	Labeling bags	234.08
C M Davidson	Glass bunker	70
NH State Treasurer	Recertifications	100
Propane Heater	New Equipment	299.24
Haulers	Trucking Recyclables	988.41
Misc.	Supplies	424.84
Don's Auto	Tire disposal	460.
John Metcalf	Labor	2368.40
John Metcalf	Mileage	55.29
Normandeau Trucking	Waste Disposal	13,808.45
North Country Council	Hazardous Waste	316.43
Rick Stygles	Labor	2,006.59
Abby Metcalf	Labor	376.43
Wayne Godfrey	Labor	4,622.95
Randy Dunbar	Labor	294.94
Perry's Oil	Propane	22.43
FICA		782.46
Training		72.75

SUBTOTAL 32,874.01

Pay as you throw Income	-18,720.20
Recycling Fees & Sales	-3,346.96

TOTAL 10,806.85

Recreation Field & Swimming

Lake Testing	461
Swim Program	1,400
Baseball	1,072.84
Track	267
Supplies	Expenses 2,352
Trophies-Soccer	682
Little League Dues	540
	TOTAL 6,774.84

School District	1,199,137
County Tax	116,317
Total	1,496,011.

INDIAN POND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION 2007

ARTICLE 9

124350

Equipment Rental

Tool Barn	Bale Chopper	290	
C. M. Davidson Inc.		23,572.50	
Dwight Young	Truck Gravel	630	
Bill Cassidy	Crane	800	
			25,292.50

Sub-Base 8,390

Drainage

Ferguson Waterworks		10,007.23	
C. M. Davidson Inc.		18,600	
Appleton Transport	Truck Sand	4,050	
Pike Industries, Inc		22,733.52	
WB7RL Martin Inc	Stone	9,763.5	
			65,154.25

Alan Dyke Blasting 15,168.55

Fuel 1,020.73

Common Excavation 5,630.

Clearing/ Grubbing 2,637.50

Material 1,056.47

TOTAL 124,350

BEAN BROOK BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

ARTICLE 10

174,400

Equipment Rental

Conn Valley	Move exca.	300	
C. M. Davidson Inc.		19,800	
			20,100

Concrete		11,485
Drainage		
Ferguson Waterworks	1,719.19	
C. M. Davidson Inc.	650	
Oakes Bros	664.30	
		3,033.59
Fabricate PPC	Voided Slabs	46,281.00
Fuel		5,900.95
Common Excavation		7,055
Clearing/ Grubbing		6,000
Material	Backfill	2,969.50
Engineering		
Joseph Carrara & Son	2,200	
CM Davidson	2,650	
		5,850
Erosion Control		480
WR & RL Martin	Stone	17,499.55
Ferguson Waterworks		1,593
	Total to Date	128,247.59
	Total Project Cost	<u>174,400</u>
	Balance to Finish	46,152.41

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT
Regular Account 2007 Highway Expenditures

Winter Budget

C. M. Davidson, Inc.-Lease Equipment		20,854.5
C. M. Davidson, Inc	Plowing/Labor	55,274.5
Kibby Equipment, Inc	Parts	287.15
Cargill Salt		5,084.13
Blaisdell Sand		2,504.7
Howard Fairfield	Repairs	731.66
Tenco New England	Repairs-Plow Shoe	194
Cold patch		62.78
Repairs		168.15
Communications		105
Fuel Oil		2,466.02
PHNH	Electricity	819.81
	TOTAL	88,552.4

Summer Budget

C. M. Davidson Inc.	Drainage	11,609.5
Ferguson Waterworks	Drainage	319.05
Conn Valley Trucking	Move Equipment	750
C.M.Davidson, Inc.	Grading	31,961.09
Rodimon Excavation	Dump Truck	630
Morrill Construction	Trucking	780
Blaisdell Gravel		2,545.36
Aggregates		
Blaisell Sand and Gravel		7,093.09
Pike Industries		160.65
Chief Logging		263.44
WaHathchland	Ttopsoil	336
Repairs & Maintenance		786.87
Fuel	Diesel	3,303.49
PHNH	Electricity	109.27
	TOTAL	60,647.81

SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

C.M.Davidson, Inc.	2,536.65
Bigalow Paving-Indian Pond Rd /Lily Pond Rd	19,003.10
Pike Industries	6,875.22
In Rock, Inc Indian Pond Road	822
PSNH- Electric	312.09
Fuel & Oil	1,530.38
Oakes Bros	13.56
Total expenditures	31,093

Road Agent Report for year 2007

Bad news first- Bean Brook Bridge. As many of you know the project did not get completed this summer. I take full responsibility for the delays that have occurred. In March of 05', when it became apparent that the town wished to proceed with the project, I called the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, and verbally reviewed the project. It was the conclusion that a permit was not needed due to the work limits being outside of the existing abutments, and limits were way outside of the stream limits. A disclaimer was made by DES that plans should be sent in for review and a recorded determination. I felt the approximate amount of \$5,000 needed for plans, could be better spent on the project itself. While removing the existing bridge, the existing abutments crumbled, and were not able to be used as a "coffer" dam. After the bridge was removed, within a window of intense rain, the site was reported to DES for possible infractions of siltation. On July 12th the enforcement division of DES wetlands made a site visit and shut down the project while further investigations were made. Although no siltation violations were found, they did require more erosion control measures be installed. The enforcement officer from DES that had initially visited the site, left her post within DES soon after the visit. This led to some confusion and not a clear direction in which to proceed. After weeks of calls to DES, they sent another enforcement officer to the site to review if a permit was needed. No permit determination was made at this time, but a detailed set of plans was requested to allow others to determine if in fact a permit was needed. The plans were submitted on or about August 2^S with an expedited review request. More stream flow data was needed, and a review letter from the NH Natural Heritage Bureau. This data was compiled and sent resulting in the application deemed administratively complete on November 20. The expedited request was misfiled and never was sent to the commissioner's desk. After checking status of the project at various times it was clear that it had not made an expedited review. I resent the request directly to the commissioner and it was approved. The DES reviewer received the plans on or about December 24, and a permit was issued December 26. We have proceeded with the project when it is feasible and prudent. Footings, stems, and wingwalls can be completed but the bridge deck absolutely needs sustained temperatures of 52° or more. This of course, will put us into April. At this time, the project will still be within budget as most of the materials that fluctuate, have been purchased I deeply apologize to all who have been inconvenienced, the obvious intention was to be completed in October of 2007.

The winter budget for 07 was over around \$28,000. As we all might know by now it is impossible to budget a NH winter. As I believe was always the case, the

December billings have fluctuated as to when they were paid. If expenditures were over budget, they were paid in the next fiscal year, if the expenditures were below budget; they were paid in the current year. We obviously did this to cushion any overages, and hope the next year was more accommodating. As seen by the last 12 years of budgets this has worked out fairly well. The Town Treasurer has suddenly taken exception to this policy and claimed payments from 07' must go in the 07' budget. With December expenditures being one of the highest I remember, +/- \$21,000, combined with, I believe, December 06' within this years expenditures the result is \$28,000 over budget.

Indian Pond project was a great success. The project was within 4% of budget, with the slight overage taken from the Subsidy Account The overage caused by a more destructive than normal thunder storm that wiped out about 300' of newly installed under drain and sand.

The summer budget requested is \$62,000;

Aggregates	\$20,000
Mowing	\$5,000
Grading	\$5,000
Repairs	\$4,000
Equipment lease	\$25,000
Town Garage	\$1,000
Propane	\$2,800

The winter budget requested is \$65,000;

4 Months @ \$12,000 per month	\$48,000
Sand	\$ 8,400
Salt	\$ 8,400

There are three warrant articles concerning roads. Two of the articles are provided to give the town a choice. The first article request \$173,000 to reconstruct 2000 linear feet of Indian Pond. This project complies with the 10 Year plan. The simple scope of work is to pulverize existing pavement, geo-textile fabric, minor drainage improvements, select materials, and base and wear course of pavement. The existing road has deformed

severely with the wheel path rutted. Winter maintenance is very difficult within this section; salt usage increases three fold, and to actually get a clean road.

The next article is within the same area but just provides a choice of a scaled down version.

The third article is to start finding towards the reconstruction of Barton Road Bridge. The Bridge target reconstruction date is 2011. This simply starts saving towards that endeavor. I will contact the State of New Hampshire to get estimates going through the state bridge program, with my preliminary to estimate using town forces is \$225,000.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Davidson

Road Agent

ROAD AGENT BUDGET FOR 2008

Winter:

Equipment Lease

Average \$12,000/ month Eq

Jan, Feb .5, March .5, Nov, Dec= 4Months @12,000. \$48,000

Sand 600Cubic Yards @14 \$8,400

Salt 7 Loads @\$1,200 \$8,400

Misc \$200

TOTAL \$65,000

Summer:

Aggregates (labor and fuel included) 20,000

Mowing 5,000

Grading (labor and fuel included) 5,000

Repairs 4,000

Equipment Lease (fuel included) 25,000

Town Garage (Electrical service update) 1,000

Propane 2,800

TOTAL \$62,800

**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT- FINANCIAL REPORT
2007 RECEIPTS**

INCOME

Grant	680,698.79
Interest Inc	162.61
Other Inc	37,743.09
TOTAL INCOME	718,604.49

EXPENSES

Advetising	263.43
Bond Payment	267,717.62
Dues	100.00
Fine	800.00
Legal	1,150.77
License Renewal	50.00
Maintenance	70.00
Mileage	1,212.41
Payroll Taxes	1,875.75
Pumping	3,060.00
Rent	1,500.00
Salary	8,180.66
Sewage Project	424,213.82
Testing	2,552.00
Training	90.00
Utilities	163.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	713,000.33

OVERALL TOTAL 5,604.16

Sewage Department – 2008 Budget

Operation & Maintenance:	400	
Operator's Salary	8,200	
Assistant Operator's Salary	800	
FICA Expense	800	
Waste Water Testing	1,200	
Waste Water Testing Mileage	1,000	
Bookkeeping	325	
Tax Collector	325	
Legal Expense		
Electricity	200	
Pumping Tanks	3,000	
Mowing & Cleanup	1,100	
Plowing	1,082	
Land Lease	1,568	
Special Projects	800	Cut Brush, Rem Debris, Etc
Training	100	
Granite State Rural Water Assoc. Dues	100	
	Subtotal	21,000
Rural Development	6,642	
Bond Bank Payment	1,880	
Bond Bank Payment	4,721	
NHDES Aid Grant	30%	-8,500
	TOTAL	25,743
Sewage Fees for 2008:		
Long Term Debt-: 21,000 divide 35	600	
Operation & Maintenance: 4743 divid 36.5	130	
		730

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2007

January of 2007 brought technology changes to Piermont Public Library. PPL upgraded the library bldg: piermontlibrary.hlospot.com. Library staff and Piermont Village School students continue to contribute to this blog, which includes information about library hours, library events, new material (books, DVDs, video, audio-books, music CDs, etc.).

In February, Our Gates Staying Connected Technology Grant for the NH State Library Downloadable Audio Books Program began after librarians received training by Bobbi Slossar, NH State Library. Now, the MP-3 players are often on loan to patrons. During 2007, 33 patrons have checked out 261 Downloadable audio books, most of which are downloaded at home. Remarkable access to listening material.

We signed on to the Piermont Historical Society's program, Adopt-A-Piermont School, collecting information and giving support to townspeople who were researching a "chosen" school. The first school was approved by a special town meeting on Nov. 25, 1775. There were a total of 17 schools to research for a grand local history project.

March brought a guest speaker, NH author Titia Bozuwa, who spoke to our 7/8 graders before their spring trip to Washington, D.C. All students read her book, *In the Shadow of the Cathedral*, about growing up during World War II in Holland. Adult patrons read her memoir, *Wings of Change*, life as a young wife of a physician struggling to be American. A book discussion and potluck supper was held at Helga Mueller's home.

A Celtic Musical Program ushered in a cool April evening. On his 12-string guitar, Sean Kelly, sang Irish and Scottish ballads accompanied by his wife, Marianne. We had an exceptional audience at the old church building.

Refreshments were served.

May's book discussion was *A Century of November*, winner of the Michigan Literary Fiction Award, by W.D. Wetherell, a writer from Lyme, NH. Discussion was led by Joe Medlicott, of Piermont Library Board and Discussion Leader for head, institute for Lifelong Education At Dartmouth.

Memorial Day Weekend was full of festivals: our annual book sale (\$276) and the culmination of the Adopt-A-Piermont School Project.

The June PPL Board Meeting was delayed when a bear detained Helga Mueller, Board Chairman, in her garage. We are sporting new boards in our outdoor sign installed by George Tompkins and painted by Joyce Tompkins and Margaret, Librarian. George also made two bulletin boards for library displays.

Summer Reading hummed along in July with 33 participants, with each receiving a "Reading Road Trip" bookmark and a bike license, a mechanical pencil and

colored mini-pen. As a final reward, all readers enjoyed an ice cream from our own Four Corner Store. Top readers were awarded t-shirts. It was a yummy Reading Road Trip Summer.

September brought an increase in donations of books in good condition. Many were added to our diverse collection. A thank you goes to the townspeople for their generosity and support.

Abraham Lincoln came to Piermont in October, organized by Lydia Hill, school librarian. Miss Alyvia and Sergeant Michael, both eighth grade students dressed in authentic Civil war costumes, introduced Abe to students, community members and two local news reporters. "All stand!" commanded Sergeant Michael as President Lincoln strode into the room. The rousing and contemplative talk by Lincoln was followed by lost of questions from students. Check our library blog for pictures of Mr. Lincoln and students.

The end of the year brought publicity, building improvements, and progress on projects.

In the November/December issue of Upper Valley Life magazine, local writer Polly Tafrate wrote a "Tale of Two Libraries," featuring Piermont and Bradford. Helga Mueller also writes about our library doings for the Journal Opinion, which we appreciate.

The town installed new porch railings, which have dressed up our building. A job well done. The Board Trustees, Helga Mueller, Betty Hall, Marian Shields, Joe Medicott, Joyce Tompkins, Stephanie Gordon, and Nancy Sandell, have been working through the year on the library's Long Range Plan, making good progress.

Circulation: Piermont Public Library:	9156
Piermont Village School:	<u>2264</u>
Total	11420

2007 Materials acquired: (books, CDs, DVDs, etc.)608
(Of the 608 items, 210 were purchased.)

2006 Collection.....	<u>14620</u>
Total	15228

Visits by Patrons3486

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Ladd, Librarian
James Meddaugh, Assistant Librarian

**PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT
EXPENDITURES: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2007**

2007

LIBRARY EMPLOYEES:

Librarian	13,324.00
Assistant Librarian	8,095.50
Social Security & Medicare	1,638.59
Worker's Compensation	-

LIBRARY SERVICES:

Books	3,342.68
Magazines & Newspapers	365.02
Audio/Video	234.00

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS:

257.09

OFFICE EXPENSE:

Office Expense	390.82
Library Supplies	784.21
Office Equipment	2,381.46
Accounting Fees	2,500.00
Advertising	-
Postage/Box Rental	126.42
Miscellaneous	7.75

MAINTENANCE:

Cleaning Service	1,300.00
Snow Removal	-
Repair & Maintenance	45.39

UTILITIES:

Electricity	300.41
Fuel Oil	2,411.35
Telephone	610.23
Internet Service	261.30

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Travel	200.00
Dues & Fees	255.00
Course Fees	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 39,339.30

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT
REVENUE: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2007

	<u>2007</u>
Memorial Gifts	1,086.18
Fines & Replacements	-
Copier fees	25.00
Book Sales	276.00
Encumbered Funds Prior Year	-
Programs For Public	-
Transfer For Non-fiction	1,560.87
Piermont School	700.00
Miscellaneous Income	12.54
Town Appropriation	33,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 37,160.59
Cash Account Balance 12/31/07	\$ 10,062.22



This is Sophia Gardener who was awarded Piermont's Boston Cane in 2007. The Boston Cane goes to the oldest resident in Town who has lived here over 25 years.

Piermont Public Library

Category	2008 Budget
Book Sales	500
Copier	200
Donations & Misc.	1,000
Interest Earned	15
Reimb. From Restricted	7,350
School Use	700
Town Draw	33,500
Total Receipts	43,265
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Gross Wages	23,816
Payroll Taxes	1,822
Accounting	2,500
Worker's Comp	80
Books Rented	800
Books Purchased	3,500
Mags/Newspapers	450
Downloadable Audio	400
Video & DVD	200
Library Supplies	700
Office Expense	700
Office Equipment	1,000
Cleaning	1,400
Rubbish & Snow	100
Landscape	100
Repair & Maint.	300
Electricity	800
Fuel Oil	2,500
Telephone	650
Internet Service	300
Travel	150
Dues & Fees	250
Course Fees	100
Advertising	60
PO Box & Safe Dep.	100
Postage	125
Programs	250
Miscellaneous	200
Totals Expenses	43,353
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Operating Balance	(88)

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT 2007

Dear Citizens of Piermont, I submit my animal control report for 2007. I handled a variety of calls this year from suspected cruelty to nuisance calls. I work closely with the police, humane society and NEW HAMPSHIRE SPCA and also the dept of agriculture if needed.

I issued one written warning for dog running loose and issued one fine for failure to license. I try not to issue a lot of fines but sometimes this is the only way people will obey the law. This year there were 19 people on the list for unlicensed dogs. Almost everyone complied once I spoke to them, but some had to be reminded again. The law says once the select board signs the warrant you are subject to a fine of \$25.00 per dog. I'm not required to come and remind you as you have already had a letter and phone call by the time warrant is signed to comply. Once the civil fine is issued you have 15 days from the date issued to comply, if not, a summons shall be issued to district court.

For the year I responded to 42 calls.

Sincerely

Wayne B. Godfrey

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Town of Piermont

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

In 2007 the fire department took delivery of our new engine, which has been a huge asset to the town the truck had a very busy first year and worked nearly perfect with only a couple small glitches.

In 2007 eleven piermont firefighters participated in state certifications totaling over 3000 hours of training, which took the fire department from 0% state certified to 72% state certified fire fighters. Please be sure to thank these guys this was a big commitment for them and there families, classes two nights a week and on Saturdays for nearly a year. In 2007 calls were up again we had more structure fire calls than ever this year be sure too check your smoke detectors, in most cases when people die in fires they did not have working smoke detectors so protect yourselves and check them often.

Calls for 2007 were as follows: 8 structure fires, 10 car accidents, 4 odor investigations, 4 medical aid, 7 cover assignments, 6 down power lines, 1 car fire, 3 misc, calls And as always we are looking for a little more help so don't hesitate to give a call if interested in joining.

Respectively Submitted

Keith Brick Fire Chief



Thanks goes out to the following fire fighters for completing the extra 280 hour training:

Keith Brick	Jeff Huntington	Bruce Henry	Richard Dion
Aaron Rich	Glen Putnam	Matt Prince	Andy Mauchly
Cory Austin	Michelle Metcalf	Dana Hartley	

Piermont Police Department
Proposed Budget

<i>Category</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>Difference</i>
SALARIES				
Chief	\$18,200.00	\$17.50/hr x 20 hrs/wk		
Part Time Officer	\$7,280.00	\$14/hr x 10 hrs/wk		
Part Time Officer	\$7,280.00	\$14/hr x 10 hrs/wk		
Holiday	\$0.00			
Details	\$0.00			
TOTAL	\$32,760.00		\$19,546.50	\$13,213.50
TRAINING				
Chief	\$350.00	\$17.50/hr x 20 hrs		
Part Time Officer	\$280.00	\$14/hr x 20 hrs		
Part Time Officer	\$280.00	\$14/hr x 20 hrs		
TOTAL	\$910.00			
8 hrs mandatory/year + 12 hrs (1 hr/month x 12 months)				
FIREARMS TRAINING				
Chief	\$140.00	\$17.50/hr x 8 hrs		
Part Time Officer	\$112.00	\$14/hr x 8 hrs		
Part Time Officer	\$112.00	\$14/hr x 8 hrs		
TOTAL	\$364.00		\$1,565.00	(\$291.00)
8 hrs mandatory/year per PSTC				
OPERATIONAL				
Gasoline	\$2,000.00		\$1,150.21	\$849.79
Cruiser Maintenance	\$850.00		\$836.95	\$13.05
Uniforms	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Firearms and Ammunition	\$800.00		\$0.00	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$2,561.66	(\$1,561.66)
Telephone & Internet	\$1,850.00		\$1,815.38	\$34.62
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00		290.06	(\$290.06)
Community Programs	\$200.00		\$0.00	\$200.00
Legal	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Dispatching	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
New/Replace Equipment	\$1,000.00		\$6,464.92	(\$5,464.92)
Dues/Workshops	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
FICA Expense	\$2,450.00		\$1,457.91	\$992.09
Miscellaneous	\$500.00		\$363.89	\$136.11
TOTAL	\$12,650.00		\$14,940.98	(\$2,290.98)
GRAND TOTAL	\$46,684.00		\$36,052.48	\$10,631.52

**Piermont Police Department
Budget Comparison**

2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Actual	2008 Difference
\$46,684.00		

2007 Proposed Budget	2007 Actual	2007 Difference
\$32,680.00	\$36,052.48	\$3,372.48

2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Actual	2006 Difference
\$42,000.00	\$41,982.00	(\$18.00)

Labor		
Training		
Gasoline		
Cruiser Maintenance		
Uniforms		
Firearms and Ammunition		
Office Supplies		
Telephone & Internet		
Repairs & Maintenance		
Community Programs		
Legal		
Dispatching		
New/Replace Equipment		
Dues/Workshops		
FICA Expense		
Miscellaneous		

Labor	\$19,546.50	
Training	\$1,565.00	
Gasoline	\$1,150.21	
Cruiser Maintenance	\$836.95	
Uniforms	\$0.00	
Firearms and Ammunition	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$2,561.66	
Telephone & Internet	\$1,815.38	
Repairs & Maintenance	290.06	
Community Programs	\$0.00	
Legal	\$0.00	
Dispatching	\$0.00	
New/Replace Equipment	\$6,464.92	
Dues/Workshops	\$0.00	
FICA Expense	\$1,457.91	
Miscellaneous	\$363.89	
	\$36,052.48	

Labor	\$24,778.00	
Training	incl. above	
Gasoline & Mileage	\$4,826.00	
Cruiser Maintenance	\$2,695.00	
Uniforms	\$2,010.00	
Firearms and Ammunition	\$719.00	
Office Supplies	\$230.00	
Telephone & Internet	\$1,446.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$638.00	
Community Programs	\$0.00	
Legal	\$298.00	
Dispatching	\$0.00	
New/Replace Equipment	\$1,695.00	
Dues/Workshops	\$1,109.00	
FICA Expense	\$1,538.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
	\$41,982.00	

The past year offered new challenges to our FAST family. We bid a very fond yet sad farewell to Tom and Sandy Elliott, who had been strong, capable and compassionate members for 12 years. Their leave-taking left a void that required four people to fill. I continue to miss Tom and Sandy deeply, but am continually gratified by the willing and able assistance offered by our members as we work together to meet our numerous requirements.

Currently our membership includes Barbara Fitzpatrick, EMT-B, Alex Medlicott, EMT-B, John Monaghan, EMT-B, Ellen Putnam, EMT-I, and our newest member, Dana Hartley, EMT-B. As always, we encourage anyone who is interested in making a positive impact on our community to contact us so that we may help you enroll in an EMS class. We welcome your participation.

In 2007 we responded to 46 EMS calls, most of them medical, and one of them mutual aid to Bradford. We provided educational and helpful materials to the school and our community, and made presentations in the school during National EMS week. We purchased two new AED units, one to replace our outdated station-based unit, and one to donate to our Police Department for them to carry in their cruiser. We are working to help the school and Four Corners Store obtain CPR training for all employees, so they will be well prepared to use their on-site AED units if necessary. We have had regular trainings ourselves, some with Piermont Fire Department members, so that we maintain our skills and certifications. We have taken on our new statewide protocols, and in complying with them have provided each member with Epi-Pens for use in treating anaphylaxis.

We have asked this year for an additional \$500, as keeping Epi-Pens will cost us at least that much annually, even with careful purchasing practices. Our budget of \$2500 will be used for educational costs, supplies including oxygen, and necessary equipment.

Your Piermont FAST members would take this opportunity to strongly encourage all households to consider purchasing a subscription to Upper Valley Ambulance (UVA). This annual \$40 program covers every member in your household for necessary emergency transport by UVA with no further cost to you. If you have no insurance coverage, or your insurance doesn't completely cover the transport, the amount not covered

is written off. This may be the cheapest insurance you will ever find. If you have questions, ask a FAST member, or call UVA. The subscription forms are available at the Town Clerk's office.

We welcome your interest in our squad, and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen A. Putnam, Captain

Proposed Fire Department Budget 2008

Telephone/Internet.	750
Air Compressor	250
Heating Oil-Propane	4500
Electricity	2500
Payroll	7500
Fire Chief Salary	1000
FICA	600
Forestry	900
Radio Repair-Supplies	500
Training	2000
Mileage	1000
New Equipment	6500
Fire Ponds	1000
State Fire Assoc. Dues	300
Gasoline	400
Diesel	2880
Test Equipment	400
Truck Supplies and Repairs	2500
Mutual Aid Dues	250
Computer Supplies	250
Fast Squad	2500
Total Proposed Budget	38,480

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORTS

I want to thank Piermont residents for their cooperation in preventing uncontrolled burns. Although burning permits are not needed when the ground is covered with snow, it is advisable to notify Hanover Dispatch at 353-4347 of your planned burn. The smoke from your fire can cause concern from your neighbors or passing motorists and they may call 911. Prior notification will hopefully prevent an unnecessary alarm and visit from the fire dept.

Permits are required for all other outside burning and campfire permits are written for the entire season. Please seek a permit for larger fires the day before or the day of the planned burn, as weather and wind conditions are factors.

Permits may be obtained from Roy or Eileen Belyea (272-4886), Wayne Godfrey (272-5802), Michelle Metcalf (272-4301) and Berk Nicol (764-5721).

Roy Belyea, Piermont Fire Warden

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

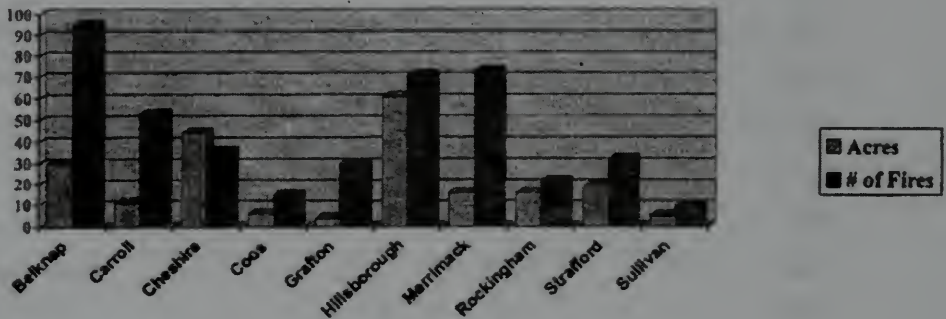
Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		2007	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5		437	212
Debris	197	2006	500	473
Campfire	38	2005	546	174
Children	22	2004	482	147
Smoking	41	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc. *	119 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

PIERMONT PLANNING BOARD 2007

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
Mark Fagnant, ex-officio

At the April election of officers William Morris was re-elected chairman and Peter Labounty, vice chairman. Selectman Mark Fagnant joined the Board as the ex-officio member in March.

The Board took the following actions in 2007:

Flood Plain Management Ordinance - Following a public hearing in January, the Board adopted amendments to the Piermont Flood Plain Management Ordinance in order to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. The voters at the March Town Meeting approved the amendments.

Piermont Master Plan - Work continued on updating the 1991 Master Plan. At year-end the Board started compiling the completed sections. 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 the Natural Resources chapter of the Master Plan.

Other Business - In February the Board held a public hearing on a petition to amend the Piermont Zoning Ordinance by adding provisions for a building permit system and the hiring of a part-time building inspector.

The voters at Town Meeting defeated the petition, which appeared as an article on the 2007 Town Warrant.

The Board worked on making changes in existing Articles 4 through 8 of the Piermont Subdivision Regulations in order to clarify discrepancies in language and to make it easier for applicants to find information on procedures to follow when applying for subdivision.

Approvals granted by the Board in 2007:

Jacques Ludman, 4-lot major subdivision on Cape Moonshine Road, Tax map R6, Lot 1; James Trussell, 2-lot subdivision on Winn Road, Tax Map R20, Lot 49-1; Spiess/ Underhill, lot line adjustment off Indian Pond Road, Tax Map R8, Lots 12/13; Ciola and Pryor, lot line adjustment, on Route 25C, Tax Map R12, Lots 14/17; Shawn Rogers, voluntary merger, on Arron Road, Tax Map R11, Lots 14 and 24-50; John Ellsworth, voluntary merger, on Route 10, Tax Map R20, Lots 3 and 4; Cameron Prest, voluntary merger, on Route 10, Tax Map R20, Lots 52 and 52a.

In addition to above approvals, the Board held a conceptual hearing on a proposed 26-lot subdivision on Route 10 by Stacey Thomson Properties Ltd, Tax Map R2, Lot 3; a conceptual hearing on a proposed -2-lot subdivision on Route 10, by Tim Lamarre, Tax Map R20, Lot33A; and a conceptual hearing on a lot line adjustment on Route 25C by Don Mitchell, Tax Map R13, Lots 10/12.

William Morris, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT of the ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT 2007

On September 10, 2007, the NH Supreme Court issued a decision on the Camp Walt Whitman case remanding “the matter to the ZBA to determine whether the Camp impermissibly expanded its nonconforming use. The ZBA may, in its discretion, hold such further proceedings as it deems necessary.” The Board now awaits notice from the Superior Court that we may proceed.

In the matter of the Musty-Faustini v. Piermont, the Superior Court in October denied several motions by Musty-Faustini, but has not yet set a date for a hearing on the merits.

In other business:

The ZBA denied an application by John Aldrich for a Variance to subdivide a lot on the west side of Lake Armington. The lot lacks the required Town road frontage.

The ZBA approved an application by Mike and Terry Hogan for a Special Exception to operate a hair saloon and commercial vegetable prep kitchen at 15 Church Street.

The ZBA approved an application by Fred Shipman for a Special Exception to operate a flea market at 2 River Road.

The ZBA voted to continue a hearing on an application by Annette Coughlin for a Special Exception to operate a music school at the Congregational Church, until such time that an issue with the building’s septic system is clarified.

The ZBA approved an application by Fred Shipman for a Special Exception to operate a market for itinerant vendors at 2 River Road.

The ZBA heard a conceptual and informal proposal by Tim Southerland who would like to purchase two existing lots on Lake Tarleton, combine them, tear down an existing house and build a new, larger house 50 feet from water’s edge. Southerland was advised of the Town’s 75-foot water setback requirement, NH Shoreline Protection statutes and NH Wetlands Bureau regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman,
Chairman

PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2007

Monthly meeting 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; Ernie Hartley; Chris Jacobs; and Charles Grant.

As of December 31, 2007, the Town's Conservation Fund contains \$1,677.49. The Underhill Canoe Site Fund, in a CD at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank, contains \$3,700.14. In addition, the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of the Piermont Town Forest and Trails on Bedford Road contains \$4,491.90. Contributing to the Conservation Fund are 10% of the revenue from current use changes and 10% from logging on Town-owned properties. In 2007, the Fund realized \$531 from current use changes.

Natural Resource Inventory

Members of the Commission are continuing to work on the Natural Resource Inventory, started in 2006, with many sections already completed. We anticipate completing the inventory in 2008 and are asking the Townspeople at the 2008 Town Meeting to support our effort and appropriate \$1,750 for technical support from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission in compiling the inventory.

Piermont Town Forest and Trails

The site on Bedford Road is managed by the Commission for recreational and educational purposes. It serves as an outdoor science lab for Village School students to learn about nature and forest stewardship. This year, a new crop of kindergartners learned about maintaining a healthy forest by planting red pine seedlings under the guidance of Ernie Hartley and forester Eric Underhill. Organized by Pam Hartley, Village School instructional aide, an all day, all school, nature study workshop was also held at the site. The site incurred a lot of damage in April due to a nor'easter. Eric Underhill and Ernie Hartley and other members of the Commission did remedial work and logging.

Townspeople are encouraged to use the trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Canoe Campsites

Both the Underhill Canoe campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access, which are managed by the Commission, had a successful year with many positive comments from canoeists. The sites 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 2007, volunteers George and Joyce Tompkins, Mike Poole, and Helga Mueller collected water samples in June, July, and August. This year, the NHDES Volunteer Lake Assessment Program entered into an agreement with the research laboratory at Plymouth State University where the samples were taken for analysis. Since water quality monitoring started in 2002, the water quality in all three lakes has consistently been good with only minor spikes in e-coli bacteria usually occurring at the State Park beach in July.

Other matters

In November two Commission members attended the Annual Meeting of the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions and participated in workshops on Natural Resource Based Planning, the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act, Wetlands Permitting, and the NH Wildlife Action Plan.

The Commission applauds the Lake Tarleton Association for its continuing effort to protect the lake from milfoil and other invasive plants by participating in the N.H. Lakes Association's "Lake Host Program." Charley Muntz, coordinator of the program, reports that thanks to a \$3,000 grant from the N.H. Lakes Association, the Association was able to employ three Piermont residents to staff the Lake Tarleton Boat Access from June through Labor Day checking boats entering and leaving the lake for milfoil. The \$3,000 grant was matched by several volunteers who contributed \$2,427 in volunteer hours. A total of 660 boat and trailer inspections were conducted and fortunately no invasive weeds were found.

During the year, members of the Commission received and followed up on several wetlands complaints and monitored logging activities in Town. Property owners are reminded 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 water or wetland. If in doubt about any activity near a stream or wetland, please contact a member of the Commission. We are also available to assist with establishing conservation easements or for any other conservation concerns.

Helga Mueller, Chairman

**PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BUDGET FOR 2008**

The Piermont Conservation Commission is requesting a line item in the 2008 Town Budget in the amount of \$2,000 for the following expenses:

Technical support for completing Natural Resource Inventory	\$1,750.00
Workshops, dues, books	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$2,000.00

Planning Document

- Edit current Natural Resource Chapters prepared **by the Conservation Commission.**
- Prepare the background natural resources narrative and associated tables and charts. Provide descriptive statistics.
- Conduct an assessment identifying the natural resource protection tools in place.
- **Outline options for** conservation action.
- Provide **2** copies of bound **document.**

Assessment and options **for** conservation **action** will require **meeting** with the Board **for comment**

35 hours @ \$50/hr = **\$1,750.00**

(This is under the assumption that the Conservation Commission will provide Word documents or some electronic form of what has been written to date.)

Piermont Recreation Committee 2007 Report

The Piermont Recreation Committee's goal is to provide a large variety of recreation activities for all ages. This past spring we continued T-ball for youngsters and added Minor league baseball to Piermont. It was great to see baseball back at Piermont! Track and field was also offered for students in grades 4-8 and they attended the Middle School Championships in Claremont NH. This spring we sponsored a successful cribbage tournament with about 28 players participating.

During the summer we sponsored a horseshoe tournament, which was won by our own Piermonters Rob and Ben Elder. We also paid for a three week swim program at Indian Pond so all Piermont residents could take swim lessons at no cost.

In the fall the PRD held the 2nd annual soccer tournament. The tournament was a great success as we increased the tournament to 8 teams this year. This tournament provides co-ed teams the opportunity to compete against their own level. During the peak of foliage season we offered a trip up Mt. Cube in Orford. About 15 hikers enjoyed the trip up to a great view and gorgeous weather. A second cribbage tournament was held this fall as well.

This winter we are putting a skating rink together by the bank. Fred Shipman has generously offered his great location for the rink. We are hoping to have it ready by mid- January. This winter we also are donating \$400.00 for a new scoreboard at the Piermont Village School from fundraising money.

This coming year we are looking to start a Major league baseball team in Piermont, provide scholarships to Piermont students who would like to attend summer camps, provide a babysitting course to be certified, and continue to provide recreation activities to the town.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered and the coaches for all their time, energy, and hard work! THANK YOU!!

The PRD is always looking for new ideas and volunteers. We meet on the 3['] Monday of the month at 7pm. Please feel free to come to any meeting.

Proposed budget for Piermont Recreation Department for 2008

• Baseball (dues, uniforms for majors, equipment)	\$1,450.00
• Swim program	\$1,750.00
• Soccer tournament	\$ 500.00
• Track (meet dues)	\$ 200.00
• Infield dirt	\$1,250.00
• Dugouts, foul poles	\$ 950.00
• Miscellaneous (paint, lime etc., advertising)	\$ 500.00
• Soccer goals	\$ <u>500.00</u>

PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2007

The Society was founded 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, fundraisers, and donations from generous benefactors.

At the Annual Meeting held on April 29 a slate of officers was elected. Helga Mueller will serve as President, Gary Danielson as Vice-president, Fred Shipman as Treasurer, and Joyce Tompkins as Secretary. Lloyd Hall continues as Director of Preservation and Betty Hall as Director at Large. Proposed changes to the bylaws were accepted. A copy of the bylaws is available for those interested. Annual meetings will be scheduled each year in April or the beginning of May.

On Memorial Day a rather extraordinary exhibit opened at the Historical Society. The Adopt-A-Piermont-School Project was developed and supported by the Piermont Library, the Piermont Historical Society, and the Piermont Village School. The best part of the project, however, was the wonderful involvement of members of the community. During its history Piermont had more than 14 schools, and Piermont families or individuals adopted each school. The participants then researched their schools and produced presentations for display in the Historical Society. We were fortunate enough to have access to school registers and town reports dating back to 1861 as well as the Piermont History 1764-1947. During research sessions it was hard not to share the interesting tidbits one came upon, including comments written by teachers and questions answered in registers. We delighted in reading that although some schools had no maps or research materials they did have plenty of ventilation! Students from the current Piermont Village School conducted interviews of longtime Piermont residents who had attended Village schools. These interviews were video taped and became part of the exhibit. Following the Piermont Memorial Day Parade the public was invited to view the exhibits, and researchers shared with each other their findings. More than ninety people came through the exhibit and pored over the informative and creative display boards. Positive comments abounded. It was a wonderful example of community spirit and we are richer for the experience.

The next focus of the Society should be to catalog the many materials that have been acquired. We thank the many Piermont residents who have shared their historical treasures with the Society.

Although the Society continues to maintain rooms over the library we now enjoy a spacious room in the Old Church Building in which to hold our exhibits.

We invite you to become part of the Society. Membership dues are \$5.00 for a regular member, \$3.00 for a junior member and \$50.00 for life membership. If you are over eighty years of age you are entitled to a free membership. Dues may be mailed to the Piermont Historical Society c/o Fred Shipman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, N.H. 03779.

Those wishing to visit the Historical Society may call Helga Mueller at 272-4359 or Joyce Tompkins at 989-5804. We are open to suggestions from Piermont residents for future exhibitions and are currently considering a series of guided tours of historic sites within the town.

Helga Mueller - President

TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT-2007

Dear Piermont Residents: I'm pleased to submit my 2007 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 prices have held steady and high for paper and steel. Plastic still is not paying at all, but if I can ship both a paper and plastic load together. I get two loads hauled for the price of one. That is why sometimes when you come in, the plastic will be piled way high. I'm trying to get the best deal for your tax money. Also, the high cost of steel helped keep our totals down as some people who have large amounts of scrap iron choose to truck it themselves and get paid. Where, if it were low, they would bring it in to Piermont.

Trash for the year was 126.11 tons, up from last year's totals of 119.34. 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. It cost \$118.53 per ton to dispose of trash and \$00.00 to recycle. In other words, we covered the recycling cost and on top of that we made \$2358.55 or we got paid \$21.10 a ton to recycle. Also the bag sales income and other fees totaled \$18720.20. Cost to run the waste program was 19585.02. A loss of \$864.82, which shows a price per bag is just about

right. The town is not in the money making business, just trying to cover our cost. So if you are not recycling I wonder why. If you cut down on your waste, your cost for bags will go down for the year.

On the recycling side of things, it shows a drop from 2006 for a total 111.73 tons of recycled items. This does not include weights added to the compost pile. Some of the difference may be when loads went out. Last year's totals were 128.83, and breaks down as follows: for 06

GLASS	15.52 tons
PAPER	60.09
PLASTIC	9.24
STEEL	25.52
OTHER METALS—ALUMINUM CANS, ETC.	1.36 TONS

This is a 47 % 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! This puts us above many NH towns. According to state figures released for 2006, the state avg. is only 20.6%. We are only one of a handful of towns to recycle this much. You can view this report @ www.des.nh.gov/SWTAS/pdf/rec_mun.pdf

The per capita expense to dispose of solid waste in NH is approximately is \$77.00, so figure that out in Piermont it works out to a little over 56 thousand dollar budget. I believe we run a very cost effective operation even though I had many of you come in and say I'm ripping you off. There were two different days when the compactor was full and I had to have a truck come to take the trash for those two days. The charge was \$680.00 for 2.72 tons of trash. That works out to \$250.00 a ton or a little over \$4.00 a bag.

There are many people who help keep recycling working in Piermont from the employee's to the town's people themselves. There is one who I would like to mention in this report who does a lot for little or no pay that is Chris Davidson. For example, he keeps our dumpsters all knocked down so we don't have to move the containers so often, thus allowing us to get more weight per load thus saving on costs. One example of this was the weekend after Christmas. In that two day period the 30 yard dumpster was running over. If he had not flattened it down, it would have had to been shipped out, but we were able to get another week in it. By doing this we were able to get a check versus paying for trucking. In other words, the

load paid for itself and we made money. He also keeps the glass flattened so we are able to ship 15.52 tons on one load. If we didn't have it flattened, the bunker would be full and need to be shipped out at least 3 times a year. He also didn't charge for the hour loading the glass. I can remember when we had the open top containers for trash. Every time it needed to be flattened it cost \$30.00 each time. I used to budget \$900.00 just for that purpose. For the whole year, Chris charged a total of \$70.00. He could very well charge every time for it but he chooses not to. There are many other items he does to help out.

Sincerely,
Wayne F. Godfrey
Recycling Manager
Town of Piermont

2008 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Normandeau Trucking	15,457.00
Salary	10,983.00
FICA	853.00
Training	320.00
Electric	285.00
Recycle Hauler	1000.00
Plastic Bags for recycling	130.00
State Recertification	100.00
Light Bulb Recycling	220.00
Paint Recycling	500.00
Metal Removal and rental	1100.00
Tire removal	875.00
Haz Mat Day	1460.00
Bags and Labels for PAYT	4600.00
Maintenance on Compactor	550.00
Propane for Heating Office	75.00
NRRA Dues	50.00
Computer / Upgrade	550.00
Electronics Recycling	800.00
Total	39,908.00
Income from Sale of Bags and other fees-estimate	-19500.00
Total Tax Money Needed	20,408.00

ANNUAL REPORT - 2007
Upper Valley River Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Upper Valley Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and 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. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the third Monday evening of every other month at the Thetford Bicentennial Building. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.oit.

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

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Wells River, Woodsville, and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for new signs in 2008. Visit the Byway at 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 every other 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
for an electronic copy of this report, please contact
Adair Mulligan at 603-795-2104 or adair.rnulligan@2lcr/c.org.



ANNUAL REPORT of the TRUSTEES of TRUST FUNDS 2007

Lou Hobbs retired as a Trustee of Trust Funds and Cemeteries in September of 2007. We will miss Lou. He had been a Trustee of Trust Funds, Cemeteries and Sexton since 1983 and did a great job. This past summer he had a chance to sell his house in Piermont and move to Woodsville to a more modest retirement home. We will miss him. Thank you Lou!

The Selectmen appointed Abby Metcalf to fill out Lou's term as Trustee of Trust Funds and Cemeteries. Welcome Abby!

As the financial markets "softened" this past year, the fund's income and capital appreciation were a bit behind the performance of 2006. Piermont funds are invested in low risk, and therefore, lower yield investments earning what is 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 principal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman,
Bookkeeping Trustee

ANNUAL REPORT of the CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2007

Lou Hobbs retired as Sexton of the Piermont Cemeteries in September of 2007. He had been a Trustee of Trust Funds, Cemeteries and Sexton since 1983 and did a great job. This past summer he had a chance to sell his house in Piermont and move to Woodsville to a more modest retirement home. We will miss him.

Thank you Lou!

Trustee of Trust Funds and Cemeteries Jean Underhill took on the Sexton's responsibilities when Lou left and has already showed that she will be up to the job.

The work at the new section of South Lawn Cemetery continued. This coming year we hope to start on the fence and roadway as funds permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick W. Shipman,

Bookkeeping Trustee

TOWN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES EXPENDAL TRUST FUND

For Recreational Facility- Cash Equivalent

December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/2007	
Shares Purchased	<u>5,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/2007	5,000.00

TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/07	16,171.34
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	<u>709.18</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/07	21,880.52

TOWN FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles-Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/07	14,457.71
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Income Earned	<u>637.01</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/07	25,094.72

TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
 For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund
 December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	4,148.59
Income Earned	184.58
Shares Purchased	<u>5,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/07	9,333.17

TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
 For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund
 December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/07	31,811.28
Income Earned	<u>1,415.41</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/07	33,226.69

TOWN BEAN BROOK BRIDGE EXPENDABLE TRUST
 For the Repair and Maintenance of Bean Brook Bridge - Cash Equivalent Fund
 December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/07	145,492.88
Shares Purchased	0
Shares Sold	149,786.39
Income Earned	<u>4,293.51</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/07	0

TOWN BRIDGES EXPENDABLE TRUST
 For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges - Cash Equivalent Fund
 December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance 1/1/07	41,361.25
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Income Earned	<u>1,840.33</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/07	48,201.58

TOWN RECYCLING/TRANSFER EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/07	4,831.09
Shares Purchased – See Note	3,000
Income Earned	<u>212.87</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/07	8,043.96

Note: Funds deposited to this account were credited in 2006. The amount cannot be determined until the end of year, as it comes from the annual recycling income.

TOWN BEDFORD LOT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance, 1/1/07	4,303.18
Income Earned	
Ending Balance 12/31/07	4,491.90

HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
For the Support of the Town
31-Dec-07

Name of Investment	Year Beginning Market Value	Capital Gain Reinvested	Dividend Income	Year End Market Value
American Balanced Fund	356,777.50	8,253.53	9,754.16	370,394.63
Capital World Growth & Income Fund	141,115.71	11,237.43	3,870.34	161,726.06
Growth Fund of America	134,393.40	8,410.32	1,469.05	147,615.81
Washington Mutal Investors Fund	209,754.78	11,673.10	4,272.11	213,899.85
	842,041.39	39,574.38	19,365.66	893,636.35

CEMETERY TRUST FUND
for the support of the cemeteries December 31, 2007

Name of Investment	Year Beginning Market Value	Capital Gain Reinvested	Dividend Income	Year End Market Value
Growth Fund of America	29,004.13	1,815.07	317.04	31,857.71
Washington Mutual Fund	45,268.25	2,519.23	921.98	46,162.82
American Balanced Fund	76,998.00	1,781.24	2,105.10	79,936.80
Capital World Growth	30,454.89	2,425.20	835.28	34,902.86
TOTAL	181,725.27	8,540.74	4,179.40	192,860.19

Cemetery Payments

Asa Metcalf	-288.00
Bank of America	-50.00
Jean Underhill	-275.00
Local Government Center	-22.00
Louis Hobbs	-225.00
Oakes Brothers	-25.70
Piermont Plant Pantry	-10,204.2
The Shipman Company	-715.00
Twin State Fertilizer	<u>-211.20</u>
USPS	-26.00
	-12,042.18

Cemetery Receipts

Alex Medlicott & Kristi Medill	525.00
DIV American Funds	4,674.87
Elizabeth O McCoy	50.00
Hale Funeral Home	<u>400.00</u>
Interest Earned	18.30
Piermont Plant Pantry	87.00
Ricker Funeral Home	325.00
Thomas & Barbara Stevens	<u>750.00</u>
	<u>6,830.17</u>

Cemetery Trustees

Reconciliation for Year Ending		12/31/07	
Beginning Cash Balance as of	1/1/07		\$12,935.71
Receipts			\$6,830.17
Disbursements			(\$12,042.18)
Ending Cash Balance as of	12/31/07		\$7,723.70
Bank Statement Balance as of	12/31/07		
Checking, WGSB #23104015			\$6,408.50
Deposits Outstanding as of	12/31/07		\$1,315.20
Checks Outstanding as of	12/31/07		\$0.00
Reconciled Balance			\$7,723.70

Vital records for 2008

BIRTH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Blowey, Aiden Michael	02-15-2007	Chris	Valerie
Root, Peter Louis	04-10-2007	Chris and	Beata
Rich, Evan Jonathan	05-06-2007	Arron and	Patience
St, Laurence, Ethan Michael	05-17-2007	Michael and	Jennifer
Wagstaff, Eliza Kelly	06-17-2007	Erik and	Rebecca
Sargent, Kylee Emily	07-22-2007	Samantha	
Betz, Kylee Angelina	07-27-2007	William and	Susan
Miller, Ryan Prescott	09-04-2007	Sean and	Kim
Rodimon, Jonathan Aaron	09-19-2007	Chris and	Crystal
Hogan, Nathan Thomas	09-28-2007	Matthew and	Joanne

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Labay, Beulah	02-18-2007	Piermont, NH
Nelson, Deborah	02-19-2007	Piermont, NH
Oakes, Lottie	03-19-2007	Whi Ri Junc, Vt
Hartley, Ernest	04-11-2007	N.Haverhill, NH

MARRIAGE

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brown, Kevin	Piermont, NH	Parker, Malinda	Piermont, NH	02-10-2007
Godfrey, Wayne	Piermont, NH	Martin, Linda	Piermont, NH	06-02-2007
Sales, Eric F	Florence, ma	Medlicott, Emilia	Piermont,, NH	08-18-2007
Eastman, Justin	Bradford, Vt	Scott, Jaimie	Bradford, Vt	09-02-2007
Robie, Mark	Piermont, NH	Miller, Elaina	Orford, NH	09-15-2007
Hynes, George	Piermont, NH	Hathaway, Wendy	Piermont, NH	10-20-2007

**REQUESTS
FOR
PARTICIPATION
AND
DONATION**



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 seventh year, the Chamber has seen its membership (businesses, non-profits & individuals) grow to 163. As we grow, we are working to be pro-active to the changes in the regional retail and travel & tourism climate, while keeping our mission in the forefront. Some of our projects and goals:

- We continue to lead 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
- 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. Due to its popularity, we are increasing the number of copies to be produced for 2008 and will be distributing them to local businesses in both New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as rest areas and welcome centers in both states.

A free listing and web page, or link to a web site, on the Business Directory of our website, www.cohase.org, our primary source for marketing the area. Our web site was dramatically upgraded this year.

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

- Networking through Chamber-sponsored events, including Business After Hours.
- Sponsoring, or co-sponsoring, The Whole Hog Music & BBQ Festival, Paddle the Border, The Alumni Hall Photography Contest, and Farmer's Markets to attract tourism to our area.
- Reporting on important business issues and events in our newsletter, *The Cohase Connection*, and through timely e-mail communications directly to our members.

- Offering access to affordable group health and dental care for businesses in either Vermont or New Hampshire. This year we joined the New Hampshire Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives which allows us to become a gateway to health insurance in New Hampshire. Our partnership with the Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives has allowed us to offer health care to Vermont businesses; 111 Vermont residents are currently participating in these plans.
- The Web Site and the Map/Brochure are valuable resources for residents as well as visitors, with information on town governments, schools, and area businesses, as well as a community calendar and links to many sites with pertinent information.
- Fostering communication between the town governments, merchants associations, 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:

The Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 35
51 Main Street
Wells River, VT 05081-0035
Phone – (802)- 757-2549

Email address – jinjowell@sover.net (Judy Jowell, Executive Director)

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
*Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of
Piermont*

The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit organization providing home healthcare, hospice, and maternal child health services for over 100 years. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort of their home, our services are provided to all in need, regardless of ability to pay. Last year, the VNA & Hospice provided over 1.9 million dollars in uncompensated care to individuals. The VNA & Hospice, like the local EMS, police and fire departments, is a vital part of the community's safety net. Town funding is only intended to be a "contribution" towards the full cost of services provided to residents.

Supporting home healthcare is a way to control other town expenses. By keeping Piermont residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and by reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical costs. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education, local clinics, and comprehensive compassionate care, from before birth through the end of life.

Services provided between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Home Healthcare Maternal and Child Health Services

Residents Served:	17	Residents Served:	2
Home Visits:	505	Home Visits:	10
Hours of Service:	419.93	Hours of Service:	7.08

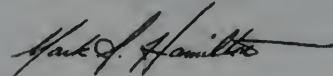
Hospice Services Long Term Care

Residents Served:	0	Residents Served:	2
Home Visits:	0	Home Visits:	93
Hours of Service:	0	Hours of Service:	117.27

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Hamilton
Interim President and CEO

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2007

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:

- Completed Phase I of the Route 120 Corridor Management Plan in Hanover and Lebanon, and began transit plans with Community Transportation Services in Sullivan County and Advance Transit in Grafton County.
- Continued to participate and facilitate the 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.
- Completed the Route 4 Corridor Management Plan to balance growth of Canaan and Enfield village centers with needs of commuters.
- Obtained funding for Source Water Protection inventories, planning and outreach for Claremont and Croydon.
- 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).
- Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies with 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.
- Began updating the Land Use Chapter of the Regional Plan.
- Participated in the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning's fall conference.
- Assisted Connecticut River Joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Participated in Sullivan County Community Mobility Project to begin identifying and addressing unmet transportation needs.
- Performed over 100 traffic counts in 13 communities throughout the Region to provide data for state and regional transportation plans.
- Continued to participate with 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 Resource Conservation & Development, and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

- Organized 4 hazardous waste collections in which over 1,100 households participated to keep approximately 11,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the Region's groundwater.
- Organized, facilitated and participated in a panel discussion for local officials regarding solid waste disposal issues in Sullivan County.
- Assisted 7 communities with updates of local master plans, 2 with zoning amendments, 1 with a Natural Resource Inventory, 1 with starting a capital improvement program and 3 with other regulations.
- Completed road inventories in 5 member communities and processed inventories in an additional 3 communities, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.
- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 6 communities to enable them to be eligible for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 2 communities 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 communities with review of proposed developments.
- Published Elevate the Creative Economy: a planning guide 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 programs including: People Power: How to get Citizens to Turn Out, Tune in, and Stay Tuned, How to Combat Sprawl with Simple Zoning Techniques, and Context Sensitive Solutions: What This New Approach to Transportation Planning Means For Your Community.
- Began the CSS (Context Sensitive Solutions) Process with Charlestown and Walpole for Route 12.
- Responded to numerous day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance, data and 015 maps.
- Continued to update our website www.uvlsrc.org — with 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, 015, 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 the Region, while balancing the varied concerns of both the larger and smaller communities within our area.

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 cwalkerc@uvlsrc.org to share your thoughts.

Christine Walker
Executive Director

Raymond S. Burton I

338 River Road

Bath, NH 03740

Tel. (603) 747-3662

Car Phone: (603)481-0863 December 27, 2007

E-mail: ray.bunon4@gte.net

Report to the People of District One

By

Ray Burton, Councilor District One

It is a pleasure to **serve this** large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities, and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15th, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired than new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators- House and Senate. Find them by going to wtw.nh.gov

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. 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.

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive Council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. IF you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail please send an e-mail address to rburton@nh.gov.

It is *an* honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 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.

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll. Clarkville

Dixville, Drummer. Errol,

Milan. Millafield, Northumberland.

Stewartstown, Stark. Straford.

Colebrook. Columbia. Dalton,

Gorharn, Jefferson. Lancaster,

Pinsburg. Randolph, Shelburne,

Whitefield

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December 20, 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 last 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 should be complete as of the first of the year. This building project will make space for expansion of growing clinical services such as Pain Management, Day Surgery, Radiology and Laboratory.

Financially, Fiscal Year 2006-2007 closed with a negative bottom line from operations. The hospital has had to increase support for Charity Care and the uninsured, as well as having our orthopedic surgeon called to active duty in the Navy for nine months.

Nonetheless, our

orthopedic surgeon is back to Collage and functioning for the community. We have continued to enhance our clinical technical capabilities with a new 16-slice CT and a brand new orthopedic and general x-ray room. We have also continued to make strides toward a full electronic health record and we will be going live the first week in January on a complete electronic Emergency Room Record, which should help move people through our ER more quickly, and have a complete electronic record of the visit.

At Collage 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 Collage Hospital, we know there are many worthy organizations also asking for money this year. Despite our negative bottom line this year, the Collage Hospital Board of Trustees has decided NOT to ask the towns for financial support for the fourteenth 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 2007 Annual Report, and we will forward our 2007 Annual Report to you as soon as it is available. Best wishes for a health new year.

SizCèrely

Administrator

“A Critical Access Hospital”

UNH Cooperative Extension - Grafton County Annual Report, 2007

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Grafton County, has been serving the people of our county in the following ways:

The Nutrition Connections program, coordinated by Robin Peters, reached over 100 families in their adult programs and 200 children in their youth programs. The children were *from* various Head Start programs; local elementary schools; Whole Village Family Resource Center's Child Care Center; the 2V1 Century After School Program; North Country Academy Charter School and the Circle Program's summer camp.

The Family and Consumer Resources program Educator, Deb Maes, has worked with a new collaboration in Plymouth that allowed limited resource families to participate in a five-week Making Money Work for You program. In addition, over 400 food service workers participated in either a two-day food safety class or an intensive one day class as part of the Family and Consumer Resources program. Of those attending, over 83% scored 75% or higher on the National Restaurant Association's exam and were certified for five years based on their food safety knowledge. Deb also taught participants in the Grafton County Academy Program nutrition and food budgeting tips, money management, parent education and people-skills as part of their education prior to graduating from the program.

Nutrient management in the production of forages, vegetables and fruits continues to be a major focus of the Agricultural Resources program. Nutrient Management Plans on more than 4000 acres of corn and forages were reviewed and updated by Tom Buob, Extension Educator. Through the use of the IJNHCE Soil Testing Program farmers were encouraged to maximize the utilization of their on-farm resources to minimize costs and improve profits. Forty producers submitted 160 samples in this process.

Agricultural Resources programs continued to expand efforts with vegetable farmers to incorporate more environmentally sound management practices into their overall management schemes, including: drip irrigation, individual row fertigation, and the introduction of disease resistant varieties to reduce pesticide use. The use of floating row covers was promoted and demonstrated to reduce the use of insecticides and encourage earlier production of various vegetable crops. The vegetable produce from the demonstration plots (several tons of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, etc) was donated to various Senior Centers in the Upper Valley.

The 4-H Youth Development program has over 300 members and 110 leaders supporting 23 traditional clubs. Volunteers in the 4-H program provided over 4,000 hours of service in 2006-2007 to support the educational objectives of the program. A 4-H Afterschool group was formed in Littleton. In addition, Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development Educator, has provided assistance to four community's and their after school programs. One program in Littleton, Project REACH, received a JC Penney 4-H Afterschool Grant. Consultation for grants has been done with several other programs. Statewide training in positive youth development theory has been presented at Plustime, 21 Century and Extension sponsored conferences.

This year the Master Gardener and the 4-H horticulture programs have been supported by a program associate. The approximately 25 MG's have given hundreds of hours of

support to the Grafton County communities. Their showpiece project, the perennial gardens at the county complex, has been coordinating with the County Commissioners. In addition, Dana Karuza Tulp, Volunteer Management Coordinator, coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program for 60 youth and their leaders. A series of 10 workshops, open to 4-Hers and the general public, were held on a variety of horticultural topics throughout the spring and summer months.

Michal Lunak, Extension Dairy Specialist, has also been working with local dairy producers on herd management, farm transfer planning, and quality milk production. He also facilitated with a series of biosecurity workshops that were co-sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire State Veterinarian. In all, 77 agricultural professionals and 72 producers, youth, and general public participated.

Northam Parr, Forestry Resources Educator, spent considerable time assessing the damage from the spring storms and connecting wood lot owners with the correct agencies and providers. The Tree Farm program continues to be supported, including the New Hampshire Tree Farm Field Day. In addition, Northam has worked on sustainable forestry plans with landowners and has facilitated with certified logging professional workshops.

Northam Parr and Michal Lunak serve on the county farm committee to help to develop a sustainability plan for the county farmlands, woodlands, and dairy herd. Deb Maes, Nory Parr and Robin Peters have assisted the communities of Landaff, Rumney and Canaan in their Community Profile work and follow up activities.

UNHCE continues to provide New Hampshire's citizens with research based education, information and technical assistance, enhancing their abilities to make informed decisions strengthening youth, families and communities while sustaining natural resources and improving the economy. Funded through the federal, state and county government and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of the elected volunteer Extension Advisory Council.

For information, please contact our office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by calling:

603-787-6944 or emailing: ggftn@iceunh.unh.edu. You will find current information on our website:

www.extension.unh.edu

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Jablonski, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, and County Office Administrator

White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground Director's Report –2007 Town of Piermont

As you sit on those folding chairs or bleachers at town meeting and listen to the warrant articles being discussed, you may wonder how the money you appropriate to White Mountain Mental Health/Common Ground is used in your town. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, about what is done with this funding.

First, in general terms: the impact of your support is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, in elders who are able to stay independent and productive and in families with a developmentally disabled member who are able to move forward with their own lives, knowing that there is support outside of the family circle for their loved one. People who receive life-saving medical services are eager to tell their friends and family about the success of their care. You have seen “cards of thanks” in the local papers, naming the physicians, nurses, family and friends who came to the aid of a grateful patient. These thanks are well deserved! But.. have you ever seen a similar tribute to mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability professionals who saved a life by being available to intervene in a life-threatening crisis of a different type? Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often kept private. Having diabetes is much more acceptable than having schizophrenia, although both are chronic illnesses that can be managed through treatment, lifestyle education and support. We still struggle with the stigma attached to both behavioral health and developmental disability, but who among us has not been impacted by one or both?

Support for our services is an investment in the health and productivity of your town. In the North Country, unlike many parts of the State and Country, services continue to be available to ALL residents, not just those who can pay or those with a severe, biologic mental illness. This is because our towns and other supporters have recognized that unaddressed mental health and developmental issues have a tremendous negative “ripple effect” on the family, the economy and the whole community.

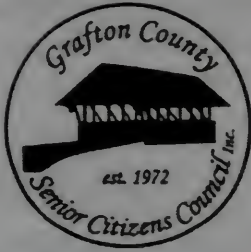
Although it is impossible to list all that we do, our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
 - Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties
 - Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
 - “Full-life” supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services
 - Individualized home placements for more than fifty persons with developmental disabilities
 - Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities
 - Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors
- Service Statistics Highlights:

- In 2007, 8 residents of the town of Piermont received 20 hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate. Our ability to continue to offer these services on a sliding-fee scale is dependent upon the support of our communities.
- 100 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability. In many cases, the supports include “full-life” around the clock services.

Thank you for your continued support

Respectfully submitted, Jane C. Mackay{LW
Area Director



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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Programs

Bristol Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

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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, sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center 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 2007, 55 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 525 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,319 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Piermont residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 23 occasions by our lift-equipped bus or volunteers.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 16 visits with a social worker.
- Piermont's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 756 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide GCSCC services for Piermont residents in 2007 was \$12,141.08.

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*

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, 2006 to September 30, 2007

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 55 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	1,844	x	\$6.20		\$ 11,432.80
Transportation	Trips	23	x	\$9.91		\$ 227.93
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$18.04		\$ 0
Social Services	Half-hours	15.5	x	\$30.99		\$ 480.35
Activities		172		N/A		

Number of Piermont volunteers 6. Number of Volunteer Hours: 756

GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$	<u>12,141.08</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2007	\$	1,450
Received from Town of Piermont for 2007	\$	1,450
Request for Senior Services for 2008	\$	<u>1,300</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.
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%.

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Financial Statements for GCSCC
Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007

October 1-September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2006	FY2007
Dining Room Meals	87,209	82,616
Home Delivered Meals	130,435	133,140
Transportation (Trips)	44,797	46,143
Adult Day Service (Hours)	15,327	11,393
Adult In Home Care	11,310	15,483.25
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	7,502.5	3,376.5
ServiceLink (including assistance with Medicare D)	3,187	5,383

COST PER UNIT OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2006	FY2007
Congregate/home delivered meals	\$ 5.84	\$6.20
Transportation (per trip)	\$ 10.09	\$9.91
Adult Day Service (hour of Service)	\$ 13.00	\$18.04
Social Services (per unit)	\$ 25.27	\$30.99
Adult In-Home Care (hour of service)	\$ 20.88	\$21.50



Household Hazardous Waste Committee

c/o Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
30 Bank Street, Lebanon, NH 03766-1756
603-448-1680 www.uvhhw.org

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to reduce harm to the environment and human health caused by the use and improper disposal of household hazardous waste. The Committee aims to:

- Educate the public to the dangers of hazardous waste.
- Encourage the use of less hazardous products in the home.
- Promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Support local agencies which reflect/promote our mission.

During 2007 the Committee initiated a program to reduce the use of toxic products in lawn and garden care, hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and at the Mascoma Health Initiative, provided volunteers for household hazardous waste collections and continued to maintain a regional website.

Toxicity Reduction Program would educate on environmentally safe lawn and garden care through an article in town newsletters or an insert in utility bills. Towns have been contacted and the information will go out winter and spring of 2008. A bookmark size summary of this information was distributed at collections.

Event Booths The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition again focused on non-toxic lawn and garden care and also supplied information on hazardous waste disposal and alternative cleaning recipes.

The booth at the Mascoma Health Initiative in Canaan consisted of similar displays and information and gave us exposure in another area of the Upper Valley.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support The committee provided volunteer support at the Lebanon collections, keeping waiting times short and residents informed.

In New Hampshire 1,575 households brought 2,400lbs. of waste to collections in Lebanon, Newport and Sunapee. In Vermont 1,115 households contributed 10,055 gallons of waste. Collections were held in Hartford, Woodstock, Thetford, Vershire, W. Fairlee, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Norwich, Sharon and Strafford.

Website www.uvhhw.org provides detailed information about:

- when and where this year's collections will be held and who may attend
- what you can and cannot bring
- less toxic recipes for cleaning solutions
- links to other regional authorities

Funding A generous grant from the Dorothy Byrne Foundation is supporting our educational work.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is made up of volunteers from Upper Valley towns. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved.

Margaret Bragg	Hanover, NH	Joyce Noll	Etna, NH
Jenny DeVost	UVLSRPC	Lili Paxson	Hanover, NH
Charlotte Faulkner	Hanover, NH	Marjorie Rogalski	Hanover, NH
Joy Gaine	Thetford, VT	Barbara Whitman, Chair	Lebanon, NH
John Hurd	GUVSWD		

— Reduce the use of toxics in your home, and responsibly dispose of what waste you do generate —

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2006 to JUNE 30, 2007

ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Vernon Jones - Chair
Abigail Underhill
Shawn Rogers

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2009

MODERATOR

Arnold Shields

CLERK

Karen Fagnant

HEALTH OFFICER

Alex Medicott

TREASURER

Frederick Shipman

AUDITORS

Plodzik & Sanderson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

2006-2007 STAFF

Nancy Sandell - Principal
Eileen Dohrman - Kindergarten
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2
Cassandra Spaulding - Grades 3-4
Jennifer Richards - 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
Sanjuanita Jones - Instructional Assistant
Billie Lamarre - Instructional Assistant
Kimberly French - Guidance
Moira 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 20, 2007**

School District Clerk Karen Fagnant called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The first order of business was to elect a moderator to cover for Arnold Shields, who was unable to moderate due to illness. On motion by Fred Shipman and second by Helga Mueller, Joyce Tompkins was nominated Moderator Pro Tempore, all in favor. Joyce was administered her oath by Karen.

Joyce began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. She then introduced SAU 23 Superintendent Bruce Labs, School Board members Vernon Jones, Glen Meder, and Shawn Rogers along with Pat Amsden Financial Manager and Karen Fagnant School District Clerk. Ellen Putnam and Bill Daley were appointed to count if hand votes were needed.

Fred Shipman made a motion to dispense reading the entire warrant. Second by Helga Mueller. All in favor.

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

Moved by Abigail Metcalf Underhill, second by Helga Mueller. 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, seven hundred eighty-seven thousand, eighty-three dollars (\$1,787,083.00.)

Moved by Helga Mueller, second by Sandra Rounds. No discussion. Article 2 passed by voice vote.

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.)

Abigail Metcalf Underhill moved the article, Roy Belyea seconded. Discussion. Glen Meder explained that the reading specialist is State Mandated and that the salary is based on a Masters Degree, level 10.

Arnold Shields asked if the school would be reimbursed from the state and what the school would gain from having the specialist. Glen responded; we are not reimbursed for this position and that every elementary school in the state is required to hire a reading specialist. Superintendent Bruce Labs explained the minimum standards to comply with this mandate could be less than a full five day per week position. But that hiring a part time specialist might be very difficult. He feels that because all schools in the state also need to comply, that a shortage of those who qualify as a specialist is a big possibility. Bill Daley asked why the SAU was not thinking about hiring a specialist to share with other schools. Bruce said that Warren and Woodsville Elementary already have one and that the Bath School Board decided not to recommend hiring a specialist due to the cost. Principal Nancy Sandell said that in a perfect world having a full time reading specialist would be great. Special Education is the only resource that PVS has now for those children who need extra help with reading. Nancy explained that not only would the students benefit from the specialist but so would the teachers and support staff. She feels that reading help in the combination grade level classrooms that Piermont has would be beneficial due to the many different reading levels in each room. Tony Smith stood to talk about his son's discovery of reading and how excited he was when he finally understood the sounds that each letter made. He feels that a specialist is needed to set the building blocks for the children to grow from. Rebecca Ladd feels that phonics are the building blocks to success and that if they aren't in place early that the student will struggle in the upper grades. She feels strongly in favor of a reading specialist. George Smith doesn't feel that a specialist is needed stating that most students are reading at or above grade level and those below are part of the normal grade curve. He asked what other programs might be available to help students, besides a specialist. Nancy said that NWEA is currently being used at PVS, this is the second year. Arnold Shields, a 25 year English Teacher, stated that he himself never knew how to teach reading. He feels that every child deserves the best education possible and that offering a strong reading program with different teaching techniques will help all our children learn better. Chris Davidson says he is alarmed at the test scores. He asked the school board if the teachers are receiving ongoing training. Glen stated that they are.

School Board Member Shawn Rogers said that the board did not want to add this \$58,000 position to the budget as a line item. The reason being, so that they could explain to the tax payers that this reading specialist position is state mandated. He also explained that \$58,000 is the high end of the salary needed to fund this position but that the possibility of finding other options to comply with the mandate might reduce this amount. For instance, if we could share with another school or if we are able to find someone for a part time position. Abigail Metcalf Underhill recalls trying to help her nieces with homework and how difficult it was to try to help them understand letter sounds. Terry Robie asked if the salary included all the benefit costs and

taxes, and the board confirmed that it does. Glen said that the board really feels that the school needs a reading specialist. Abby Metcalf agreed that one is needed saying that the math program is not a popular program with parents and some teachers but that it works. We need a reading program that also works. Bill Daley moved the article, Fred Shipman seconded. Article 3 passed by voice vote as written.

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

George Smith asked for a sense of the house to see if anyone was interested in investigating the possibility of tuitioning out the seventh and eight grade students. He asked that if others felt it might be beneficial to students and or the school. Glen Meder responded that the cost would be a big increase and that he wasn't sure if it would benefit the students in any way. No interest was noted.

Rebecca Ladd stated that she feels there is inconsistency in discipline. She feels there is still bullying going on and asked the school board if they had accepted Abby Metcalf's challenge presented to them at last year's meeting. She asked that this be a year of change.

Tony Smith agreed with Rebecca, but feels that the school board needs help in this area. He would like to see parents get together and compile information for the board. The board could then review and address any concerns.

Chris Davidson thanked Glen Meder, outgoing school board chair, for his service to the town and school. Glen was applauded. Vernon Jones presented a token of appreciation to Glen.

Motion by Bill Daley to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Abigail Metcalf Underhill. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Fagnant
School District Clerk

**Piermont School District
Official Results of Voting on March 13, 2007**

School District Clerk: Karen Fagnant (161)

Moderator: S. Arnold Shields (157)

School Board: Abigail Metcalf Underhill (125) (Glen Meder 47)

Treasurer: Frederick W. Shipman (168)

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008 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 11th day of March 2008, 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 2011.

Given under our hands at Piermont this ___ day of February 2008.

Vernon Jones, Chairperson

Shawn Rogers

Abigail Underhill

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008 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 18th day of March 2008, 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 nine hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred fourteen dollars (\$1,931,814.00).
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) 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, 2008. (The school board recommends this article.)
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) 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, 2008. (The school board recommends this article.)
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) 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, 2008. (The school board recommends this article.)
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will vote to offer choice for Piermont high school students to attend any accredited public secondary school or approved public academy as defined in RSA 194:27 instead of the current policy that limits choice based on tuition cost. And further to raise and appropriate seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the 2008-2009 school year for estimated increase in tuition costs. (The school board recommends this article.)

Note: This article is to ask voters if they want to offer choice to public schools and approved public academies (such as Thetford and St. Johnsbury Academy) for Piermont high school students regardless of the cost. The amount to be raised was calculated using the difference of the average tuition currently paid for the three core schools attended (Woodsville High School, Oxbow, and Rivendell) and the highest area tuition (currently Hanover) for 3 students.

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

Given under our hands at Piermont this ____ day of February 2008.

Vernon Jones, Chairperson

Shawn Rogers

Abigail Underhill

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Once again it is my pleasure to report on the educational progress and positive steps we have made in the past year, and the steps we will continue to make to improve the educational experience of our students.

This year Paul Munn retired after many years as our Math teacher. We appreciate his services and wish him all the best. Nancy Sandell, who after four years as the Teaching Principal, decided that her true love was in teaching and has gone back to classroom full time. We were very happy she decided to stay at PVS to teach grades five and six.

A new teacher evaluation document is being piloted in all the SAU 23 districts. This new document should help teachers develop their skills while at the same time focus teaching in the areas of need for our students. We are attempting to use test data to help in the direction of our instruction in the upcoming years.

Developing our use of technology within the SAU continues and we have added to our capacity in each school. Due to the continued support of our taxpayers, our students enjoy the benefit of technological resources that enrich their educational experience.

Each district in SAU 23 is currently updating their policies and we plan to finish this process by the end of 2008. After all the policies have been updated and approved by the School Board we will place them on our web site so the public will have easy access to them. This is a lengthy process, as each district has between 400-600 pages of policies to update. The entire process will take approximately two years to finish.

During the 2007-08 school year each SAU 23 School Board will be developing goals. They will be targeting the areas they feel are most important in their own district and when the goals are complete they will be posted for all community members to review.

I continue to be grateful for the support the taxpayers and community members have shown our schools and assure you that your support will never be taken for granted. The decisions on the direction of our programs will continue to be made with the best educational interests of our students and their future in mind.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the 2007 annual Piermont Village School report to you, the Piermont community.

The Piermont community generously supported the curriculum embedded biennial Washington, DC trip for 28 students and parents in May 2007. Seventh grade student, Julian Grant won both the Geography and Spelling Bees. The annual all-school play, *The Fisherman and His Wife*, was produced with the expert help of a theater group in residence. The year culminated as nine students graduated from the 8th grade in June: Patrick Chapin, Cody Erwin, Tiffany Henry, Meaghan Jones, Brendan Musty, Merry Noyes, Brian Priestley, Kara Veillette, and Zachary Whitaker. These students joined other Piermont Village School graduates at area high schools, bringing our current high school and vocational program enrollment to 50.

New faces among the Piermont Village School staff for the 2007-2008 school year include: math teacher, Heather Caldwell; guidance teacher, Trish Griswold; reading specialist, Sue Martin; principal, Jonann Torsey; special education teacher, Cindy Valence; and, music teacher, John Whitney. While our Kindergarten enrollment declined to four students this fall, 12 additional students joined PVS in grades 1-8, bringing our current student body to 76.

Validating school-wide literacy concerns last year, the Piermont community supported the added position of a reading specialist. Passionately working to turn-on reluctant readers to literature, our reading specialist has recruited readers of all ages, in towns near and far, to collect perfect reads for our students. Our teachers have joined together in a thorough review of our reading curriculum across the grade level during in-service times this fall, resulting in a clear focus on increasing phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Supported by community insistence upon increasing student and teacher access to technology, as well as, state and SAU wide goals of improving teacher use of technology to support instruction, PVS is wired! Our 1st-8th grade classrooms are each newly equipped with mounted LCD projectors, and our math and grades 5-6 classrooms each have a SMART board. The addition of a second laptop cart nearly doubled the number of laptops available to students. Making progress on professional goals to integrate technology into the curriculum, teachers are using increased computer access daily to support student learning.

Piermont School District goals, while in draft form, are gaining momentum.

1. To increase individual student achievement using standardized test data to inform instruction. PVS proudly realized great gains in student achievement as measured by the 2006 NECAP increases in both math and reading scores. Attesting to a clear focus on academic achievement as a school, these improvements were a step in the right direction. A portion of our professional development time this year is allocated to

developing teacher proficiency with “Performance Pathways” software, designed to support teacher’s use of NECAP and NWEA student achievement data to inform instruction. As our capacity to utilize this tool increases, we will more adroitly adjust instruction to best meet the specific needs of individual students.

2. To increase community understanding regarding the school budget and budget process through increased communication and information sharing. The discussion on this goal focuses on increasing communication with the whole town about school programs and budgeting processes and goals.

3. To increase the standard of physical spaces within the building and school. Piermont Village School’s beautiful physical plant is well cared for by the community. Improvements to playground safety and parking lot drainage would not have happened this fall without Piermont’s lively spirit of volunteerism. The discussion on this goal focuses on maximizing the use of existing spaces through furniture and storage improvements and also through respectful scheduling.

Piermont Village School Traditions

Back To School Night, Whole School Hike, Pumpkin Carving for the Metcalf Farm Pumpkin Lighting, Halloween Party, Honor Roll Breakfast, monthly birthday celebrations, Holiday Food Drive, Concert and Stations Day, whole-school play, DC Trip, etc., contribute to the sense of community and expectation of rituals that excite and inspire all members of our school. Continuing to set a strong example of service and leadership across all grades, Student Council has painted the wall-ball board with a panther to be reckoned with, raised funds to support playground improvements, collected and distributed food for the Food Pantry, and decorated the school for the Holidays already this year. Serving alongside adult staff members on school committees, Student Council members are studying our discipline policy, nutrition and wellness, use of existing spaces, and safety procedures. Our staff members creatively and expertly organize and elicit support for these traditions; their tremendous experience is our priceless endowment.

In Humble Gratitude

My new role of teaching principal is as inspiring to me today as it was when Piermont first offered this challenge to me. Coming to school on a sweltering end of summer Saturday morning, seventeen community members volunteered to spread wood chips on our playground, and this outpouring of communitywide support for our school has been consistently strong over time. Thank you for serving and supporting your community school; your constant involvement in the daily life of our school makes our Piermont Village School exceptional.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonann M. Torsey, Principal

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Honor Roll Third Trimester 2006-2007

Grade Five

Erva Barnes*
Dylan Gaudette*
Jonathan Ratel*
Kaylee Rogers*

Grade Six

Brendan Jones*
Dalton Thayer
Cooper Trapp*
Jay Zeng*

Grade Seven

Alyvia Covert*
Julian Grant*
Zachary Klunder
Peter Trapp

Grade Eight

Patrick Chapin
Tiffany Henry*
Meaghan Jones*

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

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

Scholarships

Meaghan Jones - Bertha C. Manchester Award for Academics
Meaghan Jones - Donna Drew Huntington Citizenship Award
HeleMae Metcalf - Louise Scott Horton Award for Community Service
Shannon Labs - St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
2006-2007**

Number of Pupils registered during the year	78
Average Daily Membership	72.0
Percentage of Attendance	96.4%

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	9	8	7	9	7	10	8	11	9	78

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS
2006-2007**

Haverhill Cooperative*	12	26%
Oxbow*	17	36%
Hanover	1	2%
Mascoma	1	2%
Rivendell	5	11%
St. Johnsbury Academy	4	8%
Thetford Academy*	5	11%
French Pond & King Street	2	4%
TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS	47	100%

* Have students attending Riverbend

**PIERMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL
TEACHER QUALITY REPORT
2007-08**

Education Level of Faculty and Administration
(In Full Time Equivalents)

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	MA+30
TEACHERS	2.5	1	5.5	0	0
ADMINISTRATION	0	0	1	0	0

Number of Teachers with Emergency/Provisional Certification - 0

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

A copy of the Piermont Village School Title One Report Card
is available at the school.

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2007**

ASSETS	ACCT	
Current Assets		
CASH	100	63,896.30
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	130	2,188.96
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES	140	2,878.88
OTHER RECEIVABLES	150	729.28
PREPAID EXPENSES	180	158.00
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	190	
Total Current Assets		69,851.42
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
INTERFUND PAYABLES	400	
OTHER PAYABLES	420	3,045.74
ACCRUED EXPENSES	460	938.20
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	470	150.82
DEFERRED REVENUES	480	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	490	
Total Current Liabilities		4,134.76
Fund Equity		
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	753	34,305.88
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	760	
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	770	31,410.78
Total Fund Equity		65,716.66
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		69,851.42

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2007

Beginning Value 1.1.07	\$14,043.07
Scholarships Awarded June 2007	\$599.46
Income Earned	\$627.67
New Fund Donations:	\$ 0.00
Ending Value 12.31.07	\$13,941.27

Beginning and ending values reflect market values of fund investments

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	40,000	13,500	53,500
2008	40,000	10,800	50,800
2009	40,000	8,100	48,100
2010	40,000	5,400	45,400
2011	40,000	2,700	42,700
TOTALS	200,000	40,500	240,500

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.

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
For The
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 2006:	\$ 75,882.17
Add receipts (including interest)	1,590,340.60
Less 2005-06 School Board orders	<u>1,602,426.47</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2007:	\$ 63,796.30

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND 2007

Name of Investment	Beginning Year Market Value	Deposits	Dividends		Capital Gains Reinvested	Withdrawals	Year End Market Value
			Reinvested	Reinvested			
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	24,908.38	220.69	515.45	1,418.39	0.00	26,120.96	
American Balanced Fund	42,435.67	271.33	1,177.42	1,007.45	0.00	45,517.94	
Capital World Growth and Income Fund	16,858.04	110.02	498.61	1,347.66	0.00	19,938.04	
Growth Fund of America	16,010.55	88.21	175.95	1,007.31	0.00	17,859.13	
TOTALS	100,212.64	690.25	2,367.43	4,780.81	0.00	109,436.07	

SUMMARY OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL RESERVE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FOR 2007

FUND NAME	BEGINNING VALUE	SHARES PURCHASED	INCOME EARNED	SHARES SOLD	ENDING VALUE
School Building CRF	87,867.74	0.00	6,282.16	0.00	94,149.90
School Building Emergency Repairs ETF	41,492.30	0.00	2,485.65	12,352.00	31,625.95
School Special Education Emergency ETF	51,792.47	0.00	3,610.47	0.00	55,402.94
School Technology ETF	13,284.33	0.00	725.19	0.00	14,009.52
School Tuition ETF	123,866.78	0.00	7,742.50	22,800.00	109,744.52
TOTALS	318,303.62	0.00	20,845.97	35,152.00	304,932.83

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>REVISED</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>+/-</u>
GENERAL FUND				
770 Fund Balance (to reduce taxes)	28,442	31,411	10,000	(21,411)
<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>				
1111 Current Appropriation	798,712	941,026	1,125,434	184,408
1510 Interest on Investments	6,152	4,500	5,500	1,000
1511 Trust Fund Interest	464	-	-	-
1980 Refund from prior year	1,094	-	1,900	1,900
1990 Miscellaneous	530	800	1,100	300
5252 Transfer from Trust	90,000	83,390	8,390	(75,000)
<u>3000 Revenues From State Sources</u>				
3111 State Adequacy Grant *	410,348	430,865	430,865	-
3112 State Adequacy Tax	205,425	203,798	192,944	(10,854)
3210 School Building Aid	11,594	12,679	12,000	(679)
3230 Catastrophic Aid	-	4,003	4,300	297
3241 Vocational Tuition	26,651	35,788	28,400	(7,388)
3242 Transportation	1,310	951	-	(951)
<u>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</u>				
4580 Medicaid	15,638	12,000	18,000	6,000
4810 National Forest Reserve	2,542	2,268	2,268	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,570,460	1,732,068	1,831,101	99,033
GRANTS				
4521	29,395	38,339	48,515	10,176
TOTAL GRANTS	29,395	38,339	48,515	10,176
FOOD SERVICE				
1610 Food Service Sales	13,527	13,000	12,500	(500)
3260 State Reimbursement	417	400	350	(50)
4560 Federal Reimbursement	8,636	8,600	8,000	(600)
5221 Transfer from General Fund*	13,653	21,542	21,348	(194)
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	36,233	43,542	42,198	(1,344)
SUBTOTAL BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,664,531	1,845,360	1,931,814	86,454
Transfer to Trusts	33,000			-
TOTAL BUDGET	1,697,531	1,845,360	1,931,814	86,454

SCHOOL TAX RATE PER \$1,000

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>
	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Local Education Tax	8.80	10.31	12.33	2.02	91,310
State Education Tax	2.29	2.25	2.13	-0.12	90,463
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX RATE	11.09	12.56	14.46	1.90	per \$1,000
change from prior year		1.47	1.90		

PIERMONT SCHOOL BUDGET SUMMERY

<u>OBJECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENSES APPROVED</u>		<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>+ OR (-)</u>
		<u>2006 -2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	
Fund:	GENERAL FUND				
110	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	334,715	407,075	448,132	41057
111	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	3,368	4,440	4,440	0
112	SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	91,568	95,344	98,714	3370
113	SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES	1,141	1,800	1,800	0
120	SUBSTITUTES	14,768	6,100	6,400	300
122	CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES	1,895	3,300	2,500	-800
211	HEALTH INS	48,224	76,433	62,675	-13758
212	DENTAL INSURANCE	-	-	3,696	3696
213	LIFE INSURANCE	273	313	239	-74
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,043	1,227	1,087	-140
220	PAYROLL TAXES	34,278	39,556	43,800	4244
231	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	6,219	8,145	8,780	635
232	PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	10,432	20,165	24,954	4789
240	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	5,052	12,000	15,350	3350
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	180	380	434	54
260	WORKERS COMP	2,885	3,420	3,133	-287
310	SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	67,791	75,025	70,270	-4755
320	EDUCATION SERVICE	46,675	52,212	56,411	4199
330	OTHER PROF. SERVICES	28,527	29,565	30,975	1410
411	WATER & SEWAGE	6,723	10,000	10,000	0
421	RUBBISH REMOVAL	1,954	1,800	2,100	300
422	SNOW REMOVAL	2,260	2,000	2,300	300
430	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	18,552	12,750	11,750	-1000
432	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	2,897	3,512	3,175	-337
440	RENTALS	6,429	6,018	5,918	-100
490	SECURITY	625	1,100	1,100	0
510	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	36,103	35,765	38,005	2240
520	LIABILITY INSURANCE	4,569	4,798	4,364	-434
531	TELEPHONE	2,285	2,200	2,650	450
532	DATA COMMUNICATIONS	843	850	900	50
534	POSTAGE	893	1,200	1,200	0
540	ADVERTISING	1,319	2,500	2,030	-470
550	PRINTING	-	1,050	1,050	0
561	TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	172,304	171,636	163,981	-7655
562	TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA	346,853	484,051	503,542	19491
564	TUITION - PRIVATE	24,783	41,352	65,312	23960
580	TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD	-	550	500	-50
610	SUPPLIES	14,572	19,575	21,300	1725
611	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	2,933	5,000	-	-5000
622	ELECTRICITY	10,925	12,500	12,000	-500
623	PROPANE	12,966	15,000	16,500	1500
640	BOOKS	5,219	6,625	7,000	375
650	SOFTWARE	3,868	1,515	1,136	-379
733	ADDITIONAL FURNITURE	4,245	100	-	-100
734	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	170	2,000	600	-1400
737	REPLACEMENT FURNITURE	473	1,200	2,250	1050
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	3,701	1,150	1,150	0
810	DUES/FEES	6,096	5,190	6,050	860
830	INTEREST	13,500	10,800	8,100	-2700
890	MISC.	11	250	-	-250
910	PRINCIPAL	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
930	FUND TRANSFERS	136,653	21,542	21,348	-194
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND		1,583,758	1,762,079	1,841,101	79,022

PIERMONT SCHOOL BUDGET SUMMERY

<u>OBJECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENSES APPROVED</u>		<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>+ OR (-)</u>
		<u>2006 -2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	
Fund:	FOOD SERVICE- 21				
112	SALARIES	16,926	17,224	17,936	712
120	SUBSTITUTES	562	-	650	650
211	HEALTH INS	-	5,760	1,300	-4460
213	LIFE INSURANCE	22	23	18	-5
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	44	45	38	-7
220	FICA	1,338	1,318	1,522	204
231	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	1,153	1,505	1,682	177
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	7	20	16	-4
260	WORKERS COMP	114	122	111	-11
430	REPAIRS/MAINT.	1,563	1,000	1,000	0
580	TRAVEL,LODGING,FOOD	-	100	100	0
610	SUPPLIES	880	1,550	1,550	0
630	FOOD	13,592	15,225	15,225	0
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	-	1,000	1,000	0
810	DUES/FEES	<u>32</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	FOOD SERVICE- 21	36,233	44,942	42,198	(2,744)
Fund:	SPECIAL REVENUES- GRANTS- 22				
110	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	22,050	31,319	37,131	5812
211	HEALTH INS	3,715	3,807	5,819	2012
213	LIFE INSURANCE	10	10	12	2
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	57	60	79	19
220	FICA	1,687	1,788	2,841	1053
232	PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	816	1,355	2,153	798
320	PROFESSIONAL ED SERVICE	741	-	-	0
810	DUES/FEES	319	-	380	380
890	MISC.	-	-	100	100
TOTAL:	SPECIAL REVENUES- GRANTS-	29,395	38,339	48,515	10,176
Fund:	FUND 70- TRUST FUNDS				
430	CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT.	12,352	-	-	0
561	TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	<u>22,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	TRUST FUNDS	35,152	0	0	0
	BUDGET TOTAL	<u>1,684,538</u>	<u>1,845,360</u>	<u>1,931,814</u>	<u>86,454</u>
	Warrant Article # 3			2,000	
	Warrant Article # 4			3,000	
	Warrant Article # 5			10,000	
	Warrant Article # 6			17,000	
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES:				<u>1,963,814</u>	

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 2007-2008 school year, will receive a salary of \$89,409.00. 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	\$11,176.13	12.50%
Benton	\$1,680.89	1.88%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$57,481.05	64.29%
Piermont	\$10,183.69	11.39%
Warren	\$8,887.24	9.94%
TOTAL	\$89,409.00	100%

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

	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>		
1200 Special Programs	104,264	144,684
1430 Summer School	2,203	2,621
2150/2159 Speech and Audiology	16,352	13,224
2162 Physical Therapy	-	-
2163 Occupational Therapy	4,840	5,779
2722 Special Transportation	-	341
Total Special Education Expenses	127,660	166,648
 <u>Special Education Revenue</u>		
3110 Adequacy Funding SPED portion	56,405	56,405
3240 Catastrophic Aid	19,547	-
4580 Medicaid	21,317	15,638
Total Special Education Revenue	97,269	72,043
 NET COST TO TAXPAYERS	 30,391	 94,606
 IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds		
Part A - Preschool	523	916
Part B - Special Education	21,364	26,422

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY

POSTING FOR EACH CONSTITUENT DISTRICT PER RSA 194:C-10

<u>DEPARTMENT NUMBER / DESCRIPTION</u>	2007-2008	2008-2009	INCREASES/ <u>(DECREASES)</u>
	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	
1100 ITINERANT TEACHERS	139,580	144,777	5,197
1230 FRENCH POND PROGRAM	198,710	209,907	11,197
1231 KING STREET PROGRAM	149,449	164,371	14,922
1430 FRENCH POND SUMMER SCHOOL	8,620	11,110	2,490
1431 KING STREET SUMMER SCHOOL	-	1,588	1,588
2120 ITINERANT GUIDANCE	23,602	25,871	2,269
2150 SPEECH/LANGUAGE	207,436	196,138	(11,298)
2210 CURRICULUM/STAFF DEVELOPMENT	1,448	1,133	(315)
2220 TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISION	79,312	79,704	392
2311 SCHOOL BOARD	3,385	1,632	(1,753)
2313 DISTRICT TREASURER	2,718	2,724	6
2317 AUDIT	5,500	5,500	-
2318 LEGAL COUNSEL	500	500	-
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	398,520	405,627	7,107
2330 SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMIN.	151,469	156,259	4,790
2540 SAU-WIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,500	2,100	(400)
2620 BUILDING & RENT	21,800	22,200	400
2640 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & INS.	3,405	6,980	3,575
2810 RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELPMT	2,000	3,100	1,100
2820 NETWORK	24,960	27,902	2,942
2830 RECRUITMENT	300	450	150
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,425,214	1,469,573	44,359
IDEA GRANTS	263,841	271,512	7,671
TOTAL BUDGET	1,689,055	1,741,085	52,030

% increase = 3.1%

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT TO BE SHARED	658,688	671,796	13,108
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>+/-</u>
	<u>2007 - 2008</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2008 - 2009</u>
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT			
Tuition - French Pond	151,408	132,482	(18,926)
Tuition - King Street School	151,408	170,334	18,926
Tuition -French Pond/King St. Summer School	8,620	12,705	4,085
Itinerants	236,942	244,773	7,831
Speech/ Language	207,748	196,138	(11,610)
Other local revenue (town internet line fees)	-	945	
Interest	3,500	3,500	-
Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	6,900	6,900	-
Use of Fund Balance	-	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total Other Revenue General Fund	766,526	797,777	31,251
DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	658,688	671,796	13,108 2.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,425,214	1,469,573	44,359 3.1%
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 - GRANTS	<u>263,841</u>	<u>271,512</u>	<u>7,671</u> IDEA & preschool
TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS	1,689,055	1,741,085	52,030 3.1%

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