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Annual Report of Officers



Piermont veterans march in the Memorial Day Parade

For The Year Ending December 31
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Any Time of Day or Night

Ambulance

Fire

Police

DIAL – 911

When Dispatcher answers, give your

Name

Problem

Location and

Your Phone Number

The needed help will start out immediately to where you are

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Board of Selectmen 2008 Annual Report

As the Board of Selectmen deliberated over the data presented to the Board concerning the “alleged” actions of Town Clerk, Linda Lambert, it became obvious that the town lacked internal controls on its financial matters. The Town of Piermont is extremely fortunate that though the years honest people have held positions concerning financial matters. The Board of Selectmen adopted an investment Policy (January 6, 2009) and an internal control policy to correct these shortcomings.

Various ordinances were instituted by the Board of Selectmen. The ordinances and when they were approved are listed below:

January 6, 2009	Recording Policy
	Investment Policy
February 17, 2009:	Regulations and Procedures for Police Department
September 15, 2009:	Purchasing Policy
October 12, 2009:	Fire Code 2009
	Noise Ordinance
	Dog Ordinance
October 27, 2009:	Traffic and Parking Ordinance

On April 14, 2009 the Board of Selectmen changed legal representation for the town to the Mitchell Municipal Group. Gardner Fulton and Waugh PLLC will continue to represent the town in the ongoing case of Faustini v. the ZBA and Camp Walt Whitman v. Piermont Planning Board. The Faustini v. ZBA case was resolved in November 2009 and Camp Walt Whitman v. Piermont Planning Board was remanded back to the Town (see Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Report).

Finally after a lot of tedious work Selectmen Fred Shipman and Rich Dion, along with bookkeeper, Liz Bayne, have converted the Town accounting system to the chart of accounts that mirrors the State of New Hampshire municipal accounting/financial reporting accounting system. Each Department Head was required to present their 2010 Budget in this new format.

After approximately three years, the Bean Brook Bridge saga is over. It was completed in mid-September 2009. Morrill Construction Company was awarded the bid for \$182,905 to complete this project. The other bid was received from Austin Construction for \$273,700. After a meeting with the Board of Selectmen change orders were executed revising the bid to \$160,802.50. Problems arose with the east side abutment. The plans indicated that the abutment would be set on existing ledge. It was found that this was not true. A footing had to be poured. Plans to do this had to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Services for their approval. This process was very expensive and put the price for the Bean Brook Bridge at \$244,330 to complete this year.

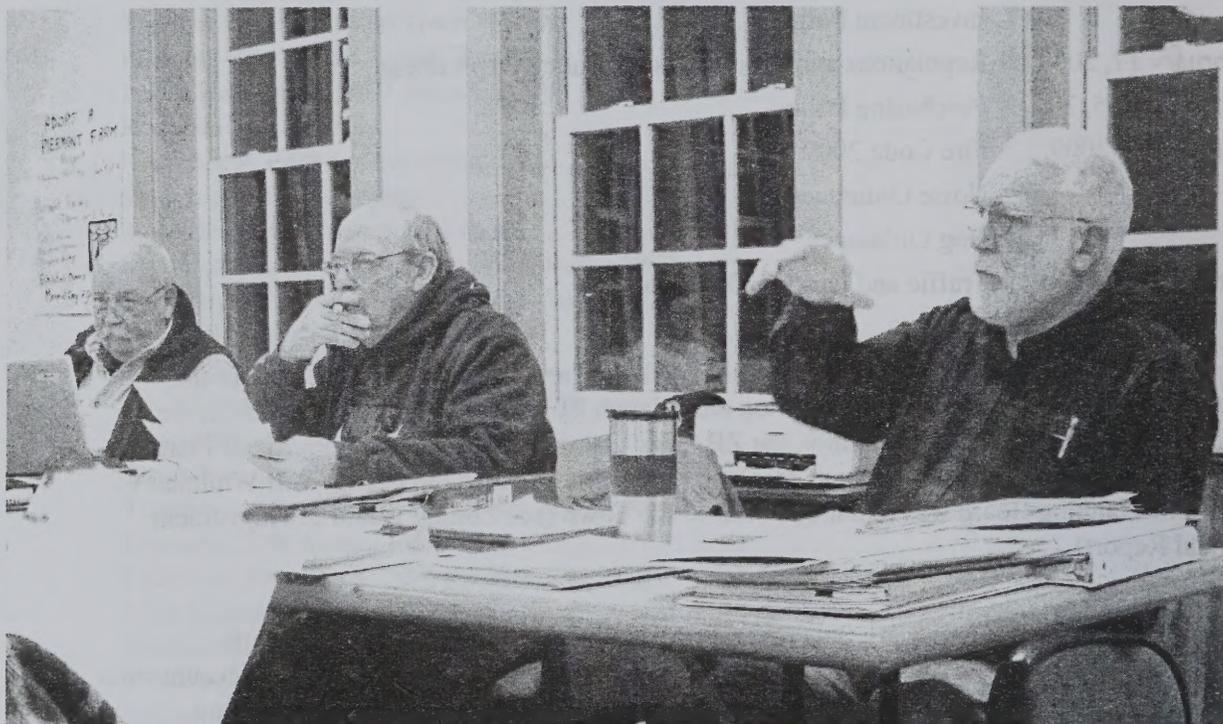
The Board has also begun work with the Town Auditors, Melanson Heath & Co, implementing the Agreed Upon Policies and Procedures prepared by the firm. The firm will be actively working with the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer and Bookkeeper as well as the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you Fred and Rich for the time and commitment in serving the citizens of Piermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lang

Chairman, Board of Selectmen



Piermont Selectmen, left to right, include Rich Dion, Chairman Bob Lang and Fred Shipman

Town Personnel & Officers (as of 12/31/09)

Board of Selectmen	Robert Lang, Chairman (2010) Richard Dion (2011) Frederick Shipman (2012)
Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen	Jennifer Collins
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2012)
Deputy Tax Collector	Bernadette Ratel
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2012)
Deputy Town Clerk	Bernadette Ratel
Treasurer	Jean Daley (2010)
Deputy Treasurer	Eric Wagstaff
Bookkeeper	Elizabeth Bayne
Road Agent	Frank Rodimon (2011)
Police Chief	Robert Garvin
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey
Fire Chief	Keith Brick
Forest Fire Warden	Roy Belyea
Health Officer	Alex Medicott
Welfare Administrator	Jennifer Collins
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey
Supervisors of the Checklist	Vea Jenks (2010) Russell Woodard (2012) Peggy Fullerton (2014)
Trustee of Trust Funds	Andy Mauchly, Chairman (2010) Jean Underhill (2010) Abby Metcalf (2012)
Moderator	Joyce Tompkins (2010)

Library Trustees

Helga Mueller, Chairman (2011)	Stephanie Gordon (2011)
Nancy Sandell (2010)	Joe Medicott (2010)
Marian Shields (2012)	Joyce Tompkins (2012)
Kristi Medill (2012)	
Margaret Ladd, Librarian	
Jim Meddaugh, Assistant Librarian	

Historical Society

Helga Mueller, President	Joyce Tompkins, Secretary
Frederick Shipman, Treasurer	Betty Hall, Director at Large
Gary Danielson, Vice President	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Steve Daly, Chairman (2012)

Helga Mueller (2011)

Fred Shipman (2010)

Zoning Administrator

Charles Brown (2011)

George Tompkins (2011)

Ora Schwartzberg, Alternate (2012)

Terry Robie

Planning Board

William Morris, Chairman (2010)

Peggy Fullerton (2011)

Suzanne Woodard (2010)

Jean Daley (2012)

Ora Schwartzberg, Alternate (2011)

Frederick Shipman (2012)

Edward French (2011)

Peter Labounty (2012)

Helga Mueller, Secretary (2010)

Conservation Commission

Helga Mueller, Chairman (2011)

David Ritchie (2010)

Frank Rodimon (2012)

Eric Underhill (2011)

Charles Grant (2010)

Ernie Hartley (2009)

Capital Improvement Program Committee

Fred Shipman, BOS

George Tompkins, ZBA

Ora Schwartzberg, Planning Board

Helga Mueller, Member-at-Large, Secretary

School Board (rotating between members)

Ernest Hartley, Conservation Commission

Bernie Marvin, Member-at-Large

Transfer Station & Recycle Center

Wayne Godfrey, Manager

John Metcalf, Assistant Manager

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 2009
TOWN OF PIERMONT

Polls opened at 10:00 AM in the old church building. There were 322 voters who voted on Article One for the Town and Article One for the Village School. Polls closed at 6:30 PM.

Joyce Tompkins opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and proceeded to postpone the meeting until 8PM due to the fact that the ballots were still being counted.

At 8Pm Moderator Joyce Tompkins reconvened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Alliance.

A motion was made not to read the entire warrant at this time by Arnold Shields and seconded by Joe Medlicott passed by voice vote.

Results for Articles one 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	Frederick Shipman
Town Clerk	term of three years	Linda Lambert
Tax Collector	term of three years	Linda Lambert
A Treasurer	term of one year	Jean Daley
One Trustee of Trust Funds	term of three years	Abby Metcalf
Three Library Trustees	term of three years	KristiMedill, Joyce Tompkins, Marian Shields

All newly elected members for the Town and the school who were present were sworn in. It was asked what happens when no one is elected for an office as did for the school? Superintendent Bruce Labs stated that the board has to appoint someone until the next election.

ARTICLE TWO; To raise and appropriate \$825,237.02. Appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustments which may be voted upon at this meeting:

Fire Department (pg 46)	\$37,986.00
Police Department (pg43)	52,957.00
Ambulance Services	12,075.00
Dispatch Services	8,700.00
Welfare Administration (pg59)	23,315.00
Town Administration Personnel (pg 34)	17,240.00
Town Officers Salaries Expense (pg34)	52,958.21
Office Expenses (pg34)	44,205.00
Elections and Vital Records	2,500.00
Town Auditor Expense (pg 34)	23,000.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	400.00
Assessor "Pickups"	2,500.00
Revaluation/Statistical Updates	12,000.00
Planning & Zoning (pg58)(see note 1)	3,530.00
Town Buildings Expenses (pg35)	14,100.00
Insurance	11,000.00
Interest	500.00

Animal Control	200.00
Highways and Bridges (pg41) (see note 2)	243,144.87
Streets, Lights, Blinkers	5,500.00
Transfer and Recycling Center (pg 41) (see note 3)	44,466.90
Fire Engine Payment	38,836.00
Town Grounds (pg 55)	5,950.00
Town Buildings Maintenance and upgrades	30,000.00
Recreation Committee	7,000.00
Cemetery (pg62) (see note 4)	15,207.00
Conservation Committee	650.00
Office for Town Grant Writing (new)	3,000.00
Office for Elder Affairs (new)	2,000.00
Web site design & hosting (new)	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Town Expenses (pg35)	39,300.00
Piermont Library (pg50) (see note 5)	33,487.00
Village Sewer System (pg51) (see note 6)	<u>34,529.04</u>
 Total Town Charges	 \$825,237.02

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Note 4: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$3,575. -\$1,075. is expected to come from user fees. \$2,500 will come from the Cemetery Trust Fund.

Note 5: Total taxes to be raised by the town are \$33,487. \$9,765. will come from book sales, copies sold, donations, interest earned, reimbursement from restricted, school use and misc.

Note 6: This entire amount is anticipated to come from user fees, minus a 30% NHDES aid grant which equals \$8,500. No money to be raised by taxes.

Moderator explained that this year we are going over the budget line by line to have a chance to correct what needs to be corrected.

Fire Department (pg 46)	\$37,986.00
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Moved by Jean Daley to decrease chief's pay by \$1500 and seconded by George Smith

Voice Amendment DEFEATED

What is this disability insurance in the budget? Doesn't the Town have workman's compensation? Aaron Rich explains workman's comp helps if injured but disability insurances will pay for their livelihood if out for (say 2 years) if burned for example. Betty Moore asks if this is for all volunteers for fire and fast squad? YES

Police Department (pg43)	52,957.00
Ambulance Services	12,075.00
Dispatch Services	8,700.00
Welfare Administration (pg59)	23,315.00

Moved by George Smith to cut this line by \$8,000 because this line seems unreasonable in order to deliver \$15,000 in welfare. Seconded by Vinny Delaney. Who would administer welfare if this were defeated? The selectmen are in charge of welfare for the town and they have no time to do this. They feel they need someone on call with a pager. Is this going to be as high a cost next year-Yes? Tim Lamarre asks if this position was voted on at an early town meeting or was it an appointed position by the board of selectmen? The board appointed. The \$8,000 is a responsibility of the taxpayers. Do we get this money back from repaid welfare? Welfare is supposed to be a hand up not a hand out. There's supposed to be a lien put on property owners to regain welfare and with renters it's a hit and miss if we get anything back.

Abigail Underhill calls question and John Metcalf seconds. Voice passed to call question.

Request for a ballot vote was presented to moderator.

Ballot vote YES 81 NO 88

Amendment FAILED

Town Administration Personnel (pg 34) 17,240.00

Arnold Shields asks if board has right to hire personnel without a position distribution? Board stated they need a paper trail for Concord. Abigail Underhill calls question John Metcalf seconds, moved on with voice vote.

Town Officers Salaries Expense (pg34) 52,958.21

Katy Blaine moves to cut line from 52,958.21 to 39,300. By cutting out Deputy town clerk to 0, cutting deputy tax collector to 0, cut tax collector to 9,000 and town clerk to 18,000. , seconded by Chris Davidson. Selectmen Dion stated that these positions are justified, required by law, and we need to pass total proposed budget for this line.

Request for a ballot vote was presented to moderator.

Ballot vote YES 72 NO 89

Amendment FAILED

Office Expenses (pg34) NEW LINE # 30,000.00

Marian Shields asks why this is so expensive this year an increase of \$14,000 higher than last years \$30,000? It's because the board is setting up new office for selectmen's assistant (extra phones, supplies). Katy Blaine states that when she was working in office everyone came in for supplies when needed, so what is in this line item to make it so high. Board couldn't explain what was in this number and were trying to find their worksheets. Moderator asks Katy if we could come back to this question while select board finds the answer. Yes, but don't forget to come back. (Came back at end of article two.)

Elections and Vital Records 2,500.00

Town Auditor Expense (pg 34) 23,000.00

Does this expense of \$23,000. include last year's audit? Yes the firm hired last year would not do the audit. The board didn't encumber the \$9,000 from last years budget so it went back into the general fund on Dec. 31,2008.

Trustee of the Trust Funds 400.00

Assessor "Pickups" 2,500.00

This line is used to keep up the values of the town from the inventories sent out each year.

Revaluation/Statistical Updates 12,000.00

This price is the yearly price for the quarterly values to get the town ready for five-year update required by law.

Planning & Zoning (pg58)(see note 1) 3,530.00

Town Buildings Expenses (pg35) NEW LINE # 10,600.00

Mel Gitchel made a statement that it was very hard to read the town report this year to compare last year's numbers to this year's budget.

Ann Thompson asks why phone, for example, is in each budget not looped together as one bill as was stated by board? Marilyn Green stated we as a town don't know what we are asked to pay for with this budget. The intent of the board was to group expenses together. Mark Fagnant moves to amend this line item by 3,500 from 14,100 to 10,600 for the doubling of phone bills from department budgets. Arnold Shields seconds. Ben Gitchel stated we are in no position to make good decisions with this budget presented. Question was called, voice passed

Amendment to lower to 10,600 was voice PASSED.

Insurance 11,000.00

Interest NEW LINE # 2,000.00

The treasurer stated that so far this year we have spent already 1,300 for interest due to the fact we had to borrow because last years tax bills were not due until Jan 09. They signed the manifest for this interest so they had to know. Jean Daley moved to increase line to 2,000 Jim Lambert seconded.

Voice PASSED to increase to 2,000.

Animal Control NEW LINE # 1,000.00

Jean Daley moved to increase line to \$1,000 from \$200.

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey.

Discussion: It was stated in this report that he had spent \$980 last year, so at least give him that much.

Voice PASSED

Highways and Bridges (pg41) (see note 2) NEW LINE # 243,144.67

On page 41 the Road Agent's budget needs to change by .20 to this line item to match budget given. (Typo)

Streets, Lights, Blinkers 5,500.00

Transfer and Recycling Center (pg 41) (see note 3) 44,466.90

Fire Engine Payment 38,836.00

Town Grounds (pg 55) 5,950.00

Town Buildings Maintenance and upgrades 30,000.00

George Smith moves to cut back to \$10,000.

Seconded by Harold Nowill. Keith Brick spoke as Fire Chief in favor not to decrease because if this is cut the town can't bring town buildings up to any code, electric alone we have cost estimate of \$30,000 for town office, library, fire department and meeting buildings.

Voice FAILED to decrease.

Recreation Committee 7,000.00

It was asked what this line item covers? Piermont's share for the swimming program with Orford is \$1,800; this allows Piermont children to have swimming lessons

at no cost to the family. The committee maintains fields for local tournaments, supports t-ball and little league for a short list.

Cemetery (pg62) (see note 4) NEW # 15,207.00

The board states that note 4 should read \$11,622 instead of \$3,575 due to a typo error.

Conservation Committee 650.00

Office for Town Grant Writing (new) NEW LINE # 0.00

Rebecca Ladd asks why do we need this because there are volunteers that would do this for nothing. She moves line to be decreased to 0 seconded by Vinny Delaney. Board explains that the \$3,000 is for supplies and to cover expenses for the volunteers.

Request for a ballot vote was presented to moderator.

Ballot vote YES 78 NO 70

Amendment PASSED to bring this to zero

Office for Elder Affairs (new) NEW LINE # 0.00

Robert Elder moves to amend line to 0.

Seconded by Rebecca Ladd. Robert Elder asks if there is a job description for this position it seems this is a duplication of other services available. No description but again this is to cover volunteer's expenses explains the board.

Request for a ballot vote was presented to moderator.

Ballot vote YES 125 NO 23

Amendment PASSED to decrease to zero

Web site design & hosting (new) NEW LINE # 0.00

Vinny Delaney moved to decrease line to 0.

Seconded by William Green. Long discussion

Question was called voice passed to move on

Question to make line zero was twice voice voted, Show of GREEN CARDS used to vote YES 73 NO 59

Amendment PASSED to decrease to zero.

Miscellaneous Town Expenses (pg35) NEW LINE # 47,440.00

George Smith would like to increase this line item to \$47,440. to include the requests organizations requested but didn't get into the warrant. (Visiting Nurses for \$3250. White Mt Mental Health for \$878. Woodsville 4th of July for \$500.) Barbara Fowler seconds. Mel Gitchel asks why legal fees last year were \$7,800. and this year it's listed as \$25,000? Selectmen stated they put all legal fees under this line item this year. Douglas Coughlin asks if there is any way we can reduce this cost? We have had three lawsuits against the town –one is done but the other two are restarting up again so no telling the cost. Meg Cleaves ask on page 28 of 2007 town report were requests where are they in budget this year? They were not discussed at the budget meeting so they couldn't be added to budget, but they can be added here according to DRA. George Smith added Senior Center for 1,300 and also add all who were paid last year so we don't miss any organization who requests money from Town. Moderator agrees to take time here so we get it right the first time. Also needed to add, Lake Host Program for 300, Lower Cohase for 362, Community action for 1,050, CASA for 500, Grafton Cty Senior Center for 1,300,

SUMMARY; Visiting Nurses 3250. Sen. Center 1,300.

White Mt Mental Health	878.	Lake Host	300.
Woodsville 4th of July	500.	Lower Cohase	362.
Comm. Action	1,050.	CASA	500.

George Smith amends original line item to increase total \$39,300 to \$47,440. Barbara Fowler agrees (she was the originally second). Last year why wasn't CASA paid? They never requested the money. Fred Shipman called the question Keith Brick seconded. Voice passed to call line item.

Voice PASSED amended line to read \$47,440.

Arnold Shields moved to restrict reconsideration and on all previous line items to not reconsider for one week seconded by Keith Brick. Voice vote was too close Show of GREEN CARDS YES 73 NO 38 No reconsidering for one week.

Piermont Library (pg50) (see note 5) NEW LINE # 43,252.00

Stephanie Gordon amends line to read \$43,252. Helga Mueller seconds. It was explained that the figures in note 5 need to be added together for total budget. Ann Thompson why \$2,500 for accounting this seems high? It was explained that the past bookkeeper didn't pay bills or IRS for employees on time so board hired an accountant and bought a computer program for \$250 as an expense. The IRS and bills are now being paid on time. Bert Nicol asks if these expenses listed in these notes are deducted before the tax rate is figured. YES they are.

Voice PASSED to increase line to 43,252.

Village Sewer System (pg51) (see note 6) 34,529.04

BACK to Office Expenses line- Rich Dion explains the \$44,205 includes 2 computers for \$2,500. Katy Blaine amends line for Office Expenses to decrease to read \$30,000. Carol Bellow seconds. Betty Sue Robie states it's a lot of money for just an administrator assistant and her office. Can the town still vote this down -yes? George Smith asks if this figure is accurate- Yes.

Voice PASSED to decrease this line to \$30,000.

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Total figure for 2009 budget now reads \$819,736.82 down from 825,237.02
 Moved by Harold Nowill to have article 2 read \$819,736.82
 Seconded by Steven Daly.

Voice PASSED

NEW Total Town Charges

\$819,736.82

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand nine hundred ninety-eight (\$5,998.) dollars for the major repair of the 1981 "Rescue/Forest" truck of the Piermont Fire Department.

Note: Assuming the approval of these repairs and the continued maintenance program the department has undertaken, it is believed this vehicle will provide useable duty life of another two-three years. In event the town wishes not to fund these repairs, the "Rescue" truck will be removed from service permanently at the end of March, 2009 due to its mechanical inability to pass inspection, meet NFPA Standards 1910,1911,and 1912 (as related to the fire service) and the risk posed to personnel in the operation of the vehicle. This will reduce the department's ability to respond to any emergency calls with only two emergency vehicles without the additional support equipment and water capacity currently carried by this heavy-duty general utility "rescue" vehicle.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved by Helga Mueller seconded by Roy Belyea

No discussion Voice PASSED

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town of Piermont will vote to approve the Piermont Police Department becoming a full time police department beginning April 1, 2009. The department's configuration will be with a full time police chief and up to two additional part time police officers. A budget for 2009 representing the addition cost for this fiscal year is herewith attached for your review and consideration and presented as Article five.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved by Chris Davidson seconded by Katy Blaine

Discussion: Meg Cleaves asks why if Bradford as a one-policeman department do we need a full time and two part time department? Bradford has State Troopers and Orange Cty Sheriffs department as backup. We are losing more and more Troopers as backups in the State of NH. Keith Brick as Fire Chief speaks for this, people want to fight with his crew when on fire calls and the police are help. Chris Davidson is concerned that crime is getting closer to Piermont and we need this department as full time. Tim Lamarre speaks against this at this time it's just too much money right now. John Monaghan as a State Trooper speaks for this article. There were three troopers covering Piermont now we're down to one and we could wait for hours for him to respond because he covers all of Grafton County. Board informed meeting that the Chief has been working on a grant for new police departments starting up. This grant should cover an officer for a three-year period so the expense won't be so hard on the Town going full time. Several people spoke in favor of full time force. It was mentioned that one full time and one part time officer would be just as good for the size of this town.

Police Chief Garvin asks moderator if he could speak even though he isn't a town resident. Voice vote approved by the town meeting for him to speak. Chief Garvin stated if this passes he plans on moving his family to Piermont within a year and other members of the force must live 20 minutes from police door. There has been a 61% increase in crime in this town since he started as part time police chief. He's hoping the grant will pay salary and benefits for three years. Robert Elder asks if this pays for one full time (40 hours) and two part time (at 10

each) officers? -Yes. Jean Daley stated that here in Piermont we had police force 24/7 when Bill Deal and then John Metcalf were our force and they never charged for all their hours. Now we have to pay. A probation officer for Grafton County who lives in Piermont has had his load increased greatly because of early releases and State cut backs he recomands a full time force.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE FIVE; Assuming the approval of article four, this article is to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of twenty seven thousand six hundred forty nine (\$27,649) dollars which will be in addition to the current Police Department budget of \$52,957. to allow the Piermont Police Department to become a full time department.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved by Keith Brick

Seconded by Sam Rounds

No discussion VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town of Piermont will compensate the town clerk with an hourly wage of between the range of \$15-22.00 an hour plus the usual benefits, if any, normally given to employees of the Town of Piermont, in lieu of all statutory or municipal agent fees. This compensation shall cover all official duties, including those of municipal agent for vehicle registrations, and requires the office to be open to the public no less than fifteen (15) hours per week but not to exceed twenty (20) hours in any one given week. The Town of Piermont requires the town clerk a mandatory one-week of vacation with pay at a time of convenience acceptable by the town and the town clerk with notification of at least one calendar month prior to the vacation dates. Office hours will be maintained as scheduled via the services of the Assistant town clerk during the absence of the town clerk.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved to pass over by Mel Gitchel

Seconded by Carol Bellow

Voice uncertain gave a show of Green Cards Yes 97 No 10

Article passed over

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote and approve to authorize the appointment as outlined in Section 41:26-e of the New Hampshire RSA rather than the election of a town treasurer. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the board of selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. REFERENCE: Approval of this warrant will not affect the election of the town treasurer for the term commencing March, 2009. An appointment for this position shall take place at the time of the town meeting that will take place in March of 2110.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved by Helga Mueller

Seconded by Keith Brick

Discussion: George Smith is not willing to vote out an elected officer. Gerry Wood states select board has too much say on appointments now we need to keep the towns people in control. Tony Smith asks what is reason for this article? We as a town can vote a treasurer out now, instead of giving power to select board to fire.- No answer from board.

VOICE FAILED

ARTICLE EIGHT; To see if the Town will vote, approve and authorize the sum of _____ dollars for the purpose of completing the "Bean Brook Bridge" in a timely, expeditious manner as outlined in agreements and contracts entered into by and between the Town of Piermont and contractors. This sum represents the cost of the project as outlined in the contract provided from the following contractor as well as the cost of the "Clerk of the works", names and budget attached. All contracts provided and entered into by the Town of Piermont will meet all necessary requirements as prescribed by the State of NH, reviewed by town counsel.

CONTRACT:

CLERK OF THE WORKS

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Selectman Dion moves to amend article to insert the amount of \$115,000

Seconded by Tony Smith

Discussion: The board received 2 bids for the bridge one for \$187,905 from Morrill Construction. The other bid was for \$273,700 from Austin Construction. Why \$115,000 if bids were higher? Board stated that Morrill Construction is willing to talk with board about the price. Asked if Frank Rodimon (road agent) was involved with the \$115,000 price. No he wasn't. Frank was asked if this could be done for the \$115,000? Frank said he feels it's accurate. George Smith asks why elected road agent doesn't finish job? Frank states he declines to be involved with this Bridge. Before approval what was the full appropriation for the bridge and what is left at year-end 2008? Total was \$172,400 in 2007, \$46,000 on 12-31-2007, today 3-10-2009 \$28,000 is left. Peter Thayer asks if the \$28,000 is to be added to the \$115,000 for a total of \$143,000? -Yes. Tony Smith states he feels the town owes it to the taxpayer on Bean Brook Road to get this bridge finished.

VOICE PASSED and few nos

Arnold Shields made a motion to consider to restrict reconsideration on Article 7

Harold Nowill seconded

VOICE PASSED

Selectman Dion made a motion to consider to restrict reconsideration Articles 3 thru 6
Fred Shipman seconds voice to close Show of GREEN CARDS PASSED

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars to resurface a section of Church Street from Lover's Lane to approximately the fire hydrant located next to the property of Arthur James.

Reference: FEMA has approved and granted the Town of Piermont funds to replace the culvert next to the church. As the street is being torn up for the FEMA portion of the project it seems appropriate and optimum to resurface this portion of Church Street.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved by Steven Daly

Seconded by Joan Osgood

Discussion: Katy Blaine asks if they are going to fix or just resurface? Frank stated he plans on just doing a shim coat to road. This should give 5 more years then rebuild the road using the ten-year plan.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote, approve and authorize the sum of seventy seven thousand nine hundred eighty (\$77,980) dollars for the purpose of replacing the Barton Road Bridge.

Reference: As a point of information, this bridge is on the State's "red List" and may be subject to closing by the state DOT at a time of their choosing. The budget material for this project is attached within this document for your review and consideration.

Steel structure	31,380
Concrete	23,100
Lumber	6,250
Crane	1,800
Excavation	13,450
Labor	2,000
	\$77,980.

The Board of Selectmen DOES NOT RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Frank Rodimon (road agent) moved to amend article to read the sum of \$8,000 not \$77,980 to prepare and give time to receive survey and permits. This allows the process to finish Bean Brook Bridge. Also, gives time to get stamped abutment plans before starting. The bridge top already has stamped drawings from the State.

Seconded by Fred Shipman

Discussion: It was mentioned that we voted on this last year and passed it, why was it not done and again on this year's warrant? Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) rejected the article last year because of the wording. Their letter was entered on page 30. Cameron Prest asked why last year it was \$54,000 and this year it's \$77,980? Is it going to be fixed this year? Not until Bean Brook Bridge is finished. At this time there is no closing date for Barton Road Bridge. This bridge is on State's red list and was posted last year for 3 ton limit for safety reasons. Chris Davidson asks if the right-of-way for Barton Road has been found- selectmen's response was they do not know. George Smith why wasn't it done last year because letter was dated in August? Permits take time so letter from DRA got here before permits were issued and work began. Question called.

Amendment voiced PASSED Voice passed as amended(verified by Moderator)

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote, approve, and authorize under the New Hampshire RSA section 674:5-8, the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) committee, which includes one member of Conservation Committee, Zoning Committee, the Planning Board, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvements projects projected over a period of at least six (6) years. The CIP program may encompass major projects being currently undertaken or future projects to be undertaken with federal, state, county, and other public funds. The purpose of the Town's CIP would be to strengthen the Town's ability to forecast the need for various capital improvement projects over a set period of time. The "Plan" would show when, how, and at what cost the town expects to expand and/or maintain its services and facilities in the future taking into account municipal expense and revenue trends, levels of population, and forecasted growth. This CIP would be established as an ongoing process to be revamped annually to accommodate the dynamic related information concerning future needs or specific costs as they are identified by the community. Additionally, RSA 674:22 declares that communities which desire to regulate development through the creation of growth management controls must have adopted a Master Plan and enacted a Capital Improvements program.

The Board of Selectmen RECOMMEND in favor of the article.

Moved by Harold Nowill
Seconded by Fred Shipman

Discussion: Can you please explain the meaning of this article! Selectman Dion explains that this committee would act if needed for financing for vehicles replacement or repair or buildings master repair and accruing property to expand public buildings. Under RSA's town board of selectmen runs government. Does this article require it to be run by board of selectmen-no but one selectmen will be a member of board. With this article new developments could pay an impact fee. Selectmen Dion stated the plan is to have as members one member from Board of selectmen, one member of Conservation Commission, one member of Zoning board, one member of Planning Board, one open seat appointed by board of selectmen. Bill Morris (Chairman of Planning Board) stated that this has to pass to proceed with impact fees in master plan of town for planning board. Peggy Fullerton - we need to get more understanding of this article before we can vote. Question called by Abigail Underhill seconded by John Metcalf. Voice passed to call

Voice PASSED

ARTICLE TWELVE; Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A4-a, I(a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

The Board of Selectmen DOES NOT support this article.

Moved by Bill Morris
Seconded by Helga Mueller

Discussion: There is a 10% share from Current Use Releases, which is deposited into the conservation fund. This fund can only be used to pay for conservation easements no tax money would be used for purchases. This article would allow 2 or more towns to conserve a piece of land together. Vinny Dalany stated if this passes it should be used for only towns Piermont borders. George Smith asks if they have a piece of property in mind or is this just a general statement for use in the future. Meg Cleaves asks what does the tax laws say about Piermont owning land in another town? - Don't know. Keith Brick stated that current use money is tax money so it is tax money being used for this article. Question called

VOICE FAILED

ARTICLE THIRTEEN; Shall the Town vote to adopt provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Committee to expend funds for contributions to "qualified" organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.

The Board of Selectmen DO NOT support this article.

Moved to pass over by Meg Cleaves
Seconded by Keith Brick
VOICE PASSED to pass over

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

1. Will Priestly read a letter and presented a petition of 254 signatures in support of Linda Lambert. Arnold Shields moved to enter this petition as part of the minutes seconded by Peggy Fullerton Voice PASSED
2. Abby Metcalf stated the budget was horribly prepared and read a letter she wrote. ATTACHED
3. Why hasn't the emergency generator been bought yet? Bob Lang stated it would take 2-3 years for the process and grant to finish.
4. Ellen Putnam asks for a moment of silence for townspeople we have lost this year.
5. Arnold Shields asks for adjournment Passed
6. Barbara Fowler thanks Mark Fagnant for being selectmen for 3 years
7. Donald Mitchell thanks Bob Lang for 40 years helping Robert McDonald out when he needed it.

Adjourned at 1:30 AM

Linda Lambert
Town Clerk

Selectman

Moderator



Fred Shipman works with PVS students as part of the Four Winds Nature Program

Town Clerk 2009 Annual Report

Submitted to the Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1147)	\$117,268.00
Motor Vehicles Titles (158)	\$262.00
Dog Licenses (217)	\$1,538.50
Dog Fines	\$315.00
Other (Copies, Regulations, Permits, Etc.)	\$324.00
State Sticker Fees	\$3,378.00
Vital Records	\$348.00
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	\$123,433.50

REMINDER***** All dogs over 4 months old must be licensed.

2010 Tags are in but you do need proof of rabies to license them. All must be licensed by April 01, 2010.



A Piermont firefighter discusses fire safety with students at PVS.

Summary of Inventory Valuation – 2009

Land	Current Use (at C.U. Values)	\$1,288,253.00	
	Conservation Restrictions	\$253,606.00	
	Residential	\$32,554,900.00	
	Commercial/Industrial	\$1,559,320.00	
Buildings	Residential	\$50,544,020.00	
	Manufactured Housing	\$901,670.00	
	Commercial/Industrial	\$4,462,780.00	
Public Utilities	Electric (includes Phone-no land)	\$886,103.00	
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$92,450,652.00
	Elderly Exemptions	\$410,000.00	
	Solar Exemption	\$6,950.00	
	Blind Exemptions	\$0.00	
Total Exemptions			\$416,950.00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed			
Utilities	Central Vermont Public Service	\$827.00	
	New England Power Company	\$80,924.00	
	New Hampshire Electric Co-op	\$359,315.00	
	Evans Evans and Evans	\$113,942.00	
	Public Service of New Hampshire	\$331,095.00	
Total			\$886,103.00



Former paratrooper Joe Medlicott spoke to Piermont school children on Veteran's Day

Statement of Appropriations and Tax Rate – 2009

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION Municipal Services Division 2009 Tax Rate Calculation

REVISED
due to MS-1 valuation changes

M/M 11/24/09

TOWN/CITY: PIERMONT

Gross Appropriations	996,384
Less: Revenues	453,838
Less: Shared Revenues	0
Add: Overlay	1,791
War Service Credits	23,700

Net Town Appropriation	568,037
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	568,037
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TOWN RATE
6.17

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	1,841,484
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(395,470)

State Education Taxes	(228,339)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,217,675

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
13.23

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.14
106,950,266	228,339
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
91,147,599	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.51

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	136,590
Less: Shared Revenues	0

Approved County Tax Effort	136,590
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COUNTY RATE
1.48

TOTAL RATE
23.39

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,150,641
Less: War Service Credits	(23,700)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,126,941

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.51	228,339
All Other Taxes	20.88	1,922,302
		2,150,641

TRC#
227.1

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227.1

Statement of Payments 2009

Acadia Insurance	\$177.00
Ace Blueprint Service	\$48.00
Airgas East	\$171.72
Antioch New England Institute	\$100.00
Apple Time	\$254.46
AT&T	\$414.91
Austin, Corey	\$110.80
Avant	\$69.41
Bayne, Elizabeth	\$379.00
Beauregard Equipment	\$13,050.00
Belyea, Roy	\$469.22
Better Roads	\$24.95
Big Rock Agregates	\$12,010.00
Bigelow Paving	\$390.00
Blaisdell Sand & Gravel	\$170.84
Blaktop	\$9,238.45
Boemig, Madison K.	\$5,199.96
Bound Tree Medical	\$897.17
Bradford/Pratts	\$2,978.75
Branham Publishing	\$72.80
Brick, Keith	\$357.63
Bridge Weekly Sho-Case	\$744.80
Brown, Charles	\$800.00
Budget Lumber	\$1,934.14
Business Management Systems Inc	\$1,470.16
Cabela's	\$415.92
Calco Inc	\$3,045.10
Carew & Wells	\$3,726.25
Cargill	\$4,404.29
Carroll Concrete	\$1,080.00
Carrot-Top Industries	\$51.79
CASA of NH	\$500.00
Cassidy, Randy	\$67.12
Charter Communications	\$1,667.46
Chase Card Services	\$81.84
Chief Logging & Construction	\$2,448.39
Chief Supply	\$810.43
CITI Residential Lending	\$2,233.18
Collins, Greg	\$67.48
Collins, Jennifer	\$989.54
Colson Family Investment Trust	\$198.81
Commerford Nieder Perkins	\$7,785.50
Community Action Outreach Program	\$1,050.00

Complete Recycling Solutions	\$129.51
Connecticut Valley Trucking	\$760.00
Crimestar Corp	\$250.00
Daley, Jean	\$5.27
Daly, Steven	\$41.68
C.M. Davidson	\$3,850.00
Dead River Company	\$3,522.79
Delux Business Forms	\$160.60
Dion, Richard	\$1,051.62
Divan, Ellen	\$120.00
Don's Auto Repair	\$1,073.00
East Coast Mapping	\$1,742.00
Eastern Analytical	\$800.00
Eastman, Scott	\$70.84
Econo Signs	\$83.06
Estes + Gallop	\$1,404.59
E-Z Steel & Fabrication	\$100.00
Fairlee Fire Brigade	\$250.00
FairPoint Communications	\$4,359.49
Farm-Way	\$313.80
Ferguson Waterworks	\$1,837.37
Fitzpatrick, Barbara	\$270.00
Foto Factory	\$14.95
Four Corners Store	\$1,489.93
Frontline Fire & Rescue Equipment	\$296.30
Fullerton, Peggy	\$220.00
Gall's Inc	\$289.09
Gardner Fulton & Waugh	\$27,524.63
Gitchell, Mel	\$120.00
G-Neil	\$54.99
Godfrey, Wayne	\$31.41
Godfrey Enterprises	\$676.80
Gould, Russell and Shirley	\$1,400.00
Grafton County Registry of Deeds	\$347.02
Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$1,300.00
Grafton County Treasurer	\$136,590.00
Granite State Rural Water Association	\$100.00
Gravin, Robert	\$2,684.86
Green Insurance Associates	\$4,794.00
Grteen Mountain Trading Post	\$18.00
H.E. Bergeron Engineers	\$425.00
Harry's Gun Shop	\$100.00
Hartley, Ernest	\$90.00
Henry, Bruce	\$218.82
High Country Aluminum Products	\$900.00

Hogan, Austin	\$135.46
Hogan Electric	\$3,892.78
Howadr P Fairfield, LLC	\$303.62
Huntington, Jeff	\$241.72
Huntington's Agway	\$447.20
IDS	\$107.61
Jay's Septic Tank Cleaning	\$2,050.00
Jenks, Vea	\$120.00
Joseph P Carrara & Sons	\$3,330.00
Journal Opinion	\$917.61
K&R Portable Toilets	\$1,260.00
Keith's II Sports	\$122.75
Keysar, Ginny	\$120.00
Kibby Equipment	\$1,499.64
Lambert, Linda	\$168.57
Lang, Robert	\$132.70
Lavoie's AutoCare Center	\$15,555.88
Lawson Products	\$95.51
LexisNexis Matthew Bender	\$796.43
LGC Health Trust	\$7,156.32
Little Rivers Health Care	\$129.00
Local Government Center	\$8,194.46
Lowell McLeods Inc	\$95.00
Lyme Town Band	\$250.00
Manatron	\$1,569.12
Martin's Quarry	\$3,614.35
Mauchly, J Andrew	\$41.68
MB Tractor & Equipment	\$275.00
Melanson Heath & Company	\$8,000.00
Metcalf, Abby	\$1,638.07
Metcalf, John	\$457.08
Mitchell Municipal Group	\$9,116.74
Morrill, Gary	\$1,027.21
Morrill Construction	\$230,688.59
Motorola	\$2,438.46
Mueller, Helga	\$36.68
NAPA of Bradford	\$1,139.00
NEBS	\$77.43
New England Association of City & Town Clerks	\$50.00
New England Document Systems	\$125.00
New England Emergency Equipment	\$701.50
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative	\$1,197.45
NH Association of Assessors	\$20.00
NH Association of Chiefs of Police	\$100.00
NH Association of Conservation Commissions	\$175.00

NH City & Town Clerks Association	\$140.00
NH Department of Environmental Services	\$160.00
NH Department of Labor	\$50.00
NH Department of Revenue Administration	\$70.00
NH Department of Safety	\$688.01
NH Lakes Association	\$300.00
NH Local Welfare Administrators Association	\$54.00
NH Municipal Association	\$594.59
NH Retirement System	\$4,582.04
NH State Treasurer	\$8,610.14
NH Tax Collectors Association	\$20.00
NH Town Clerks Association	\$60.00
NH Unemployment Compensation	\$359.71
Nobis Engineering	\$8,300.00
Normandeau Trucking	\$13,620.35
Northeast Regional Tax Collectors & Treasures Association	\$30.00
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	\$4,460.31
Northland Specialties	\$8,062.50
Oakes Borthers	\$1,088.33
Ore Hill Excavation & Trucking	\$139,117.50
Owens Leasing	\$3,140.00
Paige Computer Systems	\$45.00
Paragon Construction	\$7,574.78
Pathways Consulting	\$2,369.15
Patten's Gas	\$2,175.65
Penn Traffic Co.	\$174.06
People's United Bank	\$246.88
Perry's Oil Service	\$5,272.08
Personnel Concepts	\$139.90
Pete's Rubbish Removal	\$511.20
Phoenix Distributors	\$375.00
Piermont Plant Pantry	\$19,032.41
Piermont PTO	\$12.00
Piermont Public Library	\$33,560.00
Piermont School District	\$1,146,541.00
Piermont Village School	\$145.50
Pikcomm Communications	\$269.00
Pioneer Products	\$662.52
Plymouth State University	\$464.00
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer District	\$100.00
Prest, Cameron	\$518.60
PRIMEX	\$2,332.00
Prince, Matthew	\$41.68
Print Graphics of Maine	\$339.35
Psychotherapy Associates	\$350.00

Public Safety Center	\$1,123.53
Public Service of NH	\$12,002.75
Putnam, Ellen	\$533.79
Quartermaster	\$164.94
Reardon, Lydia	\$102.55
Recycling Mechanical of New England	\$587.75
Red Jacket Mountain View	\$534.00
Reynolds and Son	\$1,101.11
Rich, Aaron	\$41.86
Riley's Sport Shop	\$314.87
Rinkers Communications	\$586.25
ROBCO	\$325.00
Robie, Terry	\$2,422.00
Rodimon, Frank	\$188.10
Ross Business Center	\$310.00
Rutherford, Robert	\$600.00
Schmidt, Steven	\$38.00
Schwaab, Inc	\$104.96
Shipman, Frederick W	\$1,012.54
Smith, George	\$4,641.00
Southworth-Milton	\$22.33
Speare Memorial Hospital	\$472.68
Stamp Fulfillment Services	\$236.60
Staples	\$3,943.35
State of New Hampshire	\$1,454.00
Stateline Sports	\$417.00
Stepping Stone Landscaping	\$150.00
The Balsams	\$434.70
The Bridge Printing	\$3,156.00
The Shipman Company	\$925.00
Tomkins, George	\$55.00
Tompkins, Joyce	\$200.00
Tool Barn	\$1,296.19
Town of Hanover	\$9,854.51
Town of Haverhill	\$1,284.99
Town of Orford	\$1,524.59
Town of Piermont	\$66,710.22
Town of Warren	\$473.46
Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association	\$200.00
Underhill, Stephen	\$240.00
UNH Technology Transfer Center	\$105.00
United Water	\$177.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	\$12,075.00
Upper Valley Humane Society	\$400.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission	\$1,012.70

Upper Valley Region Emer Services Association	\$50.00
US Postal Service	\$2,636.20
Verizon	\$346.96
Vermont EMS District 9	\$700.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT & NH	\$3,250.00
Voss Signs	\$65.80
Wescott, David	\$2,500.00
C.M. Whitcher Rubbish Removal	\$445.10
White River Paper	\$3,823.13
Woodard, Russell	\$15.00
Woodard, Suzanne	\$216.00
Woodard & Curran	\$1,587.27
Woodsville Area Fourth of July Committee	\$500.00
Woodsville Guaranty Saving Bank	\$38,555.65
Yeager, Chris	\$41.68
Yeager, Karl	\$41.68
Total	\$2,198,738.34



Students from PVS celebrate birthdays for the month of August.

Town Payroll Expense

Austin, Corey	\$177.12
Bayne, Elizabeth	\$3,483.40
Belyea, Roy	\$217.30
Brick, Keith	\$2,904.63
Collins, Greg	\$618.31
Collins, Jennifer	\$20,025.59
Daley, Jean	\$3,622.50
Daly, Steven	\$184.22
Dion, Richard	\$2,563.85
Dunbar, Randy	\$363.00
Fagnant, Mark	\$525.00
Gaetz, Joshua	\$4,837.40
Garvin, Robert	\$44,364.25
Godfrey, Linda	\$335.00
Godfrey, Wayne	\$5,658.23
Hartley, Dana	\$228.66
Henry, Bruce	\$356.15
Huntington, Jeffrey	\$169.22
Lambert, James	\$877.50
Lambert, Linda	\$30,858.90
Lang, Robert	\$2,600.00
Mauchly, J Andrew	\$732.98
Metcalf, Abby	\$27.60
Metcalf, John	\$14,309.09
Metcalf, Tom	\$900.55
Metcalf-Stevens, Michelle	\$228.07
Mueller, Helga	\$1,065.00
Putnam, Glen	\$56.38
Putnam, James	\$50.00
Ratel, Bernadette	\$2,833.01
Rich, Aaron	\$377.69
Robie, Terry	\$1,000.00
Shipman, Frederick	\$1,790.50
Stygles, Rick	\$2,356.05
Stygles, Shane	\$86.66
Wescott, Jody	\$424.10
Wood, Geraldine	\$156.04
Woodard, Suzanne	\$36.00
Yeager, Karl	\$417.29
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Sub-Total	\$152,817.24
Payroll Taxes	\$9,349.97
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Grand Total	\$162,167.21

Schedule of Town Property

Buildings	
Selectman/Library, Fire Dept., Highway Garage	\$259,540.00
Furniture and Equipment	\$20,000.00
Land	
Selectman/Library, Fire Dept., Highway Garage	\$284,250.00
Equipment - Fire Department	\$430,000.00
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	\$355,210.00
Bean Brook Road Land	\$56,830.00
Highway Equipment	\$94,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	\$36,810.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	\$961,810.00
Cemeteries	\$37,740.00
Piermont Sewage District Land	\$37,740.00
Fire Ponds	\$40,950.00
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	\$82,000.00
Sarah Moore Lot	\$40,000.00
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	\$111,280.00
Equipment - Police Department	\$30,000.00
Total	\$2,878,160.00



Cindy Putnam judges 4H programs at the North Haverhill Fair

Tax Collector's 2009 Annual Report

	2008	2007
Uncollected taxes Beginning of year		
Property Taxes	(\$641.55)	(\$553.63)
Resident Taxes	\$1,123.00	\$60.00
Yield Taxes	(\$740.61)	
Utilities Charges	\$778.00	
Other	\$19.63	\$19.94
 Revenues Committed This Year		
Property Taxes	\$2,134,314.76	\$953,409.03
Resident Taxes	\$4,270.00	
Land Use Charges	\$3,120.00	
Yield Taxes	\$1,069.98	\$6,979.07
Excavation Taxes	\$104.00	
Utilites	\$26,029.26	\$13,662.25
 Interest Collected and Penalties	\$3,523.48	\$10,497.88
Refunds Overpayments	\$2,500.00	\$1,167.76
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,174,931.48	\$986,254.46
		(\$472.69)
 CREDITS		
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$1,766,722.86	\$895,493.46
Resident Taxes	\$3,590.00	\$763.00
Land Use Change	\$270.00	
Yield Taxes	\$1,069.98	\$6,147.35
Excavation Taxes	\$104.00	
Utilities	\$22,426.92	\$13,662.25
Interest	\$1,406.61	\$2,887.43
Penelties	\$1,322.82	\$2,100.37
Conversion to Lien		\$63,892.18
 Abatements Made		
Property Taxes		\$881.68
Resident Taxes	\$100.00	\$220.00
Yield Taxes		\$91.11
Interest and Penalties	\$28.90	\$15.18
 Uncollected Rev Year End		
Property Taxes	\$370,857.05	(\$34.55)
Resident Taxes	\$580.00	\$140.00
Land Use Change	\$2,850.00	
Utilities	\$3,602.34	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,174,931.48	\$986,259.46
		(\$263.05)

TAX SALE/LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES

Unredeemed Taxes-Bal at Beg of Fiscal Year	52,600.25
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	64,722.86
<u>Interest Collected After Execution</u>	<u>6,349.35</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	123,672.46

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:	29,755.51
Interest Collected	6,349.35
<u>Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Lien</u>	<u>87,567.60</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	123,672.46

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector



Joan Osgood, popular school teacher and horse enthusiast



Middlesex Historical Society

Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Piermont, New Hampshire

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of the General and Sewer Funds of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2008, and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

These financial statements are presented on a full accrual basis of accounting and do not include all activities of the Town, nor complete disclosures, and are not intended to present the basic financial statements of the Town, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. J. ... PC'.

Nashua, New Hampshire
January 28, 2010

TOWN OF PIERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL AND SEWER FUNDS

BUDGETARY BASIS BALANCE SHEET (UNAUDITED)

DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 98,350	\$ 9,307
Receivables		
Taxes receivable	995,903	-
Sewer receivables		15,413
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,094,253</u>	<u>\$ 24,720</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,954	\$ 63
Due to School District	466,541	-
Notes payable	310,000	-
Other liabilities	<u>3,308</u>	<u>7,563</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	795,803	7,626
Fund Balances:		
Reserved for		
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	87,965	-
Unreserved:		
Undesignated, reported in:		
General fund	210,485	-
Sewer fund	-	17,094
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>298,450</u>	<u>17,094</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,094,253</u>	<u>\$ 24,720</u>

See Accountants' Compilation Report

TOWN OF PIERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL AND SEWER FUNDS

BUDGETARY BASIS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 1,868,952	\$ -
Excises	129,687	-
Penalties, interest, and other taxes	13,559	-
Charges for services	4,504	28,297
Intergovernmental	138,708	12,444
Licenses and permits	9,049	-
Investment income	4,334	32
Miscellaneous	<u>3,012</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	2,171,805	40,773
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	146,807	-
Public safety	109,484	-
Public works	303,286	34,469
Health and human services	20,997	-
Culture and recreation	42,455	-
Conservation	2,101	-
Debt service	38,814	13,200
Intergovernmental	145,790	-
School district assessment	<u>1,286,542</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	2,096,276	47,669
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	75,529	(6,896)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Proceeds of bonds	-	-
Transfers from Trusts	26,385	-
Transfers to Trusts	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(6,615)	-
Change in fund balance	68,914	(6,896)
Fund Equity, at Beginning of Year, as restated	<u>229,536</u>	<u>23,990</u>
Fund Equity, at End of Year	<u>\$ 298,450</u>	<u>\$ 17,094</u>

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Treasurer 2009 Annual Report

Property Taxes	\$2,710,382.79
Resident Taxes	\$4,165.00
Yield Taxes	\$7,432.53
Gravel Taxes	\$216.39
Current Use	\$425.00
In Lieu of Taxes	\$5,246.00
Interest & Penalties	\$18,452.49
Redemptions	\$7,772.28
Tax Liens	\$20,791.99
Abatements/Refunds	(\$1,433.69)
Meals & Rooms Tax	\$32,460.45
Highway Subsidy	\$33,258.65
State Grant for Generator	\$20,675.50
State Grant for Fire Dept.	\$664.50
Recycling Fees & Sales	\$2,498.85
Pay as You Throw Income	\$18,008.40
FEMA Income	\$17,188.88
Forestry Reimbursement	\$879.23
Sale of Town Property	\$3,360.00
Rent of Town Property	\$831.00
Insurance Rebate	\$25.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$118,245.75
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$240.00
M A Fees	\$3,305.00
Burial Fees	\$1,600.00
Planning Board/ZBA Fees	\$967.86
Vital Records	\$343.00
Permits & Fees	\$2,310.23
Cemetery Trust Fund Income	\$2,051.87
Trust Fund Income	\$12,701.38
Interest on Deposits	\$535.41
Dog Licenses	\$1,486.00
Dog Fines	\$325.00
Library Electricity & Internet	\$805.68
Donations for Police Dept.	\$1,060.00
CD Redeemed for Planning Bd	\$4,296.71
Recycling Expendable Trust	\$3,650.00
South Lawn #2 reimbursements	\$3,922.66

Total Receipts	\$3,061,147.79
Beginning Balance 1/1/09	\$98,350.25
Total	\$3,159,498.04
Less Expenditures	\$2,809,606.44
Generator Grant not yet spent	\$20,675.00
Ending Balance 12/31/09	\$329,224.60

Above does not include \$200,000 invested in the NH DPIP during 2009

The Police Dept. has received \$700 in private donations, a \$1,000 grant from Walmart and a 50/50 State Grant towards the purchase of a radar trailer.

The Conservation Commission checking account has a balance of \$1,826.81.

Road Agent 2009 Annual Report

2009 has come to an end. It was another wet but very busy year. Along with the routine maintenance we had seven F.E.M.A. projects to complete which included the Church Street culvert that was replaced at no cost to the town. In spite of all the rains; we had no wash-outs, although routine maintenance was delayed somewhat.

We were able to get the roadsides mowed though not as early as we had hoped; the delivery of the mowers was delayed due to all the rain. We plan to make the mowing a yearly project.

All in all, 2009 was a productive year and I look forward to serving you in the future.

Frank Rodimon
Road Agent



PVS students carving pumpkins for the annual pumpkin lighting at the Plant Pantry

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 “Small Town Perfect”
 ANNUAL REPORT for 2009



Piermont Public Library hosted three programs concerning “End-of-Life Issues.” Dr. Mark and Cappy Nunlist presented a program on medical and legal aspects of end-of-life issues. The second program was on Hospice Care led by Jill Muntz and Jim Wooster. In the final program Helena Saarion facilitated a round table discussion.

Other events included the following.

- Summer Reading Program, *Summertime and the Reading is Easy*, had 44 readers from ages 2-16 with t-shirts and ice cream certificates as prizes. Over 230 books were read.
- Our annual Memorial Day Book Sale brought in \$393.30.
- PSNH donated two meters, which we lend to patrons who wish to check the electrical consumption of various appliances in their homes.

NH Humanities Council program, *Cows and Communities* presented by Steve Taylor, launched a joint Historical Society / Piermont Library adventure called *Piermont Farms, Then and Now*. Local farms will be researched and kiosks unveiled on Memorial Day 2010.

Special services provided by the library:

- LUV COOP rotating audio books and DVDs collections with 29 other libraries;
- ILL, Interlibrary Loan, offering patrons more choices from other town and college libraries;
- NH State Library Downloadable Audio Books Program offering audio books, to be downloaded to MP3 players or ipods. Call to find out how to take advantage of this program. [272-4967];
- PPL blog with library hours, events, new material, the school’s happenings, etc.
<http://piermontlibrary.blogspot.com>.

Donations to the library’s Memorial Funds were given in the names of Dick Waterman and Lloyd Hall. We wish to thank area residents for their generous donations of money, books, audio books and DVDs. A tribute goes to our Board of Trustees for their volunteer hours at meetings, on special programs, and opening the library every Sunday: Chairman Helga Mueller, Treasurer Joyce Tompkins, Secretary Stephanie Gordon, Kristi Medill, Joe Medicott, Nancy Sandell, and Marian Shields.

Downloadable Books circulation	300
Downloadable Books Patrons	32
Circulation of PPL: ‘09:	8824
Piermont Village School	1550
Total	10374
2009 Materials acquired: (books, CDs, DVDs, etc.)	437
[# of items added to collection which were donated] ...	243
Total of Collection ‘08	15078
Total of Collection ‘09	15515
Patron visits 2009:	4185

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

Police Department 2009 Annual Report

The Piermont Police Department is proud to report accomplishments for the year of 2009. This past year the town voted for a full time police department. This has allowed for quicker response time to local calls for service as well as provided increased police patrol within our community and alleviated the need for state police coverage in our area. Calls for service in 2009 were 941, which represents 8% increase from 2008.

Along with establishing a full time department, we welcomed a new part time officer, Josh Gaetz, implemented department policies and procedures, continued department training and certification and established town ordinances to increase police department income to the town.

The Piermont Police Department continues to participate in community service events such as the second annual Child ID Day held in November, the Prouty Event bicycle race and the Piermont Village School Open House providing fingerprinting for staff and volunteers of the school.

This past year we were awarded a grant from New Hampshire Highway Safety as well as donations from local businesses and residents to aid in the purchase of a radar trailer dedicated to the Town of Piermont to provide speed control on our local roads and maintain the safety of our residents. We also received a Preliminary Breath Test machine from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission to aid in alcohol related vehicle stops. We extend sincerest thanks to all who have contributed to help promote safety and integrity in our town.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Piermont Fire Department, the Piermont Fast Squad the Piermont Highway Department and Troop F off the NH state Police for their assistance and support.

The Piermont Police Department would like to extend its gratitude to the citizens of Piermont for their continued support and involvement with the department. It is an honor to continue to serve this town and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Garvin

Chief of Police

Call Action Breakdown 2009

<u>Call Action</u>	<u>Self Init</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Cancelled Prior to Dispatch	0	1	1	<1
Arrest(s) Made	16	3	19	1.5
Accident Report Taken	1	4	5	<1
Cancelled Prior to Arrival	0	2	2	<1
False Alarm	0	9	9	<1
Extinguished	0	9	9	<1
Investigated	33	67	100	10.7
Incident Report Taken	6	4	10	1.1
Log Information	25	180	205	21.9
No Action Required	8	5	13	1.4
Removed Hazard	3	3	6	<1
Taken/Referred to Other Agency	2	37	39	14.2
Services Rendered	25	23	48	5.1
Building Checked/Secured	2	0	2	<1
Gone on Arrival	4	5	9	<1
Ambulance Run	0	30	30	3.2
Summons Issued	32	2	34	3.6
Ambulance Still	0	8	8	<1
TAKEN/REFERRED TO TPD	0	1	1	<1
Warning Issued	381	10	391	41.8
TOTAL	538	403	941	100

Call Action Breakdown 2008

<u>Call Action</u>	<u>Self Init</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Unknown	0	0	0	<1
Cancelled Prior to Dispatch	0	2	2	<1
Arrest(s) Made	17	3	23	1.1
Accident Report Taken	0	8	8	<1
Cancelled Prior to Arrival	0	5	5	<1
False Alarm	0	5	5	<1
Field Interview Conducted	0	0	0	<1
Extinguished	0	5	5	<1
Investigated	19	53	72	8.4
Incident Report Taken	2	19	21	2.5
Log Information	25	141	166	19.4
No Action Required	34	3	37	4.3
Protective Custody	0	0	0	<1
Removed Hazard	3	6	9	1.1
Taken/Referred to Other Agency	0	30	30	3.5
Services Rendered	56	31	87	10.2
Transported / Relayed	0	0	0	<1
Vehicle Towed	2	2	4	<1
Building Checked/Secured	1	0	1	<1
Gone on Arrival	1	10	11	1.3
MALICIOUS FALSE ALARM	0	0	0	<1
Ambulance Run	0	31	31	3.6
Summons Issued	52	0	52	6.1
Ambulance Still	0	9	9	1.1
TAKEN/REFERRED TO TPD	0	0	0	1.1
Warning Issued	289	2	291	34
TOTAL	201	365	866	100

Animal Control 2009 Annual Report

Dear Citizens of Piermont,

I submit my animal control report for 2009. 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 department of agriculture if needed. I issued six fines for failure to license dogs this year. I issued two fines for dogs running loose. I responded to two barking dog complaints, with one warning and one fine. One case went to court. I took 3 stray dogs to the humane society all of which were adopted. I also responded to two skunk calls none of which cost the town for my time. I also responded to a call of three dogs full of porcupine quills. I in my 15 years of doing this job have never seen dogs with so many quills in them. I also responded to a stray dog call Arron Circle Rd which was the most frustrating, having never caught the dog. I even set a large havahart trap which I borrowed from the humane society and still am not sure who the owner is or if it is a stray someone let go. I spent many hours on this one call.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Godfrey
Animal Control Officer



Fire Department 2009 Annual Report

As many of you know I have chosen not to run for re-election again this year for personal and/or family reasons. I have also chosen to resign completely from the department for the same reasons. I am confident in the abilities of your new chief Aaron Rich as I believe he will work hard to continue forward progress of the department. It was with great pleasure to serve the Town of Piermont for the past 10 years and I thank everyone for their support during that time.

In 2009 the department responded to 43 fire calls 10 mutual aid calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 2 tree on wires, 4 wires down, 4 odor investigations, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 5 chimney fires, 2 car fires, 1 woods rescue, 3 brush fires one of which being a major event which also burned a camp which was found to be of undetermined in nature of ignition, 4 fire alarms, 2 gas leaks (motor vehicle).

Again I thank you for your support and hope you will continue to support the department and its new leaders. The current roster contains 11 regular members 3 probationary members and 1 junior member any one who has a little extra time is encouraged to join.

Respectfully submitted

Keith Brick Fire Chief 2009

Fast Squad 2009 Annual Report

During the year 2009 your FAST Squad has responded to 47 emergency calls within our town. We continue to be thankful for the support we receive from our Fire Fighters, Police Officers and community members; you all make our work more manageable and we appreciate every bit of assistance.

We celebrated EMS week by taking on three separate projects. We made available Emergency Information Folders, where our citizens can keep up-to-date health information which would be easily available in case of an emergency. We made multiple copies of a multi-language translation card specific to emergency medical phrases and gave copies to every ambulance which responds to Piermont, and the emergency departments at Cottage and Speare Memorial Hospitals. We worked with members of the PVS grades 6,7&8 to identify addresses in our town where the 911 identification numbers are not easily visible from the roadway, notified the people at the address, and provided numbers and posts to correct the problem. Our collaboration with the PVS students was delightful for us, and gave them an additional opportunity to participate in community service, so everyone benefited.

We used our appropriation for supplies, durable equipment and training. Our proposed budget is up \$500 this year, as we anticipate increased training costs and the necessity of purchasing replacement medications which are expensive. I assure you that we shop carefully and make every effort to be frugal in our spending, and we take advantage of as much free training as we are able.

We are especially pleased this year that we are preparing to add two new members to our squad. Andy Mauchly and Aaron Rich have completed an EMT-Basic course, and are in the process of

testing and gaining their National and State certifications. Andy and Aaron will join seasoned members Barbara Fitzpatrick, EMT-Basic, Alex Medlicott, EMT-Basic and me, and we will all continue to respond to EMS calls both within Piermont, and mutual aid to our neighboring towns as needed.

As always, I encourage you to participate in the subscription program offered by Upper Valley Ambulance. The cost is \$40 per year and it covers every person who lives in your home. If anyone in your home requires emergency transport by Upper Valley Ambulance, whatever amount of the cost is not covered by any insurance you might have is then written off, and you owe nothing. If you do not have insurance, the entire bill is written off, and you pay nothing beyond the \$40. This is a great way to ensure that financial concerns do not dictate whether or not someone is transported when in a crisis. Please consider this program!

We remain open and encouraging of anyone who is interested in completing an EMT-Basic course and joining our ranks. Let us know if you would like more information!

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen A. Putnam, EMT-Intermediate, Captain



Faith and Ellen Putnam on duty during the television production of "Extreme Makeover, Home Edition"

PLANNING BOARD 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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	Peggy Fullerton
Peter Labounty, Vice Chairman	Ed French
Suzanne Woodard	Jean Daley
Ora Schwartzberg, alternate	Fred Shipman, ex-officio

At the April election of officers William Morris was re-elected chairman and Peter Labounty, vice chairman. The selectmen appointed Jean Daley a full member of the Board and Fred Shipman as the ex-officio member of the Board. Ora Schwartzberg was appointed to represent the Planning Board on the Capital Improvement Committee.

The Board took the following actions in 2009:

Master Plan – The Board continued work on updating the Conservation and Preservation Section, the final section of the Master Plan, which at year-end is nearing completion. The Board engaged in extensive discussions of Piermont’s natural resources and the extent to which new protections should be added to our Zoning Ordinance. In the end, the prevailing view was that conserved and protected land had increased dramatically since the last Master Plan was completed and that the Town’s Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment already had tools adequate to deal with any new threats to our natural resources.

Other Business - In June, following a public hearing, the Board adopted two amendments to the Subdivision Regulations necessary to bring the Regulations into conformance with New Hampshire RSAs. In July, the Board adopted an increase in filing fees for Major and Minor Subdivisions and Lot Line Adjustment following a public hearing.

An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Board provides that an application to the Zoning Board seeking a special exception or variance for property that is subject to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act shall be sent to the Conservation Commission for review. A public hearing on the amendment will take place on January 18, 2010. The proposed amendment will be on the ballot at the March 9, 2010 Town Meeting.

Approvals granted by the Board in 2009 - Lot line adjustment by Fullerton/Fagnant on Knapp Road, Tax Map R-17, Lots 12/13-3; lot line adjustment by Shirley and Russ Gould on Fox Run, Tax Map R-9, Lots 2/3; Voluntary Merger by Bill Daley off Brock Farm Road, Tax Map R-11, Lots 10-3/10-4/11; Voluntary Merger by Roy Belyea, Route 25, Tax Map R-1, Lots 15/16; Voluntary Merger by Robert Dennison on 25C, Tax Map U-2, Lots 37/38; 2-lot Subdivision by Daniel Isham on Piermont Heights Road, Tax Map R-3, Lot 18; lot line adjustment by Daniel Isham on Piermont Heights Road, Tax Map R-3, Lots 18A/22.; Major Subdivision (7 lot) Preliminary Layout phase by Peggy Fullerton on Knapp Road/Lily Pond Road, Tax Map R-17, Lot 14 has been approved by the Board, however, an application for Final Plat approval had not yet been received by year-end.

William Morris, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT of the ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT 2009

Pursuant to a NH Supreme Court decision on the Camp Walt Whitman case remanding “the matter to the ZBA to determine whether the Camp impermissibly expanded its nonconforming use”, on December 8, 2008, the ZBA issued a decision that includes conditions under which the Camp must operate to retain their nonconforming use status. Upon appeal by both the Camp and the abutters, the Superior Court upheld our decision in all respects except the limits of total camp population.

In an effort to bring this seemingly endless and expensive process to a close, the NH Supreme Court has offered to allow the Camp and the abutters to participate in mediation conducted by a retired full-time judge. The Town will not participate in the mediation, but any agreement will be subject to ZBA approval before becoming final.

In other business:

The nonconforming deck at the Faustini property on Lake Armington has been removed following an agreement to allow the owners to detach the structure from the residence and convert it into a storage shed that will meet the required setback dimensions.

The ZBA approved a request for a Special Exception by Charles French to convert an existing single family residence at 3 Indian Pond Road into a two family residence.

The ZBA approved with conditions a request for an extension to a Special Exception by Fred Shipman to rent ground to a communication cable contractor for use as a staging and storage facility at the intersection of Rt. 25 and River Road.

Long-time ZBA member Steve Daly has replaced Fred Shipman as Chairman of the ZBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman

Capital Improvement Program

At the 2009 Annual Town meeting last March, the voters authorized the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee. The Board subsequently appointed the following individuals to make up this committee:

Representing: Zoning Board, George Tompkins
Conservation Committee, Ernest Hartley
Planning Board, Ora Schwartzberg
School Board, any one of three current members (rotates)
Member at Large, Bernie Marvin
Member at Large and Secretary, Helga Mueller
Board of Selectmen, Fred Shipman

At our initial meeting on June 8, 2009, the Committee laid out a schedule whereby, over the next six months, we would meet with the various Town's department heads to identify needed improvements and/or additions to the Town's infrastructure and equipment.

With this step complete, we will now begin to prioritize the "wish list" keeping in mind the Town's projected ability and desire to finance future capital projects.

The hope of the Committee and the primary purpose of a Capital Improvement Program are to include all the capital improvements into a common schedule and budget instead of having them spread out among the individual departments in the annual budget. When viewed in this manner, it is more manageable and, more importantly, stabilizes the Town's annual budget and tax rate.

Rather than large fluctuations in the annual budget from one year to another caused by capital purchases, these purchases will be planned well in advance so as to soften the impact of expenditures in future budgets.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick W. Shipman, Chairman

Transfer and Recycling Center 2009 Annual Report

Dear Piermont Residents,

I am please to submit my 2009 recycling report. The things at the transfer center have been running smoothly, the prices have started to recover some from last years bad ending This year's report will be somewhat different in years pass. I will try to show what each item cost to recycle, and what it would cost if had gone to landfill. The first item is paper. We had 47.19 tons of paper for the year. Almost a ton a week of paper. It cost us \$1861.55 which works out to \$39.44 a ton to recycle. If that had all gone to landfill it would have cost \$5521.23, a savings of \$3659.68.

Plastic is the next item. We had 10 tons. It cost us \$441.35 to recycle plastic or \$44.13 a ton. If had gone to landfill it would have cost \$1170.00 a savings of \$728.65 I paid no trucking cost on plastic this year as I was able to ship with paper and we only pay one fee for hauling two containers another savings of \$2250.00.

Next item is steel. We had 16.51 tons. After paying the trucking we cleared \$943.49. If this had gone to landfill it would have cost \$1931.67 thus a savings of \$943.49. If this had gone to landfill it would have cost \$1931.67 thus a savings of \$1931.67 plus loss of 943.49 from sales. We also took in fees for big items totaling \$577.00 and charges to remove Freon. By federal law I have to have a slip saying the freon had been removed legally. So if you bring a freezer or item which has Freon, I have to charge to have it removed or the town can be fined when we ship out the item, so telling me the Freon gone out is not a valid way of removing the freon.

Next item is glass. We had 19.51 tons. It cost \$445.10 for trucking and recycling the glass which is \$22.81 a ton to recycle. If this had gone to landfill it would have cost \$2282.67 so a savings of \$1837.57.

Next item, we had 1.4 tons of other metals copper, aluminum cans and miscellaneous metal we sold which brought the town \$398.00. If we had put in landfill, it would have cost \$163.80 plus we would have got no income. Aluminum cans have been selling very low this year. Toward end of the year, fees are coming back up as has all prices paper is back up to \$60.00 a ton metal \$165.00 plastic is still costing -\$40.00 a ton to get rid of but still way below if we put in landfill for a avg cost of \$117.00

We also recycled 345 gals of used oil I have no idea of what it would of cost if had had someone pick it up and truck away.

We also added an estimated 6 tons to the compost pile. If this had gone into a landfill it would have cost \$702.00 but by law it can not go in landfill.

We also had 2. tons of computers and TV's etc that was recycled. This was a break even item with what we collected and what it would have cost to put in a landfill. This item is hard to track as some items that went out in 09 were collected in 08 likewise the stuff in 2010 was collected in 2009.

We also had \$1016.45 in bottle returns we took over.

Expense Budget

ACCOUNT OPERATING BUDGET	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET
4130 Executive		102,546	97,122
4140 Town Clerk and Elections		37,063	44,471
4150 Tax Collector and Financials		35,629	41,464
4152 Assessing	14,500	21,780	26,241
4191 Planning and Zoning	3,530	3,788	3,646
4194 Buildings and Grounds	46,550	35,573	38,358
4195 Cemeteries	15,207	17,939	20,535
4199 Other General Government		0	1
4210 Police Department	52,957	43,769	82,166
4212 Animal Control	1,000	1,266	1,550
4215 Ambulance	12,075	12,075	13,800
4220 Fire Department	37,986	34,636	31,600
4225 Fast Squad	0	2,064	2,800
4290 Emergency Management	0	0	4,000
4312 Highways, Bridges, Street Lights	243,145	333,470	143,257
4324 Solid Waste Management	44,467	44,075	49,528
4326 Sewer District	34,529	28,688	21,535
4441 Welfare	23,315	8,520	15,780
4520 Parks and Recreation	7,000	7,306	9,902
4550 Library	43,252	41,875	38,958
4583 Patriotic		447	500
4611 Conservation	650	1,379	1,500
4711 Debt Service		53,161	50,010
Not Classified Above	239,574	6,600	0
TOTAL-A	819,737	873,649	738,724
WARRANT ARTICLES			
Full time Police Chief	27,649	27,649	~
Rescue/Forestry Truck	5,998	5,998	~
Bean Brook Bridge	115,000	115,000	~
Barton Road Bridge	8,000	2,369	~
Church Street Paving	20,000	4,315	~
Town Equipment – CRF	~	~	5,000
Recycling/Transfer Station ETF			5,000
Fire/Emergency Vehicle – CRF	~		10,000
Revaluation – CRF	~		5,000
Town Building Improvement – CRF	~		5,000
Town Bridge – CRF	~		5,000
Town Land – CRF	~		1
Fire SCBA/Bunker Gear – ETF	~		5,000
Police Training – ETF	~		3,360
Police Department Radar Trailer	~		8,520
VNA & Hospice of VT – NH			3,250
Tri-County Community Action			1,200
Grafton County Senior Citizens			1,400
Burch House			345
Northern Human/White Mtn Health			878
Woodsville 4 th of July Parade			500
CASA			500
TOTAL-B	176,647	155,331	59,954
Sub-TOTAL (A+B)	996,384	1,028,980	798,678
COUNTY TAX	150,000	136,590	40,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,146,384	\$1,165,570	\$938,678

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Old Church Building in Piermont on Tuesday March 9, 2010 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following matters. Articles one and two will be decided by written ballot. The polling booths will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM. At 6:30 PM the meeting will adjourn to reconvene at 7:30 PM at the Piermont Village School in said Town of Piermont for consideration of the remaining articles on this WARRANT:

ARTICLE ONE: To choose by non-partisan ballot a Selectman for a term of three (3) years; a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year, a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; a Moderator for a term of two (2) years; a Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years; two Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years each.

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot to see if the residents are in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, that will require the Zoning Board of Adjustment to seek a written opinion from the Conservation Commission, on all applications received by the ZBA for Special Exceptions and/or Variances that involve properties that are subject to the provisions of the N.H. Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act?

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four dollars** (\$738,724.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand dollars** (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Fire Department SCBA and Bunker Gear Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of periodically replacing bunker gear and self-contained breathing apparatus within the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars** (\$5,000.00) for this fund. The Board of Selectmen shall be named agents to expend for this fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Police Training Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of training new and existing officers and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty dollars** (\$3,360.00). This sum is to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. The Board of Selectmen shall be named agents to expend for this fund. Note: These funds are the proceeds from the sale of a town owned firearm in 2009. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the town will vote to purchase a radar unit for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty dollars** (\$8,520.00). Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty dollars (\$4,260.00) will come from a 50/50 matching Highway Safety State Grant, One Thousand Seven Hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) to come from fund balance and the balance of Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty dollars (\$2,560.00) to come from general taxation. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars** (\$3,250.00) for the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Two Hundred dollars** (\$1,200.00) for the Tri-County Community Action. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Four Hundred dollars** (\$1,400.00) for the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Forty Five dollars** (\$345.00) for the Support Center at Burch House. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Seventy Eight dollars** (\$878.00) for the Northern Human Services, White Mountain Health. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred dollars** (\$500.00) for the Woodsville Area 4th of July Committee. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred dollars** (\$500.00) for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA). *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:5, to be known as the Town Land Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing land for the town and to raise and appropriate the sum of **One dollar** (\$1.00) for this fund. The Board of Selectmen shall be named agents to expend for this fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article)*

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE: (Petitioned Article) We the People of Piermont New Hampshire would like to see Subsidized housing and Section 8 housing in the town of Piermont New Hampshire on the Warrant.

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

Given under our hand and seals this 10th day of February, 2010.

PIERMONT SELECTBOARD

Robert J. Lang, Chairman

Richard Dion

Frederick W. Shipman

Revenue Budget

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET			
TAXES							
3111	Property taxes - prior years						
3120	Land Use Change taxes	\$425		\$500			
3180	Resident taxes	\$4,165		\$4,500			
3185	Yield taxes	\$7,433		\$7,500			
3186	Payments in lieu of taxes	\$5,246		\$5,300			
3187	Excavation taxes	\$216		\$300			
3189	Other taxes						
3190	Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	\$18,453		\$20,000			
FEES							
3220	Motor vehicle registrations	\$119,844		\$115,000			
3290	Other permits and fees	\$7,701		\$7,800			
FEDERAL							
3310	FEMA grants	\$17,189					
3320	Other Federal grants and/or reimbursements						
STATE							
3350	Shared Revenue						
3352	Means and rooms tax distribution	\$32,461		\$30,000			
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$33,259		\$12,500			
3356	State and Federal forest and land reimbursements	\$879		\$879			
3359	Other state grants	\$20,676		\$2,000			
SERVICES							
3401	Sewer user charges	\$25,202		\$25,500			
3402	Solid Waste disposal						
3403	Solid waste recycling sales	\$2,499		\$2,700			
3405	Burial fees	\$1,600		\$1,600			
MISC							
3501	Sale of Town Property	\$3,360					
3502	Interest on Investments & Trust Fund Income	\$15,200		\$15,300			
3504	Rent of Town property	\$831		\$850			
3505	Fines and Forfeits	\$326		\$325			
3506	Insurance reimbursements	\$25		\$25			
3507	Welfare reimbursements						
3508	Contributions and donations						
3509	Other miscellaneous sources	\$1,106		\$1,100			
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We also sold 7216 bags bring in \$13,321.40. We also got \$6709.18 in other fees for demo large trash items.

We had 113 tons of trash and recycled about 103 tons I say about because I'm estimating what was added to the compost pile so this would work out to about 48% ratio, a wee bit over last year. A job the townspeople can be proud of, a lot of towns around us do a lot less and take a lot less items for recycling.

Another change you will start seeing about mid March or April is trash bags. We are going to a printed bag versus the bag with the orange label. The labels do not stay on in winter and it is a lot of work to put them on. These new bags will be a wee bit bigger and will fit your trash cans better. If we sell 8000 bags that means we have to sit and put that many labels on plus extra for the coming year. I also like to thank the road agent for his support over the year keeping our dumpsters flatten and glass crushed for no charge. As always remember the 3 R'S

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Godfrey
Transfer/Recycling Manager

Annual Report for Piermont Sewer District

The Piermont Sewer District covers the central part of the town and has 36 units that pay a sewer user fee. The sewer users pay all operational and debt service costs that occur annually.

The Sewer District Commissioners are the seated members of the Selectboard.

In 2008 the plant utilized by the sewer users changed from a system that discharged into Eastbrook, to a direct ground discharge system. The change noted above was planned to reduce the overall cost to the sewer users through a 30% grant from NHDES, and low cost loans from Rural Development and a grant from USDA.

The low cost loan and the grant from USDA are in place. The 30% grant from NHDES was withdrawn by the State of NH in 2009 leaving a cost of approximately \$8,500.00 to be paid by the sewer users annually.

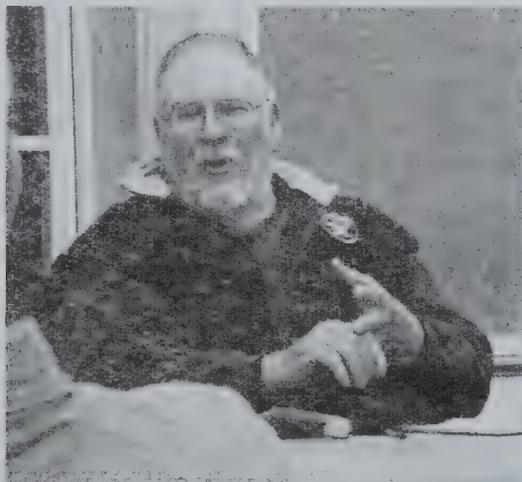
I have let people I speak with at NHDES know I am not a happy camper about the refusal to pay on the grant.

This \$8500 not paid by NHDES cost each user approximately \$236.00 annually. A reason that the annual sewer users costs assessed are so high.

On a positive note, the direct ground discharge process now in place is operating well within all NHDES permit limits.

If anyone has questions or wished to tour the Sewer District system please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
John Metcalf, Plant Operator



John Metcalf spoke about farming in the old days of Piermont

Welfare Department 2009 Annual Report

Throughout 2009, I attended a number of welfare workshops and continued to develop my knowledge of local Welfare as well as developing working relationships with other Welfare Administrators throughout the state. The knowledge from these workshops and the working relationships that I developed were instrumental in helping me prepare new Welfare Guidelines for the town. I presented these guidelines to the Board of Selectmen for approval and they gave their approval during their biweekly meeting on November 10, 2009.

My job as welfare administrator is to help ensure that assistance is being provided to those individuals/families who are truly in need of it. Administering town welfare is often tricky and nothing is ever truly set in stone. That is why it is often referred to as the Art of Welfare. Each person who enters my office will get reviewed based on his/her individual situation and the newly adopted guidelines will provide a basis for how to proceed in the review process and the awarding and denial of aid.

In the coming year I will continue to further my knowledge in local Welfare and apply it so that both the town and the welfare applicants are treated fairly.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Collins
Welfare Administrator

Trustee of Trust Funds Annual Report for 2009

The Town of Piermont Trust Funds had been invested with A.G. Edwards for years. At the end of 2007, A.G. Edwards was bought by Wachovia. In 2009 Wachovia was bailed out and taken over by Wells Fargo. Ken Kinder has been our trusted financial advisor through all this transition. In October, 2009, Mr. Kinder left Wells Fargo to join Stiefel Nicholas and Co., a Midwestern firm with a culture more in line with A.G. Edwards. We, as Trustees of Trust Funds, moved the towns funds to Stiefel Nicholas to retain Mr. Kinder as our advisor. All transactions have been made without cost or penalty to the town. The market has been improving and the towns fund values are in the upswing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abby Metcalf
Jean Underhill
Andy Mauchly

Town Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund For Capital Improvements – Cash Equivalent Fund December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$33,857.65
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$33,878.53

Town Bridge Expendable Trust Fund For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges – Cash Equivalent Fund December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$49,100.75
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$54,133.42

Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund For Vehicular Equipment – Cash Equivalent Fund December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$22,208.71
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$27,222.89

Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund
For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles – Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$25,460.61
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$35,478.94

Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
For Revaluation of Town Properties – Cash Equivalent Fund
December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$9,494.25
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$14,502.47

Town Bedford Lot Expendable Trust Fund
December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$4,562.34
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$4,564.80

Town Recycling Center/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund
December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$8,161.89
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$7,567.51

Town Recreational Facilities Expendable Trust Fund
For Recreational Facility – Cash Equivalent
December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2009	\$5,065.32
Ending Balance, 12/31/2009	\$10,068.38

Herbert A. Clark Memorial Trust Fund

For the Support of the Town

December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance - Market Value, 01/01/2009	\$590,960.32
Ending Balance - Market Value, 12/31/2009	\$644,507.37



Iwo Jima survivor, Bill Simpson and Piermont Village School students in the Memorial Day Parade

Annual Report of Piermont's Cemetery Association

In 2006 the cemetery trustees began an expansion of South Lawn Cemetery, utilizing the 3 acre parcel purchased from Alfred Stevens in 1973.

In 2007 the boundary was staked out and the trustees began discussion and planning on the lot lay out and the type of fence to enclose the "new section" of South Lawn.

In late 2008 the decision to start fencing in the new section was made and the fencing process began.

In 2009 the Trustees decided to begin a first draft of what the new section lot layout would look like. Robert Rutherford was selected to do the planning and present the Trustees with a blue print early in 2010. This is currently being developed by Mr. Rutherford.

In 2009 the decision was made to purchase and begin construction of the remaining area to be fenced in.

In 2010 the fencing project will be completed and a decision made on acceptance or rejection of the blue print layout of lots in the new section.

There are still a few lots that can be purchased in the original section of South Lawn.

In 2009 the Cemetery Trustees were Andy Mauchly, Jean Underhill and Abby Metcalf. Jean Underhill began 2009 as Sexton, but requested to step down as Sexton. The Trustees appointed John Metcalf as Cemetery Sexton.

Fred Shipman began 2009 as a Cemetery Trustee but stepped down to accept a position on the Selectboard. Andy Mauchly was appointed to replace Mr. Shipman.

Jean Underhill has helped me learn the role of Sexton. Jean did a grand job in the capacity as Sexton. Mr. Shipman and his years of experience as a Cemetery Trustee is missed. Mr. Shipman in his role as a Selectman continues to be a support person and a resource of for cemetery operation.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Metcalf, Sexton

Cemetery Investment Summary

Beginning Balance - Market Value, 01/01/2009	\$128,168.54
Ending Balance - Market Value, 12/31/2009	\$154,231.78

PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2009

Monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. Members of the Commission at year-end were: Helga Mueller, chairman; David Ritchie, treasurer; Eric Underhill, Ernie Hartley; Charles Grant; and Frank Rodimon. During the year Bill Morris and Chris Jacobs resigned from the Commission. The Commission would like to thank both gentlemen for their contributions to the Commission and to the Town of Piermont. In November, the Selectboard appointed Frank Rodimon a member of the Commission. Members of the Commission are volunteers whose most important duties are the protection of the Town's environmental assets and assisting the N.H. Department of Environmental Services in administering the environmental regulations.

As of December 31, 2009, the Town's Conservation Fund contains \$1,826.89. The Underhill Canoe Site Fund, in a CD at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank, contains \$3,912.06. This fund helps maintain both the Underhill site as well as the Sarah Moore Canoe Access. In addition, the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of the Piermont Town Forest and Trails on Bedford Road contains \$4,564.80.

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 laboratory for Village School students to learn about nature and forest stewardship. This year, kindergarten students planted mountain ash seedlings on the lot under the supervision of Commission members Eric Underhill and Ernie Hartley.

Townpeople are using the trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The Commission is in the process of extending the existing Lookout Trail to access Peaked Mountain, awaiting permission from an abutting landowner to cross a section of his property. Once the extension is completed, hikers will be able to hike up Mose Hill Road and connect with the North/South Road, continuing to the Charleston Road and beyond!

Canoe Campsites – Both the Underhill Canoe campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access, which are managed by the Commission, had another successful year with many canoeists enjoying the site on the Connecticut River. The sites are open from May 1 to November 1. During the year the Commission explored the possibility of developing a cartop canoe access to the river. We are in the discussion stage with a landowner for a 5 to 6 car site.

Water Quality Monitoring – A member of the Commission together with members of the Lake Tarleton and Lake Armington Associations monitored the water quality of Lake Tarleton, Armington, and Katherine in June, July, and August. Since monitoring started in 2002, the water quality of the lakes has been stable.

Lake Host Program – This year marked the 6th year that members of the Lake Tarleton and Lake Armington Associations are protecting the lakes from milfoil and other invasive plants by participating in the N.H. Lakes Association's "Lake Host Program." For the second year, Piermont voters supported their efforts with a \$300 appropriation.

Other Matters – The Commission is looking for a resident interested to fill a vacancy on the Commission. Some of the projects of the Commission include following up on the

recommendations in the Natural Resources Inventory of the Town, completed by the Commission in 2008, by developing protections for wetlands, prime agricultural soils, wildlife habitats, aquifers, and unfragmented lands. We are involved in managing the Town Forest on Bedford Road, as well as the Underhill Canoe Campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access. In addition, we monitor logging and wetlands projects and are available to help residents with complaints about violations, wetlands applications, establishing conservation easements or any other environmental concerns. If this sounds interesting to you, please consider joining the Commission and contact Helga Mueller, chairman, or a member of the Selectboard.

Helga Mueller, Chairman



Local kayakers take a trip on Lake Tarleton

Piermont Historical Society 2009 Annual Report

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

The 2009 Annual Meeting was held on May 7 in the Old Church Building with Helga Mueller presiding. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Lloyd Hall, long time member of the society who had served as Director of Preservation for many years.

Helga noted that this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Piermont Historical Society, which was founded in 1974 by Alfred Stevens.

Election of officers was held with the following results.

President – Helga Mueller

Vice-president – Gary Danielson

Secretary – Joyce Tompkins

Treasurer – Fred Shipman

Director at Large – Betty Hall

The decision was made to hold off on electing a Director of Preservation at this time. Copies of the updated bylaws were distributed.

On Memorial Day the Historical Society participated in the annual town parade and commemorated the 35th anniversary. The Historic Room was open for visitation and some of the collection was displayed along with the Adopt-A-Piermont-School project boards.

During the year members have continued to organize the vast collection of memorabilia that has been donated to the Society. Work also continues on restoring old photographs using computer software and saving them on CDs. Gary Danielson has been instrumental in these efforts.

Attention is now focused on a new Historical Society project entitled Piermont Farms, Then and Now. Farming has long been essential to Piermont and the members of the Society are anxious to recognize the contributions of current and past farmers and farm families. During the annual meeting members were able to identify many of the farms from the past and a planning meeting was set for January to prepare for the next Memorial Day display. At that January meeting, which was well attended, a total of 22 farms were adopted for research by Piermont residents. Display boards were distributed and sources of information identified. Additional meetings will be held during the year to share information and discuss the results of research. We hope to add more farms to the list and encourage anyone interested in adopting a farm to contact Helga at 272-4359 or Joyce at 989-5804. We would love to have you. The next meeting on the project is scheduled for Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 in the Old Church Building. All are welcome.

To further recognize and learn about the farms in Piermont a Roundtable Discussion was held on November 12, 2009. Arnold Shields served as moderator and Judy Simpson Whitcomb, Martina Day Stever, Lawrence Underhill, Bob Mitchell, and John Metcalf shared their memories of life on a farm. Those attending thoroughly enjoyed their stories and insights.

The Historical Society in coordination with the Piermont Library applied for grants from the NH Humanities Council to offer two programs on farming to the town. Former NH Agriculture Secretary Steve Taylor presented Cows and Communities on October 15 and will return during March 2010 to share his program entitled The Great Sheep Boom. Mr. Taylor is a wealth of information on the history of farming. As a farmer himself he understands the challenges farmers face.

We invite you to become part of the Historical Society. Your membership can be as active as you choose. 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 free membership. Donations are welcomed. Dues and donations can be sent to the Society's treasurer Fred Shipman at PO Box 273, Piermont, NH 03779. If you would like to visit the Society's rooms and browse through the collection please feel free to call Helga at 272-4359 or Joyce at 989-5804.

Please plan on visiting our exhibit Piermont Farms, Then and Now on Memorial Day, May 21, 2010.

Submitted by Joyce Tompkins, Secretary



Local farmers spoke about their family farms at a historical society program

Vital Records 2009

Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Hudson Timothy Wilmont	02/18	Paul	Sara
Isabelle Mariah Lamarre	04/04	Timothy	Hannah
Eli Daniel Robie	11/09	Mark	Elaina

Marriage

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
07/25	Steve Dragswolf	ND	Megan Foley	Texas
08/29	Wesley Davis	Piermont	Jacqueline Greenberg	Piermont
09/05	James Caccavaro	Piermont	Tammy Page	Piermont
09/26	Salvatore DiMauro	CT	Lynell Ottone	CT

Death

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Lloyd Hall	04/04	Lebanon, NH
Creola James	04/26	Woodsville, NH
Richard Waterman	06/06	Piermont, NH
Lois Bostwick	07/24	Lebanon, NH
Lisa Mazzilli	12/22	Thetford, VT

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Piermont, NH

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Piermont residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 785 homecare visits to 37 Piermont residents. This is a 28% increase in the number of residents served. The VNA & Hospice provided approximately \$23,808 in uncompensated care to Piermont residents.

Home HealthCare: 700 home visits to 22 residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: 42 home visits to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 18 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

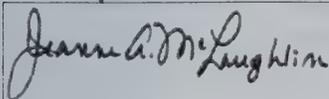
Maternal and Child Health Services: 16 home visits to 3 residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Family Support Services: 9 home visits to 2 families (9 individuals) for parenting and child development support.

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

Piermont's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)



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December 15, 2009

Board of Selectmen
 Town of Piermont
 Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Select Board:

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, at your 2010 Town Meeting, \$1,200 in funding from the Town of Piermont to help support its Community Contact Division.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2008-2009:

Services Provided:	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	31	\$35,670
Weatherization & Electric Conservation	1	\$5,074
State Wide Electrical Assistance Program	18	\$8,235
Food Pantry (101 people receiving 3 days worth of food)	48	\$2,020
Referrals (i.e.: Health, Budgeting, Legal Aid, Clothing...)	88	

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF PIERMONT HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$50,999 IN ASSISTANCE BETWEEN JULY 1, 2008 AND JUNE 30, 2009.

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

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

Very truly yours,

Dan McGregor
 Woodsville Community Contact Manager

WEATHERIZATION
752-7105

ADMINISTRATION
752-7001

COMMUNITY CONTACT
752-3248

FUEL ASSISTANCE
752-7105

AMERICAN CORP
300-8750

CT. DIVERSION-YTH ALTERNATIVES
752-1872

H.S.V.P.
752-4103

PLANNING & ADMIN
752-7165



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Programs

Newfound 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)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 1-877-711-7787)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 1-800-632-0422)

Grafton County Senior Citizens
Council, Inc. is an equal
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Special Recognition: Kim

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 communities' 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; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill, and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. 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, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2009, 49 older residents of Piermont were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Orford and Horse Meadow Senior Centers or the adult in-home care program. Thirteen Piermont residents were assisted by ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Piermont enjoyed 624 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 2,384 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Piermont residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 3 occasions by our lift-equipped bus or volunteers.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 2 visits with an outreach worker and 79 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Piermont residents benefited from GCSCC's new adult in-home care program, initiated in July 2009.
- Piermont's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 763.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide GCSCC services for Piermont residents in 2009 was \$27,825.99.

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 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

Photo by: [unreadable]



Support Center at Burch House

Direct Services and Shelter for Victims and Survivors
of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Stalking in Northern Grafton County, NH

PO Box 965 Littleton, NH 03561 Phone: (603) 444-0624 Fax: (603) 444-0646

Board of Selectmen
Town of Piermont
PO Box 27
Piermont, NH

October 2010

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The Support Center at Burch House is a private, non-profit agency that provides direct services and emergency shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in Northern Grafton County. We write to respectfully request that you place \$345 in funding on the 2010 town warrant, the equivalent of .50 per resident, to support the essential services that we provide in your community.

In calendar year 2008, the Support Center provided the following services to individuals in our catchment area, which includes the Town of Piermont. All of our services are provided at no cost to the recipient.

Total Services Calendar Year		2008		
	# Recipients	Service Units	Value/Unit	Total
Shelter Services				
Shelter bednights (incl. food, utilities, supplies, staff)	62	3,734	\$75	\$280,050
Other Direct Services				
Crisis Counseling and Hotline	198	408	\$15	\$6,120
Legal/Court Advocacy	137	523	\$15	\$7,845
Medical/Police & other advocacy	153	430	\$15	\$6,450
Case Management/Support	310	3,973	\$15	\$59,595
Support Group	47	190	\$15	\$2,850
Information and referral	730	2,058	\$15	\$30,870
School Prevention Programs*	974	1,741	\$18	\$31,338
Food Pantry/Material goods ^	671	6,039	\$3	\$18,117
Transportation ^^	81	4,830	\$1.50	\$7,245
GRAND TOTAL:	3363	23,926		\$450,480

* violence prevention classes in grades K-12 ^meals ^^miles

The Support Center at Burch House is the only agency that provides specialized services, support and shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in this area. With the support of your town, and others in our service area, we can continue to provide high quality services to those in need.

We sincerely appreciate your support and thank the citizens of Piermont in advance for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

Jeanne L. Robillard
Director, Support Center at Burch House

A Program of Tri-County Community Action, Inc.,
and Member of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence



The Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce

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

5th January, 2010

Town of Piermont

Dear Residents and Selectboard,

I am writing to you to thank you for your town's financial support in 2009 and to request your continued financial support for 2010. Last year we dropped our request from \$0.50 per capita down to \$0.25 per capita acknowledging the tough time all towns are having balancing their budgets. We respectfully request that you consider funding the Cohase Chamber of Commerce again this year at the rate of \$0.25 per capita for 2010.

2009 was a year of progress in an increasingly challenging economic environment.

We're working on a number of projects to increase our effectiveness in attracting those outside our region, as well as local residents, to take advantage of what the Lower Cohase region offers. Those projects include:

- Our new website (www.cohase.org) which features expanded opportunities for our members to present enhanced information about their businesses, thereby affording them the opportunity to attract additional activity.
- Preparing a campaign to encourage residents in our region to shop locally. This Local First Initiative will focus primarily on the producers and consumers of this areas food.
- The annual production and distribution of 30,000 Area Guides/ Map distributing in Vermont and New Hampshire Welcome Centers.
- In 2010 The chamber will launch an e-newsletter monthly to highlight businesses in the area, feature workforce development information and highlight the months calendar.

All this is in addition to our core work which includes:

- 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.

- Offering access to affordable group health and dental insurance for business members in either Vermont or New Hampshire. Our partnership with the Vermont Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives allowed us to provide health care to 160 Vermont business residents in 2009.
- Maintaining our web site and annually producing the Area Guide/ Map which have become valuable resources for residents and visitors alike, with information on town governments, schools, and area businesses, as well as a community calendar and links to many sites with pertinent information.
- Networking for our members through Chamber-sponsored events, including Business After Hours.
- Fostering communication between the town governments, merchants associations, economic development organizations and non-profits in the region to maximize utilization of our local resources. This includes scheduling several joint meetings and workshops throughout the year and keeping representation on a number of boards and committees to keep information flowing throughout.

We deeply appreciate your support and encourage you to continue communicating your thoughts, wishes and concerns to us. You may contact me at mjnart.nielsen@gmail.com or at (802)-757-2549. Our office address is: The Lower Cohase Regional Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 35, 51 Main Street, Wells River, VT 05081-0035.

Sincerely,

Mark Nielsen
Executive Director

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.*



WOODSVILLE AREA FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE, INC.

PO BOX 50

WOODSVILLE, NH 03785

woodsвилlefourthofjuly@hotmail.com

www.wvr4thofjuly.com



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Each year the Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee has the honor and the challenge of putting on a fun-filled day of activities and entertainment on the Community Field as well as the enormous parade. Along with the incredible man hours needed to do this we also need financial support. The Committee has had several unique ways in which over the years we have been able to achieve the funding needed to do this event. The generosity of our towns/municipalities, area businesses and the general public have all kept this celebration going. All of these contributions are greatly appreciated.

We have a number of fundraising events. The largest of which is the Souvenir Booklet that the Committee produces, courtesy of The Bridge Weekly Sho-Case. Local businesses, towns and individuals donate to the Fourth of July Committee and receive advertising space in this booklet. It has become the local directory for many. This booklet also includes a dedication to a community member; write ups about both the Parade Marshall and the Grand Marshall, and an "In Memory of..." section, where for \$5.00 a loved one can be remembered and honored, important information can be included as space allows, such as date of birth/death, military rank, etc.

Other fundraising activities include the donation jars placed in many of our area businesses, the \$10.00 raffle tickets which offer a top prize of \$1000.00 and a total of 8 prizes ending with four \$100.00 prizes, donation collections along the parade route, in addition to Bingo and "Critter Chip" Bingo on the Community Field. Other monies are received by renting space on the community field to concessionaires and vendors, as well as the amusement company paying to provide rides and some food.

All the funds raised in our numerous fundraising efforts go to provide a no charge entertainment filled day to anyone who would like to enjoy it. The celebration starts with the huge parade between the states, many bands playing throughout the day on the Community Field, field entertainers, incredible fireworks display and so much more.

Every year we face some difficult challenges. Economic times have made donations more difficult to come by, and with increases in the incidental costs, such as insurance, and bands, etc. we are always looking for new ways to raise funds. Additionally, the volunteers we have are wonderful, but there is so much to do in such a short time, that we are always looking for more help. The bingo tent, and "Critter Chip" bingo, parade set up, and walkers on the parade route, really needs some extra help, as well as having plenty of opportunities available to volunteer time before the 4th of July Celebration, as well. If anyone is interested, please send them our way!

As always, we welcome any questions or comments, and anyone interested in helping in any way is encouraged to contact us at Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July, PO Box 50, Woodsville, NH 03785 or 603-747-2878 or at Woodsvillefourthofjuly@hotmail.com. The Committee meets every 4th Wednesday of each month at the Woodsville Emergency Services Building in Woodsville at 7:00 pm, all are welcome.

New in 2009 was the website that is generously manned by Linda Lauer of Bath, NH. After many years of effort, the Woodsville/Wells River 4th of July Committee has created a website to assist providing information to the public about the 4th of July celebration, and the committee's progress in planning it. Please check us out at www.wvr4thofjuly.com and let us know what you think, and how we can improve. We will be listing our schedule of events, past parade photos, and contact information, as well as advertising our theme contest.

Thank you for your continued support of the Independence Day Celebration. Hope to see you at the 2010 celebration, until then be well.

Steven Strout, President
Woodsville/Wells River Fourth of July Committee

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2009

**White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground
Director's Report**

Town of Piermont

Last night, before I settled down to write this year's Director's Report, I opened the local paper. A feature story was devoted to Eric Hipple, a former Detroit Lion's football player, who lost his 15-year-old son to suicide. The article focused Mr. Hipple's story of tackling his own bouts of severe depression and surviving suicide loss. After reading the article, I had three thoughts. First, we have come a long way toward beating not only the illness of depression, but also the stigma of mental illness. A few years ago, I suspect Mr. Hipple would have hidden his personal struggle for fear of appearing weak or being blamed for his son's death. Today, he is able to use this experience to help others and to reassure all of us that, as the book title says, "Real Men Do Cry". For those of us in the mental health field, this progress is great to see. My second thought was that people reading the article need to know that Community Mental Health Centers like White Mountain Mental Health are here to help. In your community, you do have a place to turn when this kind of crisis strikes your family. My third thought was that our national and state governments are short-sighted in cutting funding for mental health. To put this another way, it is the best of times for mental health as more people recognize that getting treatment for a mental illness is much like getting treatment for a physical illness: private but not shameful. But it is also the worst of times. This year has been one of the most challenging ever for Community Mental Health Centers in our state and throughout the country. As the State of New Hampshire struggles with a budget deficit, payments to mental health centers are being cut. There is absolutely no subsidy to help mental health centers provide services on a sliding fee scale to those people who clearly need our support, but who are not severely and persistently mentally ill and eligible for State support through Medicaid. In this environment, I am happy to be able to report that White Mountain Mental Health, unlike many mental health centers and private practitioners, has continued to welcome all residents of our communities who come to us for help. Our ability to keep our doors open to everyone is directly related to the appropriations we receive from our towns. Your help is also crucial in allowing us to maintain our satellite locations in Lincoln, Woodsville and Lancaster. In this economy, being able to receive services close to home is important.

Many people have asked me this year if we notice a change in the people seeking mental health care. The answer is a resounding "yes"! People who have never needed mental health care in their lives are experiencing overwhelming challenges. Many hard working residents of the North Country have lost jobs this year. Loss of a job takes away not only income, but also health insurance and, in many cases, self esteem and personal stability. Our children feel the impact of our stress. It is hard to be a nurturing and patient parent when you are trying to come to grips with major losses in your life. Those who have been lucky enough to maintain employment may be working two or three jobs to make ends meet. It is hard to find a person who feels that their emotional and financial

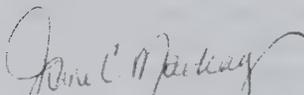
status has improved this year. Our referrals are up and both the number of people needing our services and the severity of their situations has increased. We are thankful that our communities recognize the value of having a resource for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities in their town.

This year White Mountain Mental Health provided **17.25** hours of service to **7** residents of the town of Piermont. During the year, we have literally saved lives, including the lives of young people who would otherwise have been lost to suicide. We encourage you to know the following warning signs:

- Appearing depressed or sad most of the time.
(Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide.)
- Talking or writing about death or suicide.
- Withdrawing from family and friends.
- Feeling hopeless, helpless, strong anger or rage.
- Feeling trapped – like there is no way out of a situation.
- Experiencing dramatic mood changes or a personality change.
- Abusing drugs or alcohol.
- Acting impulsively or recklessly.
- Losing interest in most activities.
- Experiencing a change in sleeping or eating habits.
- Losing interest in most activities.
- Performing poorly at work or in school.
- Giving away prized possessions.
- Feeling excessive guilt or shame.

Although some suicides occur with no warning, approximately 75% of suicides involve one or more of these signs. Thank you for maintaining a vital resource in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jane C. MacKay, LICSW
Area Director



February 8, 2010

Robert Lang, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Piermont
P.O. Box 87
Piermont, NH 03779

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Marcia R. Sink

Dear Chairman Lang,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous support of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH. With financial assistance last year from the Town of Piermont and many other towns across the state, 480 CASA volunteers served 1,202 abused and neglected children. We value your partnership and respectfully request your consideration for continued funding in your 2010 budget.

Specifically in Grafton County last year, 57 cases were open in Family Court, involving 86 abused and neglected children. Working closely with a skilled staff member, CASA volunteers help ensure that children's needs are met and services are provided to facilitate safe reunification with biological families when possible. In cases where reunification cannot take place, the CASA volunteer works to secure another safe and permanent home for that child.

In addition to CASA volunteers, there are people supporting and caring for this vulnerable population living, working and being educated right in your community. Not only are CASA volunteers committing their time and resources to make a difference, but foster parents and extended family members are providing a home for children who can not be cared for by their biological parents. Help us help these children as well.

We respectfully request consideration for inclusion in your 2010 budget in the amount of \$500. Collectively we can begin to break the cycle of abuse and help to ensure these children eventually become independent, healthy contributing adult members of the Town of Piermont and many others across the State of New Hampshire.

For additional information feel free to contact me at 626-4600 or visit our web site at www.casanh.org.

Sincerely,

Marcia R. Sink, President and CEO

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Piermont Village School students at their Veteran's Day skit



PVS Music teacher Mr. Whitney plays the trumpet during the raising of the flag honoring Veterans.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2008 to JUNE 30, 2009

ORGANIZATION OF THE PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Vernon Jones - Chair
Abigail Underhill
Monica Adams-Foster

Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2012

MODERATOR

Joyce Tompkins

CLERK

Karen Fagnant

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Alex Medicott

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Frederick Shipman

AUDITORS

Plodzick & Sanderson

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Bruce C. Labs

2008-2009 STAFF

Jonann Torsey - Principal
Eileen Dohrman - Kindergarten
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2
Cassandra Spaulding - Grades 3-4
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6
Lydia Hill - 7/8
Jonann Torsey - 7/8 Science
Heather Caldwell - Math
Paula Poirier - Art Education
John Whitney - Music
Cindy Valence - Special Education Teacher
Kenneth Marier - Physical Education/Health Education
Pam Hartley - Instructional Assistant
Sanjuanita Jones - Instructional Assistant
Billie Lamarre - Instructional Assistant
Tricia Griswold - Guidance
Maira Debois - School Psychologist
Kathryn Kaminski - ESL Teacher
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 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Moderator Joyce Tompkins. After introductions and the pledge of allegiance, Joyce explained how, if necessary, paper ballots would be used.

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

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

Motion by Jean Daley, second by Jean Underhill this article passed over, all in favor.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate two million fifty-eight thousand three hundred ninety-one dollars (\$2,058,391.00) 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 this article).

Article moved by Arnold Shields, second by Helga Mueller. Vernon Jones made a motion to amend the article from \$2,058,391.00 to \$2,041,271.00. When asked to explain the reason for the change Vernon presented a slide that detailed the cuts. The initial cuts made totaled \$54,880 reflecting 2 less high school students (2 x \$13,889), high school tuition savings (\$13,521), propane contract (\$5000), nurse for 1 day (\$5350), surrendered school board stipends (\$3,231) but went on to explain that in the last 2 days the number changed again as an additional high school student moved into town (\$13,889) and the need for another instructional assistant was identified (\$23,871) making the final adjustment \$17,120.00. Steve Rounds asked that if in 2 days these changes were needed what would happen if other changes were needed before September. The answer being that trust funds would be utilized if necessary. A new propane contract, energy saving lights, recently inspection by Honeywell, and overall conservation are ways the school intends to help control expenses. Bob Kievla spoke about his recent conversations with local superintendents and principals. He has been inquiring into the possibility of bids from receiving schools to take students from PVS. He thinks that this would make the tuition rates competitive and help keep cost under control. He plans to continue to search for creative ways to lower the budget by reducing tuition cost. Bruce Labs explained the pros and cons of contracting with one school, offering open tuition and capping tuition rates. Tim Lamarre asked for explanation of the Lily Pond Bus expense and the teacher salary increase. Abigail explained that in order to safely travel and turn around on Lily Pond Road an additional, smaller bus, was needed. Michele Thayer said that she worked for 8 years to get a bus up Lily Pond Road and when it's time for the next bus contract there should be a clear understanding of the routes the company will run. Bernadette Ratel asked for clarification on transportation requirement of SPED students. Bruce Labs replied that if there is a need for a SPED student to receive transportation to high school, the district is responsible up to the age of 21 or upon receipt of a high school diploma. The teacher's salary increase reflects a modified base and a step raise given for experience. Nancy Tuite, SPED director, explained that grant funds, Medicaid reimbursements and catastrophic aid can be used to fund IEP expenditures. Wanda Kievla stated that she feels that change is needed to get the Federal Government to fund SPED. Rob Elder stated that he feels that it's important to put together a committee to work with the School Board to research costs of tuition and while working on a 5 year plan. Many questioned the increase in students needing IEPs. Nancy Tuite explained that the increase has been both due to new students who have moved to Piermont and current students who have just recently been identified. The number of students, 16 out of 67 or 23.88%, is in line with the state average.

On motion by Bill Daley, second by Helga Mueller the question was called. Article 2, amended to \$2,041,271.00, motion by Arnold Shields, second by Michelle Metcalf. Jim French requested a secret ballot vote. Moderator Tompkins requested 5 signatures from the floor. The signatures of Jim French,

Bob Kievla, Wanda Kievla, Ed French and Faunce Cleaves were given to Tompkins. Yes vote to approved Article as amended, No vote to reject amendment. Article 2 was decided by ballot vote with 61 Yes – 46 No. Article 2 passes

ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2009. (The school board recommends this article.)

Motion by Fred Shipman, second by Steve Daly Article 3 passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the previously established Tuition Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2009. (The school board recommends this article.)

Moved by Helga Mueller, second by Fred Shipman. Article 4 passes by voice vote

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Technology Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2009. (The school board recommends this article.)

Helga Mueller moved the article, Rob Elder seconded. Article 5 passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Abby Metcalf thanked the SAU and the School Board for their work this year.

Fred Shipman encouraged the public to talk with their local representatives about ways to lower taxes and find help for property owners who need assistance.

Bruce commended the Board for their preparation of the meeting and hard work on the budget.

Mr. French volunteered to help form or be part of a committee to assist the School Board.

Motion to adjourn made by Arnold Shields at 8:55 p.m., second by Jean Daley. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fagnant
School District Clerk

**Piermont School District
Results of Voting
3-10-09**

School Board Member – Monica Foster Adams

School District Moderator – Joyce Tompkins

School District Treasurer – Frederick Shipman

School District Clerk – Karen Fagnant (Declined)

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2010 SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Old Church Building in said district on the 9th day of March 2010, 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 2013.

Given under our hands at Piermont this ____ day of February 2010.

Abigail Metcalf Underhill, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Monica Adams-Foster

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2010 SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont on the 16th day of March 2010, 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 if the district will vote to raise and appropriate one million nine hundred ninety thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$1,990,439) 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 this article).

ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to upgrade the fire alarm system in Piermont Village School and authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Building Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2010. (The school board does not recommend this article)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to be added to the previously established Tuition Expendable Trust Fund, such amount to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30, 2010. (The school board does not recommend this article)

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Piermont this ____ day of February 2010

A True Copy of Warrant--Attest

Abigail Metcalf Underhill, Chairperson

Vernon Jones

Monica Adams Foster

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Once again I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to the voters and taxpayers of Piermont about the progress of the Piermont School Districts

Throughout the SAU, all of our schools are working to accomplish annual growth in both math and language arts for all students and for those who are behind grade level on their scores. We are working extra hard to have them catch up with their peers. Mrs. Torsey and her staff are changing their approach without taking on new staff. They are basing the decisions they make on how to best work with students on testing data. We have already seen some improvement in test scores with what students are learning and are able to do. Much of the work is taking place at the lower grades because the investment with the younger students is easier and therefore less costly. We anticipate that each student will leave the 8th grade at Piermont Village School on or above grade level. The School Board has spent countless hours in trying to present a school that meets the needs of all of the children in Piermont and at the same time does not waste resources. All of us realize how expensive education is and we are grateful for the support the taxpayers have shown to stay the course in the most difficult economic times

All of the policy revision work is now completed. It was a long process, over three years, to revise and update all of the school district policies. We now have these policies available on the SAU #23 web site at www.sau23.org

The SAU has moved toward a new bussing contract with a new company beginning July 1, 2010. We are pleased to welcome Butler's Bus Service from St. Johnsbury, VT as our transportation partner. We look forward to a great relationship with them in the future

I continue to be impressed with the staff assembled to meet the needs of the children of Piermont Village School. They are indeed a hard working, children centered group and I wish to express my pride and admiration for the leadership and the direction in which the school is going. I am very proud to be associated with them.

I want to once again thank the people of Piermont for the support they have given to the students, staff and administration. I know that as each day goes by we must work hard to earn and keep your support. I want to assure you that we will never take your support for granted

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Labs
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the 2009 annual Piermont Village School report to you, the Piermont community.

The Piermont community generously supported the curriculum embedded biennial Washington, DC trip for 26 students and parents in April 2009. Grades 7 & 8 expressed their appreciation to the Piermont community for supporting 12 DC Trips (1987-2009) by reenacting the Marine Corps War Memorial as a float in the Memorial Day Parade. Eighth grade students Parker Robinson and Cooper Trapp won the 2008-2009 Geography and Spelling Bees respectively. The annual all-school play, *The Sword Called Excalibur*, was produced with the expert help of a theater group in residence. The year culminated as eight students graduated from the 8th grade in June: Erva Barnes, Aidan Cleaves, Brendan Jones, Tyler Page, Parker Robinson, Dalton Thayer, Cooper Trapp, and Jiade Zeng. These students joined other Piermont Village School graduates at area high schools, bringing our current high school and vocational program enrollment to 46.

Continuous improvement of individual student achievement is our main focus at Piermont Village School. Our teachers have concentrated on bringing swift intervention to all readers in general and to early readers in Kindergarten through Grade 3 in specific. Struggling readers need *more* instruction in *smaller groups* in order to realize catch up growth; we are utilizing our Reading Specialist, Teachers, and Instructional Assistants to achieve early intervention instruction. Likewise, proficiency in math and writing skills are also at the center of our attention. Our 8th grade students performed at the state average in reading and writing and ahead of the state average in mathematics according to Fall 2008 NECAP testing. PVS 8th grade students demonstrated the following proficiency levels: 71% for reading, 86% for math, and 57% for writing. The state averages were 71%, 65%, and 51% respectively. We will continue to strive to increase individual student achievement using standardized test data to inform instruction.

Piermont Village School appreciates community support toward the goal of retaining our excellent and experienced staff. While we retained 100% of our teaching staff, we did replace our School Nurse and one Instructional Assistant this year, hiring Deb Garvin and Caiti Vogt. We currently have 74 students in grades K-8 at PVS.

Piermont School District accepted several grants this year. A one-time award of \$1,371, supported by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, allowed PVS to continue The Four Winds Nature Institute Program this year. We also took full advantage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Grants allowing us to supplement our Title I, IDEA, and Title II funded programs. We were able to improve technology and resources for students served by Title I and Special Education programming, and provided excellent professional development training for all staff including a 3-day math residency focusing on hands-on learning and a 2-day study of vocabulary across all disciplines and grade levels with these grants.

Furthering the continuous improvement goals in technology, textbooks, and furniture, we leased 9 new laptops through the Technology Fund, purchased new math textbooks for Grades 7 & 8, and purchased new desks and chairs for Grades 5 & 6. With these purchases, we have two laptop carts with a total of twenty-nine laptops and all full-time teachers have laptops. Grades 7 & 8 have updated science, social studies, and math texts. Additionally, Grades 5-8 classrooms have new desks, science tables and equipment, and chairs. We are proud of our ability to meet the needs of our students toward developing their technology literacy, as well as keeping our content area curriculum current, so that we can continue to prepare students for success in high school and beyond.

Piermont boasts an active Parent Teacher Organization representing approximately 30% of our families. This group produces an annual community calendar and sponsors many community based activities such as a Halloween Party, Holiday Craft Fair, and Athletic Banquet. Piermont's support for the school and thriving spirit of volunteerism is clearly evident during our evening programs including our Math Night, November Open House, Winter Concert, International Fair, Spring Musicals, and Eighth Grade Graduation; our community fills our gym to standing room only several times each year.

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 raised funds to support playground improvements collected and distributed food for the Food Pantry, sent care packages to residents in the military who are stationed overseas, and decorated the school for the holidays already this year. Our staff members creatively and expertly organize and elicit support for these traditions, their tremendous experience is our priceless endowment.

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
2008-2009**

Grade Five

Etta Covert*
Reilly Davis
Telrizeon French*
Noah Gaudette*
Chase Miller*
Tucker Trapp*
Christopher Underhill

Grade Six

Kolin Huntington*
Daniel Jones*
Kathleen Metcalf*
Matthew Thomson*

Grade Seven

Jacqueline Chubbuck
Dylan Gaudette*
Heleen Mae Metcalf*
Jonathan Ratel*

Grade Eight

Erva Barnes*
Aidan Cleaves*
Brendan Jones*
Dalton Thayer
Cooper Trapp*
Jiade Zeng*

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

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

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE
2008-2009**

Christopher Underhill- Grade 5

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS
2008-2009**

Anthony Mazzilli – Colby-Sawyer College

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS
2008-2009**

Haverhill Cooperative*	8	18%
Oxbow*	19	42%
King Street School	1	2%
Rivendell*	7	16%
St. Johnsbury Academy	6	13%
Thetford Academy*	3	7%
Becket School	1	2%
TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS	45	100%

* Have students attending Riverbend

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
2008-2009**

October 1, 2008 Enrollment	70
Average Daily Membership	64.01
Percentage of Daily Attendance	61.40%

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	8	7	8	7	4	10	8	11	7	70

**PIERMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL
TEACHER QUALITY REPORT
2008-09**

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

	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	MA+30
TEACHERS	2	1	55	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 6/30/09**

	Fund 10	Fund 21	Fund 22	Fund 70
GENERAL FUND OOD SERVICE SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST FUNDS				
ASSETS				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
CASH	100	33 672 86		
INVESTMENTS	110			291 416 41
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE	130	4 593 91	1 167 71	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLE	140	4 122 38	1 735 16	203 29
				4 531 01
OTHER RECEIVABLES	150	2 697 14	16 50	
PREPAID EXPENSES	180	979 00		
Total Current Assets		<u>46 065 29</u>	<u>1 751 66</u>	<u>1 371 00</u>
				<u>295 947 42</u>
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY				
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
INTERFUND PAYABLES	400		1 659 16	4 102 46
OTHER PAYABLES	420	3 000 69	92 50	428 55
ACCRUED EXPENSES	460	1 068 74		
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	470			
DEFERRED REVENUES	480		1 371 00	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>4 069 43</u>	<u>1 751 66</u>	<u>1 371 00</u>
				<u>4 531 01</u>
<u>Fund Equity</u>				
RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	753	750 00	6 332 06	
RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE	760			291 416 41
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	770	41 245 86		
Total Fund Equity		<u>41 995 86</u>	<u>0 00</u>	<u>0 00</u>
				<u>291 416 41</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		<u>46 065 29</u>	<u>1 751 66</u>	<u>1 371 00</u>
				<u>295 947 42</u>

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	40,000	8,100	48,100
2010	40,000	5,400	45,400
2011	40,000	2,700	42,700
TOTALS	120,000	16,200	136,200

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 2008	\$ 17,113.60
Plus Receipts	1,964,079.35
Less School Board Orders	<u>1,947,620.09</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2009	\$ 33,572.86

**TOWN OF PIERMONT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

Balance – July 1, 2008	\$12,562.08
Interest from Money Market	0.72
Income from Mutual Funds	569.71
Checks Issued	(633.10)
Balance – June 30, 2009	\$ 9564.50

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL RESERVE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

Fund Name	Beginning Value	Dividends/ Interest	Withdrawals/ Deposits	Ending Value
Building CRF	\$ 95,150.00	\$ 505.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 95,150.00
Building Emergency Repairs ETF	31,122.31	212.65	0.00	31,334.96
Special Education Emerg. ETF	35,919.36	247.15	2,000.00	38,166.51
Technology ETF	10,745.69	56.85	(-390.00)	10,412.54
Tuition ETF	46,936.96	1,410.39	0.00	43,896.27

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

Investment Name	Beginning Value	Dividends Reinvested	Capital Gains Reinvested	Withdrawals*	Ending Value
American Balanced Fund	\$ 41,100.08	\$ 1,385.31	\$ 0.00	\$(5,005.50)	\$ 31,132.78
Capital World Growth/Income Fund	17,941.09	506.19	0.00	0.00	14,295.52
Growth Fund of America	16,656.61	122.88	0.00	0.00	12,980.00
Washington Mutual Invest. Fund	22,932.56	574.99	391.41	0.00	18,275.77
Total	\$98,630.34	\$ 2,589.37	\$ 391.41	\$(5,005.50)	\$ 76,684.07

* Includes fees charged by broker
Note: No deposits made

Audit Report

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

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>REVISED</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>+/-</u>
GENERAL FUND				
770 Fund Balance (to reduce taxes)	-	15,246	25,000	9,754
<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>				
1111 Current Appropriation	1,093,598	1,217,675	1,159,335	(58,340)
1320 Tuition from Other LEA's	12,985	16,719		(16,719)
1510 Interest on Investments	375	400	400	-
1980 Refund from prior year	1,939			-
1990 Miscellaneous	1,476	1,400	1,400	-
5252 Transfer from Trust	8,390	8,390	2,961	(5,429)
<u>Revenues From State Sources</u>				
3111 State Adequacy Grant *	430,665	395,470	395,470	-
3112 State Adequacy Tax	192,944	228,339	228,339	-
3210 School Building Aid	11,465	12,000	12,000	-
3230 Catastrophic Aid	4,430	7,599	32,250	24,651
3241 Vocational Tuition	62,758	41,660	37,675	(3,985)
3242 Vocational Transportation	-			-
<u>Revenues From Federal Sources</u>				
4580 Medicaid	33,004	16,400	16,400	-
4810 National Forest Reserve	1,671	1,493	1,493	-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	1,855,900	1,947,545	1,887,723	(59,822)
GRANTS				
4500	48,080	35,830	35,175	(655)
TOTAL GRANTS	48,080	35,830	35,175	(655)
FOOD SERVICE				
1610 Food Service Sales	10,216	11,000	10,000	(1,000)
3260 State Reimbursement	378	350	350	-
4560 Federal Reimbursement	9,296	9,000	9,200	200
5221 Transfer from General Fund*	20,571	22,300	22,991	691
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	40,461	42,650	42,541	(109)
SUBTOTAL BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,944,441	2,041,271	1,965,239	(50,832)
Transfer to Trusts	14,458	26,000		(26,000)
TOTAL BUDGET	1,958,899	2,067,271	1,965,239	(76,832)

SCHOOL TAX RATE PER \$1,000

	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE		CURRENT
	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	<u>+/-</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Local Education Tax	13.23	12.60	(0.63)	92,034 = \$1.00
State Education Tax	2.51	2.51	-	91,148 = \$1.00
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX RATE	15.74	15.11	(0.63)	per \$1,000

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010 - 2011 BUDGET SUMMARY

#	DESCRIPTION	2008-09 EXPENSE	2009-10 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
GENERAL FUND:					
110	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	442,183	465,193	460,120	(5,073)
111	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	3,423	1,423	1,422	(1)
112	SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	120,158	112,701	132,647	19,946
113	SUMMER SCHOOL SALARIES	1,262	4,333	6,432	2,099
120	TEMPORARY SALARIES	9,284	5,100	5,100	-
122	CO-CURRICULAR SALARIES	750	2,500	2,000	(500)
210	HEALTH INS. STIPEND	7,800	6,500	6,500	-
211	HEALTH INS.	55,754	61,851	74,453	12,602
212	DENTAL INSURANCE	3,965	4,183	5,450	1,267
213	LIFE INSURANCE	247	252	295	43
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,125	1,152	1,196	44
220	PAYROLL TAXES	44,768	45,680	46,995	1,315
231	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	8,787	8,456	12,266	3,810
232	PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	24,433	31,550	35,731	4,141
240	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	4,751	15,350	12,850	(2,500)
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	273	442	434	(8)
260	WORKERS COMP	3,307	3,098	3,082	(16)
310	SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES	70,270	77,986	77,986	-
320	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE	55,264	46,097	47,949	1,852
330	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	42,484	44,076	49,032	4,956
411	WATER & SEWAGE	6,545	8,000	7,500	(500)
421	RUBBISH REMOVAL	1,979	2,000	2,100	100
422	SNOW REMOVAL	2,750	4,100	3,000	(1,100)
430	CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	10,956	11,750	11,750	-
432	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	4,516	4,414	5,864	1,450
440	RENTALS	5,917	5,918	7,019	1,101
490	SECURITY	625	1,100	1,100	-
510	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	66,789	77,838	66,168	(11,670)
520	PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,598	3,968	3,843	(125)
531	TELEPHONE	2,495	2,650	2,600	(50)
532	DATA COMMUNICATIONS	900	900	2,112	1,212
534	POSTAGE	850	1,200	1,200	-
540	ADVERTISING	757	1,430	1,030	(400)
550	PRINTING	606	1,050	1,050	-
561	TUITION/IN-STATE LEA	151,328	133,995	129,195	(4,800)
562	TUITION/OUT-STATE LEA	472,057	571,211	483,321	(87,890)
564	TUITION - PRIVATE	44,614	51,609	68,100	16,491
580	TRAVEL/LODGING/FOOD	36	500	500	-
610	SUPPLIES	16,508	20,580	21,130	550
622	ELECTRICITY	12,576	13,300	13,300	-
623	PROPANE	20,405	20,500	15,000	(5,500)
640	BOOKS & OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS	8,258	9,140	9,140	-
643	ON-LINE SERVICES	-	-	68	68
650	SOFTWARE	838	1,140	1,205	65
733	ADDITIONAL FURNITURE	101	-	-	-
734	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	1,341	1,100	1,030	(100)
737	REPLACEMENT FURNITURE	7,032	-	-	-
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	1,205	2,150	650	(1,500)
810	DUES/FEES	6,889	5,566	6,147	562
830	INTEREST	8,100	5,400	2,700	(2,700)
910	PRINCIPAL	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
930	FUND TRANSFERS	35,029	48,300	22,991	(25,309)
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND		1,837,888	1,988,791	1,912,723	(76,068)

#	DESCRIPTION	2008-09 EXPENSE	2009-10 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
FOOD SERVICE.					
112	SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES	18 105	18 480	18 480	
120	TEMPORARY SALARIES	156	650	650	-
210	HEALTH INS STIPEND	1 300	1 300	1 300	
213	LIFE INSURANCE	17	18	19	1
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	38	39	39	-
220	FICA	1 496	1 564	1 564	-
231	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	1 568	1 796	1 693	(105)
250	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	10	15	15	(5)
260	WORKERS COMP	115	110	106	(4)
430	CONTRACTED REPAIRS/MAINT	3 163	1 000	1 000	-
580	TRAVEL LODGING FOOD	-	100	100	-
610	SUPPLIES	686	1 300	1 300	-
630	FOOD FOR LUNCH PROGRAM	13 770	15 225	15 225	-
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	-	1 000	1 000	-
810	DUES/FEES	32	50	50	-
SUBTOTAL FOOD SERVICE		40 461	42 650	42 541	109
GRANTS:					
110	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	37 130	26 947	26 941	(1)
211	HEALTH INS	5 086	4 245	3 151	(1 094)
212	DENTAL INSURANCE	180	235	250	15
213	LIFE INSURANCE	12	9	10	1
214	DISABILITY INSURANCE	78	56	57	1
220	FICA	2 840	2 060	2 061	1
232	PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT	2 153	1 874	2 160	286
810	DUES/FEES	300	309	445	136
890	MISC	-	100	100	-
SUBTOTAL GRANTS		48 080	35 330	35 175	(655)
TOTAL BUDGET		1,926,429	2,067,271	1,990,439	(76,832)
WARRANT ARTICLES					
ARTICLE 3 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FROM CAPITAL RESERVE				15 000	
ARTICLE 4 TRANSFER TO SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST				17 000	
ARTICLE 5 TRANSFER TO TUITION TRUST				14 000	
TOTAL BUDGET AND ALL WARRANT ARTICLES				2,036,439	

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

		<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
<u>Special Education Expenses</u>			
1200	Special Programs	201,455	280,767
1430	Summer School	6,681	2,709
2150/2159	Speech and Audiology	15,744	19,732
2162	Physical Therapy	-	213
2163	Occupational Therapy	1,715	6,668
2722	Special Transportation	931	13,500
Total Special Education Expenses		226,525	323,589
 <u>Special Education Revenue</u>			
1322	Special Education tuition	-	-
3110	Special Education Adequacy funds	39,358	39,358
3240	Catastrophic Aid	4,003	4,430
4580	Medicaid	14,750	33,004
Total Special Education Revenue		58,111	76,792
 NET COST TO TAXPAYERS		 168,414	 246,797
 IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds received and spent through SAU 23			
	Part A - Preschool	523	523
	Part B - Special Education	21,072	20,065

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S
SALARY**

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 2009-2010 school year, will receive a salary of \$98,262. 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	\$11,222	11.42%
Benton	\$1,916	1.95%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$63,870	65.00%
Piermont	\$11,172	11.37%
Warren	\$10,082	10.26%
TOTAL	\$98,262	100%

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 BUDGET SUMMARY 2010-2011

<u>OBJ</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>09-10</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>APPROVED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(DECREASE)</u>
100	SALARIES	925,004	927,586	2,582
211	HEALTH INSURANCE	168,887	198,621	29,734
213	LIFE INSURANCE	690	725	35
214	DISABILITY INS	1,883	1,884	1
220	FICA	70,765	70,959	194
231	SUPPORT RETIREMENT	43,024	43,754	730
232	PROF RETIREMENT	28,285	32,323	4,038
240	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	18,815	17,525	(1,290)
250	UNEMP COMP	2,667	3,096	429
260	WORKERS COMP	4,169	3,290	(879)
320	PROFESSIONAL ED SERVICES	2,250	2,450	200
330	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	83,050	66,750	(16,300)
411	WATER/SEWAGE	575	545	(30)
421	RUBBISH	1,155	1,455	300
422	SNOW REMOVAL	2,390	2,150	(240)
430	REPAIRS	4,030	4,530	500
431	VEHICLE REPAIR	6,000	9,000	3,000
432	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	14,225	13,707	(518)
440	RENTALS	37,759	56,778	19,019
490	SECURITY	950	1,600	650
510	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	1,500	1,450	(50)
520	INSURANCE	4,011	4,653	642
531	TELEPHONE	7,485	7,040	(445)
532	DATA COMMUNICATIONS	3,525	10,176	6,651
534	POSTAGE	4,170	3,900	(270)
540	ADVERTISING/PRINTING	2,775	2,500	(275)
580	TRAVEL, LODGING, FOOD	16,728	14,895	(1,833)
610	SUPPLIES	15,170	13,195	(1,975)
611	CUSTODIAN SUPPLIES	3,200	4,200	1,000
622	ELECTRICITY	2,715	2,910	195
623	PROPANE	1,183	1,000	(183)
624	FUEL OIL	9,779	4,800	(4,979)
626	GASOLINE	6,185	5,685	(500)
630	STUDENT MEALS	750	750	-
640	BOOKS/PERIODICALS	4,225	3,750	(475)
643	ON-LINE SERVICES	2,500	2,200	(300)
650	SOFTWARE	6,095	6,675	580
733	ADDITIONAL FURNITURE	700	200	(500)
734	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	6,050	5,700	(350)
736	REPLACEMENT VEHICLE	4,801	4,801	-
737	REPLACEMENT FURNITURE	1,200	800	(400)
738	REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	2,800	2,700	(100)
800	DUES/FEES	6,730	6,830	100
SUBTOTAL BEFORE O.T.		1,530,850	1,569,538	38,688
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - ADDED PROGRAM			108,466	108,466
GENERAL FUND TOTALS		1,530,850	1,678,004	147,154
IDEA GRANTS		266,735	266,735	-
TOTAL BUDGET		1,797,585	1,944,739	147,154

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 REVENUES

		BUDGET 2009 - 2010	APPROVED BUDGET 2010 - 2011	+/-
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN ASSESSMENT				
1320	Tuition - French Pond	214717	113,556	113,556
1321	Tuition - King Street School	194329	208,186	208,186
1325	Tuition -French Pond/King St. Summer School	10,168	10,978	810
1950	Itinerants	253,757	273,334	19,577
1951	Speech/ Language	210,944	204,111	(6,833)
1952	Occupational Therapy added program		107,746	107,746
1990	Other local revenue (town internet line fees)	945	900	(45)
1510	Interest	4,500	5,000	500
5210	Indirect Costs from SAU IDEA Grant	6,900	6,900	-
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>36,000</u>	<u>61,399</u>	<u>25,399</u>
	Total Other Revenue General Fund	844,956	992,110	147,154
1111	DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	685,894	685,894	-
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,530,850	1,678,004	147,154
	TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FUND 22 - GRANTS	<u>266,735</u>	<u>266,735</u>	<u>-</u>
	TOTAL SAU BUDGET INCLUDING GRANTS	1,797,585	1,944,739	147,154



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