

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year of 2002 brought many of our largest projects to or near completion, while others are just getting started.

South Shore Housing completed 40 units named the "Woodlands" located off of Rte 106 in North Plympton. Our Town has waited 20 years for this project to become a reality for our senior citizens.

Early in the year a search began for a site to build the new Silver Lake Regional Middle School. This need was brought on by the withdrawal of the town of Pembroke from the Regional School system. After much debate the location most feasible became the current high school campus located in Kingston. Once town meeting approved funding, guaranteed with a 73% State reimbursement, the regional building committee moved forward quickly and as the year ended concrete was being poured for the foundation on our new middle school.

At the poles in May, John Newburn was elected to replace Howard Randall on the Board of Selectmen. Howard chose to retire his position of nine years. We are thankful for his tireless effort on behalf of our Town.

Cable T.V. broadcast of our meetings started in May and will continue for the foreseeable future. This decision by the board was to provide the public with additional access to our meetings and to inform residents of upcoming issues facing our Town.

The end of the Dennett school year in June brought with it some changes at the Town hall. Our school Principal and secretary moved in to the Selectmen's meeting room providing them temporary office space while the renovations at the school pushed forward. Work proceeded on schedule and the new wing was ready for the start of school in September.

Preliminary designs were submitted and approved for the Rte 58 re-construction. Some members of the town voiced concerns over the Highway Surveyors decision to include a traffic signal for the intersection of Mayflower road, Rte 58 and Parsonage road. After input and debate the Selectmen backed the decision and wait the funding from the State for the project to proceed.

After serving our town for 29 years, our Police Chief, Barry Vinton retired. Barry chose an early retirement program allowed by the State and offered by the Board. With dignity, pride and commitment, Barry served our community, knew our families and shared in our joys and sorrows. Many thanks to him and his wife Carol who also retired her position as police clerk. We wish you both years of relaxation, enjoyment and contentment.

With the retirement of the Chief, a search committee was formed to interview replacements. Through an extensive process, Sgt. Matthew Clancy formerly of Mashpee was hired and sworn in as our new Chief of Police. We welcome Chief Clancy and his family to the area and look forward to a long working relationship.

As Plympton continues to change in many ways, your Board of Selectmen remains committed to lead these changes in a thoughtful, responsible manner, planning towards what is best for the future of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Springer, Chairman
Christine M. Joy
John C. Newburn

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriated		
Expended:	24614.51	
Selectmen Salaries	4620.00	
Clerical	15413.37	
Town Report	3007.00	
Office Supplies	707.15	
Misc.	337.95	
Hearings		95.04
Dues and Memberships	<u>434.00</u>	

TOWN HOUSE

Appropriated	28000.00	
Expended:		
Telephone	2941.43	
Oil	3609.25	
Gas	883.60	
Electricity	4962.98	
Building Repair & Maintenance	944.85	
Cleaning/Custodial Services	6960.57	
Copiers	6021.75	
Equipment Repair	201.47	
Rubbish Removal		189.00
Misc.	<u>1295.90</u>	

BLANKET INSURANCE

Appropriated	30000.00	
Transfer Town Meeting	13629.00	
Transfer 6/30/02		<u>1000.00</u>
Expended	44629.00	

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	6000.00	
Transfer 6/30/02		<u>290.42</u>
Expended	6290.42	

TOWN COUNSEL

Appropriated	20577.00	
Transfers	<u>5718.78</u>	
Expended	24482.28	

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated	300.00	
Expended	<u>92.51</u>	
Returned to treasury 6/30/02	207.49	