

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND
AND BUILDINGS (continued)**

Dump Lot	34,500
Gravel Pit	148,000
Spencer Lot	167,900
Whitaker Road Intersections	10,600
Tallow Hill Intersection	38,800
Benson Donation	72,300
French's Ledges	34,800
Cram Hill Lot	29,500
Stage Road Ball Field	188,000
Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery)	47,600
Farnum Lot	72,700
Town Pound	18,900
TOTAL	\$5,356,700

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

In 2006, we registered 648 dogs and veterinarian rabies reports indicated another dozen or so new dogs. This year we will be switching to a different style of dog tag as our local manufacturer has retired.

The majority of residents faithfully register their dogs every year. Unfortunately, about 20% each year are delinquent. This creates a lot of extra work and expense for our office and for the police department.

New Hampshire law requires that you register your dog and have a current rabies certification from your veterinarian. This week as I am writing this, I have three examples that emphasize the value of your compliance. This morning a woman called from Cornish with two stray dogs. By consulting my list, I was able to give her the name of the owners. She was able to make a phone call and not have to call the police. I had a similar example a couple of weeks ago.

If these two people had called the police, the dogs would have been impounded and ended up at one of the local shelters. The shelters charge a large fee for this service and the dogs would have suffered the trauma of capture and being brought to a strange location.

A more important example is a dog bite situation where our officers had to ascertain that the dogs were properly licensed and that the rabies shots were current. If the dog who bit had not had a current rabies shot on record, it would have had to be impounded and quarantined.

Please take time this year to comply with the law and register your dog(s) by the April 30th deadline.

During the year, the following fees were collected and remitted to the Treasurer:

Motor Vehicles	\$431,074.00
Dogs, vitals, UCC, misc.	7,246.00

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

There are many questions asked about how interest is calculated and hopefully, this will explain the procedure.

If you cannot make the entire payment when it is due, pay what you can. It is to your advantage to make any payment rather than saving up the entire amount. If you wait until you have the whole amount, you will pay interest on the whole amount. If you make partial payments, you will save money on the interest earned.

Tax collection in Plainfield and across the state is regulated by state RSA's which make the process uniform for all towns and cities. The interest rate and how it is applied are set by the legislature. Taxes are due and payable 30 days from either June 1 or November 1 (or if the bills are sent later, 30 days from start date). Interest of 12% begins on July 2 or December 2. It is simple interest--basically 1% a month. It is always calculated on current balance and does not go back to original date. For example, if you are 25 days late, you will pay interest for those 25 days. If you make a partial payment, you will pay the interest to the date of payment on the total. Interest will then be calculated on the balance when you make the next payment

If the bill is paid 25 days late--say 12/26
Amount of tax times 12% divided by 365 days times number of days.
 $\$2000 \text{ times } 12\% = \$240 \text{ divided by } 365 = .658 \text{ times number of days } .66 \times 25 = \$16.45.$

If you paid only \$1000, the interest would be \$16.45 (interest is collected first). You would have a balance due of \$1016.45. The interest would be figured on this balance when you make the next payment – the day count beginning on 12/26 to the date of payment.

The town can also accept pre-payments after January 1 each year. You can make partial payments, which can be applied to the next payment. Several people do this and have only a small balance left at bill time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Wheeler
Tax Collector