

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Plainfield property tax bills are sent twice a year- approximately June 1 and November 1. The first bill will be half of the previous year's total bill and the second bill can be higher or lower depending on the tax rate which is set in the fall. All bills are due in thirty days or by July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

By law, bills must be sent to the property owner. If your taxes are paid through an escrow fund, you must send a copy of the bill to your mortgage holder. We do get requests from mortgagors and provide them with a list but it will not include all owners. The mortgage holder does not always pay the correct amount or on a timely basis.

At the end of the year, we send a notice of delinquent taxes. This letter alerts you to bills you may have overlooked; bills underpaid or not paid by the mortgage holders; balances due to late payments; or payments that just didn't reach us. (Unfortunately, that has happened more frequently this year.) It also helps us to find any errors that we may have made.

We give you an approximate date for this year's tax lien. The town must place a lien on your property for any unpaid taxes. The lien is filed with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds and unfortunately, does get picked up by the Credit Bureaus. We try to keep the lien date consistent (around the first week in May).

As we have advised in past years, please make payments if you are having problems. You will save money on interest. You can also make partial payments monthly and pay ahead of bills.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruth Ann Wheeler*  
Tax Collector

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT Fiscal Year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007

-Debits-		
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>		
Beginning of fiscal year	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Property taxes		\$335,276
Land use change tax		\$17,800
Excavations		\$31
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>		
Property taxes	\$5,651,560	
Land use change taxes	\$11,130	
Yield taxes	\$14,187	
Excavation activities	\$54	
<b>Overpayments</b>		
Property taxes	\$3,826	
Interest collected on Delinquent taxes	\$3,721	\$18,572
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$5,684,478</b>	<b>\$371,679</b>

-Credits-			
<b>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes	\$5,271,545	\$227,967	
Land use changes taxes	\$11,130	\$17,800	
Excavation	\$54	\$31	
Timber yield taxes	\$12,564		
Interest on taxes	\$3,721	\$18,571	
Converted to liens (principal only)	0	\$107,310	
Prior year overpayments assigned	184		
<b>Abatements Granted During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes	\$1,709		
Timber tax	\$1,167		
Excavation	0		
<b>Overpayments Collected During Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes-returned	\$2,979		
Property taxes-this year	\$663		
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year</b>			
Property taxes	\$378,306		
Timber Tax	\$455		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$5,684,478</b>	<b>\$371,679</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S LIEN REPORT**  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007

-Debits-			
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004+</b>
Beginning of year		\$97,738	\$17,958
New Liens	\$116,002		
Interests/Penalties	\$1,355	\$6,818	\$4,673
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$117,357</b>	<b>\$104,556</b>	<b>\$22,631</b>
-Credits-			
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$35,765	\$55,035	\$16,818
Interest/Penalties	\$1,354	\$6,818	\$4,673
Unredeemed Liens	\$80,238	\$37,101	\$1,140
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$117,357</b>	<b>\$104,556</b>	<b>\$22,631</b>