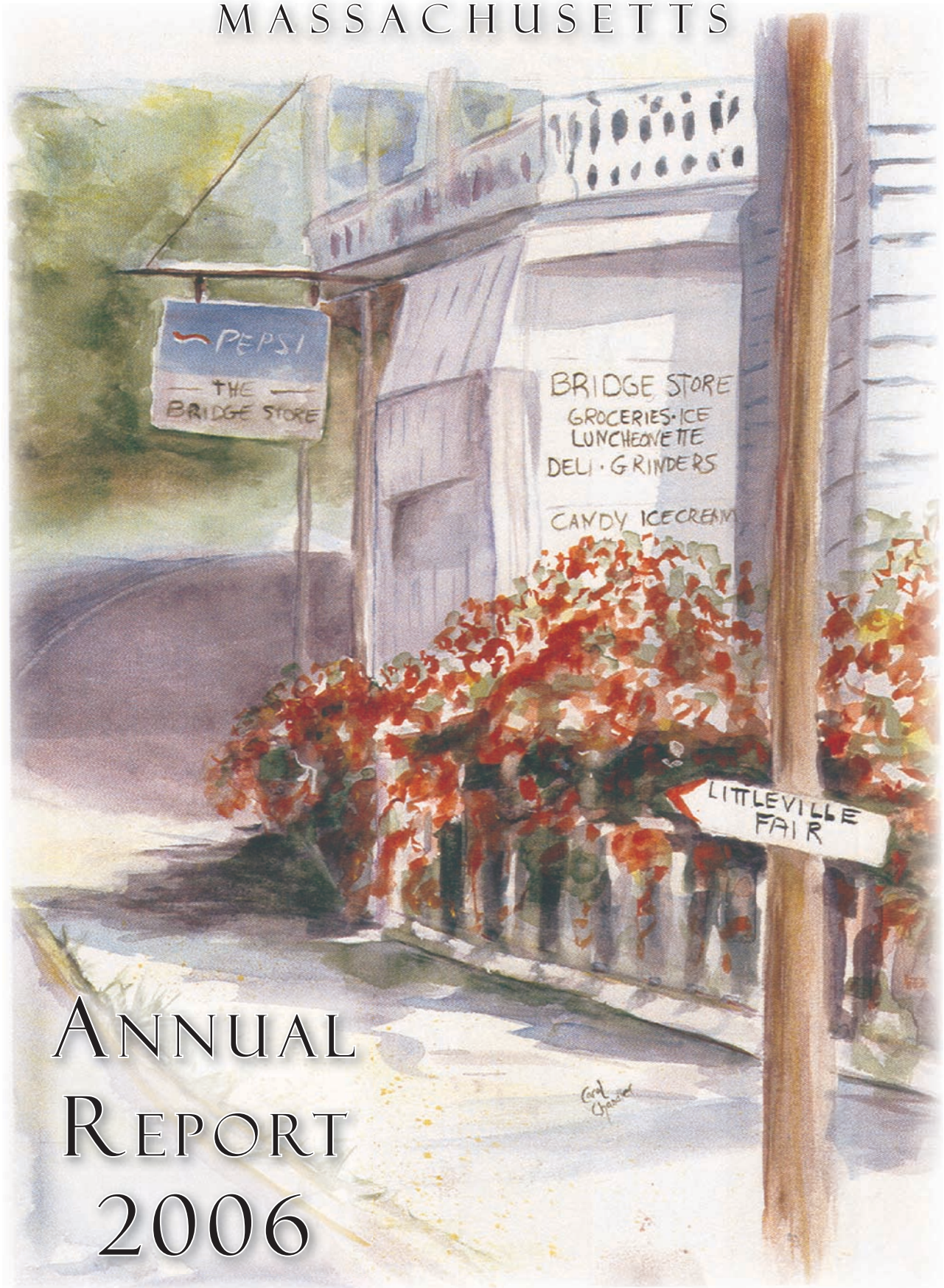


TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

MASSACHUSETTS



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The Bridge Store, a local fixture, is pictured on the cover. Built by H. Willard Munson in 1877, his store sold groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes. Upstairs was “Munson Hall”, a meeting place for various town organizations.

Throughout its 130-year history, it has remained a store.

Cover photo taken from a painting by Huntington artist, Carol Chandler

Cover design courtesy of Paul Speckels

STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855
Area: 26.90 square miles
Miles of Town Paved Road: 24.57
Miles of Town Dirt Road 12.50
Miles of State Highway: 11.75
Population: 2197

U. S. Senators: Edward M. Kennedy
JFK Federal Office Building
Suite 2400
Boston, MA 02203
(617) 565-3170

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1550 Main Street, Suite 304
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(413) 785-4610

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Huntington Town Hall: (413) 667-3500

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DEDICATION



Jim Watkins

Like many of us, Jim Watkins is not a native of Huntington. He was born and grew up in Baltimore. He was attracted first to Miriam Wood and then to Huntington. Jim and Miriam met in 1951 when he was stationed at Fort Devens and she was interning as a nurse at McLean Hospital. After their marriage, they stayed in the Boston area while Jim completed at course at Wentworth Institute to become a Certified Engineering Technician.

In 1960, they moved to Huntington, Miriam's hometown, where they bought a small house on Allen Coit Road. Jim gradually improved and enlarged the home to accommodate their family of four sons. He still remembers the summer when he replaced the roof. With a forecast of good weather, he had torn off the old roof, planning to install the new one the next day. Then came a sudden tropical storm, much to the alarm of the Watkins household. As the first raindrops began to fall, neighbors quickly gathered to help secure tarps, saving the house from drowning. They were undoubtedly returning the many neighborly acts that Jim had done and would continue to do over the years.

Jim has served his adopted town in ways almost too many to count. He was a Cub Master and Boy Scout Assistant for seven years. He has been a member of the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board and the Town Hall Renovation Committee. He worked as Hazardous Waste Coordinator and chaired the Landfill Capping Committee. He served as Assessor for thirteen years and Selectman for six. He did all that while working on engineering projects all over western Massachusetts and also collecting antique bottles to sell in a shop near his house.

The Town of Huntington is proud to dedicate this Town Report to Jim Watkins, with gratitude and affection.

Town of Huntington Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Board of Selectmen:</i>		<i>Water/Sewer Commissioners:</i>	
Aimee Burnham	2009	Rolland Bernier, Chair	2007
Robert Heath	2007	Paul Hurley	2007
Al LaFrance	2008	Edward Schott	2008
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Pamela Donovan-Hall	2009	Robert Austin	2007
		Pamela Donovan-Hall	2009
<i>Town Collector:</i>		Sharon Jones	2008
Anne Marie Knox	2007		
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Anne Marie Knox	2009	Robert Austin	2008
		Wendy Long	2007
		Karen Wittshirk	2009
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Robert Heath	2007	Walter Wittshirk	2007
Suzanne Kellam, Chair	2008		
Neil Wheeler	2007	<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts.:</i>	
<i>Board of Health:</i>		Alma LaFrance	2008
James Arnold	2008	<i>Moderator:</i>	
Marge Craven	2009	Tom Gralinski	2007
Barbara Paulson, Chair	2007		
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Roland Damon	2009	Jerry Belhumeur	2007
Linda Ray	2007	Judith Guyette	2008
Deborah Bradeen Jacques	2008	Karen Wittshirk	2009
		<i>Constables:</i>	
		Charles Dazelle	2009
		Earl G. Heath	2007
		Lindsey McCaul	2008

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

Robert Heath 2009

Admin. Assistant (Yearly):

Helen Speckels 2007

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2008

John Knox 2009

Bonnie McKinney 2008

Gerald Manley 2009

Janet Mollison 2009

Gordon Richardson 2009

Lorraine Wickland 2007

Building Inspector (Yearly):

Paul Tacy 2007

Cable Advisory Committee (3-Year):

Cathy Brisebois, Ch. 2008

Fred Fopiano 2008

Ken Jordan 2008

Jeff Reynolds, Jr. 2008

Linda Steglinski 2008

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Rolland Bernier 2008

Richard Buley 2008

Ellen Davis, Ch. 2008

Steve Hamlin 2008

Eric Jensen 2008

Al LaFrance 2008

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Lori Belhumeur 2008

Rolland Bernier 2008

Michael Brisebois 2008

Bonnie Kubacki 2008

John Knox 2008

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2008

Ken Rachmaciej 2008

Robert Smith 2008

Conservation Commission (3-Year):

Helena Alves 2008

Katheryn Darrow 2008

Catherine Grabowski 2008

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2007

Waino Tuominen 2009

Michael Vorwerk 2007

Miriam Watkins 2009

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Joan Astaferrero 2007

Ella Balchunas 2007

Priscilla Bishop, Ch. 2009

Virginia Denis 2007

May Diemer 2009

Geraldine Johnson 2008

Ruth LePage 2008

Jean Rude 2009

Winifred Smith, Ch. 2008

Crossing Guards (Yearly):

Mary Lou Niedzielski 2007

Christina Pittsinger 2007

Brie Ann Pomeroy 2007

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Robert Austin 2008

Carol Chandler 2008

Jack Eisenstadt 2009

Susan Kallerges 2008

Linda Siska 2008

Lynn Winsor, Ch. 2009

Connie Young 2009

Dog Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2007

Election Workers (3-Year):

Ella Balchunas	2008
Rolland Bernier	2008
Rose Bernier	2008
Harry Bishop	2008
Priscilla Bishop	2008
Lori Cady	2008
Alyce Cinelli	2008
Louis Cinelli	2008
Debra Dame	2008
Linda Hamlin	2008
Steve Hamlin	2008
Louise Hurley	2008
Paul Hurley	2008
Sharon Jones	2008
Anne Marie Knox	2008
Alma LaFrance	2008
Judith Senecal	2008
Rita Sheets	2008
Miriam Watkins	2008

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Donald Hoynoski	2007
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Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Hubert Tacke	2007
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Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Melissa Nazzaro	2008
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Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2008
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Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Rodney LaFond	2008
Wayne McKinney	2008
VACANCY	2008

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Nancy Arnold	2007
Roger Booth	2007
David Borden	2007
Sue Fopiano	2007
Pierre Jacques, Ch.	2007
Eric Jensen	2007
VACANCY	2007

Fire Chief (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2007
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FRTA Coordinator (3-Year)

Aimee Burnham	2009
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FRTA Representative (3-Year):

Miriam Watkins	2009
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Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2007
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Goss Hill Cemetery (3-Year):

William Hall	2008
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Hampshire County Recycling (3-Year):

Barbara Paulson	2008
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Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Robert Garriepy	2008
Wayne McKinney	2008
Melissa Nazzaro	2008

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):

Wayne McKinney	2007
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Historical Commission (3-Year):

Phyllis Kelso	2008
David Norton	2008
Dale Small, Ch.	2007
Grace Wheeler	2007
VACANCY	2007

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):

Richard Buley	2008
Eric Jensen	2008
Al LaFrance	2008
Todd Michon	2008
George Peterson, Ch.	2008
Ken Rachmaciej	2008

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2007
Melissa Nazzaro	2007

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

Robert Smith 2008

Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois 2008

Lori Belhumeur 2008

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Helena Alves, Ch. 2008

Darlene Horne 2008

Suzanne Kellam 2008

David Pardoe 2009

Ruth Pardoe 2007

Linda Siska 2007

Norwich Hill Cemetery (3-Year):

VACANCY 2008

Open Space Committee (3-Year):

Katheryn Darrow 2008

Jeffrey Penn 2008

Linda Siska 2008

Charlene Whitaker 2008

Jeff Wyand 2008

VACANCY 2008

VACANCY 2008

Outreach Worker (Yearly)

Robin Boucher 2007

P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):

Steve Hamlin 2008

Phyllis Kelso, Alt. 2008

Planning Board (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois 2008

Linda Hamlin 2009

Steve Hamlin, Ch. 2007

Earl Heath 2007

VACANCY 2008

VACANCY 2009

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga 2007

Police Chief (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy 2007

Police Officers (Yearly):

Michael Girard 2007

William Kaleta 2007

Todd Michon 2007

VACANCY 2007

VACANCY 2007

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Albert LaFrance 2008

Public Weigher (3-Year):

Gaylon Donovan 2008

Michael Donovan 2008

Matt Donovan 2008

*RACES (Radio Amateur Communication
Emergency Services) (3 Year):*

Stephen Luchini 2009

Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Lori Bednaz 2008

Michelle Booth 2008

Vicki Mayhew 2008

Mary Lou Niedzelski 2008

Michelle Oliveira, Ch. 2008

Melinda Slowey 2008

Patty Trzasko 2008

*Regional Byway Advisory Committee
(2 Year):*

Linda Hamlin 2008

Susan McIntosh 2008

Jeffrey Penn 2008

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

P. Donovan-Hall, Ch. Indefinite

Sharon Jones Indefinite

Suzanne Kellam 2008

Phyllis Kelso 2008

Helen Speckels 2008

Retirement Employees Ins.Com.(Yearly):

Aimee Burnham	2007
Robert Garriepy	2007
Peter Jacques	2007
Debbie Kuhn	2007
Anne Marie Knox	2007
Susan McIntosh	2007
Mark Wilkinson	2007

Zoning Board (3-Year):

Don Bartley	2008
Rolland Bernier, Alt.	2007
Ellen Davis	2008
Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2008
Phyllis Kelso	2009
George Webb, Ch.	2009
VACANCY	2009

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2008
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Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly)

Paul Tacy	2007
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Site Dev. Review Comm. (3-Year):

Edward Grabowski	2008
Richard Newberry	2008
VACANCY	2008

Site Dev. Review Officer (3-Year):

Phyllis Kelso	2008
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Southern Hilltowns Adv. Com. (3-Year):

T. Kellam-Masloski	2009
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Stanton Hall Committee (3-Year):

T. Kellam-Masloski	2008
Albert LaFrance	2008
Helen Speckels	2008

Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3-Year):

Walter Wittshirk	2008
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Town Counsel (Yearly):

Kopelman & Paige	Indefinite
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Veterans' Agent (3-Year):

Robert Messier	2008
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Westfield River Watershed (5-Year):

Waino Tuominen	2011
VACANCY	2011

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):

Jeff Penn	2009
Karen Vorwerk, Alt.	2009

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Department Telephone List and Schedule

Main Telephone Number: (413) 667-3500
Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507

Board of Assessors: Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 a.m. until noon
Telephone: (413) 667-3501 huntingtonboa@comcast.net

Board of Health: Meets every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Hours: Wednesday evenings - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511
Title V Agent available by telephone - (413) 562-7286
Dump stickers may be obtained Wednesday evenings in the Board of Health office between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m., or during regular hours at the Selectboard Office.
Transfer Station Hours are as follows:
 Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
"H" bags may be purchased at B & D Variety, Moltenbrey's Market or Bridge Store. Large bags (55 gal.) are \$1.50; small bags (30 gal.) are \$1.00.

Board of Selectmen: Meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., and every other Wednesday evening during the summer.
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 - 2 , Friday: 9 -12 noon
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant to schedule an appointment.
Telephone: (413) 667-3500 huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Building Inspector: Paul Tacy
Telephone: (413) 296-0127 Fax: (413) 296-0147
Hours: Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
Building permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.

Conservation Commission: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Telephone: (413) 667-8893
Susan McIntosh, Chair

Council on Aging Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in Stanton Hall
Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine available)

Dog Officer: Bob Jackman
Telephone: (413) 667-5635

Electrical Inspector: Donald Hoynoski Call between 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Telephone: (413) 568-8389
Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.

Fire Department: Robert Garriepy, Fire Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency)
Fax: (413) 667-0122

Gas Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.

Highway Department: Wayne McKinney, Highway Superintendent
Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3504 *51

Planning Board: Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise
Telephone: (413) 667-3346
Steven Hamlin, Chair

Plumbing Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours.

Police Department: Robert Garriepy, Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-8868
Hours: Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Public Library Director: Margaret Nareau
Telephone: (413) 667-3506 Fax: (413) 667-0088
web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org huntingtonlib@comcast.net

Public Library Trustees: Robert Austin, Chair (413) 667-3336
Wendy Long (413) 667-3324
Karen Wittshirk (413) 667-5515

Town Accountant:

Richard Buley
Telephone: (413) 667-3502
Hours: Wednesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Town Clerk:

Pamela Donovan-Hall
Telephone: (413) 667-3186 (Office) huntingtonclerk@comcast.net
Hours: Monday 9:00 to noon, Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Town Collector:

Anne Marie Knox
Telephone: (413) 667-3509
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday
evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. huntingontreas@comcast.net

Town Treasurer:

Anne Marie Knox
Telephone: (413) 667-3509
Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Veterans' Agent:

Robert Messier
Telephone: (413) 323-0409

Water/Sewer Department:

Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the basement of the Town Hall.
Telephone: (413) 667-3356

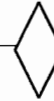
Zoning Board:

Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
in Stanton Hall.
Telephone: (413) 667-3428
Geoge Webb, Chair

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Certified Public Accountants



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Huntington, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, which comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 16, 2006, on our consideration of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, basic financial statements. The supplementary supporting statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

THOMAS J. SCANLON,
Certified Public Accountant

South Deerfield, Massachusetts
November 16, 2006

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2006**

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Investments
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:
Property Taxes
User Charges
Tax Liens
Excise Taxes
Due from Other Governments
Total Assets

General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 389,321	\$ 829,968	\$ 231,894	\$ 131,113	\$ 178,009	\$ 1,760,305
511,363	182,142	-	-	11,844	705,349
128,262	-	-	-	-	128,262
-	-	23,206	26,980	-	50,186
66,925	-	-	-	-	66,925
40,777	-	-	-	-	40,777
-	-	-	-	254,548	254,548
\$ 1,136,648	\$ 1,012,110	\$ 255,100	\$ 158,093	\$ 444,401	\$ 3,006,352

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable
Tax Refund Payable
Deferred Revenue:
Property Taxes
Other

\$ 64,081	\$ -	\$ 7,789	\$ 3,073	\$ 881	\$ 75,824
4,288	-	-	-	-	4,288
96,966	-	-	-	-	96,966
107,702	-	23,206	26,980	223,392	381,280
273,037	-	30,995	30,053	224,273	558,358

Total Liabilities

Fund Balance:

Reserved For:
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations
Unreserved:
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures
Undesignated, reported in:
General Fund
Special Revenue
Permanent Funds

157,748	-	-	-	-	157,748
126,800	-	-	-	102,245	229,045
579,063	-	-	-	-	579,063
-	1,012,110	224,105	128,040	115,096	1,479,351
-	-	-	-	2,787	2,787
863,611	1,012,110	224,105	128,040	220,128	2,447,994

Total Fund Balance

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

\$ 1,136,648	\$ 1,012,110	\$ 255,100	\$ 158,093	\$ 444,401	\$ 3,006,352
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The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 2,108,054	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,108,054
State Receipts	432,205	-	-	-	-	432,205
Excise Taxes	256,665	-	-	-	-	256,665
User Charges	-	-	127,744	130,984	-	258,728
Licenses, Permits, Fees	138,698	-	-	-	-	138,698
Interest on Taxes	28,578	-	1,430	1,893	-	31,901
Interest on Investments	49,500	32,607	-	-	464	82,571
Grants and Fees	-	-	-	-	201,225	201,225
Total Revenues	3,013,700	32,607	129,174	132,877	201,689	3,510,047

Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	318,635	-	-	-	18,375	337,010
Public Safety	248,147	-	-	-	74,213	322,360
Public Works	374,748	-	-	-	165,852	540,600
Water and Sewer	-	-	136,708	141,760	-	278,468
Education	1,894,617	-	-	-	-	1,894,617
Health and Human Services	17,895	-	-	-	29,072	46,967
Culture and Recreation	84,264	-	-	-	9,840	94,104
Employee Benefits and Insurance	130,459	-	-	-	-	130,459
State Assessments	6,761	-	-	-	-	6,761
Debt Service:						
Principal	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Interest	2,645	-	-	-	-	2,645
Total Expenditures	3,178,171	-	136,708	141,760	297,352	3,753,991

Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(164,471)	32,607	(7,534)	(8,883)	(95,663)	(243,944)
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Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	129,245	-	-	-	-	129,245
Operating Transfers Out	-	(27,000)	-	-	(102,245)	(129,245)
Proceeds of Notes and Bonds	-	-	-	-	117,609	117,609
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	129,245	(27,000)	-	-	15,364	117,609

Net Change in Fund Balances	(35,226)	5,607	(7,534)	(8,883)	(80,299)	(126,335)
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Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	898,837	1,006,503	231,639	136,923	300,427	2,574,329
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Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 863,611	\$ 1,012,110	\$ 224,105	\$ 128,040	\$ 220,128	\$ 2,447,994
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The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Carried	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget	Basis	Forward	Positive
				to Next Year	(Negative)
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 2,153,516	\$ 2,153,516	\$ 2,101,400	\$ -	\$ (52,116)
State Receipts	433,670	433,670	432,205	-	(1,465)
Excise and Other Taxes	196,870	196,870	256,665	-	59,795
Licenses, Permits, Fees	56,000	56,000	138,698	-	82,698
Interest on Taxes	25,000	25,000	28,578	-	3,578
Interest on Investments	15,000	15,000	49,500	-	34,500
Total Revenues	2,880,056	2,880,056	3,007,046	-	126,990
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	346,435	394,411	318,635	82,375	(6,599)
Public Safety	157,774	247,897	248,147	-	(250)
Public Works	365,935	384,795	374,748	-	10,047
Education	2,119,688	1,989,692	1,894,617	75,373	19,702
Health and Human Services	19,820	19,820	17,895	-	1,925
Culture and Recreation	79,823	81,523	84,264	-	(2,741)
Employee Benefits and Insurance	127,862	130,459	130,459	-	-
State Assessments	7,781	7,781	6,761	-	1,020
Debt Service:					
Principal	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-
Interest	6,022	5,363	2,645	-	2,718
Total Expenditures	3,331,140	3,361,741	3,178,171	157,748	25,822
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(451,084)	(481,685)	(171,125)	(157,748)	152,812
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	102,245	129,245	129,245	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	102,245	129,245	129,245	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(348,839)	(352,440)	(41,880)	(157,748)	152,812
Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	878,482	878,482	878,482	-	-
Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 529,643	\$ 526,042	\$ 836,602	\$ (157,748)	\$ 152,812

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED, JUNE 30, 2006

	Fund Balances July 1, 2005	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2006
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Arts Lottery Council Grants	\$ 1,189	\$ 2,755	\$ 2,333	\$ -	\$ 1,611
Conservation Grants	2	-	-	-	2
Council on Aging Grants	1,168	3,000	2,983	-	1,185
Emergency Management Grants	7,267	10,781	-	-	18,048
Highway Grants	(15,206)	63,449	48,243	-	-
Library Grants	3,656	3,884	7,507	-	33
Public Safety Grants	16,532	32,353	42,032	-	6,853
Well Head Protection Grants	768	-	-	-	768
Planning Grant	-	3,000	1,000	-	2,000
Other:					
Conservation Fund	9,166	391	-	-	9,557
Conservation Wetlands Fees	2,111	-	-	-	2,111
Council on Aging Transportation	24,651	28,310	23,508	-	29,453
Community Development Loans Income Reuse	27,386	1,168	-	-	28,554
Emergency Response Team	-	-	400	-	(400)
Murrayfield Old Tank	-	4,144	-	-	4,144
Police Extra Duty	-	10,444	10,444	-	-
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	794	-	-	-	794
Recycling Grant	866	-	-	-	866
Sara Gillette Services Council on Aging	1,242	2,147	2,581	-	808
School Debt Reserve	204,491	-	-	(102,245)	102,246
Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Funds	1,088	95	-	-	1,183
GIS Mapping	5,000	-	2,600	-	2,400
Fire Department Damage Fund	-	21,337	21,337	-	-
Collector and Deputy Collector Fees	5,257	12,196	12,449	-	5,004
Town Clerk Fees	212	2,235	2,326	-	121
Total Special Revenue Funds	297,640	201,689	179,743	(102,245)	217,341
Capital Projects:					
Fire Pumper	-	-	117,609	117,609	-
Total Capital Projects	-	-	117,609	117,609	-
Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	2,787	-	-	-	2,787
Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ 300,427	\$ 201,689	\$ 297,352	\$ 15,364	\$ 220,128

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2005	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2006	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2006
\$	-	\$ 2,127,711	\$ 20,569	\$ 2,006,453	\$ 100,689	\$ 100,689
Levy of 2006	73,851	-	980	46,803	26,068	26,068
Levy of 2005	22,000	-	773	21,227	-	-
Levy of 2004	217	-	(183)	400	-	-
Levy of 2003	1,437	-	81	1,356	-	-
Prior Years	97,505	2,127,711	22,220	2,076,239	126,757	126,757

Real Estate Taxes:

Levy of 2006
Levy of 2005
Levy of 2004
Levy of 2003
Prior Years

Personal Property Taxes:

Levy of 2006
Levy of 2005
Levy of 2004
Levy of 2003
Levy of 2002
Prior Years

	-	43,954	80	43,019	855	855
Levy of 2006	279	-	-	122	157	157
Levy of 2005	1,341	-	-	1,165	176	176
Levy of 2004	236	-	-	77	159	159
Levy of 2003	251	-	26	58	167	167
Levy of 2002	7,893	-	78	5,030	2,785	2,785
Prior Years	10,000	43,954	184	49,471	4,299	4,299

**Total Real Estate and
Personal Property Taxes**

\$	107,505	\$ 2,171,665	\$ 22,404	\$ 2,125,710	\$ 131,056	\$ 131,056
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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2005	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2006	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2006
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 2006	\$ -	\$ 209,340	\$ 4,347	\$ 175,976	\$ 29,017	\$ 29,017
Levy of 2005	22,875	31,928	(514)	49,554	5,763	5,763
Levy of 2004	5,975	4,720	(6)	8,073	2,628	2,628
Levy of 2003	2,287	-	55	583	1,649	1,649
Levy of 2002	1,784	-	-	64	1,720	1,720
Prior Years	8,566	5	2,035	3,068	3,468	3,388
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 41,487	\$ 245,993	\$ 5,917	\$ 237,318	\$ 44,245	\$ 44,165

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Preparing a Selectboard report can be frustrating and confusing. The fiscal, or budgetary, year started July 1, 2005 and goes to June 31, 2006. In this writing, the Annual Report for 2006 will start January 1, 2006 and run through December 31, 2006.

Change of Terms of Office and Date of Annual Town Meeting: The Selectboard prepared a two-part warrant article to improve operations. The first part was to give newly elected officials time to learn their responsibilities by starting their term at the beginning of the new budgetary year, which is July 1, rather than immediately after Annual Elections, which occur in mid-May. This was approved by the Attorney General's Office. The second part was to hold the Annual Town Meeting on the first Monday in June to allow additional time to receive more accurate school and state budget information. This second part was not approved due to a conflicting provision of Massachusetts General Laws which only allows town meetings in February, March, April and May. A legislative bill has been submitted by Representative Kulik to add June to this Mass. General Law. We are awaiting approval of this bill to resubmit this article to the town.

Removal of Unsafe Building: The Guyette property at 8 Stanton Avenue, destroyed by fire and uninsured, was deemed a safety hazard. The town was forced to demolish and remove the debris, with legal and construction costs of \$28,000. The property has been leveled and the monies will be returned to the town upon sale of the property.

Cell Tower: American Tower withdrew their permit for the cell tower on the Woodis property off Pine Street, stating that the site access had become cost prohibitive and was no longer economically feasible.

Equipment Shed: The construction of a 40' by 60" metal Morton Building equipment shed was approved and constructed at the Highway Department complex. This essential building will protect Highway, Fire, Water/Sewer and Police equipment from outside elements.

Highway Truck: A decision was made to replace the 1987 GMC Coleman sander; constant repairs and the need for future repairs made this necessary. Unfortunately, the replacement will not be available until June of 2007, which made additional repairs necessary to get us through this winter season. We can't seem to win with this vehicle.

The Basket Street-Bromley Road Water Loop: The third CDBG grant application to loop Basket Street and Bromley Road water systems together was again denied. This \$700,000 project remains a future necessity and we need this monetary assistance. Another grant request has been submitted for FY2007.

Vocational Education: It is a legislative mandate that individual towns pay for vocational tuition and transportation, and it is an obligation that continues to increase. Town vocational expenses have risen from \$176,200 in FY 2005 to \$379,702 in FY 2007, and additional increases are anticipated for the coming budget year. The state is supposed to refund these Chapter 70 costs in the following year. To date we have only received 50% of our costs.

SELECTBOARD (continued):

Murrayfield Elementary School was demolished, removing what was destined to be a bottomless money pit and in so doing has opened usable space for future town needs. The area will be seeded in the spring and the Library parking lot repaved.

Water Meters: In anticipation of future mandates for water meters, the Water Department has moved this requirement forward. Over 98% of the meters are installed and it is anticipated that metered water use will be applied to future billing starting in July FY2007.

Erosion Control at Norwich Lake: A grant was applied for and received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the installation of a 20' by 30' sediment pond and rip-rap at the public entrance to Norwich Lake for the purpose of cutting down on erosion of the unpaved right-of-way emptying into the lake. The Highway Department will assist and it is planned for the Spring of 2007.

Town Hall Maintenance: The 25-year old Town Hall roof was replaced, and the front steps reconstructed for the Town Hall and Stanton Hall, in an ongoing effort to maintain our town buildings.

Stanton Hall Maintenance: The Stanton Hall Steeple is deteriorating very rapidly; several pieces of the cornice have rotted and fallen off, and numerous shingles are missing. RFP's were generated and Greg Burgess from GB Contracting was selected to perform the refurbishment. However, a closer look in preparation for reconstruction revealed that the deterioration was much more intrusive, and will require considerably more effort. We are now working with the Historical Commission to obtain a grant which provides 50% in matching funds. This is a project in progress.

The Audit: The Selectboard schedules an audit every two years. An audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 was done by Thomas J. Scanlon & Associates. The results of their tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance to Government Audit Standards, and no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation, that are considered to be material weaknesses. The audit is available at the Town Hall.

Local Parking Downtown: Considerable effort was expended to repair and standardize the town street lights and remove the junk cars and debris from the town parking facility located behind the Huntington Liquor Store. Hopefully the local businesses will work with us to make this a clean, friendly place to visit.

Comcast Cable TV License Renewal: Considerable effort was expended by the Comcast Cable Advisory Committee and the Selectboard in preparation for renewing Huntington's service contract. There are currently over 30 miles of cable and service provided to over 600 homes. A ten-year renewal contract was negotiated to provide an additional three miles of cable and extend high-speed internet capability wherever technologically feasible.

SELECTBOARD (continued):

Dog Hearings: The Selectboard has spent considerable time on dog hearings this year. We would like to remind all dog owners that it is necessary to have your dogs' shots up-to-date, get your pets licensed, and keep them restrained so they are not a nuisance to others. The Town Clerk is available Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings to license your dogs.

Mr. Jim Watkins decided to turn in his Selectboard hat after six busy years. His extensive town experience and local knowledge will be missed. He was replaced by Mrs. Aimee E. Burnham-Renauld, a downtown homeowner who grew up in Huntington and brings a different set of experiences to our Selectboard.

Selectboard Hours and Meetings: The Selectboard office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Administrative Assistant Mrs. Helen Speckels is available to give assistance and answer any questions. The Selectboard meets Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Requests to be placed on the agenda can be made through Helen.

As you can see the Selectboard's responsibilities are broad and varied. We wish to thank all the town board members, town employees and volunteers who take time from their busy schedules to make living in our community a happy and enjoyable way of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Al LaFrance, Chair

Bob Heath

Aimee Burnham-Renauld

FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

The Town Moderator recommends committee member for appointment on an annual basis. The committee members for 2007 fiscal year are:

Pete Jacques – Chair	Eric Jenson - Liason
Sue Fopiano – Vice Chair	Roger Booth
Nancy Arnold – Liaison	David Borden

The Finance Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month except during the months of January through May when the committee meets more frequently with other Town Departments, boards, committees, and the Selectboard to establish the annual town budget.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT

The Finance Committee serves as an advisory board to the town. Responsibilities include meeting with the various departments, boards, and committees to develop the annual town budget and monitor expenditures over the course of the fiscal year. The Committee works closely with the Selectboard to make recommendations on budget and financial matters and track line items to ensure departments work within their allocated budgets. The Finance Committee is also responsible for administering the Stanton Fund.

In its role as an advisory board, the Finance Committee works hard to maintain an objective perspective when formulating recommendations. Our goal is to create a fiscally responsible budget that minimizes the burden on all town residents and, at the same time, keeps Huntington a growing and vibrant community. As you review the accomplishments of the other departments, boards, and committees described in this report, you will find many examples of how the town continues to improve its service to its residents.

While the committee does its best to anticipate factors that will impact the town's budget, we must also recognize that many variables are difficult to predict. We may sometimes feel a bit insulated as a Western Massachusetts "hilltown", but we are not immune to the effects of the global community, as evidenced through our fuel costs and our nation's war on terror. We also face an amazing shift in global demographics as the baby boomers begin to retire, a trend that will strain both personal and public retirement funds. These factors impact how we balance items such as employee benefits, service contracts, and educational expenses.

As we begin the next fiscal year, the Finance Committee would like to thank all of you who do participate in town government: those who become involved, ask questions, contact their legislators, and realize that we are all working together.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Jacques, Chair

TOWN MODERATOR

The town is currently in good financial shape but there are some areas of concern in the near future. We have been fortunate enough to have monies in stabilization to lower our tax rate the past few years but the reality is that we have been spending more money than we have been raising with taxes and fees for the past few years. We are very close to our levy limit this year and will likely be there again next year. When we reach that point we have three choices: cover some of what we need with out reserves (if available), cut back on our spending or request an override to cover the services we want and expect. Please listen carefully to what the Finance Committee and your Selectboard say about our finances when we talk budget at Annual Town Meeting this year.

I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee for their work throughout the year. They monitor the budget throughout the year and track the spending patterns of each department. They start working on the proposed budget you see at Annual Town Meeting in early February and talk to all departments that have significant expenditures. If you have an interest in finances and are willing to serve on the Finance Committee in the future please contact me. This year thanks also goes to the seven members of the Retirement Insurance Committee. I look forward to hearing their report at ATM. I think it is important that we make big decisions like the one on retirement insurance based on as much reliable and current information as we can gather. This group has been charged with collecting that information and creating a recommendation.

Once again this year I attended the Massachusetts Moderators' Association Annual Conference to stay up on changes in laws relating to Town Meeting and to learn how other communities encourage greater attendance at meetings and streamline their meetings. This past year I also contributed an article to the Association's newsletter.

The Moderators' Association just produced a half-hour DVD on how open town meetings work. This DVD is a good introduction to the process we use to do our work at Town Meeting. I will be giving copies to the Library and Gateway Regional High School in the hope that we can improve attendance at our meetings and introduce high school students to our local legislative process.

I do consider it part of my job to help citizens as well as public officials write warrant articles for Annual and Special Town Meetings. If you have any questions on wording and what should or should not be in the wording of an article or an amendment you plan on making on the floor of the meeting, please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gralinski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

A revaluation for fiscal 2007 was completed and approved by the Department of Revenue. The total value of all property in the town increased by approximately 15-½ %. New growth was \$4,731,063 resulting in new tax dollars of \$59,800. This was comprised of thirteen new houses, as well as new garages, barns, etc.

The Fiscal Year 2007 Tax Recapitulations Breakdown:

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$ 588,903.00
Local Estimated Receipts	\$ 562,372.00
Free Cash	\$ 360,397.00
Other Available Funds	<u>\$ 478,618.00</u>
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$1,990,290.00

Local Expenditures:

Appropriations (Town Meetings)	\$3,642,269.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 3,894.00
State and Cherry Sheet Charges	\$ 8,447.00
Assessors' Overlay (abatements/exemptions)	\$ 17,633.00
Gross Amount to be Raised:	\$4,311,288.40
Less Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	\$1,990,290.00
Net Amount to be raised through Taxation	\$2,320,998.40

The fiscal 2007 tax rate was set at \$11.90.

The Assessors meet Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The office number is 667-3501.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kellam
Robert Heath
Neil Wheeler

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2006

	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor	Total
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Governmental	Governmental
					Funds	Funds
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	389,321	829,968	231,894	131,113	178,009	1,760,305
Investments	511,363	182,142	0	0	11,844	705,349
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	128,262	0	0	0	0	128,262
User Charges	0	0	23,206	26,980	0	50,186
Tax liens	66,925	0	0	0	0	66,925
Excise Taxes and other taxes	40,777	0	0	0	0	40,777
Due from other funds	0	0	0	0	254,548	254,548
Total Assets	1,136,648	1,012,110	255,100	158,093	444,401	3,006,352
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	64,081	0	7,789	3,073	881	75,824
Tax Refund Payable	4,288	0	0	0	0	4,288
Deferred Revenue:						0
Property Taxes	96,966	0	0	0	0	96,966
Other	107,702	0	23,206	26,980	223,392	381,280
Total liabilities	273,037	0	30,995	30,053	224,273	558,358
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	157,748	0	0	0	0	157,748
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	126,800	0	0	0	102,245	229,045
Undesignated, reported in: for specific purposes						
General Fund	579,063	0	0	0	0	579,063
Special Revenue	0	1,012,110	224,105	128,040	115,096	1,479,351
Permenant Funds	0	0	0	0	2,787	2,787
Total Fund Equity	863,611	1,012,110	224,105	128,040	220,128	2,447,994
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	1,136,648	1,012,110	255,100	158,093	444,401	3,006,352

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Non major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Taxes	2,108,054	0	0	0	0	2,108,054
State Receipts	432,205	0	0	0	0	432,205
Excise and Other Taxes	256,665	0	0	0	0	256,665
User Charges	0	0	127,744	130,984	0	258,728
Licenses, Permits and Fees	138,698	0	0	0	0	138,698
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	28,578	0	1,430	1,893	0	31,901
Interest on Investments	49,500	32,607	0	0	464	82,571
Grants and Fees	0	0	0	0	201,225	201,225
Total Revenues	3,013,700	32,607	129,174	132,877	201,689	3,510,047
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	318,635	0	0	0	18,375	337,010
Public Safety	248,147	0	0	0	74,213	322,360
Public Works and Facilities	374,748	0	0	0	165,852	540,600
Water and Sewer	0	0	136,708	141,760	0	278,468
Education	1,894,617	0	0	0	0	1,894,617
Health and Human Services	17,895	0	0	0	29,072	46,967
Culture and Recreation	84,264	0	0	0	9,840	94,104
Employee Benefits and Insurance	130,459	0	0	0	0	130,459
State Assessments	6,761	0	0	0	0	6,761
Debt service:						
Principal	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
Interest	2,645	0	0	0	0	2,645
Total Expenditures	3,178,171	0	136,708	141,760	297,352	3,753,991
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(164,471)	32,607	(7,534)	(8,883)	(95,663)	(243,944)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	129,245	0	0	0	0	129,245
Operating Transfers Out	0	(27,000)	0	0	(102,245)	(129,245)
Proceeds of Bonds	0	0	0	0	117,609	117,609
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	129,245	(27,000)	0	0	15,364	117,609
Net Change in Fund Balances	(35,226)	5,607	(7,534)	(8,883)	(80,299)	(126,335)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	898,837	1,006,503	231,639	136,923	300,427	2,574,329
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TOWN of HUNTINGTON
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Fund Balances July 1,2005	Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balances June 30,2006
Special Revenue:				
Highway Ch 90	(15,206)	32,294	48,243	(31,156)
Conservation Wetlands Fees	2,111	0	0	2,111
Reserve for School Debt	204,491	0	102,245	102,246
Community Policing	32	22,598	15,999	6,631
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	0	4,144	0	4,144
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	1,242	2,147	2,581	808
Emergency Management	7,268	1,454	0	8,722
Comm Emerg Resp Team	0	0	400	(400)
Local Preparedness Grant	0	9,755	9,540	215
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	0	9,327	0	9,327
GIS Mapping	5,000	0	2,600	2,400
FF Public Safety Equir	15,000	0	15,000	0
Safe Program Grant	1,500	0	1,494	6
Plan Bd Grant	0	3,000	1,000	2,000
Public Safety	0	0	0	0
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,088	95	0	1,183
Arts Lottery Council	1,189	2,755	2,332	1,612
Library	3,656	3,884	7,507	33
Council on Aging-Formula	(2)	3,000	2,983	15
Council on Aging-High Valley	1,170	0	0	1,170
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	24,651	28,310	23,508	29,453
Comm Devel Loans Income Reuse	27,386	1,168	0	28,554
Fire Dept Damage Fd	0	21,337	21,581	(244)
Conservation Fund	9,166	0	0	9,166
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	794	0	0	794
Police Extra Duty	0	10,444	10,444	0
	<u>292,172</u>	<u>155,711</u>	<u>267,457</u>	<u>180,426</u>
Permanent Funds				
Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,787	0	0	2,787
Total-Non-Major Government Funds	<u>294,959</u>	<u>155,711</u>	<u>267,457</u>	<u>183,213</u>
Trust Funds:				
Stanton Income fund	115,603	14,415	0	130,018
Whiting Street fund	6,965	280	542	6,703
Civic Welfare	3,885	0	296	3,589
	<u>122,568</u>	<u>14,695</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>136,720</u>

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES:			
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	126	126	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	4,563	4,563	0
Admin Asst Wages	22,090	21,750	340
Expenses	1,500	1,456	44
Admin Asst Exp	250	204	46
Legal Ads Expense	1,000	477	523
General Office Supplies	1,296	734	562
Copy Machine Expenses	1,404	1,404	0
TOTAL	32,103	30,588	1,515
<u>COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	5,000	4,571	429
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	0	200
Reserve Fund	0	0	0
TOTAL	200	0	200
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	10,537	10,537	0
Expenses	434	332	102
Software Suppt	667	667	0
Audit Expense	7,000	0	7,000
New Software	16,350	16,350	0
TOTAL	34,987	27,886	7,102
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	4,944	4,944	0
Expenses	1,436	1,436	0
Clerk Wages	9,964	9,964	0
Mapping Expenses	1,679	1,000	679
Software Support	2,500	2,500	0
Revaluation	7,450	800	6,650
TOTAL	27,973	20,644	7,329

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	12,729	12,729	0
Expenses	2,680	2,494	186
Bank Service Chgs	100	46	54
Tax Title Expenses	10,500	10,003	497
Software support	16,675	9,225	7,450
TOTAL	42,684	34,497	8,187
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	15,457	15,457	0
Asst Coll Wages	5,548	4,633	915
Expenses	5,568	5,568	0
Tax Taking	1,700	1,596	104
Collector Software support	5,400	5,400	0
TOTAL	33,673	32,654	1,019
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	17,500	16,476	1,024
MA General Law Books	1	0	1
TOTAL	17,501	16,476	1,025
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	10,897	10,897	0
Dog License Exp	400	365	35
Expenses	1,500	1,382	118
Census Superintendent	1,300	1,300	0
Census Expenses	1,000	895	105
Asst clerk salary	1	0	1
Election Workers Wages	1,500	483	1,017
Elect & Reg Expenses	500	204	296
TOTAL	17,098	15,526	1,572
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	1,000	702	298
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	1,250	548	702
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	500	204	296
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	500	0	500

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	9,594	9,393	201
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	17,000	16,461	539
North Hall Utilities	2,000	772	1,228
Stanton Hall Utilities	7,000	6,895	105
Town Mowing	5,576	3,581	1,995
Maintenance	15,033	15,033	0
North Hall Maintenance	1,000	983	17
North Hall Renovations	1,000	1,000	0
Murryfield Utilities	2,000	1,487	513
Murryfield Sewer/Water	300	96	204
Public Pay Telephone	1,275	0	1,275
Construct Storage Shed	60,000	5,468	54,532
Demolish Buildings	16,391	16,391	0
GIS Mapping	6,000	0	6,000
TOTAL	144,169	77,560	66,609
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	4,569	4,490	79
Unemployment Insurance	596	484	112
Medicare	6,589	6,585	4
Town Buildings Insurance	24,067	24,067	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	12,100	9,762	2,338
TOTAL	47,921	45,388	2,533
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	3,000	2,889	111
<u>197-PARKING CLERK</u>			
Parking Clerk Expense	250	200	50
Total General Government	409,935	310,457	99,478
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	41,845	41,845	0
Training Exps & Wages	13,988	13,988	0
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	5,370	5,370	0
Administration/Training	4,798	4,798	0
Vehicle Maintenance	7,488	7,488	0
Equipment	5,644	5,555	89
4 W/D Police Cruiser	38,102	38,102	0
TOTAL	117,236	117,146	90

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	1,667	1,667	0
Hourly Wages	9,465	9,465	0
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,108	3,107	1
Training Wages	5,187	4,935	252
Building/Equipment Exps	32,167	32,167	0
Admin/Training Expenses	3,000	1,960	1,040
Utilities	7,115	7,115	0
Truck Maintenance	12,289	12,289	0
Replace Fire House	17,023	15,681	1,342
TOTAL	91,021	88,385	2,636
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	18,288	18,288	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	11,469	11,469	0
By-Law Enforcement Officer	2,016	2,016	0
Gas Inspector Fees	900	900	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1,620	1,620	0
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,540	2,540	0
TOTAL	18,545	18,545	0
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	2,000	700	1,300
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,055	1,055	0
Expenses	850	143	707
TOTAL	1,905	1,198	707
<u>294-TREE SERVICES</u>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	2,760	2,760	0
TOTAL	3,563	3,560	3
Constable Expense	200	80	120
Total Public Safety	252,758	247,902	4,856
Education			
Gateway Min Contribution	996,694	996,694	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	384,374	384,374	0
Transportation/Debt	333,624	263,350	70,274
Ch 70 Voc Trans	40,000	32,781	7,219
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	235,010	217,419	17,591
Total Education	1,989,702	1,894,618	95,084

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	42,000	42,000	0
Hourly Wages	58,463	56,810	1,653
Overtime/Extra Help	12,360	10,658	1,702
Utilities	11,471	10,514	957
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	32,000	31,639	361
Sand & Salt	36,752	36,752	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel	17,520	16,492	1,028
Road Maintenance	37,822	35,123	2,699
Part Time Salaries	140	140	0
Uniforms	1,675	1,231	444
Admin/Training Expenses	513	112	401
Drug Testing	450	65	385
Equipment replacement	7,851	5,635	2,216
Street Lights	10,000	9,976	24
TOTAL	269,017	257,147	11,870
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	20,430	20,430	0
Hauling & Disposal	80,000	74,687	5,313
Misc/Maint	1,500	234	1,266
Utilities	720	684	36
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,087	7,087	0
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	2,000	327	1,673
Compactor	4,861	4,861	0
Basket Str Landfill Monit	10,780	8,893	1,887
TOTAL	127,378	117,203	10,175
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,377	3,377	0
Wages	55,189	55,189	0
Workers Compensation	1,921	1,894	27
Unemployment	195	66	129
Health Insurance	11,535	11,535	0
Property Insurance	1,128	1,128	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,020	752	268
Utilities	12,869	12,869	0
Building/Equipment Maint	23,857	23,857	0
Meter Pump Expense	161	161	0
Engineering Consultant	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Vehicle Replacement	1	0	1
Chemical Purchase	2,200	1,270	930
Waste Removal	1,833	1,800	33
Improvements	19,019	19,019	0
Software support	2,100	1,750	350
Septic Tank Pumping	4,500	2,300	2,200
Overtime	4,793	4,793	0
TOTAL	145,701	141,759	3,941

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,377	3,377	0
Wages	19,447	19,447	0
Workers Compensation	631	631	0
Unemployment	101	24	77
Health Insurance	8,069	8,069	0
Property Insurance	1,880	1,880	0
Utilities	17,276	17,276	0
Vehicle Insurance	735	376	359
Analysis Tests	10,272	10,272	0
Analysis Chemicals	2,944	2,944	0
Contractors	1,000	785	215
Engineer Service	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Cross Connection Project	1	0	1
Materials/Equipment	18,125	17,570	555
Improvements	55,391	50,620	4,771
Software support	2,100	1,750	350
Meters	50,000	0	50,000
Water Overtime	2,500	1,688	812
TOTAL	193,851	136,708	57,143
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Goss Hill Cemetery	100	100	0
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	300	0
TOTAL	400	400	0
Total Public Works	736,347	653,216	83,130
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	3,099	2,724	375
Secretary Salary	4,318	3,985	333
Agent Wages	1,500	1,475	25
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,500	1,484	16
Health Nursing Fee	200	50	150
Animal Control Officer Salary	648	648	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	5,000	4,975	25
TOTAL	16,265	15,341	924
Council on Aging	1,000	1,000	0
Hilltown Youth Coalition	1	0	1

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>543-VETERN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,554	1,554	0
Relief Benefits	1,000	0	1,000
TOTAL	2,554	1,554	1,000
Total Human Services	19,820	17,895	1,925
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	28,222	28,222	0
Maintenance Wages	3,581	3,575	6
Maint/Repair/Supplies	10,200	9,934	266
Utilities	5,200	5,108	92
Books/Periodicals	11,700	11,700	0
Software Tech Support	920	585	335
TOTAL	59,823	59,124	699
<u>620-RECREATION COMMISSION</u>			
Wages	12,843	12,140	703
Expenses	3,707	3,707	0
TOTAL	16,550	15,847	703
Historical Commission	100	0	100
Memorial Day Parade	2,050	1,794	256
Community Events	2,500	2,500	0
150th Aniversity	5,000	5,000	0
TOTAL	7,500	7,500	0
Total Culture & Rec	86,023	84,265	1,758
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Fire Truck Loan	50,000	50,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Highway Grader Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Fire Truck Interest	3,348	630	2,718
Hwy Truck Interst	1,493	1,493	0
Grader Interest	521	521	0
Interest Short Term	1	0	1
TOTAL	105,363	102,644	2,719
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	3,320	1,380	1,940
CS Air Polution Assmnt	438	219	219
CS Regional Transit	4,368	2,010	2,358
Council of Govts Assmt	8,176	8,176	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	57,564	57,564	0
TOTAL	73,866	69,349	4,517

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	8,070	8,070	0
Police Health Ins	3,465	3,465	0
Highway Health Insurance	19,605	19,605	0
T/S Health Insurance	3,948	3,948	0
Library Health Insurance	16,140	16,140	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	13,597	13,597	0
Admin Health Ins	8,070	8,070	0
TOTAL	72,895	72,895	0
Total Misc Expenses	252,124	244,888	7,236
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,746,709	3,453,242	293,467

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley
Accountant

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Receipts per Month

414,681.01
188,954.37
358,415.76
450,260.42
216,730.00
176,389.19
419,079.45
278,911.85
379,432.81
288,769.47
396,387.12
210,973.48

\$ 3,778,984.93

Expenditures per Month

July 178,938.71
August 451,518.55
September 302,823.40
October 156,979.96
November 770,628.91
December 203,493.38
January 160,289.34
February 503,249.25
March 603,360.46
April 112,012.64
May 232,768.63
June 273,838.52

\$ 3,949,901.75

Balance as of July 2005	1,547,352.39
Receipts FY 2006	3,778,984.93
Expenditures FY 2006	3,949,901.75

Year End Balance June 30, 2006	\$ 1,376,435.57
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Allocation of General Fund Cash by Bank Accounts

UniBank	60,155.90
Bank of Western MA	6,207.91
Easthampton Savings Bank	652.83
Berkshire Bank	237,238.21
United Coopertative Bank	558,530.45
MMDT	513,650.27

\$ 1,376,435.57

Allocation of Trust & Special Accounts by Fund

Conservation Fund	9,557.10
Stablization Fund	1,012,109.95
Stanton Fund	130,017.61
Whiting Street Fund	6,702.65
Cemetery	2,787.39
Post War Rehabilitation	793.56
Civic Welfare	3,884.59
Total Interest earned on General Funds	42,444.19
Total Interest earned on Trust Funds	47,885.25

Tax Title Account

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Amount owed as of June 30, 2006
Bergeron, John	12/11/1991	5,505.01
Caggiano, Rose	12/11/1991	537.82
Cassale, Daniel & Mary	6/4/1996	6,973.74
Elder, Frances	11/24/2004	7,520.12
McKinney, Wayne	12/12/2002	6,479.65
Nadeau, Frances & Glen	6/4/1996	5,815.70
Nadeau, Frances & Glen	6/4/1996	11,627.56
Nuttleman, Robert	12/8/2005	4,253.10
Pickford, George & Shirley	11/24/2004	7,108.14
Tower, Gordon	5/18/2006	3,035.70
Wolfe, Scott	11/24/2004	8,068.67
Total Tax Title		66,925.21

Borrowing

	Loan	Interest Pd.
Highway Grader	25,000.00	520.72
Highway Truck	25,000.00	770.38

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2006</u>
<u>Real Estate</u>							
Levy of							
2000	1,346.22					1,346.22	-
2001	-						-
2002	-						-
2003	400.37					400.37	-
2004	21,999.91			262.70	1,961.76	19,775.45	-
2005	73,850.91				2,455.96	45,327.81	26,067.14
2006		2,127,710.84	8,543.65	11,027.97	9,541.12	2,014,996.05	100,689.35
Totals	97,597.41	2,127,710.84	8,543.65	11,290.67	13,958.84	2,081,845.90	126,756.49

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2006</u>
<u>W/S Lined</u>							
2005	14,319.20	15,647.74	-		11.73	12,141.25	17,813.96
Totals	14,319.20	15,647.74	-		11.73	12,141.25	17,813.96

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2006</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>							
Levy of							
1990-1994	5,011.41					2,233.82	2,777.59
1995	765.39					765.39	-
1996	432.44					432.44	-
1997	83.58					83.58	-
1998	702.34					702.34	-
1999	521.63					521.63	-
2000	308.78			4.98		296.40	7.40
2001	68.40					68.40	-
2002	250.91			25.98		58.13	166.80
2003	235.66					77.08	158.58
2004	1,340.63		4.46			1,169.32	175.77
2005	279.28					122.26	157.02
2006		41,953.92	7.82	77.50		41,029.29	854.95
Totals	10,000.45	41,953.92	12.28	108.46	-	47,560.08	4,298.11

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u> <u>and/or</u> <u>Abated</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as</u> <u>of 6/30/2006</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>							
Levy of							
1988-1997	3,177.83			2,842.62		282.50	52.71
1998	1,489.58			1,489.58			-
1999	1,331.51		5.00	263.96		58.75	1,013.80
2000	1,079.38			54.17		37.50	987.71
2001	1,486.68			46.25		26.25	1,414.18
2002	1,784.26					64.27	1,719.99
2003	2,287.31		55.42	77.92		616.16	1,648.65
2004	5,975.04	585.84	64.69	126.15		3,871.47	2,627.95
2005	22,875.12	30,321.09	837.07	4,799.35		43,470.45	5,763.48
2006		209,340.16	1,016.06	13,147.22		168,192.27	29,016.73
Totals	41,486.71	240,247.09	1,978.24	22,847.22	-	216,619.62	44,245.20

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u> <u>and/or</u> <u>Abated</u>	<u>Liened on the</u> <u>R. E.</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as</u> <u>of 6/30/2006</u>
<u>Water/Sewer</u>							
Levy of							
2005	28,935.76		722.83	975.72	15,647.74	13,035.13	-
2006		263,842.00	567.94	2,712.00		228,758.60	32,939.34
Totals	28,935.76	263,842.00	1,290.77	3,687.72	15,647.74	241,793.73	32,939.34

Summary

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as</u> <u>of 6/30/2006</u>
Real Estate	2,081,845.90	126,756.49
Water/Sewer Liened	12,141.25	17,813.96
Personal Property	47,560.08	4,298.11
Water/Sewer	241,793.73	32,939.34
Motor Vehicle	216,619.62	44,245.20
	<u>2,599,960.58</u>	<u>226,053.10</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox
Collector

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capital Planning Committee reviewed the inventory of town assets worth over \$10,000 and major expenditures for calendar year 2006.

A 2007 Freightliner Highway dump truck was purchased for \$113,000 to replace the 1987 GMC Sander as planned. \$25,000 was authorized from Free Cash and the remaining \$88,000 will be borrowed. The truck is to be delivered in June of 2007.

A steel Morton Building equipment storage shed was purchased and installed for \$60,000 using Free Cash.

Murrayfield Elementary School was demolished as planned, using \$200,000 from the Stabilization Fund.

The Town Hall roof was replaced and front steps reconstructed for \$10,000 using the Stabilization Fund.

The Stanton Hall steeple is in dire need of restoration. \$25,000 was authorized from the Stabilization Fund towards the final costs estimated to be approximately \$190,000. A 50% Massachusetts Preservation Grant application through the Massachusetts Historical Commission has been submitted. The remaining funds will be provided from the Stanton Fund.

The 1989 Dodge fire rescue truck should be considered for replacement. It is the most used vehicle in the fleet and needs to be updated to meet current standards.

As a reminder, the Town of Huntington has an ongoing debt obligation for the Gateway Regional School District. Our share is based on student population and is approximately \$250,000 per year for the next 15 years.

The Capital Planning Committee continues to recommend using free cash, where feasible and available, to purchase smaller assets.

We believe the information in the attached report will be of interest to the voters of Huntington and assist the Finance Committee and Selectboard, as an aid in long term fiscal planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Davis, Chair
Rolland Bernier,
Richard Buley,
Eric Jensen,
Al LaFrance

Town of Huntington
Major Assets Over \$10K Value
Capital Planning Committee
As of 01/01/07

Est Date to Replace	Dept	Contact	Asset Description	Serial Number	Date Acquired	Orig Purch Price (\$)	Est Useful Life Remaining (Years)	Est Cost to Replace (\$)	Comments
NEW	Town	Selectboard	Murrayfield School						demolished 10/2006
2025	Fire	Garriepy	2005 Pierce Custom Pumper	4P1CO01A25A005348	2005	247,000	20	250,000	Replaced 1976 Maxim Pumper
2010	Highway	McKinney	2004 Ford F350 w/plow	1FTSF31P34EC08953	2004	30,000	7	35,000	Replaced 1995 Ford F350
2011	Police	Garriepy	2003 Dodge Intrepid	2B3HD46V73H561993	2005	0	5	25,000	Homeland Security
2011	Police	Garriepy	2006 Chevy Tahoe	1GNEK13Z96R147185	2005	38,000	5	38,000	Replaced 1999 Chevy Tahoe
---	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	Back-up Well Field	Desired			3	45,000	Plus Land
2007	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	New Roof for Sewer Plant	Desired			4	10,000	
2007	Highway	McKinney	1987 GMC Sander	IDGM8C148HV500241	1987	80,000	1	90,000	to be sold
0	Fire	Garriepy	1981 AmGen Cargo Truck	82510095	2005	0	0	0	Under review
2010	Fire	Garriepy	1989 Dodge Rescue	1B7KM26Z4K5074138	2003	6,000	7	50,000	needs to be replaced
2010	Fire	Garriepy	1989 Int'l Fire Engine	1HTLFDBR3KH644968	1998	75,000	7	185,000	
2010	Fire	Garriepy	11 Air Packs		2005	20,350	7	25,000	
2010	Fire	Garriepy	26 Turn-out Coats		1999	10,080	7	13,000	replaced 5 per year
2010	Fire	Garriepy	28 Turn-out Pants		1999	9,100	7	11,000	replaced 5 per year
2012	Fire	Garriepy	1955 Dodge Pwr. Van	83945293	1955	3,500	9	35,000	
2010	Highway	McKinney	1995 New Holland Tractor	A433150	1996	44,000	9	60,000	
2010	Highway	McKinney	1998 Deere Bucket Ldr.	DWTC44H567876	1998	105,475	7	110,000	
2007	Highway	McKinney	1999 Int'l Dump Truck	IHTSDADROXH677544	1999	74,000	4	75,000	
2011	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	2005 Ford F250 PU	1FTNF21515EB30194	2005	26,056	8	30,000	Replaced 1999 Ford F250
2014	Fire	Garriepy	1978 Chevy Mini Pumper	CKL338J37485	1978	23,000	11	80,000	
2023	Highway	McKinney	2001 Komatsu Gailon Grader	G380031U210771	2001	137,500	20	200,000	Replaced 1961 Austin West
2023	Fire	Garriepy	1996 Freightliner Pumper	1FV6JULCBXTL576479	1996	143,626	20	185,000	
2025	Highway	McKinney	Salt Shed/Mill St.		1989		22	55,993	needs entry repair-2007
2026	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	Wtr. Stor. Tank/Blndfrd Rd.				23	391,948	
2035	Highway	McKinney	Town Garage/Mill St.		1970		32	475,000	
2035	Highway	McKinney	Town Garage/Mill St.				32	71,487	
---	Library	Selectboard	Library E. Main St.				---	163,600	Expansion
NEW	Town	Selectboard	Equipment Storage Bldg	60' x 42' Butler Bldg	2006	60,000	wr/Wtr.Hwy.Police etc.		constructed 10/2006
---	Town	Selectboard	Stanton Hall (Grange)				---	504,621	steeply repair 2007 ??
---	Town	Selectboard	North Hall, Norw. Hill				---	200,015	needs roof
---	Town	Selectboard	Lit le Old Schoolhouse				---	56,001	
---	Town	Selectboard	Town Hall/Park St.				---	415,066	reeroofed 2006
---	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	WW Treatment/Main St.	(Building only)			---	618,726	
---	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	Pumping Sta./Fisk Ave.	(Building only)			---	73,521	
---	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	1980 Int'l Truck	AA185KHA17704	1980	20,000	---	85,000	
---	Water/Sewer	Gobeille	Pumping Station/Rte.20	(Well Field)			---	107,632	
---	Fire	Garriepy	Fire Sta./Russell St.		1943		---	255,539	remodeled 2005
---	Fire	Garriepy	Fire Sta./Norwich Hill 441-56		1926		---	83,625	
---	Fire	Garriepy	1929 Chev. Fire Truck	121Q8119		15,000	---	0	No Replacement
---	Highway	McKinney	Grader Wing		2004	18,500	25	0	No Replacement
2024	Highway	McKinney	Freightliner FL80 Dmp Trk	1FVABXBSX4HM92859	2004	85,000	9	85,000	
NEW	Highway	McKinney	2007 Freightliner Dmp Trk	to be delivered June 2007	2006	112,877	9	120,000	Replaces 1987 GMC Sander cab-\$60,897 body-\$51,980

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

WATER DEPARTMENT:

In Fiscal Year 2006 the Water Department replaced six (6) hydrants and valves. We suffered five (5) water main breaks and at least 300 of the new water meters have been installed. We have begun the process for our Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) report to the Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) This is state-mandated and the cost for just the study and engineering report is in excess of \$60,000 but, as it is state-mandated, we must comply. Water chlorination will begin on April 1, 2007 to October 15, 2007 as a preventative measure to avoid bacteria in our water system.

Due to a good Insurance Service Office (ISO) report we are receiving a better insurance rating for our community.

SEWER DEPARTMENT:

The Sewer Department installed a new control panel at the pumping station on Old Chester Road. We installed a new chlorinator and dechlorinator control system at our waste water treatment plant as mandated by the D.E.P.

We performed major maintenance on our generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Please welcome Paul Hurley as our new Water and Sewer Commissioner.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in our office in the basement of the Town Hall. The public is always welcome to observe, make inquiries, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Rolland Bernier, Chair
Edward Schott
Paul Hurley

TOWN CLERK

Three elections were held this year: Local Election, State Primary, State Election. We have tried several different procedures during these to determine the best way of producing a smooth-running and effective result. I would like to thank the voters for their patience and understanding. I am happy to report that we have achieved our goal and have a definite plan in place. My thanks also to Harry Bishop, Clerk first shift, as well as scheduling personnel for every election; Sue Boistelle, Clerk second shift; Bing Cinelli, Warden and set-up; Paul Hurley for setting-up the day before elections; Cricket Heath, Constable; and all the election workers for their dedication and dependability. We needed many more counters for the State Election in November and the following people graciously offered to help: Geraldine Johnson, Donna Parks, Clark & Kathy Jones, Michelle Graton, Joan Astaferrero, Winifred Smith, Jack & Tania Eisenstadt, Scott Tillinghast, Tracey Masloski, Jan Nettler, Marjorie Gagnon, Sue McIntosh, Becky Cortis, and Lori Slowick.

Raffle/Bazaar permits need to be applied for well in advance of the event. It is state law that non-profit organizations must have a permit approved and signed by the Town Clerk and the Chief of Police.

It is also mandated by the state that anyone conducting a business under any name other than their full name must have a Business Certificate. This does not apply to an incorporated business, unless they are conducting business under another title or name. The certificate is renewable every four (4) years. Twenty-four (24) Business Certificates were issued this year.

Flammable Storage Permits issued:	3
Kennel Licenses issued:	3
Dog Licenses issued:	416 total
Including:	
Spayed Females	172
Females	33
Neutered Males	146
Males	65

This office continues to sell hunting/fishing licenses and stamps. This year 38 hunting, 24 fishing, and 29 stamps were sold. Licenses can also be bought on-line at: MassWildlife.org.

Sherry Jones was appointed Assistant Town Clerk late in the year. Her position will enable us to tackle preservation of records, coverage and assist in usual responsibilities.

Election results as well as Special and Annual Town Meeting minutes will follow in this report.

My office is open Monday 9 a.m. - noon; Wednesday 6 – 8 p.m. I can be reached at 667-3186 and my email address is: huntingtonclerk@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall

TOWN CLERK

Vital Records 2006

BIRTHS

January 24	Reeghan Kate Morawiec Daughter of Michael Orr Morawiec & Keri Joy Roberts.
March 9	Kaitlyn Grace Maynard Daughter of John William Maynard & nee Jennifer Ann Gosley.
March 14	Peyton Lyn Bird Daughter of David Holland Bird & nee Taralyn DiBella.
March 20	Charles William Macneil Son of Robert Henry Macneil & Jessica Marie Lamontagne.
May 31	Jared Marcus Ritter & Gabriella Irena Ritter Twins of Sean Phillip Ritter & nee Iwona M. Lewandowska.
June 15	Sophie Jeanette Reynolds Daughter of Matthew Rush Reynolds & nee Debra Rachel Cohen.
July 7	Summer Julia Duda Daughter of Clay Duda & nee Debra Lee Bristol.
August 14	Kailyn Ava Hawley Daughter of Aaren Dale Hawley & nee Kelly Lynn Salvhus.
September 1	Abigail Hart Madru Daughter of Joseph Edward Madru & nee Hope Elizabeth Reed.
September 29	Soren James Anderson-Flynn & Kai Thomas Anderson-Flynn Twin sons of Allison Taylor Flynn & Jill Courtney Anderson.

MARRIAGES

May 21	Kristian Michael Hennessey & Cathy Marie Delude @ Deerfield.
May 27	Aaren Dale Hawley & Kelly Lynn Salvhus @ Huntington.
May 27	Allen David Papillon & Lyndsey Ida Howes @ Huntington.
June 30	Adam Joseph Cormier & Rebecca Elizabeth Bruso @ Northampton.
July 15	Jared Malanson Burns & Andrea Mary Crane @ Huntington.

MARRIAGES (continued):

July 22	Eugene Arthur St. Louis, Jr. & Ellen Marie Davis @ Huntington.
August 12	Dennis W. Stoops, Jr. & Laura Lee Cox @ Huntington.
August 19	Arthur Abbott Cook & Nicole Marie LaBonte @ Northampton.
September 9	Tina Louise Newcomb & Mary Lois Gerken @ Huntington.
September 9	David Edward Laporte & Kate Ashley Brennan @ Northampton.
October 7	Keith Allen Tardy & Tracy Marie Charbonneau @ Northampton.
October 7	Roger Bradford Gunn & Margaret Paige Bartos @ Huntington.
December 27	Frazer R. Sheets III & Maryrose Hanks @ Huntington.

DEATHS

January 22	Blanche Agnes Pero, age 90, widow of Joseph W. Pero.
April 24	Arevolois Kasparian, age 98, widow of Kaspar Kasparian.
August 4	Gertrude Dorsey, age 96, widow of George Dorsey.
August 16	Jeanette Lillian Johnston, age 73, wife of Walter O. Johnston.
September 1	Robert Wendell Parker, age 86, husband of May Helen (Felton) Parker.
September 4	George Robert Conklin, Sr., age 62, husband of Jacqueline (DeMoss) Conklin.
September 11	Emmy Murphy, age 88, widow of Wallace C. Murphy.
September 20	Helen Marie Adriance, age 88, widow of Mark E. Adriance.
November 12	Alfred L. Burrier, age 74, Korean War Veteran, husband of Jane N. (Wellspeak) Burrier.

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
MAY 20, 2006

TOWN CLERK

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall	192
Blank	21
Others	2

CONSTABLE:

Charles Dazelle:	177
Blank	36
Others	2

TOWN TREASURER:

Anne Marie Knox	189
Blank	26

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Roland Damon	155
Blank	59
Others	1

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Aimee Burnham	118
Bernard St. Martin	45
Charles Hillman	11
Tom Stefanik	5
Blank	28
Others	8

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOV'TS:

Alma LaFrance	167
Blank	47
Others	1

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Marge Craven	26
Blank	180
Others	9

LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

Karen Wittshirk	177
Blank	37
Others	1

ASSESSOR:

Blank	191
Becky Butler	15
Others	9

MODERATOR:

Tom Gralinski	193
Others	22

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER:

George Conklin	178
Blank	36
Others	1

PETTIS FUND TRUSTEE:

Karen Wittshirk	172
Blank	42
Others	1

TREE WARDEN:

Walter Wittshirk	187
Blank	28

WHITING STREET FUND:

Pam Donovan-Hall	182
Blank	31
Others	2

215 votes cast; 1243 total number registered voters.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall

HUNTINGTON RESULTS
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS:

Edward M. Kennedy 186
Blank 19

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS:

John W. Olver 175
Blank 30

GOVERNOR:

Christopher F. Gabrieli 24
Deval L. Patrick 131
Thomas F. Reilly 46
Blank 4

COUNCILLOR:

Peter Vickery 78
Rinaldo Del Gallo, III 24
Thomas T. Merrigan 72
Blank 31

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Deborah B. Goldberg 64
Timothy P. Murray 67
Andrea C. Silbert 49
Blank 25

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT:

Benjamin Brackett Downing 1
Christopher Hodgkins 33
Helen Sharron 157
Margaret Johnson Ware 8
John T. Zelazo 3
Blank 3

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Martha Coakley 149
Blank 56

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT:

Stephen Kulik 172
Blank 33

SECRETARY OF STATE:

William Francis Galvin 132
John Bonifaz 41
Blank 32

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Blank 205

TREASURER:

Timothy P. Cahill 152
Blank 53

CLERK OF COURTS:

Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr. 143
Blank 62

AUDITOR:

A. Joseph DeNucci 146
Blank 59

REGISTRY OF DEEDS:

Marianne L. Donohue 150
Blank 55

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

HUNTINGTON RESULTS
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS:

Kenneth G. Chase	12
Kevin P. Scott	14
Blank	3

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS:

Blank	29
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GOVERNOR:

Kerry Healy	25
Blank	4

COUNCILLOR:

Michael Franco	19
Blank	10

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Reed V. Hillman	23
Blank	6

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT:

Matthew W. Kinnaman	20
Blank	9

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Larry Frisoli	18
Blank	11

REP. IN GENERAL COURT:

Blank	29
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SECRETARY OF STATE:

Blank	29
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Elizabeth D. Scheibel	23
Blank	6

TREASURER:

Blank	29
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CLERK OF COURTS:

Blank	29
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AUDITOR:

Blank	29
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REGISTRY OF DEEDS:

Blank	29
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Total number of registered voters: 1276

Total number of ballots cast: 234

10.8% voter turnout

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

**HUNTINGTON RESULTS
STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

SENATOR:

Edward M. Kennedy	437
Kenneth G. Chase	299
Blank	14

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS:

John Olver	494
William Szych	225
Blank	31

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR:

Healey/Hillman	265
Patrick/Murray	390
Mihols/Sullivan	66
Ross/Robinson	26
Blank	3

COUNCILLOR:

Michael Franco	222
Thomas Merrigan	342
Michael Kogut	140
Blank	46

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Martha Coakley	489
Larry Frisoli	225
Blank	36

SENATOR:

Benjamin Downing	362
Matthew Kinnaman	282
Dion Robbins-Zust	66
Blank	40

SECRETARY OF STATE:

William Galvin	489
Jill Stein	190
Blank	71

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT:

Stephen Kulik	628
Blank	122

TREASURER:

Timothy Cahill	496
James O'Keefe	171
Blank	83

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Elizabeth Scheibel	555
Blank	195

AUDITOR:

A. Joseph DeNucci	452
Rand Wilson	217
Blank	31

CLERK OF COURTS:

Harry Jekanowski	571
Blank	179

REGISTRY OF DEEDS:

Marianne Donohue	583
Blank	167

750 voters cast their ballots out of 1290 registered voters in the Town of Huntington.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; February 8, 2006

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington, on Wednesday, the eighth of February at 7:00 P.M. then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Tom Gralinski
Town Clerk: Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters: Tim Doherty
Sue McIntosh

The moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Law, Section 1 as follows:

The Annual Election of Town Officers shall be held on the Third Saturday in May of each year with officials being elected taking office as of July 1st, and the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on the First Monday in June, commencing at 7:30 p.m.; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 2. Motion defeated.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to construct an equipment storage building at the Highway Department complex; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$16,000.00 to demolish and remove a condemned residence located at #8 Stanton Avenue (a municipal lien will be placed on the property for this expense); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$6,000.00 for implementation of GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$19,000.00 to replace aging and outdated fire hose and related equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Meeting dissolved at 7:24. There was a quorum of 34 present.

A true copy attest.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Annual Town Meeting

Monday; May 1, 2006

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington qualified to vote in town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, the 1st of May, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. and then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk: Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters: David Junkins
 Sue McIntosh
 Mike Brisebois
 Bill Hall

The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum and he introduced the Finance Committee, the Town Clerk, and the Selectboard.

The Moderator announced that he was including Articles 2-7 on the consent calendar and asked those interested in discussing a particular article on the consent calendar to place a 'hold' on said article when he finished the brief overview. The articles not held as a block will be voted on. The body voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., unless it was possible to complete a warrant or the article under discussion shortly after 10:00 p.m. The body also agreed that, if needed, a second night to meet would be tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The Moderator also announced that, with Article 14, he would read the total amounts for various departments that are in bold. If any 'hold' is made, he would read line by line under that category.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To empower the Selectboard to choose such Town Officers as are not required by law or vote of the Town to be chosen by ballot; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To accept the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectboard, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund, Finance Committee, Trustees of the Alphonse P. Pettis Fund, Assessor of Taxes, Town Accountant, and any other Town Officers or Committees to report and act thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to prosecute and defend matters in which the Town has an interest, or to appear in favor or opposed to matters involving the Town's interest and employ counsel; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell and convey by public auction in accordance with Section 77B of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, all parcels of real estate which the Town has acquired or may acquire, either by foreclosure of Tax Title in Land Court or by the procedure under Section 80 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws pertaining to lands of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application following public hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2007, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the

Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Treasurer Software Support account (#015138-005) the sum of \$16,000.00 to purchase new software for the Treasurer and Tax Collector; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for the Fiscal Year 2007 through Fiscal Year 2010 with a 75% reduction in annual dues from \$8,176.00 to \$2,044.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to replace The Highway Department's 1987 Coleman Sander by purchasing a new dump truck with a wing, not to exceed \$140,000.00 by transferring \$25,000.00 from Free Cash and borrowing up to \$115,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Police & Fire Group Accident Insurance Account (#015914-006) the sum of \$2,597.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Highway Building & Equipment Account (#015422-004) the sum of \$14,000.00 for unanticipated repairs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006. Voters will designate line items to be voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,063,928.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 or accept a lesser amount than \$1,063,928.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$358,673.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$402,136.00 and transfer from FY2006 over minimum account (015300-200) the sum of \$75,373.00 for a total of \$477,509.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 or accept a lesser amount than \$477,509.00 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording of Article 17 to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$299,891.00 and transfer from FY2006 Over Minimum Account (015300-002) the sum of \$75,373.00 and transfer the sum of \$102,245.00 from account 24-3-302-000 School Debt Reserve for a total of \$477,509.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 or accept a lesser amount than \$477,509.00 as certified by the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, as amended.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$324,702.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$55,000.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Transportation for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Law, Section 1, as follows:

"The Annual Election of Town Officers shall be held on the Third Saturday in May of each year with officials being elected taking office as of July 1, and the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on the First Monday in June, commencing at 7:30 p.m."; or take any other action relative thereto.

A friendly amendment was made and seconded to read:

"The Annual Election of Town Officers shall be held on the Third Saturday in May of each year with officials being elected taking office as of July 1, and the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on the First Monday in June, commencing at 7:00 p.m."; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, as amended. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IF: DEFINITIONS of the Zoning Bylaw, by replacing the current definition for street frontage with the following:

“Street frontage: The continuous length (in feet) of a property line which abuts a road or street that has either been accepted as a town way or approved as a subdivision road (whether public or private). All corner lots must have sufficient frontage on one road to satisfy zoning requirements. Frontage for a single use on two or more lots shall be the sum of the individual lot frontages.”; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Note:** Italicized language is either new or modified from the current language.*

A friendly amended was made and seconded to read:

*“Street frontage: The continuous length (in feet) of a **lot** line which abuts a road or street that has either been accepted as a town way or approved as a subdivision road (whether public or private). All corner lots must have sufficient frontage on one road to satisfy zoning requirements. Frontage for a single use on two or more lots shall be the sum of the individual lot frontages.”; or take any other action relative thereto.*

Motion carried, as amended. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IF: DEFINITIONS of the Zoning Bylaw, by inserting: “140, section” in the definition for Manufactured Home (a.k.a. Mobile Home), as follows, “ - with the definition as per M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 32Q...”; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Note:** Italicized language is either new or modified from the current language.*

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV D:
NON RESIDENTIAL USES ON LOTS NOT ALSO USED FOR
RESIDENCE of the Zoning Bylaw by substituting the following
paragraph for the current first paragraph:

“For the four following categories, if there are three (3) or less full-time (or equivalent part-time) employees, special permit is required in residential districts and the use is permitted without special permit in all other districts. A special permit is required in all districts if there are four (4) or more full-time (or equivalent part-time) employees. See Section IV H for off-street parking requirements and Section IV I for permitted signs.”; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Note:** Italicized language is either new or modified from the current language.*

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash \$1,800.00 to undertake a feasibility study, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Public Library, to examine the options for expanding and renovating its current library building, or building a new facility and to report to the Town the results of such study; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 25. A committee of 7 people will be organized to study and research this proposal. Motion carried. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.32B, §9A to pay one-half of the amount of the premium to be paid by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical medical, dental and other health insurance; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will give the Huntington Food Pantry at Pioneer Valley Assembly of God \$5,000.00 from free cash toward operating expenses at the pantry.

Motion defeated. In favor, 33. Opposed, 37

The Moderator asked the voters to respond to a few requests to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" before the start of the Annual Town Meeting, by putting either a Yes or a No in a box as they left. This would give him some direction.

***Motion made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.
Meeting dissolved 9:26 p.m. There was a quorum of 77 present.***

A true copy attest.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; July 12, 2006

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington, on Wednesday, the 12th of July, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., and there took the following action:

Moderator: Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk: Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters: Karl Watkins
Sue McIntosh

The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted.
He announced that there was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$200,000.00 for the demolition, debris removal and site restoration of the Murrayfield Elementary School, including repaving the library parking lot and driveway; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 for the restoration of the Stanton Hall steeple; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The scope of work includes the repair of the steeple base, spire, finial and weathervane; two coats of paint, a primer and latex. The total cost is estimated at \$50,000.00. An existing account (245534-000) of \$27,386.23 reserved for Stanton Hall use will be applied.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund to the Building and Property Maintenance Account (015192-006) the sum of \$10,000.00 to re-roof the Town Hall, cupola and four (4) porticos; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The current roof is 27 years old and in need of replacement.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,161.00 for Firefighter Training Wages (015220-003); or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded for Article 4 to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,161.00 for Firefighter Training Wages (015220-003); or take any other action relative thereto

Motion carried as amended. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$41,900.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

A motion was made and seconded for Article 5 to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$41,900.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015138-002	Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 500.00
015138-004	Treasurer Tax Title Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
015139-002	Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 500.00
015139-003	Town Collector Tax Taking Exps.	\$ 700.00
015151-000	Legal Expenses	\$10,000.00
015192-002	Town Hall Utilities/Phone	\$ 3,000.00
015192-004	Stanton Hall Utilities	\$ 1,000.00
015196-000	Town Reports	\$ 1,000.00
015220-008	Fire Truck Maintenance	\$ 1,700.00

015422-003	Highway Utilities	\$ 5,000.00
015422-004	Highway Building/Equip. Maint.	\$ 1,000.00
015422-006	Highway Gas & Diesel	\$ 6,000.00
015610-002	Library Maint/Rep/Supplies	\$ 4,000.00
015610-007	Library Software Tech. Support	\$ 500.00

Motion carried as amended. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Reserves the sum of \$5,000.00 for the following Salary Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015440-001	Sewer Wages	\$ 4,000.00
015450-001	Water Wages	\$ 1,000.00

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Water/Sewer Reserves the sum of \$24,000.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015440-009	Sewer Building/Equipment Maint.	\$ 8,000.00
015440-016	Sewer Improvements	\$ 9,000.00
015450-006	Water Utilities	\$ 3,500.00
015450-008	Water Analysis Tests	\$ 500.00
015450-015	Water Materials/Equipment	\$ 3,000.00

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission to represent the Huntington farming and agricultural community, as well as other farming and forestry activities; or take any other action relative thereto.

“ The purpose of the Agricultural Commission will be to support commercial agriculture and other farming activities in the Town of Huntington. The Commission’s duties shall include but will not be limited to the following: serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuits of agriculture in Huntington; promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in Town; act as mediators, advocates, educators, and/or negotiators on farming issues; work for the preservation of agricultural lands; advise the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Board of Assessors, and the Open Space Committee, or any other appropriate Town Boards, on issues involving agriculture; and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, of which the majority of the membership shall be substantially engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. All members of the Commission must either be residents of the Town, or owners and farmers of agricultural property within the Town.

There may be one or two alternates appointed to the Commission by the Selectmen and will fill any vacancies at a meeting of the Commission. In making its appointments, the Board of Selectmen is asked specifically to consider the intent of the Commission to represent the agricultural interests of the Town.

The terms will be as follows: Two members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years and three thereafter; and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter.

The Board of Selectmen shall fill a vacancy based on the unexpired term of the vacancy in order to maintain the cycle of appointments, based upon the recommendations of the Commission.”

Motion carried. Unanimous.

***A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
There was a quorum of 48 present. Motion carried. Unanimous.***

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; December 13, 2006

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington, on Wednesday, the 13th of December 2006 at 7:00 P.M. and there took the following action:

Moderator: Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk: Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters: Jim Arnold
 Jim Watkins

The meeting began at 7:03 p.m. The Moderator introduced the members of the Finance Committee who were present and announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to reduce the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will transfer \$32,000.00 from the Sewer Reserve Account to the Sewer Building/Equipment Maintenance Account (015440-009); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will transfer \$3,000.00 from the Sewer Reserve Account to the Sewer Meter/Pump Expense Account (015440-010); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will transfer \$2,000.00 from the Water Reserve Account to the Water Overtime Account (015450-020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Huntington will vote in accordance with M.G.L. c40 s 4A to authorize the Huntington Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health to enter into an inter municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health, public works, and general government administration services which the Board of Health, Department of Public Works, and other administrative bodies in town are authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered between the Town and various governmental units.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Public Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which may be available for a library building planning project.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

***A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting at 7:18 p.m.
There was a quorum of 34 present. Motion carried. Unanimous.***

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had a fairly quiet year since our last report. With your help, we passed several amendments to our bylaws at the last Annual Town Meeting, all of the 'housekeeping' variety. We applied for and were awarded a grant from the Highlands Communities Initiative to study cluster development and its appropriateness for Huntington. With the grant, we hired Wayne Feiden of Feiden Associates as consultant and held a series of meetings, dissecting our current bylaw on the subject (IV N- Open Space Communities) and comparing it to other existing models. We wrapped up the study with a public meeting last fall which was received with a collective yawn.

Over the last year, we have continued to review ANR subdivisions (simple subdivisions of parcels) and, as the law requires, signed off on them. This continues to be the only form of subdivision occurring in town, although there has been some discussion of multi-home development on at least two different parcels in town and there are plans in progress just over our borders in both Westhampton and Chester.

From all the information available to us, Huntington seems to be meeting the housing needs of its residents adequately. Like all the hilltowns, we have a limited amount of rental property available but, due to other factors, such as available jobs and transportation options, it seems to roughly match the demand. Our housing stock remains financially accessible (as much as any real estate is) to those of our residents who provide our services, which is the yardstick of affordability used by the state.

This year, we bade farewell to our friend and long-time board member, Ed Grabowski, who resigned effective the beginning of January. We appreciate his long service and will miss his pragmatism and insight. We are in need of new people who are interested in the welfare of Huntington to fill several vacancies. Thanks to Earl Heath, Mike Brisebois and Linda Hamlin for their continued service.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Hamlin, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NEEDED: ONE FULL-TIME ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER AND TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS!

WHY: CURRENTLY ALL DECISIONS OF THE BOARD REQUIRE A SUPER-MAJORITY (UNANIMOUS) VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF ALL PETITIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

REQUIREMENTS: OPEN MIND, FAIRNESS, OBJECTIVITY, COMMON SENSE AND WILLINGNESS TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

BENEFITS: RICH AND CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE SERVING THE COMMON GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY, TRAINING AVAILABLE.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is the appropriate authority for deciding petitions for variances, special permits, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 6 'Findings' and hearing appeals.

The purpose of our Zoning By-law is stated in our by-law as follows, "... to regulate the dimensions and uses of buildings, structures, and land within the Town of Huntington in a manner appropriate to the character of the town and its various areas and activities, in order to provide for the general welfare, conserve, protect, and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Town and the health and safety of its inhabitants, insure an adequate supply of light and air, and protect against the hazards of fire and flood."

Special permits may be issued only for uses that are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Huntington Zoning By-law, and shall be subject to general or specific provisions set forth therein; and such permits may also impose conditions, safeguards and limitations on time or use. Special permits are issued to authorize specifically itemized uses after weighing the benefit or detriment of a proposal.

The variance is used to authorize an otherwise prohibited use, or to loosen dimensional requirements otherwise applicable to structures. A variance is to be issued sparingly and only if all the statutory prerequisites have been met.

A Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 6 Finding allows the Board of Appeals *some* subjective leeway in their decision making process. Non-conforming uses, structures, and lots that otherwise may not meet specific provisions for the granting of a special permit or variance may be granted if there is a finding by the permit granting authority that such change, extension or alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood. After the issuance of a special permit, variance or Chapter 6 finding, the successful applicant must obtain a building permit from the building inspector, if construction is contemplated.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (continued):

Our by-law makes provisions for a five (5)-member board with two (2) alternate members. In that situation five (5) members would participate in the public hearing process, and a majority of four (4) affirmative votes would be required to approve an applicant's petition. Currently, we have four (4) members and, as a result, approval of any petition brought to the board requires a unanimous vote for approval. This is not fair to the applicant or the board! We are seeking one (1) full-time member to bring us up to a five- (5) member board. In addition, we are seeking two (2) alternate members to participate in public hearings on an 'as needed' basis. These alternate members would take the place of a regular member that might be absent during the hearing process or in a case where they might have to excuse themselves from the public hearing process due to a conflict of interest.

Contact the Selectboard office or visit one of our meetings to gain a better understanding of the challenging nature of our board. Aside from public hearings the ZBA meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall.

This past calendar year from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, the ZBA held public hearings to gather public input on five (5) special permit applications. All five (5) of the applications were approved. In addition to our other duties, the board made annual inspections of the four (4) gravel pits in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Bartley
Ellen Davis
Phyllis Kelso
George Webb, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is the town board responsible for ensuring local compliance with the State Wetlands Protection Act. Under that law, anyone proposing to work in or near wetlands (including lakes, ponds and streams and their bordering vegetated wetlands, as well as the riverfront area) must file plans with the Commission.

We acted on eighteen (18) applications during 2006. The projects included new buildings and additions or renovations to existing houses; installation of a septic system; repairs of culverts, a bridge and a dock; restoration of a washout along the Westfield River; removal of a beaver dam; and determination of wetlands boundaries. In all cases, the Commission reviewed the plans and gave approval for the projects to proceed after public hearings.

Commission members performed some fifty (50) site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as to respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed Forest Cutting Plans to assure that wetlands are protected during timber harvests. We worked with the Building Inspector on the site review process, to assist people to understand the requirements of the Wetlands Act before they began construction. We gave input about wetland concerns to hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as participating in annual inspections of gravel pits in town.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservations Commissions, which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. We also hosted two MACC workshops here in Stanton Hall. Several of us participated in other events, including workshops on forestry, lakes and ponds, and the Community Preservation Act.

We welcome public participation in any of our meetings, which take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves
Katheryn Darrow
Cathy Grabowski
Susan McIntosh, Chairperson
Waino Tuominen
Michael Vorwerk
Miriam Watkins

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission is newly established this year. Our purpose is to act in an advisory capacity to the other town boards with regards to agricultural issues.

As an introduction for our membership many Commission members attended an all-day training for Agricultural Commissions held in Deerfield by the Berkshire Pioneer Resource Conservation & Development Council in November.

The first task of the Commission is to create a Right-to-Farm Bylaw for our community.

The Commission is looking forward to tackling new projects in the coming year, which will be geared toward the support of the existing agricultural businesses and the encouragement of new ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox
John Knox
Gerald Manley
Bonnie McKinney
Janet Mollison
Gordon Richardson
Lorraine Wickland, Chair

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Huntington Open Space Committee has gained new members and energy level after irregular activity in 2006.

We will be working on two tasks in 2007: The first being production of a revised Huntington Open Space Plan. The second task will be organizing a Community Garden to be an association of members who will identify logistics and operating rules for a collective of garden beds on a town parcel (possibly the former Murrayfield School site).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Chair
Katheryn Darrow
Linda Siska
Erik Steins
Jeff Wyand
Charlene Whitaker

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the last year, the Huntington Police Department has been actively involved in community policing. As a recipient of the Community Policing Grant of \$11,299, the five-member department continued its commitment to police visibility and availability.

The department saw an increase in call volume from 367 calls in the year 2005 to 395 calls in the year 2006, with the month of July being the busiest having 49 calls logged. Some of the recorded incidents logged were 40 alarm calls, 28 officer wanted calls, 25 motor vehicle accidents, 13 domestic disturbances and 7 breaking and entering.

As a member of the District Crisis Team the Police Department and the Gateway Regional School District continued its collaboration implementing and revising the "Safe Schools" plan. A school-wide evacuation drill and numerous lock down drills were conducted throughout the year.

The department continues to maintain CPR and First Responders certification, as well as its membership in the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association and the Western Massachusetts Chiefs Association.

I would like to extend my appreciation to my fellow officers for their commitment to provide the highest level of professionalism and service to the citizens of the Town of Huntington and to thank the residents of the community for their continued support.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year has been a very challenging year for the Huntington Fire Department. There have been numerous personnel changes, inspections, audits and two hundred thirty-five (235) 911 fire calls.

The department was evaluated by the ISO (Insurance Service Office). This office determines the community insurance rate for fire protection on individual homeowner policies. The town rating went from a 6/9 rating to a 6/8B rating. This improvement in the town rating reduced the rate of fire insurance protection outside the town's hydrant district.

The Fire Department was the recipient of two grants. The first grant was the Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant in the amount of \$190,000. This grant was used to purchase a new tanker truck for the Norwich Hill Fire Station. The second grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation was for a \$4,000 match fund grant.

As in the past, the Fire Department continued to work with the surrounding communities to provide the department with professional training and mutual aid.

I would like to thank all members of the Huntington Fire Department for their continued dedication and commitment to helping their friends and neighbors in times of crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy
Police/Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had a productive year.

Drainage was finished on Pisgah Road in preparation for paving of 1800'. Guardrails were updated on Montgomery Road. On County Road a culvert that was collapsing was repaved and County Road from the intersection of Searle to Route 66 was repaved.

The Municipal Parking Lot behind Huntington Liquor Store was upgraded and repaired. Trees and brush were removed on several roads including, but not limited to, County Road, Harlo Clark, Nagler, and Goss Hill. A cold storage shed was erected at the Highway Department for the purpose of storing items that have essential value but do not require heat.

Last, but not least, a new truck has been ordered to update the aging Coleman 4 x 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne McKinney
Highway Superintendent.

DOG OFFICER

As an Animal Control Officer the challenges one encounters can be both exciting and frustrating. As always, to me, the hardest part of the job is notifying the family of an injured or deceased pet. I encourage residents to use leashes and tie outs. Your full cooperation will help in reducing these sad events.

The state law requires that all dogs and cats shall be vaccinated against rabies. The state law also requires all dogs to be licensed each year. Licenses shall be attached to the dog's collar or suitable harness, and worn by the dog. This also serves as a return home tag if the dog does become accidentally separated.

Animal complaints responded to:	11
Dogs adopted:	0
Dogs picked up, looked for, returned:	4

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Jackman,
Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

Transfer Station Stickers sold	682	Temporary Food Permits	4
Tires Disposed of	63	Perc Tests Conducted	17
Installers Permits	16	Well Permits	13
Haulers Permits	2	Disposal Works Applications	17
Food Service Permits	11	Septic Inspections	1
Propane Tanks	16		

Accounts Receivable:	\$55,941.50
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Transfer Station Stickers	\$13,680.00
“H” bags	\$31,932.50
Trash	\$ 1,892.00
Tires	\$ 405.00
Furniture	\$ 780.00
Metal	\$ 992.00
Electronics	\$ 570.00
Propane Tanks	\$ 80.00
Disposal Works Permit	\$ 1,250.00
Well Permits	\$ 975.00
Perc Tests	\$ 1,325.00
Installer Permits	\$ 1,200.00
System Repair	\$.00
Temporary Food	\$ 60.00
Food Service Permits	\$ 550.00
Hauling Permits	\$ 150.00
Massage Therapy	\$ 50.00
Frozen Dessert Permit	\$ 50.00

BOARD OF HEALTH (continued):

The Huntington Board of Health office is open every Wednesday evening with our friendly and efficient Secretary, Kathie Morrison, always ready to greet you. The full board meets every two weeks, September through June. In May of 2006 we reluctantly said good-bye to longtime member, Dick Jordan, and welcomed Jim Arnold, a health professional in his place. Jim has brought unlimited energy and good information to Marge Craven and your Chair, which was particularly helpful when we were discussing outdoor wood burners.

Your Board quickly investigated health complaints that were signed by the complainant or identified over the phone. No anonymous complaints are investigated. Our staff includes our new Health Inspector, Joseph Rouse; our Title V Inspector, Brian Slayton; our Animal Control Officer, Robert Jackman; and our two Transfer Station Attendants, Gerry Dugas and Bill Snyder. The Board appreciates the good cooperation of the Selectboard Secretary, Helen Speckels, who sells transfer station stickers from her office in the mornings.

Our transfer station is under the direction of Eric Weiss, from the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC). The Board of that agency meets bi-monthly. Your Board of Health Chair is also the Chair of that Board. The object of HRMC is to see that member transfer stations operate efficiently and encourage recycling. This year a book bin was added to our station so that residents could recycle books as well as paper, cans & bottles, metal, and more. This year over 600 transfer station stickers were sold to residents. New stickers will be available on July 1st.

The Board has had a dual focus this year. One focus was to plan for pandemics or other types of disasters. Members attended local and regional meetings on this. Our other major focus has been on outdoor wood burners with a concern for air pollution. The Board passed a moratorium on these burners in mid-December, and held a hearing in the beginning of January to hear owners' concerns. Current owners must obtain a permit by March 17th or lose their right to have these burners. Complaints about existing burners will be investigated by the Board.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of Huntington residents with the transfer station and other health-related concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Paulson, Chair
Marge Craven, Member
James Arnold, Member
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend. COA volunteers are always needed and can be of any age, not just seniors.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERS IN HUNTINGTON:

- Highland Valley Elder Services Lunches at Stanton Hall—Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m., for seniors 60 years and older; donation requested; call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 for information and reservations. Home delivered meals are also available.
- Transportation to the meal site, shopping, and medical appointments by the COA/Franklin Regional Transit Authority Van-- Mon.-Fri., for elders 60 years and older and for the disabled of any age by approval of the FRTA; call Dandy Bro, Van Driver, at 667-3661 for more information and to make reservations.
- COA Outreach Worker—for information and referral call Robin Boucher at 862-0038.
- Brown Bag Program providing staple groceries on the 3rd Fri. of each month—for income-eligible seniors, small donation requested; for more information, call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 or the Food Bank of Western Mass at 800-247-9632.
- Gentle Yoga class—Weds. at 9:00 a.m., Stanton Hall, continuous throughout the year; small donation requested; new students, drop-ins and persons of any age welcome. Call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 or Sally Barber, Westfield Yoga Center, 413-568-8989 for more information.
- Two wheelchairs, a walker, and a portable commode are available to borrow, short-term; call Priscilla Bishop at 667-3626 for more information.
- Regional Low Vision Support Group--3rd Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m, Stanton Hall; call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for more information.

SPECIAL 2006 ACTIVITIES

Winter (January, February, March)

- *"March of the Penguins"* video at the Huntington Public Library—12 seniors attended
- Seniors carpooled to the Silver Screen movie in W. Springfield—14 seniors attended.
- Valentine Lunch & Concert by Patty Carpenter at Stanton Hall—28 seniors attended.
- St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Meal & Entertainment by Steve Henderson performing the skit, *"Jerry Atrick."*

Spring (April, May, June)

- Bus Trip to the Garde Arts Theatre, New London, CT for the performance, *"Star Spangled,"* & also a stop at Mohegan Sun Casino.
- Regional COA Health Fair—18 different providers of information & health screenings; 35 seniors attended from 5 towns; 305 units of service provided to seniors.
- Melissa Nazarro, Huntington Emergency Management Director, spoke with the COA at its regular meeting on May 2.

- Huntington Dance Center offered dance and theater entertainment; the COA provided refreshments.
- COA Consortium/Huntington COA/Mass. Bar Association Elder Law Education Program at Stanton Hall—8 seniors attended.
- Lions Club Dinner at Russell VFW.
- COA Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Russell Inn—15 seniors attended.

Summer

- Regional COA Picnic at Strathmore Park in Russell.

Fall

- COA Bus Trip to Adams Farm, VT including lunch, a wagon ride, animal theater, and boat cruise—42 seniors attended.
- COA Flu Shot Clinic—65 seniors received flu immunizations.
- Gateway School Senior Concert & Luncheon—50 Huntington seniors attended.
- COA Catered Christmas Luncheon at Stanton Hall; Cadette Girl Scout Troop 192 made decorations; *"The Old folks at Home"*, (May & Smitty Smith) provided entertainment—30 seniors attended.

The COA also sends out Sunshine cards to seniors who are sick or are bereaved. Our COA is a member of the Southern Hilltown COA Consortium and supports its activities including monthly meetings. Sandy Sheets is our COA representative on the Highland Valley Elder Services Board of Directors. We would like to thank all our dedicated volunteers who have helped to make COA services and programs possible. The COA Board would also like to thank the Huntington Selectboard and other town departments and officials for their help and support including the use of Stanton Hall for COA activities. We would also like to acknowledge the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly for grants that have helped make COA programs possible this year. The Board is open to suggestions and invites all 404 Huntington seniors to participate in the COA's activities.

The Board would also like to note the passing of our longtime member and treasurer, Blanche Pero.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Bishop, Co-Chairperson

Winnie Smith, Co-Chairperson

Ruth LePage

Gerrie Johnson

May Diemer

Jean Rude

Virginia Denis

Ella Balchunas

Joan Asteferrero

Elsie LaFonde

Marge Gagnon

LIBRARY

July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006

The Library was very active this year with 1,489 residents and 101 non-residents with library cards.

We conducted a summer reading program called "Going Places @ your Library" with 71 children and teens participating and 6 adults. The program ended with a pizza party enjoyed by all who attended.

LIBRARY STATISTICS:

➤ Circulation:	17,537 materials
➤ Interlibrary:	576
➤ Attendance in Library:	13,010
➤ Reference Transactions:	1,363
➤ Children's Programs:	30
➤ Attendance at Children's Programs:	538
➤ Adult/Young Adult Programs:	43
➤ Attendance at Adult/Young Adult Programs:	575

The Library had only four computers available for public use in Fiscal Year 2006 and the number of users during a typical week was 50 for 30 minutes at a time.

We continued to have an Artist of the Month with an open house for each artist. The public enjoyed meeting the different artists and discussing the artist's work.

Our monthly movie nights were a success, with the movies usually being well attended. Popcorn and soda were served.

We also had two adult book clubs during the year. The winter book club met January through April on the last Monday of the month and the Wednesday book club met year-round on the third Wednesday of the month. Different types of books are read, and new members are always welcome.

Library Hours: *Monday & Thursday: 1-4 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.; Tuesday: 1-4 p.m.;
Wednesday: 3-8 p.m.; Saturday: 10-3 p.m. Closed Holidays*

(413) 667-3506

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. Nareau
Library Director

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

2005 marked an anniversary for the Town of Huntington.

Our September 2005 Fireworks and Family Festival celebration was dedicated to the anniversary. A steak roast was one addition to the regular events at the festival, including music and entertainment. The Historical Society also took a large part in the festivities, with educating the public about our town history, opening the schoolhouse for a “tour”, and performing reenactments. The evening concluded with a wonderful display of fireworks – always enjoyed by the people.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Belhumeur, Rolland Bernier, Michael Brisebois, Bonnie Kubacki
John Knox, Vicki Mayhew (Chair), Ken Rachmaciej, Robert Smith

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The following grants were approved in 2006:

- ❖ Steve Henderson performing *Jerry Atrick – The Older I Get*
- ❖ *Rumbafrica* music performance at Gateway Middle School
- ❖ Huntington Recreation Committee, *Gerwick Puppets*
- ❖ Edward Wirt, *Charles Neville Concert*
- ❖ *Sevenars Music Festival*
- ❖ Mitch Guiannunzio, *Season of Plays at North Hall*
- ❖ Huntington Dance Centre performing *Ozville – There’s No Place Like Home*
- ❖ Blandford Fair, *40th Art Show*
- ❖ Ken Jordan, *Carolina Snowflakes* demonstration
- ❖ Miniature Theater of Chester, *Playwriting Program at Gateway Middle School*

Also included in 2006 were two extensions from the 2005 grant cycle: Patty Carpenter/Music for Seniors and a concert at North Hall.

Cultural grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org, at the Town Hall or by contacting Co-Chair Lynn Winsor at (413) 667-5563. The application deadline is October 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Austin, Carol Chandler (Co-Chair), Jack Eisenstadt, Susan Kallerges
Linda Siska, Lynn Winsor (Co-Chair), Connie Young

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Summer Camp 2005 ran from July 11 - August 19, 2005, 9am - noon at Littleville Elementary School. This camp is open to Huntington children in grades Pre-K through Grade 4. Children had structured times for arts/crafts, physical activity, and learning everyday. A bus trip was taken to the movies as a celebration at the end of camp.

Our first adult dance to coincide with the town anniversary party was held in September at Stanton Hall. Everyone in attendance listened to music by a DJ, danced, and socialized with friends.

Halloween happenings included the annual Rag Shag Parade from Pettis Field down to Stanton Hall. Children dressed in costume marched down to enjoy refreshments and a puppet show sponsored in part by the Cultural Council. A large crowd of about a hundred people enjoyed "Inside the Haunted House" performed by the Gerwick Puppets, and the carved pumpkin display along the sidewalk.

Santa visited again at Stanton Hall in December. Children and adults listened to holiday music, enjoyed refreshments and participated in making holiday arts and craft projects.

Amelia Park in Westfield allows us to rent out ice time. In January the place was reserved for our town, people of all ages and skills skate for two hours.

Another adult dance was held with a St. Patrick's Day theme in March 2006. There was a DJ providing lively music. Again, everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening.

The Easter egg hunt is never short of participants. Over 1,200 eggs are scattered across Pettis Field for youngsters to collect. Within minutes they disappeared. There were three lucky basket winners, and three lucky ice scream/slushy winners to the Bridge Store.

During April school vacation over 70 people went bowling at the Canal Bowling Lanes in Southampton.

Signs were purchased to put on our sandwich board to help in publicizing events organized throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Bednaz
Michelle Booth
Vicki Mayhew
Mary Lou Niedzielski
Michelle Oliveira, Chair
Melinda Slowey
Patty Trzasko

STANTON HALL USE COMMITTEE

The function of the Stanton Hall Use Committee is to act on requests submitted to the town for the use of Stanton Hall for special meetings and events. These events include, but are not limited to: town meetings; committee and board meetings; private functions such as birthday parties, weddings, showers, craft fairs, and such. To inquire about using the hall for your special event, please contact Committee member Helen Speckels at (413) 667-3500.

On a daily basis, Stanton Hall is open for lunch to all elder hilltown residents over the age of sixty. Reservations must be made in advance, and access to transportation is available. For more information regarding the Huntington Dining Center, please contact Dale Hoppe of Highland Valley Elder Services at (413) 667-3505. A voice message service is available.

Some of the groups which used Stanton Hall during calendar year 2006 were:

Town Hall Committees and Boards
Huntington Council on Aging
Town Dance
Huntington Dance Centre
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
4H
MACC Work Shop
Elder Law Seminar
Red Cross Blood Drive
Antiques Appraisal
Girl Scout Troup #56
Girl Scout Troup #323
Girl Scout Cadette Troup #194
Santa Claus
Patti Carpenter Concert
Swinging Bridge Auctions
Health Fair & Flu Clinic

Hilltown Community Health Centers
Hilltown Social Services
Friends of the Library
Real Estate Seminar
Westfield River Wild and Scenic
Jacobs Ladder Business Association
Open Mic Music Sessions
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Highland Grange
Serve Program
Brown Bag Program
Yoga Classes
Booster Club
Low Vision Workshop
Pioneer Valley Assembly of God Church
Congregational Church

Respectfully submitted,

Al LaFrance
Tracey Kellam-Masloski
Helen Speckels

NORTH HALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

North Hall had more programs this past year than we have had in years. We had an opera concert with two performances, a play reading followed by a fundraising party and a fully staged, professional performance of a Tennessee Williams play that filled the house for three nights. We will add at least two more productions to our season this coming summer. Much of this is possible because the hall is looking so good, is handicapped accessible, and now has theatre lighting. The upstairs had a final coat of paint and the final finishing touches are completed, although there is still some work to be done on the closet space. Downstairs there are small jobs remaining to be completed, but that work should be done in this year.

Since the hall is a community building it is available for parties or other small events. People who use the hall for parties are impressed with how attractive it is and, with a well-equipped kitchen, it is very convenient for a variety of activities. The old school room is certainly the oldest public meeting area in Huntington. All this space is available for public use at a very reasonable cost. Just contact Town Hall at (413) 667-3500.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves
Darlene Horne
Suzanne Kellam
David Pardoe
Ruth Pardoe
Linda Siska

WHITING STREET FUND

Mr. Whiting Street was a very successful, single businessman who lived in Northampton. He died in August of 1878 and his will stipulated that after the last of his family members died, some of the money from his estate was to be distributed to 22 cities and towns in the area. The Town of Huntington received \$1,000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street's desire that this money be given to those who needed a little help and who were not already receiving any assistance.

We continue to dispense funds to those who qualify. Applications are available at the Selectboard's Office, Town Clerk's office or from any Trustee.

Respectfully submitted by Trustees,

Pamela Donovan-Hall
Robert Austin
Sherry Jones

ALPHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

The Alphonso P. Pettis Fund represents several small investments from money that was bequeathed to the Town of Huntington in the form of railroad stock many years ago. This fund is not comprised of taxpayers' dollars.

While the principal dollars are invested under the auspices of a professional financial management company, there is a small sum of interest money that can be utilized for the "good of the community" as outlined in Mr. Pettis' will and testament. These dollars are managed by an elected Board of Trustees comprised of three registered voters in town.

The current Trustees are:

Judie Guyette, Chair
Karen Wittshirk
Jerry Belhumeur

The following items are examples of the types of community assistance that the Pettis Fund Trustees have funded over the past several years:

- Pettis Field – fencing, bleachers, dugouts
- Fire Department – Rescue Truck equipment
- Hilltown senior citizen holiday meals
- North Hall Association Building Fund
- American flags displayed on telephone poles around town
- Entertainment for the annual Huntington parade
- Storage shed for the Huntington Library

If your organization has a special project and is in need of funding, please do not hesitate to contact Judie Guyette at dguyette@crocker.com, or call her at 667-3260 for an application for funding. It will be our pleasure to review your request and assist where we are able.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Guyette

WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities.

In 2006, the WRW&SAC worked with the Town of Chesterfield, Chesterfield 4 Seasons Club and the Americorps Student Conservation Assistance Program to redeck two bridges, and made other trail improvements along the East Branch Trail in Chesterfield and Huntington.

Volunteer Stream teams kicked off the update to the Westfield River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Plan by surveying and cataloging resources along sections of the Westfield River. In 2007, Stream Team volunteers will continue to catalog the historic, cultural, scenic, geological, recreational and ecological features along the river corridor.

Over 1000 residents and town officials along the Westfield River received a Westfield River Wild & Scenic information packet in the mail. The packet included information about the National Wild & Scenic Designation, as well as inviting neighbors to be stewards of the Westfield River and its outstanding cultural, natural and recreational features.

In 2006, the Keystone Arch Bridges were named one of Massachusetts' "*10 Most Endangered Historic Resources*" by Preservation Massachusetts. WRW&SAC, in collaboration with Friends of the Keystone Arches and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, continues to work strategically and skillfully to support the restoration of these grand historic structures. WRW&SAC also advocated for the river and its resources by attending public hearings and writing letters of support and/or concern.

Our committee meets about once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, sign-up for WRW&SAC's bimonthly newsletter, *Westfield RiverNotes*, by sending an e-mail to: WestfieldRiver_Notes@hotmail.com or download copies at www.westfelddriver.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Huntington Representative
Karin Vorwerk, Huntington Alternate

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Jacob's Ladder (Trail) Scenic Byway is the state designation for the US Route 20 corridor from Russell to Lee. The JLSB Advisory Board, consisting of town appointed members from each of the 5 towns, as well as representation from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Jacob's Ladder Business Association, Massachusetts Highway Department, and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, meets monthly at Becket Town Hall. The focus of the group is economic development and historic and environmental protection of the viewshed of the towns along the corridor. With the representation of the 2 planning commissions, we are able to successfully apply for grants, mostly tourism-related, to help advance these goals for the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin

JACOB'S LADDER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Since 1992, Jacob's Ladder Business Association (JLBA) has worked to promote higher business standards, improve business conditions, and enhance the character of the 7 member towns of the Gateway Regional School District. During 2006, we've held several business networking functions and organized programs to address business needs of the membership. New members are always welcome! Membership forms may be obtained by sending a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to JLBA, P.O. Box 19, Huntington, MA 01050. All businesses with either a physical presence, or an owner's residence within any of the 7 Gateway Regional towns, are eligible for Regular Membership. Businesses which don't meet either of these 2 criteria are eligible for Associate Membership. All members are welcome to free attendance at all JLBA events. Meetings are held 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, usually at Stanton Hall in Huntington. All members are welcome to attend.

The association awarded two JLBA Business Scholarships in 2006 to Gateway students, Gerry O'Melia and Dan D'Amato.

A primary focus for years has been to promote the concept of shopping locally. Small businesses, which describes most of our members, depend on folks trying to find their goods and services in the hilltowns first, before expending the time and gas to go elsewhere. 2007 is planned to expand that concept, with contests to encourage people to rethink their shopping behaviors. Stay tuned!

If you have questions about JLBA, please contact Becky Butler of Huntington Country Store (667-3232), Ed Pelletier of Berkshire Hills Productions (238-4246), or Linda Hamlin of Mountain Laurel Designs (667-3346).

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative
PO Box 630
Williamsburg, Ma. 01096
(413) - 268 - 3845 / hrmc@crocker.com
Eric Weiss - Administrator

HRMC Annual Report for FY 06'

Last year in the Town of Huntington the HRMC helped:

1) Your town save \$ 20,397.41 in disposal costs.

2) Your town earn \$ 4,966.55 in recycling revenue.

**Therefore, for the annual assessment amount of \$ 7,375.00 Huntington received over
\$ 25,363.96 in indirect costs savings and revenues combined!**

The HRMC is a unique regional cooperative organization which was created in 1989 by concerned residents in the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. The primary mission of the HRMC is to assist its member towns with the planning and management of their solid waste management and recycling programs, and since 1989 the HRMC has been doing just that. On an annual basis the HRMC assists your town in the following ways:

- 1) Budget savings on annual disposal costs through careful management of the town's waste management and recycling programs.
- 2) Assist the local officials in your town with the transfer station/recycling center operations, budget planning, as well as any DEP related enforcement and filing issues as they arise.
- 3) Help protect the environment through the recycling of glass, cans, plastic bottles, paper, newspaper, junk mail, cardboard, electronics, tires, propane tanks, paint, clothes and other common household products.
- 4) Operating the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Paint Recycling and Electronics Recycling programs to help keep toxic materials out of our local environment.
- 5) Assist your town directly with the bidding of recycling hauling, solid waste hauling, disposal contracts and transfer station equipment
- 6) Obtaining cash and equipment grants to assist your town, when available.
- 7) Assist your town with the development of new recycling programs when needed.
- 8) Advocate on behalf of its member towns with state legislators.

The HRMC Administrator, Eric Weiss, our one and only employee, helps all HRMC member towns with these many tasks. Last year the HRMC helped the towns (combined) recycle over 2,256 tons of materials, saving the towns over \$153,720.00 in direct disposal costs savings and earning the towns (combined) over \$37,988.00 in recycling revenues!

We look forward to continuing to help you and your town protect the environment and save money. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call or email us.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. (HCAA) is proud to have completed our sixth year of service to your communities. Within the six communities we serve, there were 502 requests for service throughout the past year. This was our third consecutive year with greater than 500 calls.

Our trained medical staff consists of a combination of two Full-Time Basic EMTs, two Part-Time EMTs, and 12 On-Call/ Volunteer EMTs. These EMTs allow us to provide a staffed ambulance 8 hours a day Monday to Friday. On the weekends, we provide one on-duty EMT 8 a.m. – 4 p. m., and rely on on-call EMTs to assist in coverage. The remaining hours are covered by on-call/ volunteer staff that resides within our six communities.

In addition to responding to 911 emergency medical calls, the HCAA provides other community services. Staff is at the station daily 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. to evaluate blood pressures. Annually the HCAA offers Continuing Education for EMTs, including a DOT Refresher. We also conduct CPR classes for both community organizations, and local fire departments. If your organization is interested in learning CPR, please contact our office.

In June of 2006, Kathy Rider retired after 4 years as Service Director. The HCAA Board of Directors, and staff, would like to recognize Mrs. Rider for her dedication and time given to the citizens of our six towns.

A new Service Director, Stephen Gaughan, was brought into the HCAA in July of 2006. Mr. Gaughan comes to the HCAA with 10 years of EMS experience, a B.S. in Business Management/ Finance, and an A.S. in Fire Science. A Full-Time firefighter/ paramedic with the Town of Amherst, he holds a part time position with the HCAA. As Service Director, he welcomes public questions, comments, or concerns. Please feel free to contact his office at any time, 413-667-3277.

The HCAA continues to operate two Licensed Class I ambulances, and is proud to say that we now own outright, both of our ambulances. This task was completed through a combination of our capital campaign, donations, and revenues. Our oldest, a 1997 Ford, was obtained in our transition from the Lions Club. This ambulance is urgently in need of replacement.

Within each town we serve, there is a dedicated Fire Department. The HCAA would like to thank the Fire Chiefs and their staff for the assistance they have provided. It is a good feeling knowing that when you are responding to a call, the first responders are there providing quality care.

Each and every year the HCAA sponsors citizens from within the community to attend a local EMT class, and join the organization. If you have questions, or interest in joining the HCAA, please contact our office.

We would like to recognize the retirement of some of our most honored members. This past December, the HCAA accepted the retirements of Board Members Philip Winterson of Russell,

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION (continued):

Linda Smith of Blandford, and Judy Jackson of Chester. We are grateful for their years of contribution to the HCAA.

In following a successful 2006 program, the HCAA will again offer the Subscription Program in 2007. This past year we had 665 citizens take part in the program, either in the single, or family capacity. With utilization of the subscription program, the citizen's bill is considered paid in full for HCAA provided service that is not covered by the patient's insurance. We encourage citizen participation in this program during the upcoming year.

Annually, the cost of providing ambulance services increases. This is due to increases such as state fees, fuel, liability insurance, and medical supplies. We also incurred increases in wages, staff health insurance, and necessary technology improvements. In addition, the aging of our 1997 unit has lead to a substantial increase in vehicle maintenance costs.

The HCAA is requesting that the towns appropriate a total of \$76,131.93 for ambulance service to their communities in FY 2008. This is an increase of 5 % over the amount approved for FY 2007. The cost will be \$ 9.03 per person, which keeps us one of the lowest per capita ambulance services in the state. In the best interest of the communities, we continue to raise funds through grants, the subscription program, and other fundraising ventures.

As in previous years, the request to each town is based on their year 2000 census figures. The corresponding amounts are:

BLANDFORD	\$10,962.42
CHESTER	\$11,811.24
HUNTINGTON	\$19,631.22
MONTGOMERY	\$ 7,296.24
RUSSELL	\$14,962.71
WORTHINGTON	\$11,468.10

The HCAA and its staff are grateful for the continued support from the town officials and their citizens. We are also humbled by the number of donations and support we receive from within the community. It is this support that allows us to continue to operate a quality community ambulance service.

Respectfully submitted,

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association Board of Directors

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

In Fiscal Year 2006 Hilltown CDC completed construction of the Westhampton Woods Senior Housing project in Westhampton.

In March 2006, Hilltown CDC submitted a funding application on behalf of the Town of Huntington to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Development Support Program (HDSP) to fund the acquisition and renovation of a four-unit building at 6 Blandford Hill Road. Constructed as mill worker housing a century ago, the building sat vacant for the past five years during unsuccessful renovation attempts by private owners. Hilltown CDC plans to restore the building to productive use and add four units of rental housing to the hilltown affordable housing stock.

Other grants which Hilltown CDC applied for in 2006 were a \$1.2 million regional Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Chesterfield and six neighboring communities, an \$800,000 application on behalf of the Town of Plainfield, and an \$800,000 application on behalf of the Town of Worthington.

Marie Burkhardt completed five and a half years of dedicated and highly successful service as Executive Director, resigning in June to pursue new interests. Hilltown CDC hired Andrew Baker as its new Executive Director and hired Paul Lischetti as its new Housing Director. Andrew ran the downtown revitalization program in Shelburne Falls and served for seven years as director of the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association. Paul brings over 20 years of housing development experience to Hilltown CDC, having served most recently as Executive Director of the Westfield CDC.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilltown Community Development Corporation
P. O. Box 17
Chesterfield, MA 01012

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The focus of the Hampshire Council of Governments continues to be to help local governments save money and solve problems through regional cooperation - as it was set out in the Council Charter - and a commitment to the concept of local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2006 were \$148,823. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs.

The Council's Electricity Program is a new venture that has seen tremendous growth and possibility in its first year. Over this Fiscal Year, seventeen towns in Hampshire and Franklin Counties contracted with the Council for electricity supply for their town facilities. On March 27, 2006, the Council began buying and selling electricity as a licenses competitive supplier. The towns which contracted with the Council opted for a profit sharing rate. The towns pay the utility prices and share in profits which the Council may earn by buying directly from the electricity spot market. Future goals include other rate plans and extending the Council's electricity services to businesses, and finally, residents through a municipal aggregation.

The Cooperative Purchasing program, now in its 26th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, and human service agencies and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2006 was \$4.3 million with a projected savings of \$933,960.

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent high level benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. The collective premium for the Trust was \$29M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, and the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits.

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. The department secures surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for Fiscal Year 2006, after fees and delivery charges, totaled \$25,477. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on nicer pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. Regional Services continued its oversight of the Hampshire Inspection Program, which provides building inspection and zoning enforcement services. Emergency inspection services are also available for other towns not in the program for an hourly fee. Finally, the Department has been cooperating with the Electricity Department in performing account analysis and estimated electricity cost savings to help towns analyze their electricity purchase options, as well as salesmanship.

The elected Councilors provide public oversight for Hampshire Care in Leeds, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility owned and operated by the Council and County since 1914. The facility provides for 120 patients, with over 250 admissions per year from all the towns in the County. The majority of patients are admitted for rehabilitative care following an accident or illness. Hampshire Care also provides post

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (continued):

hospital treatment, and long-term nursing services. The facility has an exemplary record of performance on State and Federal surveys, and rates highest in the County on State Survey results. (See Massachusetts Department of Public Health "nursing Home Report Card.") As a government-owned, non-profit facility, Hampshire Care has no owners or stockholders to report to and concentrates all of its resources on offering the best patient care possible. All revenues for the facility's operation come from patient services. Hampshire Care also has roughly the same profile of Medicare, Medicaid, and private patients as the average long-term care facility in Massachusetts. The Hampshire Council of Governments is very sensitive to its responsibilities as a government entity to provide services for the communities it serves. The Council would like to be able to expand the public services being offered on the campus of Hampshire Park, where Hampshire Care is located. Hampshire Care also provides a substantial number of good jobs, with 120 full-time equivalents and over 150 employees. These employees, as with the patients, almost all are residents of the surrounding towns and villages. The total financial impact on the local economy is about \$8 million dollars.

One of the less noted benefits to local communities is the impact that Hampshire Care has on the cost of retirement benefits. It has been calculated that retirement benefits for most communities would rise substantially if Hampshire Care were not part of the Hampshire County Retirement board.

The Council maintains one of the few remaining grant-funded tobacco prevention efforts in the region through the Tobacco Free Network serving both Franklin and Hampshire Counties. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the Department of Public Health. Since the passage of the state-wide smoke free work site law in July of 2005, efforts here and across the state have been on preventing youth from using tobacco, helping smokers who are interested to quit, protecting people from second hand smoke, and working to end health disparities of tobacco. This means that particular populations carry a heavier burden caused by the hazards of tobacco. In our area these populations include people with lower income, in particular, rural poor women and racial minorities.

In addition to the various departments, programs, and services, each Councilor attends a monthly Full Board Meeting as well as a Standing Committee Meeting. Each Committee has oversight of specific departments and programs and continues to look for ways to increase revenue and provide services. The Council is currently working on proposals for development of the Hampshire Park area of Hampshire Care. Ideas discussed include the potential for the addition of a charter school, a housing program, and other developmental ideas to enhance the property and raise revenue.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300, ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampshire Council of Governments
99 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Three hundred and thirty building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2006. Of these, 34 permits were for new homes.

The breakdown of permit activity for the five member towns is as follows:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Total permits</u>	<u>New homes</u>	<u>Total permit fees collected</u>
Chesterfield	59	6	\$ 12,159.92
Goshen	57	4	\$ 8,016.16
Huntington	70	7	\$ 17,086.71
Middlefield	21	4	\$ 5,394.16
Williamsburg	123	13	\$ 38,698.86

There is still some confusion regarding what type of projects require a building permit. Remember that reroofing requires a building permit. A permit is also required for replacement doors and windows, new siding, installation of wood or pellet stoves, and most exterior or interior renovation work. The State Building Code makes exception for the permit requirement only for "normal repairs". If in doubt, please call before beginning your project.

My thanks again to Tara Ussailis, my Administrative Assistant, for keeping up with the pace and keeping everything in order.

Our office is located at the Davenport School Building, 422 Main Road in Chesterfield, and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to serve residents of all member towns. Office hours are also held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Huntington Town Offices. Residents may phone anytime at (413) 296-0127.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tacy
Building Commissioner

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE	FEE RECD
10-Jan-06	124 Goss Hill Rd			Wayne	English	M06-3	#18305	\$0.00	\$20.00	07-Feb-06
10-Jan-06	4 Laurel Rd	H1	16	Richard	Meier	M06-4	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$25.00	
11-Jan-06	44 Worthington Rd	N4	5	Darryl	Fisk	306	Addition 4x6	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	11-Jan-06
13-Jan-06	22 Russell Rd			Stanton Hall		M06-1	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	04-Jan-06
17-Jan-06	39 Harlow Clark Rd	446	35	James	Rehrmann	506	Install Wood Stove	\$250.00	\$30.00	24-Jan-06
24-Jan-06	26 Russell Rd	H1	59	Huntington		906	Interior Wall	\$2,150.00	\$30.00	
31-Jan-06	12 Littleville Rd			Nichols Driving	School	M06-2	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	
21-Feb-06	8 Stanton Ave	H2	45	Gary	Guyette	2006	Demolition of House	\$0.00	\$30.00	07-Mar-06
09-Mar-06	62 Goss Hill Rd			Clifford	Rapisarda	M06-13	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00	09-Mar-06
10-Mar-06	23 Russell Rd			Evangelical	Fellowship Hall	M06-7	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	21-Feb-06
22-Mar-06	10 Russell Rd	H1	40	Henry	Thomas	3406	Reroof/ Cap Chimney	\$0.00	\$30.00	21-Mar-06
27-Mar-06	6 Lowell Ln	444	38	Pierre	Jacques	3506	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	27-Mar-06
27-Mar-06	4 Main St	H1	45	Jeffrey	Keeney	3606	Addition (awning)	\$2,000.00	\$30.00	
10-Apr-06	14 Kennedy Dr	444	32	Donald	Gormley	5006	Replace Deck	\$25,000.00	\$30.00	18-Apr-06
11-Apr-06	114 Goss Hill Rd	326	41C	Andrew	McCaul	4506	Single Family Residence	\$180,000.00	\$782.50	24-Apr-06
13-Apr-06	112 Goss Hill Rd	326	78	Dennis	Underwood	5306	Single Family Residence	\$163,260.00	\$714.40	24-Apr-06
18-Apr-06	37 Basket St	N4	37	James	DeGray	5806	Addition 24x28	\$30,000.00	\$345.60	24-Apr-06
18-Apr-06	Church Rd	442	19	Family	Trust	6106	Outbuilding Repairs	\$0.00	\$30.00	26-Apr-06
24-Apr-06	11 Birchwood Dr	L3	6	Al	LaFrance	6606	Kitchen Renovations	\$15,000.00	\$30.00	09-May-06
24-Apr-06	12 Main St	H1	47	Jeff	Keeney	6706	Roof Repairs	\$0.00	\$30.00	
24-Apr-06	220 Worthington Rd	326	10	Miguel	Menendez	7206	Front Porch 10x12	\$940.00	\$30.00	22-Aug-06
24-Apr-06	92 Goss Hill Rd	326	39	Brian	Markewicz	7306	Outbuilding 24x40	\$5,000.00	\$73.00	12-Jun-06
01-May-06	105 Norwich Lake	L5	50	Charles	Gant	8006	Porch 10x22	\$4,000.00	\$30.00	
08-May-06	39 Allen Coit Rd			Jeff	Francis	M06-22	#30705	\$0.00	\$195.75	15-May-06
08-May-06	11 Tucker Rd	508	9	David	Anderson	8706	Inground Swimming Pool	\$40,000.00	\$50.00	08-May-06
05-Jun-06	17 Searle Rd	508	16	Bruce	McClellan	10606	Replacement Windows/Siding	\$15,950.00	\$60.00	19-Jun-06
05-Jun-06	139 Norwich Lake	L5	43	David	Riel	10906	Garage Addition	\$35,000.00	\$259.60	12-Jun-06
05-Jun-06	6 Birchwood Dr	L3	23	Robert	Healey	11106	Single Family Residence	\$300,000.00	\$1,204.60	
12-Jun-06	10 Basket St	H1	62	Michael	Vorwerk	11706	Deck 9x16/ door	\$2,500.00	\$30.00	19-Jun-06
12-Jun-06	6 Lowell Ln	444	38	Pierre	Jacques	11506	In-ground Pool	\$40,000.00	\$50.00	12-Jun-06
15-Jun-06	the Lake			Camp	Norwich	M06-28	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	12-Jun-06
10-Jul-06	201 Norwich Lake	L5	4	Ted	Osborn	14306	Renovations	\$23,500.00	\$117.50	24-Jul-06
17-Jul-06	156 Pond Brook Rd	508	98	Kevin	Fairman	14706	foundation)	\$6,000.00	\$62.40	31-Jul-06
17-Jul-06	10 Lowell Ln	444	40	Bruce	Schulze	14606	Addition	\$50,000.00	\$328.60	11-Dec-06
24-Jul-06	8 Cullen Rd	442	50	Mark	Wilkinson	15606	Porch 16x22	\$2,800.00	\$60.00	16-Aug-06
31-Jul-06	73 Russell Rd	H4	9	Health	Center	15806	Addition/Renovations	\$833,981.00	\$4,169.91	27-Sep-06

01-Aug-06	15 Mountain View Dr	N3	30	LLC		16406	Residence	\$150,000.00	\$50.00	07-Aug-06
01-Aug-06	10 Crescent St			John	Montesi	M06-31	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00	02-Aug-06
07-Aug-06	18 Montgomery Rd	N2		Sondra	Lewis	16606	Single Family Residence	\$0.00	\$899.40	22-Aug-06
07-Aug-06	41 Allen Coit Rd	508	35-A	Robert	Heath	16706	Kitchen Renovations	\$2,500.00	\$30.00	
07-Aug-06	8 Rocky Brook Rd	324	72	Mary	Gerken	16806	Chimney Repair	\$1,475.00	\$30.00	12-Sep-06
07-Aug-06	24 Russell Rd	H1	58	Town of	Huntington	16906	Reroof	\$8,600.00	\$30.00	28-Aug-06
14-Aug-06	Rd	N3	30	LLC		17306	found. #16406)	\$150,000.00	\$770.00	30-Aug-06
14-Aug-06	68 Littleville Rd	3	24	Dennis	Fortin	17606	Garage/Deck	\$13,500.00	\$71.55	30-Aug-06
21-Aug-06	the Lake	L2		Regional	YMCA	18206	Pavillion 36x80	\$30,000.00	\$144.00	25-Sep-06
21-Aug-06	125 Pond Brook Rd	508	8	Steven	Arel	18106	Shed 8x16	\$700.00	\$30.00	
22-Aug-06	125 Pond Brook Rd	508	8	Michele	Smith	18306	Reroof	\$10,200.00	\$30.00	30-Aug-06
28-Aug-06	7 Parkridge Rd	324	102	Sara	Champagne	18806	Single Family Residence	\$140,000.00	\$538.80	19-Sep-06
28-Aug-06	18 Tucker Rd	508	2A	Kristin	Neville	18706	Yurt	\$15,000.00	\$100.00	25-Sep-06
28-Aug-06	11 Right of Way	L3	37	Don	Brunton	18606	Addition	\$250,000.00	\$1,409.20	12-Sep-06
28-Aug-06	1 Allen Coit Rd	508	55	Rose Marie	Damon	19006	Reroof	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	05-Sep-06
30-Aug-06	(Maple Ave)	L6	17	John	Smail	19506	Reroof	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	05-Sep-06
31-Aug-06	12 Littleville Rd			Regional/	Sch	M06-32	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$80.00	21-Aug-06
05-Sep-06	53 Old Chester Rd	255	18	Kurt	Warner	20306	Outbuilding 36x52	\$0.00	\$93.60	14-Nov-06
05-Sep-06	7 Mill St	H3	34	Huntington		20206	Storage Building 42x60	\$60,000.00	\$126.00	20-Nov-06
12-Sep-06	1 Laurel Rd	H1	13	Edward	Renault	21406	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	12-Sep-06
12-Sep-06	2 Allen Coit Rd	508	54	Jeanne	Westcott	21306	Shed (addit. to exist. garage)	\$500.00	\$30.00	19-Sep-06
12-Sep-06	4 Tucker Rd	508	7	Robert	MacInnis	21206	Sunroom 12x16	\$35,000.00	\$83.00	19-Sep-06
18-Sep-06	8 Goss Hill Rd	324	24	Steve	Boisseau	22206	Addition to Sugar House 8x16	\$800.00	\$30.00	25-Sep-06
18-Sep-06	94 County Rd	444	16	Ricky	Puffer	22106	Greenhouse Addition 28x18	\$0.00	\$175.50	02-Oct-06
18-Sep-06	73 County Rd	444	20	Kurt	Mengal	21806	Barn	\$12,020.00	\$120.20	18-Sep-06
18-Sep-06	8 Rocky Brook Rd	324	72	Mary	Gerken	21906	Addition	\$52,450.00	\$159.00	27-Sep-06
25-Sep-06	24 Russell Rd	H1	58	Huntington		22706	Rebuild Front Stairs	\$1,700.00	\$30.00	
25-Sep-06	26 Russell Rd	H1	59	Huntington		23206	Repair Stairs	\$800.00	\$30.00	
25-Sep-06	1 Allen Coit Rd	508	55	Rose Marie	Damon	23106	Install Wood Stove	\$900.00	\$30.00	02-Oct-06
25-Sep-06	105 County Rd	444	103	Jeffrey	Dugas	23306	Residence	\$0.00	\$50.00	02-Oct-06
04-Oct-06	105 County Rd	444	103	Jeffrey	Dugas	24606	found#23306)	\$100,000.00	\$1,167.60	17-Jan-07
04-Oct-06	96 Searle Rd	440	12	Helen	Speckels	24406	Kitchen Renovations	\$2,000.00	\$30.00	10-Oct-06
10-Oct-06	55 Worthington Rd	N3	20	Leone	Roberts	24706	Windows/Reroof	\$36,600.00	\$60.00	10-Oct-06
16-Oct-06	66 Worthington Rd	N4	18	Thomas	Hamel	26006	Reroof	\$1,500.00	\$30.00	25-Oct-06
16-Oct-06	the Lake	L2	1	Regional	YMCA	25906	Foundation for Pavillion	\$45,000.00	\$50.00	14-Nov-06
23-Oct-06	132 Norwich Lake	L5	44	Leslie	Soloman	27506	existing house)	\$40,000.00	\$200.00	30-Oct-06
27-Oct-06	59 Russell Rd	H4	6	Paul	Grenier	28006	Interior Renovations	\$500.00	\$30.00	06-Nov-06

06-Nov-06	9 East Main St	H3	16	Town of	Huntington	28806	School)		\$183,390.00	\$30.00	06-Nov-06
06-Nov-06	52 Searle Rd	442	58	Helena	Alves	28506	Existing House		\$180,000.00	\$900.00	14-Nov-06
07-Nov-06	4 Kimball Rd	326	67	Victoria	Minella	29206	Wood/Pellet Stoves		\$0.00	\$30.00	04-Dec-06
07-Nov-06	14 Kennedy Dr	444	32	Donald	Gormley	29106	Rebuild Deck 15x32		\$8,000.00	\$30.00	14-Nov-06
20-Nov-06	39 Littleville Rd	324	14	Ed	Kornacki	30206	Repl Deck 12x32/Reroof		\$10,000.00	\$60.00	11-Dec-06
20-Dec-06	6 Pine St	H2	68	Russell	Smith	32706	Reroof (metal)		\$11,750.00	\$30.00	03-Jan-07
26-Dec-06	40 Blandford Hill Rd	253	1	Christopher	Guiliemetti	33006	Install Pellet Stove		\$0.00	\$30.00	17-Jan-07

VETERANS' AGENT

As we have expected, our Veterans' Department presently is serving an overwhelming amount of calls from returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan requesting the VA benefits due to them.

The approximate 207 veteran centers located in the 50 states have increased their staff due to a tremendous increase in veterans seeking counseling for PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) from mental health services. Starting in October 2005 through June 2006, the amount of veterans has more than doubled from 4,467 to 9,103.

Many VA, Social Security, and Veterans' Services Benefits are available to veterans, widows of veterans, and dependents of veterans. These benefits include medical payment for many of our clients. If there are any concerns, please call you Veterans' Agent at (413) 323-5992.

Respectfully submitted,

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Russell Elementary School	685-1380
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