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Paul Speckels for designing the cover and Dedication.

# STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855  
Area: 26.90 square miles  
Miles of Town Paved Road: 25.07  
Miles of Town Dirt Road: 12.25  
Miles of State Highway: 11.75  
Population: 2197

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JFK Federal Office Building  
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Boston, MA 02203  
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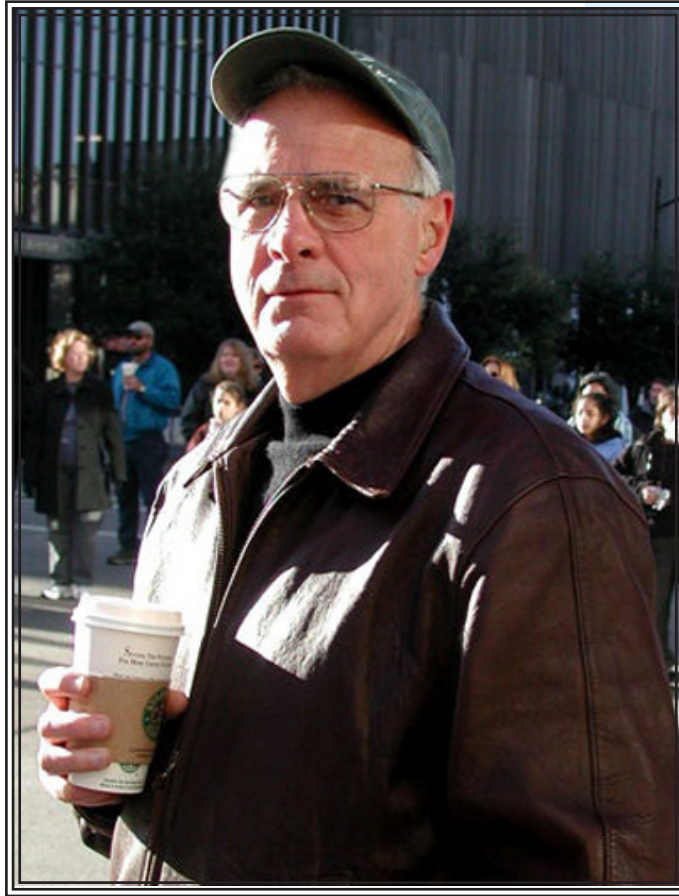
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# DEDICATION

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AL LAFRANCE

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Al and his wife of 47 years, Alma, have been coming to Norwich Lake since 1965 and became permanent residents after Al retired from being the National Vice President of Field Services for Western Union Telegraph in 1990. As well as serving on the Selectboard since 2000, Al has also served on the Board of Assessors, Capital Planning Committee, Planning Board, Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), Stanton Hall Use Committee, and as the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Rep. in the early 1990's.

With gratitude and appreciation, the Town of Huntington's 2007 Town Report is dedicated to Al LaFrance for the countless hours and effort he has put forth over the past 15+ years. Whether it's winterizing the North Hall building, or setting up the sound system on the Town Common for Memorial Day, or fielding complaints from residents (and everything in between), we know that we can always rely on Al. Small town governments such as Huntington's could not operate successfully if it were not for individuals such as Al who truly is a "jack of all trades".

## 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	2010
Robert Heath	2010	Paul Hurley	2009
Al LaFrance	2008	Edward Schott	2008
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Pamela Donovan-Hall	2009	Robert Austin	2010
<i>Town Collector:</i>		Pamela Donovan-Hall	2009
Anne Marie Knox	2010	Sharon Jones	2008
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Anne Marie Knox	2009	Robert Austin	2008
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		Wendy Long	2010
Linda Hamlin	2008	Karen Wittshirk	2009
Robert Heath	2009	<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Neil Wheeler	2010	Walter Wittshirk	2008
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts.:</i>	
James Arnold	2008	Alma LaFrance	2008
Marge Craven	2009	<i>Moderator:</i>	
Barbara Paulson, Chair	2008	Tom Gralinski	2008
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Roland Damon	2009	Judith Guyette	2008
Linda Ray	2010	Ken Jordan	2008
Deborah Bradeen Jacques	2008	Karen Wittshirk	2009
		<i>Constables:</i>	
		Charles Dazelle	2009
		Earl G. Heath	2010
		Lindsey McCaul	2008

## APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### *ADA Coordinator (3-Year):*

Robert Heath                      2009

### *Admin. Assistant (Yearly):*

Helen Speckels                      2008

### *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                      2008

### *Building Inspector (Yearly):*

Paul Tacy                      2008

### *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

Jacquie Harris                      2008

Bonnie Kubacki                      2008

John Knox                      2008

Vicki Mayhew, Ch.                      2008

Ken Rachmaciej                      2008

Robert Smith                      2008

### *Conservation Commission (3-Year):*

Helena Alves                      2008

Mary Gerken                      2008

Catherine Grabowski                      2008

Susan McIntosh, Ch.                      2010

Waino Tuominen                      2009

Michael Vorwerk                      2010

VACANCY                      2009

### *Council on Aging (Terms Vary):*

Joan Astaferrero                      2008

Ella Balchunas                      2008

Priscilla Bishop, Ch.                      2009

Virginia Denis                      2008

May Diemer                      2009

Ruth LePage                      2008

May Parker                      2008

Jean Rude                      2009

Winifred Smith, Ch.                      2008

### *Crossing Guards (Yearly):*

Sue Ellinger                      2008

Mary Niedzielski                      2008

### *Cultural Council (3-Year):*

Robert Austin                      2008

Ella Balchunas                      2008

Jack Eisenstadt                      2009

Susan Kallerges                      2008

Linda Siska                      2008

Lynn Winsor, Ch.                      2009

VACANCY                      2009

### *Dog Officer (Yearly):*

Robert Jackman                      2008



*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):*

Bernie Battles	2008
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*Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):*

Brian Palazzi	2008
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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):*

Kirk Birrell	2008
Sue Fopiano	2008
Pete Jacques, Ch.	2008
Eric Jensen	2008
Tim Reid	2008
VACANCY	2008
VACANCY	2008

*Fire Chief (Yearly):*

Gary Dahill	2008
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*FRTA Coordinator (3-Year)*

Aimee Burnham	2009
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*FRTA Representative (3-Year):*

Aimee Burnham	2009
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*Gas Inspector (Yearly):*

Tom Broga	2008
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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	2010
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*Historical Commission (3-Year):*

Phyllis Kelso	2008
David Norton	2008
Dale Small, Ch.	2010
Grace Wheeler	2010
VACANCY	2010

*Information Technology Com. (3-Year):*

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

*Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):*

Robert Garriepy	2008
Melissa Nazzaro	2008

*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  
Jackie Kimsey 2009  
David Pardoe 2009  
Ruth Pardoe 2010  
VACANCY 2008

*Norwich Hill Cemetery (3-Year):*  
VACANCY 2008

*Open Space Committee (3-Year):*  
Katheryn Darrow 2008  
Jeffrey Penn 2008  
Linda Siska 2008  
Erik Steins 2008  
Charlene Whitaker 2008  
Jeff Wyand 2008  
VACANCY 2008

*Outreach Worker (Yearly)*  
VACANCY 2008

*P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):*  
Steve Hamlin, Alt. 2008  
Scott Tillinghast 2008

*Planning Board (3-Year):*  
Michael Brisebois 2008  
Linda Hamlin 2009  
Earl Heath 2010  
Scott Tillinghast 2009  
VACANCY 2008  
VACANCY 2010

*Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):*  
Tom Broga 2008

*Police Chief (Yearly):*  
Robert Garriepy 2008

*Police Officers (Yearly):*  
Michael Girard 2008  
Aaren Hawley 2008  
William Kaleta 2008  
Todd Michon 2008  
VACANCY 2008

*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 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):*

Pete Jacques	2008
Debbie Kuhn	2008
Anne Marie Knox	2008
Susan McIntosh	2008
Mark Wilkinson	2008
VACANCY	2008
VACANCY	2008

*Zoning Board (3-Year):*

Don Bartley	2008
Rolland Bernier, Alt.	2010
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	2008
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*Site Dev. Review Comm. (3-Year):*

Edward Grabowski	2008
VACANCY	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	<i>Indefinite</i>
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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](mailto: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 or Moltenbrey's Market.  
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](mailto: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 12:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall  
Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine available)

<b><u>Dog Officer:</u></b>	Bob Jackman Telephone: (413) 667-5635	
<b><u>Electrical Inspector:</u></b>	Bernie Battles Telephone: (413) 354-2337 Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.	
<b><u>Fire Department:</u></b>	Gary Dahill, Fire Chief Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency) Fax: (413) 667-0122	
<b><u>Gas Inspector:</u></b>	Thomas Broga Telephone: (413) 354-6307 Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.	
<b><u>Highway Department:</u></b>	Wayne McKinney, Highway Superintendent Telephone: (413) 667-3504	Fax: (413) 667-3504 *51
<b><u>Planning Board:</u></b>	Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise Telephone: (413) 667-3346 Mike Brisebois, Acting Chair	
<b><u>Plumbing Inspector:</u></b>	Thomas Broga Telephone: (413) 354-6307 Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectmen's Office during regular business hours.	
<b><u>Police Department:</u></b>	Robert Garriepy, Chief Telephone: (413) 667-8868 Hours: Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	
<b><u>Public Library Director:</u></b>	Margaret Nareau Telephone: (413) 667-3506 web: <a href="http://thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org">thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org</a>	Fax: (413) 667-0088 <a href="mailto:huntingtonlib@comcast.net">huntingtonlib@comcast.net</a>
<b><u>Public Library Trustees:</u></b>	Robert Austin, Chair Wendy Long Karen Wittshirk	(413) 667-3336 (413) 667-3324 (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](mailto: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. [huntingtontreas@comcast.net](mailto:huntingtontreas@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) 527-6294

**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  
George Webb, Chair

# SELECTBOARD REPORT

**Annual Town Meeting Date:** Our quest to move the Annual Town Meeting to the first Monday in June lives on! According to our State Representative, Steve Kulik, a bill was filed and approved by the House to add the month of June to Mass. General Law 39, Sections 9 & 9A. Hopefully the Senate will pass this minor change so that we can make this change to our Town By-Laws. This would provide the Selectboard and Finance Committee more reliable information in setting the Town budget.

**Mass. Turnpike Tourism Grant:** We again applied for a grant which would be used to enhance the recognition of our town, its businesses and services available within our community.

**The Basket Street/Bromley Road Water Loop:** The CDBG Grant application was denied for the fourth time. We had been assured that it would help if we included projects to re-roof Hamblin Court and upgrade its windows and doors, but it didn't. The "loop" is a necessary improvement to the entire water network. We must work to make it happen.

## **Town Infrastructure Improvements:**

- 1. Gazebo Repairs:** The gazebo on the Town Common was power washed, the boards were replaced and painted, with the exception of the inside ceiling (we ran out of time).
- 2. Highway Salt Shed:** The deteriorating salt shed entrance portico was removed and redesigned to provide more protection from the elements.
- 3. Stanton Hall Steeple:** While the Massachusetts Historical Commission grant application was denied, it is being resubmitted. Meanwhile, we are continuing to put aside money for the steeple repair.
- 4. Town Building Security:** New keypad lock systems have been installed at the Town Hall, Russell Road Fire Station and the Highway Department garage. Authorized personnel are provided a unique entry code. All entries are recorded and stored.
- 5. Murrayfield Demolition:** Associated Building Wreckers completed grading and seeding the former Murrayfield School location, and the entire Library parking lot was repaved. Parking lot illumination behind the Library will be installed in the spring of FY2008.

**Consolidating Telephone Costs:** A contract was made with Chambers Advisory Group to review Town telephone service costs and make cost reductions. One half of the cost savings for a year will pay for this service. Town savings thus far, for five months, total \$884.00.

**Comcast Cable Service:** Comcast Cable contract was renewed for ten years with the assistance of the Cable Advisory Committee. Free service was added to Stanton Hall, North Hall and the Norwich Hill Fire Station. Cable service will be extended from Goss Hill to Nagler Cross, including: Nagler Cross Road, Kimball Hill Road, Brookside Glen and Birchwood Drive (which will be extended from the Girl Scout Camp on Norwich Lake). This adds an additional 3.54 miles of coverage. Coverage is not provided on Goss Hill from Nagler Cross to the Huntington line, and Sampson Road, due to technical limitations.

## **SELECTBOARD** (continued):

**Major April 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 Storm Damage:** A disastrous storm on April 16, 2007 resulted in major flooding and massive washouts on Kimball Hill, Goss Hill, Blandford Hill, Nagler Cross and Pisgah Roads. Waterways and culverts on County, Gorham and Bromley Roads had to be reconstructed. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded some of the expense, however, it was a major strain on our Highway Department manpower, equipment and Chapter 90 dollars.

**Cross Memorial Bridge:** Cross Memorial Bridge reconstruction appears to be on permanent hold. The State has now determined that the bridge is not really in dire shape; the real need is to raise the bridge over the railway tracks so double decker railcars can use the line. Stay tuned!

**Fire Chief Bob Garriepy Resigns:** Fire Chief Garriepy resigned September 4, 2007. He was replaced by Assistant Chief Gary Dahill.

**Repavement of Route 66:** After considerable pressure, MassHighway agreed to repave approximately two miles of Route 66 starting at the Westhampton Town line. The road was poorly constructed around manhole covers and catch basins. The grade of black top used by Lane is still questionable, and we may have to go around again.

**9 Russell Road:** After two and a half years of effort, we are beginning to see results in our endeavors to secure this building for Social Services, to the benefit of our low and moderate income residents. The Department of Unemployment has agreed to forgive their lien (with restrictions) on the building. We are working with the Hampshire Community Action Commission to have the rest of the liens forgiven. We will then determine how and who will take ownership of this building, with a stipulation that it continues to be used for Social Services in perpetuity.

**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 an 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 members for appointment on an annual basis. The Committee Members for the 2008 fiscal year were:

Pete Jacques – Chair  
Sue Fopiano – Vice Chair  
Kirk Birrell – Secretary

Eric Jenson – Liason  
Tim Reid

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 maintains an objective perspective when formulating recommendations, balancing the needs of the Town and school system while trying to minimize the burden on all Town residents. Our goal is to create a fiscally responsible budget.

The task of creating an annual budget with minimal impact to tax rates continues to be quite a challenge. Increased fuel costs impact many aspects of our day-to-day life, from the expense of filling our tanks to the cost of food and services. We, as a town, face the same difficult decisions that you do in your household when trying to establish a budget without relying exclusively on savings to carry us through.

At the same time, we also face increased State and Federal mandates to provide specific levels of service, while often not receiving money to pay for these services and programs. The impending recession means we will have less revenue from State coffers to help us, as well. 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**

I find the most difficult part of being Moderator is being able to find residents willing to serve on the Finance Committee. Increasingly, the community is having a problem filling very vital volunteer boards. Unlike larger communities, we depend on our residents to share their talents to do things like monitor our finances, supervise our recreational activities, make sure our by-laws reflect our needs, and to decide if a “special permit” is appropriate for a neighborhood. Please consider helping your community by volunteering a few hours a month. I think you will find it to be a rewarding way to learn about the Town and help out. Call me or the Selectboard Office if you have an interest in helping out.

I would like to thank the five members of the Finance Committee for their fine work in monitoring our Town budget throughout the year. They started in January to develop a budget proposal for our Annual Town Meeting and they are well on their way to finalizing a recommendation at the time I am writing this. There are two seats open on the FinCom at this time, which has increased the burden on the five that serve.

I am concerned about our structural unbalanced budget. The past few years we have been staying under our levy limit by supplementing our spending with Free Cash or from Stabilization. To put it simply, we are spending more than we are bringing in by taxation. To depend on doing that in the long term is a big concern for me and several of the Town officials. To get back in balance we face some difficult decisions: to cut services or to raise taxes, probably with a Prop 2 ½ override. Neither of these options is palatable, but we will need to face it soon.

In the past year, I attended the Annual Massachusetts Moderators’ Association meeting as well as the Western Mass. Regional Moderators meeting to stay up on practices to speed up meetings and legislation that affect our Town meetings and budgets. I currently serve on the Executive Board of the Mass. Moderators’ Association, which gives me greater exposure to how other towns deal with the range of issues that come before Town Meeting.

I hope to see you at our Annual Town Meeting. At that meeting we make decisions on how much we will spend and decide on by-law changes that create the character of our community. This is the place where every vote counts and has a direct effect on you, the resident of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gralinski



## TOWN CLERK

The Election Workers continue to do a wonderful job, ensuring smooth-running elections. My thanks to Harry Bishop, Sue Boistelle, Bing Cinelli, and Paul Hurley for all their extra work. Also, thanks to Cricket Heath, our dependable Constable.

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.

Anyone conducting a business under any name other than their full name must have a Business Certificate (also called a DBA.) 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. This year, 19 Business Certificates were issued.

Flammable Storage Permits Issued:	3
Dogs Licenses:	375
Kennel Licenses:	3

We continue to sell hunting/fishing licenses and stamps. They can also be bought on-line at [MassWildlife.org](http://MassWildlife.org). This year 22 Fishing Licenses and 40 Sporting Licenses were sold.

My assistant, Sherry Jones has been a huge asset to the office. Her cheerfulness and kind manner does not go unnoticed.

The office is open Monday, 9:00 a.m. - noon; Wednesday evenings, 6 – 8 p.m. I can be reached at 667-3186, and my email address is: [huntingtonclerk@comcast.net](mailto:huntingtonclerk@comcast.net).

Election Results as well as Special and Town Meeting reports will follow this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall

# **TOWN CLERK**

Vital Records 2007

## **BIRTHS**

February 19 Izabell Rose Regan  
Daughter of Robert J. Regan, Jr. & nee Melissa A. LeQuerre.

March 5 Aziza Grace Menendez  
Daughter of Miguel O. Menendez & nee Bonnie J. Greenwood-Menendez.

May 13 Wyatt David Anderson  
Son of Brian M. Anderson & nee Stephanie R. Schenna.

May 22 Owen Robert Taylor  
Son of Joseph O. Taylor & nee Barbara M. Mason.

May 26 Jack Stephen Brady  
Son of Sean M. Brady & nee Beth Warren.

June 15 Zoey Ingveld Puffer  
Daughter of Richard T. Puffer & Kathleen J. Mahoney.

June 26 Matthew Raymond Small  
Son of Dale E. Small & nee Barbara R. Boisseau.

August 8 Luke Enoch Sayre  
Son of Donn Sayre & nee Tricia K. Beane.

November 28 Heather Victoria Martin  
Daughter of Glenn G. Martin & nee Mary Beth Hurst.

## **MARRIAGES**

June 23 Devin Andrew Doherty & Robin Gean Watson @ Russell.

June 30 Christopher Loring Towne & Laura Louise Tinney @ Chester.

July 4 Daryl E. Sitter & Marjorie L. Nolan @ Huntington.

July 7 Aaron Taber Bisson & Brie-Ann Whitney Pomeroy @ Southampton.

August 1 Caleb Roger Damon & Brandi Leah Gallagher @ Salisbury.

August 25 Dean Thomas Couture & Katherine Anne-Louise Satterfield @ Ashfield.

## **MARRIAGES** (continued)

October 6      Charles Francis Boissoneault & Sara Elizabeth Champagne at Westfield.

## **DEATHS**

January 22      Gene Raymond Boisseau, Sr, age 73, husband of Dorothy Boisseau.

January 22      Clara Mae Whitaker, age 98, widow of Clifford Whitaker.

February 18    Kathleen Grace O'Brien, age 54, wife of Gordon W. Tower.

February 28    Lucas M. Anderson, age 26.

March 16       Daniel T. Reed, age 41, husband of Jan Reed.

April 7         Tadeusz Pasterkiewicz, age 87, husband of Julia Pasterkiewicz.

April 13        Salvatore Robert Candiano, age 90, husband of Marjorie Candiano.

July 10         Marjorie Alice Petrovsky, age 81, wife of Jacob Petrovsky.

July 19         Robert A. Caban, age 50, husband of Edamarie Caban.

August 3        Leonard C. Schott, Sr. age 72.

August 12       Norman A. Sikes, age 71.

August 13       Frances Elaine Cole, age 73, widow of Emile Deschese.

August 14       Geraldine Johnson, age 74.

September 1    Susan Ruth Baker, age 62, wife of Joseph Baker, Sr.

September 11   Charlene A. Whitaker, age 70, wife of Horace Whitaker.

September 21   Ailene Ruth Burnham, age 80, widow of Colin Burnham.

November 3     Helen A. Jackman, age 89, widow of Francis Jackman.

December 8     Sandra Jane Tkaczek, age 64, wife of Lawrence Tkaczek.

# TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

## MAY 19, 2007

### TOWN COLLECTOR

Ann-Marie Knox	79
Blank	7

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert Heath	79
Blank	6
Other	1

### BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 YEARS

James Arnold	77
Blank	9

### BOARD OF HEALTH - 1 YEAR

Barbara Paulson	73
Blank	11
Others	2

### ASSESSOR OF TAXES - 3 YEARS

Neil Wheeler	72
Blank	14

### ASSESSOR OF TAXES - 2 YEARS

Robert Heath	73
Blank	13

### WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 3 YEARS

Rolland Bernier	75
Blank	11

### WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 2 YEARS

Paul Hurley	78
Other	8

### TREE WARDEN

Walter Wittshirk	81
Blank	5

### CONSTABLE

Earl Heath, Jr.	81
Blank	5

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Linda Ray	77
Blank	9

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Wendy Long	81
Blank	5

### MODERATOR

Tom Gralinski	82
Blank	4

### WHITING STREET TRUSTEE

Robert Austin	80
Blank	8

### PETTIS FUND TRUSTEE

Blank	73
Other:	
9 people had one vote	9
2 people had two votes	4

86 ballots counted out of 1297 Registered Voters.

Certified by:

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Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Town of Huntington**

**Annual Town Meeting**

**Monday; May 7, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007 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: Steve Hamlin, Helen Speckels

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 body agreed that the Moderator could dispense with the word-by-word reading of the articles unless asked to do so. 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.

*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 Selectboard 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 Selectboard, 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 Selectboard 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 Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2008 and further authorize the Selectboard, 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 Highway Building & Equipment Account (#015422-004) the sum of \$10,000.00 for repair of the Salt Shed front portico; 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 transfer from Free Cash toward the cost of the Highway Department 2007 Freightliner Dump Truck the sum of \$25,000.00; 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 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, 2007. Voters will designate line items to be voted separately; 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,099,411.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 or accept a lesser amount than \$1,099,411.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion carried.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$354,262.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$690,243.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; which sum shall be contingent upon approval by voters of an override of Proposition 2-1/2 by the sum of \$250,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made and seconded to stop the debate. 59 in favor; 38 oppose. Debate stopped.*

*A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 13 by striking out the last three lines of the article: 40 in favor; 63 oppose.*

*A motion was made and seconded to take 1/3 of the \$250,000 from Free Cash; 1/3 from Stabilization and 1/3 from the override.*

**Motion carried, as amended, by 2/3 vote.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$367,575.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; 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 \$50,000.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Transportation for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion carried.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the establishment of a stabilization fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., c.71, s16G ½ for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

*EXPLANATION: The stabilization fund would be used to accrue money for the purposes of completing extraordinary maintenance items (i.e., fixing the leak in the High School gymnasium entrance or recoating the Middle School Roof) or for completing capital improvement projects (such as hooking up the emergency generators at the schools). The establishment of this stabilization fund would not incur any automatic cost because, in order to deposit funds into the account, they must be voted on each year by a majority of the towns as part of the yearly budget appropriation.*

**Motion carried.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV L of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw (AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT (RESIDENTIAL ADP) by deleting paragraph number 2 and replacing it with the following; or take any other action relative thereto:

The Aquifer Protection District is herein established to include all lands within the Town of Huntington, lying within delineated Zone II areas of public water supply wells and designated Interim Wellhead Protection Areas for all public water supplies which now or may in the future provide public water supply for town residents. The map entitled, "Aquifer Protection District", Town of Huntington, prepared by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission March 2001, on file with the Town Clerk, delineates the boundaries of the district.

**Motion carried.**

*A motion was made and seconded to pass over the second part of Article 17:*

The Aquifer Protection District (as amended by a vote of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting) additionally includes all lands within the Town of Huntington, lying within the watershed of the Manhan River. The map entitled “Manhan River Watershed District”, prepared by the Water Department of the City of Holyoke and Tighe & Bond Engineers, on file with the Town Clerk, delineates the boundaries of this portion of said Aquifer Protection District. The Manhan River Watershed District includes the easternmost portion of the Town lying between the corporate boundary separating Huntington from Westhampton and Southampton on the east and a line extending from the southern boundary to the northern boundary, approximately coinciding with Sampson, Tucker and Pisgah Roads on the west. The Manhan River Watershed District shall constitute an addition to, and not a substitute for, the previously delineated Aquifer Protection District.

**Motion carried.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV N of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw (Open Space Communities), by deleting the existing section and replacing it with the following and to Amend Appendix A, Table of Dimensional Requirements as provided below; or take any other action relative thereto:

#### **SECTION IV N: CONTEXT-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS**

**(Formerly known as OPEN SPACE COMMUNITIES. (adopted 5/9/88, amended 5/7/07))**

1. General Description and Purposes: A context-sensitive development (henceforth “CSD”) is a single-family residential development which may be allowed under this section. The primary purpose of this section is to retain the traditional rural character of the Town by allowing creative design that takes into account the characteristics of the surrounding neighborhood and preserves and enhances those characteristics. The secondary purpose is to encourage the permanent preservation of open space for agricultural, recreational, or conservation purposes. This section shall be applied in addition to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations (henceforth, “the Rules”) of the Town of Huntington for eligible developments. This section sets out additional provisions that are intended to be used in conjunction with those in the Rules to encourage future developers to build residential developments in a manner that will preserve the rural characteristics associated with the Town of Huntington. This section, except as specifically provided herein, may not allow a development that would be inconsistent with that permitted under the Rules.



## 2. Procedures:

These procedures apply to all applications for approval of a new subdivision under the Rules.

a. A preliminary plan is required for any CSD proposal. The preliminary plan is intended to identify potential issues prior to the development of the definitive plan, both for the benefit of the developer and the Planning Board. As described in the Rules, a preliminary plan can be quite rudimentary, but there should be sufficient documentation (maps, etc.) to make a preliminary determination of appropriateness of a CSD on the proposed site. Any determination resulting from a preliminary plan is subject to change, pending examination of the definitive plan and subsequent site visits.

b. A definitive plan for a CSD may, where appropriate to the surrounding neighborhood, allow for increased housing density. This increase in density may be in the form of reduction in set-back requirements and/or in frontage requirements. Increased density of a CSD shall not allow any decrease in combined total acreage for the houses proposed, although it may allow, under certain circumstances, for a reduction in acreage *deded* per house (see subsection 4, below).

c. In drawing up a definitive plan for a CSD, the developer should, in consultation with the Planning Board, determine the local conditions of the neighborhood in which the proposed development will be located, regarding frontage and set-back. The Planning Board may allow relaxation of set-back, frontage or both, and resulting increased housing density, only if it finds that the proposal meets all the requirements set forth below and is consistent with the purposes of this section, as set forth in subsection 1, above. The burden shall be on the developer to demonstrate that any proposed increase in density is consistent with the neighborhood or that adherence to dimensional requirements would be incongruous with the neighborhood. The Planning Board *shall* require that all dimensional requirements set forth in these bylaws be adhered to, *unless* it has been proven by the developer that the proposal is in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood and in the best interests of the Town.

d. The submission requirements for a CSD are the same as for any subdivision and are detailed in the Rules.

## 3. General Requirements:

a. Any CSD shall be restricted to single family dwellings, with deed restrictions placed on each lot prohibiting the right to special permit for a multi-family dwelling. The right to apply for a special permit for an AFDU (Accessory Family Dwelling Unit) shall remain intact.

b. The total 'effective area' of the parcel (prior to subdivision) which is proposed for the CSD shall be at least 5 acres, and the parcel must be in single ownership or control at the time of application. If the parcel is not in single ownership, the owners must designate a single person to act on behalf of all the owners regarding the CSD development. 'Effective area' of the parcel shall mean the total area less the area shown on the definitive plan as wetland and/or as having a slope of 25% or more.

4. Open Space Area:

a. The applicant may propose that a certain portion of the total parcel be designated as open space for recreation and conservation, or for agricultural uses (“the Open Space Area”). With the approval of the Planning Board, the Open Space Area may be subtracted from the required area of the proposed residential lots, resulting in smaller lots being created than would be required in the zoning district in which the proposed CSD is located. In approving such a plan, the Planning Board must find that the combined area of the residential lots and the designated Open Space Area is equal to or greater than the area that is required in the district for an equivalent number of residential lots under the Town’s Zoning Bylaw, Appendix A, Table of Dimensional Requirements, and the Regulations. For example:

Traditional- Ten house lots in R-45 requires 45,000 sq ft X 10 (450,000 sq ft)

CSD in R-45- Ten house lots at an average of 30,000 sq ft (300,000 sq ft) plus 150,000 sq ft of designated open space = 450,000 sq ft

This reduction in area may be combined with a reduction in required frontage and/or setback, as long as the Planning Board finds that the requirements laid out in subsection 2c (above) have been met. In no case shall the area of any residential lot be smaller than 25,000 sq. ft.

b. Except for roads shown on the site plan and common utility facilities such as piping associated with public water supply or extensions to the Town sewer system servicing the development thereto, the entire Open Space Area shall be preserved permanently, in an open or natural state, for recreation, conservation, or for agricultural uses. Built features such as swimming pools or tennis courts are prohibited on open space designated for recreational use. Other uses and small structures shall be permitted only as accessory to recreation, conservation, or agriculture. Further division or subdivision of the Open Space Area shall be prohibited.

c. The Open Space Area shall be preserved as such by means of a permanent conservation or agricultural restriction and conveyed to one of the following:

i. The association of homeowners of the lots in the CSD (see the Rules).

ii. A non-profit organization such as a land trust, the principal purpose of which is the conservation or preservation of open space or agricultural land.

iii. The Town, at no cost to it, and accepted by it for a park or open space use at a Town Meeting.

d. If the Open Space Area is not conveyed to the Town, a restriction enforceable by the Town shall be recorded to ensure that such land be kept in an open or natural state or for agricultural uses and not developed for residential use or uses accessory thereto, such as parking or roadways. Such restrictions shall also provide for maintenance of the Open Space Area in a manner suitable to its use, proper maintenance of drainage, utilities, appearance, and cleanliness.

And to Amend Appendix A, Table of Dimensional Requirements, by adding the following to the Notes:

j. See Sec. IV.N, Context Sensitive Developments.

And, to Amend Appendix A, Table of Dimensional Requirements, by adding “j” following the word “Dimension” in the first column.

**Motion carried.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Right to Farm By-Law by adding Section 50 to the General By-Laws:

#### Section 1: Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to MA General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Huntington restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of Massachusetts Constitution (Home Rule).

This General By-Law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Huntington by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

The intent of this by-law is to:

- Protect and promote the pursuit of agricultural enterprises and the benefits to the community provided by local agriculture by allowing agricultural uses and activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies.
- Inform Huntington property owners and buyers of this by-law through a notification process.
- Provide assistance with dispute resolution if a conflict should arise between a citizen or the town and owners and operators of land used for farming or agricultural purposes.
- **Not supercede any Zoning or General by-laws of the Town, or any State or Federal laws or regulations.**

#### Section 2: Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil, including but not limited to the following:

- Dairying and orchards;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aqua cultural, floricultural, viticulture, or horticultural commodities;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses;
- Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and;

- Keeping and raising of poultry, sheep, goats, fowl, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals

For the purpose of this by-law “Farming” or Agriculture” may include, but not be limited to the following activities:

- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over the roads within the town;
- Control of pests, including insects, but not limited to, weeds, predators, and disease organisms of plants and animals; application and storage of manure and fertilizers and pesticides;
- Growing, harvesting, processing and selling of forest products;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities including agri-tourism that are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm;
- Operation of a farm stand to sell products of the farm;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager and used expressly for the purpose of propagation, harvesting, managing, or marketing of the farm’s agricultural products;
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations;
- Constructing and maintaining farm buildings used for shelter, feed and storage;
- Revitalizing drainage or irrigation ditches; picking stone; constructing, repairing or maintaining fences; and clearing, rejuvenating and maintaining agricultural land.

### **Section 3: Right to Farm Declaration**

The right to farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Huntington. It is acknowledged by the Town that the benefits of farming such as the positive contribution of agriculture to the local economy; the availability of fresh food, fiber, and forest products; and the maintenance of the rural character and agricultural heritage of Huntington far outweigh incidental nuisances such as noise, lighting, odors, dust, and fumes associated with all, but not limited to, the above described agricultural activities which may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by day or night. The benefits and protections of the by-law are intended to apply exclusively to the actual activities of farming. **This by-law does not supersede any Zoning or General by-laws of the Town, or any State or Federal laws or regulations.**

### **Section 4: Disclosure Notification**

The Town Collector will send current landowners a copy of the following disclosure notification to be included in the mailing of the tax bill, in the Annual Town Report and with any request for a municipal lien certificate.

#### Notification:

Not later than 21 days after the purchase and sale contract is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists, for the purchase or exchange of real property, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessory interest in real property, located in the Town of Huntington, the landowner shall present the buyer or occupant with a disclosure notification which states the following:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

A copy of the disclosure notification shall be given on a form prepared by the Town and shall be signed by the landowner prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. A copy of the disclosure notification must be filed with the Selectboard or its designee prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. Forms will be made available at the Town Clerk’s Office, P. O. Box 523, or call (413) 667-3186.

In addition to the above, a copy of this disclosure notification shall be provided by the Town to landowners each fiscal year by mail.

**(A motion was made and seconded to strike the above sentence. Motion carried.)**

### **Section 5: Dispute Resolution**

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may file a grievance with the Selectboard, Zoning Enforcement Officer, or Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Selectboard shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent which shall review and facilitate a proposed resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health shall, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall facilitate a proposed resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendation to the Board of Health within sixty (60) days.

### **Section 6: Severability**

The provisions of the by-law are severable. If any part of this by-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, that provision can be severed from the by-law without affecting the remaining provisions.

Voted on by the Agricultural Commission April 10th, 2007.

**Motion carried, as amended.**

*A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.  
Meeting dissolved at 10:15. There was a quorum of 117 present.*

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Town of Huntington**

**Annual Town Meeting**

**SECOND SESSION**

**Tuesday; May 8, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Counters: Sue McIntosh, Gary Dahill

*A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 20:*

**ARTICLE 20:** 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.

*Motion carried.*

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to make the following request for legislation; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Resolution – Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Legislation**

Whereas, there exists, both within the United States and internationally, substantial scientific dispute about the safety of food products derived from genetically engineered (GE) organisms; and, (add: as defined by NOFA which = Northeast Organic Farming Association.)

Whereas, in situations where scientific experts are divided about the safety of a particular food product, consumers ought to easily be able to choose whether or not to purchase and consume food products derived from GE organisms;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Huntington Town Meeting:

- 1) requests that our United States Senators, Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, our Congressional Representative, John Olver, our Governor, Deval Patrick, our State Senator, Benjamin Downing, and our State Representative, Stephen Kulik, sponsor and support legislation that would enact mandatory labeling by manufacturers and processors of all GE food and seeds; and (add: as defined by NOFA)

- 2) additionally requests that the Huntington Town Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution with the vote of the Town Meeting thereon to the elected officials names above.

**Motion carried, as amended.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to make the following request for legislation; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Resolution -Legislative Moratorium on Genetically Engineered Foods and Crops**

Whereas genetically engineered (GE), (**add: as defined by NOFA**) foods and crops have been show to cause long-term damage to the environment, threaten rural economies, and may impair human health;

Whereas GE crops have been found to contaminate other farmers' crops through cross-pollination, and are stringently regulated in more that 30 countries; and

Whereas Congress and federal regulatory agencies have failed to adequately address this problem;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Huntington Town Meeting:

- 1) requests that our United States Senators, Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, our Congressional Representative, John Olver, our Governor, Deval Patrick, our State Senator, Benjamin Downing, and our State Representative, Stephen Kulik, sponsor and support legislation that would enact a moratorium on the further (**add: commercial**) growing of GE crops, ( **add: as defined by NOFA**) until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment, and the survival of family farms; and
- 2) additionally requests that the Huntington Town Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution with the vote of the Town Meeting thereon to the elected officials named above.

**Motion carried, as amended.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to make the following request for legislation; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Resolution – Farmer Liability Protection Legislation**

Whereas genetically engineered (GE) (**add: and hereafter: as defined by NOFA**) crops have been shown to cross-pollinate with non-GE crops grown on relatively distant farmland, resulting in contamination of organic and other non-GE crops; and



Whereas the use of crops that have been contaminated has been deemed by some corporate manufacturers and distributors of GE seeds to be an infringement of their patents on the genetically engineered material; and

Whereas such corporate manufacturers and distributors have used their considerable financial resources to claim both patent infringement against the owners of contaminated crops and ownership of any farm product resulting from the unsolicited migration to nearby farmland of the genetic materials from farm products grown from their GE seeds:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Huntington Town Meeting:

- 1) requests that our United States Senators, Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, our Congressional Representative, John Olver, our Governor, Deval Patrick, our State Senator, Benjamin Downing, and our State Representative, Stephen Kulik, sponsor and support legislation defining any unwanted or unsolicited migration to adjacent farmland of the genetic materials from GE farm products as a trespass and tort by the corporate manufacturers of GE products and making said corporate manufacturers strictly liable for providing means of recovery for the owners of said adjacent farmland; and
- 2) additionally requests that the Huntington Town Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution with the vote of the Town Meeting thereon to the elected officials named above.

**Motion carried, as amended.**

The Moderator thanked Steve Hamlin for his many years of volunteer service on the Planning Board.

***A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.  
Meeting dissolved at 8:30 p.m. There was a quorum of 42 present.***

A true copy attest.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall  
Town Clerk

# **TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

## ***SPECIAL ELECTION***

**June 21, 2007**

### **QUESTION:**

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$83,333.00 in real estate and personal property tax for the Gateway Regional School District over-minimum assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?

Yes	61
No	75
Blank	1

137 voters cast their ballot out of 1309 registered voters.

Attest:

Pamela G. Donovan – Hall  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Town of Huntington**

*Special Town Meeting*

**Wednesday; August 29, 2007**

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 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2007 at 7:00P.M. and then and there took the following action:

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

The Moderator announced that the Warrant was legally posted. He announced that a quorum was present. The meeting began at 7:07 P.M.

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund to Huntington's share of the above minimum contribution (015300.002) the sum of \$83,333.00 for the Gateway School District period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion carried. Unanimous.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the Sum of \$35,164.07 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015138.004	Treasurer Tax Title Expenses	\$ 6,336.65
015220.004	Fire Building/Equipment Expenses	\$ 7,447.51
015220.008	Fire Truck Maintenance	\$ 6,828.41
015255.000	Wire Inspector Fees	\$ 1,255.00
015422.004	Highway Building/Equipment Maint.	\$10,287.50
015543.001	Veterans Relief Benefits	\$ 3,009.00

**Motion carried. Unanimous.**

*A motion was made and seconded:*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water/Sewer Reserves the sum of \$15,672.65 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015440.009	Sewer Building/Equipment Maint.	\$15,672.65
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**Motion carried. Unanimous.**

**Motion made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous. Meeting dissolved at 7:15p.m. There was a quorum of 28 present.**

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall  
Town Clerk

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
June 30, 2007

	Funds					
	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor Governmental	Total Governmental
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	703,711	815,087	137,793	100,787	269,460	2,026,838
Investments	323,052	0	0	0	0	323,052
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	111,404	0	0	0	0	111,404
User Charges	0	0	28,186	19,680	0	47,866
Tax liens	15,846	0	500	473	0	16,819
Excise Taxes and other taxes	37,471	0	0	0	0	37,471
Due from other funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,191,484</u>	<u>815,087</u>	<u>166,479</u>	<u>120,940</u>	<u>269,460</u>	<u>2,563,450</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Warrants Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Refund Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						0
Property Taxes	58,392	0	0	0	0	58,392
Other	107,324	0	28,686	20,153	123,104	279,266
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>165,716</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,686</u>	<u>20,153</u>	<u>123,104</u>	<u>337,658</u>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>						
Reserved for Encumbrances	58,314	0	0	0	0	58,314
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	(47,579)	0	0	0	0	(47,579)
Undesignated for Specific Purposes						
General Fund	1,015,033	0	0	0	0	1,015,033
Special Revenue	0	815,087	137,793	100,788	146,356	1,200,024
Permenant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>1,025,768</u>	<u>815,087</u>	<u>137,793</u>	<u>100,788</u>	<u>146,356</u>	<u>2,225,792</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<u>1,191,484</u>	<u>815,087</u>	<u>166,479</u>	<u>120,941</u>	<u>269,460</u>	<u>2,563,450</u>

# TOWN of HUNTINGTON

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Non major Government Funds</u>	<u>Total Government Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Taxes	2,419,524	0	0	0	0	2,419,524
State Receipts	555,095	0	0	0	384,844	939,939
Excise and Other Taxes	208,852	0	0	0	0	208,852
User Charges	58,215	0	126,436	142,783	0	327,434
Licenses, Permits and Fees	32,945	0	0	0	0	32,945
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	51,075	0	0	0	0	51,075
Interest on Investments	51,403	37,977	0	0	18,913	108,293
Grants, Fees, Fines and Other	47,001	0	4,464	4,161	6,338	61,964
Total Revenues	<u>3,424,110</u>	<u>37,977</u>	<u>130,900</u>	<u>146,944</u>	<u>410,095</u>	<u>4,150,026</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Current:						
General government	454,382	0	0	0	381,621	836,003
Public Safety	198,784	0	0	0	0	198,784
Public Works and Facilities	353,901	0	0	0	0	353,901
Water and Sewer	0		217,212	173,196	0	390,408
Education	2,114,780	0	0	0	0	2,114,780
Health and Human Services	20,121	0	0	0	0	20,121
Culture and Recreation	83,029	0	0	0	0	83,029
Employee Benefits and Insurance	152,177	0	0	0	0	152,177
State Assessments	10,651	0	0	0	0	10,651
Debt service:						
Principal	73,465	0	0	0	0	73,465
Interest	8,913	0	0	0	0	8,913
Total Expenditures	<u>3,470,202</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>217,212</u>	<u>173,196</u>	<u>381,621</u>	<u>4,242,231</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(46,092)	37,977	(86,312)	(26,252)	28,474	(92,205)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	337,246	0	0	0		337,246
Operating Transfers Out	0	(235,000)	0	(1,000)	(102,246)	(338,246)
Proceeds of Bonds	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>437,246</u>	<u>(235,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(102,246)</u>	<u>99,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>391,154</u>	<u>(197,023)</u>	<u>(86,312)</u>	<u>(27,252)</u>	<u>(73,772)</u>	<u>6,795</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>623,879</u>	<u>1,012,110</u>	<u>224,105</u>	<u>128,040</u>	<u>220,128</u>	<u>2,209,378</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>1,015,033</u>	<u>815,087</u>	<u>137,793</u>	<u>100,788</u>	<u>146,356</u>	<u>2,215,057</u>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>			
<b><u>114-MODERATOR</u></b>			
Salary	200	200	0
<b><u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u></b>			
Salary	4,746	4,746	0
Admin Asst Wages	24,305	24,276	29
Expenses	1,485	1,390	95
Admin Asst Exp	265	265	0
Legal Ads Expense	1,000	980	20
General Office Supplies	1,200	1,130	70
Copy Machine Expenses	1,200	1,136	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,201</b>	<b>33,922</b>	<b>279</b>
<b><u>COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Computer Purch Expenses	5,000	4,635	365
<b><u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Expenses	200	144	56
Reserve Fund	3,302	2,303	999
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,502</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>1,055</b>
<b><u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u></b>			
Salary	10,959	10,959	0
Expenses	800	373	427
Software Suppt	1,400	1,400	0
Audit Expense	13,000	13,000	0
New Software	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,159</b>	<b>25,732</b>	<b>427</b>
<b><u>137-ASSESSORS</u></b>			
Salaries	5,142	5,142	0
Expenses	2,000	1,894	106
Clerk Wages	9,960	9,960	0
Mapping Expenses	1,679	800	879
Software Support	2,700	2,700	0
Revaluation	8,651	6,600	2,051
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,133</b>	<b>27,097</b>	<b>3,036</b>
<b><u>138-TREASURER</u></b>			
Salary	13,238	13,238	0
Cert Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	2,479	2,479	0
Bank Service Chgs	100	83	18
Tax Title Expenses	11,337	11,337	0
Software support	8,206	8,150	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,359</b>	<b>36,286</b>	<b>73</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>139-COLLECTOR</u></b>			
Salary	16,075	16,075	0
Asst Coll Wages	5,841	4,786	1,055
Expenses	5,000	4,803	197
Tax Taking	1,066	1,066	0
Collector Software support	4,000	4,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,982</b>	<b>30,730</b>	<b>1,252</b>
<b><u>151-LEGAL</u></b>			
Legal Expenses	6,000	3,788	2,212
MA General Law Books	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,001</b>	<b>3,788</b>	<b>2,213</b>
<b><u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u></b>			
Salary	11,139	11,138	1
Dog License Exp	434	434	0
Expenses	1,500	1,490	10
Census Superintendent	1,300	1,300	0
Census Expenses	900	554	346
Asst clerk salary	195	195	0
Election Workers Wages	3,274	3,274	0
Elect & Reg Expenses	566	566	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,308</b>	<b>18,951</b>	<b>357</b>
<b><u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u></b>			
Expenses	1,000	999	1
<b><u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u></b>			
Expenses	1,250	560	690
<b><u>173-ZONING BOARD</u></b>			
Expenses	500	194	306
<b><u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Expenses	500	0	500
<b><u>192-BUILDINGS &amp; PROPERTY</u></b>			
Wages	10,975	10,975	0
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	19,514	19,514	0
North Hall Utilities	1,004	918	85
Stanton Hall Utilities	7,159	7,159	0
Town Mowing	7,177	7,177	0
Maintenance	15,736	15,736	0
North Hall Maintenance	1,000	459	541
North Hall Renovations	1,000	0	1,000
Murryfield Utilities	1,571	1,571	0
Murryfield Sewer/Water	300	162	138
Stanton Hall Maint	25,000	0	25,000
Constr Stor Shed	54,500	53,035	1,465
Demolish Bldgs	200,000	184,533	15,467
GIS Mapping	6,000	4,025	1,975
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350,935</b>	<b>305,264</b>	<b>45,671</b>



**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u></b>			
Workers' Compensation	6,237	6,237	0
Unemployment Insurance	611	294	317
Medicare	6,708	6,708	0
Town Buildings Insurance	21,585	21,585	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	8,652	8,432	220
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,794</b>	<b>43,256</b>	<b>537</b>
<b><u>196-REPORTS</u></b>			
Town Reports	2,496	2,496	0
<b><u>197-PARKING CLERK</u></b>			
Parking Clerk Expense	200	200	0
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>593,519</b>	<b>536,757</b>	<b>56,762</b>
<b><u>210-POLICE</u></b>			
Chief Salary	43,519	43,519	0
Training Exps & Wages	14,775	14,329	446
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	5,671	5,671	0
Administration/Training	5,210	5,210	0
Vehicle Maintenance	8,000	7,069	931
Equipment	3,334	3,334	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,509</b>	<b>79,132</b>	<b>1,377</b>
<b><u>220-FIRE</u></b>			
Chief Salary	3,500	3,500	0
Hourly Wages	10,440	10,440	0
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,550	3,550	0
Training Wages	4,137	2,659	1,477
Building/Equipment Exps	26,244	26,244	0
Admin/Training Expenses	3,100	2,714	386
Utilities	6,378	6,378	0
Truck Maintenance	12,228	12,228	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,577</b>	<b>67,713</b>	<b>1,864</b>
<b><u>231-AMBULANCE</u></b>			
Ambulance Service	18,695	18,695	0
<b><u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u></b>			
Expenses	16,116	16,116	0
By-Law Enforcement Officer	2,844	2,844	0
Gas Inspector Fees	1,000	837	163
Plumbing Inspector Fees	2,000	1,678	322
Wiring Inspector Fees	3,255	3,255	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,215</b>	<b>24,730</b>	<b>485</b>
<b><u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u></b>			
Expenses	2,000	1,330	670
<b><u>292-DOG OFFICER</u></b>			
Salary	1,100	1,100	0
Expenses	850	368	482
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>482</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>294-TREE SERVICES</b>			
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	5,200	4,800	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,003</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>403</b>
Constable Expense	200	116	84
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>204,149</b>	<b>198,784</b>	<b>5,365</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,063,928	1,063,928	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	552,882	552,882	0
Transportation/Debt	358,673	276,321	82,352
Ch 70 Voc Trans	55,000	40,486	14,514
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	324,702	256,536	68,166
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>2,355,185</b>	<b>2,190,153</b>	<b>165,032</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>			
Superintendent	43,680	43,680	0
Hourly Wages	64,636	57,872	6,763
Overtime/Extra Help	14,793	14,793	0
Utilities	12,407	12,407	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	30,347	30,347	0
Sand & Salt	35,000	17,455	17,545
Gas & Diesel Fuel	18,656	18,656	0
Road Maintenance	39,113	26,251	12,862
Uniforms	1,892	1,892	0
Admin/Training Expenses	942	942	0
Drug Testing	450	265	185
Equipment replacement	28,000	26,500	1,500
Storm Expenses	0	47,785	(47,785)
Street Lights	10,502	10,502	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300,417</b>	<b>309,346</b>	<b>(8,929)</b>
<b>433-TRANSFER STATION</b>			
Wages	21,019	20,905	114
Hauling & Disposal	80,000	59,228	20,772
Misc/Maint	1,500	215	1,285
Utilities	1,000	739	261
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,400	7,375	25
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	2,000	0	2,000
Compactor	1	0	1
Basket Str Landfill Monit	11,000	9,653	1,347
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123,920</b>	<b>98,115</b>	<b>25,805</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>440-SEWER</u></b>			
Commissioner Salaries	2,960	2,908	52
Wages	51,151	48,406	2,745
Workers Compensation	2,606	2,606	0
Unemployment	195	38	157
Health Insurance	12,371	12,371	0
Property Insurance	3,255	3,255	0
Vehicle Insurance	674	674	0
Utilities	15,767	15,744	23
Building/Equipment Maint	64,557	64,557	0
Meter Pump Expense	6,000	4,499	1,501
Engineering Consultant	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Chemical Purchase	3,000	2,038	962
Waste Removal	1,401	1,400	1
Improvements	8,700	7,931	769
Software support	1,750	1,600	150
Septic Tank Pumping	4,500	2,937	1,563
Overtime	4,000	2,232	1,768
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182,889</b>	<b>173,196</b>	<b>9,693</b>
<b><u>450-WATER</u></b>			
Commissioner Salaries	2,929	2,908	21
Wages	18,401	13,972	4,429
Workers Compensation	877	877	0
Unemployment	101	13	88
Health Insurance	4,828	0	4,828
Property Insurance	1,725	1,686	39
Utilities	18,200	17,506	694
Vehicle Insurance	735	338	397
Analysis Tests	6,721	5,738	983
Analysis Chemicals	4,448	4,448	0
Contractors	1,000	420	580
Engineer Service	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Cross Connection Project	1	0	1
Materials/Equipment	18,659	18,659	0
Improvements	12,771	20	12,751
Software support	1,750	1,600	150
Meters	147,500	141,247	6,253
Water Overtime	7,779	7,779	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248,427</b>	<b>217,212</b>	<b>31,215</b>
<b><u>490-CEMETERY</u></b>			
Goss Hill Cemetery	100	100	0
Norwich Hill Cemetery	374	374	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>856,126</b>	<b>798,342</b>	<b>57,784</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u></b>			
Salaries	3,223	3,142	81
Secretary Salary	4,491	4,236	255
Agent Wages	2,500	2,500	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,500	1,277	223
Health Nursing Fee	200	0	200
Animal Control Officer Salary	687	687	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	4,091	1,654	2,437
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,692</b>	<b>13,496</b>	<b>3,196</b>
Council on Aging	1,000	1,000	0
Hilltown Youth Coalition	1	0	1
<b><u>543-VETERN AGENT</u></b>			
Salary	1,616	1,616	0
Relief Benefits	4,009	4,009	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,625</b>	<b>5,625</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Human Services</b>	<b>23,318</b>	<b>20,121</b>	<b>3,197</b>
<b><u>610-LIBRARY</u></b>			
Wages	29,085	29,085	0
Maintenance Wages	4,160	4,139	21
Maint/Repair/Supplies	7,428	7,428	0
Utilities	5,456	5,309	147
Books/Periodicals	12,731	12,731	0
Software Tech Support	585	585	0
Bldg Use Study	2,050	2,050	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,496</b>	<b>61,328</b>	<b>169</b>
<b><u>620-RECREATION COMMISSION</u></b>			
Wages	13,562	13,005	557
Expenses	3,610	3,610	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,172</b>	<b>16,615</b>	<b>557</b>
Historical Commission	100	26	74
Memorial Day Parade	350	61	289
Community Events	5,000	5,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,350</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Total Culture &amp; Rec</b>	<b>84,118</b>	<b>83,029</b>	<b>1,089</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>			
Fire Truck Loan	50,000	50,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	23,465	23,465	0
Fire Truck Interest	5,496	5,496	0
Hwy Truck Interst	917	917	0
Water Meter Interest	2,500	2,500	0
Interest Short Term	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82,379</b>	<b>82,378</b>	<b>1</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u></b>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,460	2,460	0
CS Air Pollution Assmnt	447	447	0
CS Regional Transit	5,700	5,700	0
Council of Govts Assmt	2,044	2,044	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	65,576	65,576	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,227</b>	<b>76,227</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u></b>			
Collector Health Ins	8,780	8,780	0
Police Health Ins	3,591	3,591	0
Highway Health Insurance	20,317	20,317	0
T/S Health Insurance	4,091	4,091	0
Library Health Insurance	16,726	16,726	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	14,742	14,742	0
Admin Health Ins	8,363	8,363	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,610</b>	<b>76,610</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Misc Expenses</b>	<b>235,216</b>	<b>235,215</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,351,631</b>	<b>4,062,400</b>	<b>289,230</b>

# TOWN of HUNTINGTON

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

### NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Fund Balances <u>July 1,2006</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Fund Balances <u>June 30,2007</u>
<b>Special Revenue Funds:</b>				
Highway Ch 90	(31,156)	147,895	140,337	(23,598)
Conservation Wetlands Fees	2,111	763	0	2,873
Reserve for School Debt	102,246	0	102,246	0
Community Policing	6,517	11,299	11,771	6,045
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,144	0	0	4,144
EDSA Program Exps	0	175,900	175,900	0
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	808	2,930	2,700	1,039
Emergency Management	8,722	0	0	8,722
Comm Emerg Resp Team	(400)	0	(400)	0
Local Preparedness Grant	215	500	400	315
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	9,327	0	0	9,327
GIS Mapping	2,400	0	1,400	1,000
FF Public Safety Equip	0	2,000	911	1,089
Fire Safety Grant	121	5,900	5,906	115
Plan Bd Grant	2,000	0	2,000	0
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,183	68	0	1,251
Arts Lottery Council	1,612	4,111	3,589	2,134
Library	33	3,968	5,284	(1,283)
Council on Aging-Formula	15	3,200	3,200	15
Council on Aging-High Valley	1,170	0	0	1,170
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	29,453	30,071	26,528	32,996
Stanton Rehab	28,554	1,526	800	29,279
Fire Dept Damage Fd	(244)	0	(244)	(0)
Misc Pass Thru Exp	0	1,000	1,000	0
Police Extra Duty	0	15,417	14,027	1,390
<b>Total-Non-Major Government Funds</b>	<u>170,466</u>	<u>406,547</u>	<u>497,354</u>	<u>79,658</u>
<b>Trust Funds:</b>				
Conservation Fund	9,557	519	0	10,076
Stanton Income fund	130,018	18,139	0	148,157
Whiting Street fund	6,703	345	614	6,434
Cemetary Perpetual Care	2,787	245	0	3,032
Stabilization fund	1,012,110	37,977	235,000	815,087
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	794	51	0	844
Civic Welfare	3,619	184	76	3,727
<b>Total-Trust Funds</b>	<u>1,165,587</u>	<u>57,460</u>	<u>235,690</u>	<u>987,357</u>

Respectfully submitted, Richard Buley

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Balance as of July 1, 2006	1,376,435.57
Receipts	5,086,726.13
Disbursements	5,099,598.56
	(12,872.43)
Balance as of June 30, 2007	1,363,563.14

## Allocation of General Fund Cash by Bank Accounts

UniBank	240,492.84
Bank of Western MA	127,811.78
Easthampton Savings Bank	7,908.98
Berkshire Bank	413,746.49
United Bank	341,772.04
Hampden Bank	50,721.67
MMDT	181,109.34
	\$ 1,363,563.14

## Allocation of Trust & Special Accounts by Fund

Conservation Fund	10,075.65
Stabilization Fund	815,087.39
Stanton Fund	148,156.60
Whiting Street Fund	6,433.65
Cemetery	3,062.63
Post War Rehabil.	844.43
Civic Welfare	3,666.46
	\$ 987,326.81

Total Interest earned on General Funds	42,693.75
Total Interest earned on Trust Funds	57,831.79

## Tax Title Account

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Amount owed as of June 30, 2007
Caggiano, Rose	12/11/1991	593.92
Elder, Frances	11/24/2004	4,962.88
Total Tax Title		5,556.80
Tax Title Collections for FY 07		58,662.59

## Borrowing

	Loan	Interest Pd.
Fire Truck	50,000.00	5,496.05
Highway Truck	23,464.76	723.07
Installation of Water Meters		2,500.00

Respectfully submitted, Anne Marie Knox

# REPORT OF TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

	<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 6/30/2007</u>
<u>Real Estate</u>							
Levy of							
2005	26,067.14					26,067.14	-
2006	100,689.35					81,421.19	19,268.16
2007		2,283,424.79	18,199.70	22,005.95	2,151.52	2,188,962.87	88,504.15
Totals	126,756.49	2,283,424.79	18,199.70	22,005.95	2,151.52	2,296,451.20	107,772.31

	<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 6/30/2007</u>
<u>W/S Liened</u>							
2005	17,813.96		-			17,494.34	319.62
Totals	17,813.96	-	-		-	17,494.34	319.62

	<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 6/30/2007</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>							
Levy of							
1990-1994	2,777.59					68.55	2,709.04
2000	7.40					7.40	-
2001							-
2002	166.80					105.06	61.74
2003	158.58						158.58
2004	175.77					175.77	-
2005	157.02					131.34	25.68
2006	854.95					761.27	93.68
2007		38,724.60		340.58		37,802.06	581.96
Totals	4,298.11	38,724.60	-	340.58	-	39,051.45	3,630.68



	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2007</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>							
Levy of							
1988-1997	52.71						52.71
1998	-						-
1999	1,013.80					28.83	984.97
2000	987.71						987.71
2001	1,414.18					57.71	1,356.47
2002	1,719.99					10.83	1,709.16
2003	1,648.65					321.67	1,326.98
2004	2,627.95					365.63	2,262.32
2005	5,763.48	78.33	268.75	308.75		2,380.94	3,420.87
2006	29,016.73	21,228.98	726.70	3,448.00		41,466.75	6,057.66
2007		196,187.65	1,019.93	12,299.46		165,609.81	19,298.31
Totals	44,245.20	217,494.96	2,015.38	16,056.21	-	210,242.17	37,457.16

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Leined on the R. E.</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2007</u>
<u>Water/Sewer</u>							
Levy of							
2006	32,939.34		158.02			4,724.68	28,372.68
2007		275,830.00	743.00	7,730.00		249,803.18	19,093.82
Totals	32,939.34	275,830.00	901.02	7,730.00	-	254,527.86	47,466.50

Summary

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2007</u>
Real Estate	2,297,883.92	106,339.59
Water/Sewer Liened	17,494.34	319.62
Personal Property	39,051.45	3,630.68
Water/Sewer	254,527.86	47,466.50
Motor Vehicle	210,242.17	37,457.16
	<u>2,819,199.74</u>	<u>195,213.55</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, Collector

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors continue the cyclical inspection of properties in town. In 2007 these inspections were conducted on Stanton Avenue, Pleasant Street, Crescent Street and portions of East Main Street and Worthington Road.

New growth for 2008 was \$3,477,847, resulting in tax dollars of \$41,387.

New growth is a result of new construction of houses, barns, garages, sheds, etc.

### FISCAL 2007 TAX RECAPITULATION BREAKDOWN:

#### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

<i>Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:</i>	<i>\$ 618,614.00</i>
<i>Local Estimated Receipts:</i>	<i>613,167.00</i>
<i>Free Cash:</i>	<i>118,333.00</i>
<i>Other Available Funds:</i>	<i>217,503.07</i>

*Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds: \$1,567,617.07*

#### LOCAL EXPENDITURES

<i>Appropriations (Town Meetings):</i>	<i>\$ 217,503.07</i>
<i>Cherry Sheet Offsets:</i>	<i>\$ 3,851.00</i>
<i>State and Cherry Sheet Charges:</i>	<i>\$ 7,604.00</i>
<i>Assessors' Overlay (abatements/exempt):</i>	<i>\$ 17,717.17</i>

<i>Gross amount to be raised:</i>	<i>\$4,132,278.24</i>
<i>Less total estimated receipts/available funds</i>	<i>- \$1,567,617.07</i>
<i>Net amount to be raised through taxation:</i>	<i>\$2,564,661.17</i>

**The Fiscal 2008 tax rate was set at \$13.04.**

The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Assessors meet the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin  
Robert Heath  
Neil Wheeler

## CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

### FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 02-16-08:

Certified Free Cash	\$367,062
Stabilization Fund	898,420
Water Reserve	93,126
Sewer Reserve	84,346

### CURRENT DEBT

Pierce Custom Pumper	\$ 45,329	Pd off FY2009
2007 Freight Liner - Free Cash	66,500	Pd off FY 2011
Water Meter Loan - Water Reserve	109,250	Pd off FY2017

### REQUESTED CAPITAL PROJECTS 01-02-08

### ESTIMATED AMOUNTS

Metered Fuel Storage Pump	\$15,000 - \$20,000
4x4 Rescue Truck (Fire Department)	\$90,000 - \$110,000
New/Renovated Library	\$2 million plus
Town Hall Space Renovation	\$700,000 - \$900,000
Stanton Hall Steeple Restoration	\$180,000
Portable 9" Wood Chipper - Highway	\$20,000 - 25,000

### CURRENT OBLIGATIONS:

1. Continue to pay down the water meter loan & interest with Water Reserve.
2. Continue to use Free Cash in yearly amount of \$25,000 plus interest for the 2007 Freightliner dump truck. Paid off in FY2011.
3. Pierce Custom Pumper will be paid off in FY2009.

### ACTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Recommend installation of a digitally controlled combination gas and diesel fuel storage tank at the Highway Department facility. Fuel distribution would require vehicle and operator codes and provide department usage and bulk purchasing information. Estimate 15K to 20K.
2. Replace the 1989 Dodge Rescue Truck. This vehicle provides 70% of the vehicle usage by the Huntington Fire Department since the advent of the First Responder requirement for Fire Departments. This should be a FY2010 purchase. Est. 90K to 110K.

## **CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** (continued)

3. The Stanton Hall Restoration Project is a work in progress. Approximately \$79,000 has been put aside for this work. The Town is currently reapplying for a grant to assist. We should continue to put money aside to accomplish the reconstruction in the next few years.
4. The architectural work for the Town Hall space renovation has been done. It provides construction to utilize the basement as office space. The most immediate need is a common meeting room, which could be constructed in the basement at minimal expense in-lieu of a full-blown project.
5. Recommend purchasing a portable 9” wood chipper for the Highway Department. Currently the brush and tree limbs are hauled to the Pisgah Road gravel bank and burned. A Chipper would save man hours, trucking and provide chips for erosion control, etc. 20K - 25K

The Town of Huntington continues to face MAJOR educational expense increases far beyond our ability to provide through Proposition 21/2. We must continue to use our Stabilization Fund wisely: It is our savings account for known and unanticipated expenses.

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 voters of Huntington and assist the Finance Committee and Selectboard as an aid in long-term fiscal planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Capital Planning Committee

Town of Huntington  
Major Assets Over \$10K Value  
Capital Planning Committee  
As of 01/01/08

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	Dahill	2005 Pierce Custom Pumper	4P1CC01A25A005348	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	Garipey	2003 Dodge Intrepid	2B3HD46V73H561993	2005	0		25,000	Homeland Security
2011	Police	Garipey	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				4	10,000	
2007	Highway	McKinney	1987 GMC Sander	IDGM8C148HV500241	1987	80,000	1	90,000	Sold
0	Fire	Dahill	1981 AmGen Cargo Truck	82510095	2005	0	0	0	Under review
2010	Fire	Dahill	1989 Dodge Rescue **	1B7KM26Z4K5074138	2003	6,000	7	50,000	consider replacement ** FY2010
2010	Fire	Dahill	1989 Int'l Fire Engine	1HTLFD8R3KH644968	1998	75,000	7	185,000	
2010	Fire	Dahill	11 Air Packs		2005	20,350	7	25,000	
2010	Fire	Dahill	26 Turn-out Coats		1999	10,080	7	13,000	replaced 5 per year
2010	Fire	Dahill	28 Turn-out Pants		1999	9,100	7	11,000	replaced 5 per year
2012	Fire	Dahill	1986 International	1HTLAHEK4GH30468	2007	0	10	30,000	Replaced 1974 Ford Tanker
2015	Fire	Dahill	1955 Dodge Pwr. Van	83945293	1955	3,500	9	35,000	to be sold
2012	Highway	McKinney	1995 New Holland Tractor **	A433150	1996	44,000	9	60,000	consider replacement **
2010	Highway	McKinney	1998 Deere Bucket Ldr.	DWTC44H667876	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	Dahill	1978 Chevy Mini Pumper	CKL338J37485	1978	23,000	11	80,000	
2023	Highway	McKinney	2001 Komatsu Gallon Grader	G380031U210771	2001	137,500	20	200,000	Replaced 1961 Austin West
2023	Fire	Dahill	1996 Freightliner Pumper	1FV6JLCBXTL576479	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/Bindfrd 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 et	60,000	constructed 10/2006
---	Town	Selectboard	Stanton Hall (Grange)				---	504,621	steeple repair 2007 ??
---	Town	Selectboard	North Hall, Norw. Hill				---	200,015	needs roof
---	Town	Selectboard	Little Old Schoolhouse				---	56,001	
---	Town	Selectboard	Town Hall/Park St.				---	415,066	retroofed 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	Dahill	Fire Sta./Russell St.		1943		---	255,539	remodeled 2005
---	Fire	Dahill	Fire Sta./Norwich Hill 441-56		1926		---	83,625	
---	Fire	Dahill	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	1FVAC3DJ27HY83583	2006	112,877	9	120,000	Replaces 1987 GMC Sander cab-\$60,897 body-\$51,980

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Highway Department has had a successful, productive year:

- Pisgah Road has had 1800' of base coat applied.
- Upper Searle was repaved, along with Goss Hill to the dam parking lot.
- Several culverts were replaced.
- Approximately 50 trees were removed.
- The salt shed entrance roof was repaired.

The Highway Department wishes to welcome aboard Kenny Wickland.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne McKinney, Highway Superintendent

## **WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

The Water Department installed water meters and converted to a new billing system. Approximately 96% are in and operational, and the billing system is up and running. Additionally, the Water Department repaired a main line in the Town center just before Thanksgiving. We wish to thank the Highway Department and the Police Chief for their assistance, as well as recognizing Down To Earth Construction for their part, and certainly the Town residents for their patience. This repair resulted in water pumped from the wells being reduced from an average 2.8 million gallons per month to 1.65 million gallons last month.

The Sewer Department had its sludge tanker truck refurbished, with new bumpers, fenders and safety lights, extending its useful life for another few years. The emergency generator at the sewer plant was repaired after damage last winter to its panel boards and controls, and the State-mandated system has been installed to monitor the chlorination and de-chlorination of the waste water.

Respectfully submitted,

Water and Sewer Commissioners:

Rolland Bernier  
Paul Hurley  
Ed Schott

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year the Police Department continued its dedication to the “community policing” concept, with the receipt of a Community Policing Grant for \$11,299.00 for increased patrols and special projects. It is the goal of the Huntington Police Department to provide more visibility and availability to better serve the community’s needs.

The Police Department continues to actively support the Gateway Regional School District Safe School Plan by assisting and developing guidelines and policies to provide a safer learning environment for our children. The Police Department, with the help of the school district, has taken a more proactive approach in dealing with youthful offenders and what are known as “borderline youths”, allowing us to identify problems before they occur.

The Police Department has expanded further into the prevention of domestic violence by joining into agreements with the Hilltown Safety at Home Program. This is an alliance of social services and law enforcement personnel to aid domestic violence victims.

Through continued support and input of the citizens of this community the Police Department continues to evolve to provide a higher standard of service to the general public.

911 calls and incidents for calendar year 2007 totaled 382:

<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>INCIDENTS</i>
41	911 hang-ups and misdials
38	Motor vehicle accidents
31	Alarm calls
34	Medical calls
7	Animal complaints
17	Arrests
14	Assist other agencies
4	Assaults
8	Breaking and entering
2	Building checks
1	Burglary
6	Cancelled calls
1	Security check
14	Welfare checks
12	Disturbances
7	Disabled motor vehicles
18	Domestic disturbances
1	Drug offense
1	Elderly assist
9	Assist Fire Dept.
1	Juvenile offense
4	Investigations

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT** (continued)

<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>INCIDENTS (continued)</i>
5	Petty larcenies
1	Grand larceny
1	Missing person
4	Miscellaneous
19	Motor vehicle complaints/violations
4	Noise complaints
32	Officer wanted
1	Paperwork service
5	Safety hazards
1	Shots fired
2	Suicide attempts
1	Service of summons
5	Suspicious persons
1	Suspicious vehicle
1	Threat to commit a crime
11	Traffic hazards
3	Trespasses
3	Unfounded calls
4	Unwanted persons
2	Vandalisms
2	Wires down
<u>157</u>	Motor vehicle citations issued
 536	 <i>Total</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Robert Garriepy



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

This has been a very busy year for the Fire Department, with a change in leadership, extensive training schedules and a call volume that has kept us running.

We are also continuing to replace old or worn out equipment. There have been many improvements to our medical equipment. Our rescue vehicle has become unreliable and in need of constant repair. It is time to consider replacing this 1989 Dodge truck.

This year we have added three new members and are looking for more applicants. Please call the Fire Station at (413) 667-3368 and leave your name and number if you are interested.

A summary of our calls is listed below:

<b>Structural Fires</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Power Lines Down</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Explosives</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Medical Calls</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Outside Fires</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Vehicular Accidents</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Brush Fires</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Rescues</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Chimney Fires</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Water Evacuation</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Alarms</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Other Calls</b>	<b>37</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Dahill, Fire Chief

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

As an Animal Control Officer the challenges one encounters can be both exciting and sometimes 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 co-operation 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. Microchipping your pet, along with licensing, will greatly improve the chances of your pet being returned to you. Keeping an up-to-date picture of your pet in case of the need for a lost poster is also recommended.

**Animal complaints responded to.....14**  
**Dogs adopted.....0**  
**Dogs picked up, looked for, returned.....6**

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Jackman, Animal Control Officer

# BOARD OF HEALTH

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

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Transfer Station Stickers sold	640	Temporary Food Permits	5
Tires Disposed of	85	Perc Tests Conducted	8
Installers Permits	8	Well Permits	4
Haulers Permits	4	Disposal Works Applications	11
Food Service Permits	12	Septic Inspections	0
Propane Tanks	11		

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Accounts Receivable: \$55,577.50

Transfer Station Stickers	\$12,605.00
“H” bags	\$32,012.50
Trash	\$ 1,920.00
Tires	\$ 505.00
Furniture	\$ 760.00
Metal	\$ 1,215.00
Electronics	\$ 955.00
Propane Tanks	\$ 55.00
Mattresses	\$ 890.00
Recycling Boxes	\$ 40.00
Water Tanks	\$ 140.00
Disposal Works Permit	\$ 1,000.00
Well Permits	\$ 300.00
Perc Tests	\$ 825.00
Installer Permits	\$ 850.00
System Repair	\$ .00
Food Service Permits	\$ 1,230.00
Hauling Permits	\$ 225.00
Massage Therapy	\$ 25.00
Frozen Dessert Permit	\$ 25.00

## **BOARD OF HEALTH** (continued)

The Huntington Board of Health office is open every Wednesday evening with our efficient Secretary, Kathie Morrison, available to provide residents with necessary forms, transfer stickers, and information of all kinds. The Board meets officially every other Wednesday. Our newest Member, Jim Arnold, had to resign the first of 2008 because of a change of employment which prevented him from attending meetings. We are very sorry to lose this good member but Dennis Murphy, a registered nurse, has agreed to replace him. We welcome Dennis as we start the new year. Our other Member, Marge Craven, is still with us and is very experienced as she was the Board Secretary before Kathie.

In 2007, your Board investigated and acted upon all complaints that were brought to us by identified individuals. The Board has a policy of not acting upon anonymous complaints. We have a Health Inspector, Joseph Rouse, who inspects and approves permits for restaurants and other businesses that involve food or health issues, and is very concerned with camp licenses, which involve many requirements and restrictions. Our Title V Agent, Brian Slayton, responds to any requests involved in septic and water issues. We have two transfer station Attendants: Gerry Dugas and Bill Snyder, and our Animal Inspector is Robert Jackman.

Our busy transfer station is under the direction of the Board and Eric Weiss, Director of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC). Your Chairperson sits on that Board which meets bi-monthly. The object of the HRMC is to see that member transfer stations operate efficiently and encourage recycling. Our residents are urged to recycle paper, books, cans, bottles, metal, and more. In 2007 well over 600 residents used our transfer station, buying stickers and special bags for recycling. New stickers are available July 1, 2008 through the mail or at the office. When our office is closed, Helen Speckels, the Selectboard Secretary, has been kind enough to sell stickers for us.

In 2007 Board Members continued to attend meetings on possible pandemics and other crises, and also attended workshops on a number of health-related issues. Our goals are always to have a healthy community and to be of service in maintaining that health. The Board appreciates the cooperation of residents in keeping Huntington healthy.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Paulson, Chair  
Marge Craven, Member  
Dennis Murphy, Member  
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

## PLANNING BOARD

2007 has been a relatively quiet year for the Planning Board, giving us the time to work on our "Sub-Division Control Bylaws". As in years past, most of the sub-division is in the form of A.N.R's, which concern the board as we can do little to control them, forcing us to rely on the good intentions of the individual land owners.

I wish to extend a warm welcome to Scott Tillinghast, our newest member and wish to thank our long time members, Earl Heath and Linda Hamlin, for their continuous service. Sadly, we must say goodbye to our longtime member and Chair of this board for the last nine years, Steve Hamlin, as his business interests now require more of his time. I wish to say at this time, on behalf of the Planning Board and the Town of Huntington: *Steve, thank you very much for all you have done. We will try to keep up the high standards and the open-minded observations we learned from you. Best of luck to you! Your shoes will surely be difficult to fill.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brisebois, Acting Chair

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Huntington Open Space Committee consists of Katheryn Darrow, Jeff Penn, Linda Siska, Eric Steins and Jeff Wyand. In 2007, we began updating the Open Space Plan and began a Community Garden on the former Murrayfield School site. The Open Space Plan update will continue with public mailings and meetings to be scheduled this year with the intention of finishing the document in 2008. The Murrayfield Gardens will continue until such time as the gardens become unattended or when the Town considers a different purpose for the site. Community members are encouraged to attend our regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall, or contact the Open Space Committee by mail:

Open Space Committee  
P. O. Box 430  
Huntington, MA 01050

Respectfully submitted,

Open Space Committee

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A (THE ZONING ACT), Section 14, states that a Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

1. To hear and decide appeals in accordance with section eight.
2. To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the Board is empowered to act under said ordinance or by-laws.
3. To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in section ten.
4. To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a Zoning Administrator, if any, in accordance with section thirteen and this section.

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. A special permit or a variance may be granted to non-conforming uses, structures, and lots that otherwise may not meet specific provisions for the granting of a special permit or variance 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.

Our by-law makes provisions for a five (5)-member board with two (2) alternate members. In that situation five members would participate in the public hearing process, and a majority of four 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 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.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** (continued)

Contact the Board of Selectmen 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, 2007 to December 31, 2007, the ZBA held public hearings to gather public input on one (1) special permit application. In addition to our other duties, the Board made annual inspections of the four gravel pits in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Bartley  
Ellen Davis  
Phyllis Kelso  
George Webb, Chairman

## **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

The Agricultural Commission is in its second year of existence. This year we successfully wrote and had passed at the Annual Town Meeting a “Right to Farm By-Law”. This notice is posted on both the “*Welcome to Huntington*” signs as well as on the real estate tax bills.

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

We also had an educational display at Littleville Fair on the types of agriculture found in town. The Commission is currently working with representatives from other area towns to create a pamphlet for promoting agricultural business in the gateway towns.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## 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, streams and their bordering vegetated wetlands, as well as the riverfront area) must file plans with the Commission.

We acted on eighteen applications during 2007. The projects included reconstruction of/and additions to existing houses; repair of culverts, roads, driveways and septic systems; management of woodlands for wildlife habitat; and breaching of beaver dams. In all cases, the Commission reviewed the plans and gave approval for the projects to proceed after public hearings.

Commission Members performed some seventy-five 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 conferences of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, the Westfield River Watershed Association and the Hilltown Communities Initiative, which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. One member attended a three-day workshop of the Umass Keystone project to learn about sustainable forest management and wildlife habitat enhancement. We sponsored a hike up Moose Mountain to celebrate Biodiversity Days in June, and also a performance at Littleville Elementary School of The Watershed Waltz, a people and puppet show that teaches about preserving the health of our rivers. And we wrote a series of articles about environmental issues for the Country Journal.

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  
Mary Gerken  
Cathy Grabowski  
Susan McIntosh, Chairperson  
Waino Tuominen  
Michael Vorwerk

# LIBRARY

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

The Library was very active this year with 1,197 residents and 426 non-residents with Library cards. Part of the change in registered borrowers was due to residents moving out of town and teens graduating and leaving Huntington. Some of the increase in non-resident patrons was due to patrons who moved to neighboring communities.

The Library applied for a grant to do a building needs and planning study. We received notification of approval for the grant in June 2007. The grant is for a committee of town residents to do a needs assessment study of the present Library. The study is to determine if the Library should enlarge its present building or construct a new building in the future.

We conducted a summer reading program called: Catch the Beat @ Your Library with 69 children, 17 teens participating and 9 adults. The program ended with a pizza party enjoyed by all who attended.

## LIBRARY STATISTICS:

❖ Circulation:	16,402 materials
❖ Interlibrary:	600
❖ Attendance in Library:	12,394
❖ Reference Transactions:	1,793
❖ Children's Programs:	62
❖ Attendance at Children's Programs:	417
❖ Adult/Young Adult Programs:	54
❖ Attendance at Adult/Young Adult Programs:	598

The Library had only five 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. Popcorn and soda were served with the movie. The movies were usually well attended.

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. The book clubs read different types of books and are open to new members.

## 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**

Telephone: (413) 667-3506  
Email: [huntingtonlib@comcast.net](mailto:huntingtonlib@comcast.net)

Fax: (413) 667-0088  
Web: [thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director



# COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in 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., 11:30 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 Huntington COA/Franklin Regional Transit Authority Van, Mon. - Fri., for elders 60 years and older and for disabled of any age by approval of the FRTA; call Dandy Bro, Van Driver, at 667-3661 for more information and to make reservations.
- Brown Bag Program providing staple groceries on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Continues 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m., Stanton Hall; call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for more information.

## SPECIAL 2007 ACTIVITIES:

### Winter

- January COA Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, Four Main St., Huntington to thank our volunteers for their service throughout the year, 12 attended.

### Spring

- April Registry of Motor Vehicles Elder Safe Driving Program "*Shifting Gears*" 13 attended.
- April Amy Parks Dance Studio appreciation dinner for seniors, 30 attended
- April Potluck dinner with storyteller, John Porcino entertaining, 30 attended.
- May Huntington seniors attended Lions Club Senior Luncheon at VFW.
- May Published a COA newsletter of activities and programs for seniors and mailed it to all seniors in Huntington - 350 received it.
- June Mass. Bar Association Elder Law Education Program, 22 attended.
- June Russell COA Picnic at Strathmore Park, Russell, 24 seniors attended.

## **COUNCIL ON AGING** (continued)

- Purchased a new answering machine, a COA bulletin board, pamphlet racks, and two sturdy, padded arm chairs for use by the COA, yoga classes, and meal site.

### **Summer**

- July Lake George Dinner Theater. 40 seniors attended.
- July/Sept. 10 weeks of fresh vegetables for 10 families through CISA Farm Share.
- Worked with Dandy Bro, the Fire Dept. & Selectboard to publicize the Verizon E-911 Disability Indicator Program, and helped expedite new applications to the program.

### **Fall**

- Sept. Wright's Farm luncheon and entertainment by Mark Verselli, 35 attended.
- Oct. Vegetable & ham catered dinner at Stanton Hall using fresh farm produce, 50 attended.
- Oct. COA Board Training in Ludlow, Mass., 4 Huntington seniors attended.
- Oct. COA Board met with Selectboard regarding Disaster Planning.
- Nov Alzheimer's Association Informational Program, 29 attended.
- Nov. COA Flu Shot Clinic at Stanton Hall, 65 attended.
- Dec. Hawaiian Christmas Show at HuKeLau & shopping in Holyoke. 35 attended.
- Dec. Gateway School Senior Concert & Luncheon, 50 seniors attended.
- Dec. Gateway School Band played for Huntington Dining Center, 22 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 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 350 Huntington seniors to participate in the COA's activities.

The Board would also like to note with sadness the passing of our longtime COA Board Member and Substitute Meal Site Coordinator, Gerrie Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Bishop & Winnie Smith, Co-Chairpersons;  
Ruth LePage, Joan Astaferrero, Ella Balchunas, Virginia Denis,  
May Diemer, May Parker, Jean Rude, Elsie LaFond

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The following grants were approved for 2007:

- Huntington Public Library – *Tattle Tunes*
- Davis Bates – *Earth Rhythms (Littleville School)*
- Gateway Middle School – *Gateway Playwright Program*
- Huntington Community Events Committee – *Music on the Town Green*
- Mitch Giannunzio – *Season of Theatre at North Hall*
- Gateway High School – *Commissioned Work for High School Chorus*
- John Porcino – *To Life!*
- Gateway Middle School Band – *Visiting Performers*
- Huntington Dance Centre – *Floralia Children's Dance*

Also approved but not completed was:

- Pioneer Valley Performing Arts School – *Cycles of Change*

TOTAL GRANTED: \$3,270

Grant applications are available online at [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org), at the Town Hall, or by contacting Lynn Winsor at (413) 667-5563. Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Austin, Ella Balchunas, Carol Chandler, Jack Eisenstadt, Sue Kallerges, Linda Siska,  
Lynn Winsor, Chair

## COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

July 2006 was the first year for the *Music on the Town Common* series. Live music offered free to the public during the month of July. Local community groups participated in a weekly bake sale.

American flags were placed throughout the Town from May through September.

September 2006 brought another fireworks and family festival with a steak roast. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate, and the crowd was smaller than usual. Subsequently, the Committee has decided to hold off on the fireworks due to expenses, and focus on other activities including the music series and picnic.

Sincerely submitted,

Lori Belhumeur, Rolland Bernier, Jacquie Harris, Bonnie Kubacki, John Knox,  
Vicki Mayhew (Chair), Rev. Tobie Quirk, Ken Rachmaciej, Robert Smith

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Summer Camp was held for five weeks between July and August 2006 from 9 a.m. – noon at the Littleville Elementary School. The camp is open to Huntington children in Grades Pre K – Grade 4 free of charge. Children had structured times for art/crafts, physical activity, and learning everyday with a fairy tale theme.

A fall Rag Shag Parade was held between Stanton Hall and Pettis Field. Glow sticks were distributed to the children for Halloween safety.

The Girl Scouts assisted by taking photos of the children with a visit from Santa. Approximately 50 children participated in crafts, holiday music and refreshments.

February school vacation brought over 90 people bowling. In March there was ice-skating at Amelia Park and an adult dance at Stanton Hall with live music. Both very well attended.

Our Committee ended the fiscal year with making a float to ride in the Huntington Memorial Day Parade. We enjoyed giving out candy, patriotic pencils and toys to the spectators.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **WHITING STREET FUND**

Mr. Whiting Street was a very successful businessman who lived in Northampton, MA. 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. The Town of Huntington received \$1,000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street's desire that this money would be given to those who needed a little help and were not already receiving assistance.

We continue to disperse funds to those who qualify. Applications are available at the Selectboard Office or from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted by Trustees:

Robert Austin  
Pamela Donovan-Hall  
Sharon 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  
Ken Jordan

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](mailto: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 by Trustees:

Judith A. Guyette, Chair  
Karen Wittshirk  
Ken Jordan

## STANTON HALL USE COMMITTEE

The function of the Stanton Hall Use Committee is to act upon requests submitted to the Town for the use of Stanton Hall for special meetings and events. These include, but are not limited to: town meetings; public meetings and hearings; committee and board meetings; private functions such as birthday parties, weddings, showers, craft fairs, and such. If you are interested in using Stanton Hall for your special event, please contact Stanton Hall Use Committee Member and Administrative Assistant Helen Speckels at (413) 667-3500.

On a daily basis, Stanton Hall is open for lunch to all elderly hilltown residents over the age of sixty. Reservations must be made in advance, and 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 2007 are as follows:

*Town Hall Committees and Boards*  
*Huntington Council on Aging*  
*Town Dance*  
*Huntington Dance Centre*  
*Gateway Youth Athletic Association*  
*Health Fair & Flu Clinic*  
*Elder Law Seminar*  
*Red Cross Blood Drive*  
*Girl Scout Cadette Troup #194*  
*Girl Scout Troop #56*  
*Cub Scouts*  
*4-H*  
*Santa Claus*  
*Hilltown Community Health Centers*  
*Smoking Cessation Classes*  
*Local Artists Group*

*Little League*  
*Friends of the Library*  
*Westfield River Wild and Scenic*  
*Jacobs Ladder Business Association*  
*Women in Small Business Craft Fair*  
*Open Mic Music Sessions*  
*Highland Communities Initiative*  
*Pioneer Valley Planning Commission*  
*Highland Grange*  
*Serve Program*  
*Brown Bag Program*  
*Yoga Classes*  
*Booster Club*  
*Low Vision Workshop*  
*Congregational Church*  
*Nutrition Workshop*

Respectfully submitted,

Al LaFrance  
Tracey Kellam-Masloski  
Helen Speckels

## NORTH HALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The goal of the North Hall Advisory Committee and the Town of Huntington is to maintain this historic building and provide a meeting place for various activities for all age groups. The North Hall is the oldest public building in Huntington and it is quite a task to keep it in good repair. Right now it needs a new roof and the Advisory Committee is working with the Town to determine how and when to do this repair work.

The goal of the North Hall Association is to attract a wide variety of individuals and groups to make use of this lovely building. This past year we successfully brought in some new activities.

The Hall has been used weekly during the season by a local 4-H Club that caters to home-schooled children from Southwick to Becket and the towns in between. They meet for four hours each Thursday and provide programs in arts, science and general education. The group of approximately 12 youngsters have four adult instructors to guide them. They enjoy the well-appointed stage area on the second floor, the large room downstairs for activities and the kitchen for projects needing heat and water. This group treats this space with great respect leaving it cleaner than when they arrive. They closed their year at the Hall with an all day craft fair.

The Huntington Fire Department used the Hall this winter for a training program. They did not require heat so the cold, dark Hall made a good place to conduct a search and rescue session.

A local artist used the Hall for one of his workshops this summer. He reported that he drew a good crowd and will use our facility again.

The programs put on by the North Hall Association drew the greatest number of visitors, many from outlying towns. The May Opera Concert in two performances brought 160 attendees to enjoy a lovely performance by four young singers. The reading of Arsenic and Old Lace in June was heard by 75 attendees. In July Mitch Giannunzio's play, Who is Margaret?, starring equity actress, Margery Shaw held three performances which drew 140 attendees. A reading of a play by local authors David Pardoe and Evan Johnson, about a friendship between Mark Twain and Rudyard Kipling, was enjoyed by 85 attendees.

We urge our town citizens to contact Association Member, Peri Sossaman, at (413) 667-3448 if you have an idea or suggestions for the North Hall. We have a procedure to make the use of the Hall easy.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves  
Jackie Kimsey  
Ruth and David Pardoe

## **WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Throughout the year, members of the WRWSAC worked in cooperation with 10 other National Wild & Scenic Rivers and Congressman Olver to secure a \$1.5 million budget for the Partnership Rivers Program. The federal appropriation includes project funding for the Westfield River. The Committee continues to work with the other Partnership Rivers to secure additional funding for FY09.

In 2007, WRWSAC teamed up with the Riverways Program to sponsor extensive shoreline surveys of the East, West, and Middle Branches and several of the headwater tributaries along the Wild & Scenic Westfield River. Over 65 Stream Team volunteers visually surveyed over 70 miles of the Westfield River – documenting and cataloging historic, cultural, scenic, geological, recreational and ecological features along the river corridor. Large format maps were created to highlight the problems, assets and priorities for action identified by the volunteers. In the upcoming year, Executive Summaries and Action Plans will be produced for each of the three branches. Short-term and long-term actions identified by the volunteers will be incorporated into the Westfield River Wild & Scenic Stewardship Plan and help guide the Committee's future projects and activities.

Survey results have already been incorporated into a new Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program sponsored by the Westfield River Environmental Center at Westfield State College. WRWSAC served on a steering committee to help draft the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and wrote letters of support to help fund this new ambitious program. Water quality samples will be taken at 7 locations along the Wild & Scenic reaches of the Westfield River.

Our Committee meets 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 [Westfield\\_RiverNotes@hotmail.com](mailto:Westfield_RiverNotes@hotmail.com) or download copies at [www.westfieldriver.org](http://www.westfieldriver.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Huntington Representative  
Karin Vorwerk, Huntington Alternate



**Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative**  
**PO Box 630**  
**Williamsburg, MA 01096**  
**(413) 268-3845 / [hrmc@crocker.com](mailto:hrmc@crocker.com)**

Last year the HRMC helped the Town of Huntington:

- 1) Recycle and divert 285.22 tons of material saving the Town over 20,397.41 in disposal costs.
- 2) Earn \$5,404.27 in recycling revenue.

Therefore for the annual assessment amount of \$7,375.00 Huntington received over \$ 25,801.68 in indirect costs savings, services and revenues from services, programs and assistance provided by the HRMC!

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 new recycling programs when needed.
8. Advocate on behalf of its member towns with State legislators.
9. Explore long-term sustainability issues which will effect/benefit all hilltown communities.

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 us at (413) 268 – 3845 or email us [hrmc@crocker.com](mailto:hrmc@crocker.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Weiss, Administrator

# HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

In 2007, the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. (HCAA) once again experienced an increase in call volume. Within the six communities we serve, there were 534 requests for service, up from 502 calls in 2006. This brings to a close our fourth year with a call volume in excess of 500.

Operating out of our 1 Bromley Road office, the HCAA maintains a staff of two full-time EMT Intermediates, two part-time Basic EMTs, a part-time Paramedic Service Director, and twenty-two on-call volunteer EMTs. Our full-time EMTs, in combination with the two part-time EMTs, staff one ambulance Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. With this staffing, we also provide one on-duty EMT weekends, utilizing on-call staff to provide the second necessary EMT. As has been the situation since our inception, the remaining hours are covered by on-call volunteer EMTs who reside in our six member communities.

The year 2007 marked an historic moment for our organization. In December, we were able to purchase our first new ambulance since we were incorporated in 2001. A 2007 Ford/ Horton Ambulance was purchased from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, for \$135,717. This vehicle replaced our 1997 ambulance, and was purchased with no direct cost increase to the communities we serve. With this purchase, we now operate a 2000 Ford/ Road Rescue ambulance, and a 2007 Ford/ Horton ambulance.

Also in 2007, the HCAA completed the acquisition of the necessary equipment and documentation to operate an Intermediate Level Ambulance. With the completion of an inspection by the Commonwealth Office of EMS, and a staff adjustment, we shall have an ALS ambulance in service in the near future.

In December, the HCAA witnessed the retirement of Board of Directors President, Christopher K. McCarty, of Worthington. A founding member of our organization, Mr. McCarty contributed countless hours toward securing quality emergency medical care for the citizens of the hilltowns. The organization will be forever grateful for his time and tireless effort.

As we look at this past year, we find that the HCAA has now found itself among the national trend concerning the decline in volunteer staff. In the past, as with the local fire departments, we have relied on the availability of volunteers to staff our vehicles. In 2007, our organization relied in on-call volunteers for 524 hours of actual calls. These hours transition to approximately one third of our calls. These volunteer hours have declined by over 100 in the past two years, and left us with an increased number of calls utilizing mutual aid.

In light of this, the HCAA will increase its on-duty staffing beginning July 1, 2008. With this we will place a second on-duty EMT at our Bromley Road office 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. This will provide us with a full on-duty EMT crew 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7 days a week. In addition, the HCAA wishes to open discussion with citizens, community leaders, and industry experts to discuss further EMT coverage increases.

## **HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE** (continued):

In 2001, we were established as an organization built on the backbone of the communities. We have always, and will continue to accept questions, comments, concerns, or other forms of citizen input. In addition, we are always looking for individuals interested in joining our organization. The HCAA is available on the internet via [www.hilltownambulance.com](http://www.hilltownambulance.com), via e-mail to [hilltown@comcast.net](mailto:hilltown@comcast.net), and via phone at our Bromley Road office 667-3277. We encourage all to visit our website, and learn further about our operation.

In closing, the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association wishes to thank all of the citizens who have supported us throughout this past year. Community support is crucial to our continued success, and something for which we are grateful. We would especially like to recognize our EMTs, who have provided quality care to the citizens of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors of the Hilltown Community Ambulance

## Hilltown Community Development Corporation

In Fiscal Year 2007 Hilltown CDC moved from the predevelopment phase to begin construction on four major multi-year projects, including a \$336,000 acquisition and renovation of a vacant tenement building in Huntington, which will provide four 2-bedroom apartments for affordable rental housing. Hilltown CDC worked on behalf of the towns we serve to assemble the financing package of needed grants and loans to purchase land and buildings when needed, and to manage the public bidding and construction or renovation process.

The Hilltown CDC also won a \$71,000 grant from the Mass. Dept. of Business & Technology (DBT) to expand our small business technical assistance and training workshops. In addition to our CDBG-funded Micro-Enterprise program, we can now serve businesses with up to 20 employees. Our efforts to encourage a 'buy local' ethic through our 14-town Hilltown Business Directory also received a boost with the hiring of Jennifer Peotter.

Our Homebuyer Training, Housing Rehabilitation and Social Service programs continued on a steady course, guided by experienced and long-serving staff members. 82 households received individual homebuyer counseling, 63 attended First Time Homebuyer Workshops and 6 received cash assistance for downpayment and closing costs. Hilltown CDC's Housing Rehab Program provides 0% interest deferred payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs. A total of \$325,000 in loans were made to rehabilitate 16 homes in Goshen, Plainfield and Worthington. Our Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) program provided 7,930 hours of in-home chore services to 100 low income Northern Hilltown elders, and 13,400 miles of escorted transportation.

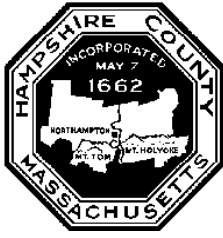
In addition, Hilltown CDC secured CDBG funds and oversaw three other social service programs meeting pressing community needs in the seven Northern Hilltowns. The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE) provided 1,000 hours of specialized in-home nursing care to 250 home-bound elders. The Families Together Program provided parenting education and training programs to 50 hilltown families. Both programs are administered by the Hilltown Community Health Centers. The Hilltown Food Pantry, administered by the Northampton Survival Center, provided 57,047 pounds of food to 264 eligible individuals via 2,157 visits to the Goshen pantry site.

We continued to support regional efforts to bring high-speed broadband internet services to our unserved and under-served communities. We also organized a Hilltown Spring Festival on May 19, 2007 and celebrated the CDC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with 400 hilltowners on a rainy but fun day at the Cummington Fairgrounds.

There were many staffing transitions and new hires in 2007. Marge Allard resigned as Business Program Manager in August and was replaced by Seth Isman. We hired Jennifer Peotter as his part time Assistant. After 10 years as Housing Rehabilitation Program Manager, Mary Ellen Dearstyne has moved over to serve as our part-time Grant Accounting Manager. Sarah Sczebak was hired in June as Housing Rehab Program Manager. Finance Director, Catherine Roegge, took maternity leave and returned in a part-time role. Trish Robertson resigned as our Green Thumb Office Assistant after over 20 years of service. We hired new Office Assistant, Paul Fennessey, of Chesterfield. We also recruited two new Directors to the Board: Don Boisvert of Goshen and Bob Heath of Huntington. Don Boisvert is the Director of Western Mass. Business Networking. Bob Heath is an Assessor and Selectboard Member for Huntington.

Thanks for the opportunity to work with your town to help strengthen our hilltown communities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Baker, Executive Director



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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Three hundred and one building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2007. Of these, forty-two 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	64	5	\$ 13,391.50
Goshen	50	8	\$ 11,729.00
Huntington	60	7	\$ 12,147.06
Middlefield	21	3	\$ 5,409.38
Williamsburg	106	19*	\$ 24,497.72

\*The number of new homes constructed in Williamsburg includes an eleven-unit development of single family residences. Also, one of the new homes listed is a 3-family residence.

It's time again to remind everyone that wood stoves are dangerous! Every year we lose homes to fires started by improperly installed wood, pellet or coal stoves. Please remember that a building permit is required before installing any such appliance, and it must be inspected by the Building Inspector prior to use. For those who already have stoves installed, but not inspected, please call and I will do the inspection. If the stove has been installed properly, a certificate of compliance will be issued. Your insurance company should be notified of a stove installation, and a copy of the inspection certificate should be sent to them.

As always, thanks to Tara Ussailis, my Administrative Assistant. I couldn't ask for a more efficient person to keep things in order, or a more pleasant one to help make the day easier.

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

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE	FEE RECD
18-Jan-07	22 Russell Rd			Stanton Hall		M07-1	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	29-Jan-07
31-Jan-07	12 Littleville Rd			Nichols Driving	School	M07-2	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	
06-Feb-07	79 Harlow Clark Rd	446	10	Miriam Jane	Beane	1607	Single Family Residence	\$200,300.00	\$1,158.10	12-Mar-07
27-Feb-07	1 Pisgah Rd	508	34	William	Hathaway	2407	Outbuilding 42x45	\$39,807.00	\$94.50	
09-Mar-07	23 Russell Rd			Church	Fellowship Hall	M07-7	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	
02-Apr-07	8 Upper Russell Rd	H1	27	Dale	Hawley	3507	Attach Outldg	\$8,740.00	\$126.00	09-Apr-07
09-Apr-07	Lake	L2	1	Regional	YMCA	3907	found.permit#25906)	\$45,000.00	\$790.00	
11-Apr-07	12 Barr Hill Rd	442	84	Art	Cook	4207	Single Family Residence	\$180,000.00	\$1,226.90	09-May-07
17-Apr-07	8 Rocky Brook Dr	324	72	Mary	Gerken	4907	Outbuilding 12x20	\$4,000.00	\$30.00	30-Apr-07
17-Apr-07	138 Pond Brook Rd	508	96	Jan	Nettler	4607	Siding	\$0.00	\$30.00	30-Apr-07
30-Apr-07	8 Rocky Brook Dr	324	72	Mary	Gerken	6407	Deck 8x8/Door	\$4,500.00	\$30.00	30-Apr-07
30-Apr-07	73 County Rd	444	20	Kurt	Mengel	6507	Outbuilding Renovations	\$15,000.00	\$75.00	14-May-07
01-May-07	40 Sampson Rd	506	31	Chris	Saner	6807	Residence	\$0.00	\$50.00	09-May-07
07-May-07	236 Lake Shore Dr	L6	44	Tricia	Barrett	7407	Porch Addition 14x16	\$12,000.00	\$30.00	15-May-07
07-May-07	32 Russell Rd	H3	26	Franklin	Pero	7107	Demolition	\$0.00	\$30.00	07-May-07
09-May-07	24 Blandford Hill Rd	H5	40	Eileen	Narad	7707	Reroof	\$8,550.00	\$30.00	08-May-07
14-May-07	Lake			Camp	Norwich	M07-19	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	04-Jun-07
14-May-07	83 Goss Hill Rd	326	35C	Donna	LaStowski	8007	Siding/Replacement Windows	\$36,000.00	\$60.00	14-May-07
21-May-07	53 Searle Rd	508	57	Richard	Steward	9107	Addition 10x12	\$39,000.00	\$60.00	04-Jun-07
29-May-07	1 Allen Coit Rd	508	55	Caleb	Damon	9907	Demolish Shed 15x12	\$50.00	\$30.00	18-Jun-07
29-May-07	85 Goss Hill Rd	326	40A	William	Drost	9607	Single Family Residence	\$300,000.00	\$1,184.05	29-May-07
29-May-07	15 East Main St	H3	13	Gary	Ellinger	9807	Porch repairs/Chimney repairs	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	04-Jun-07
04-Jun-07	2 Laurel Rd	H1	14	Steve	Hamlin	10407	Outbuilding repairs	\$500.00	\$30.00	04-Jun-07
04-Jun-07	17 Lyman Rd	442	47	Brian	Wing	10307	Demo/Rebuild Kitchen 18x30	\$38,000.00	\$270.00	25-Jun-07
04-Jun-07	3 Harlow Clark Rd	444	23A	Sean	Ritter	10607	12x16	\$0.00	\$60.00	11-Jun-07
11-Jun-07	40 Sampson Rd	506	31	Chris	Saner	9207	found.permit#6807)	\$250,000.00	\$1,126.55	18-Jun-07
11-Jun-07	35 Old Chester Rd	253	13	Malcom	Henrichon	11207	Reroof	\$4,500.00	\$30.00	11-Jul-07
13-Jun-07	34 Harlow Clark Rd	446	25	Doug	Mackie	11307	Attached Garage/Mudroom	\$15,000.00	\$107.00	18-Jun-07
19-Jun-07	41 Basket St	N4	36	Deborah	Brown	11507	Above-ground Pool	\$200.00	\$30.00	03-Jul-07
20-Jun-07	17 Lyman Rd	442	47	Brian	Wing	12107	Above-ground Pool	\$0.00	\$30.00	06-Aug-07
25-Jun-07	2 Pine St	H2	66	Carolyn	Fuller	12307	Reroof	\$13,000.00	\$30.00	10-Jul-07
27-Jun-07	201 Norwich Lake	L5	4	Ted	Osborn	12907	Renovations	\$5,000.00	\$60.00	03-Jul-07
03-Jul-07	23 Old Chester Rd	H1	66	George	Meskevich	13507	Reroof Garage	\$4,000.00	\$30.00	17-Jul-07
03-Jul-07	263 Goss Hill Rd	330	2B	Jesse	Chamberlain	13407	Garage/Entry Addition	\$45,000.00	\$205.10	23-Jul-07
16-Jul-07	21 Montgomery Rd	N3	26	Clement	Pin	14907	Rebuild Porch Floor	\$5,000.00	\$30.00	16-Jul-07
23-Jul-07	35 Church Rd	442	37	Alicia	Hackerson	15907	Install Wood Stove/chimney	\$4,873.15	\$30.00	23-Jul-07
25-Jul-07	15 Allen Coit Rd			Ivy	McClafflin	M07-26	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00	30-Jul-07
06-Aug-07	45 Old Chester Rd	253	7	Becky	Tingen	17107	Single Family Residence	\$0.00	\$540.00	07-Aug-07

06-Aug-07	4 County Rd	444	2	Phyllis	Batchelder	17007	Replacement Windows	\$14,328.00	\$30.00	06-Aug-07
13-Aug-07	6 Blandford Rd	H5	34	Community	Corp\	17707	Renovations	\$181,162.00	\$625.25	04-Sep-07
20-Aug-07	7 Basket St	H2	15	Michael	Cassidy	16707	Shed Addition 10x20	\$900.00	\$30.00	
22-Aug-07	40 Allen Coit Rd			Miriam	Watkins	M07-30	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$0.00	
31-Aug-07	12 Littleville Rd			Regional	Schools	M07-29	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$80.00	
10-Sep-07	145 Norwich Lake	L5	14	Deborah	Daniels	19607	Residence 28x34	\$159,300.00	\$519.60	18-Sep-07
10-Sep-07	159 Pond Brook Rd	508	1	Kristen	Henrichon	19407	Vinyl Siding	\$10,174.00	\$30.00	18-Sep-07
18-Sep-07	153 Worthington Rd	324	92	Francis	Whitaker	20907	Pole Barn 24x40	\$7,250.00	\$48.00	26-Sep-07
25-Sep-07	6 Old Chester Rd	H1	65	Cathy	Hennessey	21407	Replace Shed	\$0.00	\$30.00	15-Oct-07
25-Sep-07	4 County Rd	444	2	Phyllis	Batchelder	21507	Replacement Window	\$1,102.00	\$30.00	25-Sep-07
01-Oct-07	79 Harlow Clark Rd	446	10	Miriam Jane	Beane	21907	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	01-Oct-07
01-Oct-07	4 Pine St	H2	67	Linda	Pignatare	22007	Reroof	\$8,000.00	\$30.00	15-Oct-07
01-Oct-07	32 Tucker Rd	506	3	John	Szafranski	22107	Install wood stove	\$1,500.00	\$30.00	09-Oct-07
09-Oct-07	127 Goss Hill Rd	326	56	John	Maynard	22607	Chimney/Wood stove	\$8,000.00	\$30.00	29-Oct-07
09-Oct-07	39 Allen Coit Rd	508	83-1	Jeff	Francis	22707	Shed 14x28	\$16,899.00	\$30.00	22-Oct-07
15-Oct-07	62 Searle Rd	440	24	Dennis	Robare	23407	Single Family Residence	\$250,000.00	\$1,804.26	22-Oct-07
15-Oct-07	7 Maple St	H2	31	Dale	Hawley	23107	Foundation Repair/Floor	\$4,300.00	\$30.00	22-Oct-07
29-Oct-07	9 Stanton Ave	H2	49	Kenneth	Gooch	24907	porches	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	05-Nov-07
05-Nov-07	12 Pond Brook Rd	442	78	Alan	Lussier	25907	Siding	\$17,300.00	\$30.00	05-Nov-07
05-Nov-07	7 Mill Street	H3	34	Town of	Huntington	25507	Change Roof on Shed	\$8,400.00	\$42.00	28-Nov-07
05-Nov-07	12 Lowell Ln	444	41	Mark	Moussette	25607	Deck	\$0.00	\$51.00	26-Nov-07
13-Nov-07	181 Goss Hill Rd	328	8	Scott	Tillinghast	26507	Install wood stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	26-Nov-07
15-Nov-07	200 Worthington Rd			Worthington	Road, Inc.	M07-40	Periodic Inspection (Ch. 304)	\$0.00	\$40.00	
15-Nov-07	4 Main St			4 Main Street	Bar & Grill	M07-41	Periodic Inspection (Ch. 304)	\$0.00	\$40.00	
20-Nov-07	90 County Rd	444	15	Kathleen	Emery	27307	Reroof (barn)	\$15,000.00	\$30.00	27-Nov-07
26-Nov-07	4 Harlow Clark Rd	444	88	Shirley	St. Peter	27807	Install Wood and Coal Stove	\$200.00	\$30.00	04-Dec-07
04-Dec-07	52 Littleville Rd			Gilbert	Gagnon	M07-50	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00	15-Jan-08
04-Dec-07	28 Worthington Rd	H2	104	Nancy Sue	Penn	28207	Basement entrance	\$26,000.00	\$130.00	04-Dec-07
04-Dec-07	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Ranch	28507	Dormitory	\$22,000.00	\$110.00	02-Jan-08
11-Dec-07	3 Pisgah Rd	508	39	Roxanne	Golec	28907	Renovations	\$20,000.00	\$168.75	11-Dec-07
11-Dec-07	1 Mountainview Dr	N3	9	Matthew	York	29007	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	07-Jan-08
14-Dec-07	15 Lowell Ln			Chris	Bruneau	M07-51	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00	14-Dec-07
20-Dec-07	63 Old Chester Rd			Pioneer Valley	God	M07-49	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00	04-Dec-07
24-Dec-07	3 Sampson Rd	444	106	Debra	Morse	29907	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00	09-Jan-08

## **VETERANS' AGENT**

We are at war presently and the amount of Veterans returning is multiplying rapidly as well as a tremendous amount of war Veterans under treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other battle injuries. The total amount of Veterans that have been killed is approaching 4000.

Our Veteran Department has been available to give immediate counseling and care.

Please call Bob Messier at (413) 527-6294 or (413) 323-5992.



# GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BLANDFORD – CHESTER – HUNTINGTON – MIDDLEFIELD  
MONTGOMERY – RUSSELL – WORTHINGTON

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Gateway Regional School District (*Main Number*): 685-1000  
Gateway Regional School District (*Fax Number*): 667-8739

Blandford Elementary School	685-1350
Chester Elementary School	685-1360
R. H. Conwell Elementary School	685-1370
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
Russell Elementary School	685-1380
Gateway Regional Middle School	685-1202
Gateway Regional High School	685-1103
High School Guidance Office	685-1107
Central Office	685-1010
Pupil Services	685-1017
Gateway Wellness Center	685-1040
School-Based Health Center	667-0142