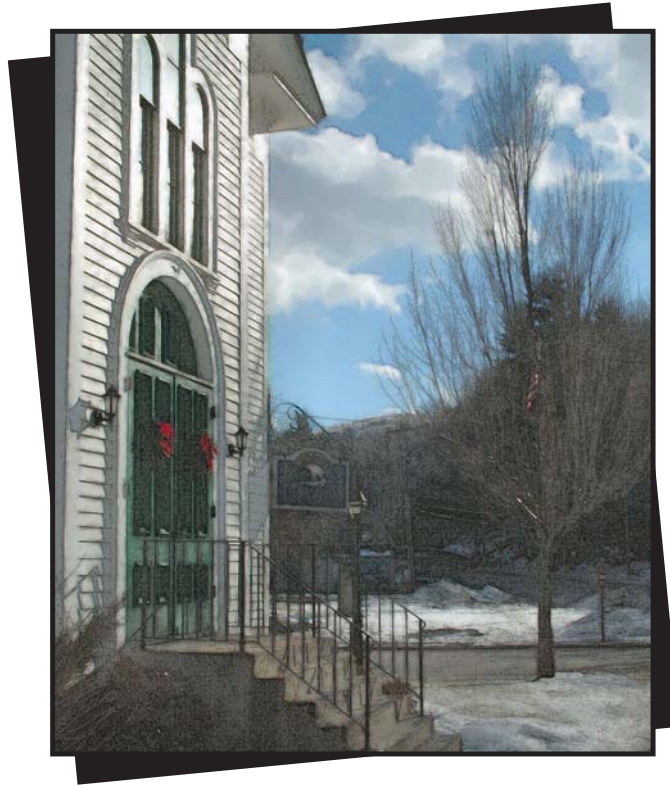


TOWN OF HUNTINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORT

2008

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STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855
Area: 26.90 square miles
Miles of Town Paved Road: 25.105
Miles of Town Dirt Road: 11.90
Miles of State Highway: 11.75
Population: 2218

U. S. Senators: Edward M. Kennedy
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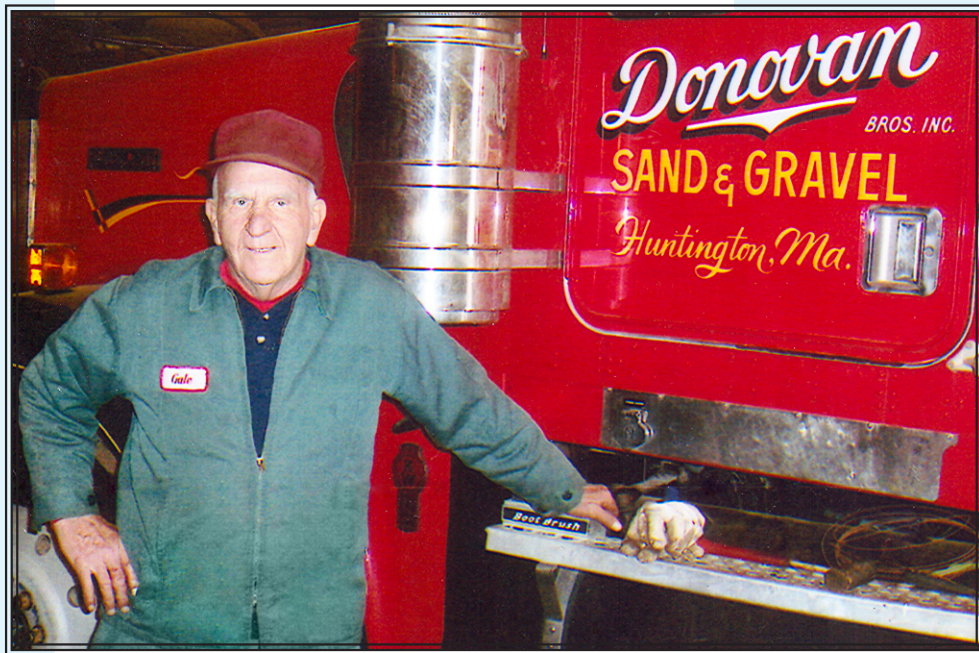
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DEDICATION



GAYLON R. DONOVAN

Gaylon Donovan started in business on Worthington Road with his brother in 1957 and by 1966 became sole owner of Donovan Bros. Inc. His business employs six to eight men and has evolved into three generations. Three sons work there as well as his 24-year old grandson. He has been on the Board of Public Weighers for as long as he has been in business 51 years.

One of 11 children, Gale was born in Washburn, ME into a very poor family. At a young age he made a vow that he would make something of himself in order to buy life's necessities. In 1941, the family moved to Worthington, MA. A few years later he married Ruby Beckwith of Presque Isle, ME and they had five children.

A humble man, Gale does things quietly, under the radar, and would prefer to keep it that way. Most people do not know what he has done for the Town or for the people in and around it. Over many years, he has made donations to just about every association, organization, society and group. He supports area churches, has donated the trucking of lumber for the nativity scene every year, sponsored a Little League Baseball team for several years, given to area schools, playgrounds, cemeteries and the ambulance. His generosity extends beyond town lines. Never forgetting where he came from, he has been known to deliver food to those in need and has financially helped families in crisis.

Throughout his business years, he has seen ten Highway Superintendents come and go. However, his support, aid and assistance are extended to each of them. If the Town needs a tire, a rim, nuts bolts, the use of special tools or small equipment, a tow, or the up righting of a truck, they know where to go and who to ask. The Town Treasurer has yet to receive a bill. If the Town needed sand in the middle of the night or on a weekend, they knew where things were (Gale told them) and would load up their trucks. The next day they would stop at his plant and let him know. Whatever they need, wherever they needed it ... including his shirt ... Gale has always been there.

People ask for his advice and opinion on heavy equipment, materials, or general business. His approach to life consists of much common sense and a great sense of humor. His loyalty and honesty have made his business a success. It is said that making a deal with Gale on a handshake is as good as any legal document. Although he could have retired seventeen years ago, he continues to work a ten-hour day. Some days his grandson has a difficult time keeping up with him!

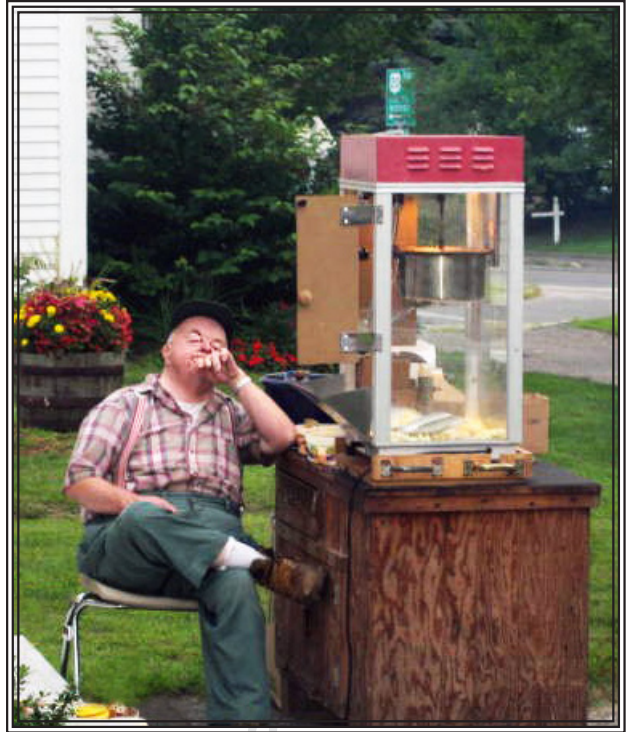
After moving south, a former Town resident wrote to Gale: "The plant was a daily part of my life, even though I never worked there. Driving by, when the plant was running I felt secure knowing you were around, men were working and this little part of God's world seemed O.K."

It is with much appreciation and gratitude that we dedicate this year's Town Report to Gale. Thank you for all you have done for our Town and, we know, all that you will continue to do.

IN MEMORIAM



ROLLAND BERNIER
1937 - 2008



ROBERT (R.A.) SMITH
1932 - 2008

We note the passing in 2008 of two men whose service to the Town of Huntington was immeasurable.

Rolland Bernier's involvement in Town Government and community service work can be traced back to at least 1974. Rolland had a strong sense of duty and was always willing to lend a hand. Some of the many hats Rolland wore throughout the years were: Water and Sewer Commissioner, Selectman, Highway Chief, Planning Board Member, Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff. He served on the Bi-Centennial Committee, Fireworks Committee, was a long-time Lions' Club member, and helped out with the live Nativity scene at Christmas. Many will remember Rolland selling ice cream at The Hut on those warm days (which he owned for 30 years); and his annual plant stand, which he manned with Rose, his devoted wife of 49 years. Rose jokes that she had to make an appointment to see Rolland because of his busy schedule. He truly had a kind and generous spirit. We will miss Rolland and his plant stand this year.

R.A. Smith had a larger than life personality. One always knew when R.A. was in Town Hall - his distinct voice would carry up and down the hallway. R.A. was very active in the Community Events and Fireworks Committees, and never missed helping with the flags for Memorial Day. He too was a former Selectman, as well as firefighter, EMT, Trustee of the Norwich Bridge Cemetery, 50-year Lion's Club member and long-time Grange member. He was instrumental in establishing what is now known as the Hilltown Community Ambulance. The Christmas crèche was R. A's pride and joy. He cut poles for the roof himself, while others helped out with building the crèche and donating the donkey and sheep. We also remember him selling light bulbs and brooms door-to-door for the Lions years back. Most recently, R. A. could be found with his popcorn machine at many community functions.

Both men were not fully appreciated when they were with us. They are local treasures and will be sorely missed.

IN MEMORIAM



PHYLLIS KELSO

1932 - 2009

At the time of this publication, we were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of long-time resident, Town supporter and volunteer, Phyllis Kelso.

Over the years, Phyllis served on the Selectboard, Finance Committee and Historical Commission. She was also Town Moderator, member of the Gateway Regional School Committee and, most recently, was on the Zoning Board of Appeals. She was an invaluable resource to the Selectboard and to the entire Town. Her insights were highly regarded and thoughtfully articulated, and demonstrated firm and steady leadership. We know that Phyllis would not want to be singled out, but we cannot let her years of dedication to the Town go without notice and public thanks. We are all better served by her having participated in our Town Government.

Phyllis was a watchdog on behalf of Huntington. By those whom she perceived were not acting in the Town's best interest, she was thought of as assertive, quarrelsome, irritating and combative. By those who worked with her for the benefit of the Town, she was thought of as frisky, exuberant, ingratiating, self-assured, confident, intelligent, forceful, energetic and above all, concerned.

Phyllis felt strongly that citizens should give something back to their community: "Everybody should do something for their community. There are things besides public office you can do that make a difference."

To one who has given so much back to our community we, in turn, give back to Phyllis this small measure of acknowledgement and respect. Phyllis passed on recently and will be missed, but as long as there are those who dedicate themselves and volunteer their service on behalf of the Town, her legacy will live on. To all the volunteers who serve, have served and will serve Huntington, including and especially Phyllis Kelso, we extend our sincerest thanks.

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	Charles Dazelle, Chair	2011
Robert Heath	2010	Paul Hurley	2009
Ernest Smith	2011	Denise Keay (<i>appointed</i>)	2009
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Pamela Donovan-Hall	2009	Robert Austin	2010
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<i>Town Collector:</i>		Sharon Jones	2011
Anne Marie Knox	2010		
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Anne Marie Knox	2009	Robert Austin	2011
		Wendy Long	2010
		Karen Wittshirk	2009
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Linda Hamlin	2011	Walter Wittshirk	2009
Robert Heath	2009		
Neil Wheeler	2010		
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
Marge Craven, Chair	2009	Lois Smith (<i>appointed</i>)	2009
Diane LaFond	2011		
VACANCY	2010	<i>Moderator:</i>	
		Tom Gralinski	2009
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Roland Damon	2009	Judith Guyette	2011
Linda Ray	2010	Sue Fopiano (<i>appointed</i>)	2009
VACANCY	2011	Karen Wittshirk	2009
		<i>Constables:</i>	
		Charles Dazelle	2009
		Earl G. Heath	2010
		Tim Doherty (<i>appointed</i>)	2009

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (3-Year):

Richard Buley 2011

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

Robert Heath 2012

Admin. Assistant (Yearly):

Helen Speckels 2010

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2010

John Knox 2012

Bonnie McKinney 2010

Gerald Manley 2012

Janet Mollison 2012

Gordon Richardson 2012

Lorraine Wickland 2010

Building Inspector (Yearly):

Paul Tacy 2010

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2011

Richard Buley 2011

Steve Hamlin 2011

Eric Jensen 2011

VACANCY 2011

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2011

Bonnie Kubacki 2011

John Knox 2011

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2011

Ken Rachmaciej 2011

VACANCY 2011

VACANCY 2011

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VACANCY 2011

Conservation Commission (3-Year):

Helena Alves 2011

Kate Emery 2012

Mary Gerken 2011

Ross Hackerson 2011

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2010

Erik Steins 2010

Michael Vorwerk 2010

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Joan Astaferrero 2010

Ella Balchunas 2010

Priscilla Bishop, Ch. 2012

May Diemer 2012

Ruth LePage 2010

May Parker 2010

Jean Rude 2012

Winifred Smith, Ch. 2010

Betty Waite 2010

Crossing Guards (Yearly):

Kathleen Thomas 2010

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Robert Austin 2011

Ella Balchunas 2011

Jane Beane 2012

Jack Eisenstadt 2012

Susan Kallerges 2011

Linda Siska 2011

Lynn Winsor, Ch. 2012

Election Workers (3-Year):

Ella Balchunas	2011
Rose Bernier	2011
Priscilla Bishop	2011
Sue Boistelle	2011
Lori Cady	2011
Alyce Cinelli	2011
Louis C. Cinelli	2011
Debra Dame	2011
Michelle Graton	2011
Linda Hamlin	2011
Steve Hamlin	2011
Louise Hurley	2011
Paul Hurley	2011
Sharon Jones	2011
Kenneth Jordan	2011
Alma LaFrance	2011
Jan Nettler	2011
Maggie Rybczyk	2011
Judith Senecal	2011
Rita Sheets	2011
Scott Tillinghast	2011

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Palazzi	2010
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Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

VACANCY	2010
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Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Melissa Nazzaro	2011
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Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2011
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Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Rodney LaFond	2011
Wayne McKinney	2011
VACANCY	2011

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Kirk Birrell	2011
Sue Fopiano, Ch.	2011
Eric Jensen	2011
Stewart Jones	2011
Tim Reid	2011
Erik Steins	2011
VACANCY	2011

Fire Chief (Yearly):

Gary Dahill	2010
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FRTA Coordinator (3-Year)

Aimee Burnham	2012
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FRTA Representative (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2012
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Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2010
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Hampshire County Recycling (3-Year):

Marge Craven	2011
Diane LaFond	2011

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Robert Garriepy	2011
Wayne McKinney	2011
Melissa Nazzaro	2011

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):

Wayne McKinney	2010
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Historical Commission (3-Year):

David Norton	2011
Grace Wheeler	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2011

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):

Richard Buley	2011
Todd Michon	2011
Ken Rachmaciej	2011
Ernie Smith	2011
VACANCY	2011

Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):

Steve Hamlin	2011
Jeff Penn	2011

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2010
Melissa Nazzaro	2010

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

Sonny LaFond	2011
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Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois	2011
Lori Belhumeur	2011
Toby Quirk	2011

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Helena Alves, Ch.	2011
Darlene Horne	2011
Jackie Kimsey	2012
David Pardoe	2012
Ruth Pardoe	2010
VACANCY	2011

Open Space Committee (3-Year):

Kathryn Darrow	2011
Jeffrey Penn	2011
Linda Siska	2011
Erik Steins	2011
Jeff Wyand	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

Outreach Worker (Yearly)

VACANCY	2011
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P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):

Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2011
Scott Tillinghast	2011

Planning Board (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois	2011
Linda Hamlin	2012
Earl Heath	2010
Scott Tillinghast	2012
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2010

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2010
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Police Chief (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2010
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Police Officers (Yearly):

Michael Girard	2009
Aaren Hawley	2009
William Kaleta	2009
Todd Michon	2009
VACANCY	2009

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Ernie Smith	2011
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Public Weigher (3-Year):

Gaylon Donovan	2011
Michael Donovan	2011
Matt Donovan	2011

RACES (Radio Amateur Communication

Emergency Services) (3 Year):

Stephen Luchini	2012
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Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Vicki Mayhew	2011
Mary Niedzelski	2011
Michelle Oliveira, Ch.	2011
Melinda Slowey	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2010
Susan McIntosh	2010
Jeffrey Penn	2010

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

P. Donovan-Hall, Ch.	<i>Indefinite</i>
Suzanne Kellam	2011
Helen Speckels	2011

Retirement Employees Ins.Com.(Yearly):

Steve Hamlin	2009
Bob Heath	2009
Debbie Kuhn	2009
Susan McIntosh	2009
Margaret Nareau	2009
Ken Rachmaciej	2009
VACANCY	2009

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2011
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Stanton Hall Committee (3-Year):

Helen Speckels	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

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

Walter Wittshirk	2011
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Town Counsel (Yearly):

Kopelman & Paige	<i>Indefinite</i>
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Veterans' Agent (3-Year):

Robert Messier	2011
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Westfield River Watershed (5-Year):

Waino Tuominen	2011
VACANCY	2011

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):

Jeff Penn	2012
Karen Vorwerk, Alt.	2012

Zoning Board (3-Year):

Don Bartley	2011
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2012
Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2011
George Webb, Ch.	2012
VACANCY	2012
VACANCY	2012

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly)

Paul Tacy	2010
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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Department Telephone List and Schedule

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

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

Board of Health: Meets every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Hours: Wednesday evenings - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511
Title V Agent available by telephone - (413) 562-7286
Dump stickers may be obtained Wednesday evenings in the Board of Health office between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.,
or during regular hours at the Selectboard Office.
"H" bags may be purchased at B & D Variety or Moltenbrey's Market
Large bags (55 gal.) are \$3.00; small bags (30 gal.) are \$2.00.

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

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

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

Council on Aging Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall.
Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine available)

Electrical Inspector: Brian Palazzi
Telephone: (413) 348-9307 or (413) 667-0295
Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.

Fire Department: Gary Dahill, Fire Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency) Emergency: Dial 911
Fax: (413) 667-0133

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

Highway Department: Wayne McKinney, Highway Superintendent
Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3507

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

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

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

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

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

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

Town Clerk: Pamela Donovan-Hall
Telephone: (413) 667-3186 huntingtonclerk@comcast.net
Hours: Monday 9:00 - Noon, 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00 - 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

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

Veterans' Agent: Robert Messier
Telephone: (413) 323-5992 or (413) 265-4473

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

Thomas J. Scanlon & Associates

Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Huntington, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2008, on our consideration of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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

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

THOMAS J. SCANLON,
Certified Public Accountant

South Deerfield, Massachusetts
November 18, 2008

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 741,665	\$ 413,147	\$ 130,560	\$ 54,463	\$ 125,736	\$ 1,465,571
Investments	181,756	434,135	-	-	44,812	660,703
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	127,706	-	-	-	-	127,706
User Charges	-	-	27,068	31,841	-	58,909
Tax Liens	24,288	-	-	-	-	24,288
Excise Taxes	39,042	-	-	-	-	39,042
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	-	94,101	94,101
Total Assets	\$ 1,114,457	\$ 847,282	\$ 157,628	\$ 86,304	\$ 264,649	\$ 2,470,320

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	\$ 57,541	\$ -	\$ 2,651	\$ 1,246	\$ 745	\$ 62,183
Accrued Payroll	18,712	-	482	1,118	387	20,699
Employee Withholdings	530	-	-	-	-	530
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	102,806	-	-	-	-	102,806
Other	63,330	-	27,068	31,841	79,920	202,159
Total Liabilities	242,919	-	30,201	34,205	81,052	388,377

Fund Balance:

Reserved For:						
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	133,055	-	-	-	-	133,055
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	150,000	-	-	-	-	150,000
Undesignated, reported in:						
General Fund	588,483	-	-	-	-	588,483
Special Revenue	-	847,282	127,427	52,099	180,534	1,207,342
Permanent Funds	-	-	-	-	3,063	3,063
Total Fund Balance	871,538	847,282	127,427	52,099	183,597	2,081,943
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,114,457	\$ 847,282	\$ 157,628	\$ 86,304	\$ 264,649	\$ 2,470,320

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

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 2,517,370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,517,370
State Receipts	618,024	-	-	-	-	618,024
Excise and Other Taxes	292,784	-	-	-	-	292,784
User Charges	-	-	105,625	98,438	-	204,063
Licenses, Permits, Fees	104,636	-	-	-	-	104,636
Interest on Taxes	21,555	-	2,143	552	-	24,250
Interest on Investments	41,599	34,130	-	-	1,337	77,066
Grants and Fees	-	-	-	-	662,105	662,105
Total Revenues	3,595,968	34,130	107,768	98,990	663,442	4,500,298
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	264,635	-	-	-	1,092	265,727
Public Safety	196,564	-	-	-	40,846	237,410
Public Works	446,494	-	-	-	280,602	727,096
Water and Sewer	-	-	103,134	147,678	-	250,812
Education	2,531,753	-	-	-	-	2,531,753
Health and Human Services	41,185	-	-	-	216,552	257,737
Culture and Recreation	82,161	-	-	-	6,832	88,993
Employee Benefits and Insurance	164,572	-	-	-	-	164,572
State Assessments	9,611	-	-	-	-	9,611
Debt Service:						
Principal	85,000	-	-	-	-	85,000
Interest	11,729	-	-	-	-	11,729
Total Expenditures	3,833,704	-	103,134	147,678	545,924	4,630,440
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(237,736)	34,130	4,634	(48,688)	117,518	(130,142)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	275,869	201,830	-	-	-	477,699
Operating Transfers Out	(201,830)	(203,765)	(15,000)	-	(57,104)	(477,699)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	74,039	(1,935)	(15,000)	-	(57,104)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(163,697)	32,195	(10,366)	(48,688)	60,414	(130,142)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	1,035,235	815,087	137,793	100,787	123,183	2,212,085
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 871,538	\$ 847,282	\$ 127,427	\$ 52,099	\$ 183,597	\$ 2,081,943

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**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Carried	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget	Basis	Forward	Positive
				to Next Year	(Negative)
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 2,546,944	\$ 2,546,944	\$ 2,511,495	\$ -	\$ (35,449)
State Receipts	614,763	614,763	618,024	-	3,261
Excise and Other Taxes	207,500	207,500	292,784	-	85,284
Licenses, Permits, Fees	82,000	82,000	104,636	-	22,636
Interest on Taxes	25,000	25,000	21,555	-	(3,445)
Interest on Investments	45,000	45,000	41,599	-	(3,401)
Total Revenues	3,521,207	3,521,207	3,590,093	-	68,886
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	331,408	362,966	264,635	74,758	23,573
Public Safety	193,018	204,074	196,564	2,171	5,339
Public Works	445,192	501,444	446,494	30,601	24,349
Education	2,478,158	2,561,491	2,531,753	-	29,738
Health and Human Services	23,313	44,129	41,185	300	2,644
Culture and Recreation	83,237	87,129	82,161	225	4,743
Employee Benefits and Insurance	165,490	165,924	164,572	-	1,352
State Assessments	7,604	9,611	9,611	-	-
Debt Service:					
Principal	50,000	110,250	85,000	25,000	250
Interest	3,599	11,732	11,729	-	3
Total Expenditures	3,781,019	4,058,750	3,833,704	133,055	91,991
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(259,812)	(537,543)	(243,611)	(133,055)	160,877
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	83,333	16,935	74,039	-	57,104
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	83,333	16,935	74,039	-	57,104
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(176,479)	(520,608)	(169,572)	(133,055)	217,981
Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,016,210	1,016,210	1,016,210	-	-
Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 839,731	\$ 495,602	\$ 846,638	\$ (133,055)	\$ 217,981

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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Fund Balances July 1, 2007	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2008
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Arts Lottery Council Grants	\$ 2,134	\$ 4,133	\$ 3,550	\$ -	\$ 2,717
Conservation Grants	2	-	-	-	2
Council on Aging Grants	1,185	3,300	3,350	-	1,135
Emergency Management Grants	18,048	57,104	-	(57,104)	18,048
Housing Support Development Grant	-	181,958	181,958	-	-
Highway Grants	-	280,601	280,601	-	-
Library Grants	(1,283)	60,741	3,282	-	56,176
Public Safety Grants	7,565	16,838	15,572	-	8,831
Well Head Protection Grants	768	-	-	-	768
Other:					
Agriculture Committee Revolving	-	20	-	-	20
Collector Fees	5,722	6,335	6,723	-	5,334
Community Development Loans Income Reuse	29,279	1,313	25	-	30,567
Conservation Wetlands Fees	2,873	298	68	-	3,103
Council on Aging Transportation	32,996	28,579	28,055	-	33,520
Deputy Collector Fees	(5)	6,376	6,371	-	-
GIS Mapping	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Murrayfield Old Tank	4,144	-	-	-	4,144
Police Extra Duty	1,390	11,441	10,887	-	1,944
Recycling Grant	866	-	-	-	866
Sara Gillette Services Council on Aging	1,038	2,579	3,188	-	429
Recreation Fund	108	-	-	-	108
Town Clerk Fees	180	1,313	1,294	-	199
Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Funds	1,251	-	-	-	1,251
Conservation Fund	10,075	452	-	-	10,527
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	845	-	-	-	845
Total Special Revenue Funds	120,181	663,381	545,924	(57,104)	180,534
Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,002	61	-	-	3,063
Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ 123,183	\$ 663,442	\$ 545,924	\$ (57,104)	\$ 183,597

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2007	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2008	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2008
Real Estate Taxes:						
Levy of 2008	\$ -	\$ 2,522,621	\$ 30,255	\$ 2,387,016	\$ 105,350	\$ 105,347
Levy of 2007	88,504	-	9,136	59,268	20,100	20,555
Levy of 2006	19,268	-	2,069	17,199	-	-
Levy of 2005	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	107,772	2,522,621	41,460	2,463,483	125,450	125,902

Personal Property Taxes:

Levy of 2008	-	42,073	108	39,626	2,339	2,339
Levy of 2007	582	-	66	445	71	71
Levy of 2006	94	-	-	23	71	71
Levy of 2005	26	-	-	26	-	-
Prior Years	2,929	-	-	2,929	-	-
	3,631	42,073	174	43,049	2,481	2,481

**Total Real Estate and
Personal Property Taxes**

\$ 111,403	\$ 2,564,694	\$ 41,634	\$ 2,506,532	\$ 127,931	\$ 128,383
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**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2007	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2008	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2008
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 2008	\$ -	\$ 215,381	\$ 15,097	\$ 172,563	\$ 27,721	\$ 27,721
Levy of 2007	19,299	49,829	5,636	58,330	5,162	5,162
Levy of 2006	6,058	26,850	2,475	28,016	2,417	2,417
Levy of 2005	3,421	5,269	229	6,303	2,158	2,158
Levy of 2004	2,262	-	-	505	1,757	1,757
Prior Years	6,432	-	1,501	704	4,227	4,360
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 37,472	\$ 297,329	\$ 24,938	\$ 266,421	\$ 43,442	\$ 43,575

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Annual Town Meeting Date: Our attempts to change the date of our Annual Town Meeting to the first Monday in June have been approved by the State Legislature and has been passed at Annual Town Meeting. Henceforth our Annual Town Meeting is now scheduled for the first Monday in June.

Lyman Road Cell Tower: Hearings were held in September for the approval of an addition to an existing tower on Lyman Road. AT&T Mobility was granted permission to add antennas to this tower.

Wood Chipper: A 9" Carlton wood chipper was purchased for the Highway Department in September.

Town Infrastructure Improvements:

1. **Gazebo Repairs:** The electrical system for the gazebo on the Town Common was upgraded.
2. **Library:** A pole light was added to the rear of the Library to illuminate the rear parking lot.
3. **Hamblin Court Roof:** Through a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the roof shingles on Hamblin Court were replaced.
4. **War Memorial Lighting:** Through the generosity of Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, solar lighting was installed at the War Memorial at the base of the Cross Memorial Bridge. In conjunction with the lighting, new flags were purchased by the Town of Huntington and will be raised in a ceremony on Memorial Day.
5. **Cross Memorial Bridge:** Massachusetts Highway has informed the Town of Huntington that several million dollars in repairs will be made to the Cross Memorial Bridge, hopefully beginning in 2009.
6. **Route 20:** This road is also slated for improvement in 2009 including, resurfacing, sidewalks and drainage.
7. **Stanton Hall:** Through the efforts of Aimee Burnham and Jeff Penn a \$51,000 grant was awarded by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for repairs slated to the Stanton Hall Steeple. Ultimately, we decided to forgo this grant and fund the project through Town funds. The reason for this was that there were too many restrictions placed by Mass. Historical on the Town with stringent deadlines.
8. **Main Street Project:** If you have been on Main Street you will have noticed that the trees are gone. They were damaging the sidewalks and getting into the sewer line. This is part of an overall project where we hope to reconfigure the curbs, to make snow removal easier for the Highway Department, and add some parking spaces. We also plan to repave Main and Federal Streets when the Route 20 state repaving project is completed.

Street Lighting: The Town has hired Municipal Energy Consulting Group to act on our behalf concerning the billing for street lights in Town. This is merely a study to determine if the Town has been billed properly over the years by WMECO. The fee for this service is 25% of any monies recovered in the event of overbilling.

SELECTBOARD (continued):

Surplus Land: The Town, with the approval of Town Meeting, is in the process of selling two parcels of surplus land. At this writing, we have published an RFP, received a bid and have awarded the winning bid to the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife. When the process is complete, the Town will realize the sum of \$104,840.00 from this sale.

In summation, it has been another busy year and it isn't over yet, as we face a very challenging 2010 budget process. It will be very difficult trying to present a balanced budget this year.

Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to all Town board members, Town employees and the many volunteers who give of their time freely and without whom we could not complete our business. A big THANK YOU to all of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Heath, Chair
Aimee Burnham-Renauld
Ernie Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

The Town Moderator recommends committee members for appointment on an annual basis. The committee members for the 2009 fiscal year were:

Sue Fopiano – Chair	Stewart Jones
Eric Jensen – Vice Chair	Tim Reid
Kirk Birrell – Secretary	Erik Steins

The Finance Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except during the budget season, when the Committee meets more frequently with other Town departments, boards, committees, and the Selectboard to discuss and establish the annual Town budget.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT

The Finance Committee serves as an advisory board to the Town of Huntington. Responsibilities of the Committee include budget development, monitoring of expenditures over the fiscal year and occasional meetings with Town personnel to advise and ensure that there are no budgetary overruns. The Finance Committee members are also trustees for the Stanton Hall fund, ensuring expenditures out of the fund are used expressly for the upkeep and care of the Hall.

The Committee is in continuous communication with the Selectboard discussing and projecting potential fiscal shortfalls while working to develop better controls on finances to ensure that tax revenues of the Town residents are well handled and spent appropriately.

Our goal as a Committee is to provide the best possible solution to the Town of Huntington's fiscal matters in a balanced budget that results in the lowest possible burden to its residents. This goal is monumental, especially given today's damaged fiscal environment.

While we review the impact of this recession with Town services, we work diligently to balance the needs of the Town with that of the school system's demands.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Fopiano, Chair

TOWN MODERATOR

As has been the case for the last few years, I have struggled to find willing voters to fill the seven positions on the Finance Committee. I would like to thank the dedicated and brave folks who have contributed their time and talents to oversee our spending and bring to you a proposed budget for the coming year. I encourage you to listen to them carefully. They have talked to folks in most every Town department, studied the needs of the departments, compared our spending to similar departments in like communities, and made informed recommendations in the budget they will bring to Annual Town Meeting.

These are difficult times and people find it hard to tell their neighbors and friends that we need to cut back, improve efficiency and live within our means. The Town of Huntington has not lived within its levy limit for a number of years. We have gotten into a pattern of voting for services we want without considering what we can afford.

We will soon face a fiscal crisis at the local level unless we learn to live within our means. Unfortunately, that means either raising taxes (with a Proposition 2-1/2 override) or cutting services. We have shown a willingness on Town Meeting floor to vote for articles depending on a successful override vote only to shoot down the override part at the ballot box. We then need to cover the missing monies from free cash or stabilization – our savings. We have depleted our savings by about one-third in the past three years. This should not continue.

During the past year, I attended the Massachusetts Moderators' annual fall meeting and organized two hours of workshops for ~~seasoned~~ "Moderators. In addition, I attended the spring Western Mass. Regional Moderators' Meeting and contributed ideas and articles to the newsletter for the association. This association helps Moderators by offering education and training, technical support and guidance throughout the year with a ~~members only list~~" serve and discussion group, as well as newsletters.

After about ten years of service as Town Moderator, I have decided not to seek re-election this spring. I want to especially thank the citizens who have accepted committee appointments during my time as Moderator, and my wife Ginny, who has put up with years of disruption and distraction. I have been grateful for your support, encouragement and patience.

On one level, I have really stressed out over Annual Town Meeting but, at the same time, I love to hear the open, respectful dialogue we have as we generate our budgets, create or update our Zoning and General By-Laws. ATM is a place where every vote counts and everyone can have their say, it can be democracy at its finest. I encourage you all to attend because this is the place where your taxes are spent and the rules of the Town are generated.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gralinski

TOWN CLERK

There was much activity this year with five elections and four town meetings, plus the usual month-to-month duties.

The Election Workers continue to do a terrific job in assuring a smooth-running event.

The resignation of Harry Bishop, my Main Election Clerk, was accepted with regret. For many years Harry devoted much time and effort into each election. Sue Boistelle was appointed to that position. With her experience as Second Election Clerk, she easily took on the added responsibilities and scheduling. Her position was filled by Scott Tillinghast. It didn't take him long to learn the ropes and settle right in. Thank you Sue and Scott. I would also like to thank Bing Cinelli and Paul Hurley for their willingness to set-up, take down, and wrestle with the voting machine. If I need to have anything done before, during or after an election I know I can make a quick call to either of them and my problem will be solved. The rest of the Election Workers, previously listed under "Appointed Officers and Committees", deserve to be recognized for their outstanding work, friendliness, and loyalty. Of course, I cannot leave out our trusted and dependable Constable, Cricket Heath. He is always willing to work a 15-18 hour day and do what he can to help out. Thank you Cricket.

The number of Registered Voters hit an all-time high with 1143 listed for the November Presidential Election. Because of the traffic flow, Bruce Boistelle and Alice Richardson were hired as "Greeters" for each shift. This kept the lines moving and with Alice, many Voters gave or got a free hug! As we needed many more people to help count at the end of the poll closing, we sent out an S.O.S. Everyone was so willing to help! We appreciate and thank the following: Sue McIntosh, Jan Nettler, Kathy Thomas, Jean Marcil, Jody Schmider, Debbie Page, Donna Rachmaciej, Tracey Kellam-Masloski, Tania & Jack Eisenstat, Diana James, Nancy Petrucci, Kristin McCormick, and Peri Sossaman.

I would like to remind organizations/associations that hold Raffles/Bazaars to apply for their permit at least **30 days before the drawing**. This is State Law. Please don't wait until a week or two before the event to ask for the application! There is much paper work that has to be done for the State and the permit has to be approved and signed by the Town Clerk, as well as the Chief of Police. It would be a shame for an event to be postponed due to the lack of time in processing the permit.

A Business Certificate (also called a DBA) must be filed with the Town for anyone conducting a business under any name other than their full name. This does not apply to an incorporated business, unless it is conducting business under another name or title. The certificate is renewable every four years. If a business is being conducted without a DBA and the Attorney General's Office becomes involved, they impose an automatic \$300 fine!

TOWN CLERK (continues):

Issued this year were the following:

15	Business Certificates (6 renewals and 9 new)
3	Flammable Storage Permits
354	Dog Licenses
2	Kennel Licenses

Hunting and Fishing Licenses continue to be sold. They can also be purchased on line at MassWildlife.org. This year 27 Fishing, 5 Hunting, and 33 Sporting Licenses were sold, as well as 5 Archery Stamps, 10 Primitive Stamps, and 2 Waterfowl Stamps.

Please return your Annual Census forms. You must **read**, correct, and sign them. The form lists your Voting Status and Party Affiliation. By returning them annually, you remain an Active Voter, no other line to go to before being given your ballot. It is surprising how many people show up to vote that are not registered. Voting could be a very smooth process, if the census forms were given attention.

In November my Assistant, Sherry Jones, had to resign due to increased demands from her regular job. She will remain an Election Worker.

My hours are Mondays 9:00 a.m. - noon and the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., and by appointment. I can be reached at 667-3186 and my email address is: Huntingtonclerk@comcast.net.

The Vital Records and the rest of my report follows.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall

TOWN CLERK

Vital Records 2008

BIRTHS:

March 11	Grace Campbell Renauld Daughter of Edward J. Renauld, Jr. & nee Aimee E. Burnham
March 20	Elizabeth Ann Kadzik Daughter of Jeremie E. Kadzik & nee Christina M. Valyou
April 7	Andrew William Lord Son of Lucas W. Lord & nee Alicia A. Henrichon
April 29	Rodney Alton Grover Son of Kiley G. Grover & nee Tammy J. St. Peter
May 16	Justin Dinglasa Rucki Son of Russell J. Rucki & nee Janet Dinglasa
July 2	Dominic John Nazzaro Son of Dennis E. Nazzaro & nee Melissa A. Singer
July 3	Lily Katharine Peloquin Daughter of Norman H. Peloquin & nee Elizabeth L. Sprenkle
July 16	Alexandra Grace Henrichon Daughter of Christopher J. Henrichon & nee Kristen Procopio
July 29	Rylan Ann McCaul Daughter of Andrew B. McCaul & nee Melissa A. Albano
August 5	Faith Alison Bennett Daughter of Seth A. Bennett & nee Rebecca L. Raymond
August 24	Ashley Lynn Tacke Daughter of Andrew J. Tacke & nee Carla L. Turner
August 26	Erica Katherine Madru Daughter of Joseph E. Madru & nee Hope E. Reed
August 26	Elizabeth Ann Robare Daughter of Dennis M. Robare & nee Ruth A. Schwab
August 28	Isabelle Maya Couture Dean T. Couture & nee Katherine Satterfield

BIRTHS 2008 (continued)

- September 20 Egan Olinto Menedez
Son of Miguel O. Menendez & nee Bonnie J. Greenwood
- November 5 Zachary Xavier Hess
Son of Louis G. Hess & nee Tricia S. Sugrue

MARRIAGES:

- January 5 Jason Matthew Smith & Jennifer Louise Orzolek @ Huntington.
- June 7 Jeffrey Michael Moreau & Patricia Ann Timko @ Worthington.
- June 7 Dustin Sheldon Kellogg & Jessica Claire Wright @ Agawam.
- July 1 Donald Raymond Wright & Susan Elizabeth Pease @ Middlefield.
- July 19 Shawn Michael Falls & Jeanne Mercier @ Westhampton.
- August 2 Eric Christopher Meehan & Melinda Ann Williams @ Huntington.
- October 4 Steven Walter Arel & Michele Marie Smith @ Westfield.
- October 10 Justin Lee Monfette & Rachel Marie Jones @ Huntington.

DEATHS:

- January 7 Dorothy Ann Manley, age 88, widow of Richard Manley.
- February 7 Barbara Ellen Luchini, age 55, wife of Stephen Luchini.
- March 17 Carol Robert Layman, age 72, husband of Lorraine Layman.
- March 19 Margaret R. Lionarkis, age 85, wife of Emanuel Lionarkis.
- May 17 Beverly Sliwa, age 72, wife of Ronald J. Sliwa.
- May 24 Robert A. Smith, age 76.
- May 29 Alan Stewart Waite, age 78, husband of Elizabeth Waite.
- June 18 Ruth Ellen Damon, age 77, wife of Roland Damon.

DEATHS (continued)

June 27 Donald P. Lamoureux, age 74, husband of Sharon Lamoureux.

July 4 Roger Robert Trudeau, age 51.

July 22 Robert Avery, age 77, husband of Lucille Avery.

July 31 Rolland Lionel Bernier, age 70, husband of Rose Bernier.

August 23 Florys Pauline Smith, age 95, widow of Stanley Smith.

September 21 Viola Elizabeth Clark, age 87, widow of Leon Clark.

October 4 Marilyn Rose Knox, age 83, wife of Almon Knox.

December 13 Donald W. Kibe, Sr. age 57, husband of Julie Kibe.

December 15 Arnold J. Estelle, age 87, husband of Geraldine Estelle.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

PRESIDENT

John Edwards	5	John McCain	71
Hillary Clinton	175	Fred Thompson	0
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	0	Tom Tancredo	0
Christopher J. Dodd	1	Duncan Hunter	0
Mike Gravel	0	Mike Huckabee	14
Barack Obama	138	Mitt Romney	61
Dennis J. Kucinich	1	Ron Paul	8
Bill Richardson	1	Rudy Giuliani	2
Blank	2	Blank	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Peter G. Arlos	95	Blank	157
Matt L. Barron	180		
Blank	48		

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Margaret Johnson Ware	261	Blank	157
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TOWN COMMITTEE

Robert Heath	5	Blank	157
Peri Sossaman	5		
Joseph Dart	7		
Kathryn Darrow	7		
Peter Delmasto	8		
Barbara Paulson	11		
David Pardoe	16		
Susan McIntosh	17		
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**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

GREEN-RAINBOW

PRESIDENT

Jared Ball	0
Ralph Nader	2
Elaine Brown	0
Kat Swift	0
Cynthia McKinney	0
Kent Mesplay	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

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TOWN COMMITTEE

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483 out of 1327 Registered Voters cast their votes.

Certified by:
Pamela-G. Donovan-Hall, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; February 13, 2008
7:00 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 Wednesday, the 13th of February, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk:	Helen Speckels, elected Acting Town Clerk, in absence of the Town Clerk.
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	Earl Heath, Jr.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there wasn't a quorum, only 14 Voters, because of snow/sleet/rain. A motion was made and seconded to reconvene on Saturday, February 16, 2008.

Another motion was made and seconded to reconvene on February 20, 2008.

By unanimous vote, the meeting will reconvene on Saturday February 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Helen Speckels, Acting Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

Special Town Meeting

**Saturday; February 16, 2008
2:00 p.m.**

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

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
He announced that the warrant had been legally posted, that there was a quorum present.

A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 1 until the Annual Town Meeting.

Al LaFrance informed the voters that Representative Steve Kulik advised that the Legislative Body has not yet passed the bill to add the month of June to ML39 Sec.9 for the Annual Town Meetings.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Law Section 1 as follows: “**...the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on the First Monday in June commencing at 7:00 p.m.**”; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash toward the cost of the Highway Department 2007 Freightliner Dump Truck loan the sum of \$27,400.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 into the fund for the Stanton Hall Steeple Restoration Account (015192-012); 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 transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$166,666.00 into the Stabilization Fund to replace the amount used for the FY2007 Gateway Regional Over Minimum Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,164.00 into the Stabilization Fund to replace the amount used to balance FY2007 Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous (2/3 vote needed).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,007.00 into Account #015824-000 for the Town's share of the Regional Lock-up located in Northampton. Share is approximately \$1 per the community's 2005 census population (2182).

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 into Account #015543-001, Veterans Relief Benefits, to provide for ongoing charges. Seventy-five percent of these charges will be refunded to the Town, with about a ten-month processing delay.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will transfer \$4,000.00 from Water Wages Account (015450-001) to Water Overtime Account (015450-020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will transfer \$1,671.50 from Water Reserve Account to Software Support Account (015450-017) (not budgeted); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will transfer \$35,000.00 from Water Reserve Account to Water Materials/Equipment Account (015450-015); or take any other action relative thereto:

Regular Expense	-	\$ 8,000.00
Clear Right-of-Way	-	\$10,000.00
Overspent to Date	-	\$10,000.00

A friendly amendment was made to have the total \$28,000.00, as an addition error was made. Motion carried.

Motion carried, as amended. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will transfer \$15,000.00 from Water Reserve Account to Water Meter Loan Account (new line item) (not budgeted); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will transfer \$597.00 from Sewer Reserve Account to Sewer Workers' Compensation Account (015440-002); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. There was a quorum of 25 present. Meeting dissolved at 2:34 p.m.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday; May 5, 2008
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 5th day of May, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., and there and then took the following action:

Moderator:	Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk:	Sherry Jones
Constable:	Earl Heath Jr.
Counters:	Gary Dahill
	Lori Belhuemer
	Nancy Webb
	Sue McIntosh

The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted, and that there was a quorum present. He announced the necessity to elect a temporary Town Clerk and opened nominations. The only name put forward was Sherry Jones. Nominations were closed. Sherry Jones was voted temporary Town Clerk by majority vote and then sworn in by the Moderator. The Moderator introduced the Selectboard, and announced that Al LaFrance would be leaving public service and thanked him for his years of service to the Town. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, recognized the members for their diligent work throughout the year and called for volunteers for all committees and boards that are short handed.

A motion was made by the Moderator and seconded, to include Articles 2-7 as a Consent Calendar.

The body agreed that the Moderator could dispense with the word-by-word reading of the articles unless asked to do so. The Moderator asked that those interested in discussing a particular article on the consent calendar to place a hold on said article. When the Moderator 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:p.m. and if needed a second night to meet would be Tuesday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried. Majority.

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. Majority.

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. Majority.

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. Majority.

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. Majority.

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. Majority.

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 2009 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. Majority.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws, Section 1, as follows: **“...the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on the First Monday in June commencing at 7:00 p.m.”**; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 8 as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws, Section 1, as follows: **“...to accept the Provisions of Chapter 85 of Acts of 2008 and set the Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of other business to be held on the First Monday in June commencing at 7:00 P.M. beginning in calendar year 2009 “or take any other action relative thereto.”**

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to designate a permitting authority pursuant to Section 2, Chapter 82A of the Massachusetts General Laws which requires cities and towns to issue permits for the opening of trenches on private or municipal property; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,892.50 into the Memorial Day Parade account (015660-000) for flags and Veterans' grave markers; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: 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, 2008. Voters will designate line items to be voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate.

Motion carried. Majority.

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 \$1,108,784.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2009 or accept a lesser amount than \$1,108,784.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate.

Motion carried. Majority.

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 \$350,347.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

***A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate.
Motion carried. Majority.***

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 \$728,817.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

***A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate.
Motion carried. Majority.***

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$488,297.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, contingent upon approval by the voters of a so-called Proposition 2-1/2 override vote permitting the Town to assess an additional \$100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

***A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate.
Motion carried. Majority.***

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000.00 to offset the Fiscal Year 2009 tax rate.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$60,000.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Transportation For the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

***A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate.
Motion carried. Majority.***

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a stabilization fund pursuant of M.G.L., c. 71, s 16G ½ for the Gateway Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 to replace the defunct Library photocopier; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$24,000.00 for the Highway Department purchase of a 9" wood chipper; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to the Highway Sand & Salt account (015422-005) for over expenditures caused by severe winter weather; or take any other action relative there to.

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and hear recommendations of the Retirement Employee Insurance Committee:

The Moderator read the text of the Committee's recommendation and indicated the town was voting just to accept the Committee's report. The Moderator introduced Mr. Wilkinson who spoke for the Committee.

(To adopt a policy to provide a gap insurance benefit for individuals who have formally retired from employment with the Town subject to the following conditions:

The person has completed 10 years or more of continuous employment consisting of at least 30 hours a week for the entire duration without termination, and

The Town will pay up to 50% of health insurance premiums to the carrier upon submittal of a bill from the carrier, and

The maximum benefit from the Town will be \$10,000.00 per employee.)

Motion carried. Majority.

A motion was made and seconded to continue to investigate insurance options for Town employees. Motion carried by majority.

A motion was made and seconded to make the Moderator the appointing authority for this committee and that the committee have at least 5 members. Motion carried by majority.

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

Meeting dissolved at 9:22 p.m. There was a quorum of 58 registered voters present.

A true copy attest.

Sharon A. Jones
Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

MAY 17, 2008

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ernest Smith	56
Blank	7
Tom Stefanik	1

ASSESSOR OF TAXES

Linda Hamlin	59
Blank	5

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER

Charles Dazelle	8
Blank	55
Tom Stefanik	1

TREE WARDEN

Walter Wittshirk	59
Blank	5

CONSTABLE

Blank	61
Wayne McKinney	1
Ed Cady	1
Tom Stefanik	1

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Blank	61
Jean Garriepy	1
Robin Knowlton	1
Tina Newcomb	1

BOARD OF HEALTH – 2 YEARS

Blank	57
Dennis Murphy	5
Tom Stefanik	1
Paul Hurley	1

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YEARS

Blank	57
Diane Lafond	4
Paul Hurley	2
Tom Stefanik	1

WHITING STREET FUND TRUSTEE

Sharon Jones	59
Blank	5

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Robert Austin	54
Blank	9
Tom Stefanik	1

MODERATOR

Tom Gralinski	57
Blank	7

PETTIS FUND TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS

Blank	46
Judy Guyette	15
Ken Jordan	2
Sue Fopiano	1

PETTIS FUND TRUSTEE – 2 YEARS

Blank	54
Judy Guyette	6
Ken Jordan	1
Peter Jacques	1
Wayne McKinney	1
Kathie Morrison	1

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOV'TS

Blank	61
Alma LaFrance	1
Jean Garriepy	1
Tom Stefanik	1

64 Voters cast their ballots out of 1333 Registered Voters.

Certified by Pamela-Donovan Hall, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

SPECIAL ELECTION

June 19, 2008

QUESTION #1:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paying Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009?

Yes 34

No 92

126 Voters cast their ballots out of 1338 Registered Voters.

Attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

HUNTINGTON RESULTS

STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS STATEWIDE

John F. Kerry	78
Edward J. O'Reilly	32
All Others	0
Blanks	0

Total Votes Cast: 110

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BERKSHIRE, HAMP. & FRANKLIN

Benjamin Brackett Downing	92
All Others	0
Blanks	18

Total Votes Cast: 110

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIRST DISTRICT

John W. Olver	93
Robert A. Feuer	16
All Others	0
Blanks	1

Total Votes Cast: 110

REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT FIRST FRANKLIN DISTRICT

Stephen Kulik	98
All Others	0
Blanks	12

Total Votes Cast: 110

COUNCILLOR EIGHTH DISTRICT

Thomas T. Merrigan	84
All Others	0
Blanks	26

Total Votes Cast: 110

REGISTER OF PROBATE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

David E. Sullivan	91
All Others	0
Blanks	19

Total Votes Cast: 110

HUNTINGTON RESULTS

STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS STATEWIDE

Jeffrey K. Beatty	14
Edward J. O'Reilly	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
<i>Total Votes Cast:</i>	<i>14</i>

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT BERKSHIRE, HAMP. & FRANKLIN

No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	14
<i>Total Votes Cast:</i>	<i>14</i>

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIRST DISTRICT

Nathan A. Bech	14
Robert Feuer	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
<i>Total Votes Cast:</i>	<i>14</i>

REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT FIRST FRANKLIN DISTRICT

No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	14
<i>Total Votes Cast:</i>	<i>14</i>

COUNCILLOR EIGHT DISTRICT

Michael Franco	13
All Others	0
Blanks	1
<i>Total Votes Cast:</i>	<i>14</i>

REGISTER OF PROBATE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	14
<i>Total Votes Cast:</i>	<i>14</i>

NO VOTES CAST FOR GREEN-RAINBOW OR WORKING FAMILIES.

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; September 17, 2008
7:00 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 Wednesday, the 17th of September, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Thomas Gralinski
Constable: Earl Heath

The Moderator announced that the Warrant was legally posted. He announced that a quorum was present. The meeting began at 7:08 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate, elect and swear in Helen Speckels as Acting Town Clerk due to the Town Clerk, Mrs. Donovan-Hall, being unavailable for the Special Town Meeting.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate, elect and swear in Stephen Hamlin as Temporary Moderator in order that he may preside over the Fire Department articles.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$74,975.88 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015151.000	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,100.94
015220.001	FIRE HOURLY WAGES	\$ 5,599.02
015220.004	FIRE BLDG./EQUIP. EXPENSES	\$ 5,456.76
015422.003	HIGHWAY UTILITIES	\$ 5,778.13
015422.006	HIGHWAY GAS & DIESEL	\$11,164.03
015710.002	HIGHWAY TRUCK LOAN	\$37,877.00

A friendly amendment is offered by Selectboard Chair Bob Heath to revise the requested total amount in Article 1 to \$37,098.88, to be taken from Stabilization.

A motion was made and seconded to list the first five accounts and delete Account #015710.002, Highway Truck Loan, \$37,877.00.

Due to a possible perceived conflict of interest because of his involvement in the Fire Department, the Moderator split Article 1 in two sections and read through the line items individually, omitting the two Fire Department line items.

015151.000	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,100.94
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Motion carried. Unanimous.

015422.003	HIGHWAY UTILITIES	\$ 5,778.13
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Motion carried. Unanimous.

015422.006	HIGHWAY GAS & DIESEL	\$11,164.03
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Motion carried. Unanimous.

TEMPORARY MODERATOR PRESIDES OVER THE FIRE ITEMS:

015220.001	FIRE HOURLY WAGES	\$ 5,599.02
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Motion carries. Unanimous.

015220.004	FIRE BLDG./EQUIP. EXPENSES	\$ 5,456.76
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Motion carries. Unanimous.

MODERATOR:

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Water/Sewer Reserves the sum of \$6,361.32 for the following Operational Account; or take any other action relative thereto:

015450.018	WATER METERS	\$ 6,361.32
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Motion carries. Unanimous.

Motion made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.
Meeting dissolved at 7:20 p.m. There was a quorum of 45 present.

A true copy attest:

Helen Speckels
Acting Town Clerk

HUNTINGTON RESULTS

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Baldwin & Castle	2 (Constitution Party)
Barr & Root	10 (Libertarian)
McCain & Palin	482 (Republican)
McKinney & Clemente	9 (Green-Rainbow)
Nader & Gonzalez	29 (Unenrolled)
Obama & Biden	608 (Democrat)
Blanks	3

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	657 (Democrat)
Jeffrey K. Beatty	360 (Republican)
Robert J. Underwood	105 (Libertarian)
Blanks	21

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - FIRST DISTRICT

John W. Olver	762 (Democrat)
Nathan A. Bech	338 (Republican)
Blanks	43

COUNCILLOR - EIGHTH DISTRICT

Thomas T. Merrigan	663 (Democrat)
Michael Franco	363 (Republican)
Blanks	117

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN DISTRICT

Benjamin Brackett Downing	851 Democrat
Blanks	292

REGISTER OF PROBATE - HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

David E. Sullivan	875 (Democrat)
Blanks	268

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

FIRST FRANKLIN DISTRICT

Stephen Kulik	917 (Democrat)
Blanks	226

**HUNTINGTON RESULTS
STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

QUESTIONS:

#1 END INCOME TAX

Yes	279
No	857
Blanks	7

2 SENSIBLE MARIJUANA POLICY (LAW)

Yes	775
No	358
Blanks	10

3 PROTECT GREYHOUNDS

Yes	719
No	401
Blanks	23

Total Number of Ballots Cast: 1143

Total Number of Registered Voters: 1405

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; November 19, 2008
7:00 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 Wednesday, the 19th of November 2008 at 7:00 p.m. then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk: Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters: Gary Dahill, Al LaFrance

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

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of conducting an appraisal of Parcel 10 (located on Route 112 and Worthington Road), Assessors Map 330, and Parcel 18 (located on Goss Hill Road), Assessors Map 328, pursuant to the sale of said properties; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous. Take from Stabilization.

A motion was made and seconded:

Part One

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of two parcels of land from the Treasurer for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of sale for conservation and passive recreation purposes, the first parcel being that certain parcel located on Goss Hill Road and shown on Assessors Map 328 as Parcel 18, containing 18 acres more or less and further described in Instrument of Tax Taking dated March 23, 1988 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1660, Page 102 and, second parcel being that certain parcel located on Worthington Road and shown on Assessors Map 330 as Parcel 10 containing 125 acres more or less, and further described in

Instrument of Taking dated November 24, 2004 recorded with said Deeds in Book 8113, Page 200.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mr. Kim Sarafin from West Chesterfield received permission to speak to the Huntington Voters. He informed them that others, including himself, are interested in purchasing the second parcel for the standing timber. He was assured that he and others would be able to bid on the parcel. Directly after addressing the Voters, Mr. Sarafin left the meeting. After much discussion it was decided that the way the article was written, the purchase of this parcel would be for conservation and passive recreation purposes only and that Mr. Sarafin was incorrectly informed.

Part Two: And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to sell such property; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the above (part 2) to read:

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to sell such property under M.G.L. 30B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried as amended, one opposed.

Main motion as amended carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: *To replace Article 15 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting as follows:*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$321,472.00 and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for a total of \$421,472.00 for Huntington's cost for vocational tuition.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

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

Meeting dissolved at 7:55 p.m. There was a quorum of 37 present.

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall, Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2008

	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Non Major Governmental	Total Governmental
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	741,665	413,147	130,560	54,463	125,736	1,465,571
Investments	181,756	434,135	0	0	44,812	660,703
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	127,706	0	0	0	0	127,706
User Charges	0	0	27,068	31,841	0	58,909
Tax liens	24,288	0	0	0	0	24,288
Excise Taxes and other taxes	39,042	0	0	0	0	39,042
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	94,101	94,101
Total Assets	1,114,457	847,282	157,628	86,304	264,649	2,470,320
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	57,541	0	2,651	1,246	745	62,183
Accrued Payroll	18,712	0	482	1,118	387	20,699
Employee Withholdings	530	0	0	0	0	530
Deferred Revenue:						0
Property Taxes	102,806	0	0	0	0	102,806
Other	63,330	0	27,068	31,841	79,920	202,159
Total Liabilities	242,919	0	30,201	34,205	81,052	388,377
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	133,055	0	0	0	0	133,055
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
Undesignated for Specific Purposes						
General Fund	588,483	0	0	0	0	588,483
Special Revenue	0	847,282	127,427	52,099	183,597	1,210,405
Permanent Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	871,538	847,282	127,427	52,099	183,597	2,081,943
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,114,457	847,282	157,628	86,304	264,649	2,470,320

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Non Major Gov't Funds</u>	<u>Total Gov't Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Taxes	2,517,370	0	0	0	0	2,517,370
State Receipts	618,024	0	0	0	0	618,024
Excise and Other Taxes	292,784	0	0	0	0	292,784
User Charges	0	0	105,625	98,438	0	204,063
Licenses, Permits and Fees	104,636	0	0	0	0	104,636
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	21,555	0	2,143	552	0	24,250
Interest on Investments	41,599	34,130	0	0	1,337	77,066
Grants, Fees, Fines and Other	0	0	0	0	662,105	662,105
Total Revenues	3,595,968	34,130	107,768	98,990	663,442	4,500,298
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	264,635	0	0	0	1,092	265,727
Public Safety	196,564	0	0	0	40,846	237,410
Public Works and Facilities	446,494	0	0	0	280,602	727,096
Water and Sewer	0		103,134	147,678	0	250,812
Education	2,531,753	0	0	0	0	2,531,753
Health and Human Services	41,185	0	0	0	216,552	257,737
Culture and Recreation	82,161	0	0	0	6,832	88,993
Employee Benefits & Insurance	164,572	0	0	0	0	164,572
State Assessments	9,611	0	0	0	0	9,611
Debt Service:						
Principal	85,000	0	0	0	0	85,000
Interest	11,729	0	0	0	0	11,729
Total Expenditures	3,833,704	0	103,134	147,678	545,924	4,630,440
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(237,736)	34,130	4,634	(48,688)	117,518	(130,142)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	275,869	201,830	0	0		477,699
Operating Transfers Out	(201,830)	(203,765)	(15,000)	0	(57,104)	(477,699)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	74,039	(1,935)	(15,000)	0	(57,104)	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	(163,697)	32,195	(10,366)	(48,688)	60,414	(130,142)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	1,035,235	815,087	137,793	100,787	123,183	2,212,085
Fund Balances, End of Year	871,538	847,282	127,427	52,099	183,597	2,081,943

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	206	206	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	4,907	4,907	0
Admin Asst Wages	25,243	25,243	0
Expenses	1,500	1,473	27
Admin Asst Exp	250	179	71
Legal Ads Expense	500	484	16
General Office Supplies	1,200	1,079	121
Copy Machine Expenses	1,564	1,564	0
TOTAL	35,164	34,929	235
<u>COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	5,365	4,176	1,189
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	123	77
Reserve Fund	3,576	3,576	0
TOTAL	3,776	3,699	77
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	11,321	11,321	0
Expenses	738	505	233
Software Suppt	1,462	1,462	0
Audit Expense	7,000	0	7,000
TOTAL	20,521	13,288	7,233
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	5,312	4,869	443
Expenses	2,000	1,313	687
Clerk Wages	9,754	9,414	340
Mapping Expenses	1,879	1,000	879
Software Support	2,950	2,950	0
Revaluation	7,050	713	6,338
TOTAL	28,945	20,258	8,687
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	13,675	13,675	0
Cert Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	2,200	1,880	320
Bank Service Chgs	100	25	75
Tax Title Expenses	5,000	1,954	3,046
Software support	1,462	1,462	0
TOTAL	23,437	19,996	3,441
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	16,605	16,605	0
Asst Coll Wages	6,034	4,000	2,034
Expenses	5,211	5,211	0
Tax Taking	789	307	483
Collector Software support	4,176	4,176	0
TOTAL	32,815	30,298	2,517

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	15,101	15,101	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	15,101	15,101	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	11,707	11,707	0
Dog License Exp	400	363	37
Expenses	1,500	1,284	216
Census Superintendent	1,300	1,300	0
Census Expenses	756	747	9
Asst clerk salary	1,200	1,200	0
Election Workers Wages	1,744	1,744	0
Elect & Reg Expenses	250	208	42
TOTAL	18,857	18,553	304
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	1,000	891	109
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	1,250	374	876
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	500	378	122
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	500	0	500
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	9,761	9,659	102
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	17,994	17,501	493
North Hall Utilities	1,000	464	536
Stanton Hall Utilities	9,918	9,918	0
Town Mowing	5,707	4,091	1,616
Maintenance	5,921	5,921	0
North Hall Maintenance	1,541	1,260	281
North Hall Renovations	2,000	0	2,000
Stanton Hall Renovations	50,000	0	50,000
Construct Storage Shed	1,465	0	1,465
Demolish Bldgs	15,467	13,786	1,681
GIS Mapping	3,975	1,975	2,000
TOTAL	124,749	64,575	60,174
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	7,270	7,270	0
Unemployment Insurance	1,000	290	710
Medicare	6,900	6,769	131
Town Buildings Insurance	22,318	21,952	366
Town Vehicle Insurance	12,705	11,280	1,425
TOTAL	50,194	47,561	2,633
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,470	2,470	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>197-PARKING CLERK</u>			
Parking Clerk Expense	200	167	34
Total General Government	365,049	276,920	88,129
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	47,131	47,131	0
Training Exps & Wages	16,640	15,379	1,261
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	2,868	2,861	7
Administration/Training	4,558	4,558	0
Vehicle Maintenance	9,923	9,923	0
Equipment	3,000	2,807	193
TOTAL	84,121	82,660	1,461
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	3,616	3,616	0
Hourly Wages	14,824	14,824	0
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,232	3,232	0
Training Wages	1,992	1,567	425
Building/Equipment Exps	20,457	19,794	663
Admin/Training Expenses	3,156	3,156	0
Utilities	7,562	7,562	0
Truck Maintenance	11,938	11,938	0
Fire Defense Assn	500	0	500
TOTAL	67,277	65,689	1,588
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	19,631	19,631	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	15,475	15,475	0
By-Law Enforcement Officer	2,731	2,731	0
Gas Inspector Fees	1,000	1,000	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1,940	700	1,240
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,060	2,060	0
TOTAL	23,206	21,966	1,240
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	2,000	600	1,400
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,136	1,136	0
Expenses	700	332	368
TOTAL	1,836	1,468	368
<u>294-TREE SERVICES</u>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	5,000	3,600	1,400
TOTAL	5,803	4,400	1,403
Constable Expense	200	150	50
Total Public Safety	204,074	196,564	7,510

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,099,411	1,099,411	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	773,576	773,576	0
Transportation/Debt	270,929	270,929	0
Ch 70 Voc Trans	50,000	44,628	5,372
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	367,575	343,210	24,365
Total Education	2,561,491	2,531,753	29,738
<u>HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	45,121	45,121	0
Hourly Wages	66,326	66,288	38
Overtime/Extra Help	14,853	14,853	0
Utilities	15,778	15,778	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	36,452	36,452	0
Sand & Salt	75,000	59,449	15,551
Gas & Diesel Fuel	30,492	30,492	0
Road Maintenance	51,792	50,060	1,732
Uniforms	1,707	1,707	0
Admin/Training Expenses	513	510	3
Drug Testing	450	425	25
Equipment replacement	25,400	1,400	24,000
Storm Expenses	633	633	0
Street Lights	10,310	10,310	0
TOTAL	374,827	333,478	41,349
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	22,532	22,532	0
Hauling & Disposal	81,585	72,683	8,902
Misc/Maint	681	17	664
Utilities	1,045	798	247
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,375	7,375	0
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	2,000	755	1,245
Basket Str Landfill Monit	11,000	8,557	2,443
TOTAL	126,218	112,716	13,502
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,488	3,488	0
Wages	52,389	49,526	2,863
Workers Compensation	3,067	3,067	0
Unemployment	195	38	157
Health Insurance	12,494	12,494	0
Property Insurance	1,214	1,214	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,071	1,071	0
Utilities	19,580	18,700	880
Building/Equipment Maint	44,512	43,942	570
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	0	3,000
Engineering Consultant	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	953	953	0
Sewer Vehicle Replacement	1	0	1
Chemical Purchase	3,000	2,854	146
Waste Removal	3,500	2,056	1,444
Improvements	6,536	163	6,373
Software support	1,750	1,671	80
Septic Tank Pumping	2,550	2,550	0
Overtime	4,000	3,892	108
TOTAL	163,301	147,678	15,623

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,488	3,488	0
Wages	15,008	14,101	907
Workers Compensation	1,022	1,022	0
Unemployment	101	11	90
Health Insurance	4,370	0	4,370
Property Insurance	2,023	2,023	0
Utilities	22,000	15,086	6,914
Vehicle Insurance	772	772	0
Analysis Tests	10,000	5,654	4,346
Analysis Chemicals	4,000	1,472	2,528
Contractors	1,000	240	760
Engineer Service	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Cross Connection Project	1	0	1
Materials/Equipment	42,134	41,822	312
Improvements	4,000	0	4,000
Software support	3,422	3,422	0
Meters	6,361	6,361	0
Water Overtime	7,659	7,659	0
TOTAL	127,363	103,134	24,229
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Goss Hill Cemetery	100	0	100
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	300	0
TOTAL	400	300	100
Total Public Works	792,109	697,306	94,803
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	3,329	2,960	369
Secretary Salary	4,639	4,489	150
Agent Wages	3,000	3,000	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	2,491	2,191	300
Health Nursing Fee	200	0	200
Animal Control Officer Salary	700	700	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	4,337	2,414	1,923
TOTAL	18,696	15,753	2,943
Council on Aging	2,000	2,000	0
Hilltown Youth Coalition	1	0	1
<u>543-VETERN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,616	1,616	0
Relief Benefits	21,816	21,816	0
TOTAL	23,432	23,432	0
Total Human Services	44,129	41,185	2,944
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	30,675	30,675	0
Maintenance Wages	4,297	3,994	303
Maint/Repair/Supplies	7,722	7,497	225
Utilities	5,671	5,596	75
Books/Periodicals	13,200	13,200	0
Software Tech Support	550	550	0
Bldg Use Study	2,000	1,638	362
TOTAL	64,115	63,150	965

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>620-RECREATION COMMITTEE</u>			
Wages	13,572	12,091	1,481
Expenses	3,600	3,585	15
TOTAL	17,172	15,676	1,496
Historical Commission	100	9	91
Memorial Day Parade	2,243	1,313	930
Community Events	3,500	2,014	1,486
TOTAL	5,743	3,326	2,416
Total Culture & Rec	87,130	82,161	4,969
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Fire Truck Loan	50,000	50,000	0
Water Meter Loan	10,250	10,000	
Hwy Truck Loan	50,000	25,000	25,000
Fire Truck Interest	3,599	3,596	3
Hwy Truck Interst	3,383	3,383	0
Water Meter Interest	4,750	4,750	0
TOTAL	121,982	96,729	25,253
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,460	2,460	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	469	469	0
CS Regional Transit	4,675	4,675	0
Council of Govts Assmt	2,044	2,044	0
Hampdon Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	71,293	71,293	0
TOTAL	82,948	82,948	0
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	8,740	8,740	0
Police Health Ins	3,753	3,753	0
Highway Health Insurance	21,233	20,867	366
T/S Health Insurance	4,276	4,276	0
Library Health Insurance	17,480	17,480	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	15,239	15,094	145
Admin Health Ins	8,740	8,740	0
TOTAL	79,461	78,950	511
Total Misc Expenses	284,391	258,627	25,764
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	201,830	201,830	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,540,202	4,286,347	253,855

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Fund Balances July 1,2007	Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balances June 30,2008
Special Revenue Funds:				
Encumbrances	396	0	396	0
Highway Ch 90	(23,598)	279,937	280,602	(24,263)
Conservation Wetlands Fees	2,873	298	68	3,103
Community Policing	6,045	11,299	13,094	4,250
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,144	0	0	4,144
Apricultural Committee	0	20	0	20
EDSA Program Exps	0	181,958	181,958	0
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	1,039	2,578	3,188	429
Emergency Management	8,722	0	0	8,722
Library Building	0	56,691	333	56,358
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	0	315
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	9,327	57,104	0	66,430
GIS Mapping	1,000	0	1,000	0
FF Public Safety Equip	1,089	0	244	845
Public Safety Education Grant	115	5,539	2,234	3,421
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,251	0	0	1,251
Arts Lottery Council	2,134	4,133	3,550	2,717
Library	(1,283)	4,050	2,949	(182)
Council on Aging-Formula	15	3,300	3,300	15
Council on Aging-High Valley	1,170	0	50	1,120
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	32,996	28,580	28,055	33,520
Stanton Rehab	29,279	1,313	25	30,567
Police Extra Duty	1,390	11,441	10,887	1,944
Total-Non-Major Government Funds	80,054	648,239	531,932	196,362
Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,076	452	0	10,528
Stanton Income fund	148,157	18,752	0	166,909
Whiting Street fund	6,434	288	0	6,722
Cemetary Perpetual Care	3,002	61	0	3,063
Stabilization fund	815,087	235,960	203,766	847,282
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	844	0	0	844
Recreation	108	0	0	108
Civic Welfare	3,619	47	0	3,666
Total-Trust Funds	987,327	255,561	203,766	1,039,122

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Balance as of July 1, 2007	1,363,563.14
Receipts	4,686,066.03
Disbursements	4,859,535.36
	(173,469.33)
Balance as of June 30, 2008	1,190,093.81

Allocation of General Fund Cash by Bank Accounts

UniBank	143,497.38
Bank of Western MA	50,537.51
Easthampton Savings Bank	2,739.24
Berkshire Bank	173,700.86
United Bank	602,536.91
Hampden Bank	1,041.97
MMDT	216,039.94
Total General Fund Cash	\$ 1,190,093.81

Allocation of Trust & Special Accounts by Fund

Conservation Fund	10,527.38
Stabilization Fund	849,217.32
Stanton Fund	166,908.68
Whiting Street Fund	6,722.09
Cemetery	3,062.63
Post War Rehabil.	844.43
Civic Welfare	3,666.46
Total Trust & Special Cash	\$ 1,040,948.99
Total Interest earned on General Funds	43,844.28
Total Interest earned on Trust Funds	53,622.18

Tax Title Account

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Amount owed as of June 30, 2008
Courtney, Dennis	12/6/2007	326.72
Florence, Cecilia	12/6/2007	6,944.54
Hussey, David	5/8/2008	5,569.11
Rose, John	12/6/2008	1,744.34
Zalucki, Michael	12/6/2008	9,703.64
Total Tax Title		24,288.35
Tax Title Collections for FY 08		11,179.93

Borrowing

	Loan	Interest Pd.
Fire Truck	50,000.00	3,599.05
Highway Truck	25,000.00	3,383.26
Installation of Water Meters	10,000.00	4,750.00
Total Loans Paid	85,000.00	11,732.31

Respectfully submitted, Anne Marie Knox

REPORT OF TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Real Estate</u>							
Levy of							
2006	19,268.16		2,087.48		3,297.66	18,057.98	-
2007	88,504.15		2,150.03		8,404.97	61,694.62	20,554.59
2008		2,522,925.61	10,031.08	22,706.12	7,548.86	#####	105,347.38
Totals	107,772.31	2,522,925.61	14,268.59	22,706.12	19,251.49	#####	125,901.97

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>W/S Liened</u>							
2005	319.62		-			319.62	-
2006-2007		40,918.64		1,726.20	3,615.61	29,840.50	5,736.33
Totals	319.62	40,918.64	-	1,726.20	3,615.61	30,160.12	5,736.33

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>							
Levy of							
1990-1994	2,709.04					2,709.04	-
2002	61.74					61.74	-
2003	158.58					158.58	-
2005	25.68					25.68	-
2006	93.68					22.88	70.80
2007	581.96					510.56	71.40
2008		42,072.95		108.39		39,625.45	2,339.11
Totals	3,630.68	42,072.95	-	108.39	-	43,113.93	2,481.31

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>							
Levy of							
1988-1997	52.71			52.71			-
1999	984.97			930.42			54.55
2000	987.71			518.33			469.38
2001	1,356.47						1,356.47
2002	1,709.16					378.54	1,330.62
2003	1,326.98					325.00	1,001.98
2004	2,262.32					504.90	1,757.42
2005	3,420.87	5,269.16	192.71	228.96		6,495.73	2,158.05
2006	6,057.66	26,849.69	42.50	2,474.89		28,058.47	2,416.49
2007	19,298.31	49,829.46	1,591.05	5,635.90		59,921.12	5,161.80
2008		215,380.80	1,313.70	15,097.02		173,876.64	27,720.84
Totals	37,457.16	297,329.11	3,139.96	24,938.23	-	269,560.40	43,427.60

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted</u>	<u>Liened on</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Water/Sewer</u>							
Levy of							
2006	28,372.68				28,372.68		-
2007	19,093.82				12,545.96	6,547.86	0.00
2008		219,602.57		835.89		161,803.02	56,963.66
Totals	47,466.50	219,602.57	-	835.89	40,918.64	168,350.88	56,963.66

Summary

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
Real Estate	#####	125,901.97
Water/Sewer Liened	30,160.12	5,736.33
Personal Property	43,113.93	2,481.31
Water/Sewer	269,560.40	43,427.60
Motor Vehicle	168,350.88	56,963.66
	#####	234,510.87

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Marie Knox

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors continue the cyclical inspection of properties in Town. In 2008 these inspections were conducted on Worthington Road and Church Road.

New Growth for FY2009 was \$3,977,850 resulting in tax dollars of \$51,871. New growth is a result of new construction of houses, barns, garages, shed, etc.

FISCAL 2009 TAX RECAPITULATION BREAKDOWN:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:	\$ 692,179.00
Local Estimated Receipts:	628,000.00
Free Cash:	494,130.00
Other Available Funds:	195,729.00

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:	\$2,010,038.00
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LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations (Town Meetings):	\$4,582,513.00
Cherry Sheets Offsets:	\$ 4,017.00
Overlay Deficit:	\$ 5,097.34
State and Cherry Sheet Charges:	\$ 7,617.00
Assessors' Overlay (abatements/exempt):	\$ 31,159.86

Gross amount to be raised:	\$4,630,404.20
Less total estimated receipts/available funds:	\$2,010,038.00
Net amount to be raised through taxation:	\$2,620,366.20

The fiscal 2009 tax rate was set at \$13.17.

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, Assessor
Robert Heath, Assessor
Neil Wheeler, Assessor
Suzanne Kellam, Assessors' Clerk

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Annual Report as of Jan 1, 2009

The Capital Planning Committee is charged with reviewing the inventory of Town assets with an original cost of more than \$10,000, and making recommendations regarding future expenditures of like size. The only major expenditure for the calendar year 2008 was the purchase of the wood chipper for \$23,000.

The restoration of the Stanton Hall Steeple is expected to be completed by year end 2009. The Town has approximately \$87,000 of funds set aside for the project. In early April, a professional estimate will be completed to provide a more reliable cost estimate, and a list of materials needed to complete the project. At that time, an RFP will be completed, allowing the Town to go out to bid on the project.

Excess Town land is being sold for approximately \$100,000. These funds will be used as a source of funding for the following:

Refurbishing of the existing Highway Department pickup, and installation of a different body to result in a Fire Department rescue vehicle to replace the current 1989 Dodge vehicle.

Concurrently, we recommend the purchase of a new Highway Department pickup, with a small dump body and a plow, to allow the refurbishing and transfer of the current truck to the Fire Department. The anticipated cost for this new vehicle is approximately \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley
Aimee Burnham
Stephen Hamlin
Eric Jensen

Town of Huntington

Major Assets over \$10k Value
Capital Planning Committee
As of 1/1/09

<u>Asset Description</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date Acq'd</u>	<u>Est Date to Replace</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Orig. Purch Price \$</u>	<u>Est Useful Life Rem (Years)</u>	<u>Est Cost to Repl \$</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Fire Str-Norwich Hill 441-56		1926	--	Fire	Dahill	--	--	83,625	
Fire Str-Russell St		1943	--	Fire	Dahill	--	--	255,539	remodeled 2005
55 Dodge Power Van	83945293	1955	2012	Fire	Dahill	3,500	9	35,000	to be sold
78 Chevrolet Mini Pumper	CKL338J37485	1978	2014	Fire	Dahill	23,000	11	80,000	
89 International Pumper	1HTLFDBR3KH644968	1989	2010	Fire	Dahill	75,000	7	185,000	
96 Fritliner SL80 Pumper	1FV6JLCBXTL576479	1996	2016	Fire	Dahill	143,626	20	185,000	
28 Turn out Pants		1999	2010	Fire	Dahill	9,100	7	11,000	replace 5 per yr
26 Turnout Coats		1999	2010	Fire	Dahill	10,080	7	13,000	replace 5 per yr
89 Dodge Pickup Rescue	1B7KM26Z4KS074138	2003	2010	Fire	Dahill	600	7	50,000	
11 Air Packs		2005	2010	Fire	Dahill	20,350	7	25,000	
05 Pierce Custom Pumper	4P1CC01A25A005348	2005	2025	Fire	Dahill	247,000	20	250,000	Repl 76 Maxim Pumper
81 AmGen Cargo Tk	82510095	2005	--	Fire	Dahill	--	0	--	
86 International Crew-Cab	1HTLAHEK4GH30468	2007	2015	Fire	Dahill	--	10	30,000	Repl 74 Ford Tanker
29 Chev Fire Truck	121Q8119	--	--	Fire	Dahill	15,000	--	--	no replacement
Tn Garage-Mill St		1970	2035	Highway	McKinney	--	32	546,487	
Salt Shed-Mill Street		1989	2025	Highway	McKinney	--	22	55,993	needs repair 2007
95 New Holland Tractor	A433150	1996	2012	Highway	McKinney	44,000	9	60,000	consider replacement**
98 Deere Bucket Ldr	DWTC44H567876	1998	2010	Highway	McKinney	105,475	7	110,000	
99 Int'l Dump Truck	1HTSDADROXH677544	1999	2007	Highway	McKinney	74,000	4	75,000	
01 Komatsu Gallion Grader	G380031U210771	2001	2023	Highway	McKinney	137,500	20	200,000	Replaced 61 Austin West
Grader Wing		2004	--	Highway	McKinney	18,500	25	--	no replacement
04 Ford F350 w/plow	1FTSF31P34EC08953	2004	2010	Highway	McKinney	30,008	7	35,000	Replaced 95 Ford F350
04 Fritliner FL80 Dump Tk	1FVABXBSX4HM92589	2004	2024	Highway	McKinney	85,000	9	85,000	
07 Fritliner Dump Tk	1FVAC3DJ27HY83583	2006	--	Highway	McKinney	112,877	9	120,000	Repl 87 GMC sander
Library-E Main St		--	--	Library	Selectbd	--	--	163,000	expansion
03 Dodge Intrepid	2B3HD46V73H561993	2005	2011	Police	Garriepy	15,000	5	25,000	from Homeland security
06 Chev Tahoe	1GNEK13Z96R147185	2005	2011	Police	Garriepy	26,000	5	38,000	replaced 98 Chev Tahoe
Equip Stor Bldg	60x42 Butler Bldg	2006	--	Town	Selectbd	60,000	--	60,000	Const 10/06
Murrayfield School		--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	--	demolished 10/06
Stanton Hall (Grange)		--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	504,621	Steeple rep 2007?
North Hall-Norwich Hill		--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	200,015	needs roof
Little Old Schoolhouse		--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	56,001	
Town Hall-Park St		--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	415,066	reroofed 2006
80 Int'l Truck	AA185KHA17704	1980	--	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	20,000	--	85,000	
05 Ford F-250 P/U	1FTNF21515EB30194	2005	2011	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	26,056	8	30,000	Replaced 99 Ford F-250
Back-up Well Field		--	--	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	--	3	45,000	plus land
Sewer Plant Roof		--	2007	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	--	4	10,000	
Wtr Stor Tk-Blandford Rd		--	2026	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	--	23	391,948	
WW Treatment Plt-Main St		--	--	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	--	--	618,726	
Pumping Station-Fisk Ave		--	--	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	--	--	73,521	
Pumping Station-Rte 20		--	--	Wtr/Swr	Gobeille	--	--	107,632	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department has had another productive year:

- Approximately 35 trees were removed on various roads.
- The finish coat on Pisgah was completed.
- Drainage was installed on Kimball.
- Approximately six culverts were replaced on various roads.

The Highway Department acquired a new wood chipper which should enable us to handle wood debris more efficiently.

The Highway Department wishes to thank all the personnel that helped us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne McKinney, Highway Superintendent

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

This has been a setback year. With the passing of Commissioner Rolland Bernier, Denise Keay was appointed as Commissioner to fill the vacancy.

We have received bids for our I.N.I study. Tighe & Bond of Westfield had the winning bid of \$92,800. We would like to thank Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Jim Gray for his help, as this bidding process is very complicated. This will consist of dye and smoke tests on the entire system. These tests are mandated by the State. This will take place through the summer months.

We also had an exposed outflow pipe in the Westfield River that we are working with the D.E.P. and engineers to fix this summer.

The fire hydrants will be flushed in April and again in September to clean the water lines. Everything with the water meters is running well, with a few minor glitches.

We had a grinder pump at the sewer plant short out in the ice storm we had in December. A claim was filed through FEMA.

The first phase of our Global Imaging System (GIS) is complete, locating each of the fire hydrants. The next phase will locate all critical valves.

We would like to thank the Selectboard for their time in the bids, and to the people of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Chair

Paul Hurley

Denise Keay

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year the Police Department was also a victim of the changing economy by a 23% reduction in Community Policing funds from The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, and anticipation of program elimination for the next fiscal year.

The Police Department made a leap into the technological era by purchasing laptop computers for each vehicle: This will allow instant access by the officers for prior history of individuals we encounter. These laptops are linked through a cell phone carrier to the State database.

Also a communications grant was received through a regional project funded by Homeland Security for purchasing a countywide radio repeater system allowing greater communications with neighboring local law enforcement agencies.

The Police Department has joined forces with area Board of Health Agencies in Pandemic Planning for the region for pre planning and determining dispensing sites for mass inoculations for the general public. Using these collaborations is an efficient way to eliminate unnecessary over spending and needless duplication of allocated resources.

NUMBER	INCIDENTS
52	911 hang ups and misdials
44	Motor vehicle accidents
29	Alarm calls
45	Medical calls
12	Animal complaints
17	Arrests
2	Arson
10	Assist other agencies
5	Assaults
1	Articles lost
14	Breaking and entering
3	Building checks
11	Welfare checks
6	Disturbances
1	Disorderly person
14	Disabled motor vehicles
7	Domestic disturbances
1	Drunk
3	Drug offenses
6	Assist Fire Dept.
1	Fraud
1	Harassments
20	Investigations
3	Larceny
1	Liquor offense
6	Missing persons
8	Miscellaneous
1	Motor vehicle stolen
17	Motor vehicle complaints/violations
2	Neighbor dispute

POLICE DEPARTMENT (continued)

NUMBER	INCIDENTS
2	Noise complaints
38	Officer wanted
7	Paperwork service
1	Restraining order violations
6	Safety hazards
3	Shots fired
2	Suicide attempts
13	Suspicious persons
9	Suspicious vehicles
4	Threats
21	Traffic hazards
3	Trespasses
22	Unclassified
3	Unfounded calls
2	Unwanted persons
7	Vandalisms
4	Wires down
490	Total 911 Calls and Incidents for 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Garriepy, Police Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This past year was a very busy year for this department. The number of calls continues to increase, plus the varied demands asked of us grow year after year. We also have added three new members this year. Between permits and inspections this department turned in \$3,105 to the Town. Plus, the Fire Department sold a retired truck for \$5,000, money turned in to the Town.

Our Call List is as follows:

Structural Fires	9	Rescue	4
Medical Calls	132	Vehicle Fires	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	22	Investigations	3
Alarms	16	Illegal Burns	2
Search	2	Carbon Monoxide	3
Good Intent	3	Mutual Aid	78
Power Lines Down	11	Other	6
Hazmat	1		

I would like to thank my members for their continued dedication to the people and property of the Town of Huntington.

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:	21
Dogs adopted:	0
Dogs picked up, looked for, returned:	2

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Jackman

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year the Agricultural Commission continued exploring the interest level of agricultural businesses in the area in creating a pamphlet that would showcase local produce. We have tabled the plan for a year based on the response.

The Commission was approached by a district-wide emergency planning group to provide feedback on their ideas to shelter large animals in case of disasters. This communication will be ongoing into 2009.

Plans are beginning to host an informational meeting in the spring of 2009 on topics relating to agricultural issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Marge Craven, Chairperson '07
Dianne Lafond, Member '08
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

Joseph Rouse, Health Agent
Brian Slayton, Title V Agent
Robert Jackman,
Animal Control Officer/Barn Inspector

Transfer Station Stickers sold	679	Temporary Food Permits	2
Tires Disposed of	30	Perc Tests Conducted	11
Installers Permits	6	Well Permits	4
Haulers Permits	3	Disposal Works Applications	7
Food Service Permits	12	Septic Inspections	0
Propane Tanks	14		

Accounts Receivable:	\$63,246.40
Transfer Station Stickers:	\$12,465.00
-H" Bags	41,662.40
Trash	1,975.00
Tires	154.00
Furniture	726.00
Metal	670.00
Electronics	689.00
Propane Tanks	80.00
Mattresses	400.00
Recycling Boxes	10.00
Water Tanks	80.00
Disposal Works Permit	700.00
Well Permits	300.00
Perc Tests	1,250.00
Installer Permits	350.00
System Repair	.00
Food Service Permits	835.00
Hauling Permits	225.00
Frozen Dessert Permit	25.00
Frig/Air Conditioners	200.00
Misc/Sinks	450.00

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has been mostly quiet for the last calendar year, with most of the activity coming by way of ANR's (approval not required subdivision plans - a misnomer, as approval is required). This is the vehicle that a property owner uses to sever out a portion of a larger lot for selling/transfer of ownership. The Board does have some concerns about these larger land tracks being reduced to building lots as it will affect the character of our town, sooner or later.

We are currently looking at ways to tidy up a few of the existing by-laws on our books, to be consistent with the intended purpose, and current with state regulations and local agencies.

Planning Board has not changed in membership since the last report. Earl Heath, Linda Hamlin and myself are the long-term core of the group and last year's newcomer, Scott Tillinghast, has become a real asset to the town. He has proven to be insightful and energetic, and we are so glad to have him. The board is hopeful to find another full member, and also an associate, so we will always have fresh opinions. We encourage any town resident to ask to join.

Personally, I would like to add that it's nice to see all the town boards working so well together, and relying on each other as ready resources for experiences and opinions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brisebois, Chair

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee was relatively inactive in 2008, with meetings held only as called. Members continued to oversee gardening at the Murrayfield Gardens on the former grammar school site adjacent to the Library.

The 2002 Open Space Plan has lapsed and the Committee is assessing how to proceed on the plan update. Interested people may contact Jeff Penn at 667-5230.

Respectfully submitted,

Open Space Committee

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Huntington Zoning Board of Appeals (also known as the ZBA) acts as a quasi-judicial body that applies the zoning ordinances of the Town of Huntington. The ZBA responds to all petitions that come before the Board. The Board is required to apply State law as found in Chapter 40 and 40A to all petitions. The Board of Appeals holds public hearings for the issuance of special permits and variances per the Zoning By-laws and decides appeals of administrative decisions of the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Board recommends that prospective applicants familiarize themselves with the Huntington Zoning By-Law. A hard copy of Huntington's Zoning By-Laws may be purchased from the Town Clerk for ten dollars (\$10.00). A copy of Huntington's Zoning By-Laws may also be found online at huntingtonma.org.

Residents or businesses seeking relief from the Zoning By-Law initiate virtually all matters, which come before the Board. Each application is processed in accordance with the legal requirements and timetables established under the Massachusetts Zoning Act, the Huntington General Town By-Laws, ZBA Rules and Regulations and the Huntington Zoning By-Laws.

Membership: The Board of Appeals consists of three (3) Members plus two (2) Alternate Members, all appointed by the Selectboard for staggered 3-year terms. Current members are Donald Bartley and George Webb. Anyone interested in applying to be a Member or Alternate, should contact the Board of Selectmen or members of the ZBA.

Meetings: The Board normally meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Location: Stanton Hall, adjacent to the Huntington Town Hall.

Our year started, as reluctantly we bid farewell to longtime ZBA member, Ellen Davis. Ellen brought a unique set of skills to the ZBA that set her apart from the rest of us. To say her intelligence, counsel and perceptions are missed would be and is a gross understatement. Ellen's decision not to accept reappointment to the ZBA was fortuitous on her part. We have had a busy, challenging and disquieting year. We held public hearings on eight (8) special permit applications. Five (5) of those applications were approved, while three (3) were denied. We held two (2) appeal public hearings, both of which were denied. We also held one (1) public hearing requesting a Chapter 6 Finding that pre-existing nonconforming structures and uses may be extended or altered, providing such extension or alteration is not substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure or use to the neighborhood. That application was denied.

The ZBA and the Zoning Enforcement Officer have had their decisions regarding the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch applications challenged and appeals have been made to Superior Court to overturn our decisions. These actions have necessitated the need to hire Town Counsel to represent the ZBA and the Zoning Enforcement Officer. This has caused the Town's legal costs to be much higher than normal. It is unfortunate that we were forced to defend ourselves against the legal machinations of legal counsel representing the plaintiffs, causing such increases in legal costs in these times of fiscal instability.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its meetings and hearings.

Respectfully submitted,
George Webb, Chair

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 three applications during 2008. The projects included an addition to an existing house, enlargement of a parking area for a multifamily house, and removal of dead trees and vista pruning at a camp on Norwich Lake. Those projects were able to proceed after public hearings. We also issued three Certificates of Compliance for work that had been successfully completed in previous years.

Commission Members performed some forty-four site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as to respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed several Forest Cutting Plans and consulted with the State Forester 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 the annual inspection of gravel pits in Town.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conferences of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and the Westfield River Watershed Association, which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. We had a helpful meeting with DEP circuit rider Mark Stinson, who advised us about the Wetlands Protection Act regulations. We also had help from Randy Christensen, who has been a wonderful resource for the Commission over the years. This time Randy met with us to look at the detention basin at the Gateway Regional School to ensure it was functioning properly. Commission Members then met on the site with very cooperative Gateway staff and worked out a plan to maintain the basin in good working order. We also renewed our maintenance agreement with Beaver Solutions, which proved useful when the Cullen Road beavers managed to dislodge part of the beaver fence system during high water in the spring. A phone call to Beaver Solutions brought Mike Callahan out promptly to repair the damage and foil the clever rodents once again.

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
Kate Emery
Mary Gerken
Susan McIntosh, Chairperson
Ross Hackerson
Erik Steins,
Michael Vorwerk

LIBRARY

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

The Library was very active this year with 1,340 residents and 481 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 received a grant to do a building needs and planning study in 2007. The study is to determine if the Library should enlarge its present building or build a new building in the future. It is still ongoing.

We conducted a summer reading program called: “*Wild Reads @ Your Library*”, with 74 children, 21 adults. Seventeen (17) teens participated in the “*X-Pect the Un-X-Pected*”. The program had two themes, a wild west and a jungle theme. At the end, we held a Wild West party with —make your own” trail mix, jellybean chili, drinks and other snacks. There was a drawing for a gift basket for the adults. Everyone who finished received a T-shirt as well as a prize bag. The Library received reading incentives from Huntington Liquors, Huntington Country Store, Mrs. Barbara Paulson, The Hut, and B&D Enterprises. We really appreciate the donations from local businesses and residents.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

➤ Circulation:	16,241 materials
➤ Interlibrary:	673
➤ Attendance in Library:	10,671
➤ Reference Transactions:	1,247
➤ Children’s Programs:	62
➤ Attendance at Children’s Programs:	586
➤ Adult/Young Adult Programs:	57
➤ Attendance at Adult/Young Adult Programs:	805

There were only four computers available for public use in fiscal year 2006, and the number of users during a typical week was 50 for 30 minutes at a time.

We continued to have an Artist of The Month with an Open House for each artist. The public enjoyed meeting the different artists and discussing their works.

Our monthly movie nights were a success. Popcorn and soda were served with the movies, which 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 (subject to change):

Wednesday: 2 - 8 p.m.

Thursday: 12 - 4 p.m. & 5 - 8 p.m.

Friday: 12 - 4 p.m. & 5 - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 - 3 p.m.

Telephone: (413) 667-3506

Fax: (413) 667-0088

Email: huntingtonlib@comcast.net:

Web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org

Respectfully submitted: Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend. COA volunteers are always needed and can be of any age, not just seniors.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERS IN HUNTINGTON:

- Highland Valley Elder Services Lunches at Stanton Hall—Monday - Friday, 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 for those in need.
- Transportation to the meal site, shopping, and medical appointments by the Huntington COA/Franklin Regional Transit Authority Van—Monday - Friday, for elders 60 years and older and for the disabled of any age by approval of the FRTA; call George Webb, Van Driver, at 667-3428 for more information and to make reservations.
- Brown Bag Program providing staple groceries on the 3rd Friday 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—Wednesdays 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—4th Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m, Town Hall Conservation Office with lunch afterwards at Stanton Hall; call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for more information.

SPECIAL 2008 ACTIVITIES

Winter

- COA Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, Four Main St., Huntington, to thank our volunteers for their service throughout the year (13 attended).

Spring

- Smith College Bulb Show & Lunch (9 attended) & Chester COA St. Patrick's Day Lunch (15 attended)
- Lunch & show in Mystic, Conn & visit to Foxwoods Casino (26 attended)
- Lion's Club Senior Lunch at Russell VFW (45 attended)
- Mass Bar Assoc. Elder law Education Program with attorney (13 attended)
- Lobster Fest at Log Cabin Restaurant, Holyoke, & entertainment
- Chester COA Strawberry Festival (12 attended)
- Potluck dinner at Stanton Hall with John Porcino, Storyteller (20 attended)

Summer

- Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE Nurse) bi-monthly clinics & occasional home visits begun.

Fall

- CISA (Community Involved in Supporting Agriculture) Dinner at Stanton Hall
- COA Flu Shot Clinic at Stanton Hall (94 total attended—77 elders, 17 non-elders).
- Gateway School Senior Concert & Luncheon
- Huntington COA Christmas Party at Log Cabin Restaurant with New Dawn Singers.

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. We would like to thank Sandy Sheets who has been our COA representative on the Highland Valley Elder Services Board of Directors for a number of years and has resigned this year. We would like to thank all our other dedicated volunteers who have helped to make COA services and programs possible. The COA Board would like to thank the Huntington Selectboard and other Town departments and officials for their help and support, including the use of Stanton Hall for COA activities. We would also like to acknowledge the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly for grants that have helped make COA programs possible this year. The Board is open to suggestions and invites all 386 Huntington seniors to participate in the COA's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Bishop, Co-Chairperson
Winnie Smith, Co-Chairperson
Ruth LePage, Vice Chairperson
Joan Astaferarro, COA Secretary
Ella Balchunas, Treasurer
May Diemer, Member
May Parker, Member
Jean Rude, Member
Betty Waite, Member
Elsie LaFond, Honorary Board Member

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded the following grants for the 2008 cycle:

1)	Blandford Arts Show	\$ 200
2)	Gateway Regional Middle School/Gateway Playwright Program	\$ 500
3)	Gateway Regional School District, <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	\$ 147
4)	Mitch Giannunzio reading of <i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	\$ 300
5)	Hilltown Choral Society – Choral performances	\$ 200
6)	Hilltown Community Development Corp., <i>Hilltown Spring Festival</i>	\$ 200
7)	Huntington Community Events Committee, <i>Music on the Town Common</i>	\$ 400
8)	Huntington Public Library, <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	\$ 250
9)	Huntington Public Library, <i>The Lunatic, The Lover and The Poet</i>	\$ 300
10)	Little Elementary School, <i>Springfield Symphony Orchestra</i>	\$ 600
11)	John Porcino, <i>To Life: Celebrations of Story & Song</i>	\$ 400
12)	Sevenars Concerts, <i>Sevenars Music Festival</i>	\$ 300
13)	White Church Preservation Committee, <i>Bel Canto Opera Concert</i>	\$ 200

Total dollars granted: \$3,997

All performances were completed by December 31, 2008. Grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org, at the Town Hall, or by contacting Lynn Winsor at (413) 667-5563. Application deadline is always October 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Austin, Ella Balchunas, Jane Beane, Jack Eisenstadt, Sue Kallerges, Linda Siska,
Lynn Winsor (Chair)

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

For Fiscal Year 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008), we started right off with the Summer Music Series every Thursday evening in July and August. This event is offered free to the community on the Town Common, partially supported by a grant from the Cultural Council. Bake sales from local community groups were also offered each week. This was the first year for the Town's *Huntington Appreciation Night*, a picnic consisting of hamburg/hotdog, popcorn and a drink for a \$1 donation, while enjoying the music.

As winter drew near, the Committee helped with the holiday decorations on the Town Common. One hundred new American flags were purchased to replace the ones hanging in Town from May through September. We held a Gardeners' Workshop with a presentation and instruction from a member of the Western Mass. Gardeners Association. Former Member Rolland Bernier and Bonita Kubacki assisted with techniques on planting mums and beans. All in attendance were able to make their own plants to take home.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris, Bonnie Kubacki, John Knox, Vicki Mayhew (Chair), Ken Rachmaciej

RECREATION COMMITTEE

July 2007 begins with summer camp held at the Littleville Elementary School for a five-week session. The camp is free to children Grades Pre-K through 4, and held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. five days a week. The theme this year was geared around the environment. Children participated in their age groups in structured learning, sports, and arts and craft activities everyday. T-shirts were purchased to help identify counselors for the children. At the end of camp, there was a field trip to the Majestic Theater for a performance of Hansel & Gretel, and an ice cream party.

The Rag Shag Parade and evening egg hunt had to be rearranged due to rain, however, kids enjoyed their Halloween-stuffed treats. Glow sticks were provided to the kids for Trick or Treat night safety. A “Letter to Santa” day with arts and crafts and refreshments was held in December. During February 2008 vacation, 76 people attended a showing at the Agawam Theaters. April vacation was busy with an Easter Egg Hunt held at Littleville Elementary School, bowling at the Canal Lanes in Southampton, as well as an Adult Dance with a band at Stanton Hall. The Committee participated in the Town’s Memorial Day Parade, throwing patriotic treats to the spectators.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Mayhew
Mary Lou Niedzielski
Michelle Oliveira, Chair
Melinda Slowey

WHITING STREET FUND

Mr. Whiting Street was a frugal businessman who lived in Northampton. When he died in August of 1878, his will stipulated that after the last of his family members died, some money from his estate was to be distributed to 22 cities and towns. The Town of Huntington received \$1000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street’s desire to use the money for those who needed a little help. If they were already receiving public assistance, they would not qualify for this help. We continue to disperse funds to those who qualify. Applications are available at the Town Clerk’s office or from any of the Board Members.

Respectfully submitted by Trustees:

Robert Austin
Pamela Donovan-Hall
Sharon Jones

APHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

The Alphonso P. Pettis Fund represents several small investments from money that was bequeathed to the residents of the Town of Huntington in the form of railroad stock many years ago. This fund is not comprised of taxpayers' dollars nor is it managed by the Town's financial employees. This fund is professionally audited on an annual basis.

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 who serve rotating three-year terms.

The current Trustees are:

Judie Guyette
Karen Wittshirk
Sue Fopiano

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

Pettis Field – Fencing, Bleachers, Dugouts
Fire Department – Rescue Truck Equipment
Fire Department – Computer Training Equipment
Gateway Regional School System – Arts & Performances
Hilltown Senior Citizen Holiday Meals
North Hall Association Building Fund
North Hall Association Performances
American Flags displayed locally
Entertainment for the Annual Huntington Parade
Storage Shed for the Huntington Library

This is the first year that we did realize a nominal decline in our "bottom line" as did all investors. Hopefully, as our collective economy recovers, our account balances will rise accordingly. Our investment firm is diligent in their efforts to foster the best return on our monies and has done an excellent job diversifying and managing the investments on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Guyette, Trustee & Chair

STANTON HALL 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 2008 are as follows:

*Town Hall Committees and Boards
Highland Valley Elder Services
Town Dance
Teen Dance
Huntington Dance Centre
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Flu Clinic
HOPE Nurse
Elder Law Seminar
Red Cross Blood Drive
Girl Scout Cadette Troop #194
Cub Scouts
Santa Claus
Nutrition Workshops
Local Artists Group
Gateway Little League
Friends of The Library*

*Historical Society
Westfield River Wild and Scenic
Jacobs Ladder Business Association
Route 112 Scenic Byway
Littleville Fair Penny Social
Hilltown Community Dev. Corp.
Open Mic Music Sessions
Water Color Workshop
Highland Communities Initiative
Highland Grange
Serve Program
Brown Bag Program
Yoga Classes
Drivers' Ed Classes
Booster Club
Low Vision Workshop
Congregational Church*

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Hall Committee

NORTH HALL COMMITTEE

The North Hall is gaining a reputation for featuring well-known local actors doing classical and experimental works. In May, the opera singers returned for a wonderful medley of arias. Antonio Abate, Amanda Nisenson, Tammy Tyburczy, and Justin Plank accompanied by Carol Wong gave an outstanding performance.

In August, we sponsored a reading of Anton Checkhov's Cherry Orchard, featuring Broadway veterans Kenneth Tigar, Kendall March, Denis Butkus and Samantha Soule, as well as local talent, Glenda Donovan, Susan Daniels, David Dimock, and Christopher Dimock. Our annual fundraiser at Ruth and David Pardoe's lovely home followed the performance. These events were well attended.

In October, Helena Alves brought the Mayock Brothers and The Lonesome Brothers together for folk rock concert. Helena received donations from local businesses to help make this event a success. In spite of the rescheduling of this program due to a storm knocking out power in August, the event was well attended. The building rocked with music and dance.

The Association Members did a spring clean up and helped to keep the outside neat and pretty with some new flowers. The Town maintained the building and did some minor repair work.

Our plans for this year are to continue with our artistic presentations as well as another folk rock evening. We also encourage our citizens to use the hall for their workshops and programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves, Chair
Darlene Horne
Jackie Kimsey
David Pardoe
Ruth 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.

In 2008, we celebrated the 15th Anniversary since the Westfield River was designated as a National Wild & Scenic River and the 40th Anniversary of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. In June, Congressman Olver announced a \$100,000 federal appropriation for the Westfield River through the Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program. These funds support projects along the Wild & Scenic reaches of the Westfield River – including volunteer water quality monitoring, informative and interpretative kiosks, Stream Team projects and activities, trail improvements and extensions along the East Branch Trail, and other community projects that help protect the river.

The WRW&SAC established two small grant programs to promote stewardship and conservation of the resources found along the Wild & Scenic Westfield River. The Riparian Conservation & Stewardship Grant Program is designed to encourage stewardship of riparian lands and to support transaction costs leading to long-term protection. Recognizing the important role towns play in the protection of river resources, the goal of the Community Grant Program is to support Town activities which would directly protect or enhance river resources.

Following completion of surveys in 2007, Stream Teams initiated three projects along each of the branches using funds made available through the Partnership Rivers funding. Under the leadership of Meredyth Babcock, Stream Team Volunteer Coordinator, volunteers organized a dedicated group of Trail Stewards for the East Branch Trail, worked with The Trustees of Reservations to explore ways to improve parking lot drainage and to designate an official trail to allow trampled vegetation to recover at Glendale Falls, and identified a project to reduce stormwater runoff along a roadway adjacent to Yokum Brook and the West Branch 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, visit our new website at www.westfieldriverwildscenic.org.

For more information contact coordinator@westfieldriverwildscenic.org
or (413) 268-3129, ext. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Huntington Representative
Karin Vorwerk, Huntington Alternate

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

**P. O. Box 630
Williamsburg, MA 01096**

Last year the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative helped the Town of Huntington recycle and divert over 275 tons of material, saving over \$20,397 in avoided disposal costs, and earning over \$5,817 in recycling revenue to support the Town's recycling programs. For the annual assessment amount of \$7,375, Huntington received over \$26,215 in indirect costs savings, services and revenues from the services and efforts provided by the HRMC.

These are challenging times for recycling programs. Since October 1, 2008, the worldwide recycling markets, like all other economic markets, have fallen to their lowest levels in years. We continue to receive some revenue for our recyclables, and so far there have not been any reductions in the materials we can recycle. So for now your town's ability to recycle everything it can through programs managed by the HRMC is okay. During the upcoming year, the HRMC plans to continue to assist all of its member towns with their important recycling and environmental protection efforts. Encouraging environmental protection efforts through recycling and sustainability based outreach programs will help to limit the effects of climate change and help reduce our footprint on the earth.

The HRMC has not requested an assessment budget increase in over 5 years and in this year's FY 2010 budget we have reduced our assessment to the member towns by 5% because of the current economic situation we are all in. The HRMC will be more prudent in how it manages its budget, and some program reductions may be needed at a later date.

Last year the HRMC helped the towns (combined) recycle over 2,055 tons of materials, saving the towns over \$149,651 in direct disposal costs savings, and earning over \$48,785 in recycling revenues!

Currently the HRMC assists the Town of Huntington in the following (8) ways:

1. Assists the Board of Health with the careful and cost efficient management of the Town's waste management and recycling programs.
2. Helps protect the environment through the recycling of as many items as possible.
3. Operates the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Paint Recycling, Electronics Recycling programs and Mercury Collection Programs to help keep toxic materials out of our local environment.
4. Assists your town directly with the bidding of recycling hauling, solid waste hauling, disposal contracts and transfer station equipment.
5. Obtains cash and equipment grants to assist Huntington.
6. Assists the Town with the development of new recycling programs.
7. Advocates on behalf of its member towns with State Legislators.
8. Explores long term sustainability and climate change issues which will affect and 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, sustainability; or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268-3845 or email us hrmc@crocker.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Administrator

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Within this past year, the Hilltown Community Ambulance was once again requested to over 500 emergencies. These ranged from simple citizen assistance, to fire scene rehabilitation, to serious medical emergencies. We provided these services to the citizens of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Russell, Montgomery and Worthington.

Our Advanced Life Support services were implemented a minimum of eight hours a day, something we strive to increase over time. In addition, our ALS treatment benefited our patients on numerous occasions.

In terms of coverage to the communities, throughout this past year the HCAA was able to increase the on-duty staffing by 16 hours per week. This allowed us to provide a fully staffed Intermediate Level ambulance seven days a week.

As with the community fire departments, the HCAA is experiencing a decrease in available EMTs evenings and overnights. We have lost available on-call EMTs due to issues such as full time employment, school and family commitments. With the position of the current economy, many people are unable to give the time they had in the past. This is a continuation of a national trend in the reduction of available call/ volunteer EMTs and firefighters. The HCAA currently utilizes on-call EMTs for 112 hours of coverage per week, and each call during those hours require two EMTs. If you are interested in becoming an EMT, please visit our website at www.hilltownambulance.com.

In the coming year, the HCAA has set two solid goals that we believe we can achieve: Understanding that in the case of many medical emergencies, time is of the essence, we strive to reduce our response times. In doing this, the HCAA is going to add an additional 16 to 32 hours staffing. This will allow us to place on-duty EMTs in the station an additional 8 to 16 hours per week. This will also allow us to reduce the dependence and strain on our on-call staff, and reduce the time it takes us to get the ambulance to your residence.

Second, the HCAA plans on further developing our —PR in the Community” program. With this, we would like to instruct community groups, citizens, and school children in proper CPR. If you would like further information on this program, please visit our website at www.hilltownambulance.com.

In closing, the mission of the HCAA is to provide prompt, proper emergency medical care to the citizens of the hilltowns. This is not accomplished without a group of EMTs who are dedicated to serving their co-workers, friends, neighbors, and the citizens of their communities. The same can be said about the success and dedication of the members of your local fire departments. Together, these agencies put their personal lives aside to serve the sick and injured.

I would like to offer one simple thing you can do to assist your local public safety organizations. If you pass these men and women in town some day, take a moment to say —Thank You” for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Gaughan, Service Director

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation was created to improve the quality of life for Hilltown residents by “addressing economic, educational, and social needs while preserving the rural character of our area.” Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. Hilltown CDC writes applications for and manages Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on behalf of seven Northern Hilltown communities to support a variety of programs described below. The CDC also manages and develops affordable housing serving low and moderate income residents in all ten core communities. And the CDC provides assistance to existing and start-up small businesses in 11 hilltowns (including Ashfield) to strengthen the hilltown economy, increase local jobs and support the marketing of locally produced goods and services. Below are the program highlights for FY 2008:

Social Services: Hilltown CDC seeks to support the highest possible quality of life for the most vulnerable hilltown residents. During FY 2008, HCDC programs:

- Delivered 6,656 hours of direct in-home caregiving services to 100 low-income hilltown elder households through the **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) Program**, at no cost to the participants, and provided 26,581 miles of escorted transportation to elders.
- Secured CDBG funding for three additional locally-based social service programs:
The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE), administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided over 1,000 hours of free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to nearly 200 eligible homebound elders.
The Hilltown Food Pantry distributed over 70,000 pounds of foods (35 tons) to 277 eligible participants. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall. Call 586-6564 or 268-7578 for information.
Families Together, another HCHC program, offers activities which focused on family issues such as parenting, family dynamics, and family health education to over 60 eligible hilltown households.

Economic Development: Hilltown CDC provides individual counseling, technical assistance and training workshops to small and micro-businesses on many subjects, from business planning to website design, computer software, and marketing. In FY 2008, Hilltown CDC:

- Published the 2008 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to over 9,000 hilltown households, listing 266 hilltown businesses by town and by category;
- Organized the 2nd Hilltown Spring Festival at the Cummington Fairgrounds for nearly 1,000 hilltowners, including an Arts and Crafts Expo, a Business Expo, a Sustainability Expo, school group performances and local food and music;
- Held 56 training workshop sessions on 20 different subjects, from financial planning to website design. 194 local business people attended;
- Provided individual consulting assistance totaling 240 hours to 121 hilltown businesses.

Affordable Housing: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income hilltown residents. Hilltown CDC owns and manages affordable rental housing, has renovated and constructed first time homebuyer housing and has planned and developed senior housing. FY08 project highlights include rehabilitation of a four-unit apartment building on Blandford Road in Huntington which was completed, and the apartments were made available for rent to income-eligible households. The project restores to active use a 100-year-old building in the village of Huntington that stood vacant for ten years.

First-time Homebuyer Program: Finding affordable homes continues to be a hurdle for area buyers. We offer three types of assistance to first-time homebuyers:

- **Individual Counseling** provided an opportunity for 47 households to discuss finances confidentially and prepare for the home buying process.
- **First-Time Homebuyer Workshops** provided 37 households with the certificates of completion needed to obtain subsidized mortgage products.
- **Direct Financial Assistance** provided grants and deferred payment loans to 9 income-eligible households buying a home in the Hilltown CDC service area.
- **Housing Rehabilitation Program:** provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year round employment for area contractors.

Community Facilities: Hilltown CDC works with a wide range of community groups in the public and private sector and with local municipalities. The Community Facilities Program helps with the development process for construction of buildings and infrastructure by identifying project needs and obtaining project funding. It also helps communities make their facilities more handicapped accessible.

Community Planning: We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds and/or manage a range of projects. During FY 2008, HCDC:

- Provided planning assistance to the Northern Hilltowns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington preparing and updating their Community Development Strategies. A number of new community needs were identified, along with projects to be included in future CDBG funding applications.
- Completed a Hilltown Affordable Housing Planning project which includes locating and studying potential sites for senior housing in Chesterfield and other communities.
- Completed a study to explore interest in developing a regional senior center.
- Continued to support and participate in regional efforts to bring high-speed broadband internet services to the unserved and underserved communities in the Hilltowns.

In FY 2008, Hilltown CDC generated over \$5 million in revenues to support the above projects, including a \$1.126 million regional CDBG grant, and recruited three new Board Members: Pam Sanborn (Chester), Noreen Suriner (Middlefield), and Marj Snyder (Williamsburg).

Respectfully submitted:
Andrew Baker, Executive Director

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The focus of the Hampshire Council of Governments continues to be to help local governments save money and solve problems through regional cooperation, and a commitment to the concept of local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2008 were \$37,206. All twelve Council Members receive a 75% dues' reduction because they voted to continue their membership with the Council for four years.

In FY08, fifty towns and districts throughout the counties of Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden and Berkshire were utilizing the Council's Electricity Program, Hampshire Power, for electricity supply for their municipal facilities. This Program was also the electricity supplier for eleven businesses in Hampshire County. Although market prices in December 2007 and the spring months of 2008 were very high, overall our customers realized savings over utility rates. We hope to implement a pilot residential program in the future.

The Cooperative Purchasing program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the region. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2008 was \$5.8 million with a projected savings of \$926,643.

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single-digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. Through its efforts and expertise, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits.

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. Department personnel are primarily involved with sales, account analysis, and program development for Hampshire Power. In addition, the department continues to secure surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for Fiscal Year 2008, after fees and delivery charges, totaled \$10,252.

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

The Council has continued to provide tobacco prevention efforts in the region since 1994. Currently there are two programs run by the Tobacco Free Network. Through the Youth Access to Tobacco prevention program we are working in 33 towns in Franklin, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties. By conducting compliance checks, providing retailer and community education, and working with local boards of health we hope to reduce the sale of tobacco to minors and increase compliance with the state law. In addition, the Network has developed a smoke free apartment website, www.smokefree.hampshirecog.org.

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

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Three hundred and thirty-six building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2008. Of these, 13 permits were for new homes. The severe economic downturn in the second half of 2008 put a definite halt to construction of new homes, yet more permits were issued this year than last, mostly due to small renovation projects, repairs and wood stove installations.

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	78	3	\$ 8,496.17
Goshen	47	2	\$ 6,498.89
Huntington	83	4	\$ 9,855.17
Middlefield	21	0	\$16,446.48
Williamsburg	106	4	\$13,301.60

While permit activity has increased somewhat compared to last year, and I have been at least as busy as in previous years, most towns have seen a decrease in fees collected. This is due to the small minimum fee collected for smaller projects.

This year saw the ushering in of a new State Building Code, the seventh edition. Many changes appear in the new code, and I have had to attend many training sessions to keep current. The code is a living document, and even since its introduction many amendments have been made. This is certain to prove confusing to contractors. It certainly is a challenge for building officials.

An unprecedented number of permits have been issued for wood and pellet stove installations in the past few months. Please keep in mind that the installation of wood stoves, coal stoves, pellet stoves and outdoor wood boilers requires a building permit. These are inherently dangerous appliances, and must be installed correctly in order to be safe. The permit fee is only \$30.00, and the required inspection only takes minutes. Many homes are lost or severely damaged every year due to unsafe wood stoves. Play it safe! It's easy to get the permit, it's cheap, and it's the law! If you've already installed a stove, and weren't aware of the permit requirement, please call. An inspection can be arranged quickly.

Tara Ussailis has been on the job as my Administrative Assistant for almost eight years now, and again I thank her for her contributions. Despite our subsistent budget and lack of normal office amenities, she manages to keep everything in order, keep me on schedule, and keep smiling. I'd be lost without her. She's in the office rain or shine Monday through Wednesday 8:45 – 12:30.

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. Permit applications are available at our Chesterfield office, Williamsburg Town Clerk's office, Huntington town offices, and Goshen town offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tacy, Building Commissioner

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE
07-Jan-08	8 Lowell Ln	444	39	James	Meehan	208	Replacement Sliding Doors	\$3,939.56	\$30.00
07-Jan-08	30 Blandford Rd	H5	45	Clark	Jones	308	Replacement Windows	\$6,381.00	\$30.00
15-Jan-08	62 Searle Rd			Dennis	Robare	M08-1		\$0.00	\$20.00
28-Jan-08	22 Kennedy Dr	444	51	William	McVeigh	608	Bathroom Renovations	\$15,000.00	\$75.00
28-Jan-08	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	708	Dormitory Renovations	\$12,000.00	\$120.00
04-Feb-08	17 Harlow Clark Rd			Elizabeth	Peloquin	M08-5	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00
04-Feb-08	12 County Rd	444	8	Donald	Sorrell	908	Enclose existing Porch 13x17	\$2,000.00	\$30.00
06-Feb-08	80 Harlow Clark Rd			Larry	Beane	M08-6	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00
11-Feb-08	156 County Rd	508	78	Joseph	Dart	1408	Interior Renovations	\$20,000.00	\$100.00
03-Mar-08	31 Old Chester Rd	253	15	Derek	Tyburski	2008	Reroof	\$1,500.00	\$30.00
03-Mar-08	16 Parkridge Dr	324	107	Mark	Rehbein	2108	Reroof	\$15,000.00	\$30.00
10-Mar-08	52 Searle Rd	442	58	Helena	Alves	2308	Rebuild Chimney	\$1,500.00	\$30.00
10-Mar-08	10 Basket St	H1	62	Michael	Vorwerk	2408	Garage Renov/Wood stove	\$3,000.00	\$60.00
19-Mar-08	22 Russell Rd			Stanton Hall		M08-9	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
24-Mar-08	35 Church Rd	442	37	Ross	Hackerson	3008	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
02-Apr-08	31 Old Chester Rd	253	15	Derek	Tyburski	3808	Install Wood Stove/Chimney	\$1,500.00	\$30.00
14-Apr-08	4 Harlow Clark Rd	444	11	Cheryl	St. Peter	5008	Replacement Windows	\$3,000.00	\$30.00
14-Apr-08	8 Cullen Rd	442	50	Mark	Wilkinson	4408	In-ground Pool	\$7,520.00	\$50.00
14-Apr-08	13 Russell Rd	H1	8	Tsyr	Hawley	4708	Sill-Beam-Joist Replacement	\$20,850.00	\$30.00
14-Apr-08	2 Harlow Clark Rd	444	22	Kiley	Grover	4908	Reroof	\$1,800.00	\$30.00
15-Apr-08	28 Worthington Rd	H2	104	Nancy	Penn	5208	Whole House Renovation	\$93,000.00	\$465.00
17-Apr-08	23 Russell Rd			Evangelical	Fellowship Hall	M08-10	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
22-Apr-08	31 Old Chester Rd			Derek	Tyburski	M08-18	#2008)	\$0.00	\$30.00
24-Apr-08	2 East Main St			Church		M08-14	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
28-Apr-08	13 Russell Rd	H1	8	Dale	Hawley	6408	Replace Steps	\$400.00	\$30.00
07-May-08	31 Old Chester Rd	253	15	Derek	Tyburski	7608	Replacement Windows	\$1,000.00	\$30.00
12-May-08	26 Sampson Rd	506	8	Andy	Kowal	8208	Windows/Door/Siding/Reroof	\$2,000.00	\$60.00
12-May-08	163 Worthington Rd	324	89	James	Moore	8608	Residence	\$0.00	\$50.00
12-May-08	6 Pine St	H2	68	Russell	Smith	8008	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
21-May-08	181 Goss Hill Rd	328	8	Scott	Tillinghast	10008	Renovate Bulkhead	\$0.00	\$30.00
27-May-08	14 Stanton Ave	H2	108	David	Borden	10508	Rear Deck & Front Porch	\$8,000.00	
27-May-08	39 Goss Hill Rd	324	34	Mark	Hanks	10208	beam	\$17,100.00	\$85.00
27-May-08	163 Worthington Rd	324	89	James	Moore	10108	found.permit#10108)	\$175,000.00	\$1,411.20
27-May-08	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	10408	Cabin Renovations	\$4,000.00	\$90.00
27-May-08	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	10308	Repair Trusses	\$8,000.00	\$30.00

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02-Jun-08	53 Allen Coit Rd	508	102	Pamela	Anderson	11808	Porch 6x10	\$8,200.00	\$60.00
09-Jun-08	26 Sampson Rd	506	8	Andy	Kowal	12008	Front Porch/deck	\$3,500.00	\$78.00
09-Jun-08	2 County Rd	444	1	Betty	Cole	12208	Reroof	\$2,200.00	\$30.00
11-Jun-08	49 Harlow Clark Rd	446	15	Edward	Carlson	12408	Garage	\$31,250.00	\$105.60
17-Jun-08	64 Searle Rd	440	2	Jason	Charboneau	12608	Replacement Windows/Door	\$16,000.00	\$30.00
25-Jun-08	29 Old Chester Rd					M08-26	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00
25-Jun-08	128 Norwich Lake			Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	M08-28	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-Jun-08	13 Maple St	H2	28	Charles	Dazelle	13108	Addition/Renovations	\$0.00	\$475.53
30-Jun-08	15 Kennedy Dr	444	59A	Andrew	Tacke	13208	Single Family Residence	\$240,000.00	\$759.00
01-Jul-08	77 Searle Rd	440	9	Tim	Reid	13308	Replace Barn 30x32	\$29,000.00	\$48.00
07-Jul-08	10 Pisgah Rd	508	36D	Phillip	Kessler	14108	Install woodstove/chimney	\$1,500.00	\$30.00
09-Jul-08	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	14508	Metal Roof (Boathouse)	\$3,500.00	\$30.00
11-Jul-08	51 Basket St			Allan	Bonney	M08-30	Pellet Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$30.00
14-Jul-08	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	14708	Kitchen Renovations	\$33,000.00	\$115.00
16-Jul-08	2 Arnold Dr	324	64	Virginia	Malanson	15208	Reroof	\$4,291.00	\$30.00
28-Jul-08	26 Montgomery Rd	446	2A	Terrence	Daley	15808	Garage 34x26	\$0.00	\$88.40
11-Aug-08	20 Blandford Hill Rd	H5	38	Charles	Harris	17208	Repair Deck/Windows/Siding	\$20,000.00	\$60.00
12-Aug-08	Lake			Camp	Norwich	M08-32	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
13-Aug-08	44 Worthington Rd	N4	5	Darryl	Fisk	17908	Replace Sill/Piers	\$16,970.00	\$84.85
18-Aug-08	253 Goss Hill Rd	330	11	Fred	Fopiano	18308	Supports	\$4,347.00	\$30.00
18-Aug-08	137 Norwich Lake	L5	58	Christine	Harrison	18208	Demolition	\$0.00	\$30.00
19-Aug-08	13 Russell Rd	H1	8	Dale	Hawley	18508	Windows/Deck5x16	\$30,000.00	\$150.00
25-Aug-08	5 Basket St	H2	16	John	Madru	18808	Reroof	\$800.00	\$30.00
26-Aug-08	18 Montgomery Rd	N2	16	Sondra	Lewis	19208	Garage 16x20	\$10,000.00	\$60.00
27-Aug-08	8 Rocky Brook Rd	324	72	Mary	Gerken	19408	Bathroom Renovations	\$13,175.00	\$65.88
27-Aug-08	22 Nagler Cross Rd	326	69	Douglas	Twarosch	19308	Install Pellet Stove	\$2,750.00	\$30.00
04-Sep-08	12 Littleville Rd			Regional	Schools	M08-31	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$80.00
08-Sep-08	2 Laurel Rd	H1	14	Steve	Hamlin	19908	Rebuild Front Porch Roof	\$0.00	\$30.00
22-Sep-08	1 Mill St	H3	9	Barre	Lucas	21508	13'4"x60'	\$0.00	\$400.00
22-Sep-08	7 Old Chester Rd	H1	74	Amos	McLeod	21608	Install Wood/Coal Stove	\$300.00	\$30.00
24-Sep-08	23 East Main St	H3	10	Hamp. County	Auth	22108	Reroof	\$0.00	\$30.00
24-Sep-08	137 Norwich Lake	L5	58	Christina	Harrison	22008	Single Family Residence	\$179,000.00	\$579.20
29-Sep-08	132 Norwich Lake	L5	44	Gary	Brooks	22808	Siding/Roof/Insulation/Gutters	\$12,548.00	\$60.00
30-Sep-08	134 Goss Hill Rd	326	44	Prism Custom	Homes, Inc	22408	Residence	\$0.00	\$50.00
06-Oct-08	11 Main St	H1	54	Bob	Holmes	23608	Reroof	\$10,500.00	\$30.00

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06-Oct-08	13 Old Chester Rd	H1	71	Sandor	Kovacs	23908	Reroof	\$14,038.00	\$30.00
14-Oct-08	34 Montgomery Rd	446	3	Gerald	Manley	25308	Shed 24x30	\$2,500.00	\$30.00
14-Oct-08	3 Allen Coit Rd	508	52	Elizabeth	Nett	25508	Mobile Home	\$0.00	\$562.00
15-Oct-08	138 Pond Brook Rd	508	96	Jan	Nettler	25808	Install Pellet Stove Insert	\$5,000.00	\$30.00
16-Oct-08	52 Searle Rd			Helena	Alves	M08-47	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$0.00
22-Oct-08	12 East Main St	H2	95	County Reg	Housing Authority	26208	Shed 8x16	\$2,650.00	\$30.00
22-Oct-08	20 Pine St	H2	13	County Reg	Housing Authority	26308	Shed 8x14	\$2,345.00	\$30.00
27-Oct-08	219 Goss Hill Rd	328	27-28	Stephen	Luchini	26908	Install Wood stove	\$3,000.00	\$30.00
27-Oct-08	6 Maple St	H2	24	Michael	Cortis	26808	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
27-Oct-08	62 Old Chester Rd	255	10	Jamie	Desormier	26708	Install Wood stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
28-Oct-08	35 Basket St	N4	38	Jacob	Ellinger	27608	Reroof/Install Pellet Stove	\$4,500.00	\$60.00
28-Oct-08	59 Russell Rd	H4	6	Paul	Grenier	27108	Install Coal Stove	\$200.00	\$30.00
10-Nov-08	50 Basket St	255	37	Louis	Purinton	28308	Ramp/Bath Remodel	\$10,500.00	\$52.50
11-Nov-08	200 Worthington Rd			Worthington	Rd, Inc	M08-37	Ch 304 Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
11-Nov-08	4 Main St			4 Main Street	Bar & Grill	M08-38	Ch 304 Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
12-Nov-08	1 Mountainview Dr	N3	9	Matthew	York	28708	Finish Basement Space	\$0.00	\$128.70
12-Nov-08	228 Norwich Lake	L6	51	Michael	Barr	28408	Demolition	\$0.00	\$50.00
12-Nov-08	32 Tucker Rd	506	3	John	Szafranski	28508	Reroof	\$12,000.00	\$30.00
12-Nov-08	7 Pine St	H2	74	Donald	Bartley	28608	s/Int.Renov.	\$5,000.00	\$90.00
12-Nov-08	134 Goss Hill Rd	326	45	Prism Custom	Homes, Inc	29008	found.#22408)	\$280,000.00	\$741.50
19-Nov-08	115 County Rd	444	67	Geraldine	Gastone	29208	Replacement Door&Window	\$3,450.00	\$30.00
01-Dec-08	17 Lyman Rd	442	47	Brian	Wing	31308	tower)/Equip.Shelter	\$35,000.00	\$175.00
01-Dec-08	7 County Rd	444	25	Glenn	Martin	31208	Install Pellet Stove	\$2,000.00	\$30.00
03-Dec-08	23 East Main St	H3	10	Marie	Bushor	31808	Exterior Stairway Repairs	\$750.00	\$60.00
08-Dec-08	24 Upper Russell Rd	H1	87	Colin	Mulcahy	32708	Reroof	\$4,742.00	\$30.00
08-Dec-08	6 Basket St	H1	60	Roger	Hills	32308	Renovations/Repairs	\$43,261.99	\$261.31
22-Dec-08	260 Goss Hill Rd	330	3	Benjamin	Sarafin	33408	Windows/Door/Reroof	\$12,700.00	\$63.50
22-Dec-08	63 Old Chester Rd			Pioneer Valley	Assembly of God	M08-53	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
22-Dec-08	120 County Rd	442	9	Michael	Petrovsky	33308	Demolition	\$5,000.00	\$30.00

VETERANS' AGENT

Veterans and their dependents were consulted and assisted in filing claims for benefits under the provision of Ch. 115, 108 CMR, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and also assisting veterans and their families for Death Benefits, VA claims and Social Security.

Continuously, we assist all veterans and their dependents upon their needs. In the year 2008, the VA has put tremendous efforts in providing immediate care for veterans that may have TBI and PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, respectively.

I am on call 24 – 7 as always to help our deserving veterans and their families. Please call the Selectboard Office at (413) 667-3500 for my hours at the Huntington Town Hall, or call me at (413) 265-4473 or (413) 323-5992 if you have any questions, or if a veteran needs immediate assistance.

NOTE: Last year \$82,812 gross was paid to veterans and their beneficiaries.

God Bless America!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Messier
Veterans' Services Officer

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