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Cover Page

Upper Left: Station 1 is located at 8 Russell Road.

Upper Right: Station 2 is located at 48 Searle Road.

Bottom: Standing in front of Rescue 3 are Fire Department members responsible for the metamorphosis of the truck. Using their ingenuity, the old 2004 Highway Department pick up was configured with a surplus body which Chief Gary Dahill found through the DCR program (*See write up on page 12 of the Selectboard Report*).

From left to right are:

Steve Graydon
Charles Knowlton
Charles Dazelle
Gary Dahill
Shawn Ellinger
Toby Quirk

Our hats off to these and all our dedicated firefighters who go over and above the call of duty!

Rescue 3 cover picture courtesy of the Country Journal.

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Paul Speckels

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: 2206

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DEDICATION

HUNTINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Gary Dahill, Fire Chief



Robert Garriepy, Former Fire Chief



Ed Dahill, Deputy Chief



George Peterson III, Assistant Chief



Tom Gralinski, Assistant Chief



Charles Dazelle, Assistant Chief



Adam Cormier, Captain



John Garriepy, Captain

This year's Town dedication is to the Huntington Fire Department. The firefighters who provide emergency services to the Town do so by using much personal time and effort to gain credentials to better respond to the needs of Huntington residents and other communities requiring mutual aid. Fire Chief Gary Dahill has been on the department for 35 years. According to Gary, the Fire Department originally started out as two departments – one downtown and one on Norwich Hill. The two departments lasted until 1976 when the Town abolished the Fire District and from then on there was one department. Currently the main building is located in downtown Huntington, but the original fire building on Norwich Hill still stands, and is used to this day to store trucks and other fire apparatus. Including all firefighters, officers and the Chief, the Town is privileged to have over 250 years of firefighting experience. The Huntington Fire Department provides our community not only with fire services, but also assists as First Responders to medical emergencies; they provide inspection services to residents and businesses; each year they sponsor a Fire Safety Day for elementary school children. And, once a year around the Christmas holidays, they have been known to drive Santa around the hills and throw candy off the fire engine. These selfless individuals support the residents of Huntington in a multitude of ways, and this year we would like to give them a warm thank you back!

DEDICATION

HUNTINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Jay Boland



Rebecca Cormier



Devin Doherty



Josh Ellinger



Shawn Ellinger



Steve Graydon



Bill Hall



Kevin Hebert



Ethan Hoch



Charles Knowlton



Barre Lucas



Toby Quirk



Matthew Reil

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	2012	Charles Dazelle, Chair	2011
Robert Heath	2010	Denise Keay	2010
Ernest Smith	2011	VACANCY	2012
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Pamela Donovan-Hall	2012	Pamela Donovan-Hall	2012
<i>Town Collector:</i>		Sharon Jones	2011
Anne Marie Knox	2010	Paul Hurley (appointed)	2010
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Anne Marie Knox	2012	Wendy Long	2010
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		Rick Dugre (appointed)	2011
Linda Hamlin	2011	Karen Wittshirk	2012
Sue Fopiano	2012	<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Ed Renauld (appointed)	2010	Walter Wittshirk	2012
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
Marge Craven (appointed)	2012	Lois Smith	2010
Diane LaFond	2011	<i>Moderator:</i>	
Thomas Hart (appointed)	2010	Pete Jacques	2010
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Roland Damon	2012	Judith Guyette	2011
Linda Ray	2010	Sue Fopiano	2010
Scott Tillinghast	2011	Karen Wittshirk	2012
		<i>Constables:</i>	
		Charles Dazelle	2012
		Earl G. Heath	2010
		Tim Doherty	2011

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

Animal Control Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 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

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

VACANCY 2011

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 Guard (Yearly):

Sue Ellinger 2010

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Ella Balchunas 2011

Jane Beane 2012

Jack Eisenstadt 2012

Linda Siska 2011

Lynn Winsor, Ch. 2012

VACANCY 2011

VACANCY 2011

Dog Officer (Yearly)

Rebecca Cormier 2010

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
Scott Tillinghast	2011

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Palazzi	2010
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Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Andy Girouard	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):

Alicia Hackerson	2010
Anna Horkun	2010
Eric Jensen	2010
Stewart Jones	2010
Erik Steins	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010

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):

George Reichert	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):

Darlene Horne	2011
Jackie Kimsey	2012
David Pardoe	2012
Ruth Pardoe	2010
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

Open Space Committee (3-Year):

Jeffrey Penn	2011
Linda Siska	2011
Erik Steins	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

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

Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2011
Scott Tillinghast	2011

Planning Board (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois	2011
Linda Hamlin	2012
Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2013
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	2010
Aaren Hawley	2010
William Kaleta	2010
Todd Michon	2010
VACANCY	2010

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
Kathy Sullivan	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2010
Susan McIntosh	2010
Jeffrey Penn	2010

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly)

Paul Tacy	2010
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Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

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

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.	2010
Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2011
George Webb, Ch.	2012
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2012
VACANCY	2012

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: Members meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Secretary hours: Wednesday evenings - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511
Title V Agent Brian Slayton 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, Moltenbrey's Market, and Gateway Farm & Pet.
Large bags (55 gal.) are \$1.50; small bags (30 gal.) are \$1.00.

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

Building Inspector: Paul Tacy
Telephone: (413) 296-0127 Fax: (413) 296-0147
Office: 422 Main St., Chesterfield, MA - Open Mon.-Wed., 8:45-12:30
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.

Alt. Electrical Inspector: Andy Girourd:
Telephone: (413) 667-8812

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: Rick Dugre (413) 667-3601
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 **Assistant Clerk:** Andrea McKittrick
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
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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. huntingontreas@comcast.net

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

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

SELECTBOARD REPORT

FY 2010 has found the Town in difficult financial times, to say the least, and we project that the next few upcoming years will be the same. It is the desire of the Selectboard to again do our best to present the Town for FY 2011 a budget that meets the needs of the residents and taxpayers as well as being fiscally conservative.

The Selectboard over the past year has also been working on the following projects:

Town Hall IT Improvements: At last year's Annual Town Meeting, \$15,000 was appropriated to update the Town Hall's computer system. To date, we have made several infrastructure improvements. We have hired Mr. Wayne Precanico as a consultant who has been working closely with the Selectboard. In the upcoming months, we will be working on WI-FI for Town offices to better enable various boards.

Downtown Street Renovation/Parking: This project was started in 2009 and will continue into the summer of 2010. The downtown brick sidewalks have been deemed unsafe and will be replaced. In addition, the Selectboard, in conjunction with the Highway Superintendent, is working on expanding parking around Town Hall. This is an exciting project that we believe will help enhance the downtown, as well as aid with accessibility. As we are all aware, there was a refurbishment of the Cross Memorial Bridge through 2009, with completion expected in this spring. Spring 2010 also brings Mass. Highway's resurfacing of Route 20.

Stanton Hall Steeple: In 2009, the Selectboard hired Thayer Street Associates to refurbish the Stanton Hall steeple. The final project costs were \$163,980. Once the structure was under construction and the building was opened up, there was a need for additional support structures that were added. Thayer Street will be coming back this spring to do touch up painting. In addition to the steeple repair, we also had slate repair on the roof done. In the spring of 2010, the spire will be repaired and repainted by Yankee Steeplejacks. The funds for this project will be taken out of the Stanton Fund by the Finance Committee and given to the Town to finish this project. Late fall 2009, the Selectboard also had outside lights installed in the front of Stanton Hall that illuminate the front of the building every night.

Street Lights: We have chosen to participate in a study to investigate WMECO overcharging municipalities for street lights. This prospect has no cost to the Town except that, in the event that if there has been an overcharge, we provide a nominal fee that will not exceed 25% of our refund to Municipal Energy Consulting Group.

Land Acquisitions: We have been further investigating additional land acquisitions both on Blandford Hill Road and in the Knightville Dam area.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

County Road: As many residents are aware, we have had an increasing number of accidents on County Road. The Selectboard, in conjunction with the Police Department and Highway Department, is investigating ways to make this a safer road. In the fall of 2009, we had the Highway Department add additional signage to this road. We are currently working with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to have them conduct a traffic study, which will help determine possible solutions to this problem.

Highway Pickup Truck: The Highway Department has purchased a new Town truck replacing the 2004 Ford F-350 with a heavy duty Chevy Silverado. The cost of this vehicle was \$52,000.

Rescue Vehicle: The Fire Department has taken the Ford F-350 and has had it refurbished, adding to it a rescue body that was free to the Town from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) program. The total cost for this ~~new~~ rescue truck was approximately \$14,000. A newly manufactured rescue truck would have cost the Town upwards of \$75,000. The Selectboard would personally like to thank Chief Gary Dahill and his team for the countless number of hours they have put in to make this work. This successful effort has saved the Town many thousands of dollars.

Strap Grant: The Town, with the assistance of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., has applied for a Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP) grant for Goss Hill Road. A section of Goss Hill, known as Weeks Hill, is constantly washing out during high water. The abutting landowners have offered to give the Town an easement on their property in order to fix the problem. To alter the road, install a new bridge, install proper drainage and pave that portion of road, the grant would pay up to \$500,000. There would be no cost to the Town.

Social Services: We continue to monitor the situation with the social services center on Russell Road. The building is up for auction on June 4th.

2011 Community Development Block Grant: In 2010, the Selectboard and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will begin work on the 2011 CDBG. We are currently discussing some accessibility opportunities in the Town Hall and Stanton Hall as a prospect.

Slum and Blight: The Selectboard requested and received from PVPC a slum and blight study for the downtown area. This was completed and will help the Town in obtaining grants.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Norwich Lake Right Of Way: The right-of-way road leading down to Norwich Lake was constantly washing away and the gravel/dirt was filling the boat ramp area in the lake. An \$8,000 grant was received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service to put in three large collection basins just before gravel/dirt enters the lake. NRCS paid for the materials and excavator costs. The Highway Department oversaw the project providing labor, a front-end loader, and trucking, as required.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of the people on Town boards and departments that make our Town government run smoothly on a daily basis. We know that it could not be done without your diligence and handwork. We appreciate all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Heath, Chair
Aimee Burnham-Renaud
Ernest Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month except during the budget preparation period, when more meetings are sometimes needed. The Committee's tasks include, preparing a budget for the Town, monitoring expenses and making recommendations to the Selectboard, and managing the Stanton Fund.

Working with the Selectboard, the Committee put together a difficult budget for 2010. By using selected cuts and overrides a budget that met our levy limit was obtained. The 2011 budget process looks to have similar challenges. As State funding for towns and education shrinks and Town growth is very slow, we are forced to contemplate cuts and overrides again to meet our levy limit.

In the fall, the Committee authorized the use of funds from the Stanton Fund to help pay for the restoration of the steeple on Stanton Hall. Enough funds were set aside so the spire could be restored in the spring of 2010 and the building could be painted. We are very pleased to be a part of helping preserve one of our Town's finest landmarks.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Jensen, Chair
Erik Steins, Vice Chair
Stewart Jones, Secretary
Alicia Hackerson
Anna Horkun

MODERATOR

As I approach the end of my first year as Town Moderator, I would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone who has welcomed me in this role and provided words of encouragement. Change can be difficult, and following in the steps of a 12-year veteran Moderator can be daunting. Your support has been helpful and truly appreciated.

I would like to recognize and specifically thank Tom Gralinski, my predecessor and mentor. He has been an invaluable resource as I have come up to speed and I truly appreciate all he has done.

I would also like to thank the Finance Committee, who continues to do an outstanding job serving the Town by monitoring the budget and working closely with the Selectboard and Town departments to present a sound budget. We appointed two new members earlier this year and still look for additional volunteers to support this critical function. I encourage you to talk to me, or a Finance Committee Member, to learn more about the value this committee brings to the community.

Over the past year, we have all faced challenges in our personal and professional lives as a result of the financial crisis that hit the nation and the world in late 2007. As a town, we have not escaped this crisis and have had to deal with tough decisions. For example, we saw a strong community response and Special Town Meeting attendance to address the Library budget. This is an excellent example of how you each directly influence the direction of this town.

We will continue to face these tough decisions for the foreseeable future. I strongly encourage everyone to stay involved since these financial challenges will impact us individually and as a community. Involvement includes not only attending Town Meetings but also staying informed about the issues that impact us all. Understand how a Yes or No vote on a motion or ballot may impact the Town a few months or years down the road. I also ask you to talk to your neighbor and encourage them to attend Town Meetings. Let's break attendance records this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Jacques

TOWN CLERK

The office has been busy with more and more duties added on by the State.

The ballot for our Annual Town Election had 19 positions as well as 10 Proposition 2-½

Questions. It took much time to count each ballot, but the election workers were very efficient and organized as usual. Sue Boistelle and Scott Tillinghast worked as Election Clerks and did a great job. I would like to thank Bing Cinelli (Warden) and Paul Hurley (Checker) for setting up and taking down the election equipment, as well as tending to concerns between elections.

Cricket Heath continues to cause the ballot box to ring for 13 hours straight and offers to help in any way. Thank you, Cricket. I would also like to thank all the Election Workers listed under Appointed Officers and Committees for their loyalty and dedication.

If your organization/association is planning a raffle, it is State law that a permit is needed. This has to be applied for 30 days before the event. Please don't wait a week or so before coming into my office for an application. The paper work has to be processed and approved by the Town Clerk and the Chief of Police. It would be a shame if the drawing had to be cancelled due to the lack of time in processing the application.

A Business Certificate (also called a d/b/a) 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. This protects the consumer as well as the business owner, for if the Attorney General becomes involved and a d/b/a is not on file with the Town, they charge an automatic \$300 fine.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses are sold and can also be purchased on line at MassWildlife.org.

Your Annual Census forms keep you listed as a current voter, which means no paper work to complete at the polls. Please read, correct, sign and return them promptly.

Issued this year were the following:

53	Business Certificates
3	Flammable Storage Permits
425	Dog Licenses
4	Kennel Licenses

Andrea McKittrick is our new Assistant Town Clerk. She is quick to learn, is conscientious, organized and friendly.

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

The Vital Records and the rest of my report follow.

Respectfully submitted: Pamela G. Donovan-Hall

TOWN CLERK

Vital Records 2009

BIRTHS:

January 16	Anthony Jason Ellinger Son of Jacob W. Ellinger & nee Amy L. Baker
January 24	Chloe Grace Chamberlain Daughter of Jesse D. Chamberlain & nee Hailey A. Patras
February 20	Angelina Rose Gilbert Daughter of Michael P. Gilbert & nee Melissa C. Chabot
March 1	Kurstin Riley Martine Daughter of Alton F. Martine, III & nee Melissa A. Dean
March 8	Emma May Wieland Daughter of David C. Weiland & nee Lindsay M. Bray
April 7	Jayden Lawrence Damon Son of Caleb R. Damon & nee Brandi L. Gallagher
April 23	Sieanna Nicole Kellogg Dustin S. Kellogg & nee Jessica C. Wright
April 15	Cole Steven Boissonneault Son of Charles F. Boissonneault & nee Sara E. Champagne
May 15	Evelyn Sophia Piszcz Daughter of Edward Piszcz, Jr. & nee Janice B. Burgert
June 3	Jacob William Maynard Son of John W. Maynard & nee Jennifer A. Gosley
June 28	Shai Nissim Daughter of Gonen Nissim & nee Inbal Efron
July 12	Logan Aaren Hawley Son of Aaren D. Hawley & nee Kelly L. Salvhus
August 17	Cole Robert Przybyla Son of David M. Przybyla & nee Kristen J. Shubert
September 16	Matthew James Douglas Son of Gregory F. Douglas & nee Debra L. Morse

BIRTHS 2009 (continued):

- September 18 Karl Dylan Semenyck
Son of Nicholas P. Semenyck & nee Nicole L. Hadden
- September 22 Colton Michael Norawiec
Son of Michael O. Norawiec & nee Keri J. Roberts
- November 10 Weston Kenneth Anderson
Son of Brian M. Anderson & nee Stephanie R. Schenna

MARRIAGES:

- February 11 Cobey Jay Krupa & Erin Anne Kennedy @ Huntington
- May 9 Nicole Katherine Redmond & Rene Earl Fisette @ Huntington
- June 6 Benjamin David Pac & Lisa Marie Lafrenier @ Huntington
- June 27 Amy Leigh McKinney & Camron M. Hollowell @ Huntington
- July 17 Brandon James Osborne & Juding Ann Crane @ Huntington
- August 22 Andrew Robert Battaglia & Marielle Constance Jensen @ Worthington
- September 20 Ross Stevens Newkirk & Christina Lu Hoerner @ Holyoke

DEATHS:

- January 11 Joseph Daniel Caputo, age 76, husband of Rosemary Caputo
- February 12 Anne Marie Duda Melnick, age 80, widow of Walter Melnick
- May 11 Phyllis Elaine Kelso, age 76, wife of Edward Kelso
- May 29 Robert Austin, age 67
- August 1 Glen R. Walz, age 39, husband of Dawn Walz
- August 2 Joanne Joy Smith, age 68, widow of James A. Smith
- August 31 Joan M. Holmes, age 69, widow of George Holmes

DEATHS (continued):

September 14 Phyllisity Irene Woodard Batchelder, age 59

August 8 Julia Pasterkiewicz, age 84, widow of Tadeusz Pasterkiewicz

September 29 Harold Carl Rouillard, age 62, husband of Beulah Mercer

December 4 Ralph J. Chouinard, Jr., age 45

December 7 Rita Marie Sheets, age 82, widow of Frazer R. Sheets, II

December 15 Anne Marie Frappier, age 89, widow of Arthur R. Frappier

November 9 Walter Orla Johnson, Sr., age 82, widow of Jennette L. Goucdreau

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; April 1, 2009

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 1st of April 2009 at 7:00 p.m. then and there took the following action:

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

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

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$92,800.00 from the Sewer Reserves for design and engineering services to evaluate the Town's sewer system. The engineering services will include a detailed assessment of the Town's sewage handling system, future construction cost estimates, and a schedule of improvements by Tighe & Bond, Inc.; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

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

Meeting dissolved at: 7:17 p.m. There was a quorum of 30 present.

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

RESULTS ~ TOWN ELECTION

MAY 16, 2009

TOWN CLERK – 3 YEAR

Pamela Donovan-Hall	295
Others	2
Blank	37

TOWN TREASURER – 3 YEAR

Ann-Marie Knox	288
Others	1
Blank	45

SELECTBOARD – 3 YEAR

Aimee Burnham-Renauld	281
Others (3)	4
Blank	49

ASSESSOR OF TAXES – 3 YEAR

Sue Fopiano	272
Others	1
Blank	61

WATER/SEWER COM. – 3 YEAR

Paul Hurley	13
Others (11)	11
Blank	310

WATER/SEWER COM. – 1 YEAR

Denise Keay	273
Blank	61

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 3 YEAR

Roland Damon	235
Other	1
Blank	98

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 2 YEAR

Scott Tillinghast	261
Other	1
Blank	72

PETTIS FUND – 3 YEAR

Karen Wittshirk	253
Blank	81

PETTIS FUND – 1 YEAR

Sue Fopiano	247
Other	1
Blank	86

HAMP. COUNCIL OF GOV'TS – 3 YR

Lois Smith	269
Other	1
Blank	64

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YEAR

Blank	320
Others (14)	14

BOARD OF HEALTH – 1 YEAR

Richard Jordan	2
Others (8)	8
Blank	324

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR

Karen Wittshirk	260
Blank	74

WHITING STREET - 3 YEAR

Pamela Donovan-Hall	276
Other	1
Blank	57

MODERATOR – 1 YEAR

Tom Gralinski	13
Pete Jacques	6
Mark Wilkinson	4
Others (5)	7
Blank	304

TREE WARDEN – 1 YEAR

Walter Wittshirk	291
Blank	43

CONSTABLE – 3 YEAR

Charles Dazelle	269
Others (3)	3
Blank	62

CONSTABLE – 2 YEAR

Tim Doherty	251
Others (2)	2
Blank	81

334 ballots cast out of 1370 Registered Voters
(24%)

QUESTION RESULTS

TOWN ELECTION~ MAY 16, 2009

Question #1:

Shall the Town of Huntington be assessed an additional \$4,616.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Town mowing for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	128
NO	198
Blank	8

Question #2:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$13,858.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Transfer Station's operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	162
NO	163
Blank	9

Question # 3:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$76,834.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Huntington Library for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	153
NO	174
Blank	7

Question #3A:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$32,245.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Huntington Library for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	187
NO	135
Blank	12

Question #4:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$11,500.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Recreation Committee for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	126
NO	198
Blank	10

Question # 5:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$2,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Community Events Committee for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	132
NO	190
Blank	12

Question #6:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$ 104,294.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to fund the Over Minimum portion of the Gateway Regional School District budget for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	126
NO	199
Blank	9

Question #7:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$8,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Police Department operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	201
NO	124
Blank	9

Question # 8:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$9,984.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Fire Department operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and nine?

YES	232
NO	95
Blank	7

Question #9

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay the principal and interest on the Highway Truck loan?

YES	162
NO	158
Blank	14

Question #10

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on the Water Meter loan?

YES	148
NO	174
Blank	12

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2009

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington, on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Tom Gralinski
Town Clerk:	Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	Ed Renauld Charles Knowlton

The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted.

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 \$75,083.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015122.001	ADMIN. ASST. WAGES	\$ 400.00
015122.002	SELECTBOARD EXPENSES	\$ 300.00
015122.006	COPY MACHINE	\$ 800.00
015151.000	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$30,000.00
015193.000	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$ 1,220.00
015193.001	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 100.00
015193.002	MEDICARE	\$ 200.00
015255.000	WIRE INSPECTOR FEES	\$ 500.00
015422.004	HWY/BLDG EQUIP. MAINT.	\$14,000.00
015422.005	HWY SAND & SALT	\$19,000.00
015424.000	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 200.00
015433.000	TRANSFER STATION WAGES	\$ 1,100.00
015543.001	VETERANS RELIEF BENEFITS	\$ 5,860.00
015720.002	HIGHWAY TRUCK INTEREST	\$ 1,403.00

Motion carried, from Free Cash.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$2,000.00 for the following Operational Account; or take any other action relative thereto:

015450.015	WATER MATLS/EQUIP	\$ 2,000.00
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Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Stabilization Fund and earmark the sum of \$50,000.00 from and the exclusive use for, the following Operational Account; or take any other action relative thereto:

015192.012	STANTON HALL RENOVATIONS	\$50,000.00
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Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Stabilization Fund and earmark the sum of \$4,000.00 from and the exclusive use for, the following Operational Account; or take any other action relative thereto:

015192.021	GIS MAPPING	\$ 4,000.00
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Motion carried by 2/3 Vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$12,500.00 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Water Meter Loan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

***A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.
A quorum of 72 was present.***

A true copy attest:
Pamela G. Donovan-Hall, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Huntington

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday; June 1, 2009

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Tom Gralinski
Town Clerk:	Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	Steve Hamlin
	Charles Knowlton
	Ed Renauld
	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.

The Moderator announced that he was including Articles 2-7 on the consent calendar and asked those interested in discussing a particular article on the consent calendar to place a _hold_ on said article when he finished the brief overview. The articles not held as a block will be voted on. The body agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., unless it was possible to complete a warrant or article under discussion shortly after 10:00 p.m. The body voted to reconvene, if necessary, to Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The Moderator also announced that with Article 17, he would read the total amounts for various departments that are in bold. If any _hold_ is made, he would read line by line under that category.

A motion was made and seconded:

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

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

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

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

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

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

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

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

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

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2010 and further authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will transfer from free cash the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Stabilization account and earmark it for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,826.00 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Highway truck loan; 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 to Stabilization the sum of \$105,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash to Computer Purchase line item #05122.008 the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of assessing, networking and upgrading the Town's computer system; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording of the Article to read: Money that is left over go into stabilization account for the same purpose.

Amendment defeated.

Main Motion carried. Majority.

Due to the Moderator being a member of the Fire Department, he stepped down and Mr. Pete Jacques was elected as Moderator for this Article.

A motion was made and seconded to skip Article 12, complete Article 13, then return to Article 12 in that order. Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will transfer from the Capital Expenditure account the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of converting the Highway Department pick up truck to a Fire Department rescue vehicle; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Expenditure account the sum of \$52,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a one-ton pick up truck for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$13,750.00 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Water Department meter loan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. One opposed.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Transportation for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$409,019.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, 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, 2009. Voters will designate line items to be voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,285,529.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 or accept a lesser amount than \$1,285,529.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$455,003.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$551,710.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV Q: Wireless Communications Facilities of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw, by replacing all wording defining the current Special Permit Granting Authority from the Board of Selectmen, with wording defining the Planning Board as the Special Permit Granting Authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV.Q.1.A. Wireless Communications Facilities of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw by inserting:

"No special permit(s) shall be issued for a wireless communications facility unless the applicant is a provider of personal wireless services (a "carrier") or has a contract with at least one carrier to locate on the proposed facility. Tower applicant(s) must supply a copy of a contract with at least one telecommunications carrier with their application for a special permit. Co-application of one or more carriers with the tower applicant is encouraged. If multiple towers are proposed concurrently within a 2.5 mile radius of one another, preference for the special permit will be given to the tower with the larger number of carriers committed to siting on their tower, as well as the lowest requested tower height for a given number of carriers, and/or the least visible impact on the neighborhood." after "...Contracts for co-location by another (competing) provider must be reasonable by industry standards, not to exceed the cost of erecting a new facility. ..." or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV.Q.1.C. Wireless Communications Facilities of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw by inserting *"(including wind)"* after "...The balloon should be flown over a 2-day period, one of the days being a weekend day, with an inclement weather..." or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for a Massachusetts Small Town Road Assistant Program grant for the reconstruction of a section of Goss Hill Road, and expend any monies received as set forth in the grant; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: The project will consist of realigning, updating drainage, widening, paving, installing curb, and providing pavement markings and signing along a dangerous section of Goss Hill Road (a school bus route in town) to provide improved safety for all roadway users.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Ch. 152, Section 69: ~~–The terms laborers, workmen and mechanics shall, if the town meeting so votes, also include such elected or appointed officers of the town, except the Selectmen or members of the police or fire force, as the Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, designate, as evidenced by a writing filed with the division”;~~ or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Any town which accepts this section may provide for payment of compensation of certain or all of its employees by workers’ compensation insurance, with the exception of the Board of Selectmen and members of the police or fire force.

A motion was made and seconded to table the article. Motion defeated.

Main motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and hear recommendations of the Retirement Employee Insurance 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 hrs. 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 was made to pass over this Article and put on the next ATM warrant. Motion withdrew. Main motion carried by majority.

Motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 11, *Site Development Review*, of the General By-Laws and Acts of the Town of Huntington; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded to table this Article. Motion carried.

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

Meeting dissolved at 10:15 P.M. There was a quorum of 91 present.

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; October 7, 2009

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 7th day of October 2009 at 7:00 p.m. then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Peter Jacques
Town Clerk:	Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	Kathy Sullivan
	Ed Renauld
	Sue Fopiano

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$7,405.08 for the following Salary and Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

01545.001	Water Wages	\$3,076.54
01545.015	Water Materials/Equipment	\$4,328.54

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$9,000.00 to line item 015192.007, North Hall Maintenance for the purpose of repairing the roof, or take any other action relative thereto:

Motion carried by 2/3 vote. One opposed.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Capital Expenditure Account for the purpose of purchasing an off road ATV for the Fire Department, purchase price not to exceed \$10,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the amount from \$10,000.00 to the sum of \$12,000.00.

Motion not carried.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read:
If the amount is over \$10,000.00, the money will be taken from the Huntington Firemen's Association.

Motion carried as amended. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$26,925.00 to the Library's operating budget for the purpose of defraying expenses for the operation of the Public Library for the fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried, unanimous.

Meeting dissolved at 8:17 P.M. There was a quorum of 134 Voters present.

A true copy attest:

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall
Town Clerk

**RESULTS ~ SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
FOR SENATOR IN CONGRESS
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

DEMOCRAT

Michael Capuano	56
Martha Coakley	84
Alan Khazel	17
Stephen Pagliuca	22
Total Votes Cast	179

LIBERTARIAN

No votes cast.

REPUBLICAN

Scott Brown	37
Jack Robinson	10
Total Votes Cast	47

226 votes cast out of 1386 Registered Voters.

Pamela G. Donovan-Hall

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; December 9, 2009

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 9th day of December 2009 at 7:34 p.m. then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Peter Jacques
Assistant Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick, Elected as Town Clerk was absent
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the assessment of line item #015300.005, Vocational Tuition, from \$409,019.00 to \$365,590.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

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

Meeting dissolved at 7:39 p.m. There was a quorum of 34 voters present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2009

	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Non Major Governmental	Total Governmental
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	623,030	381,017	148,456	128,319	248,254	1,529,076
Investments	0	434,135	0	0	44,812	478,947
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	107,223	0	0	0	0	107,223
User Charges	0	0	21,660	25,520	0	47,181
Tax liens	16,517	0	4,344	5,213	0	26,073
Excise Taxes and other taxes	30,317	0	0	0	0	30,317
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	94,101	94,101
Total Assets	777,087	815,152	174,460	159,052	387,167	2,312,918
<u>Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	57,541	0	0	0	745	58,286
Accrued Payroll	18,712	0	0	0	387	19,099
Employee Withholdings	530	0	0	0	0	530
Deferred Revenue:						0
Property Taxes	124,387	0	0	0	0	124,387
Other	29,669	0	26,004	30,733	79,920	166,326
Total Liabilities	230,840	0	26,004	30,733	81,052	368,628
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	109,401	0	0	0	0	109,401
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes						
General Fund	436,847	0	0	0	0	436,847
Special Revenue	0	815,152	148,456	128,319	306,115	1,398,042
Permanent Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	546,248	815,152	148,456	128,319	306,115	1,944,290
<u>Total Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>	777,087	815,152	174,460	159,052	387,167	2,312,918

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, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Non Major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Taxes	2,668,224	0	0	0	0	2,668,224
State Receipts	624,750	0	0	0	0	624,750
Excise and Other Taxes	221,952	0	0	0	0	221,952
User Charges	0	0	113,748	148,483	0	262,231
Licenses, Permits and Fees	92,430	0	0	0	0	92,430
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	23,120	0	1,196	1,149	0	25,465
Interest on Investments	17,473	34,130	0	0	1,337	52,940
Grants, Fees, Fines and Other	22,646	0	0	0	662,105	684,751
Total Revenues	3,670,595	34,130	114,943	149,632	663,442	4,632,742
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	365,908	0	0	0	1,092	367,000
Public Safety	185,756	0	0	0	40,846	226,602
Public Works and Facilities	402,618	0	0	0	280,602	683,220
Water and Sewer	0	0	93,914	118,075	0	211,990
Education	2,689,295	0	0	0	0	2,689,295
Health and Human Services	28,547	0	0	0	216,552	245,099
Culture and Recreation	82,595	0	0	0	6,832	89,427
Employee Benefits and Insurance	151,233	0	0	0	0	151,233
State Assessments	12,168	0	0	0	0	12,168
Debt service:						
Principal	79,634	0	0	0	0	79,634
Interest	7,349	0	0	0	0	7,349
Total Expenditures	4,005,103	0	93,914	118,075	545,924	4,763,017
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(334,509)	34,130	21,029	31,557	117,518	(130,275)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	107,436	38,676	0	0	5,000	151,111
Operating Transfers Out	(5,000)	(104,936)	0	0		(109,936)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	102,436	(66,260)	0	0	5,000	41,176
Net Change in Fund Balances	(232,073)	(32,130)	21,029	31,557	122,518	(89,099)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	668,920	847,282	127,427	96,762	183,597	2,212,085
Fund Balances, End of Year	436,847	815,152	148,456	128,319	306,115	1,834,889

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	212	212	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	6,000	6,000	0
Admin Asst Wages	25,962	25,962	0
Expenses	1,799	1,642	158
Admin Asst Exp	204	167	38
Legal Ads Expense	613	613	0
General Office Supplies	1,200	990	210
Copy Machine Expenses	2,000	1,814	186
TOTAL	37,779	37,187	592
<u>COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	6,189	2,275	3,914
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	200	0
Reserve Fund	328	0	328
TOTAL	528	200	328
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	11,661	11,661	0
Expenses	800	231	569
Software Suppt	1,777	1,776	1
Audit Expense	14,000	13,000	1,000
TOTAL	28,238	26,668	1,570
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	5,472	5,472	0
Expenses	2,000	980	1,020
Clerk Wages	10,047	9,100	947
Mapping Expenses	1,879	0	1,879
Software Support	3,100	3,100	0
Revaluation	10,337	4,340	5,997
TOTAL	32,835	22,993	9,842
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	14,085	14,085	0
Cert Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	2,872	2,872	0
Bank Service Chgs	113	113	0
Tax Title Expenses	3,402	3,000	402
Software support	1,597	1,596	1
TOTAL	23,069	22,666	403
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	17,103	17,103	0
Asst Coll Wages	4,790	4,580	210
Expenses	5,538	5,538	0
Tax Taking	700	669	31
Collector Software support	4,561	4,560	1
TOTAL	32,692	32,450	242

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	41,672	41,672	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	41,672	41,672	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	12,058	12,058	0
Dog License Exp	400	309	91
Expenses	1,500	1,303	197
Census Superintendent	1,300	1,300	0
Census Expenses	1,000	704	296
Asst clerk salary	1,236	453	783
Election Workers Wages	3,400	3,172	228
Elect & Reg Expenses	1,960	448	1,512
TOTAL	22,854	19,748	3,106
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	1,775	1,691	84
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	1,250	347	903
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	500	341	159
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	500	0	500
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	10,246	9,039	1,207
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	17,493	17,241	251
North Hall Utilities	748	334	414
Stanton Hall Utilities	8,252	8,252	0
Town Mowing	9,116	7,082	2,034
Maintenance	8,000	4,648	3,352
North Hall Maintenance	1,329	1,329	0
North Hall Renovations	4,000	0	4,000
Stanton Hall Renovations	50,000	50,000	0
Construct Storage Shed	1,464	0	1,464
Demolish Bldgs	1,681	680	1,001
GIS Mapping	4,000	4,000	0
TOTAL	116,329	102,605	13,724
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	8,720	8,719	1
Unemployment Insurance	541	409	132
Medicare	7,186	6,985	201
Town Buildings Insurance	24,150	23,663	487
Town Vehicle Insurance	12,400	12,349	51
TOTAL	52,997	52,125	872
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,731	2,731	0
<u>197-PARKING CLERK</u>			
Parking Clerk Expense	200	0	200
Total General Government	402,349	365,908	36,441

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	48,545	48,545	0
Training Exps & Wages	16,650	14,112	2,538
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	5,150	2,933	2,217
Administration/Training	4,371	4,150	222
Vehicle Maintenance	9,289	9,289	0
Equipment	3,109	3,109	0
TOTAL	87,114	82,138	4,976
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	3,724	3,724	0
Hourly Wages	11,938	11,938	0
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,329	3,225	104
Training Wages	3,612	2,128	1,484
Building/Equipment Exps	15,790	15,606	185
Admin/Training Expenses	3,015	3,015	0
Utilities	6,000	5,997	3
Truck Maintenance	9,872	6,399	3,473
Fire Defense Assn	85	0	85
TOTAL	57,366	52,032	5,333
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	20,122	20,122	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	16,941	16,941	0
By-Law Enforcement Officer	740	740	0
Gas Inspector Fees	1,000	819	181
Plumbing Inspector Fees	2,000	965	1,035
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,500	2,230	270
TOTAL	23,181	21,695	1,486
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	777	600	177
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,170	1,170	0
Expenses	825	825	0
TOTAL	1,995	1,995	0
<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	7,606	6,256	1,350
TOTAL	8,409	7,056	1,353
Constable Expense	200	118	82
Total Public Safety	199,164	185,756	13,407
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,108,784	1,108,784	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	728,817	728,817	0
Transportation/Debt	350,347	350,347	0
Ch 70 Voc Trans	61,106	51,244	9,862
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	450,103	450,103	0
Total Education	2,699,157	2,689,295	9,862

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	46,475	46,475	0
Hourly Wages	71,212	70,895	317
Overtime/Extra Help	13,558	12,720	838
Utilities	12,000	11,790	210
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	41,813	41,793	19
Sand & Salt	53,882	53,833	49
Gas & Diesel Fuel	19,514	18,859	655
Road Maintenance	46,138	39,248	6,890
Uniforms	1,822	1,632	190
Admin/Training Expenses	513	432	81
Drug Testing	450	0	450
Equipment replacement	25,400	22,860	2,540
Storm Expenses	0	0	0
Street Lights	10,200	10,061	139
TOTAL	342,976	330,598	12,378
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	23,464	23,202	262
Hauling & Disposal	86,601	73,200	13,401
Misc/Maint	1,000	220	780
Utilities	1,000	797	203
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,375	7,375	0
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	2,000	0	2,000
Basket Str Landfill Monit	11,000	4,830	6,170
TOTAL	132,440	109,624	22,816
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,488	3,343	145
Wages	53,961	51,686	2,275
Workers Compensation	3,548	3,548	0
Unemployment	200	56	144
Health Insurance	11,446	11,446	0
Property Insurance	1,350	1,252	98
Vehicle Insurance	1,180	1,135	45
Utilities	20,000	15,851	4,149
Building/Equipment Maint	42,570	23,219	19,351
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	0	3,000
Engineering Consultant	92,801	0	92,801
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Sewer Vehicle Replacement	1	0	1
Chemical Purchase	3,000	1,116	1,885
Waste Removal	3,500	2,200	1,300
Improvements	10,000	0	10,000
Software support	1,824	1,824	0
Septic Tank Pumping	4,500	1,400	3,100
Overtime	720	0	720
TOTAL	257,090	118,075	139,015

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,488	3,343	145
Wages	22,415	22,415	0
Workers Compensation	1,200	1,182	18
Unemployment	101	14	87
Health Insurance	0	0	0
Property Insurance	2,225	2,113	112
Utilities	20,000	14,900	5,100
Vehicle Insurance	850	822	28
Analysis Tests	8,250	3,110	5,140
Analysis Chemicals	3,580	1,779	1,801
Contractors	1	0	1
Engineer Service	180	180	0
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Cross Connection Project	1,000	0	1,000
Materials/Equipment	26,454	26,332	121
Improvements	3,821	1,451	2,370
Software support	3,574	1,824	1,750
Meters	0	0	0
Water Overtime	199	199	0
TOTAL	97,339	79,664	17,675
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Goss Hill Cemetery	0	0	0
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	300	0
TOTAL	300	300	0
Total Public Works	830,145	638,262	191,882
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	3,429	2,072	1,357
Secretary Salary	4,778	4,735	43
Agent Wages	3,090	3,000	90
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,800	1,365	435
Health Nursing Fee	200	0	200
Animal Control Officer Salary	721	721	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	4,000	3,025	975
TOTAL	18,018	14,918	3,100
Council on Aging	2,000	2,000	0
Hilltown Youth Coalition	0	0	0
<u>543-VETERN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,664	1,664	0
Relief Benefits	10,360	9,966	394
TOTAL	12,024	11,630	394
Total Human Services	32,042	28,547	3,495

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	31,570	31,567	3
Maintenance Wages	4,114	3,758	356
Maint/Repair/Supplies	8,635	8,635	0
Utilities	4,587	4,587	0
Books/Periodicals	15,514	15,514	0
Software Tech Support	600	600	0
Bldg Use Study	0	0	0
TOTAL	65,021	64,662	359
<u>620-RECREATION COMMISSION</u>			
Wages	13,572	12,974	598
Expenses	3,600	2,474	1,126
TOTAL	17,172	15,449	1,723
Historical Commission	100	0	100
Memorial Day Parade	770	125	645
Community Events	2,500	2,359	141
TOTAL	3,270	2,484	786
Total Culture & Rec	85,563	82,595	2,968
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Fire Truck Loan	44,633	44,633	0
Water Meter Loan	10,000	10,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Fire Truck Interest	1,697	1,697	0
Hwy Truck Interst	4,250	4,250	0
Water Meter Interest	1,402	1,402	0
TOTAL	86,983	86,983	0
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,961	2,960	1
CS Air Polution Assmnt	484	482	2
CS Regional Transit	4,676	4,675	1
Hampton Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Council of Govts Assmt	2,044	2,044	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	75,442	75,442	0
TOTAL	87,614	87,610	4
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	9,160	8,051	1,109
Police Health Ins	3,933	3,933	0
Highway Health Insurance	22,252	21,125	1,127
T/S Health Insurance	4,481	4,347	134
Library Health Insurance	18,320	15,342	2,978
Police & Fire Disability Ins	16,603	14,930	1,673
Admin Health Ins	9,160	8,063	1,097
	83,909	75,791	8,118
Total Misc Expenses	258,506	250,383	8,122
<u>Transfers</u>			
Trust Fds	0	5,000	0
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,506,925	4,245,748	261,177

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

GIS Mapping

	Fund Balances July 1, 2008	Revenue	Expenditures	Fund Balances June 30, 2009
Special Revenue Funds:				
Encumbrances	0	0	0	0
Highway Ch 90	(71,285)	89,308	89,822	(71,799)
Conservation Wetlands Fees	3,103	843	0	3,946
Community Policing	4,250	8,610	11,540	1,320
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,144	0	0	4,144
Apricultural Committee	20	0	0	20
EDSA Program Exps	0	1,000	1,000	0
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	429	2,741	2,442	728
Emergency Management	8,722	0	0	8,722
Library Building	56,358	791	2,900	54,248
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	0	315
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	66,430	0	0	66,430
GIS Mapping	0	0	0	0
FF Public Safety Equip	845	3,897	1,689	3,053
Public Safety Educ Grant	3,421	958	2,254	2,125
Capital Expenditures	0	109,840	0	109,840
FEMA Grant	0	31,387	2,998	28,389
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,251	0	0	1,251
Cultural Council	2,717	4,346	3,883	3,180
BOH Spec Proj	0	2,000	0	2,000
Library	(182)	8,367	1,748	6,437
Council on Aging-Formula	15	3,300	3,315	0
Council on Aging-High Valley	1,120	0	0	1,120
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	33,520	25,503	27,393	31,630
Stanton Rehab	30,567	688	2,000	29,256
Police Extra Duty	1,944	13,730	13,308	2,367
Total-Non-Major Government Funds	149,340	307,309	166,292	290,357

Trust Funds:

Conservation Fund	10,528	216	0	10,743
Stanton Income fund	166,909	14,817	0	181,726
Whiting Street fund	6,722	135	200	6,658
Cemetary Perpetual Care	3,063	201	0	3,264
Stabilization fund	847,282	72,806	104,936	815,152
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	844	56	0	900
Recreation	108	0	0	108
Civic Welfare	3,666	268	0	3,934
Total-Trust Funds	1,039,122	88,499	105,136	1,022,485

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Balance as of July 1, 2008	1,190,093.81
Receipts	4,552,860.96
Disbursements	4,619,142.39
Balance as of June 30, 2009	1,123,812.38

Allocation of General Fund Cash by Bank Accounts

UniBank	129,915.93
Bank of Western MA	66,157.48
Easthampton Savings Bank	8,549.20
Berkshire Bank	162,690.77
United Bank	281,524.63
Hampden Bank	163,786.14
MMDT	311,188.23
Total General Fund Cash	\$ 1,123,812.38

Allocation of Trust & Special Accounts by Fund

Conservation Fund	10,742.89
Stabilization Fund	817,087.73
Stanton Fund	181,725.97
Whiting Street Fund	6,657.57
Cemetery	3,263.85
Post War Rehabil.	900.02
Civic Welfare	3,934.02
Total Trust & Special Cash	\$ 1,024,312.05
Total Interest earned on General Funds	16,687.34
Total Interest earned on Trust Funds	31,081.61

Tax Title Account

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Amount owed as of June 30, 2009
Begin, Victor	12/4/2008	2,739.67
Courtney, Dennis	12/6/2007	326.72
Florence, Cecilia	12/6/2007	10,287.79
Total Tax Title		13,354.18
Tax Title Collections for FY 09		2,193.17

Borrowing

	Loan	Interest Pd.
Fire Truck	44,633.00	1,696.05
Highway Truck	25,000.00	1,402.23
Installation of Water Meters	10,000.00	4,250.00
Total Loans Paid	79,633.00	7,348.28

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2009</u>
Levy of							
2007	20,554.59				1,041.74	19,464.27	48.58
2008	105,347.38		659.17		1,703.03	72,950.52	31,353.00
2009		2,563,103.78	6,645.67	13,577.90	5,100.74	2,446,878.28	104,192.53
Totals	125,901.97	2,563,103.78	7,304.84	13,577.90	7,845.51	2,539,293.07	135,594.11

<u>W/S Liened</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2009</u>
2007-2008	5,736.33	51,151.55				47,331.51	9,556.37
Totals	5,736.33	51,151.55	-	-	-	47,331.51	9,556.37

<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2009</u>
Levy of							
2006	70.80					70.80	-
2007	71.40		127.75			62.99	136.16
2008	2,339.11					1,695.85	643.26
2009		57,453.06	25.33	244.16		56,298.31	935.92
Totals	2,481.31	57,453.06	153.08	244.16	-	58,127.95	1,715.34

<u>Motor Vehicle</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2009</u>
Levy of							
1999	984.97			984.97			-
2000	987.71			987.71			-
2001	1,356.47			1,356.47			-
2002	1,330.62						1,330.62
2003	1,001.98						1,001.98
2004	1,757.42					323.13	1,434.29
2005	2,158.05					136.05	2,022.00
2006	2,416.49					966.01	1,450.48
2007	5,161.80	259.69	75.00	130.00		2,206.27	3,160.22
2008	27,720.84	27,718.45	1,150.70	2,876.35		48,739.86	4,973.78
2009		197,400.14	1,662.50	14,035.32		170,731.24	14,296.08
Totals	44,876.35	225,378.28	2,888.20	20,370.82	-	223,102.56	29,669.45

<u>Water/Sewer</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Liened on the R. E.</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2009</u>
Levy of							
2008	56,963.66				46,825.71	10,137.95	0.00
2009		253,323.70	32.75	1,394.48		204,781.46	47,180.51
Totals	56,963.66	253,323.70	32.75	1,394.48	46,825.71	214,919.41	47,180.51

Summary

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2009</u>
Real Estate	2,539,293.07	135,594.11
Water/Sewer Liened	47,331.51	9,556.37
Personal Property	58,127.95	1,715.34
Water/Sewer	214,919.41	47,180.51
Motor Vehicle	223,102.56	29,669.45
	<u>3,082,774.50</u>	<u>223,715.78</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, Collector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors continue the cyclical inspection of properties in Town. In 2009 these inspections were conducted on sections of Searle Road, Cullen Road, and Norwich Lake.

New Growth for FY 2010 was \$1,358,854 resulting in tax dollars of \$17,896. New growth is a result of new construction of houses, barns, garages, sheds, etc.

FISCAL 2010 TAX RECAPITULATION BREAK DOWN:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts:	\$ 567,980.00
Local Estimated Receipts:	654,500.00
Free Cash:	270,909.00
Other Available Funds:	285,380.08

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:	\$1,778,769.08
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LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations (Town Meetings):	\$4,548,953.19
Cherry Sheets Offsets:	2,785.00
State and Cherry Sheet Charges:	10,723.00
Assessors' Overlay (abatements/exempt)	14,512.46

Gross amount to be raised:	\$4,576,973.65
Less total estimated receipts/available funds:	\$1,778,769.08
Net amount to be raised through taxation	\$2,798,204.57

The fiscal 2010 tax rate was set at \$14.09.

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
Sue Fopiano, Assessor
Ed Renauld, Assessor
Suzanne Kellam, Assessors' Clerk

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Annual Report as of February 2010

The Capital Planning Committee is charged with reviewing the inventory of Town assets with an original cost of more than \$10,000.

In 2009, the restoration of Stanton Hall Steeple was completed for the amount of \$163,980. Spring of 2010, the final project will be the refurbishment of the Stanton Spire. The bid for the spire was completed and awarded in the fall of 2009. The funds to complete this final project were given to the Select board by the Stanton Fund. The Finance Committee has voting authority of disbursement of these funds.

Excess town land was sold in 2009 for the amount of \$104,000, of which \$52,000 was used to purchase the new Highway truck. In addition, another \$10,000 was appropriated to refurbish the Fire Department's new rescue truck, thus leaving a balance of \$62,000 remaining for capital purchases.

Last year we reported that the Capital Planning Committee had bids on a Morton Building to replace the Norwich Hill Fire Station. Fire Chief Dahill rejected this proposal and repairs have since been made to the original building.

In 2009, the Highway Department as mentioned above, with the funds from the sale of town land, purchased a 2009 Chevy 350 heavy-duty truck with a frame and plow. In addition, the Fire Department was able to utilize and refurbish the Highway Department's 2004 Ford F350 cab with a rescue body (successfully staying within the appropriation of \$10,000), thus retiring the 1989 Dodge.

For FY 2011, the Committee recommends a new Police Department vehicle. We have a gross estimated cost from Chief Garriepy of \$25,000 for this. The new vehicle will replace the 2003 Intrepid.

For the Highway Department, we recommend the replacement of the 2004 dump truck with a new dump truck, estimated to cost \$131,000. In addition, we recommend that the Highway Department, in conjunction with the Selectboard, begin exploring the option of repairing and replacing the Highway garage roof that is starting to show signs of disrepair.

For the Town departments such as Police, Highway, Fire, and Water and Sewer, the Committee recommends the purchase of a much needed gas pump system, with a gross estimated cost of \$11,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley

Aimee Burnham

Steve Hamlin

Eric Jensen

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

<u>Asset Description</u>	<u>Date Acquired</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 Stn-Norwich Hill 441-56	1926	--	Fire	Dahill	--	--	n/a	repaired 2009
Fire Stn-Russell St	1943	--	Fire	Dahill	--	--	n/a	remodeled 2005
78 Chevrolet Mini Pumper	1978	2014	Fire	Dahill	23,000	11	80,000	
89 International Pumper	1989	2010	Fire	Dahill	75,000	7	185,000	
96 Fliner SL80 Pumper	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
11 Air Packs	2005	2010	Fire	Dahill	20,350	7	25,000	
05 Pierce Custom Pumper	2005	2025	Fire	Dahill	247,000	20	250,000	Repl 76 Maxim Pumper
81 AmGen Cargo Tk	2005	--	Fire	Dahill	--	0	--	
86 International Crew-Cab	2007	2015	Fire	Dahill	15,000	--	30,000	Repl 74 Ford Tanker
29 Chev Fire Truck	--	--	Fire	Dahill	30,008	--	--	no replacement
04 Ford F350 /rescue truck	2010	2018	Fire	Dahill	30,008	7	35,000	Replaced 89 pumper
Loader	2009	--	Fire/Highway	Dayhill	free	--	--	required from DCR
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	1996	2012	Highway	McKinney	44,000	9	60,000	consider replacement**
98 Deere Bucket Ldr	1998	2010	Highway	McKinney	105,475	7	110,000	
99 Int'l Dump Truck	1999	2007	Highway	McKinney	74,000	4	131,000	
01 Komatsu Gallon Grader	2001	2023	Highway	McKinney	137,500	20	200,000	Replaced 61 Austin West
Grader Wing	2004	--	Highway	McKinney	18,500	25	--	no replacement
04 Frliner FL80 Dump Tk	2004	2024	Highway	McKinney	85,000	9	85,000	
07 Frliner Dump Tk	2006	--	Highway	McKinney	112,877	9	120,000	Repl 87 GMC sander
Leave Blower	2009	--	Highway	McKinney	--	--	--	
2009 Chevy 350 Heavy Duty	2009	--	Highway	McKinney	52,000	--	--	Replaced 2004 Ford F-350
Wood Chipper	2009	--	Highway	McKinney	23,000	--	--	
Library-E Main St	--	--	Library	Selectbd	--	--	163,000	expansion
03 Dodge Intrepid	2005	2011	Police	Garriepy	15,000	5	25,000	from Homeland security
06 Chev Tahoe	2005	2011	Police	Garriepy	26,000	5	38,000	replaced 98 Chev Tahoe
Equip Stor Bldg	2006	--	Town	Selectbd	60,000	--	60,000	Const 10/06
Stanton Hall (Grange)	--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	504,621	Steeple refurbishment 2009
North Hall-Norwich Hill	--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	200,015	roof replaced 2010
Little Old Schoolhouse	--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	56,001	
Town Hall-Park St	--	--	Town	Selectbd	--	--	415,066	reroofed 2006
05 Ford F-250 P/U	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 Pit-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	

Revised 2/27/2010 by AEB

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year the Huntington Police Department's budget was forced to an override as a result of the elimination of the Community Policing Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. With overwhelming community support funding was restored, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and commitment to public safety.

The department had a large volume of calls and incidents averaging 34 per month. Some of the incidents logged by the department were: 21 domestic disturbances, 34 motor vehicle accidents, 24 motor vehicle complaints/violations, 30 alarm calls, 36 medical calls, 30 officer wanted calls, 15 arrest, 7 assaults, 9 vandalisms, 11 animal complaints, 5 investigations, and 14 suspicious persons.

As a member of the District Crisis Team, the Police Department continues to expand its role in the Gateway Regional School District Safe School Plan by assisting and developing guidelines and policies to provide a safer learning environment for our children. A school-wide evacuation drill and numerous lock-down and shelter in place drills were conducted throughout the year. In addition, the Police Department, with the help of the Gateway Regional School District's administrative staff and faculty, has taken a more proactive approach in dealing with youthful offenders by working collaboratively to help identify at risk behaviors and to help identify potential problem situations before they occur.

The Police Department took an active role in helping to implement the National Pandemic Protocols. With the Gateway Regional School District assuming the leadership role, the department joined forces with area boards of health, community health agencies, and personnel from the seven "Hilltown" communities to help establish dispensing sites for mass inoculations for the H1N1 flu vaccine. Using these collaborations is an efficient way to eliminate unnecessary over-spending and needless duplication of allocated resources.

The department continues its commitment to community policing by providing officer visibility, speed enforcement, critical patrol hours, and the reduction of traffic hazards.

I would like to extend my appreciation to my fellow officers for their commitment to providing the highest level of professionalism and service to the citizens of the Town of Huntington, to the citizens for their continued support, and to those who serve our town in all capacities.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT

911 Calls and Incidents for 2009:

38 911 Hang Ups and Misdials
34 Motor Vehicle Accidents
30 Alarm Calls
36 Medical Calls
11 Animal Complaints
15 Arrests
4 Assist Other Agencies
7 Assaults
1 Article Recovered
1 Bomb Threat
1 Breaking and Entering
3 Courtesy Transports
10 Welfare Checks
1 Death Unattended
8 Disturbances
1 Disorderly Person
14 Disabled Motor Vehicles
21 Domestic Disturbances
2 Drunk
8 Assist Fire Dept.
1 Elderly Assist
1 Fraud
2 Harassments
5 Investigations
1 Juvenile Offense
2 Larcenies
1 Missing Persons
4 Miscellaneous
24 Motor Vehicle Complaints/Violations
2 Noise Complaints
30 Officer Wanted
6 Paperwork Service
3 Psychological
4 Safety Hazards
14 Suspicious Persons
7 Suspicious Vehicles
2 Threats
5 Traffic hazards
1 Trespass
29 Unclassified
2 Wires Down
9 Vandalisms

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the people of Huntington for their continuing support; also, the members of the Huntington Fire Department for their dedication to serving this town. They are a great group and I am proud of them all.

This last year was busy. Call volume has remained constant. We have continued to train in facets of firefighting, rescue tactics and procedures. We are looking to increase our abilities in all these areas, as time and money allow. The Fire Department has also replaced aging equipment and upgraded equipment, as funds allow.

A summary of calls follows:

32	Fire Calls
33	Hazardous Conditions
165	Medical/Rescue Calls
20	Service Calls
8	Good Intent Calls
28	False Alarms
<u>1</u>	Severe Weather Call
287	Total Calls

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Dahill
Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Huntington Highway Department has had another productive year. Approximately 2,000 feet of Bromley Road were rebuilt; Pine Street, Gorham Road and Sampson Road were resurfaced; drainage was installed on County Road; and approximately 50 trees have been removed on various roads.

The downtown revitalization project was started and, although not completed, an impact has been felt.

The Highway Department wishes to thank all the concerned citizens for their help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne McKinney
Highway Superintendent

PLANNING BOARD

In 2009/2010 year, the Planning Board has assumed the duties of Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for cell towers within our town limits and, oddly enough, is presently dealing with our third application for tower placement.

Other notable changes to our landscape have been Approval Not Required (ANR) plans, as building lots have been carved out of larger tracts of land. We work hard to keep lots conforming to the intent of the written bylaws.

I am pleased to say that we have retained the Board Members of the past two years: Linda Hamlin, Scott Tillinghast, Earl Heath (Secretary), and Steve Hamlin is currently serving as Alternate Member. We would like to find another person to join our team and bring us back to a five-person Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brisebois

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

First of all, we would like to thank Paul Hurley for his years of service as a Commissioner. He opted not to run again and spend some family time with his wife, –Cookie”. Paul’s departure leaves an opening for a new Water and Sewer Commissioner.

We have had a busy year. First was the Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) Study that is mandated for all sewer systems by the DEP. Tighe and Bond of Westfield won the bid with a budgeted figure of \$92,800. They have almost completed the project, which will come in at about \$40,000 less than the original bid.

Next we have moved or replaced four hydrants for the Route 20 paving job along with replacing two valves. We will be talking to the State about possible reimbursement for this work.

We have done away with the \$50 rebate for the septic tank pumping as of January 1, 2010. As in past years, there are tight budget issues again this year but we are committed to keeping rates as close to present levels by overseeing all expenditures.

We would like to thank everybody for their support. Commissioners meet the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of Town Hall. The phone number to reach the Water and Sewer Department is (413) 667-3356.

Respectfully submitted by: Charles Dazelle, Chairman Denise Keay, Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Marge Craven, Chairperson '10
Dianne Lafond, Member '08
Thomas Hart, Member '10
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

Joseph Rouse, Health Agent
Brian Slayton, Title V Agent
Robert Jackman, ACO & Barn Inspector

Transfer Station Stickers Sold	622
Tires Disposed of	38
Installers Permits	6
Haulers Permits	1
Food Service Permits	14
Temporary Food Permits	7
Perc Tests Conducted	6
Well Permits	2
Disposal Works Applications	11
Septic Inspections	0
Propane Tanks	12

Accounts Receivable: \$ 53,747.50

Transfer Station Stickers	\$ 12,327.00
—H” bags	\$ 33,012.50
Trash	\$ 1,733.00
Tires	\$ 226.00
Furniture	\$ 705.00
Metal	\$ 540.00
Electronics	\$ 480.00
Propane Tanks	\$ 60.00
Mattresses	\$ 130.00
Recycling Boxes	\$ 24.00
Water Tanks	\$ 185.00
Disposal Works Permit	\$ 1,025.00
Well Permits	\$ 150.00
Perc Tests	\$ 750.00
Installer Permits	\$ 300.00
System Repair	\$.00
Food Service Permits	\$ 1,700.00
Hauling Permits	\$ 75.00
Frozen Dessert Permit	\$ 25.00
Frig/Air Conditioners	\$ 300.00

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

This past calendar year for the ZBA was punctuated by the loss of one of our members, Phyllis Kelso. We continue to mourn the loss of Phyllis, our colleague, and Phyllis, our friend. Phyllis was an active member on the Board and leaves a proud legacy of public service to our town. We dedicate our report to Phyllis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The proposed use will not be more detrimental to the neighborhood.
2. The proposed use is not in conflict with surrounding land uses.
3. The proposed use is in the interest of the common good.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Contact the Board of Selectmen or visit one of our meetings to gain a better understanding of the challenging nature of our board. We need another member. Please, give it some thought. Aside from public hearings, the ZBA meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall.

This past fiscal year from July 1, 2009 to the present, the ZBA held public hearings to gather public input on seven (7) special permit applications. In addition to our other duties, the board made annual inspections of the four (4) gravel pits in town. We continue to be involved in litigation with Timothy Hill Children's Ranch (THCR). THCR is challenging the ZBA's ruling denying them a special permit to operate a camp on their property on Norwich Lake. Court hearings have been scheduled for this spring.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Bartley
Stephen Hamlin (Alternate)
Edward Grabowski (Alternate)
George Webb (Chairman)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

We acted on six applications during 2009. The projects included construction of a bridge over Sykes Brook, reconstruction of an existing home near Pond Brook, a permanent crossing over an intermittent stream, selective pruning of trees along Jacob's Ladder Trail, resurfacing of Route 112 and determination of wetland boundaries in a gravel pit. Those projects were able to proceed after public hearings. We also issued a Certificate of Compliance for work that had been successfully completed in previous years.

The Commission allowed one emergency permit for repair of a washout on Montgomery Road along the Westfield River. We issued one enforcement order to a homeowner who, unaware of the River Protection Act, clearcut a large part of his yard to afford a better view of the Westfield River. After he understood the harmful effects of the resulting erosion, the gentleman cooperated with the Commission to produce a plan to restore the area with native plants.

Commission Members performed some thirty 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 begin 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. We were pleased that Huntington acquired another Conservation Restriction, this one on the Fare Thee Well property on Route 66.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conferences of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) and the Westfield River Watershed Association, which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. Our newer Members have also attended MACC trainings to become expert in conservation work. We were sorry to lose Cathy Grabowski and glad to welcome Ross Hackerson to the Commission. 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
Ross Hackerson
Michael Vorwerk

Kate Emery
Susan McIntosh (Chair)

Mary Gerken
Erik Steins

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year, the Agricultural Commission made contacts regarding information about changes in farm vehicle inspection and use issues. We will continue to follow agricultural changes and build informational resources as appropriate.

The Commission has yet to finalize a Disaster Shelter For Large Animals Plan with district-wide planning groups. Plans for the new year include researching information on renewable energy applications in agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DOG OFFICER

As the Dog Officer, there are some gratifying times and some difficult times. It is always a joy to return a lost dog to its owner, and it saddens me when I have to surrender one to a shelter.

One of the best ways to ensure the return of your dog if by chance (s)he should become loose and lost, is to have the dog's Town license tag and rabies' tag on its collar or harness. These are both wonderful forms of identification.

It is also a State law that dogs are licensed every year and are current on their rabies vaccination. In our town, all dogs over the age of three months must be licensed by the Town Clerk by July 1st. Having a recent picture of your pet is also helpful, whether it be for a lost poster, going door-to-door asking for help, or just another form of identification for your dog, if the need arises.

I would like to thank everyone for all their support and encouragement.

RESPONSE CALLS

NUMBER

Dogs picked up, looked for, returned:	11
Dogs surrendered:	1
Dog complaints responded to:	40

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Cormier

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets on the first 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; they do not have to be seniors.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERS IN HUNTINGTON:

- Highland Valley Elder Services Lunches at Stanton Hall—Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., for seniors 60 years and older; donation requested; call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 for information and reservations. 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-- Mon.-Fri., for elders 60 plus, 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 Fri. of each month—for income-eligible seniors, small donation requested; for more information, call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 or the Food Bank of Western Mass. at 800-247-9632.
- Gentle Yoga class—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., Stanton Hall, with lunch afterwards; call Elethea Goodkin at 413-562-1095

SPECIAL 2009 ACTIVITIES:

January-February

- 20 people attended O'Brien Hilltown community Funeral Home speaker on *—What You Always Wanted To Know But Were Afraid To Ask*” regarding funeral planning (Feb. 20)

March-April-May

- Appreciation Luncheon at 4 Main Street restaurant, 14 volunteers attended and two who were absent were also recognized (March 20).
- 23 attended Local Dance with Scout teams giving an Elder Appreciation Dinner & Program (April 17)
- 40 people attended the Lions' Club Senior Appreciation Dinner at the VFW May 16
- FRTA (Franklin Regional Planning Authority) Hearing at Stanton Hall for riders of the Huntington COA/FRTA regional van on establishing fares rather than donations.
- 23 attended the Log Cabin Lobster Fest in Holyoke (car pool) (May 21)
- 15 people were at the Elder Law speaker, *—Alternatives to Nursing Homes*” (May 29)

June, July, August

- 26 people attended the Russell Regional COA Picnic at Strathmore Park (June 16)
- 44 people went to the Lake George, NY dinner theater to see “Old Lace” (July 8)
- CISA (Community Involvement in Sustaining Agriculture), a nine-week program to distribute fresh vegetables to 10 Huntington families (summer).

September, October, November, December

- 25 Huntington seniors attended the Hoppe’s special birthday celebration (Sept. 19)
- 27 people attended the Hu Ke Lau for lunch and a show (car pool) (Oct. 12)
- COA Flu Shot Clinic at Stanton Hall (101 total attended on Oct. 22).
- 20 attended a Noble Hospital Physical Therapist Presentation on Arthritis (Oct. 23)
- 40 Huntington seniors attended a catered Christmas Party at Stanton Hall (Nov. 29)
- 25 Seniors attended the Gateway School Senior Concert & Luncheon (Dec. 2)
- 15 Huntington seniors joined the Chester trip to Bright Lights & dinner afterwards (Dec. 12)

Other:

- Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE Nurse) in association with the Hilltown Community Health Centers, Inc—monthly clinics at Stanton Hall involving 18 different elders using the services of the nurse plus 3 elders receiving home visits (throughout the year).
- Received a \$430 Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly grant to help fund the Yoga Class.

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 all our other dedicated volunteers who have helped to make COA services and programs possible. We would especially like to honor Rita “Sandy” Sheets who had been our COA representative to the Highland Valley Elder Services Advisory Board and a big help to the Huntington COA; Sandy passed away on Dec. 7, 2009. The COA would also like to thank the Huntington Selectboard and other Town departments and officials for their help and support, including the use of Stanton Hall for COA activities. We would also like to acknowledge the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly for grants that have helped make COA programs possible this year. The COA is open to suggestions and invites all 372 Huntington seniors to participate in COA activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Bishop & Winnie Smith, Co-Chairpersons

Ruth LePage, Vice Chairperson

May Parker, Treasurer

May Diemer, Member

Betty Waite, Member

Joan Astaferarro, Secretary

Ella Balchunas, Member/Yoga Volunteer

Jean Rude, Member

Elsie LaFond, Honorary Member

LIBRARY

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

The Library was very active this year with 1357 residents and 375 non-residents with library cards.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

➤ Circulation:	3,511 materials
➤ Interlibrary Loan:	722
➤ Attendance in Library:	10,903
➤ Reference Transactions:	1,341
➤ Children's Programs:	44
➤ Attendance at Children's Programs:	515
➤ Adult/Young Adult Programs:	59
➤ Attendance at Young Adult Programs:	554

We conducted a Summer Reading Program called *–Starship Adventure at Your Library*” with 30 children, and 13 adults participating. Eight (8) teens participated in the *–Find Out What's Out There at Your Library*” part of the Program, which was sponsored by the Massachusetts Regional Library System and our local Library.

There were only four computers available for public use in fiscal 2009, and the number of users during a typical week was 50 for 30 minutes at a time.

The Library Building Needs Assessment Committee has finished the needs assessment document and has hired a Project Manager to help the Committee and Trustees hire an architect to do schematic designs and cost estimates of a renovation/expansion and new building.

Changes in the hours and days open in the middle of the year resulted in some people not being able to use the Library as often as they wanted. This also resulted in a lower number of materials being borrowed. However, computer use by adults increased.

Library Hours:

Wednesday:	2:00 – 8:00	Thursday/Friday:	12:00 – 4:00 and 4:00 – 8:00
Saturday:	10:00 – 3:00		

Telephone number: 413 667-3506 FAX: 413 667-0088

Email: huntingtonlib@comcast.net www.thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded grants to the following recipients for the 2009 cycle:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>APPLICANT AND PROGRAM</u>
\$ 300	Blandford Fair Art Show
250	Chester Theatre Company – <i>20th Anniversary Season</i>
250	Conn. River Watershed Council - <i>Living Along the River Song Contest</i>
300	Gateway Regional Middle School Band - <i>Visiting Performers/Clinicians</i>
400	Mitch Giannunzio, reading <i>Mount Nebo</i>
300	Hilltown Community Development Corp.- <i>Hilltown Spring Festival</i>
515	Huntington Community Events Committee - <i>Music on the Town Common</i>
425	Huntington Public Library - <i>Night Lights</i>
550	Littleville Elementary School - <i>Musical School Assembly</i>
400	Jay Mankita – <i>Eat Like a Rainbow</i>
250	Mullen House Education Center
500	John Root – <i>Edible Wild Plants of New England</i>
500	Sevenars Concerts - <i>Sevenars Music Festival</i>
<u>100</u>	William Cullen Bryant Homestead – <i>Bryant Day</i>
\$5,040	Total Dollars Granted
14	Total Recipients

One grant was cancelled. All other performances were completed by December 31, 2009.

Grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org, at the Town Hall, or by contacting Lynn Winsor, (413) 667-5563.

Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Balchunas
Jane Beane
Jack Eisenstadt
Linda Siska
Lynn Winsor, Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Summer Camp program always begins the fiscal year. Camp was held June 30 – August 1, 2008 at the Littleville Elementary School from 9:00 a.m. – noon, Monday through Friday. The program is open to Huntington children free of charge grades Pre-K - Grade 4. Children had structured times for arts/crafts, physical activity, and learning every day, with the theme of *“Let’s Get Down”*, exploring with creatures on the ground, below the ground, etc. There was a field trip to Majestic Theater to see *Alice In Wonderland* to coincide with the underground adventures.

The Annual Rag Shag Parade between Pettis Field and Stanton Hall took place in October. After the parade and costume contest, participants received refreshments and McGruff safety reflective bags for trick or treat night. Wooden stakes and hay were provided for scarecrow making, which decorated the Town green during the fall.

In November, a teen dance was held at Stanton Hall with a DJ. Winter activities were cancelled due to the ice storm.

Springfield Falcons’ Hockey vouchers were purchased and offered to the community for discounted prices for all home games of the season. A Huntington Night was held in February with a section of seating reserved for Huntington residents.

In the spring of 2009, an egg hunt was held at Pettis Field with baskets for the lucky ones who found the special eggs. Spring also brought a dance for the adults with a band at Stanton Hall in May. The year rounded out with a day at the Agawam Cinemas to celebrate the end of school.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Mayhew
Michelle Oliveira (Chair)
Mary Lou Niedzielski
Kathy Sullivan

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

July 2008 marked the third year of the Music on the Town Common series. Live music was offered free to the public every Thursday evening during the months of July and August with the help from a Cultural Council grant. Local community groups participated in a weekly bake sale.

This was the second year that the Town Picnic and Huntington Appreciation Night were held. A special tribute to two members of the Committee that had passed was made. Awards to firemen to recognize their years of service were also given. Hamburgs, hotdogs, popcorn and drinks were served to the public for a small donation during an extended music night.

The group organized a Pumpkin Carving event in October, and a Gingerbread House Workshop in December, both with refreshments.

In the spring 2009 a Gardening Workshop was held with a guest from Ray's Farm with vegetable and herb gardening demonstrations. There was also a peat pot planting activity for children.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 \$1,000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street's desire to use the money for those who needed a little help. We continue to disperse funds to those who qualify. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or from any of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Donovan-Hall
Paul Hurley
Sharon Jones

ALPHONSO 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~~ "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	2011
Karen Wittshirk	2012
Sue Fopiano	2010

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
- Landscape shavings for play area at Pettis Field

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, Chair

STANTON HALL USE COMMITTEE

The function of the Stanton Hall Use Committee is to act on requests to use 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, etc. 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 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 2009 are as follows:

Town Hall Committees and Boards
Highland Valley Elder Services
Town Dance
Huntington Dance Centre
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Flu Clinic
HOPE Nurse
Elder Law Seminar
Red Cross Blood Drive
Cadette Troop 194
Boy Scouts
Santa Claus
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
Highland Communities Initiative
Highland Grange
Serve Program
Brown Bag Program
Yoga Classes
Drivers' Ed Classes
Belly Dance Classes
Cooking Class
Pumpkin Carving
Avon Products Event
Booster Club
Low Vision Workshop
Congregational Church

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Hall Committee

NORTH HALL

The North Hall Association Board met with the Selectboard in the fall to discuss a new roof for the building. A Special Town Meeting was called to vote some additions for the budget. One of the additions was the new roof. The new metal roof is being installed this spring. In addition, the North Hall Board agreed to pay for the removal of mold on the inside ceiling

This year, we displayed local artists' works at each performance. Most of the artists were Huntington residents who put up diverse exhibits of paintings, ceramics, woodturnings and photographs. The art was well received and we will continue this practice next year.

Our goal for this year was to increase our board members in order to increase the number of events for the hall. We have successfully added six new members and our calendar for the coming year has been doubled. In addition to more programs, we are seeking a wider variety of programs.

In 2009 we had opera, country music, poetry and two dramatic performances. We also included jazz music at our fundraiser in July. For the coming year, we plan to add a children's program, more poetry readings, an additional classical concert, as well as monthly folk music sessions. The acoustics are so grand on the North Hall stage that performers love to use the facility.

We are fortunate to have well-known equity actors on our board who can bring veteran actors to our area. This allows us to preview new dramas in preparation for a country tour. Look for some excellent works in the coming summer.

Respectfully submitted,

North Hall Association Board

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 2009, 65+ volunteers lent their eyes, ears and hands for the Westfield River. These dedicated volunteers helped steward and maintain the East Branch Trail; assisted highway crews in stabilizing river banks with native plants; documented river corridor conditions through water quality, shoreline survey and photo-monitoring; and built the first steps down Glendale Falls. In addition to volunteer time, over \$360 (or 36 steps) was donated to the “One Step at a Time” Campaign to create an official trail down Glendale Falls and to improve drainage from the parking lot.

The Committee provided a total of \$15,700 through four (4) Riparian Conservation grants to support the protection of up to 465 acres along the Westfield River and its tributaries. Funds were used to support transaction costs associated with land protection projects, including surveys, deed research, monitoring funds, and appraisals. In order for landowners to donate a Conservation Restriction, several thousand dollars in funds are needed. This grant program helps offset some of these costs to make donations like these possible.

Funded through the WRW&SAC Community Grants program, seven (7) hilltown communities are taking part in a study to survey 42 miles of roads along the Westfield River to identify locations of contaminated run-off and erosion. The study will develop conceptual designs and generate cost estimates on ways to improve water quality entering the river. Following the study, WRW&SAC hopes to leverage additional funds to implement study recommendations. Communities taking part in the first phase of the study include Becket, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Washington, Windsor and Worthington. Road and river segments in the other Wild & Scenic Communities, i.e. Chesterfield, Cummington and Savoy, will be included in future phases of the project.

Keep an eye out for newly updated information kiosks at five (5) locations along the Westfield River. These kiosks will include an overview of the National Wild & Scenic designation, as well as provide highlights on special features at those locations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Town Representative
Karen Vorwerk, Town Alternate

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Three hundred and fifteen building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2009. Of these, 19 permits were for new homes.

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

<u>Town</u>	<u>Total permits</u>	<u>New homes</u>	<u>Total permit fees collected</u>
Chesterfield	77	10	\$ 15,548.73
Goshen	43	2	\$ 6,025.30
Huntington	52	2	\$ 7,077.17
Middlefield	17	0	\$ 986.50
Williamsburg	120	5	\$ 14,471.87

The deep and prolonged recession has put a damper on construction since mid 2008. While overall permit activity has remained more or less constant in terms of number of permits issued, far less than normal fees collected is a reflection of the fact that most projects have been small. About half of all fees were the minimum \$30. These were for reroofs, wood stove installations, etc. Very few new homes or sizeable renovation projects were started in 2009, and virtually no new commercial projects were permitted. It is our hope and belief that 2010 will finally bring us back to normal activity and fee revenues.

One ongoing concern should be addressed and explained. We have many, perhaps hundreds, of permit files open without any calls for inspections. Upon random calls to check on the status of these permits, we find that the work has been completed, but has not been inspected. Please remember that the purpose of a building permit is to ensure the work meets the State Building Code requirements for life safety and workmanlike completion. Unless we are called for an inspection, we have no way of knowing the project is complete and ready for safe use. The Code dictates that no space constructed under a permit may be used or occupied until an inspection has been done to confirm compliance. This is for your safety, and that of future occupants. Please also remember that your insurance carrier may question any claim on property which is still in the process of construction – without final inspection. Even small projects such as reroofs, replacement windows, small decks, etc. require inspection. You have paid for the inspection in the permit fee; you are entitled to the satisfaction that your project is complete and code-compliant!

This year marks my fifteenth annual report for the Hampshire Inspection Program, and I sincerely wish to thank all the boards and departments of all the member towns for their continued support and cooperation. I have formed many close relationships with these hard working, dedicated folks over the years, and have come to respect them deeply for their selfless commitment to their towns.

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

I would also like to extend a special thank-you to Tara Ussailis, nine years on the job as my Administrative Assistant. Countless times I've been told what a pleasant surprise residents have experienced when calling or visiting a municipal office and finding a charming, helpful and truly caring person. It just comes naturally to Tara. A true bonus is that she is also efficient, and understands the complex nature of our business completely. She is a blessing, and I'd be lost without her. You can find her in our office every Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 – 12:00. She'll be the one with the smile.

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. Since the beginning of the Hampshire Inspection Program, I have also held office hours in Huntington on Wednesday evenings. Unfortunately, due to severe budget cuts the Wednesday hours have been eliminated until further notice. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, and hope to reinstate the Wednesday hours as soon as economic conditions allow.

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. Please call Tara to get town websites where applications can be found.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tacy
Building Commissioner

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE
06-Jan-09	13 Nagler Cross Rd	326	310	Ellen	Davis	109	Install Pellet Stove Insert	\$0.00	\$30.00
15-Jan-09	16 East Main St			Rose	Bernier	M09-1	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00
20-Jan-09	20 Cullen Hill Rd	442	51	Charles Michael	Simmons	609	Interior Renovations	\$3,000.00	\$30.00
02-Feb-09	46 Worthington Rd	N4	7	Brian	Markiewicz	1209	Reroof/Windows/Siding/Int.Renov.	\$34,000.00	\$170.00
17-Feb-09	27 Russell Rd	H5	21	Lisa	O'Brien	2009	Repairs	\$54,000.00	\$270.00
24-Mar-09	18 Blandford Rd	H5	37	Catherine	Rogers	3509	Porch Repairs/Reroof	\$24,500.00	\$122.50
24-Mar-09	13 Maple St			Charles	Dazelle	M09-8	Replacement Card (for permit#13108)	\$0.00	\$20.00
30-Mar-09	133 Norwich Lake			Patrick	McCoy	M09-9	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00
06-Apr-09	8 Searle Rd	442	13	John	Knox	3909	Support Rails (for Solar Array)	\$4,506.00	\$35.00
13-Apr-09	1 Old Chester Rd	H1	75	Dean	Couture	4709	Reroof	\$0.00	\$30.00
21-Apr-09	48 Searle Rd	442	46	Town of	Huntington	4909	Structural Repairs	\$64,000.00	\$320.00
22-Apr-09	78 Searle Rd	440	4	Diane	Damour	5609	Replacement Windows	\$7,768.00	\$30.00
23-Apr-09	23 Russell Rd			Evangelical Ch.	Fellowship Hall	M09-16	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
23-Apr-09	23 Russell Rd			Evangelical Ch.	Fellowship Hall	M09-10	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
29-Apr-09	228 Norwich Lake	L6	51	Michael	Barr	6009	Single Family Residence	\$160,000.00	\$639.00
18-May-09	51 Searle Rd	508	59	Thomas	Gratinski	8009	Replace Window w/ Door	\$600.00	\$30.00
26-May-09	34 Russell Rd	H3	27	Bernard	St. Martin	8809	Reroof/Windows/Door/Interior	\$1,600.00	\$30.00
15-Jun-09	68 County Rd	444	12	Art	Medeiros	10409	Addition/Renovation	\$60,190.00	\$300.95
29-Jun-09	228 Norwich Lake			Michael	Barr	M09-21	Replacement Card	\$0.00	\$20.00
29-Jun-09	18 Montgomery Rd	N2	16	VOID	Lewis	11909	Finish Room (space over garage)	\$5,000.00	\$160.00
07-Jul-09	243 Norwich Lake	L6	36	Elaine	Gogal	12609	Repair Roof/Siding	\$18,000.00	\$90.00
13-Jul-09	128 Norwich Lake			Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	M09-25	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
14-Jul-09	6 Allen Coit Rd	508	53	Edward	Mazuch	13209	Addition	\$5,000.00	\$176.00
15-Jul-09	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	13509	Renovation, Repair to Upper Cabins	\$5,500.00	\$30.00
20-Jul-09	25 Russell Rd	H5	22	St. Martin's, Inc.		13709	Stairs/Door/Dormers/Reroof	\$45,000.00	\$225.00
27-Jul-09	1 Hamblin Ct (1-2-3)	H3	8	Hamp. County Region.	Housing Authority	14309	Renovations/Exterior Doors/Stairs	\$9,160.00	\$45.80
10-Aug-09	12 Pond Brook Rd	442	78	Alan	Lussier	15809	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
11-Aug-09	2 Maple St	H2	22	Daniel	Sikop	16609	Replacement Windows/Reroof	\$30,300.00	\$60.00
13-Aug-09	1 Right of Way to the Lake			Camp	Norwich	M09-24	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
17-Aug-09	29 Kennedy Dr	444	55	Robert	Jackman	16909	Deck	\$0.00	\$30.00
17-Aug-09	6 Birchwood Dr	L3	23	Erlene	Healey	17109	Finish partial Basement Space	\$20,000.00	\$309.60
17-Aug-09	3 Pleasant St	H2	78	Susan	Thayer	16809	Replace Deck	\$6,000.00	\$30.00
24-Aug-09	8 Cullen Rd	442	50	Mark	Wilkinson	17609	Outbuilding 24x40	\$5,200.00	\$48.00
31-Aug-09	8 Laurel Rd	H1	18	Darlene	Dulude	18909	Install Replacement Door	\$1,885.00	\$30.00
04-Sep-09	12 Littleville Rd			Gateway Regional	School	M09-26	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
09-Sep-09	1 Right of Way to the Lake	L2	1	Hamp. Regional	YMCA	19809	Reroof	\$2,000.00	\$30.00
21-Sep-09	26 Russell Rd	H1	59	Town of	Huntington	20909	Steeple Repairs	\$136,801.00	\$684.00
28-Sep-09	5 Barr Hill Rd	442	74	Raymond	Glick	21409	Single Family Residence	\$0.00	\$1,408.40
28-Sep-09	251 Emerson Gorham Rd	506	17	Joanne	Frappier	21509	Reroof	\$0.00	\$30.00
30-Sep-09	35 Church St	442	37	Ross	Hackerson	22109	Install Photovoltaic Array	\$24,464.00	\$122.32
13-Oct-09	17 Russell Rd	330	1	Evangelical	Church	M09-31	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
13-Oct-09	250 Goss Hill Rd	N3	30	Ernest	Smith	22609	Demolition	\$8,000.00	\$30.00
13-Oct-09	15 Montgomery Rd	N3	25	Kirk	Birrell	22909	Install PV Panel System	\$30,000.00	\$30.00
13-Oct-09	40 Blandford Hill Rd	253	1	Chris	Guilemetti	23109	Reroof	\$3,640.00	\$30.00
16-Oct-09	115 County Rd			Geraldine	Gastone	M09-35	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$25.00

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19-Oct-09	16 Bromley Rd	N4	25	Keith	Manley	23409	Reroof	\$4,000.00	\$30.00
26-Oct-09	12 County Rd	444	8	Don	Sorrell	24009	Repairs	\$7,600.00	\$30.00
03-Nov-09	11 Park Ridge Dr	324	105	Mark	Rehbein	25909	Deck	\$10,530.00	\$60.00
09-Nov-09	58 Harlow Clark Rd	446	19	Palma	Luppi	26309	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
10-Nov-09	47 County Rd	444	23-A	Russell	Rucki	27109	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
10-Nov-09	6 Lowell Ln	444	38	Pierre	Jacques	27309	Chimney	\$1,300.00	\$30.00
10-Nov-09	73 County Rd	444	20	Kurt	Mengel	27209	Barn 30x80	\$94,000.00	\$120.00
10-Nov-09	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Children's Ranch	27009	Install Ext. Door (Lake Side Cabin)	\$700.00	\$30.00
10-Nov-09	1 Russell Rd	H1	12	Joanne	LaVertue	26909	Replace Chimney	\$1,900.00	\$30.00
10-Nov-09	8 Rocky Brook Dr	324	72	Mary	Gerken-Newcomb	26709	Install Insulation	\$700.00	\$30.00
12-Nov-09	4 Main St			Slattery's Bar & Grill		M09-37	Periodic Inspection (Ch.304)	\$0.00	\$40.00
17-Nov-09	40 Allen Coit Rd	508	37	Shelley	Wilton	27809	Barn 28x40	\$6,200.00	\$56.00
17-Nov-09	11 Kennedy Dr	444	60	Rosemary	Caputo	27909	Replacement Windows	\$26,640.00	\$30.00
23-Nov-09	25 Russell Rd			St. Martin's, Inc.		M09-53	Additional Work to Garage	\$0.00	\$89.60
23-Nov-09	217 Norwich Lake	L6	10	Robert	Barden	26209	Roof Alterations	\$12,500.00	\$75.00
24-Nov-09	35 Basket St	N4	38	Jacob	Ellinger	29309	Install wood stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
30-Nov-09	128 Norwich Lake	L4	29	Timothy Hill	Childrens Ranch	29809	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
08-Dec-09	73 County Rd			Kurt	Mengel	M09-56	Additional Work to enlarge barn	\$0.00	\$100.00
21-Dec-09	7 County Rd	444	25	Glenn	Martin	30909	Shed 12x20	\$3,000.00	\$30.00
21-Dec-09	63 Old Chester Rd			PVAG	Fellowship Hall	M09-54	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
21-Dec-09	2 Main St	H1	44	Jeffrey	Keeney	31209	Bathroom Renovations	\$0.00	\$60.00
21-Dec-09	16 Bromley Rd	N4	25	Charles	Dorsey	31009	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$30.00
30-Dec-09	5 Park Ridge Dr	324	100	John	Duval	31509	Reroof	\$7,900.00	\$30.00

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. has just completed its eighth year of providing Emergency Medical Services to the Towns of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell, and Worthington. Within the calendar year, we were requested for 550 incidents, maintaining a call volume in excess of 500 for the third consecutive year.

Entering into this past year, the Board of Directors vowed to take efforts to significantly improve patient care, response time, and the level of service we provide. With this, we increased our on-duty staffing to include one Emergency Medical Technician four evenings a week from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. These additional shifts are built off our existing two EMT's that staff an ambulance 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. seven days a week. This staffing increase allows us to have an EMT ready to respond during what has been proven to be some of our busiest times. These on-duty EMT's have proven to often reduce our response times to residences by 10 to 15 minutes.

In addition to the increased staffing, we have also increased the amount of time we staff our vehicles at the Advanced Life Support level. We now have EMT-Intermediates, operating at the Advanced Level, covering greater than 50% of our on-duty hours. Over and above this, we also often have Advanced Providers responding during our on-call hours.

These EMT-Intermediates are a vital link between our core Basic EMT's, and patients requiring Paramedic Level care. In maintaining a strong system with our current staff, we continue to strive to increase our service to the Paramedic Level. It remains our long-term goal to achieve this task, and bring the highest trained pre-hospital care providers to the citizens of the hilltowns.

Given the condition of municipal budgets, and the overall economy, none of these achievements have come easily. We have accomplished these staffing increases by making sound financial decisions, and continuous organizational restructuring. We have utilized funding from town fees, donations, ambulance receipts, and our citizen Subscription Program.

As we move forward, it remains our goal to increase on-duty staffing, and improve on the level and the quality of the care we provide to the citizens. We expect to increase our 4:00 p.m. to midnight on-duty EMT's, therefore decreasing the response time to the citizens. We are also expecting three of our current Basic EMT's to achieve their certification to operate at the Advanced Level, thus allowing us to have Advanced Life Support on-duty 75% of the time.

In closing, our organization could not have accomplished these achievements without the dedication and support of our EMT's, the municipal First Responders, and the citizens of the hilltowns. Nine years ago we were established for the citizens of the hilltowns, by citizens of the hilltowns, and are truly built as a "Community" Ambulance.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

P. O. Box 630

Williamsburg, MA 01096

The HRMC is a unique, regional municipally funded organization which was created by a small group of concerned citizens in 1989 to help small rural towns manage the issues of waste disposal, recycling and sustainability. Currently the member towns are Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington.

Last year, the HRMC helped all of its member towns:

- Recycle 1,955 tons of materials
- Save \$141,767 in avoided disposal costs
- Earn over \$23,354 in recycling revenue
- Save 5,612 equivalent metric tons of ~~carbon~~ "carbon" emissions

Since 1989, the HRMC has assisted its member towns with:

- Creating recycling programs
- Solid waste management programs
- Providing waste reduction programs
- Expanding recycling options for residents

Since 2008, the HRMC has also been working on a broad range of rural sustainability issues on behalf of Huntington.

These areas include:

- Potential wind & solar power projects
- Carbon foot printing measurement/evaluation programs
- Green house gas reduction efforts
- Regional sustainability grants efforts

The HRMC budget is supported by annual town assessments; state, federal and foundation grants; and recycling revenues. The HRMC has also reduced its town assessment budget by 10% in the last two fiscal years (5% each year) because of the difficult fiscal times we are in.

During the upcoming year, the HRMC plans to continue to assist all of its member towns to reduce their carbon footprint by assisting them with their important recycling, sustainability and environmental protection efforts. Encouraging environmental protection and sustainability through recycling and sustainability based programs will help all towns and their residents protect the environment and reduce costs.

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Currently the HRMC directly assists the Town of Huntington in these ways:

- 1) Assists local officials with the careful and cost efficient management of the Town's waste management and recycling program
- 2) Management of the recycling program
- 3) Operate the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Paint Recycling, Electronics Recycling and Fluorescent Light Collection Programs to help keep toxic materials out of our local environment
- 4) Bidding of recycling hauling, solid waste hauling, disposal contracts, and new transfer station equipment
- 5) Obtain grants to assist the HRMC and the Town of Huntington
- 6) Assists with the development of new recycling & sustainability programs
- 7) Advocates on the Town's behalf with State and Federal legislators
- 8) Work on rural sustainability issues (by helping develop potential wind and solar power sites) for member towns, including the Green Communities Program

We look forward to continuing to help the Town and its citizens 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 any time at hrmc@crocker.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, HRMC Administrator

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to *“improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area.”*

Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years, its Small Business Assistance Program has expanded to serve 20 hilltowns. Hilltown CDC's four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community facilities development. Hilltown CDC also writes applications for and manages the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on behalf of hilltown communities. In Fiscal Year 2009, Hilltown CDC helped the five Towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Plainfield, Worthington and Williamsburg secure \$1.073 million in CDBG funds.

Some of the programs offered are:

- ⇒ **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) Program** delivered 7,070 hours of in-home caregiving assistance to over 100 low-income Hilltown.
- ⇒ **Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)** provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to nearly 250 eligible homebound elders.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** at the Goshen Town Hall distributed 63,000 pounds of food to 269 eligible hilltown individuals. Call 586-6564 or 268-7578 for information.
- ⇒ **Families Together**, offered training and peer support activities focused on family issues such as parenting, family dynamics, and family health education.
- ⇒ **Business Workshops**
- ⇒ **Hilltown Business Directory**
- ⇒ **Hilltown Spring Festival**
- ⇒ **Affordable Housing**
- ⇒ **First-time Homebuyer Program**
- ⇒ **Housing Rehabilitation Program**
- ⇒ **Community Facilities Program**
- ⇒ **Community Planning**

In FY 2009, Hilltown CDC generated over \$1.6 million in revenues to support the above projects.

Its members elected five new board representatives: Jim Ayres (Williamsburg), Cynthia Magrath (Worthington), John Maruskin (Cummington), Margaret Parsons (Westhampton), and Susan Riley (Cummington).

We also bid farewell to five members retiring from Board service: Laurie Breitner, Kristin Cole, Hattie Plehn, Pam Sanborn and Noreen Suriner.

Thanks to you all for your dedicated service to the hilltowns!

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 2009 were \$37,206. Dues for all member towns have been reduced to ease the financial burden to the municipalities while increasing the stability of the Council membership. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the reduced assessment and to expand services.

The Council achieved two of its major goals this past fiscal year. The Electricity Program has expanded into the five Western Counties of Massachusetts. Additionally, during FY09 the Council prepared for the eventual sale of Hampshire Care to the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts. Going forward, the Council will continue to provide health services to the citizens of Hampshire County through the Tobacco Free grant and the Wellness programs.

Fiscal Year 2009 was a very busy one for Hampshire Power, a year that brought change and significant growth to the program. Hampshire Power staff are excited about the program's successes, and eager to see it continue to expand and flourish, bringing affordable power to western Massachusetts.

The Cooperative Purchasing program, now in its 29th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2009 was \$5.8 million with a projected savings of \$863,395.

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. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, 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 2009, after fees and delivery charges, totaled \$18,274.

Regional Services continued its oversight of the Hampshire Inspection Program which provides building inspection and zoning enforcement services for Chesterfield, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, and Williamsburg.

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The Council continued to provide Health and Wellness programs through the Tobacco Free Community Partnership funded by the State Department of Public Health and the Wellness Initiative, a workplace wellness program provided by the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust.

In January 2009 the Hampshire Council of Governments began administering RSVP, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, of Hampshire & Franklin Counties. RSVP is a national community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- During the reporting period 29 volunteers worked with 227 students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills. 84% of students increased their interest in reading and 88% improved their academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 34 volunteers led strength training classes for 181 seniors. 86% of class participants improved their physical health and 95% improved their ability to avoid falls or broken bones.
- 127 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 800 elders.
- 268 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 2200 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

In addition to the various departments, programs, and services, each Councilor attends a monthly Full Board Meeting as well as a Standing Committee Meeting. Each Committee has oversight of specific departments and programs and continues to look for ways to increase revenue and provide services.

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.

VETERANS' AGENT

Veterans and their dependents were consulted and assisted in filing claims for benefits under the provision of Chapter 115, 108 CMR, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and 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 2009, the VA has put tremendous efforts in providing immediate care for veterans that may have Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSC) respectively.

We are on call 24-7, as always, to help our deserving veterans and their families.

I may be reached at (413) 323-5992 or (413) 265-4473.

God Bless America!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Messier
Veterans' Services Officer

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

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