

Annual Report 2012



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Massachusetts

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STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855
Area: 26.90 square miles
Miles of Town Paved Road: 25.105
Miles of Town Dirt Road: 11.75
2010 US Census Count: 2,180

AREA: 26.90 square miles

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Dedication



Margaret Nareau has been a fixture at the Huntington Public Library for 31 years. She started in 1982 when she was hired as Assistant Director to Jean Gobeille. With Jean's retirement in 1991, Maggie assumed the Director's job. Under her leadership, the Library has grown and flourished, with monthly book clubs, instructional and cultural programs, summer reading programs, an active "Friends of the Library" group, a monthly artist series, movie nights and a Building Needs Committee. Books, magazines, DVD's, music and video games are available for lending, and a bank of high-speed Internet computers is open for public use. Beth Sorrell, a long-time Assistant Director under Maggie, recalls that "the best part of working with Maggie was that I would get an idea, and she would let me go with it!" Beth recalls a summer reading program with a theme of "Under the Sea". . .the staff and volunteers created a huge paper mache octopus that hung in the center of the Library. For every book that children read, a paper chain link was added to the octopus to form legs. By the end of summer, the legs spanned six times around the Library!

Patrons are invited to visit the Library and peruse the three huge photo albums that showcase the many programs and activities at the Library over Maggie's tenure!

Town of Huntington Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Board of Selectmen:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Charles Bushor	2013	Sue Fopiano	2013
Jeffrey McKittrick	2014	VACANCY	2014
Aimee Burnham	2015	Andrea McKittrick	2015
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Andrea McKittrick	2015	Wendy Long	2013
		Rick Dugre	2014
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		Karen Wittshirk	2015
Aimee Burnham	2015		
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Ed Renauld	2013	Walt Wittshirk	2013
Linda Hamlin	2014		
Sue Fopiano	2015	<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
		VACANCY	2014
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Moderator:</i>	
Thomas Hart	2013	Pete Jacques	2013
Jean Jackman	2014		
George Peterson	2015	<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
		Sue Fopiano	2013
<i>Water/Sewer Commissioners:</i>		Judith Guyette	2014
Denise Keay	2013	Karen Wittshirk	2015
Charles Dazelle	2014		
Henry Dubay	2015	<i>Constables:</i>	
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		Earl G. Heath	2013
Wm. Hathaway (appt. to 2013)	2013	Henry Dubay	2014
Laurie Webb (appt. to 2013)	2014	Charles Dazelle	2015
Roland (Ron) Damon	2015		

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (Yearly):

Richard Buley 2013

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

VACANCY 2015

Admin. Assistant (3-Year):

Helen Speckels 2015

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2014

Bonnie McKinney 2014

Gerald Manley, Alt. 2015

Janet Mollison 2015

Gordon Richardson 2015

Lorraine Wickland 2013

Alt. VACANCY 2015

Animal Control/Dog Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2013

Broadband Representative (Yearly):

Lois Kiraly 2013

Alt. VACANCY 2013

Building Commissioner (Yearly):

George Peterson III 2013

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2014

Steve Hamlin 2014

Eric Jensen 2014

R. Buley (Ex-Officio) 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

Collector (Yearly):

Andrea McKittrick 2013

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2014

John Knox 2014

Lisa Lansing 2014

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

Conservation Commission (3-Year):

Helena Alves 2014

Debra Deane 2015

Ross Hackerson 2014

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2013

Erik Steins 2013

Michael Vorwerk 2013

VACANCY 2014

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Ella Balchunas 2013

May Diemer 2015

Louise Hurley 2014

Anne Marie Knox 2013

May Parker 2014

Winifred Smith 2014

Betty Waite 2013

VACANCY 2015

VACANCY 2015

Crossing Guard (Yearly):

Sue Ellinger 2013

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Jodi Simmons 2013

Linda Siska 2015

Peri Sossaman 2013

Lynn Winsor 2014

Gary Winsor 2013

Election Workers (3-Year):

James Arnold	2014
Judy Borden	2014
David Borden	2014
Marie Bushor	2014
Lori Cady	2014
Louis C. Cinelli	2014
Becky Cortis	2014
Debra Dame	2014
Charles Dazelle	2014
Henry Dubay	2014
Kathleen Dubay	2014
Michelle Graton	2014
Linda Hamlin	2014
Steve Hamlin	2014
Karon Hathaway	2014
Earl Heath, Jr.	2014
Louise Hurley	2014
Paul Hurley	2014
Kenneth Jordan	2014
Nancy Kaminski	2014
Carol LaFountain	2014
David LaFountain	2014
Janine LaPointe	2014
Paul LaPointe	2014
Barbara Meehan	2014
Susan Mousette	2014
Margaret Nareau	2014
Ed Renauld	2014
Maggie Rybczyk	2014
Jody Schnider	2014
Winnifred Smith	2014
Kathy Thomas	2014

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Palazzi	2013
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Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Andy Girouard	2013
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Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Melissa Nazzaro	2014
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Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2014
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Fall Festival Committee (3 Year):

Shelley Keeney	2015
Janine LaPointe	2015
Laura LaPointe	2015
Paul LaPointe	2015
VACANCY	2015

Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Rodney LaFond	2014
Wayne McKinney	2014
VACANCY	2014

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Kirk Birrell	2013
Alicia Hackerson	2013
Anna Horkun	2013
Eric Jensen	2013
VACANCY	2013
VACANCY	2013
VACANCY	2013

Fire Chief (Yearly):

Gary Dahill	2013
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FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):

Charles Bushor	2015
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FRTA Representative (3-Year):

Jeff McKittrick	2015
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Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2013
Peter Anderson, Alt.	2013

Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):

Charles Bushor	2014
Denise Keay	2014
Susan McIntosh	2014
Jeff Penn	2014
Ruth Pardoe	2014
Erik Steins	2014

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle	2014
Robert Garriepy	2014
Melissa Nazzaro	2014

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):
Charles Dazelle 2014

Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (3-Year):
Tom Hart 2014
VACANCY 2014

Historical Commission (3-Year):
Kathleen Dubay 2014
Dominic Nett 2013
David Norton 2014
Daniel Sikop 2013
Karen Wittshirk 2013

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):
Richard Buley 2014
Jeff McKittrick 2014
Todd Michon 2014
Ernie Smith 2014
VACANCY 2014

Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):
Steve Hamlin 2013
Jeff Penn 2013

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):
Robert Garriepy 2013
Melissa Nazzaro 2013

Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):
Daniel Bugli 2015
Jeff Penn 2016
Victoria Minella-Sena 2016
Helen Speckels 2014
VACANCY 2015

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):
Sonny LaFond 2014

Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):
Lori Belhumeur 2014
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2014

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):
Nancy Kaminski 2014
Jackie Kimsey 2015
Ruth Pardoe 2013
Peri Sossaman 2015
Nancy Webb 2014
VACANCY 2013
VACANCY 2014

P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):
Karon Hathaway 2014
Linda Hamlin, Alt. 2014
VACANCY 2014

Planning Board (3-Year):
Linda Hamlin 2015
Karon Hathaway 2014
Earl Heath 2013
VACANCY 2013
VACANCY 2013
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2015

Playground Committee (2-Year):
Aimee Burnham 2014
Kelly Hawley 2014
Vicki Mayhew 2014
Ed Renauld 2014
VACANCY 2014

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):
Tom Broga 2013
Peter Anderson, Alt. 2013

Police Chief (Yearly):
Robert Garriepy 2013

Police Officers (Yearly):
Michael Girard 2013
Aaren Hawley 2013
William Kaleta 2013
Todd Michon 2013
Brandon Owen 2013
VACANCY 2013

Procurement Officer (3-Year):
Jeff McKittrick: 2014

Public Weigher (3-Year):
Daniel Donovan 2014
Gaylon Donovan 2014
Michael Donovan 2014
Matt Donovan 2014
Paul Senatore 2014

*RACES (Radio Amateur Communication
Emergency Services) (3 Year):*
Stephen Luchini 2015

Recreation Committee (3-Year):
Beth Brady 2014
Fawn Busby 2014
Tricia Hess 2014
Vicki Mayhew 2014
Ed Renauld 2014
Kathy Sullivan 2014
Carla Tacke 2014
Amy Williams 2014

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):
Andrea McKittrick *Indefinite*
Anne Marie Knox 2014
Helen Speckels 2014
Kathleen Thomas 2014

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):
Aimee Burnham 2014

Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):
Linda Hamlin 2014
Susan McIntosh 2014
Jeffrey Penn 2014

Stanton Hall Committee (3-Year):
Helen Speckels 2014
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2014

Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3-Year):
Walter Wittshirk 2014

Town Counsel (Yearly):
Kopelman & Paige *Indefinite*

Veterans' Agent (3-Year):
Ed Renauld 2014

Water Safety Committee (Yearly):
Frank Antonucci 2013
Robert Garriepy 2013
Al LaFrance 2013
Rachel Lepine 2013
Paul Nowak 2013
Kathleen O'Connor 2013
Frederick Speckels 2013
Jason Szafranski, Alt. 2013
Alt. VACANCY 2013

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):
Jeff Penn 2015
Alt. VACANCY 2015

Zoning Board (3-Year):
Mary Lou Spaulding 2014
George Webb, Ch. 2015
Don Bartley, Alt. 2015
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2013
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2015

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly):
George Peterson 2013

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Department Telephone List and Schedule

Main Telephone Number: (413) 667-3500
Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507 **Town Website:** www.huntingtonma.us

Board of Assessors: Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Hours: Monday & Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm
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 - 6:00 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 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
"H" stickers may be purchased at B&D Variety and Moltenbrey's Market.
Stickers may be purchased for \$1.00 ea. and are to be placed on your trash bags (1 sticker/30 gallons or less & 2 stickers/over 30 gallons).

Board of Selectmen: Meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., and every other Wednesday evening during the summer, unless otherwise posted.
Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 - 3
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant.
Telephone: (413) 667-3500 huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Building Commissioner: George Peterson
Telephone: (413) 667-5763
Hours: Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm.
Building permit applications may be obtained during Town Hall business hours and on Town website: www.huntingtonma.us

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)
coa@huntingtonma.us

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 or on Town website: www.huntingtonma.us.

Alt. Electrical Inspector: Andy Girouard
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 or on town website: www.huntingtonma.us.

Highway Department: Charles Dazelle, Superintendent HighwayDepartment@HuntingtonHighway.com
Judy Borden, Administrative Assistant
Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3507

Planning Board: Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise.
Telephone: (413) 667-3500

Plumbing Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Police Department: Robert Garriepy, Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-8868 Emergency: Dial 911
Hours: Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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: Andrea McKittrick Assistant Clerk: Kathleen Thomas
Telephone: (413) 667-3509 huntingtonclerk@comcast.net
Hours: Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Wednesday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Town Collector: Andrea McKittrick collector@huntingtonma.us
Telephone: (413) 667-3509
Hours: Mon. 12:00 - 4:30, Tues. 9:00 - 3:30, Wed. 2:00 - 8:30, Thurs. 9:00 - 3:30

Town Treasurer:

Aimee Burnham

[*huntingontreas@comcast.net*](mailto:huntingontreas@comcast.net)

Telephone: (413) 667-3502

Hours: By appointment.

Veterans' Agent:

Ed Renauld

[*vso@huntingtonma.us*](mailto:vso@huntingtonma.us)

Telephone: (413) 575-6391

Hours: 3rd Wednesday each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer:

Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 p.m.
in the basement of the Town Hall.

Jim Gobeille, Water and Sewer Operator

[*Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com*](mailto:Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com)

Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant

Telephone: (413) 667-3356 Office is open Monday - Friday.

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

We welcomed some new employees this year: The Selectboard appointed Ed Renauld as the Town's Veterans' Service Officer (VSO); Andrea McKittrick was appointed Town Collector after a Hiring Committee's recommendation; Aimee Burnham was elected Treasurer for a 3-year term; Laurie Webb and William Hathaway were appointed as School Committee Members until June 30, 2013.

George Peterson was appointed as Conditional Building Commissioner. George has been studying diligently and has until February 28, 2014 to become state certified.

Last year was a year in which we were able to accomplish a number of needed upgrades for Stanton Hall. Automatic handicapped doors were installed, the hardwood floors were refurbished and the interior and exterior of the building received a fresh coat of paint. The Gateway school budget passed on its initial try this year at Annual Town Meeting, as the district did an excellent job of keeping the budget down while still providing an excellent education to our children. We are hopeful that this will continue next year.

At Annual Town Meeting, voters also approved creating a Senior Citizen Property Tax Work Off Abatement Program, where six home owners age 60 and over will be able to receive a credit of up to \$500 to be applied against their total real estate bill by volunteering 62.5 hours to the Town of Huntington. Notices about the program will be sent with real estate bills in the winter or early spring, and applications will be available on the Town website at huntingtonma.us and at Town Hall.

The Town joined Wired West this year, which will eventually provide access to fiber optics high speed internet and TV to all residents who currently are not served by traditional sources. Lois Kiraly was appointed as our Wired West Representative and is doing a fantastic job heading this endeavor.

Huntington became a Green Community and was awarded a grant of \$140,000 to do an energy audit and upgrade the systems in all Town buildings, beginning with lighting retrofits. Thanks to the Green Committee for all their hard work!

We also partnered up with the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) on electricity in order to lower costs.

This year the Selectboard decided to prepare Stanton Hall and Town Hall with backup generator capabilities after all of last year's storms. Thanks to Fire Chief Gary Dahill who was able to procure free generators and Andy Girouard for wiring up the buildings.

Huntington worked with Blackboard Connect in setting up a reverse call system which allows the Town to send out messages to all landlines in Huntington in case of an emergency, but can also be used by Town departments to send out other important messages. Residents can also be notified on cell phones and email but must register on the Town website link at huntingtonma.us.

Respectfully submitted, Aimee Burnham, Chair Charles Bushor Jeffrey McKittrick



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.

We were able to develop a budget that met our levy limit in 2012, although the process has become difficult due to the timing of the State budget figures and the long process of ratifying a Gateway School District budget among the member towns. We are also pleased that the Town was able to invest in some capital improvements to our buildings and equipment. Maintaining our town's facilities is an important goal of our committee.

This committee has an important role to play in guiding our town's financial future. If you have an interest in your town's finances, please consider serving with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jensen, Chair

Alicia Hackerson, Secretary

Anna Horkun

Kirk Birrell



MODERATOR

I would like thank all of you who have attended the Annual Town Meeting or any of the Special Town Meetings during this last fiscal year. We've enacted several new by-laws, revised others, and, of course, have made difficult financial decisions that balance the needs of the Town and our own personal needs.

I ask you all to continue to stay involved and encourage you to rally your neighbors to attend meetings this year. While we have generally not had difficulty in reaching quorums for Town Meetings, I still see only a small percentage of our voting population participating. It is critical as the Town's legislative body that you stay informed of key issues and be active in the decision-making that impacts our town. Our open Town Meeting is a form of government that has become rare in our country. The open meetings allow individuals like yourselves to directly impact the direction and decisions of the Town. The 2013 Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, June 3rd. Voice your opinion and see how one person can make a difference.

I also ask you to consider playing a more active role by volunteering for a Town board, including Finance Committee. Everyone has a unique set of skills and perspectives that adds to the diversity of the Town. You do not need to be an expert. Many board members started only with a desire to help – to make a difference. It starts with just one person – you.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Jacques

TOWN CLERK

Another year is behind us, and what a year it was! The Presidential Election had the Town all abuzz, starting with the Primaries in March and September and the State Election in November. My sincere thanks to all the election officials who worked tirelessly at the polls and spent time counting the votes at the end. Constables Henry Dubay and Cricket Heath rang the ballot box throughout the day, and Bing Cinelli and Paul Hurley worked their usual magic to arrange the voting equipment at Stanton Hall in order to obtain optimum flow for residents.

After the retirement of Anne Marie Knox in July, the Clerk office moved down the hall into the Collector's office as I embarked on my new position of Town Clerk/Collector. Aimee Burnham moved into a new office with Town Accountant Richard Buley as she began her 3-year elected term as Town Treasurer. Kathleen Thomas continues to contribute her talents as Assistant Town Clerk, and we welcomed Senior Volunteer Nancy Kaminski into the Clerk office for additional support when things get busy.

Issued this year were the following:

13	Business Certificates
333	Dog Tags
2	Kennel Licenses

My new hours are:	Monday	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
	Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The new phone number for the Clerk/Collector's office is (413) 667-3509.

I may also be reached by email at huntingtonclerk@comcast.net or collector@huntingtonma.us.

Dog tags for 2013 will be available June 1st.

Please remember to return your census forms by May 15, 2013.

The Vital Records and the rest of my report follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McKittrick



TOWN CLERK

Vital Records 2012



BIRTHS:

January 7 Juliana Claire Kosiorek
Daughter of Matthew Edward Kosiorek & nee Nicole Lynn Rundall

January 12 Cambria Noelle Hearts Craig
Daughter of Zachary Ronald Craig & nee Julianne Marie Burdick

January 26 Jackson Nathaniel Poudrier
Son of Nathaniel Paul Poudrier & nee Sandra Nicole Gozgit

February 2 Addison Lee Cook
Daughter of Arthur Abbott Cook Jr. & nee Nicole Marie Labonte

May 18 Alexander Eugene Ivanov
Son of Eugene Victor Ivanov & nee Inna Goretskiy

May 19 Benjamin Maxwell Daniel Mathews
Son of Jason Jahn Mathews & nee Nadine Sarah Sterste

May 21 Logan Victor Macrae
Son of Ryan William Macrae & nee Heidi Elizabeth Waite

May 22 Khloe Elizabeth Perrier
Daughter of Kevin Alan Perrier & nee Amy Michelle Milo

June 1 Nora Elizabeth Peloquin
Daughter of Norman Henry Peloquin & nee Elizabeth Lara Sprenkle

June 21 Walker Michael Anderson
Son of Brian Michael Anderson & nee Stephanie Renee Schenna

June 28 Savannah Shirley Fitzgerald
Daughter of Michael Robert Fitzgerald & nee Elizabeth Anne Jones

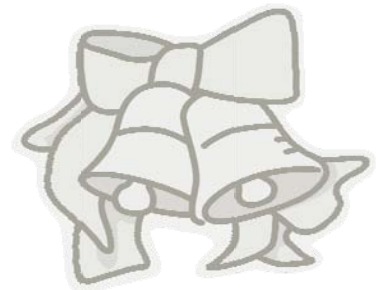
August 16 Ava Elizabeth Boissonneault
Daughter of Charles Francis Boissonneault & nee Sara Elizabeth
Champagne

BIRTHS (Cont'd):

- August 21 Jonathan Royal Beneway
Son of Robert Royal Beneway & nee Sophia Carol Judson
- August 22 Abigail Marie Robare
Daughter of Dennis Michael Robare & nee Ruth Ann Schwab
- September 20 Gabriel Joseph Ellinger
Son of Jacob Walters Ellinger & nee Amy Louise Baker
- December 2 Norah Elizabeth Cormier
Daughter of Adam Joseph Cormier & nee Rebecca Elizabeth Bruso
- December 19 Jaice Everett-Shawn Ellinger
Son of Shawn Earle Ellinger & nee Jennifer Lee Dow

MARRIAGES:

- April 14 John J. Goff & Joan A. Astaferrero @ Huntington
- June 16 Keith David Anderson & Jessica Christine Ulan @ Florence
- June 23 Krystle Lynn Charpentier & Jeffrey Paul Charbonneau @ Worthington
- August 18 Jessica Janet Tucto Razuri & Eric Jason Whitaker @ Huntington
- October 7 Deborah Rita McQuade & Michael John Stewart @ Holyoke
- November 17 Melissa J. Reid & Anthony V. Iglesias, Jr. @ Huntington



DEATHS:



January 9 Jacquelyn A. Smith, age 75

January 9 Charles Dwight Manley, age 88, husband of Dorothy Page

January 14 David A. Pardoe, age 94, husband of Ruth Wood

January 25 Leonard Wayne Kimsey, age 77, husband of Jacqueline Voris

March 14 Almon Glenn Knox, Jr., age 89, widower of Marilyn R. Ehrhart

March 19 Robert Hadden Shipman, age 62, husband of MaryAnn Shea

March 19 Lynn Joyce Fisk, age 70, wife of Linwood H. Fisk

June 24 Jessica Mary Dana, age 30

June 26 Augusta Sadowski, age 91, widow of Alexander Sadowski

July 23 Theresa Rose Wiggins, age 66, wife of Charles S. Wiggins

July 24 Louis Alfred Dame, age 84, husband of Winifred S. Lafond

August 16 John Clayton Moore, age 64, husband of Christine L. Scott

August 23 Catherine Agnes Rogers, Age 91, widow of Joseph Rogers

September 18 Lewis A. Whitney, III, age 54

September 28 Gregory R. O'Brien, age 67, widower of Priscilla Lane

October 30 Joseph Robert Baker, Sr., age 67, widower of Susan Gilmet

October 30 Priscilla Bingham, age 94, widow of Charles T. Bingham

November 26 Thomas John Nicolle, Jr., age 48, husband of Kathleen M. Schlegel

December 27 Edward A. Kelso, age 78, widower of Phyllis E. Olds

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS
MARCH 6, 2012

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

PRESIDENT

Barack Obama	25	Ron Paul	20
No Preference	1	Mitt Romney	76
All Others	1	Rick Perry	1
Blank	0	Rick Santorum	41
Total Votes Cast	27	Newt Gingrich	16
		No Preference	2
		All Others	0
		Blanks	0
		Total Votes Cast	156

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Michael Forbes Wilcox	25	Michael F. Case	102
All Others	0	All Others	0
Blanks	2	Blanks	54
Total Votes Cast	27	Total Votes Cast	156

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Mary J. Palmer	25	Robin S. Almgren	94
All Others	0	All Others	1
Blanks	2	Blanks	61
Total Votes Cast	27	Total Votes Cast	156

GREEN-RAINBOW

PRESIDENT

Harley Mikkelson	1
No Preference	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Lee Scott Laugenour	1
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	1

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

No Nomination	0
Blanks	1
Total Votes Cast	1

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town Affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum and that all articles would require a majority vote to pass. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, Selectboard and the Town Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected position of Treasurer become an appointed position; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash to the Library Maintenance/Repairs Account #015610.002 the sum of \$10,000.00 for roof and door replacement; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee vote: Yes.

Motion carried. Unanimous

The sum of \$10,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to Account # 015610.002.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the North Hall Maintenance Account #015192.007 the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of painting the exterior of the North Hall building and refurbishing the fire escape; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee vote: Yes. Motion carried. Unanimous.
The sum of \$5,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to
Account # 015192.007.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to Police Equipment Account #015210.006 the sum of \$4,000.00 for the replacement of garage doors on the police garage; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.
The sum of \$4,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to
Account # 015210.006.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to Police Equipment Account #015210.006 the sum of \$10,000.00 for the replacement of the garage roof on the police garage; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.
The sum of \$10,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to
Account # 015210.006.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Huntington Community Events Committee Account #015661.000 the sum of \$1,300.00 to purchase new American flags, poles and brackets to be placed along a portion of Route 20 and Route 112; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee vote: Yes. Motion carried. Unanimous.
The sum of \$1,300.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to Account
#015661.000.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sale of Fixed Assets Account #014815.000 to Sewer Reserve Fund Control #013586.000 the sum of \$2,526.00 for the sale of the Sewer tanker truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to amend the article by replacing the words, “Sale of Fixed Assets Account #014815.000” to “Free Cash”. Amendment passed unanimously.

Article carried as amended. Unanimous.

The sum of \$2,526.000 will be transferred from Free Cash to Account #013586.000.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind certain amounts authorized to be borrowed, but which amounts are no longer needed to accomplish the purposes for which they were approved; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee vote: Yes.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

PURPOSE	AMOUNT	APPROVAL DATE	ARTICLE #
Fire Pumper	\$ 5,367.00	5/3/2004	12
Water Meter	\$ 50,000.00	9/28/2005	5
Highway Truck	\$ 27,123.00	5/1/2006	11
Highway Truck	<u>\$ 7,118.55</u>	9/15/2010	1
	\$ 89,608.55		

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

Meeting dissolved at 7:29 p.m. A quorum of 38 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk and explained that Article 1 must pass by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of maintaining funding the Franklin Regional Transit Authority van service for the remainder of FY2012; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Finance Committee vote: Yes. Selectboard vote: Yes.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.
The sum of \$10,000.00 will come from Free Cash.**

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 7:13 p.m.

A quorum of 58 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor
Counters: Kirk Birrell, Eric Jensen

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk and explained that Article 1 must pass by majority vote and Article 2 must pass by 2/3 majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the “Stretch Energy Code” set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 115.AA as it may be amended from time to time, by amending the General By-laws of the Town of Huntington by inserting the following new Section 51 entitled “Stretch Energy Code”; or take any other action relative thereto:

Section 51 STRETCH ENERGY CODE

1. Adoption

The Town of Huntington has adopted the provision of 780 CMR 115.AA, the So-called “Stretch Energy Code,” as may be amended from time to time, in place of The provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more Energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building code.

**After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to move the question. Motion to move passed by majority vote.
Article passes by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adopting New Section IVU: Green Community solar By-law Allowing By-Right Siting of Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations; by amending Section III: Dimensional Requirements; and by amending Section IV: Use Regulations, all as shown below; or take any other action *relative thereto*:

Planning Board recommendation: Yes

As an amendment to section II was brought to the floor, a motion was made and seconded to recess for 5 minutes at 8:30pm to make photocopies of the amendment. Motion to recess passes by majority vote.

Meeting called back to order at 8:35pm. A motion was then made and seconded to withdraw the amendment. Motion passes unanimously. A motion was then made and seconded to pass the article as originally written with the amendments listed below. Article 2 passes by 2/3 majority with 33 in favor and 7 opposed.

And to amend Section III: Dimensional Requirements, A.5: by inserting “and in Section IVU below” after “above”, so that the provision will state: “5. Application. Except as provided in III A 4 above and in Section IVU below, dimensional requirements apply to all buildings and structures.”

And to amend Section IV by inserting at the end of the existing text: “, Green Community Solar By-law Allowing By-Right Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (IVU).”

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 8:45 p.m.

A quorum of 47 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

MAY 19, 2012

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 3 YR

Aimee Burnham	90
Other	1
Blank	4

BOARD OF ASESORS - 3 YR

Sue Fopiano	81
Other	1
Blank	13

TOWN TREASURER - 3 YR

Aimee Burnham	78
Other	4
Blank	13

TOWN CLERK- 3 YR

Andrea McKittrick	87
Other	0
Blank	8

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE **3 YEAR**

Roland Damon	29
Other	13
Blank	53

2 YEAR

John McVeigh	5
Other	11
Blank	79

1 YEAR

John McVeigh	4
Other	9
Blank	82

WHITING STREET FUND - 3 YR

Andrea McKittrick	84
Other	0
Blank	11

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL GOV'TS - 2 YR

Jean Garriepy	3
Other	7
Blank	85

BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 YR

George Peterson	81
Other	1
Blank	13

TREE WARDEN – 1 YR

Walt Wittshirk	89
Other	0
Blank	6

MODERATOR – 1 YR

Pierre Jacques	88
Other	1
Blank	6

CONSTABLE – 3 YR

Charles Dazelle	85
Other	6
Blank	4

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YR

Karen Wittshirk	85
Other	0
Blank	10

ALPHONSO PETTIS FUND – 3YR

Karen Wittshirk	82
Other	1
Blank	12

WATER AND SEWER- 3 YR

Henry Dubay	81
Other	1
Blank	13

QUESTION 1 - **APPOINT INSTEAD OF** **ELECT TREASURER:**

Yes	58
No	15
Blank	22

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

MINUTES

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 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick
Counters: Kathy Sullivan, Gary Dahill, Susan McIntosh, Michelle Booth

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk and explained that Article 1 must pass by majority vote.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$61,900.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015122.005	GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000.00
015122.006	COPY MACHINE EXPENSE	\$ 500.00
015137.002	ASSESSORS' CLERK WAGES	\$ 2,000.00
015139.000	TOWN COLLECTOR SALARY	\$ 1,500.00
015151.000	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$12,000.00
015192.002	TOWN HALL UTILITIES/PHONE	\$ 3,000.00
015192.003	NORTH HALL UTILITIES	\$ 900.00
015192.004	STANTON HALL UTILITIES	\$ 2,000.00
015192.006	BLDG. & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,000.00
015193.003	TOWN BUILDINGS INSURANCE	\$ 3,500.00
015193.004	TOWN VEHICLE INSURANCE	\$ 2,000.00
015220.006	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 2,000.00
015220.008	FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$10,000.00
015424.000	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 2,500.00
015543.001	VETERANS' RELIEF BENEFITS	\$16,000.00

**After brief discussion, the Article was voted on and passed unanimously.
The sum of \$61,900 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Operational Accounts as listed above.**

***A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:35 p.m.
There was a quorum of 58 present.***

A true copy attest: Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

MINUTES

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 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick
Counters: Kathy Sullivan, Gary Dahill, Susan McIntosh, Michelle Booth

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk. Town Treasurer/Collector Anne Marie Knox, who is retiring at the end of June, was recognized for her 28 years of service.

A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting at 10:00 p.m. and finish, if necessary, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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 Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2013 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 unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8: 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, 2012. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Items held to be voted on separately. Items not held pass by unanimous vote. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Treasurer's "Certified" bonus salary by adding \$1,000.00.

Motion does not pass. Unanimous.

Held items pass as originally listed. Unanimous.

Article passes as written. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,266,836.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, or accept a lesser amount than \$1,266,836.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries by majority vote. The sum of \$1,266,836.00 will be allocated from Raise and Appropriate for Huntington's minimum contribution for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$617,395.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries by majority vote. The sum of \$617,395.00 will be allocated from Raise and Appropriate for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$256,607.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

A motion was made and seconded to vote by paper ballot. Motion to vote by paper ballot carries. Unanimous. At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to hold a 5 minute recess to count the paper ballots. Motion to recess carries. Unanimous.

Meeting called back to order at 7:55 p.m.

The results of the paper ballot vote were 83 yes, 20 no. Article passes by majority vote. The sum of \$256,607.00 will be allocated from Raise and Appropriate for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$527,724.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries. Unanimous. The sum of \$527,724.00 will be allocated from Raise and Appropriate for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$58,269.00 for Huntington's share in the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries. Unanimous. The sum of \$58,269.00 will be allocated from Raise and Appropriate for Huntington's share in the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000.00 to the Stabilization Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

The Moderator announced that the Article needed a 2/3 vote to pass.

Motion carries by 2/3 vote. The sum of \$80,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to Stanton Hall Revenue Account the sum of \$15,000.00 for continued upkeep and restoration; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries. Unanimous. The sum of \$15,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Stanton Hall Revenue Account for upkeep and restoration.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Fire Building/Equipment Expense account #015220.004 a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 for purchase of firemen turnout gear; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries. Unanimous. A sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Fire Building/Equipment Expense account #015220.004 for purchase of firemen turnout gear.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 to the new Emergency Management Special Revenue Account (line item to be designated by the Town Accountant) for the purchase of radios, a Reverse 911 system, and other necessary equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Article to “Reverse Call” instead of “Reverse 911” because “Reverse 911” is a protected trademark. Amendment passes unanimously. Article passes by majority vote. A sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the new Emergency Management Special Revenue Account (line item to be designated by the Town Accountant) for the purchase of radios, a Reverse Call system and other necessary equipment.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed \$7,000.00 for a grant writing service account, line item to be designated by the Town Accountant; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.

Motion carries. Unanimous. The sum of \$7,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash for a grant writing service account (line item to be designated by the Town Accountant).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,500.00 for signs and safety markers for Norwich Lake; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Divided.

Motion carries by majority vote: yes: 39, no: 33. The sum of \$2,500.00 will be allocated from Free Cash for signs and safety markers for Norwich Lake.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to replace the 1989 pumper tanker truck at the Norwich Hill Fire Station with a new pumper tanker, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds not to exceed \$250,000.00 to purchase the truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee: Yes. Selectboard: Yes.
Article passes by majority vote. The Treasurer will be authorized to borrow funds not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the purchase of a new pumper tanker truck for the Norwich Hill Fire Station.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (A) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto:

(A) Powers, Duties and Composition

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following: three members from the Town of Huntington, two members from the Town of Middlefield, two members from the Town of Montgomery, three members from the Town of Russell, two members from the Town of Worthington, and three members from the Town of Chester, and two members from the Town of Blandford. Members shall serve until their respective successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(A) Powers, Duties and Composition

The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a regional district school committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following: two members from the Town of Huntington, two members from the Town of Middlefield, two members from the Town of Montgomery, two members from the Town of Russell, two members from the Town of Worthington, two members from the Town of Chester, and two members from the Town of Blandford. Members shall be elected with residency requirements in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections. Members shall serve until their respective successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

As Amended.

**After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to move the question. Motion carried. Unanimous.
A motion was made and seconded to table the Article.
Motion carried by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (B) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto:

(B) Continuation of Members

Until the annual town elections next following the assumption of jurisdiction by the Committee over the pupils in all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve, the members of the Committee shall be appointed and elected and vacancies shall be filled as provided in subsections (C), (D) and (E) of Section I as in effect prior to the adoption of the sixth amendment of this agreement provided, however, that the terms of office of all such members shall terminate upon the election and qualification of successors as provided in subsection (C) of Section I.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(B) Continuation of Members

Until the district-wide elections are held at the biennial state elections in 2012 all seventeen (17) members of the current Committee, or in the case of a vacancy or vacancies, by the newly appointed member(s) pursuant to Section I (D) of the Regional Agreement, shall serve as members of the School Committee over the pupils in all grades from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. The members of the Committee shall be appointed and elected and vacancies shall be filled as provided in subsections (C), (D), and (E) of Section I; provided, however, that the terms of office of all such members shall terminate upon the election and qualification of successors as provided in subsection (C) of Section I.

As Amended.

Motion carried by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNS OF HUNTINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD, MONTGOMERY, RUSSELL, WORTHINGTON, CHESTER AND BLANDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT by striking the following language which now appears in the Agreement under subsection (C) of Section I: The Regional District School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto:

(C) Membership

At the annual town elections next following the assumption of jurisdiction by the Committee of pupils in all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve, the towns of Huntington, Russell and Chester shall elect three members to serve on the Committee, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years; and the towns of Middlefield, Montgomery, Worthington and Blandford shall each elect two members to serve on the Committee, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. Thereafter, in every year in which the term of office of a member expires, each member town involved shall, at the annual town election, elect one member to serve for a term of three years.

As Amended.

and replacing said language with the following language:

(C) Membership

At the district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections in 2012, there will be elections for all fourteen (14) school committee positions. One (1) committee member from each Town chosen at the elections will serve for a term of two (2) years, and the other committee member from each Town shall serve for a term of four (4) years. The committee member from each Town with the greatest number of votes shall fill the four (4) year term, commencing with the biennial state elections in 2014 and thereafter, all fourteen (14) school committee positions shall be for a term of four (4) years. If a member leaves office before the expiration of his/her term, an appointment to the position shall be made in accordance with Section I (D) of the Regional Agreement for the remaining portion of the term.

As Amended.

Motion carried by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to accept Clause 56 of Mass. General Laws Chapter 59 Sub Section 5 which would allow members of the Massachusetts National Guard who serve on active duty in a foreign country to obtain a reduction of all or part of their real estate taxes for any fiscal year in which they are serving, or take any other action relative thereto.
Assessors will adopt policies to ensure that similarly situated applicants are treated equitably while remaining flexible to address unique situations.

Selectboard: Yes. Motion carries by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 25:

BALLOT QUESTION:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services; or take any other action relative thereto.

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made and seconded for a 5-minute recess to count the paper ballots. Motion carries. Unanimous. Meeting called back to order at 9:40 p.m.

The results of the paper ballot were: Yes: 78, No: 8.

Article passes by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 26 :

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59 §5K, the so-called Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement and to establish a program pursuant to the said statute beginning in the Fiscal Year 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

At 9:50 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the following evening, Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. A quorum of 108 was present.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
CONTINUATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Selectboard:	Aimee Burnham, Jeff McKittrick
Counters:	Kathy Sullivan, Michelle Booth, Gary Dahill, Susan McIntosh

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section IV T: Self-Service Storage Facilities, as set forth in **Attachment A** to this Warrant: or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposed By-Law by calling it section “IV U” instead of “IV T”. Motion to amend carries. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to amend IV. Introduction to include commercial districts. After brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made and seconded to table the Article. Motion carries by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington Zoning By-Law, Section IV Q: Wireless Communication Facilities, as set forth in **Attachment B** to this Warrant as shown in italics (the text that is not being amended is shown in regular type and is included for informational purposes only); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carries by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws by adding a new Section 51, Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings Bylaw, as set forth in **Attachment C** to this Warrant; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposed By-Law by calling it Section 53, instead of Section 51. Motion carries. Unanimous. Article passes by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws by adding a new Section 52, Local Historic District, to be administered by an Historic District Commission as provided for under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C, as amended, as set forth in **Attachment D** to this Warrant; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carries. Unanimous.

At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to dissolve.

Motion passes. Unanimous. Meeting dissolved at 8:00 p.m.

A quorum of 56 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY RESULTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Senator in Congress Statewide

(R) Scott Brown	66
(D) Elizabeth Warren	112
Blank	14
Total Votes Cast	192

Representative General Court First Franklin District

(D) Stephen Kulik	113
Blank	79
Total Votes Cast	192

Representative in Congress First District

(D) Richard Neal	68
(D) Andrea Nuciforo	32
(D) Bill Shein	23
Blank	69
Total Votes Cast	192

Clerk of Courts

(D) Harry Jekanowski	107
Blank	85
Total Votes Cast	192

Councillor Eighth District

(D) Michael Albano	42
(D) Gerry Roy	11
(D) Kevin Sullivan	62
(R) Michael Case	33
(R) Michael Franco	26
Blank	18
Total Votes Cast	192

Register of Deeds

(D) Bonnie MacCracken	35
(D) Mary Olberding	35
(D) Timothy O'Leary	52
Blank	70
Total Votes Cast	192

Senator in General Court Berkshire, Hampshire & Franklin County

(D) Benjamin Downing	106
Other	0
Blank	86
Total Votes Cast	192

Register of Probate Hampshire County

(D) Michael Carey	108
Blank	84
Total Votes Cast	192

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

**HUNTINGTON RESULTS
STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

(L) Johnson/Gray	52
(D) Obama/Biden	554
(R) Romney/Ryan	479
(GR) Stein/Honkala	14
Others	4
Blank	10

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

(R) Scott Brown	605
(D) Elizabeth Warren	502
Blank	6

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – FIRST DISTRICT

(D) Richard Neal	848
Others	5
Blank	260

COUNCILLOR – EIGHTH DISTRICT

(D) Michael Albano	531
(R) Michael Franco	459
Others	1
Blank	92

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN DISTRICT

(D) Benjamin Downing	806
Others	2
Blank	305

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

FIRST FRANKLIN DISTRICT

(D) Stephen Kulik	870
Others	2
Blank	241

CLERK OF COURTS

(D) Harry Jekanowski	814
Others	2
Blank	297

REGISTER OF DEEDS

(D) Mary Olberding	385
(I) George Zimmerman	599
Others	1
Blank	128

REGISTER OF PROBATE – HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

(D) Michael Carey	815
Others	3
Blank	295

QUESTION 1 – VEHICLE REPAIR

Yes	931
No	126
Blank	56

QUESTION 2 – END OF LIFE FOR TERMINALLY ILL

Yes	569
No	516
Blank	28

QUESTION 3 – MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Yes	721
No	370
Blank	22

QUESTION 4 – HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Yes	657
No	176
Blank	280

QUESTION 5 – CONGRESS AMENDMENT TO U.S. CONSTITUTION

Yes	708
No	187
Blank	218

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012
MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Charles Bushor, Jeff McKittrick
Counter: Eric Jensen

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted and that there was a quorum. He introduced the Town Clerk, the Selectboard and the designated Counter, if needed, and explained that article 1 must pass by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize a revolving fund for the Council on Aging for the purpose of depositing funds received in connection with programs and events conducted by the Council on Aging, to be expended for the purpose of paying costs and expenses related to the purchase of supplies and services in support of such programs and events, said sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 in FY2013, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Council on Aging; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Selectboard deferred discussion to George Reichert, the Council on Aging Regional Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV D Use Regulations: Non-Residential Uses on Lots Not Also Used For Residence of the Huntington Zoning By-Law as shown below in bold italics, (the text that is not being amended is shown in regular type and is included for informational purposes only); or take any other action relative thereto:

The Selectboard deferred discussion to Linda Hamlin of the Planning Board. Her recommendation was a Yes vote. A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposed by law by passing over IV D 5a Portable sawmill for further consideration and to keep that section as originally worded. Article passed unanimously as amended.

IV D Use Regulations: Non-Residential Uses on Lots Not Also Used For Residence:

For the *delete: four* following categories, if there are three (3) or less full-time (or equivalent part time) employees, special permit is required in residential districts and the use is permitted without special permit in all other districts. A special permit is required in all districts if there are four (4) or more full-time (or equivalent part-time) employees. See Sect. IV H for off-street parking requirements and IV I for permitted signs.

IV D 1a - IV D 1e

Insert one space

For the *delete: five* following categories, special permit is required in all districts. See Sec. IV H for off-street parking requirements and IV I for permitted signs.

IV D 2a - IV D 2e

Change former IV D 5b to IV D 2f and Insert here: Hydroelectric power facility. Requires special permit in all districts.

Insert one space

For the following category, ...IV D 3a

Insert one space

The following categories are prohibited in residential districts and require special permit elsewhere.

IV D ***Change from 3b to 4a*** Same as IV D 3a, but with more than four full-time (or equivalent part time) employees.

IV D ***Change from 3c to 4b*** Small scale manufacturing (see definitions).

IV D ***Change from 3d to 4c*** Any automotive sales, service, or repair

IV D ***Change from 3e to 4d*** Sales, service, or repair of firearms, ammunition, or explosives.

IV D ***Change from 3f to 4e*** Variety use (see definitions).

IV D ***Change from 3g to 4f*** Multiple non-residential use with more than one proprietor or tenant on a lot, e.g. office building, shopping center.

IV D ***Change from 3h to 4g*** Lumber yard. Sale of feed or fuel. (changed 5/13/1995)

THE FOLLOWING “CHANGE” WAS PASSED OVER:

Change from: IV D 5a Portable sawmill. Requires special permit in residential districts, prohibited in all other districts To: IV D 4h Portable sawmill. Prohibited in residential districts, requires special permit in all other districts. Special permit may be issued for no more than one year and no more than once in any ten-year period.

Insert one space

The following *delete: two* categories require special permit in industrial districts and are prohibited in all other districts.

IV D ***Change from 4a to 5a*** Any manufacturing, warehouse, or service use not covered under IV D 3a-4g or prohibited elsewhere in this By-Law. Includes processing, fabrication, assembly and storage. A required condition is that there shall be no adverse effect *delete: on existing or expectable uses* on adjacent lots.

IV D ***Change from 4b to 5b*** Permanent sawmill. A required condition is that there shall be no adverse effect *delete: on existing or expectable uses* on adjacent lots.

Insert: IV D 5c Adult Business. Includes any Adult Entertainment Business as defined in MGL Chapter 40A-9A.

THE FOLLOWING “DELETE” WAS PASSED OVER:

Delete: IV D 5a Portable sawmill. Requires special permit in residential districts, prohibited in all other districts. Special permit may be issued for no more than one year and no more than once in any ten-year period. Only lumber cut from the lot or abutting lots may be processed. Sawmill must be operated at least 500 feet from any dwelling unit of an abutter, or more if the SPGA so provides.

Insert one space

Insert: The following categories require special permit in Industrial and Business Districts and are prohibited in all other districts (including Central Business District). A required condition is that there shall be no adverse effect on adjacent lots.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend IV U: Green Community Solar Bylaw Allowing By-Right Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, to IV *T*: Green Community Solar Bylaw Allowing By-Right Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board vote: Yes. Article passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend IV *T*: Green Community Solar Bylaw Allowing By-Right Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, as show below in bold italics, (the text that is not being amended is shown in regular type and is included for informational purposes only); or take any other action relative thereto.

**Planning Board vote: Yes.
The Selectboard expressed their support of the article.
Article passed by 2/3 vote, with 1 opposed.**

IV *T*: Green Community Solar By-law Allowing By-Right Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

I. Purpose

The purpose of Section IV-*T* of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw is to allow by-right the creation of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations ***on municipal land only*** by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations. These standards are designed to address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and provide adequate financial assurance for the potential eventual removal of such installations. The provisions set forth in this section of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw shall apply to the construction, operation, removal, alteration and/or repair of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations which are allowed without a Special Permit. Specifications for installations not met within the parameters of Section IV-*T* are not allowed by-right. ***Application may be made to the ZBA for a Special Permit on other parcels, using the criteria set forth in this Section IV-T.***

II. Intent

To promote the responsible use of solar energy production and collection in the town of Huntington while protecting the safety, health and welfare of the public.

III. Applicability

Section IV-*T* of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw applies to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations proposed to be constructed after the approval date of this bylaw by Town Meeting, and also applies to any physical modifications of such installations that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment, structures and buildings. A Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (*Delete's*"), for the purpose(s) of the bylaw, is a solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground (not roof-mounted), and has a minimum rated nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC, as well as any accessory structures and buildings. ***Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations that meet all other requirements of this bylaw may be allowed as-of-right on municipal land to include municipal facilities owned, operated by, or developed for and on the behalf of the Town of Huntington. A special permit is required for other siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations in all zoning districts, as described in Section II A (Zoning Districts) of Huntington's Zoning Bylaw.***

IV. Site Plan Review

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall undergo site plan review by the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in Section IV-*T*. Site Plan Review is the review of a proposed project to ensure that it is in conformity with a zoning by-law's requirements. The Huntington Site Plan Review Authority will consist of the Planning Board, member(s) of the Zoning Board, and member(s) of the Huntington Green Committee. The Huntington Site Plan Review Authority Zoning Board member(s) and Huntington Green Committee member(s) should be selected by their respective board and/or committee and appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

V. General

A. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

B. No ***Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation*** may be proposed where it may be visible from any local, State, or Federally designated historic district or scenic byway in the Town of Huntington, with the exception that if mature vegetative screening, which will completely shield visibility from such historic district or scenic byway, is planted prior to any construction, such construction may be allowed at the discretion of the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority.

C. ***Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations*** are prohibited on hilltops and ridgelines, as well as any hillsides where they will be visible from any public ways or neighboring properties, or could be considered to alter the scenic beauty of the hillside.

VI. Required Documents

The project applicant shall provide the following documents to the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority:

A. Site plan clearly demonstrating:

1. Property lines and physical features, including roads, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and structure coverage for the project site;
2. All proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures;
3. Plans of the solar photovoltaic installation and accessory structures signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system, lighting, signage, utility connections, transformers and any potential shading from nearby structures or natural features and vegetation;

4. Electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant components, disconnects, and overcurrent devices;
5. Documentation by means of manufacturers' specifications of the major system components to be used, including, but not limited to, the photovoltaic panels, mounting system(s), and inverter(s);
6. Name, address, license verification and contact information for proposed system installer(s);
7. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project applicant and co-applicant(s), if any;
8. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project applicant(s).

B. Documentation as outlined under Section VII: Site Control.

C. An operation and maintenance plan as outlined under Section VII.B: Operation & Maintenance.

D. Zoning district designation for the parcel(s) of land comprising the project site (submission of a copy of a zoning map with the parcel(s) identified is suitable for this purpose);

E. Proof of liability insurance and description of acceptable financial surety as specified under Section XXIV: Financial Security.

The Huntington Site Plan Review Authority may waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate, by unanimous vote.

VII. General Requirements for all Large-Scale *Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations*

The following requirements shall apply to all *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations*:

A. **Site Control:** The project applicant shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar photovoltaic installation, as well as accessibility by Public Safety Officials and their vehicles, should it be necessary.

B. **Operation & Maintenance Plan:** The project applicant shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation*, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, and general procedures for maintenance of the installation.

C. **Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations:** The construction and operation of all *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations* shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to, all applicable safety, construction, electrical, environmental and communications requirements. All buildings forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code, as well as the Huntington Zoning By-law, as applicable.

D. **Building Permit and Building Inspection:** No *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation* shall be constructed, installed, modified or removed without first obtaining a building permit.

E. Fees: Building permits issued for the construction, alteration, enlargement or demolition of **Large-Scale Delete “scale” Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations** shall be subject to permit fees, as well as Site Plan Review application fees, as established by the Town of Huntington. No building permit shall be deemed valid until such fees are paid.

F. Utility Notification: No **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation** shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Building Inspector that the utility company operating the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar photovoltaic installation owner or operator’s intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator, and has approved said operation. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

VIII. Dimensional and Density Requirements

For all **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations**, front, side and rear setbacks shall be as follows:

- A. Front, side, and rear setbacks shall all be at least 50 feet.
- B. Access roads shall be set back at least 20 feet from front, side, and rear lot lines.
- C. All **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations** shall be constructed on parcels meeting the minimum dimensional zoning requirements for the zone in which it is proposed as specified in Appendix A: Table of Dimensional Requirements in the Huntington Zoning By-law.

IX. Segmentation

In determining whether a project complies with the lot size restriction in section VII. A. Site Control, the developer and the Site Plan Review Authority shall consider the entirety of the development, including:

- A. Any likely future expansion of the project on the subject property or on any property which is contiguous to the subject property or under related ownership;
- B. Any past, related development on any property, which is contiguous to the subject property, or any property that is under related ownership with the subject property at the time that this *by-law* was adopted. A developer shall not phase or segment a project or transfer ownership of contiguous properties to evade, defer, or curtail the requirements set forth in this *by-law*.

X. Accessory Structures

All accessory structures to **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations** shall comply with the Town of Huntington Zoning By-law and all requirements of Section IV-*T*, and the Massachusetts State Building Code. All components and accessory structures shall be screened from view from public ways and neighboring properties by vegetative screening with varieties indigenous to Huntington, and approved by the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority during the site plan review process. Said vegetative screening shall reach a mature form to effectively screen the installation within five years of installation. Planting of the vegetative screening shall be completed prior to final approval of the photovoltaic installation by the Building Commissioner.

XI. Size

A **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation** shall be a minimum size of one (1) acre and a maximum size of five (5) acres.

No **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation**, as defined in this section, shall exceed five acres, in aggregate of all arrays, structures and buildings. All **Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations** larger than five acres, including all accessory components, buildings, and structures, shall require a Special Permit, if such use is permitted within the Huntington Zoning By-law. If not specifically allowed within any section of the Huntington Zoning By-law, such larger than five acres installations are prohibited.

XII. Design Standards

Lighting: Lighting of *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations* and accessory structures and buildings shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be shielded from abutting properties with appropriate fencing or vegetative screening, as specified by the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority. Where feasible, lighting of the solar photovoltaic installation shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

XIII. Signage

Signs on *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations* shall comply with the Town of Huntington Zoning By-law Section IV-I. A sign shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number. Solar photovoltaic installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable (as defined by the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority or the Planning Board) identification of the manufacturer, owner and/or operator of the solar photovoltaic installation.

XIV. Utility Connections

Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority during site plan review process, shall be made to place all utility connections from the solar photovoltaic installation underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Connection components may be located above ground if required by the utility provider.

XV. Screening & Landscaping

The solar installation shall be screened from view from public ways and neighboring properties, as specified under XIX. Landscape Maintenance, in order to protect the rural character of the town.

XVI. Height

No component of a solar installation shall exceed 15 feet from the mean grade of the site at the location of the installation to its highest point above said mean grade.

XVII. Emergency Services

The *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation* owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the Huntington Fire Chief and Huntington Police Chief. Upon request, the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar photovoltaic installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation. Twenty-four hour access to the site shall be provided to the fire department and police department by means approved by the chief of police and fire chief.

XVIII. Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation*, or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and *by-laws*. Solar photovoltaic systems shall be installed on water permeable surfaces, as approved by the Site Plan Review Committee during the site plan review.

XIX. Landscape Maintenance

When possible, a diversity of plant species shall be used, with all species native to New England. Use of exotic plants, as identified by the most recent copy of the "Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List" maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, is prohibited. Vegetative screening shall be of a height upon maturity to shield visibility of all components from view offsite. Herbicides shall only be applied by properly licensed personnel, as enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

XX. Monitoring and Maintenance

Solar Photovoltaic Installation Conditions

The *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation* owner shall be responsible for maintenance of the facility. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. The owner shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and any access road(s), unless accepted at Huntington Town Meeting as a public way.

XXI. Modifications

All substantial modifications to a *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation* made after final inspection by the Building Inspector shall require approval by the Planning Board prior to the issuance of a building permit for said modifications.

XXII. Abandonment or Decommissioning

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar photovoltaic installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. If the owner of the *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation* fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Building Inspector or his designee may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

XXIII. Removal Requirements

The owner shall notify the Planning Board by Certified Mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

- A. Removal of all *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations*, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
- B. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- C. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

XXIV. Financial Surety

Applicants of *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations* shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape. A plan shall be submitted, as part of the application for a *Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation* to return the site to pre-existing condition, as determined reasonable by the Site Plan Review Authority, with the form of surety to be held by the Town in the amount of an applicant-provided estimate *based upon accepted reasonable standards in the industry* (R.S. Means) for such work. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation. The surety shall be submitted to the Planning Board prior to the issuance of the Building Permit, as well as prior to any disturbance, including tree cutting, at the site.

XXV. Severability Provision-If any part of this By-law is found not to be valid the rest will remain intact.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section IV U: Self-Service Storage Facilities, as set forth below (changes from the article presented at 2012 Annual Town Meeting are shown in bold italics); or take any other action relative thereto.

This article was originally proposed at ATM on June 4, 2012 as Article 26, but was tabled.

Planning Board vote: Yes.

Article passed by 2/3 majority, with 4 opposed.

Section IV U: Self-Service Storage Facilities

I. Purpose - To protect the safety, health and well-being of the citizens of the Town of Huntington by regulating the location and impact of Self-Service Storage Facilities.

II. Intent – To allow for the limited construction, operation, and maintenance of self-storage facilities in areas where such use is not inconsistent with the character of the neighborhood, and where such facilities will have minimal impact on public health, safety, and welfare, as well as the environment, and the scenic and historic character of the Town of Huntington. This bylaw should serve to:

- A. Protect the best interests of the owner(s), renter(s), and the Town of Huntington;
- B. Encourage both the owners and the renters of Self-Service Storage Facilities to gain in-depth knowledge of updated laws regarding self-storage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (MGL Title XV, Regulation of Trade, Section 105A, Self-Storage Facilities);
- C. Prohibit the storage of hazardous materials;
- D. Prohibit the use of units for residential purposes (living quarters).

III. Definition

SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY: Any real property consisting of a structure or group of structures containing separate storage spaces designed and used for the renting or leasing of individual self-contained units of storage space to renters who are to have access to such units for storing and removing personal property only, and not for residential purposes.

IV. Introduction

As allowed in Section *IV D, 6a of this By-law, a Self-Service Storage Facility shall be prohibited in residential districts and require a special permit in Business and Industrial Districts (other than the Central Business District)* to allow for the limited construction and operation and maintenance of Self-Service Storage Facilities in areas where such use is not inconsistent with neighborhood character, and where there would be minimal impact on public health, safety and welfare, the environment and scenic and historic character of the neighborhood. A Self-Service Storage Facility is prohibited in *the Central Business District*.

V. General Provisions

A Self-Service Storage Facility may be allowed by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (the Special Permit Granting Authority) pursuant to Section V (Special Permits) of the Huntington Zoning By-law.

VI. Conditions

A Self-Service Storage Facility allowed by Special Permit shall also be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) No activity other than rental of storage units and pick up and deposit of property shall be allowed at a facility, except for accessory or incidental uses required in administration and security of the site. The use of storage units for any purpose other than storage is prohibited.
- (b) All goods, products, materials and other objects stored shall be secured inside storage structures. Outdoor storage is prohibited.
- (c) The storage of flammable liquids including petroleum products, highly combustible or explosive materials, corrosive or hazardous chemicals is prohibited.
- (d) Any generated noise, vibration, heat, glare (including exterior and interior lighting), smoke, dust, strong or unhealthy odors and air pollutants shall not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood and shall be wholly contained within the interior of the premises, unless otherwise provided for in the Special Permit.
- (e) Servicing or repair of motor vehicles, boats, trailers, lawnmowers or any similar vehicles or equipment is prohibited. Storage of motor vehicles, motorboats and similar vehicles or equipment is prohibited in the Aquifer Protection District, Section IV.L of this By-Law.
- (f) Hours of customer access shall be specified by the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) as a condition of the Special Permit and shall be limited to minimize impact on neighboring properties and public safety services.
The hours of operation shall not adversely impact *adjacent* residential uses or buildings.
- (g) ***Surveillance cameras and monitoring stations shall be installed and the site shall be secured by fence or other barrier to prevent unauthorized access. The SPGA may require additional measures to monitor and limit access and ensure security.***
- (h) A Self-Service Storage Facility shall be designed and landscaped so that it is not visible from a public way and shall not adversely impact the character of the neighborhood. ***If vegetative screening is used, such vegetative screening shall be with varieties indigenous to Huntington, and approved by the SPGA, and shall reach a mature form to effectively screen the facility within five years of installation. Planting of the vegetative screening shall be completed prior to final approval of the Self-Service Storage Facility by the Building Inspector.***
- (i) Adequate parking and unit access shall be provided, consisting of paved lanes and a minimum of three (3) parking spaces, plus one space for every five (5) individual storage units. If the access lane to the units, and between structures, accommodates temporary parking without blocking travel in the lane, additional per-unit parking is not required.
- (j) Drainage from impervious surfaces shall be fully accommodated onsite, consistent with good engineering practices.
- (k) Projected traffic and traffic circulation shall not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood.
- (l) Exterior lighting and signs may not be illuminated, unless specified within the Special Permit for safety, beyond the hours of retail operation. Lighting may not project beyond the sidewalk or roadway immediately in front of the Self-Service Storage Facility.
- (m) The SPGA shall consider design and appearance of buildings, setbacks, visual impact, lighting, security issues, consistency with current and abutting land uses and the market demand for Self-Service Storage Facilities in determining whether to grant, condition, or deny a permit.
- (n) The SPGA may require additional conditions and set standards for performance and maintenance or vary prescribed conditions upon finding that such action is consistent with accepted engineering and design practices and is reasonably necessary to meet the purpose and intent of the Huntington Zoning By-Law.

- (o) The Special Permit may be exercised only by the applicant and is not transferable.
- (p) The applicant shall provide a copy of the project summary, as well as all details, and site plan to the Huntington Fire Chief and Huntington Police Chief. Upon request, the applicant shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the facility shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the facility. Twenty-four hour access to the site shall be provided to the fire department and police department by means approved by the Chief of Police and Fire Chief.
- (q) All of the specifications provisions in f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, p above must be included with the Special Permit application. Should any item be missing, the application will be deemed incomplete and the SPGA *shall* deny the application unless the applicant chooses to withdraw the application.
- (r) Siting with visibility in a historic district is prohibited, as is siting which would be visible from any State or Nationally designated Scenic Byway(s).
- (s) The Special Permit may be revoked if the permit holder is found to be in violation of any of the above mentioned conditions.
- (t) Any special permit for a Self-Service Storage Facility shall be subject to review for renewal at five-year intervals.

VII. Removal Requirements

The owner shall notify the ZBA by Certified Mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. If the owner does not so notify the ZBA, the Self-Storage Facility shall be deemed discontinued if it is abandoned or if it is not used for two years or more; in that event, the Town may proceed to decommission the facility and may, use the Financial Security provided in accordance with Section VIII, below, to do so. Decommissioning shall consist of:

- A. Removal of all structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.*
- B. Disposal of all waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.*
- C. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The ZBA may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.*

VIII. Financial Surety

Applicants for Self-Service Storage Facilities shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape. A plan shall be submitted, as part of the application for a Self-Service Storage Facility, to return the site to pre-existing condition, as determined reasonable by the ZBA, with the form of surety to be held by the Town in the amount of an applicant-provided estimate based upon accepted reasonable standards in the industry for such work. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation. The surety shall be submitted to the ZBA prior to the issuance of the Building Permit, as well as prior to any disturbance, including tree cutting, at the site.

IX. Severability - If any part of this Section IV *U* is found to be invalid, all other provisions shall remain in effect.

And further amend the Huntington Zoning By-Law as follows:

Add the following new Section IV D. 6a to IV. Use Regulations - D. Non-residential Uses for Lots Not Also Used for Residence: Self-Service Storage Facility. Requires special permit in *Business and Industrial* Districts. Self-Service Storage Facilities are prohibited in all other districts, *including the Central Business District*. See Section IV *U* for further requirements.

Add the following to Section IV L (Aquifer Protection District), 5 (Prohibited Uses) l. Any Self-Service Storage Facility

Add to APPENDIX A (Below Table of Dimensional Requirements):

e. Replace existing language with: Includes IV D 1a through IV D ***6a*** in the Table of Use Regulations.

Add to Table of Contents of Zoning Bylaw:

Section IV U: Self-Service Storage Facilities

***A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 7:30 p.m.
A quorum of 29 was present.***

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2012

	Funds				Nonmajor	Total
	<u>General</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	302,440	963,196	179,438	139,153	300,114	1,884,343
Investments			0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	191,905	0	0	0	0	191,905
User Charges	0	0	21,031	28,909	0	49,941
Tax liens	37,381	0	3,365	1,326	0	42,072
Excise Taxes and other taxes	39,738	0	0	0	0	39,738
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	27,816	0	0	0	0	27,816
Total Assets	<u>599,281</u>	<u>963,196</u>	<u>203,835</u>	<u>169,389</u>	<u>300,114</u>	<u>2,235,815</u>
<u>Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable		0				0
Accrued Payroll		0				0
Employee Withholdings		0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						0
Property Taxes	191,905	0	0	0	0	191,905
Other	103,479	0	24,396	30,236	0	158,111
Total Liabilities	<u>295,384</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,396</u>	<u>30,236</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>350,016</u>
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	89,263	0	0	0	0	89,263
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0	0	0	0	0	
General Fund	214,634	0	0	0	0	214,634
Special Revenue	0	0	179,438	139,153	145,424	464,016
Trust & Agency	0	963,196	0	0	154,690	1,117,886
Total Fund Equity	<u>303,897</u>	<u>963,196</u>	<u>179,438</u>	<u>139,153</u>	<u>300,114</u>	<u>1,885,799</u>
<u>Total Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>	<u>599,281</u>	<u>963,196</u>	<u>203,835</u>	<u>169,389</u>	<u>300,114</u>	<u>2,235,815</u>

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<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:						
Property Taxes	3,054,331	0	0	0	0	3,054,331
Intergovernmental	510,967	0	0	0	0	510,967
Excise and Other Taxes	209,816	0	0	0	0	209,816
Charges for Services	42,592	0	110,852	160,834	0	314,278
Licenses, Permits and Fees	34,128	0	0	0	0	34,128
Interest Taxes	21,074	0	0	0	0	21,074
Interest on Investments	3,122	493	0	0	80	3,695
Other	40,543	85,000	1,005	1,222	914,880	1,042,650
Total Revenues	3,916,573	85,493	111,857	162,056	914,960	5,190,939
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	332,379	0	0	0	555,582	887,961
Public Safety	211,667	0	0	0	0	211,667
Public Works and Facilities	364,369	0	0	0	276,298	640,667
Water and Sewer	0	0	84,212	97,283	0	181,495
Education	2,709,862	0	0	0	0	2,709,862
Health and Human Services	37,406	0	0	0	0	37,406
Culture and Recreation	81,102	0	0	0	0	81,102
Employee Benefits and Insurance	63,658	0	0	0	0	63,658
State Assessments	95,731	0	0	0	0	95,731
Debt service:						
Principal	25,000	0	10,000	0	0	35,000
Interest	1,222	0	2,750	0	0	3,972
Total Expenditures	3,922,395	0	96,962	97,283	831,881	4,948,521
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(5,822)	85,493	14,896	64,773	83,079	242,419
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Adjustments	(1,506)	0	0	0	0	(1,506)
Other	(145,206)	0	0	0	0	(145,206)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(146,712)	0	0	0	0	(146,712)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(152,534)	85,493	14,896	64,773	83,079	95,707
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	367,168	877,702	164,542	74,380	202,035	1,685,829
Fund Balances, End of Year	214,634	963,196	179,438	139,153	285,114	1,781,535

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	223	223	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	7,371	6,322	1,049
Admin Asst Wages	26,522	26,325	198
Expenses	1,602	1,602	0
Admin Asst Exp	362	362	0
Legal Ads Expense	553	553	0
General Office Supplies	2,507	2,507	0
Copy Machine Expenses	1,923	1,923	0
Grant Writer	7,000	0	7,000
TOTAL	47,840	39,594	8,246
<u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	2,230	2,230	0
IT Tech Support	4,298	4,052	246
TOTAL	6,528	6,281	246
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	126	74
Reserve Fund	111	0	111
TOTAL	311	126	185
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	12,288	12,288	0
Expenses	500	101	399
Software Suppt	2,184	2,184	0
Audit Expense	14,000	12,000	2,000
TOTAL	28,972	26,573	2,399
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	5,766	5,766	0
Expenses	2,130	2,047	83
Clerk Wages	13,736	13,313	423
Mapping Expenses	7,020	6,520	500
Software Support	3,400	3,400	0
Revaluation	4,950	4,950	0
TOTAL	37,002	35,995	1,006
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	14,841	14,841	0
Cert Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	3,000	2,854	146
Bank Service Chgs	90	64	26
Tax Title Expenses	3,000	2,828	172
Software support	2,004	2,004	0
TOTAL	23,935	23,590	345
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	19,522	18,761	761
Asst Coll Wages	4,726	3,780	946
Expenses	5,751	5,751	0
Tax Taking	500	0	500
Collector Software support	5,723	5,723	0
TOTAL	36,222	34,016	2,207

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	20,443	20,443	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	20,443	20,443	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	12,706	12,706	0
Dog License Exp	400	311	89
Expenses	1,500	1,113	387
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	1,000	905	95
Asst clerk salary	1,271	1,210	61
Election Workers Wages	2,842	1,286	1,556
Elect & Reg Expenses	2,800	513	2,287
TOTAL	24,019	19,544	4,475
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	800	690	110
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	1,200	381	819
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	450	141	309
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	0	200
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	3,566	1,603	1,963
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	18,262	18,078	184
North Hall Utilities	1,200	1,170	30
Stanton Hall Utilities	10,009	9,948	61
Town Mowing	3,600	3,440	160
Maintenance	14,000	13,598	402
North Hall Maintenance	6,799	6,799	0
Construct Storage Shed	4,951	4,800	151
GIS Mapping	1,500	1,500	0
TOTAL	63,886	60,936	2,950
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	6,394	3,277	3,117
Unemployment Insurance	4,938	4,938	0
Medicare	7,441	7,402	39
Town Buildings Insurance	30,816	30,816	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	15,946	15,938	8
TOTAL	65,535	62,371	3,164
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,400	1,474	926
Total General Government	359,966	332,379	27,587

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	51,152	51,152	0
Training Exps & Wages	23,402	22,097	1,305
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	1,570	1,570	0
Administration/Training	5,056	5,056	0
Vehicle Maintenance	14,595	14,323	272
Equipment	17,905	14,866	3,039
TOTAL	113,680	109,064	4,616
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	3,924	1,962	1,962
Hourly Wages	15,676	9,562	6,113
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,550	1,925	1,625
Training Wages	2,208	569	1,639
Building/Equipment Exps	25,458	15,070	10,388
Admin/Training Expenses	2,642	2,642	0
Utilities	7,000	6,726	274
Truck Maintenance	19,297	19,216	81
Fire Defense Assn	202	0	202
TOTAL	79,957	57,673	22,284
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	24,402	18,302	6,101
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	20,383	17,596	2,787
Gas Inspector Fees	1,000	305	695
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1,920	1,125	795
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,080	2,080	0
TOTAL	25,383	21,106	4,277
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	1,300	300	1,000
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,054	1,054	0
Expenses	500	15	485
TOTAL	1,554	1,069	485
<u>294-TREE SERVICES</u>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	5,000	3,200	1,800
TOTAL	5,803	4,000	1,803
Constable Expense	178	154	24
Total Public Safety	252,256	211,667	40,589

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,273,401	1,273,401	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	446,762	446,762	0
Transportation/Debt	440,446	435,875	4,571
Ch 70 Voc Trans	77,566	77,566	0
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	518,093	476,258	41,835
Total Education	2,756,268	2,709,862	46,406
<u>422/424-HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	48,970	48,970	0
Hourly Wages	75,335	72,449	2,886
Overtime/Extra Help	11,432	11,135	296
Utilities	8,882	8,838	44
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	28,196	28,196	0
Sand & Salt	36,744	36,744	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel	24,595	24,595	0
Road Maintenance	31,419	31,419	0
Uniforms	1,846	1,846	0
Admin/Training Expenses	494	494	0
Drug Testing	110	110	0
Equipment replacement	1,419	1,419	0
Street Lights	12,052	12,052	0
TOTAL	281,494	278,268	3,227
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	15,236	13,939	1,297
Hauling & Disposal	70,000	58,338	11,662
Misc/Maint	1,200	222	978
Utilities	800	637	163
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	6,500	6,323	177
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	1,500	1,343	157
Basket Str Landfill Monit	9,000	4,999	4,001
TOTAL	104,236	85,801	18,435
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,676	3,676	0
Wages	46,699	43,528	3,171
Workers Compensation	3,971	2,000	1,971
Unemployment	479	424	55
Health Insurance	10,066	3,775	6,291
Property Insurance	1,609	1,574	35
Vehicle Insurance	1,574	1,574	0
Utilities	15,000	12,079	2,921
Contractors	10,000	1,561	8,439
Building/Equipment Maint	25,000	10,855	14,145
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	1,919	1,081
Chemical Purchase	3,395	3,395	0
Waste Removal	8,000	6,558	1,442
Improvements	20,000	2,075	17,925
Software support	2,289	2,289	0
Septic Tank Pumping	1	0	1
Other Support Employees	4,000	0	4,000
TOTAL	158,760	97,283	61,477

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,676	3,676	0
Wages	30,261	26,440	3,821
Workers Compensation	1,343	730	613
Unemployment	253	246	7
Health Insurance	2,678	2,516	161
Property Insurance	3,148	3,148	0
Utilities	15,000	12,686	2,314
Vehicle Insurance	1,049	1,049	0
Analysis Tests	6,877	3,306	3,571
Analysis Chemicals	3,000	2,296	704
Contractors	5,640	5,640	0
Materials/Equipment	16,336	16,172	164
Improvements	3,603	2,051	1,553
Software support	3,574	3,278	296
Meters	1,000	978	22
Water Overtime	2,500	0	2,500
TOTAL	99,938	84,212	15,726
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	300	0
TOTAL	300	300	0
Total Public Works	644,728	545,864	98,865
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	3,613	1,492	2,121
Secretary Salary	5,035	4,520	515
Agent Wages	3,081	2,290	790
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,305	1,305	0
Health Nursing Fee	200	0	200
Animal Control Officer Salary	760	760	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	515	0	515
TOTAL	14,509	10,367	4,142
Council on Aging	1,500	1,500	0
<u>543-VETERAN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,754	1,754	0
Relief Benefits	23,784	23,784	0
TOTAL	25,538	25,538	0
Total Human Services	41,547	37,406	4,142
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	31,384	29,878	1,506
Maintenance Wages	3,990	3,806	184
Maint/Repair/Supplies	15,532	13,913	1,619
Utilities	4,340	4,292	48
Books/Periodicals	12,705	12,705	0
Software Tech Support	1,218	1,063	155
TOTAL	69,169	65,657	3,512

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>620-RECREATION COMMITTEE</u>			
Wages	5,268	4,964	304
Expenses	7,271	7,271	0
TOTAL	12,539	12,235	304
Historical Commission	100	30	70
Agricultural Commission	100	0	100
Memorial Day Parade	756	756	0
Community Events	2,423	2,423	0
TOTAL	3,379	3,209	170
Total Culture & Rec	85,087	81,102	3,986
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Water Meter Loan	10,000	10,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Hwy Truck Interst	1,228	1,222	6
Water Meter Interest	2,750	2,750	0
TOTAL	38,978	38,972	6
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,540	2,540	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	547	547	0
CS Regional Transit	7,635	7,635	0
Hampdon Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Council of Govts Assmt	1,533	1,533	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	81,469	81,469	0
TOTAL	95,731	95,731	0
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	10,065	10,065	0
Police Health Ins	5,274	5,273	1
Highway Health Insurance	17,315	17,315	0
Library Health Ins	5,031	5,031	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	16,198	15,427	771
Admin Health Ins	10,547	10,547	0
TOTAL	64,430	63,658	772
Total Misc Expenses	199,139	198,361	778
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,338,992	4,116,640	222,352

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1, 2011</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>
Chapter 90	(18,742)	295,869	276,298	830
Special Revenue Funds:				
Utility Tractor Purchase	0	24,872	24,872	0
Utility Tractor Maint	0	1,750	1,509	241
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,848	68	0	4,916
Community Policing	(1,889)	0	0	(1,889)
Murrayfield Oil Tk Grant	4,144	0	0	4,144
Wildlife Inhabitat Incent	5,738	79,927	79,927	5,738
Agricultural Commission	20	0	0	20
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	769	3,858	3,525	1,103
Emergency Management	8,722	35,000	3,263	40,458
Library Building	8,998	61	128	8,931
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	0	315
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	0	86,938	93,677	(6,739)
FF Public Safety Equip	373	0	0	373
Public Safety Educ Grant	1,476	0	0	1,476
Capital Expenditures	14,472	0	0	14,472
FEMA Grant-Ice	10,736	5,514	15,680	570
Stanton Hall Upkeep	0	35,000	9,967	25,033
ZBA Escrow Funds	3,371	0	1,875	1,496
Cultural Council	3,316	3,878	5,307	1,886
BOH Spec Proj	7,486	850	5,396	2,940
Library	6,569	2,393	2,697	6,265
Council on Aging-Formula	0	3,500	2,039	1,461
Council on Aging-High Valley	470	0	0	470
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	10,734	47,960	28,285	30,409
Playscape Damage	0	0	300	(300)
Total Non-Major Funds	92,303	331,568	278,447	145,425
Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,823	30	0	10,853
Stanton Income Fund	82,061	13,125	250	94,937
Whiting Street Fund	6,139	50	0	6,189
Cemetary Perpetual Care	3,344	0	0	3,344
Stabilization Fund	877,702	85,493	0	963,195
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	913	0	0	913
Recreation	117	0	0	117
Civic Welfare	4,039	0	0	4,039
Total Trust Funds	985,138	98,699	250	1,083,587
Agency Funds:				
Due to Admin Asst-Fees	285	765	870	180
Extra Duty Police	0	99,446	96,578	2,868
Due to Collector-Fees	9,609	6,623	14,312	1,921
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	8,423	5,975	3,691	10,707
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	763	559	624	698
Due to Deputy	323	8,413	8,401	335
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	309	1,566	1,511	364
W/H-Federal	(27)	57,096	54,089	2,981
W/H-Medicare	0	8,363	7,402	961
W/H-State	0	28,495	26,229	2,266
W/H-Retirement	0	36,347	29,826	6,520
W/H-Grp Ins	1,513	15,652	16,327	839
W/H-Life Ins	35	1,204	124	1,115
W/H OBRA	0	11,660	9,990	1,670
W/H-Other Payroll	0	3,650	3,520	130
W/H-Dental	(195)	3,501	3,392	(86)
Total Agency Funds	21,039	289,315	276,885	33,469

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TREASURER

I would like to start out by thanking Anne Knox for her many years as Town Treasurer.

This past year I have attended the annual training for Municipal Treasurers at U Mass. Amherst. Through this training, I took classes for the various areas of my position and I look forward to continue taking these classes annually. In addition, I have worked hard to become proficient in the various tasks of a Municipal Treasurer. In October the Town had its annual audit which was a great learning experience where I had the opportunity to work with the auditors to close the year.

I am excited to begin my second year as Treasurer and look forward to continue working with all Town departments.

Respectfully submitted,



Aimee Burnham

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During this past fiscal year, we commissioned a full audit of all Town properties, bringing us current with State Regulations. Per these regulations, each property must have a cyclical inspection every nine years.



Under the area of abatements, we approved 214 vehicle abatements. We also updated property records to reflect the property changes listed on 62 building permits.

A field review was conducted on 908 parcels for the REVAL process. The REVAL reflected a current value of all properties in Town at \$279,521,738. This is a decrease in total property value from the last REVAL by \$12,224,563. This amount also takes into account the \$65,534 of new growth we experienced. The property value list as well as a link to the GISONLINE sites is currently available at the Town's website, www.huntingtonma.us for the convenience of Town residents.

We are continuing to work in capturing appropriate photographic documentation of each property and attaching these to each property file electronically. Follow up of open building permits that have not been completed within a reasonable time frame has helped us to keep current with changes in Town properties. A new, intricate monitoring system has been put in place to ensure that when real estate sales are complete, all appropriate data is captured and updated into the electronic file. In the coming year, we plan to continue cyclical inspections so to remain current and to ensure our personal property files are kept as accurate as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors:	Edward Renault	Sue Fopiano	Linda Hamlin
Assessors' Clerk:	Ted Gloss		

REPORT OF COLLECTOR
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Lien</u>	<u>Void/ Pmt Adjust</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Real Estate:										
2009	6,272.06	232.04	419.66	-	-	-	2,514.32			3,570.12
2010	55,095.27	8,014.16	37,909.78	52.13	-	(5.00)	4,001.62			21,140.90
2011	140,780.44	2,596.65	79,797.70	57.17	406.65	(80.00)	(804.25)			64,653.12
2012	1,426,480.18	1,593,551.51	2,867,924.66	16,177.97	8,481.39	(1,193.43)	12,079.44			131,137.58
		1,604,394.36								220,501.72
Personal Property:										
2007	115.67			105.67		(10.00)				-
2008	125.80			115.80		(10.00)				-
2009	95.50			68.91		(10.00)				16.59
2010	152.98	14.30	70.00	30.58		(10.00)				56.70
2011	1,360.86	90.91	469.23	28.30						954.24
2012	1,785.81	82,937.65	81,690.73	188.45	12.11					2,832.17
		83,042.86								3,859.70
Water & Sewer:										
2011	58,476.67	6,269.31	11,797.92		72.21	(25.00)		52,995.27		-
2012	61,271.16	216,001.83	211,721.88	12,998.32	550.38					53,103.17
		222,271.14								53,103.17
Excise:										
2002	2,311.53			1,236.88					1,074.65	-
2003	2,268.26			826.15					1,442.11	-
2004	3,004.11			1,015.54					1,996.50	(7.93)
2005	4,055.90	(113.29)		1,709.08					2,233.53	-
2006	1,830.65	0.02	0.02	985.22					845.43	-
2007	3,070.46	700.08	1,658.52	231.25						1,880.77
2008	2971.37	310.52	670.52	316.25						2,295.12
2009	2985.71	1103.91	2771.24							1,318.38
2010	7960.43	2676.43	7298.83	5.73	65.75				27.00	3,371.05
2011	35,446.10	27,281.82	51,674.10	4,896.39	1,007.63				96.00	7,069.06
2012	46,718.68	207,373.02	163,254.43	13,899.70	847.14					31,066.03
		238,435.18								42,824.52
Summary:		Collected	Outstanding							
Real Estate		1,604,394.36	220,501.72							
Personal Property		83,042.86	3,859.70							
Water & Sewer		222,271.14	53,103.17							
Excise		238,435.18	42,824.52							
Totals:		2,148,143.54	320,289.11							

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea McKittrick, Collector

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

In 2012 there were 64 permits issued for a total project value of \$1,147,742. There were seven wood stove installations, and 12 permits to repair or replace roofs. One cell tower was erected off Basket Street. Two commercial businesses were modified in town with Change of Occupancy Permits.

In April the Town adopted the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code. Twenty permits included improvements to the insulation envelope on residential buildings. One permit was issued for solar panel installation on a residential building.

One permit was issued for a new dwelling. Congratulations to David Adams for starting his dream of constructing a new house.

Respectfully submitted,

George Peterson III, Building Commissioner



OTHER PERMITS ISSUED			
	<u>ELECTRICAL</u>	<u>GAS</u>	<u>PLUMBING</u>
Residential:	20	16	6
Commercial:	3	3	3

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year the Agricultural Commission spent the majority of their meeting time researching resources for the farming community in Huntington. We heard from the Assessor's Clerk regarding current Chapter 61 programs. He also explained basic real estate tax policy in Town.

Also, continued research was done on animal evacuation procedures currently in use locally. We are following policy work being done on a more regional level.

We will continue to follow forestry invasive pest issues facing our area and will plan another forestry informational night when needed.

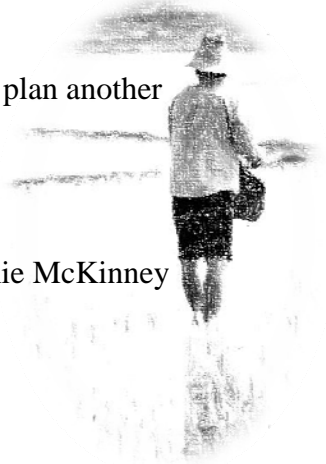
Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wickland, Chair
Gordon Richardson

Anne Marie Knox
Gerald Manley

Janet Mollison
John Mollison

Bonnie McKinney





HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the townspeople and Selectboard at this time. We had a pretty easy winter with snow, but the ice and slippery roads kept us busy. Our new John Deere over-the-rail mower arrived in February 2012 and all went well during the mowing season.

The County Road Project started in February with tree, ledge and dirt removal for safety and visibility. We are still waiting to hear about federal grant monies and are in the process of applying for funding.

The Highway yard was utilized in February 2012 as a command post during the telephone outage caused by a vehicle accident near the Library. Old Chester Road and Mill Street were repaved. Pettis Field's new parking lot was completed, utilizing the milled base from Old Chester Road and saving the Town substantial material costs. A new section was added to Pisgah Road, and much needed new drainage was put in on Nagler Cross Road.

The Highway yard was also used as a command post during Hurricane Sandy in August 2012. We managed to escape Hurricane Sandy virtually unharmed with only minor power outages and tree damage.

A downed wire in October caused some melting of the road surface on Montgomery Road, which WMECO covered the cost of repair.

A MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant is in the process of being submitted for culvert improvement work on Goss Hill Road in the Sikes Brook area.

Respectfully submitted: Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Bob Jackman took over Dog Officer duties from Rebecca Cormier, effective July 1, 2012. We would like to thank Rebecca for her time here as Dog Officer, and wish her all the best in her role as new Mom. Rebecca was very conscientious with following through on all dog calls and always willing to learn something new. She did a tremendous job during her three-year tenure as Dog Officer.

We welcome back Bob, who is the Town Animal Control Officer, as well as being Dog Officer prior to 2009. He is very knowledgeable with State and local regulations concerning dogs, cats, livestock, poultry, and other animals.

Dog complaint forms are available on line at www.huntintonma.us, www.hilltownaco.com, or in Town Hall. Please remember to license your dogs as of July 1st. To contact Bob Jackman call (413) 667-5635.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Another busy year is now behind us. We are looking forward to bringing the same great service the Town has come to expect from us. With new firefighters being trained and a new fire truck for Norwich Hill Station arriving soon, we are off to a great start. I would like to thank the residents of Huntington for their continuing support.

A list of our calls from this past year are noted below:



Fire:	41
Rescue/First Responders:	28
Hazardous Conditions:	39
Service Calls:	24
Good Intent Calls:	34
False Alarm/Falls Calls:	30
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster:	<u>1</u>
Total Calls:	197

Respectfully submitted: Gary Dahill, Fire Chief



WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

We would like to welcome Rebekah McDermott. She has taken over the Cross Connection Control Program. Rebekah is replacing Dave Krupa who has retired after many years of service to the department as spare operator of both Water and Sewer Departments.

Welcome also to Connie Bennett, replacing Karon Hathaway as Administrative Assistant. Although Karon is no longer with the Water and Sewer Department, we are happy to report that you can still find her volunteering on the Planning Board.

The Sewer plant has rebuilt and installed a rotor to the #1 aeration tank. We would like to thank Henry Dubay and Dave Greenwood for their help on this project.

The Water Department has updated our Master Plan which was done by the engineering firm of Coler & Colantonio. Also the water storage tank has had its five-year inspection.

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

Respectfully submitted: Jim Gobeille, Plant Operator

COMMISSIONERS: Charles Dazelle Henry Dubay Denise Keay

POLICE DEPARTMENT

After addressing four difficult and challenging weather situations in the year 2011, one of the major agenda items for the Huntington Police Department this past year was the development of an Emergency Operation Center. Working in collaboration with the Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief, Highway Superintendent, and the Water and Sewer Department the needs of the community were assessed and prioritized. One of the first items to be addressed was the radio/communication system. An all Town phone call alert and storm update system was developed where, in an impending emergency situation, individual residences will be provided with information addressing open shelters, available services and emergency contact numbers. After hours of deliberation and revision the Huntington Emergency Operation Center was on line and ready for implementation. The center was utilized for the first time in August 2012, Tropical Storm Sandy.

The Huntington Police Department continued its commitment to community policing and public safety by working in collaboration with the Gateway Regional School District and the state police in revising the “Safe Schools” plan; the Southern Hilltowns Domestic Violence Task Force in addressing the increase of domestic violence in the hilltowns; the area Boards of Health in pandemic team planning and implementation and by participating in the bi-annual National Prescription Drug Take Back IV Program. This program was sponsored by TRIAD, senior citizens, supportive/protective services and law enforcement working together to provide safer communities.

The past year has been a very busy and challenging year for the five-member department logging in its first murder in 31 years in addition to the following incidents:

911 Calls and Incidents for Calendar Year 2012

No Classification	17
911 Hang-Up	18
911 Misdial	12
Accident - Damage	30
Accident - Injury	7
Accident - Unknown	13
Alarm	40
Animal Complaint	11
Arrest	18
Articles Lost	1
Assault	2
Assist Other Agency	17
B&E - Auto	1
B&E – Building	4
BOLO	2
Burglary	2
Check Welfare	6
Courtesy Transport	1
Death	1
Disabled M/V	15



911 Calls and Incidents (continued):

Disturbance	15
Dog Complaint	3
Domestic	16
Drug Offense	3
Fire	13
Fraud	1
Harassment	2
Homicide	1
Investigation	12
Larceny	4
Larceny over \$250	1
M/V Complaint/Stops/Violations	73
Medical	59
Miscellaneous	17
Missing Child	3
Missing Person	3
Neighbor Dispute	7
Noise Complaint	9
Notification	1
Officer Wanted	42
Paperwork Service	8
Psychological Emergency	8
Rape	2
Safety Hazard	10
Shots Fired	4
Suicide	1
Suicide Attempt	1
Suspicious Person	6
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Traffic Hazard	28
Trespass	3
Unwanted Person	2
Vandalism	7
Warrant Arrest	2
Wires Down	5

I would like to say thank you to the residents of the Town for their continued support and commitment to public safety and to recognize their funding allocation for a new roof and garage doors for the Police cruiser garage. I would also like to extend my appreciation to my fellow officers for their professionalism, commitment, and service to the citizens of the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Garriepy, Police Chief

PLANNING BOARD



The Planning Board has had a few ANR applications, but there has been much less activity than usual, probably due to the poor economy as in 2011.

2012 was a busy year for the Planning Board with updating the Town of Huntington's Zoning Bylaw at the request of Town boards and committees. A new "Green Community Solar By-law Allowing By-Right Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations" was enacted, and then amended at another Town Meeting, which enabled the Town to be named a Massachusetts "Green Community", with funding available and awarded. The Town also adopted a new "Self-Service Storage Facilities" section, as well as did a number of housekeeping amendments, which corrected long standing typos and omissions on pages 10-11 of the Zoning Bylaw.

On April 11, 2012 Steve Hamlin resigned as our Alternate after many valuable years of service, including nine plus years as Chair. Thank you, Steve! We will really miss your valuable input into all things Planning. Many times we would have had issues unresolved were it not for your insight and expertise.

We have again been short members all year, and several meetings had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. We are short several members and are still not always able to get a quorum, so would appreciate inquiries.

Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board, please notify Helen in the Board of Selectmen's office at 667-3500 and she will notify me, and tell you when our next meeting will be held, so that you can attend. Training is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin, Chair

Karon Hathaway

Earl Heath, Jr.

BOARD OF HEALTH

George Peterson, Chair
Jean Jackman, Member
Thomas Hart, Member
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

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

Letter from the Chairman:

2012 presented challenges to the Board of Health. Northampton closing their landfill left Huntington to make new arrangements for the transfer of our refuse to an alternate location. The new bids that were reviewed by the Board allowed us to keep the transfer costs relatively unchanged. The Board considered increases to the Transfer Station permits and sticker fees, but decided to keep the same fees and to work towards compliance with the existing rules of using the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station Operators and Board Members ask for Town residents' cooperation as we insure that everyone using the Transfer Station pays their fair share.

The Transfer Station's permit to operate was up for renewal this year. Tom Hart was instrumental in bringing the facility up to new regulation standards, like the current configuration for the compactor doors.

Gerry Dugas has announced his intention to retire after twenty plus years as the Chief Transfer Operator. Gerry's easy manor and laid back attitude has made the use of the Transfer Station a pleasant experience for Town residents for the last quarter century. The Board extends our thanks for his dedicated service and reliability over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

George Peterson, Chairman



BOARD OF HEALTH

Statistics

Transfer Station stickers sold	615	Propane & water tanks	5
Tires disposed of	29	Mattress disposal	12
Installers Permits	3	Perc Tests conducted	2
Haulers Permits	3	Well Permits	1
Food Service Permits	17	Disposal Works Applications	6

Accounts Receivable: \$49,501

Transfer Station stickers	\$14,860
“H” bags/stickers	27,600
Trash	1,138
Tires	156
Furniture	840
Metal	275
Electronics	625
Propane and water tanks	45
Mattresses	480
Miscellaneous	342
Disposal Works Permits	600
Well Permits	75
Perc Tests	200
Installer Permits	250
System repair	0
Food Service Permits	1,290
Hauling Permits	225
Frozen Dessert Permits	25
Frig/Air Conditioners	400
Camp Permit	75

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

George Webb, Chairman
 Marylou Spaulding
 Donald Bartley (Alternate), Edward Grabowski (Alternate)

Telephone: (413) 667-3500
 Fax: (413) 667-3507

The Zoning Board of Appeals has three Members appointed by the Board of Selectmen who also appoint two Alternate Members to attend hearings when a Member, or Members, cannot sit for a particular hearing. We currently have only two Members. As a result, the Board is largely ineffective. **OUR NEED FOR ANOTHER MEMBER IS CRITICAL.** Three Members of the ZBA are required to establish a quorum. Now, for hearings, we might have to borrow a Member from some other Board to create a quorum and hold the hearing. It is an awkward situation that reflects poorly on the Town. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS APPEAL TO FILL THIS VACANCY BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ZBA!** Remember that being an effective ZBA Member requires you to get involved in the community, become informed, and use common sense, fairness, and objectivity towards all that comes before you. It is your responsibility to balance the public good with private rights and interests. Your involvement and service is a critical component in shaping our community's future. Never forget that you are serving the common good of all the residents of Huntington.

In calendar year 2012, the Zoning Board of Appeals had a rather quiet year having heard and rendered a decision on one petition as prescribed in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, The Zoning Act, and, also, further clarified by the Town's Zoning Bylaw (available from Town Hall for \$10 per copy plus postage, if necessary).

The petitions heard by the Board include Variances, Special Permits and Appeals of zoning decisions rendered by the Inspector of Buildings as well as interpretations of Zoning Bylaws. All regularly scheduled ZBA business meetings are open to the public and are usually held in the Stanton Hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and on the Town of Huntington Postings web site (www.huntingtonma.us) at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. All hearings are also open to the public and are usually held on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Stanton Hall. All hearings are advertised in the Country Journal for two consecutive weeks and posted on the five legal posting bulletin boards in Town at least three weeks before the hearing date. The Rules and Regulations of the Zoning Board of Appeals are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and in the Board of Selectmen's office (available for .20 cents per page plus postage, if necessary).

Petitions Heard By Zoning Board of Appeals				
Calendar Year 2012				
Type	Granted	Denied	With-Drawn	In Process
Petitions for Variance	0	0	0	0
Applications for Special Permits	1	0	0	0
Appeal of Building Inspector's Decision	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1			
Total Petitions filed with Town Clerk	0			
Hearings continued by the Board while in session	0			

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.

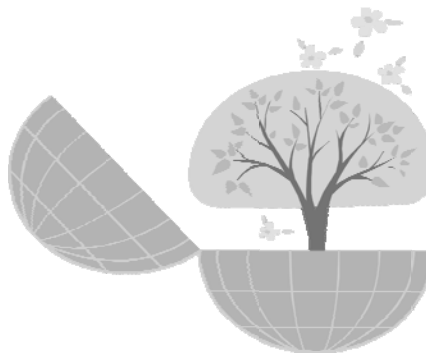
We acted on four applications during 2012. We agreed to a modification of the Notice of Intent for construction of a cell tower, allowing the work to proceed with extra protection for the resident wood frogs. We extended the permit for construction of a new house that had not been completed during the three years specified in the original Order of Conditions. We approved two Requests for Determination, one for replacement of a patio in the buffer zone of a stream and the other for beach improvement at Norwich Lake. We also issued a Certificate of Compliance for a bridge over a small stream, confirming that the bridge had been constructed according to the plans in the permit.

Commission members performed some twenty-five site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as to respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed Forest Cutting Plans to assure that wetlands are protected during timber harvest. 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.

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. 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
Debra Deane
Ross Hackerson
Susan McIntosh, Chairperson
Erik Steins
Michael Vorwerk



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2012 was a busy year for the Huntington Historical Commission. We drafted the new Section 51 “*The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings*” of the Town’s General Bylaws, and with the Board of Selectmen, successfully shepherded it through the process to passage at the Annual Town Meeting in June 2012. This Demolition Delay Bylaw prevents the immediate demolition of a building that is 100 or more years old that has been deemed both a “significant building” by the Historical Commission and “preferably preserved”, and is therefore subject to a six-month demolition delay after a public hearing. This six-month waiting period allows the owner of the building to seek out alternative options that can preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings. The preservation of significant buildings promotes the public welfare of the Town of Huntington by making the Town a more attractive and desirable place in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,

David Norton, Chair
Kathleen Dubay
Dominic Nett
Dan Sikop
Karen Wittshirk



LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the voters of Huntington for their support of the article at Annual Town Meeting to form a Local Historic District. The article passed by a unanimous vote, and we now have the St. Thomas Church Local Historic District. Present and future owners of this historic property must apply to the Commission before making any changes to the exterior of the property, thus protecting its character and historical value for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena, Chair
Daniel Bugli
Jeff Penn
Helen Speckels



COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2012



The fiscal year always begins with our biggest event, the Huntington Free Summer Music Series in July. Our first week was a picnic with hamburgers/hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade and cake. The following seven weeks were one and a half hour performances on the Town Green with a bake sale to benefit local nonprofit organizations. The Series was partially funded by a Cultural Council Grant.

The Committee also sponsored a Pumpkin Carving event in October and Gingerbread House Making in December, both with refreshments. Buildings of Massachusetts were decorated and left on display.

Two fundraising plant sales were held in the spring for Easter and Mother's Day. New flags, poles and brackets were purchased and hung this year from May through September.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew (Chair)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2012 cycle:

Arts Alive in the Hilltowns - \$100; Blandford Fair Art Show - \$141; Richard Clark for Huntington COA – Educating Rita - \$450.00; Gateway Regional MS/HS – Visiting Performers/Clinicians - \$300.00; Huntington Community Events Committee - Summer Music Series - \$800; Huntington Public Library - Yours For Humanity, Abby - \$500; Littleville Elementary School – Storytelling Writing Partnership - \$750.00; Littleville Elementary - GatorRoo Music Festival 2012 - \$400; North Hall - A Season of Music and Theatre - \$500.

Total Recipients: 9

Total Dollars Granted: \$3,941.00



All grants were completed by December 31, 2012.

Grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. For questions or information contact Lynn Winsor (413) 667-5563. Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted:

Jodi Simmons

Linda Siska

Peri Sossaman

Gary Winsor

Lynn Winsor, Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2012



Fiscal Year 2012 began for the Recreation Department in July 2011 with the start of Summer Camp held at the Littleville Elementary School. Camp ran for two weeks, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, free of charge to Huntington children Pre-School age through Grade Four. Children had structured times for arts/crafts, physical activity, and learning every day with a patriotic theme.

Fall brought the annual Rag Shag Parade at the end of October 2011. As many might remember it was very cold that day and we were blessed with a huge snowstorm. We cancelled the march but still had plenty of fun with games and refreshments sponsored by the Library. The Huntington Fire Department adjusted their plans to bring a fire truck up to the Library for the kids to enjoy.

Santa joined us in December, courtesy of the Huntington Fire Department prior to his travels through town. Children were treated to arts and crafts, refreshments, and an opportunity to write a letter to Santa prior to his arrival.

The Recreation Committee assisted the Playground Committee with the purchase of the pavilion built at Pettis Field, as well as purchasing a new trash can. We also participated in the efforts to develop a skating rink on the Town Green.

Skating at Amelia Park in Westfield was offered during February vacation. The Easter Egg Hunt at Pettis Field is always a big hit with the children. Approximately 1,200 eggs filled with toys and candy are scattered across the field and disappear within minutes.

May brought another dance for adults with a “hippie” theme at Stanton Hall with proceeds going to the Playground Committee. The Committee Members participated in the Memorial Day Parade with their children tossing treats to viewers as they marched to close out the year. In June to celebrate the end of the school year two activities took place for families - Big Adventure in Westfield and Glow Golf at the Holyoke Mall.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Brady
Fawn Busby
Tricia Hess
Vicki Mayhew
Ed Renaud
Kathy Sullivan
Carla Tacke, Chair
Amy Williams

LIBRARY

The following statistics are actual counts not estimates, unless stated:

Local Patrons:	1,380	
Non-Resident Patrons:	537	
Circulation:	8,667	materials
Inter-Library Loan:	808	(estimated)
Attendance in Library:	6,550	
Reference Transactions:	925	
Children's Programs:	37	
Adult/Young Adult Programs:	83	
Children's Programs Attendance:	268	
Adult/Young Adult Attendance:	534	
Public Use of Computers:	1,810	



We had a good attendance at the annual Summer Reading Program which was titled: “Dream Big, Read”. Those attending were: 47 children ages up to 12 years; 14 teens ages 13 – 17; 47 adults ages 18 and up.

There were prize bags for children who finished the program and raffle prizes for teens and adults who finished. Games and activities relating to the reading theme were available, and a treasure chest with small prizes for those who answered the daily questions correctly or completed a special activity.

We would like to thank the businesses, organizations and patrons for supporting the Summer Reading Program:

<i>Friends of the Public Library (iTunes Cards)</i>	<i>Big Y gift cards</i>
<i>Eric Carle Museum</i>	<i>Barnes and Noble gift card</i>
<i>Subway, Walmart location in Westfield</i>	<i>Amelia Park Ice Skate</i>
<i>Subway located at Citgo on the Mass. Pike</i>	<i>Dunkin Donuts gift cards</i>
<i>Library patron Andrea Kenney (framed photo)</i>	<i>Uno's at the Holyoke Mall</i>
<i>Library patron John Hahn (earrings)</i>	<i>Moltenbrey's Market</i>
<i>Library patron Donna King (donation)</i>	<i>Berkshire Museum (Big E tickets)</i>
<i>Six Flags</i>	<i>Huntington Country Store</i>
<i>Coca Cola of Greenfield (Monster back pack, t-shirt & cap)</i>	
<i>Promos from Field & Stream, BMX, Skateboard and Motocross magazines</i>	

Please check with the Library for passes to local museums such as Smith College Art Museum, Berkshire Museum, Carle Museum (purchased by Friends of the Library), as well as the Mystic Aquarium and a one-day parking pass to the Mass. DCR State Parks.

The Trustees are establishing a 501c3 foundation with trust fund monies that the Library received.

Library Hours: Wednesday 4 pm – 8 pm Thursday 2 pm – 8 pm Saturday 10 am - 3 pm

Phone: 667-3506 Fax: 667-0088

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

We are currently sending newsletters via email to interested people.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Nareau, Library Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend. COA volunteers are always needed. They do not have to be seniors.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERS IN HUNTINGTON:

Highland Valley Elder Services offer lunches at Stanton Hall – Monday - Friday, 11:30 am for seniors 60 years+, donation requested; call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 for information and reservations. Delivered meals are also available for those in need.

Transportation is available to meal site, shopping and medical appointments by the Huntington COA/Franklin Regional Transit Authority Van for elders 60years+ and disabled of any age by approval of FRTA; call Van Driver Ann Daley at 354-6365.

Brown Bag Program provides staple groceries on the 3rd Friday each month for income eligible seniors. Small donation requested. Call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 or the Food Bank of Western Mass. at (800) 247-9632.

HOPE Nurse at Stanton Hall 11:15 a.m. for health screenings, consultation and blood pressure checks on the 3rd Friday each month.

Gentle Yoga: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in Stanton Hall continues throughout the year.

A \$5.00 donation is requested. All ages welcome. Call George Reichert @ (413) 348-9909 or Sally Barber at (413) 568-8989 for more information. A Sarah Gillette grant helps with the cost of this Yoga program.

Wheelchairs, walkers, portable commodes plus other donated items are available to borrow short term. Call Anne Marie Knox at 667-3167 or Dale Hoppe at 667-3505.

A Southern Hilltown Consortium meeting is held the first Friday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Russell COA Senior Center.

SPECIAL 2012 ACTIVITIES:



February: Eighteen seniors enjoyed a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Four Main Street restaurant.

March: Seventeen seniors enjoyed a *St. Patrick's Day Luncheon* at the Russell COA Senior Center. On March 19th, several ladies enjoyed a craft class where they made a spring centerpiece with volunteer instructor Cookie Hurley.

- April: The seniors invited the public to join them at Stanton Hall to enjoy the play *Educating Rita* with actor Richard Clark. Refreshments were served. This play was made possible through a grant from the Huntington Cultural Council. On April 27, the entire Board participated at a Regional Board Training hosted by the Southern Hilltowns COA Consortium at the Russell Senior Center. Earlier in the month, several ladies visited First Grade students at Littleville Elementary School to hear stories that the students wrote.
- May: Seniors were guests at the *Annual Elder Appreciation Dinner and Play* sponsored by the Huntington Dance Centre; Huntington Lions Club held their *Annual Senior Appreciation Dinner*. Everyone was welcome to attend the Elder Law Program with speaker Attorney Al Gordon. This was sponsored by the COA in conjunction with the Massachusetts Bar Association.
- June: A large group car-pooled to the Log Cabin for a luncheon followed by *In the Still of the Night Doo-Wop & Five Satins Singers*. Later in the month they attended the popular *All COA Picnic* at Strathmore Park.
- July: A group of 31 boarded the bus to attend a trip to the Newport, Rhode Island Playhouse to enjoy a luncheon, play and cabaret; fifteen seniors signed up for the ten-week program where CISA offered fresh vegetables for a nominal fee.
- Sept/Oct: Seniors attended movies sponsored by the Blandford COA, as well at the *Feisty Feast* in Tolland. A successful flu clinic was offered in October along with refreshments.
- November: Seniors car-pooled to the Log Cabin for a lunch and show.
- December: On December 5th, the *21st Senior Brunch and Concert* was a delightful well attended program, and was much appreciated. Forty-four people attended a Stanton Hall gala Christmas luncheon with entertainer Jim Harris and his musical program. There were lots of fun door prizes. Several boxes of food for the local Food Bank were collected. The final trip of the year found 13 seniors on the FRTA van to go to Bright Lights in Forest Park.

Long-time Chair Priscilla Bishop resigned after dedicating over 30 years of service to the COA. We wish her all the best in her “retirement”. Joan Goff and Lorilee Silbaugh also submitted resignations. The Selectboard appointed Anne Marie Knox to the COA where she was elected Chair. Winnie Smith resigned as Co-Chair. This leaves two vacancies on the COA Board. Marilyn Madru is the Advisory Board Representative to the Highland Valley Elder Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Huntington Council on Aging

STANTON HALL

Stanton Hall is widely used throughout the year by a number of private groups, as well as Town boards.

Stanton Hall is available to rent for special functions and events, such as parties, weddings, showers, receptions, craft fairs, fashion shows, fundraisers, etc. Anyone interested in renting the hall is asked to contact Helen Speckels in the Selectboard Office 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 Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at (413) 667-3505.

Some of the groups and events in Stanton Hall during calendar year 2012 were:

Town Hall Committees and Boards
COA Monthly Meetings
Highland Valley Elder Services
Summer Music Series
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Cub Scouts
Elder Law Seminar
Fall Festival
Historical Society
Jacobs' Ladder Business Association
Littleville Fair Penny Social
Highland Grange
Gentle Yoga Classes
Gateway Booster Club
Zumba
Historical Society
Gingerbread House Work Shop
Baby Showers

COA Meal Site
Voting Site
Town Dance
Huntington Dance Centre
Little League
Flu Clinic
Red Cross Blood Drives
Santa Claus
Westfield River Wild and Scenic
Route 112 Scenic Byway
Open Mic Music Sessions
Brown Bag Program
Pumpkin Carving
Congregational Church
Floralia Dance Company
Music on the Green
Weddings

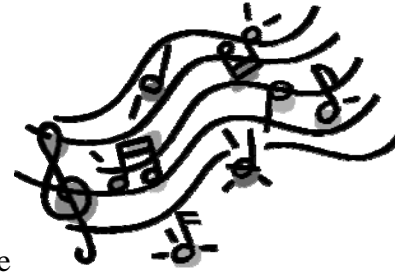
Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Hall Committee



NORTH HALL

Each year the Arts Fest programs improve and the hall looks better. This year the outside got a badly needed new coat of paint, two new doors and a general sprucing up on the outside. The Town paid for half of the painting costs and the North Hall Association paid the remainder, and for the doors. On the inside the Association installed a new exit light and two new stage lights. In November, the North Hall Advisory Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss some lingering problems.



The furnace is not working and the cost to repair it may be prohibitive so the Town is looking into repairing the gas heater for warmth. For cool we, the North Hall Association, are looking into replacing the noisy window air conditioners with a quiet floor model that we can run during performances.

A common problem of an old building is mice and perhaps other varmints. The Town will have their handyman put out poison in the basement in the fall and spring. Our Fire Chief will inspect and replace any old fire alarms.

The school room where we display art during the season is looking great. We never cease to get compliments and questions about the beauty of this old building.

This year, we hosted 16 events using local artists, musicians and actors. Our attendance was high. We filled the hall for all but a few performances. We are getting quite a reputation for presenting a variety of excellent programs. For information about our programs and artists, please visit our website at: www.northallhuntington.org

Respectfully submitted,

North Hall Trustees and Advisory Committee

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. If they were already receiving public assistance, they would not qualify.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or from either Board Member.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees: Sue Fopiano Andrea McKittrick

ALPHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

Financial Overview

ASSET ALLOCATION – Current Investments as of January 1, 2012

Cash/Money, Funds & FDIC Deposits	\$ 17,495.41	13%
Equities	\$ 30,130.00	22%
Mutual Funds	\$ <u>90,774.37</u>	65%
Total Investment Value:	\$138,399.78	100%

The estimated annual income valuation is approximately \$4,120.88, which is determined by current market activity.

While these funds continue to fluctuate in value, the Pettis Fund Trustees, over the years have invested and continue to grow Mr. Pettis' initial gift.

The only funds on which the Trustees may draw are currently those dividends which have been relocated this year to the local United Bank of Huntington and represent a very small segment of the investment capital.

On June 14th we made a \$319.45 payment to Sentry Equipment for buntings to decorate Town buildings for the 4th of July, and on July 16th we made a gift to the Jessica Dana Children's fund of \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Guyette, Chair & Trustee
Karen Wittshirk, Trustee
Sue Fopiano, Trustee



JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY, INC.
P.O. Box 508, Huntington, MA 01050

The Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves as the steward of the Jacob's Ladder Scenic Byway, which is Route 20 as it travels through the Towns of Lee, Becket, Chester, Huntington and Russell. We are pleased that we were able to accomplish two major initiatives in 2012.

Our first accomplishment was to begin our very active participation in the Western Massachusetts Scenic Byway Marketing Campaign project. The intent of the project is to brand and promote the seven scenic byways in Western Massachusetts as a travel destination. As part of this work, a new logo has been developed for Jacob's Ladder Trail. This logo symbolizes the great natural resources that can be found all along our byway, such as the beautiful waterfalls found in our regional state forests and the great fishing found in our Westfield and Housatonic rivers. The logo will be used in our letterhead (seen below), in future marketing efforts for the byway and will replace the existing Jacob's Ladder Trail logo signs that are located along the byway. We will contact each of the byway towns prior to installing the signs.

Secondly, we have been in contact with two organizations that have interest similar to ours in maintaining the historic character of Interstate Route 20. Steve Hamlin of Huntington has agreed to serve as the Massachusetts Correspondent to the Yellowstone Trail Association, a national organization that works to research and promote the historic travel way that linked the Eastern U.S. with the West and Northwest. We have also agreed to support the Historic U.S. Route 20 Association, a similar organization located in Massachusetts that aspires to preserve and promote the rural character of the historic auto route.

We sadly note the passing of Barbara Stuhlmann, Becket representative and past President of JLTSB, Inc., and of Catherine Robinson, wife of Bill Robinson, a long-time Becket Representative to JLTSB, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Gaherty, Clerk



WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2012 Annual Report

The Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee (WRWSAC) works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities. In Huntington, we have consulted with the Highway Department and applaud the sensitive drainage work and conscientious repairs after the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene, as well as other good stabilization practices.

In 2012, over 120 volunteers contributed over 758 volunteer hours. The hearty souls and enthusiasm of our volunteers was evident by their dedication to jumping into the river on a cool fall day to collect macro invertebrate samples; to helping to haul almost 47.7 tons of gravel to surface the trail and parking area at Glendale Falls; and to walking their reach of river recording observations about habitat, water quality and invasive species. Thank you to all who lent a hand.

The Committee and the Trustees of Reservations secured grant funds through the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Grant Program to complete the trail down to the base of Glendale Falls. Master trail builder, Peter Jensen, and his crew were brought in to create a low maintenance stone staircase where it was too steep or lacked sufficient soil to place the simple wooden steps. Over 70 stone steps and cribbing were installed. Glendale Falls now has a staircase and trail descent worthy of one of the highest waterfalls in Massachusetts.

Through our partnership with the Westfield River Environmental Center at Westfield State University (WSU), we worked with students in the Stream Ecology Course to survey and document pre-restoration conditions for the Kinne Brook dam removal and culvert replacement projects. In addition, our summer intern created the “Westfield River Landowners Guide” now available on our website and chock full of helpful funding and technical resources available to riparian landowners.

In addition to providing funds for design and engineering of two replacement culverts along Kinne Brook Road in Chester, the Committee provided support to organize “Improving Stream Crossing: Flood Resilient, Fish Friendly” workshops. These workshops, to be held in March 2013, are intended for DPWs, Conservation Commissions, Municipal Officials, Contractors and Consultants. The workshops will include design and permitting guidance, as well as technical and funding resources available to municipalities.

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 call (413) 579-3015. We have a vacancy for Town Alternate - anyone interested may contact the Huntington Selectboard at 667-3500.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Penn, Town Representative and Vice Chair



HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

It is with great pleasure that I submit the following report concerning the position and performance of the Hilltown Community Ambulance within 2012.

The ambulance was requested to 534 emergencies within the year, of which 140 of those were located in the Town of Huntington. Within those responses, we provided Paramedic Level care a minimum of eight (8) hours a day, gaining the improved standard of care we desire when we transitioned to the Paramedic Level in 2010.

Through financial planning, and operational adjustments, we were able to purchase an EZ-IO Interosseous device, and a Lucas II CPR Device. This Interosseous device allows our Paramedics the ability to deliver potentially lifesaving medications into the patient's bone marrow if the need arises. In turn, the Lucas CPR Device is proven to assist in an increase in success in the resuscitation of patients in cardiac arrest. The end result of both of these purchases is improved care to the citizens of the hilltowns.

While many aspects of our operation have been a success, we continue to struggle with lack of on-call overnight staffing. As has been experienced by the volunteer fire departments within the region, our volunteer on-call staff has dwindled.

Daily we staff a Paramedic level ambulance from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with one Paramedic and one EMT. Evenings, from 4:00 p.m. to midnight, we staff an ambulance with two EMTs, which are Advanced Life Support trained over 50% of the time. While from midnight to 8:00 a.m., we rely on on-call EMTs, similar to the fire departments. These individuals respond from home, and their availability has decreased over the years.

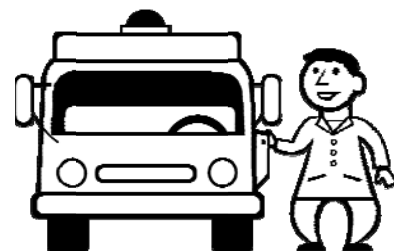
The issue of overnight staffing and adequate response times is our top priority. As noted above, we recently restructured our organization, to put more funding into staffing personnel. This move will assure that we have two EMTs on every evening until midnight.

It is our goal, within the coming years, to increase our on-duty personnel and reduce the reliance on-call personnel. This will transition into quicker ambulance response times to your residence, prompt care, and improved patient outcomes. This goal shall be accomplished through reasonable progressive increases in the assessments to the communities, while still remaining financially responsible to the citizens.

We remain grateful for the continued support we receive from the citizens, elected officials, police, and fire departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Gaughan, Director



HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE



PO Box 630, Williamsburg, MA 01096
(413) 268-3845 hrmc@crocker.com

FY 2012 Annual Report

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 24 years ago and includes the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC was created by a group of dedicated volunteers from each member town who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards that had a desire to protect the environment, become more sustainable and manage the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs.

In the past 24 years the HRMC has created cost saving recycling and sustainability programs. The past year has also been one in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments continued their partnership by working closely together on sustainability and green energy development issues. In fact the HRMC Administrator splits his time, spending half of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and half of each week being the Sustainability Director for the Hampshire Council of Governments.

WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE HRMC HELP WITH?

The HRMC helps the Town of Huntington manage disposal, recycling and sustainability programs, including:

- Solid waste disposal and hauling contracting
- MRF household recycling, hauling and contracting
- Electronics, paint, propane tank, tire, and clothes recycling programs
- Organize and manage the annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Provide sustainability and recycling outreach and education efforts
- Assist the Board of Health with DEP compliance-related issues
- Assist with monitoring transfer station efforts, costs and activities
- Advocating on behalf of the Town with State Legislators
- Exploring new green energy and sustainability programs and grants
- Green Energy Program development through the Hampshire Council of Governments
- Exploring zero waste issues on behalf of Huntington

WHO MANAGES THE HRMC?

Two residents (appointed by the Board of Selectmen from each of the 10 member towns) serve on the HRMC Board. Thomas Hart is the only Huntington representative right now. The Board is responsible for the management and oversight of the HRMC. The current Chairman is Joe Kearns from Middlefield, the Vice-Chairman is Donna Gibson from Williamsburg, and the Treasurer is Tom Martin from Westhampton.

The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each town at its Annual Town Meeting. The total assessment for the ten towns is \$39,487 and is based on population and amount of tonnage handled. After two years of budget reductions, we have level-funded our assessment budget for the past two years in a row.

Last year the HRMC helped member towns:

- Recycle 1083 tons of material
- Save \$73,644 in disposal costs
- Save 6001 tons of greenhouse gas emissions
- Earn over \$49,472 in recycling revenue

We look forward to continuing to assist the Town of Huntington during this upcoming year. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268- 3845 or (413) 687- 3356, or email hrmc@crocker.com.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Weiss, Administrator and Sustainability Director

VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER

The last year has seen some change in the Town Veterans' Services Office. Long time Veterans' Services Officer Robert Messier has retired. The Town of Huntington is grateful for the service Robert has provided our veterans over the years.

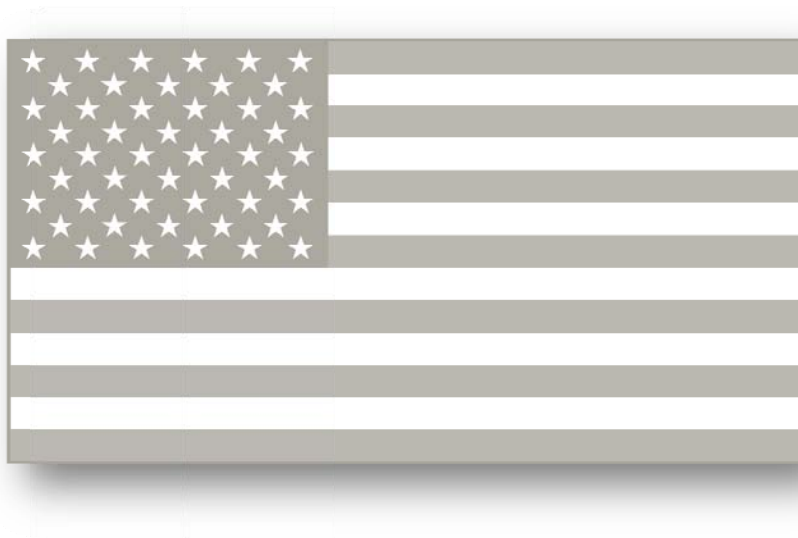
As the new Veterans' Agent, I will continue to provide assistance to our veterans who are eligible for help under MGL Chapter 115, 108 CMR, Social Security and VA benefits.

If you are a veteran or an eligible dependent and think you may qualify for any of these benefits, please come see me during my office hours which are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. You may also call me at (413) 575-6391 to set up an appointment.

May God bless America and our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Renauld
Veterans Services Officer



TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Huntington. This Talent Bank Form has been established to compile a list of interested citizens who are voluntarily willing to serve on Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Some groups meet every two weeks, others once a month, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year.

If you are interested in serving, please check your preference(s) below and return the completed form to the Selectboard Office at the address listed below. The form can also be faxed or emailed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampshire Council of Gov'ts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: _____

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: _____

☐ I'M NOT SURE – PLEASE CALL WITH MORE INFORMATION.

Return form to: Selectboard Office, P. O. Box 430/24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050

Fax: 413-667-3507 email: huntingtonsb@comast.net

Town of Huntington Telephone Directory

Ambulance	667-3277
Animal Control Officer	667-5635
Assessors' Office	667-3501
Board of Health	667-3511
Board of Health Agent	413/572-6212
Board of Selectmen	667-3500
Building Commissioner	667-5763
Conservation Commission	667-8893
Council on Aging	413/348-9909
Cultural Council	667-5563
Dog Officer	667-5635
Electrical Inspector	413/348-9307
Fire Department	667-3368
Gas Inspector	354-6307
Gateway Regional School District	685-1000
Hamblin Court	413/634-5000
High School	685-1103
Highway Department	667-3504
Historical Commission	667-3453
Library	667-3506
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
Meal Site	667-3505
Middle School	685-1202
North Hall	667-2251
Planning Department	667-3346
Plumbing Inspector	354-6307
Police Department	667-8868
Title V Agent	413/562-7286
Town Accountant	667-3502
Town Clerk	667-3509
Town Collector	667-3509
Town Treasurer	667-3502
Van Ride Service	413/348-9909
Veterans' Agent	413/575-6391
Water & Sewer	667-3356
Zoning Board	667-3428
Zoning Enforcement Officer	667-5763