

2009 TOWN REPORT



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Front Cover
Town of Winchendon Bicycle Path – April, 2010
Courtesy of Carl Giacobone

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OFFICERS
of the
Town of Winchendon
Massachusetts
2009



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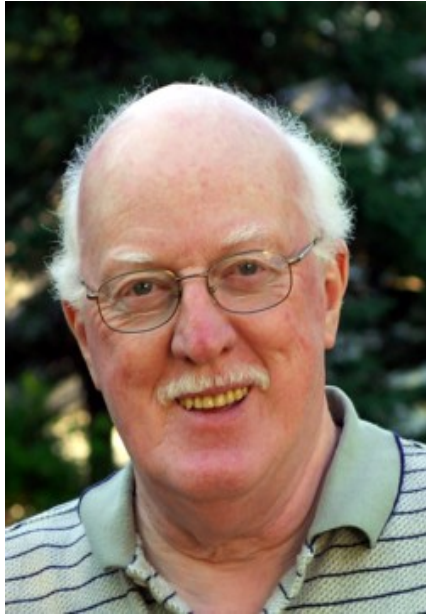
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978-632-3255

In Memoriam



Malcolm "Sib" Sibley

Born April 27, 1936

Died May 1, 2009

A life-long resident of Winchendon, Sib was a member of the Winchendon Housing Authority and served as its chairman. He was a former Winchendon Jaycees and a past President of the Winchendon Little League. Sib was a veteran of the United States Air force, serving four years active duty and six years with the Air Force Reserves.



Eleanor M. Black

Born June 20, 1935

Died October 27, 2009

A Lifelong resident of Winchendon, Ellie spent many years working for the Town of Winchendon as the Computer Coordinator and Town Accountant. She was a former member of both the Board of Trustees for the Library and the Finance Committee.



Isabelle V. Peterson

Born February 15, 1923

Died October 23, 2009

A life-long resident of Winchendon, Issy served her community in several capacities over the years. She was the past President of the CAC, a member of the Winchendon Historical Society and Winchendon Golden Agers. Issy was an active member of the United Parish in Winchendon and she was the recipient of many community awards.



Alana R. Morlock

Born March 15, 1952

Died October 21, 2009

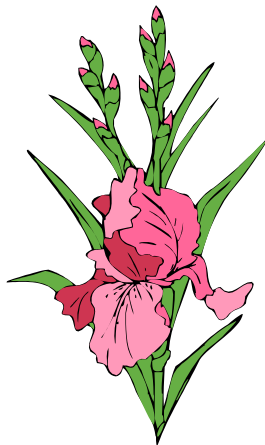
Alana was a native of Winchendon and served her community as Secretary in the Planning & Development Office as well as a Secretary for the Zoning Board & Agricultural Commission & Board of Health. She was a member of the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.



Alida Ann Herring

*Born April 2, 1951
Died October 25, 2009*

Alida served as the Executive Assistant to the Winchendon Town Manager and Board of Selectmen for eight years. Prior to that, she served the Town of Ashburnham as Executive Assistant to the Ashburnham Town Administrator for twelve years as well as occasionally holding the position of acting Town Administrator.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Town Incorporated	1764
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Annual Town Meeting (Bylaw Article)	No Earlier than First Monday in May. No later than 2 nd Monday in June.
Annual Election (Bylaw Article)	First Monday in May each year
Population (2009)	9,931
Number of Water Customers Rate: \$4.77 h.c.f.	2,037
Number of Sewer Customers Rate: \$7.57 h.c.f	1,278
Numbers of Households:	
Single Family	2,776
Condos	62
2 Family Units	225
3 Family Units	37
4 to 8 Family Unit	50
Number of Commercial Parcels	169
Mix Use (resident/business combine)	121
Industrial Parcels	70
Tax Rate FY10	\$13.20 per \$1,000 valuation
Highest Elevation	Mt. Pleasant, 1,267 feet
Miles of Town Roads	135
Square Miles of Area	42

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR

Richard L. Morin Sr.	May 2010
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SELECTMEN

Keith Barrows	May 2010
Mark Shea	May 2010
Elizabeth Hunt	May 2011
Burton E. Gould Jr.	May 2012
Edward Bond	May 2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Christopher McDonald (to fill vacancy)	May 2010
Chrystal Murphy (to fill vacancy)	May 2010
Kathleen L. Murphy	May 2011
Michael Barbaro	May 2011
John McDonough	May 2012

BOARD OF HEALTH

Kevin Bliss	May 2010
Robert S. Mable	May 2011
Norman Norcross	May 2011
Lionel E. Cloutier	May 2012

HOUSING AUTHORITY

David Johnson (to fill vacancy)	May 2010
Burton E. Gould Jr.	May 2010
Frederick Hardy	May 2011
Jacquelyn Flynn	May 2012
Frank A. Cosentino Jr.	May 2013

APPOINTED OFFICERS

ACCOUNTANT

(Selectmen Appointment)

Charlotte Noponen

ANIMAL CONTROL

(Town Manager Appointment)

Sarah Fearing

Indefinite

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

(Board of Health)

Sarah Fearing

June 2010

ASSESSORS

(Town Manger Appointment)

Ardythe Bilodeau

June 2010

Linda Bevan

June 2011

Maureen Cote

May 2012

BEALS LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Julia White

Susan Budd

Ronald Robillard

Burton E. Gould Jr.

Jon Nicholson

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

(Town Manager Appointment)

Paul Blanchard

TOWN CLERK

(Town Manager Appointment)

Lois A. Abare

June 2010

COLLECTOR/TREASURER

(Town Manager Appointment)

Joan M. Bousquet

June 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Selectmen Appointment)

David Koonce, Agent

Stephen Chace

June 2010

Kyle Bradley

June 2010

Scott Burns

June 2011

Lawrence Amburgey

June 2012

David Whitaker

June 2012

CONSTABLES

(Town Manger Appointment)

Frederick Cloutier	June 2010
Robert Hertubise	June 2010
Michael Young	June 2012
Robert Shea	June 2012

COUNCIL ON AGING

(Board of Selectmen Appointment)

Judith Mizhir	Lila Dorval
William Lawrence	Susan Dekant
Rudolf Arlig	Jacqueline Flynn
Cynthia Sylvester	Betty Russell
Gloria LaBrack	Jean Joyal
Sheila Symonowicz, Coordinator	

TOWN COUNSEL

(Town Manager Appointment)

Kopelman and Paige

FENCE VIEWER/FIELD DRIVER

(Selectmen Appointment)

Robert Mable	June 2010
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Moderator Appointment)

Ulysse Maillet	June 2010
C. Jackson Blair	June 2010
Jeanne Hue	June 2010
Kevin J. Miller	June 2011
William Belko	June 2012
Cynthia Leroy	June 2012
Jennifer Goodale	June 2012

Debra Dennis, recording secretary

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Town Manager Appointment)

OFFICERS

Chief, Allen J. Lafrennie, EMT	Lt. Craig Ashmore, EMT
Deputy Chief Thomas Connor, EMT	Lt. Maurice Bateman, EMT
Capt. Stephen Lafrennie, EMT	Lt. Gerald Valliere, EMT-1
Capt. Ricci Ruschioni, EMT	Lt. Robert Soucy, EMT
Lt. Martin Brooks, EMT-1	Lt. William Brown

FIREFIGHTERS

Eng. Richard Sevigny
Pvt. Corey Bohan, EMT
Pvt. Josh Nasiatka
Pvt. Mark Fleming, EMT/P
Pvt. Michael Mullen EMT/P
Pvt. Rick Peters, EMT/P
Pvt. Jay Carrier
Pvt. Brian Croteau
Pvt. Tyler LaFontaine
Pvt. Lance Budka
Rec. Thomas Heuer, EMT/P
Rec. Bill Davis
Rec. Pat Higgins
Pvt. Marty Scott, EMT/1

Pvt. Robert Ford
Pvt. Mike March, EMT
Pvt. Daniel Brown, EMT
Pvt. Jason Moury, EMT
Pvt. Randy Girouard EMT/P
Eng. Scott Parkinson
Pvt. Brian Vaine EMT/P
Pvt. Nate Milevsky
Pvt. Kyle Bradley
Rec. Matt Connor
Pvt. James Bevilacqua
Rec. Carl Davis
Pvt. Carl Ogert
Lea Denette, EMT

GREEN TEAM

Ruth DeAmicis
Alex Magay
Dawn Podesta

Jennifer Goodale
Ann McGrath
Noelle Ellis

HEALTH AGENT

(Town Manager Appointment)

Steven Calichman, Agent

James D. Abare, Inspector

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

(Selectmen Appointment)

Corey Bohan
Ruth DeAmicis
Yvonne G. Harrington
Lois Abare
Shirley Parks
Priscilla Draeger
James McCrohon

June 2010
June 2010
June 2011
June 2011
June 2011
June 2012
June 2012

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(Selectmen Appointment)

Cindy Darcy
Ronald Muse
Ronald Robillard
Joan Liberti-Potvin
Suzanne Rader

June 2010
June 2010
June 2011
June 2011
June 2012

TOWN MANAGER

(Selectmen Appointment)

James M. Kreidler Jr.

REP. MONTACHUSETT REG. PLANNING

(Planning Board)

James M. Kreidler, Jr.

June 2010

REP. MONTACHUSETT OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

(Selectmen Appointment)

Vacant

**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
ADVISORY BOARD**

(Selectmen Appointment)

Vacant

REP. TO MONTY TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Burton E. Gould, Jr.

June 30, 2013

MEASURER OF LUMBER

(Selectmen Appointment)

Vacant

PARKS AND RECREATION

(Selectmen Appointment)

Diana Ringer

June 2010

Joyce Thompson

June 2010

George Ladeau

June 2011

Noel Veilleux

June 2012

Laura Gaydos

June 2012

PLANNING BOARD

(Selectmen Appointment)

Robert O'Keefe

June 2010

Russell Gaulin

June 2011

Mark Shaughnessy

June 2011

John H. White

June 2012

Guy Corbosiero

June 2012

Mark Shea, associate

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(Town Manager Appointment)

Ellen DeCoteau, Planning Agent

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

(Town Manager Appointment)

Donald Desmarais

POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Town Manager Appointment)

Scott Livingston, Chief
Secretary Marla Driscoll
David Walsh, Lt.
Gerald J. Gagne, Sgt.
Raymond Anair, Sgt.
William P. Geoffroy, Sgt.
John Perreault, Ptl.
Robert Raboin, Ptl.
Richard Oinonen, Ptl.
James P. Spofford, Ptl.
Derek Blair, Ptl.

Kevin E. Wolski, Det.
Tracy Flagg, Ptl.
Martin Rose, Ptl.
Alan Ross, Ptl.

POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCY DISPATCH

Wayne Gelinas
Beth Landry
Timothy Fleck, perm. PT dispatcher

Teresa Flint
Jaime Holden

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(Town Manager Appointment)

Sheila Donofrio
Elizabeth Hunt, state app.
David Connor
James Kreidler Jr.
Gerry White

June 2011
June 2012
June 2012
indef.
indef.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

(Selectmen Appointment)

David Connor
Benjamin Miller
Teresa Lupien
Lois A. Abare, Clerk

June 2010
June 2011
June 2012

SEALER, WEIGHTS & MEASURES

(Town Manager Appointment)

Stephen Slocum
Steven Hirons, Alt.

June 2010
June 2010

TOY TOWN LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

(Selectmen Appointment)

Elaine Mroz
Michael McRae
Roger Tobia
Pamela Elbrader

George J. Ladeau
Cynthia Boucher
Margaret Urquhart

TREE WARDEN

(Town Manager Appointment)

Michael Murphy

June 2010

VETERANS SERVICE DIRECTOR

(Town Manager Appointment)

Scott Gauthier

WINCHENDON CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Keith Barrows	June 2010
Ruth DeAmicis	June 2010
James Kreidler	June 2010
Ulysse Maillet	June 2010
John White	June 2010

WINCHENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Selectmen Appointment)

Theresa Hillman	June 2010
Ruth Anderson	June 2010
Veronica Gomez	June 2011
Donna Stram	June 2012
Coral May Grout	June 2012
Julie White Cardinal	June 2012

WINCHENDON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

(Town Manager Appointment)

James D. Abare, Director
Gerald Valliere, Assist. Dir. Chief Diver
Allen J. Lafrennie, Fire Department Representative
Scott Livingston, Police Department Representative
Michael Murphy, DPW Representative
Terri Flint, Dispatch Representative
Peter Laperriere, Communications
Frederick Hardy, Transportation

WINCHENDON INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Town Manager Appointment)

Karen Murphy
Lorraine Lemire
Ricci Ruschioni

Candace Bredberg
Donna Spellman
Jerry Valliere

WIRING INSPECTOR

(Town Manager Appointment)

Robert Marshall
Evan Kaiser, Alternate
Richard Cannavino, Alternate

June 2010

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(Selectmen Appointment)

Raymond Radar
Robert Marshall
Charles Scanio
Michael Fearing
Rick Germano
Cynthia Carvill, Alt
Evelyn Higgins, Alt
Michelle Kaddy, Alt

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June 2010

Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen 2009

Dear Voters of Winchendon,

It is our pleasure to provide the annual report of the Winchendon Board of Selectman for the calendar year 2009.

Last year's annual report provided a summary of the many successes achieved toward protecting the rural character and scenic quality of the Town, through the preservation of open spaces, forested land, wildlife habitats, and recreational land.

This year's annual report focuses on initiatives undertaken and/or supported by the Board to stimulate the local economy, attract business development, grow local jobs, enhance business tax revenue and, finally, to assure financial stability while continuing to deliver core municipal services to the taxpayers.

In simple times these would seem like rather mundane and customary goals. However, when placed against a failing economic backdrop unlike any seen since the Great Depression, the magnitude of such tasks quickly comes into focus. For many years the Board of Selectmen has heard the mandate of the taxpayers to "live within our means". This mandate has been repeated so strongly and so often that it has become a guiding principle for the Board. We are pleased to share that during such difficult financial times, this principle has once again served the Town well. Unlike many of our neighbors and a majority of communities statewide, Winchendon once again struck a balanced general government budget, which contained less revenue than the year before. This budget preserved the level of municipal service to the taxpayers, maintained staff positions and hours from the prior year in order to continue to provide that service and, was accomplished all WITHOUT using one-time revenues such as free cash and/or stabilization funds.

Work continues on the new Hillview Business Park which will be located along Route 140. This park, you will recall, was created virtually out of nothing. With the support of the Board and the hard work of the Town Manager and Winchendon Redevelopment Authority we were able to creatively and strategically leverage varied pieces of a puzzle that to most would seem unconnected. The result of this vision, determination, and cooperation has culminated with the availability of 180 acres of commercial industrial land which will be used to generate jobs and tax revenue for the benefit of all residents. It also bears noting that the Town Manager was able to successfully secure an additional \$500,000 Economic Development grant to entirely fund the roadway and infrastructure required for this initiative. We are pleased to communicate that this project is nearly at groundbreaking stage.

Yet another grant package sought by the town was an additional 43%, or \$645,000, federal stimulus grant to extend the municipal water system to the new Hillview Business Park. We are pleased to have stewarded this project through to its successful vote on the floor of the fall town meeting. The specific details of this grant package fell into place on the eve of the fall town meeting and in a show of support and faith, the assembly voted by more than a 2/3rd majority to pursue this grant opportunity. As of this writing, the grant package

has received preliminary approval from the federal government. This project not only makes the park more viable but also creates a new revenue stream for our water enterprise budget.

In keeping with the theme of our municipal water system, much effort, time and diligence was invested in the preparation of a project package that will allow the town to complete legally mandated system improvements to our public water works. Not only will this project improve the efficiency of our water distribution system and provide increased fire protection and reliability to businesses and residents in town, but as a result of the Board and the Town Manager working cooperatively, we found the ability to work within the state and federal political system to bring home a 43%, or \$1,100,000+, federal stimulus grant. This stimulus grant will significantly lessen the financial burden on the residents of our town for a project that the town would otherwise have been legally mandated to complete and to pay for by itself.

Once again, it is worthy of note that in the face of a continued stalled economy, that we are not only holding our own but that we are striving to make improvements. A town's municipal bond rating is similar to your own personal credit score. It is a measure of our financial strength and management capacity. While many surrounding communities have had their bond ratings downgraded as a result of these difficult times, Winchendon, due to the strength of our books, our systems and our people, continued to hold firm with an A+ rating. This is truly outstanding and a testament to our fiscal discipline.

In addition to the above, the Board continued its efforts toward improving communications and transparency with other boards and committees by holding several joint meetings and update sessions over the course of the year. These meetings and discussions were many times quite pleasant, however, not all topics lend themselves to friendly banter. In those instances where civil discourse was unavoidable, it was encouraging to see increased understanding and empathy by those involved at the conclusion of these discussions.

All in all, the year 2009 was another progressive year for the Town of Winchendon. In spite of a failing economy and challenging budget times, we remain confident that things are on the right track. We believe that our continued efforts toward improving the quality of life for the residents of Winchendon will allow us to not only survive but to thrive as we move into the future. Our commitment to assuring Winchendon remains a fine place to live and raise a family will never waver.

Sincerely,

THE WINCHENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECORD OF THE TOWN ELECTION

MAY 4, 2009

Met at Toy Town Elementary School at 7 a.m. Polls declared open at 8 a.m. by Coral Grout, Warden.

Election officers sworn and assigned to their respective stations. Official ballots, 1500 in each of the three precincts, cards of instruction and voting lists delivered to the presiding officer. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction posted in the hall and at the entrance.

Ballot boxes checked and registers set at zero. Keys to same turned over to Sgt. Raymond Anair, officer in charge.

Polls were declared closed at 8 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 270 in Precinct 1; 201 in Precinct 2; and 293 in Precinct 3. These totals included 15 absentee ballots in Precinct 1; 13 in Precinct 2; and 16 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 9:40 p.m. Ballots cast and not cast sealed in proper containers and delivered to the town clerk.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

	Pre 1	Pre 2	Pre 3	Total
SELECTMAN				
Blank	63	42	62	167
Corey A. Bohan	77	73	71	221
Burton E. Gould Jr.	188	109	190	487
Edward A. Bond	91	57	129	277
Jeanne E. Hue	69	75	68	212
Alana R.E. Morlock	51	45	66	162
Write-ins	1	1		2
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)				
Blank	507	370	557	1434
Write-in				
Michael Niles	10	2	9	21
John McDonough	7	7	5	19
Susan Burdsall	3		3	6
Various	15	18	15	48
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 YEAR)				
Blank	253	179	273	705
Write-ins				
Michael Niles	3	7	6	16
John McDonough	5	8	1	14
Susan Burdsall	3		3	6
Various	6	7	10	23

BOARD OF HEALTH

Blank	345	267	374	886
Lionel E. Cloutier	187	133	208	528
Write-ins				
Sebastian Valera	2		3	5
Robert Mable	2	2		4
Various	4		1	5

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Blank	110	89	133	332
Malcolm Sibley (dec).	155	111	149	415
Write-ins				
David Johnson			3	3
Various	5	1	8	14

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 18, 2009**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m. following adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting.

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

**FISCAL YEAR-END FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$48,721 and to transfer from the FY09 Council on Aging Accounts (015411 511029 and 015411 511045) the sum of \$21,944 for a total of \$70,665 into the Treasurer's FY09 Debt Service Principal Account (017102 591000), to pay previously approved capital expenses, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$83,000 into the Department of Public Works Snow and Ice Budget for FY09, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend the budget for FY2009, as approved under Article 10 of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, by increasing certain line items and decreasing others, or otherwise amend said vote, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to transfer the sum of \$133,200.00 from water enterprise fund retained earnings to the “general fund balance designated for other purposes” in order to reimburse the general fund for indirect costs incurred by the water enterprise fund by the general fund during FY09 and to then transfer the sum of \$133,200.00 from the “general fund balance designated for other purposes” to the sewer enterprise fund to cover sewer negative retained earnings.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$96,304 to fund one-time, non-base pay wage stipends for general government town employees for FY08 and FY09, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to approve to article as printed in the warrant.

PRIOR YEAR BILL ARTICLE

(9/10th Vote Required)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Wastewater revenues the sum of \$9,200.00 for a prior year unpaid bill to Wall Trucking, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE ARTICLES

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court amending the Town Charter as set forth in the report of the Charter and

Bylaw Review Committee dated 2009, and entitled, "Charter: Final Draft," as on file with the Town Clerk, which amendments include, but are not limited to: **creation of an appointed Board of Health**, revisions to the Town's recall process, organizing and clarifying the appointment authority of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, Capital Planning Committee is formally re-organized to include its composition being established by bylaw, imposition of certain limitations on multiple office-holding, making selection of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District representative consistent with the Regional School District Agreement, and deletion of certain transitional provisions that are no longer necessary; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Charter Review Committee)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Article initially approved as amended, then lost on a vote of reconsideration.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court amending the Town Charter as set forth in the report of the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee dated 2009, and entitled, "Charter: Final Draft," as on file with the Town Clerk, which amendments include, but are not limited to: revisions to the Town's recall process, organizing and clarifying the appointment authority of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, imposition of certain limitations on multiple office-holding, making selection of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District representative consistent with the Regional School District Agreement, and deletion of certain transitional provisions that are no longer necessary; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Charter Review Committee)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 vote declared) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

**BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE ARTICLES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town as set forth in the report of the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee dated 2009, and entitled, "Final Bylaw Draft" as on file with the Town Clerk, which amendments include, but are not limited to, certain clerical and other ministerial and organizational amendments, as well as certain substantive amendments relative to procedural rules of Town Meeting, the posting of the warrant therefore and notice of the same to the Finance Committee, deleting unnecessary provisions relative to enforcement of the state building code, deleting the Personnel Administration Board, providing that the Historic District Commission shall also

have the duties of an Historical Commission, inserting a Demolition Delay Bylaw, and revising the Solid Waste and Recycling Bylaw to provide that the Town Manager shall promulgate regulations relative to the operation thereof, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Bylaw Review Committee)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (majority) to adopt the article as printed in the warrant, with the exception of the deletion of sections 1.3.2 and 1.3.7 of the Final Draft Bylaw as presented by the Bylaw Review Committee.

**BYLAW ARTICLE
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town shall vote to create a new bylaw reading as follows or act in relation thereto.

Capital Planning Advisory Committee: In concert with the Winchendon Home Rule Charter, sections 2.3.d and 5.7, the Committee shall be composed of two citizens appointed by the Board of Selectmen and one member chosen by and from each of the following boards and committees: Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board. The committee shall appoint a chairman. Appointments shall be completed as indicated in the Winchendon Town Charter. Vacancies shall be reported to the respective appointing authority for filling such vacancy. Each appointing authority shall give consideration to the personal qualifications of these citizens and who will best meet the responsibility of the board to represent both town employees and taxpayers. If possible, the appointees shall include citizens who are familiar with financial principles and experienced in their methods and practices. If after 30 days the board's written notification and request for reappointment is not acted upon, the board may appoint on behalf of its self. Such appointment information and qualifications shall be forwarded to the Board of Selectman. (submitted by Selectman Mark Shea)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (majority) to adopt the article as printed in the warrant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 4th day of May 2009.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Keith R. Barrows

Keith R. Barrows, Chair

Mark S. Shea

Mark S. Shea, Vice Chair

Burton E. Gould Jr.

Corey A. Bohan

Corey A. Bohan

Elizabeth Hunt

Corey A. Bohan

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 18, 2009**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. with a quorum present. Selectman Burton E. Gould Jr. called for a moment of silence for Harold P. Hackett Jr., Edward Lewis, Joyce Kendall and Malcolm Sibley, who passed away during the previous year.

John McDonough was introduced as the newest member of the School Committee.

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 7:10 p.m. in order to convene the Special Town Meeting, and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to hear the annual report of the Selectmen and of any other officers or committees required to report to the Town, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

- Charter and Bylaw Review Committee

- Public Safety Facility Committee
- School Safety Committee
- Sand Study Committee

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to accept the reports of the above committees.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to choose all other town officers or committees that may be required or deemed necessary to the Town for the ensuing year and give any instructions to same, or to any other town officer or officers, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Voted to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to discharge any committees, which have completed their duties, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to discharge the Charter and Bylaw Committee and the Sand Study Committee.

**CUSTOMARY FINANCIAL BORROWING ARTICLES
(2/3 vote required)**

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing, if necessary, the sum of \$338,440 or such lesser amount distributed to the Town by the Commonwealth to be used by the Town for the repair and maintenance of Town roads. Said sum will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum of money under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws as amended and supplemented, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

CUSTOMARY FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Collector/Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2010 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53(F) of the General Laws, as amended, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION ARTICLE

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to establish the following revolving accounts as provided for under the provisions of section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purposes specified:

1. Hazardous Materials- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Hazardous Materials Recovery revolving account as provided for under the provisions of section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, into which account receipts for charges to responsible parties for the disposal of hazardous materials collected pursuant to section 4 of Chapter 21E of the Massachusetts General Laws, shall be deposited, and to authorize the Fire Chief to expend funds received and deposited into said account for the purchase of supplies and material relating to hazardous material recovery, and that the total amount which may be expended in the current fiscal year for this purpose shall not exceed \$2,500.00, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Fire Chief)
2. Student Parking Fees- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Student Parking Fees Revolving Fund for the 2009 and 2010 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows: receipts from the student parking permit fees at Murdock Middle High School shall be credited to said fund; the Winchendon Public Schools shall be authorized to expend said fund for establishing and operating parking permit program and maintenance of parking lot and/or proposed parking lot expansion; the total amount of said fund shall not exceed \$20,000; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Department)
3. Land Use Restitution Fees- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Court Ordered Restitution and/or Insurance Reimbursement Fees Revolving Fund for the 2009 and 2010 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows: receipts from court ordered restitution relating to Land Use matters shall be credited to said fund; the Land Use Office shall be authorized to expend said fund for any lawful purpose relating to its department; submitted by the Building Commissioner)
4. Athletics Advertising Fees- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Athletics Advertising Fees Revolving Fund for the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years in

accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows: receipts from advertising sold shall be credited to said fund; the School Athletic Department shall be authorized to expend said fund for any lawful purpose relating to its department; the total amount of said fund shall not exceed \$40,000; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

5. Agricultural Commission Fees- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Agricultural Commission Fees Revolving Fund for the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows: receipts from Agricultural Commission activities shall be credited to said fund; the Agricultural Commission shall be authorized to expend said fund for any lawful purpose relating to its department; the total amount of said fund shall not exceed \$20,000; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Agricultural Commission)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve Article 7 as printed above.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ARTICLE
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from other available funds* the sum of \$10,599,528, for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***Other Available Funds**

Cemetery Trust	8,000.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	1,500.00
Dog Fees	15,000.00
Conservation Wetland Fees	7,500.00
Title V Liens Redemption	7,810.00
Wheeler-Poland Poor Trust Fund	2,000.00
Pension Trust Fund	7,000.00
Library Book Fines	5,000.00

Infrastructure Fund	79,999.53
TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	133,809.53

ACCOUNT	FY09 BUDGET	FY10 PROPOSED	% CHAN GE	COMMENTS:
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:				
SELECTMEN OFFICE	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.0%	No change
TOWN MANAGER OFFICE	243,203.00	245,268.00	0.8%	Salary Inc. misc. cuts
FINANCE COMMITTEE	49,160.00	47,860.00	-2.6%	Misc. minor reduction
ACCOUNTING OFFICE	115,903.00	110,600.00	-4.6%	Salary Increase Cut Hours
ASSESSORS OFFICE	69,947.00	73,326.00	4.8%	Salary Increase
COLLECTOR/TREA	166,426.00	174,931.00	5.1%	Salary Increase
AUDIT EXPENSE	37,000.00	29,000.00	-21.6%	Renegotiated contract
LEGAL EXPENSE	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.0%	No change
DATA PROCESSING	25,378.00	25,015.00	-1.4%	Misc. minor Reduction
TECHNOLOGY	17,575.00	17,575.00	0.0%	No change
COMM. COMMITTEE	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.0%	No change
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	94,776.00	87,307.00	-7.9%	Salary inc., cut hours
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	22,185.00	13,685.00	-38.3%	Fewer Elections

CONSERVATION	15,215.00	15,497.00	1.9%	Salary Increase
PLANNING BOARD	7,550.00	6,000.00	-20.5%	Misc. minor reductions
ZONING BOARD	3,388.00	3,388.00	0.0%	No Change
COMMUNITY DEV.	49,434.00	49,333.00	-0.2%	Salary inc., misc. cuts
TOWN HALL	116,063.00	111,836.00	-3.6%	Cut Hours
POLICE/DISPATCH / ACO	1,207,137.00	1,211,449.00	0.4%	Salary inc., misc. cuts
FIRE/AMB. TOTAL	642,560.00	660,673.00	2.8%	Salary Increase
LAND USE OFFICE	73,641.00	70,778.00	-3.9%	Fewer Staff Hours
CIVIL DEFENSE	2,702.00	3,762.00	39.2%	Supplies Increase
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	1,161,725.65	1,001,661.00	-13.8%	Trans. Stat. into Ent. Fund
HEALTH	62,943.00	62,235.00	-1.1%	Misc. minor decrease
COUNCIL ON AGING	114,831.00	94,340.00	-17.8%	Shift MART Van Charges
VETERANS	183,318.00	220,875.00	20.5%	Increase Vets Benefits
LIBRARY	150,390.00	153,394.00	2.0%	Salary inc., misc. incre.
RECREATION COMM.	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.0%	No change
HISTORICAL COMM.	500	500	0.0%	No change

BENEFIT ACCOUNTS:

PENSIONS	712,844.00	775,797.00	8.8%	Actual Assessment
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WORK'S COMP & UNEMP.	227,732.00	182,,346.00	-19.9%	Actual expense
HEALTH INSURANCE	1,832,544.00	1,689,387.00	-7.8%	Flat rate and less use
LIFE INSURANCE	24,666.00	24,666.00	0.0%	Actual expense
MEDICARE	186,329.00	190,000.00	2.0%	Estimated expense
BENEFIT TOTALS:	2,984,115.00	2,862,196.00	-4.1%	
PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS.	209,395.00	176,376.00	-15.8%	Actual exp. Indirects out
DEBT SERVICE	2,288,200.00	2,374,408.00	3.8%	Actual expense
REGIONAL PLANNING	2,610.00	2,676.00	2.5%	Actual assessment
MONTY TECH	713,269.00	604,684.00	-15.2%	Actual assessment
RAISE & APPR. TOTAL:	10,919,439.65	10,599,528.00	-2.9%	

VOTED (unanimously) to approve Article 8 as printed in the warrant.

**WATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water revenues¹ and/or retained earnings the sum of \$740,092 for the operating budget of the Water Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

¹ For Informational Purposes-FY09 Rate: \$4.00 hcf FY10 Rate: \$4.70 hcf

VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate from Water revenues and/or retained earnings the sum of \$766,325 for the operating budget of the Water Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the town will vote to transfer from water department retained earnings or by borrowing the following sum for the following Water Enterprise purpose:

\$75,000 Supplemental Appropriation for the Town-wide Meter Replacement

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$75,000 supplemental appropriation for the town-wide meter replacement.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,500,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or other funding agencies, or otherwise as permitted by Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the General Laws, for design, permitting, legal and construction of a Water system improvements project to comply with the requirements of a MADEP Administrative Consent Order including relocation and replacement of approximately 5,000 linear feet of the 12-inch transmission main from the Joint Winchendon-Ashburnham Water Authority treatment plant to the Town's distribution system (the Town's only source of supply) to increase the pipeline capacity and improve reliability, various improvements along the pipeline to facilitate future pipeline maintenance (clearing, installation of fire hydrants, etc.), fencing of the High Street tank and instrumentation improvements at the Elmwood Road tank, and replacement of the antiquated High Street water storage tank with a water booster pumping station to provide increased fire storage and reliability to the Old Winchendon Center area and as funding therefore that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum of money pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes therefore and to authorize the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements, including with said Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection, and/or other funding agencies, and to take any other actions necessary to carry out this project consistent with the purposes, terms and conditions of said Trust and in the best interests of the Town, provided, however, that the amounts authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received by the Town for the purposes set forth herein or act in thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Wastewater revenues² and/or retained earnings the sum of \$996,464 for the operating budget of the Wastewater Treatment Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to appropriate from Wastewater revenues the sum of \$1,019,629.00 (\$844,629—user rates and \$175,000—reserve for betterment debt service) for the operating budget of the Wastewater Treatment Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,600,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or other funding agencies, or otherwise as permitted by Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the General Laws, for design, permitting, legal and construction of all necessary appurtenances and extensions to the wastewater collection system along portions of Maple Street, Vaine St., Glenallen Street, Maple Place A, Maple Place B and adjoining areas, and as funding therefore that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum of money pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes therefore, and that betterments shall be assessed for one hundred (100 %) percent of total project costs by the uniform unit method pursuant to section 14 and 15 of Chapter 83, Article 22 of the Bylaws of the Town of Winchendon or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements, including with said Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection, and/or other funding agencies, and to take any other actions necessary to carry out this project consistent with the purposes, terms and conditions of said Trust and in the best interests of the Town, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 2-1-2 DISAPPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Voted to postpone the article indefinitely.

² For Informational Purposes-FY09 Rate: \$6.05 hcf FY10 Rate: \$7.57 hcf

TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE ARTICLES
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the Winchendon Transfer Station as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2010, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Transfer Station revenues the sum of \$197,103.85 for the operating budget of the Transfer Station enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES
(majority vote required)

School Operating Budget Article

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,401,507 (\$10,861,118 Chapter 70 plus \$4,540,389 Local Aid) less \$2,734,414 in Indirect Costs) for the School Department for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,667,093 for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$1,081,539 for School Transportation for the following purposes:

In town Transportation:	\$624,800
Special Education Transportation:	\$445,579
Crossing Guards:	\$11,160

said sum to be expended by the School Committee, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager, usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,081,539 for school transportation as printed above.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY 2009 School Operating Budget the sum of \$64,421 to the FY09 general government School Transportation Account, where actual expenditures for all FY 2008 Indirect Costs were more than original estimate, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$53,754 as reimbursement for expenses and revenue generated during fiscal year 2008 from the Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement Program to the fiscal year 2009 School Department budget, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Department)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

**PERSONNEL ARTICLE
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to petition the General Court for special legislation in the form set forth below; and provided further that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager are authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WINCHENDON TO CONTINUE THE
EMPLOYMENT OF ALLEN J. LAFRENNIE AS FIRE CHIEF.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, Allen J. Lafrennie, chief of the fire department of the town of Winchendon, may continue in such position until and including June 30, 2012; provided, however, that said Allen J. Lafrennie is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position. If requested said Allen J. Lafrennie shall, at his own expense, be examined by an impartial physician designated by said town to determine such capacity. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of said employee under the provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws for service subsequent to February 28, 2010 and upon retirement said employee shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on said date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve article 20 as printed in the warrant.

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$15,000 to be used to fund the tax title work of the Town Treasurer Collector, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve article 21 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of Assessors cyclical inspection program in FY10, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve article 22 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$13,500 for the purpose of Assessors evaluating New Permits and Growth for FY10, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Overlay Surplus account the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the Senior Tax Work-off Program, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve article 24 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds or by borrowing the sum of \$98,000 to fund the state mandated Study and Investigation of the town-owned Whitney Pond Dam to comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Conservation and Recreation order, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate by borrowing, the sum of \$98,000 to fund the state mandated Study and Investigation of the town-owned Whitney Pond Dam to comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Conservation and Recreation order.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) for the Community Action Committee, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$18,000 for the Community Action Committee.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the town will vote to create an Insurance Deductible Reserve Fund and to transfer into said fund from available funds a sum of money, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Selectwoman Hunt)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Voted to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of nine thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$9,150) for the water bill of the Clark Memorial YMCA, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the town, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Selectmen Gould and Shea)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-2 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$9,150 for the Clark Memorial YMCA, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the town.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL 32B, section 18a under which the town would require that all prospective retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the town, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approved the article as printed in the Warrant.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the following sum for the following School Department:

- \$34,000 to fund for the School Department the purchase and acquisition of a pickup truck, new or used, and related equipment / attachments for snow plowing, landscaping, and hauling, or take any action thereon.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

AS CAPITAL EXCLUSION

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to raise and appropriate \$34,000 to fund for the School Department, the purchase of a pickup truck, new or used, and related equipment/attachments for snow plowing, landscaping and hauling, provided, however, that the appropriation made hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a so-called capital outlay exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAPITAL ARTICLE

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$87,380 for the following purposes:

- \$6,000 upgrades for the emergency generator at Murdock Middle High School
- \$38,780 purchase and installation of an emergency generator for the Toy Town Elementary School
- \$10,000 purchase cots, blankets, communication and emergency operation center equipment for the Winchendon Emergency Management Center
- \$32,600 upgrades the town hall/police station emergency generator

, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Emergency Management Director)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

**AS CAPITAL EXCLUSION
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,380 for the above state purposes, provided, however, that the appropriation made hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a so-called capital outlay exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

STABILIZATION FUND ARTICLE **(two-thirds vote required)**

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to transfer one dollar (\$5,555.00) from free cash to the stabilization fund, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to transfer from free cash to the stabilization fund the sum of \$5,555.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLES **(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the MA General Laws as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at the following locations as Priority Development Sites:

1. Former Glenallen/Sanborn Mill Property
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 6B1, Parcel 1
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 6B1, Parcel 5
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 6B1, Parcel 6
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 6B1, Parcel 8
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 6B1, Parcel 35
2. Former Baxter D. Whitney Complex: Summer Drive
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 93
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 95
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 96
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 97
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 98
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 99
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 100
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 102
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 153
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 157
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 158
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 159
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 160
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 161
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5B3, Parcel 177
3. Hillview Business Park (Rt. 140)
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 14
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 15
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 16
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 20
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 21
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 22
 - Winchendon Assessors Map12, Parcel 23
4. Lincoln Avenue Extension
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 2, Parcel 77
5. Webster Street
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5A3, Parcel 185
6. High St.
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5C2, Parcel 54
7. River Street (Kamenstein's)
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5C1, Parcel 56
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5C1, Parcel 57
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5C1, Parcel 78
 - Winchendon Assessors Map 5C1, Parcel 79
8. River St.(New England Woodenware)

Winchendon Assessors Map 5D1, Parcel 72

9. River Street (Bellecraft)

Winchendon Assessors Map 4C4, Parcel 27

10. Murdock Avenue (Saloom)

Winchendon Assessors Map 2D2, Parcel 11

Winchendon Assessors Map 5A2, Parcel 25

Winchendon Assessors Map 5A2, Parcel 26

11. Brown Street (M.H. Parks)

Winchendon Assessors Map 5C1, Parcel 43

Winchendon Assessors Map 5C1, Parcel 44

12. Mill Circle (Mylec)

Winchendon Assessors Map M17, Parcel 26

13. Franklin Street (Multi-State Roofing Co.)

Winchendon Assessors Map 2D2, Parcel 26

14. Lincoln Avenue (Diehl Graphics)

Winchendon Assessors Map 2D2, Parcel 3

or take any other action in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve Article 33 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 34

To see if the town will vote to amend the vote of the May 2005 Annual Town Meeting, Article 51 relating to a land swap between the Town and the Beals Trust by deleting the phrase “to be preserved as open space” from the prior approved vote, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve Article 34 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to approve the Master Tax Increment Financing Agreement (the “Agreement”) substantially in the form as is on file with the Town Clerk between the Town and one or more owners of real estate located within the **(insert name of areas)** described on the map on file with the Town Clerk, and which owners may be approved, from time to time, by the Winchendon Board of Selectmen through its designee the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority, and which Agreement is authorized pursuant to GL c. 40, §59, and to authorize the Winchendon Board of Selectmen to designate the land and any buildings shown on said map, or any portions thereof should said property be

subdivided, as one or more Economic Opportunity Areas and to authorize the Winchendon Board of Selectmen through its designee the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority to submit, from time to time, one or more Economic Opportunity Area Applications, Tax Increment Financing Plans, and Certified Project Applications to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council all relating to any Certified Projects as described in the Agreement and Certified Project Applications which are to be located in said Economic Opportunity Areas, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to obtain approval of the Certified Project Applications, the Economic Opportunity Areas, the Tax Increment Financing Plans and TIF Zones and to implement the Master TIF Agreement, or take any other action in relation thereto (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Voted to postpone indefinitely.

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority, on such terms and consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the following parcels of land:

- Map 10B4, Parcel 16 Baldwinville State Road
- Map 10B4, Parcel 21 Baldwinville State Road
- Map 4C4, Parcel 29 531 River Street
- Map 5A2, Parcel 106 School Street (former Toytown Lumber)
- Map 5A2, Parcel 138 154 Mill Street

for community or economic development purposes, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve Article 36 as printed in the warrant.

**GENERAL BUSINESS ARTICLES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to petition the legislature under the home rule petition section of the Massachusetts Constitution for the legislation to use MGL Ch.59, section 5, 41A as a baseline to do the following:

Defer real estate taxes for the actual domicile of senior citizens age 70 or older whose total household income from all sources is no greater than \$20,000 and who apply and meet any other established program requirements with the value of any subsequent real estate tax increase that takes effect after said acceptance into the program accruing, with interest at a rate of prime minus 1%, as a lien on the property with said lien to be redeemed in full at

time of sale, transfer, mortgaging or re-mortgaging said property, or act in relation thereto.
(Submitted by the Town Manager)

**SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to petition the legislature under the home rule petition section of the Massachusetts Constitution for the legislation to use MGL Ch. 59, section 5,41A as a baseline to do the following:

Defer real estate taxes for the actual domicile of senior citizens age 70 or older whose total household income from all sources is no greater than \$20,000 and who apply and meet any other established program requirements with the value of any subsequent real estate tax increase that takes effect after said acceptance into the program accruing, with interest at no time less than zero percent, as a lien on the property with said lien to be redeemed in full at time of sale, transfer, mortgaging or re-mortgaging said property.

GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLES **(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to create a new bylaw to read as follows:

The Tax Collector shall place a lien on any property that is in arrears for at least three years on real estate taxes, betterment assessments, excise taxes and/or water and sewer charges, unless the customer is current on a duly approved payment agreement, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Selectwoman Hunt)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-1 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Voted to postpone indefinitely.

ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to approve a new general bylaw entitled, Low Impact Development (LID) Bylaw as set forth in the full text of the proposed bylaw dated 2009 and on file with the Town Clerk. A general summary of the bylaw is as follows:

- Winchendon is rich in water resources which are also threatened by development that creates stormwater impacts. Many towns will face large expenses to fix water problems that can be prevented at low cost.
- The bylaw consolidates references to stormwater management in Town bylaws and regulations and will reinforce the Town's Flexible Residential Development Bylaw.

LID Bylaw benefits:

- The LID Bylaw affords an opportunity to be proactive in protecting valuable waters. **It is cheaper to prevent damages than to restore polluted waters.**

Preventing damages will save taxpayers money. Clean water provides an economic benefit to the Town.

- Town bylaws and regulations are intended to protect and preserve the surface and groundwater resources of the Town from land uses that may harm the quality and quantity of its waters and other natural resources. The bylaw will provide a process with clear performance standards to carefully treat stormwater runoff where development occurs.
- The state assessment of Town waters shows these are being damaged by stormwater, and the bylaw will help prevent more problems and remedy current problems. It can diminish additional loads to existing stormwater infrastructure and may reduce the need for infrastructure updating.
- The bylaw and regulations provide detailed guidance, which is not in current Town bylaws and regulations.
- The bylaw will enable procedures and performance standards to be consistent for review of projects outside and within the wetland areas that are regulated by state stormwater policy.
- The bylaw will help the Town to meet state and federal water quality standards.
- The bylaw will foster “low impact development” (LID) practices, such as reducing impervious cover. LID techniques are highly effective, “low tech” stormwater and site planning methods, which tend to be less expensive to build and maintain than conventional stormwater methods.
- The bylaw is intended to encourage better land use and development in Winchendon and help protect the town’s rural character.
- The bylaw will help the Town to apply for state and federal grants.

Bylaw features:

- The purpose is to protect public health, safety and welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to manage runoff, increase groundwater recharge and prevent water pollution.
- The bylaw is proposed as a General Bylaw so that the Town can address stormwater impacts from many kinds of land disturbing activities.
- The bylaw will keep the amount and quality of stormwater from development equal to or better than pre-development conditions in order to reduce flooding, property damage, stream erosion, pollution, harm to aquatic life and overloading of Town drainage systems.
- The bylaw is **NOT** retroactive.
- The bylaw will apply to projects that disturb more than 20,000 square feet of land. Many of these will be larger subdivisions and projects already requiring site plan review by the Planning Board. Construction, repair or replacement of septic systems are exempt from the bylaw as are agriculture, timber harvesting with an approved Forest Cutting Plan, maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with residential dwellings and construction of fences and utilities serving residences.
- The bylaw will establish clear, consistent procedures for submission of stormwater management plans that meet approved stormwater treatment practices. It will establish maintenance provisions to ensure treatment practices will function as designed and pose no threat to public safety.
- The Planning Board will administer, implement and enforce the bylaw. The Board will adopt and amend rules and regulations relating to the procedures and

administration of the bylaw after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on proposed regulations.

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-1 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve Article 39 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 40

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following General Bylaw, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Police Chief)

Public Consumption or Use of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol.

A. No person, whether in or upon a vehicle, motor vehicle, conveyance, or on foot, shall burn, smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any area owned by or under the control of the Town, including but not limited to, any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, school, school grounds, cemetery, or parking lot; or in or upon any place to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees.

B. Any marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol burned, smoked, ingested, or otherwise used or consumed in violation of this bylaw shall be seized, held, and disposed of in accordance with G.L. c. 94C, § 47A.

C. Whoever is found in violation of this bylaw shall, when requested by an official authorized to enforce this bylaw, state his true name and address to said official.

D. This bylaw may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21, or by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer.

E. The fine for a violation of this bylaw shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each offense. A penalty imposed under this bylaw shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, § 32L.

In case any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph and part shall continue in full force and effect.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (majority) to approve Article 40 as printed in the warrant.

ZONING BYLAW ARTICLE
(2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 41

To see if the town will vote to adopt the Winchendon Zoning Map as amended or act in relation thereto.

The proposed amendment will rezone the parcel identified as Assessors Map 12 Parcel 23 from (R80) Residential to (C1) Large Scale Commercial. Said parcel is located on Bemis Road. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Map is shown on a map dated April 6, 2009 and is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk. (submitted by the Redevelopment Authority and Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
PLANNING BOARD:

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve Article 41 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 42

To see if the town will vote to amend its Zoning Map by designating the following parcels located off River Street as part of the Industrial Zone. (These parcels are the site of the closed landfill/current transfer station.)

- Map 4, Parcels 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-1 DISAPPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
PLANNING BOARD:

Voted to pass over the article.

ROADWAY ARTICLES
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, the road known as Monomonac Road West, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on April 13, 2009 and shown on plans entitled "Monomonac Road West prepared by Edmond Boucher and dated October __, 2008, and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book ____ Page ____, which are on file with the Town Clerk, and to further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, land or rights in land within said ways as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Winchendon , and associated easements or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to accept as a public way, the road known as Monomonac Road West, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on April 13, 2009 and shown on plans entitled "Monomonac Road West prepared by Edmond Boucher and dated October 10, 2008, which are on file with the Town Clerk, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, land or rights in land within said ways as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the town of Winchendon, and associated easements.

ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways, a portion of the road known as Eagle Road, and all of the road known as Cardinal Lane, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on plans entitled "Benjamin Estates, Winchendon, Mass. prepared by Joseph R. Henry and Associates dated December 24, 1986, revised March 26, 1987", and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 576 Page 16, which are on file with the Town Clerk, and to further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, land or rights in land within said ways as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Winchendon, and associated easements or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to approve Article 44 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 45

To see if the Town will vote to accept, for the purpose of maintenance, that certain portion of Mellen Road that had been previously DISCONTINUED at the 1914 Town Meeting, being the Third Way under Article 25. The Discontinuance being formerly described as "So much of the Mellen Road, so called, as extends from the house of J. Q. Mellen deceased, to the lane leading to house of J. Shaw", and is now being described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of an old road (Raymond Road) running easterly at a point where Mellen Road turns and runs southerly, said intersection being at land now or formerly owned by John A. & Celeste Wehmeyer; thence southerly about 3916 feet to the "lane" that leads to the former location of the house of J. Shaw" being situated on land now or formerly owned by Ronald J. Eddy. Mellen Road is a Variable Width road that is bounded generally by stone walls and, in most cases further defined by various and many plans filed at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Superintendent of Public Works)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 APPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Voted to pass over the article.

CITIZEN PETITIONS ZONING ARTICLES
(2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 46

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 Site Considerations – Dimensional and Density Regulations of the Town of Winchendon Zoning By-Law as follows:

7.2 Table of Dimensional & Density Regulations

Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area Square Feet	Front age (3)	Front Set back (3)	Side Set back (3)	Rear Set back (3)	Max. Structure Height (floors)	Max. Man Made Structure Height	Max. Imper-vious Area as % of Lot (1)
R80	43,560	150	40	25	50	2-1/2	35'	10%
R40	40,000	150	40	25	50	2-1/2	35'	15%
R10	10,000	75	20	10	20	2-1/2	35'	25%
C1	75,000	250	75	25	25	3	45'	45%
C2	20,000	100	30	15	30	3	45'	45%
I	43,560	150	40	25	50	no	50'	no
PD except residential Note 2	5,000	75	5	0	0	3	45'	70%
PD 1&2 Family residential	10,000	75	20	20	20	2-1/2	35'	25%
PD Other residential	10,000 Note 3, 9	75 Note 9	20	Comb-ined 30' Note 4	50	3	45'	70%
WF Note 5								

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by George Mizhir)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 DISAPPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
PLANNING BOARD: NOT RECOMMEND 3-0

Voted to postpone indefinitely.

ARTICLE 47

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10 Soil, Vegetation, Rock and Gravel. Removal of the Town of Winchendon Zoning Bylaws as follows:

10.2.5 Any earth removal over 19 yards for the sole purpose of commercial processing and/or sale may be done in an industrial Zone or R-80 zone, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by George Mizhir)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 DISAPPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
PLANNING BOARD: NOT RECOMMEND 3-0

Voted to postpone indefinitely.

ARTICLE 48

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 Use Regulations by adding to Article 5.2.3 Principal Use Categories

Industrial Uses	R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD	
L. Landfill		N	N	N	N	N	SP	N

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by George Mizhir)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 DISAPPROVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
PLANNING BOARD: NOT RECOMMEND 3-0

Voted to postpone indefinitely.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 11:08 p.m.

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare
Town Clerk

To: Board of Assessors

From: Town Clerk

The following sums of money were voted to be raised and appropriated, or appropriated by transfer, or by borrowing, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009 at the annual Town Meeting which convened on May 18, 2009.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY10</u>
SELECTMEN	14,000.00
TOWN MANAGER	245,268.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE	47,860.00
ACCOUNTING	110,600.00
ASSESSOR	73,326.00
COLLECTOR/TREASURER	174,931.00
AUDIT EXPENSE	29,000.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	65,000.00
DATA PROCESSING	25,015.00
TECHNOLOGY	17,575.00
COMM. COMMITTEE	6,500.00
TOWN CLERK	87,307.00
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	13,685.00
CONSERVATION	15,497.00
PLANNING BOARD	6,000.00
ZONING BOARD	3,388.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOP.	49,333.00

TOWN HALL	111,836.00
POLICE/DISPATCH/ACO	1,211,499.00
FIRE/AMBULANCE TOTAL	660,673.00
LAND USE	70,778.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	3,762.00
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	1,001,661.00
HEALTH	62,235.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	94,340.00
VETERANS	220,875.00
LIBRARY	153,394.00
RECREATION COMMITTEE	3,400.00
HISTORICAL COMM.	500.00
BENEFIT ACCOUNTS:	
PENSIONS	775,797.00
WORK'S COMP & UNEMP.	182,346.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	1,689,387.00
LIFE INSURANCE	24,666.00
MEDICARE	190,000.00
BENEFIT TOTALS:	2,862,196.00
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS:	
PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS.	176,376.00
DEBT SERVICE	2,374,408.00
REGIONAL PLANNING	2,676.00
MONTY TECH	604,684.00

**RAISE & APPROPRIATE TOTAL
(ART. 8)**

10,465,718.47

**APPROPRIATIONS BY
TRANSFER (ART.8)**

133,809.53

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATING BUDGET**

10,599,528.00

OTHER APROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

Art. 16	School Budget	12,667,093.00
Art. 17	School In Town Trans.	624,800.00
Art. 17	Spec. Ed. Trans.	445,579.00
Art. 17	Crossing guards	11,160.00

Total \$13,748,632.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION \$24,214,350.47

TRANSFERS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS—SPECIAL ARTICLES

TRANSFERS FROM FREE CASH

Art. 19	to FY09 School Dept. bud.	53,754.00
Art. 26	to Community Action	18,000.00
Art. 28	to Clark Memorial	9,150.00
Art. 32	to Stabilization Fund	5,555.00

TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM FREE CASH \$ 86,459.00

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Art. 9	Water rev. to Water Dept.	766,325.00
Art. 12	Wastewater rev. to Wastewater Dept.	1,019,629.00
Art. 15	Transfer station rev. to Transfer station	197,103.85

TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS \$1,983,057.85

APPROPRIATIONS BY BORROWING

Art. 5	Chapter 90	338,440.00
Art. 10	Meter replacement	75,000.00
Art. 11	Water System improvements	2,500,000.00
Art. 25	Whitney Pond Dam	98,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY BORROWING \$3,011,440.00

I CERTIFY that the foregoing figures totaling **\$29,552,037.85** to be the amounts to be raised by taxation, transfers and borrowing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

Attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town clerk

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION JULY 18, 2009

Met at Old Murdock Senior Center at 9 a.m. Polls were declared open at 10 a.m. by Coral M. Grout, Warden.

Election officers were sworn and assigned to their respective stations. Official ballots, 1000 in each of the three precincts, delivered to the presiding officer. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction posted in the hall and at the entrance.

Ballot boxes were checked and registers set at zero. Keys to same turned over to Kevin Wolski, officer in charge.

Polls were declared closed at 2 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 99 in precinct 1; 64 in precinct 2; and 98 in precinct 3. These totals included 14 absentee ballots in precinct 1; 14 in precinct 2; and 19 in precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 2:20 p.m. Ballots cast and not cast were sealed in proper containers and delivered to the town clerk.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

	Pre 1	Pre 2	Pre 3	Total
QUESTION 1 (School Dept. truck)				
Blank	0	0	0	0
Yes	27	23	40	90
No	72	41	58	171
QUESTION 2 (Generator repairs MMHS)				
Blank	0	0	0	0
Yes	39	28	43	110
No	60	36	55	151
QUESTION 3 (Generator TTES)				
Blank	0	0	0	0
Yes	36	25	38	99
No	63	39	60	162
QUESTION 4 (Emer. Mgmt. equip.)				
Blank	1	0	0	1
Yes	32	21	43	96
No	66	43	55	164
QUESTION 5 (Town Hall Generator)				
Blank	0	1	0	1
Yes	31	25	39	95
No	68	38	59	165

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town Clerk

**RECORD OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 2, 2009**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, November 2, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

Met at Murdock Middle High School. Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. with a quorum present.

Selectman Burton E. Gould Jr. called for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Isabelle Peterson, Alana Morlock, Eleanor Black and Alida Herring.

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Approve 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

VOTED (unanimously) to hear the recommendation of the Finance Committee following the reading of each article.

**FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 to upgrade the Town's Computer System, and as funding therefor, to transfer from an available Fund, Municipal Benchmark, the sum of \$7,500 and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,500, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Accountant)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE 4-2

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from an available fund, Insurance Recovery-DPW, the sum of \$26,291.00 to DPW Vehicle Repairs for the 1997 Mack Truck, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Accountant)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 4-0-1
FINANCE COMMITTEE: DISAPPROVE 6-0

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to change the funding source approved under Article #21 at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18, 2009 from "Overlay Surplus" to "Raise and Appropriate," which vote appropriated \$15,000 to be used to fund the tax title work of the Town Treasurer Collector, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Accountant)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE 6-0

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the appropriation made under Article #8, the General Government Budget Article, at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18, 2009, specifically the line for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, reducing Raise and Appropriate by \$8,551 (Change from \$604,684 to \$596,133) , or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Accountant)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE 6-0

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the appropriation made under Article #16, the Education Budget Article, at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18, 2009, reducing Raise and Appropriate by \$280,428, which would be a change from \$15,401,507 (\$10,861,118 Chapter 70 plus \$4,540,389 Local Aid) less \$2,734,414 totaling \$12,667,093, to a total of \$15,121,079 (\$10,643,896 Chapter 70 plus \$4,477,183 Local Aid) less \$2,734,414 totaling \$12,386,665, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Accountant)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE 6-0

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLE
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, (insert title and numerical reference) 18.1 as follows, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

Change: "Everyone violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each offense, which shall be recovered by complaint pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 section 21d."

To read: "Everyone violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00 for each offense, which shall be recovered by any means available in law or in equity, including non-criminal disposition in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D. This bylaw may be enforced by any police officer of the Town of Winchendon."

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE 6-0

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

ZONING BYLAW ARTICLE
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to change the zoning of land identified on the Winchendon Assessor's maps as Map 12, Parcel 22, from Residential (R80) to Large Scale Commercial (C1), and to amend the Zoning Map accordingly, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: APPROVE 5-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE 6-0
PLANNING BOARD: APPROVE 5-0

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE CAPITAL ARTICLE
(two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or other funding agencies, or otherwise as permitted by Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the General Laws, for design, permitting, legal and construction of a Water system improvements project to extend the municipal water distribution system from Spring Street to approximately 63 Gardner Road and as funding therefore that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum of money pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes therefore and to authorize the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all

agreements, including with said Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection, and/or other funding agencies, and to take any other actions necessary to carry out this project consistent with the purposes, terms and conditions of said Trust and in the best interests of the Town, provided, however, that the amounts authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received by the Town for the purposes set forth herein, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

VOTED (71 yes, 31 no) to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or other funding agencies, or otherwise as permitted by Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the General Laws, for design, permitting, legal and construction of a water system improvements project to extend the municipal water distribution system from Spring Street to approximately 93 Gardner Road and as funding therefore that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum of money pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes therefore and to authorize the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements, including with said Trust to take any other actions necessary to carry out this project consistent with the purposes, terms and conditions of said Trust and in the best interests of the Town, provided, however, that the amounts authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by any gifts or grants received by the town for the purposes set forth herein, and that no funds shall be expended unless the following conditions have been met:

Receipt of a minimum of \$645,000 or 43% of the project cost as grant funding;

Receipt of a minimum of \$300,000 contribution from private landowners who will benefit from said project;

And further, that the cost of such project shall be repaid 50% from the Enterprise Fund and 50% from general government receipts.

Adjourned on motion at 8:28 p.m.

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of October 2009.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Keith R. Barrows, Chair

Mark S. Shea

Mark S. Shea, Vice Chair

Burton E. Gould, Jr.

Burton E. Gould Jr.

E. R. Hunt

Elizabeth R. Hunt

Edward A. Bond

Edward A. Bond

I have this day posted the within warrant as therein directed:

Frederick A. Cloutier

PRINT CONSTABLE NAME

Frederick A. Cloutier

SIGN CONSTABLE NAME

10/19/2009

DATE:

FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009
AT 7:00 PM
SECOND FLOOR AUDITORIUM
TOWN HALL

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider. To file a complaint of
Discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-
9410.**

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

DECEMBER 8, 2009

Met at the Old Murdock Senior Center at 6:30 a.m. Polls declared open at 7 a.m. by Warden Coral May Grout.

Election officers sworn and assigned to their respective stations. Official ballots, 1000 in each of the three precincts, cards of instruction and voting lists delivered to the presiding officer. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction posted in the hall and at the entrance.

Ballot boxes checked and registers set at zero. Keys to same turned over to Martin Rose, officer in charge.

Polls were declared closed at 8 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 167 in Precinct 1; 222 in Precinct 2; and 234 in Precinct 3. These totals included 8 absentee ballots in Precinct 1; 15 in Precinct 2; and 15 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 8:30 p.m. Ballots cast and not cast sealed in proper containers and delivered to the town clerk.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	Pre 1	Pre 2	Pre 3	Total
Blank				
Michael E. Capuano	15	23	39	77
Martha Coakley	77	91	79	247
Alan A. Khazei	9	16	16	41
Stephen G. Pagliuca	24	27	28	79
Write-ins	1		1	2

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Blank	2			2
Scott P. Brown	32	60	61	153
Jack E. Robinson	7	5	10	22

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town Clerk

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REPORT OF THE WINCHENDON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Alana Morlock. Alana was a tireless advocate for agriculture in the town, and brought her love of the land to everything she did. As Secretary/Treasurer, her work and dedication to the Agricultural Commission was a tremendous help. She is greatly missed.

The Winchendon Agricultural Commission is charged with promoting agricultural-based economic opportunities in town; acting as mediators, advocates, educators and/or negotiators on farming issues; working for the preservation of prime agricultural lands and pursuing all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community. The positions are appointed by the Town Manager. The Commission consists of seven members and up to five alternates. We currently have six members and two alternates. Anyone interested in joining the commission as a member or alternate is welcome to contact the Chair or come to a meeting.

The Commission is organized as follows: Audrey LaBrie, Chair/Treasurer, Paul Kachinsky, Vice Chair, Michaela Krafve, Secretary.

The Toy Town Farmers' Market had a great second year. Many vendors returned, and new vendors joined. The Market was held mid-May through early October, Thursdays rain or shine from 4 – 7 P.M. at the American Legion Park. Late in the season the market added hours on Saturday from 9 – Noon. Each week saw an average of 10 vendors participating. Events such as Bike Safety Day, the Dog Days of Summer Dog Show, a gem and mineral exhibit and a planting demonstration took place during the market, and several local entertainers were there with music and entertainment. Products and services offered included produce, plants, crafts, baked goods and animal products. Some vendors accept WIC and Senior Citizen coupons. The response from the town was tremendous, with many customers coming back each week.

Commission members attended the second annual Massachusetts Agricultural Commission Conference, held in Worcester, MA. Over 110 towns and communities were represented. Workshops provided information on a range of topics, and discussions were held on the state of agriculture in Massachusetts and the proposed MA Association of Agriculture Commissions.

In February the Commission hosted the second annual Agricultural Open House. People interested in agriculture stopped by for refreshments and an opportunity to speak with Commission members on any related topic. It was well received, and generated a lot of interest.

The Commission is looking forward to a great year. We meet the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 P.M. in the 4th floor conference room at Town Hall. Please stop by and see what we're doing, and consider an appointment to the Commission as a member or alternate. We hope you will stop by the Toy Town Farmers' Market and support our local craftspeople and farmers.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey LaBrie, Chair/Treasurer
Paul Kachinsky, Vice Chair
Michaela Krafve, Secretary
Ken Girouard, Member
Patricia Stanko, Member
Olivia Tarleton, Member
June Girouard, Alternate
Burton E. Gould, Jr., Alternate

ANIMAL CONTROL YEAR END REPORT 2009

To the Board of Selectmen and citizens of Winchendon:

For the calendar year 2009 Winchendon Animal Control reports the following:

Number of calls:	940
Stray dogs:	41
Surrendered dogs:	10
Dogs Claimed:	29
Cats:	24/0 claimed/1 euthanized after being hit by a car
Rabbits:	3/0 claimed

All animals that were not claimed were adopted out through Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue. The shelter and rescue group have a great partnership. Together, they are able to provide medical care and food to the shelter animals, along with getting them into foster and adoptive homes. The shelter gets funding from Ahimsa Haven along with public donations and money from the year round bottle and can drives.

In June of 2009 Sondra Magee left the ACO position. Sarah Fearing who was a volunteer ACO at that time, was hired to fill the 20 hour position. She completed her ACO training in Fall 2009. She believes that all stray or unwanted pets deserve the same quality of care and opportunity to find a forever home.

In July 2009 the shelter underwent an extensive cleaning and upgrade thanks to several hard working volunteers. In 2010 Animal Control will focus on connecting pet owners with low cost spay/neuter resources, enforce the dog license and leash laws, and assist people with re-homing unwanted pets to help prevent abandonment.



Zoning Board of Appeals

During fiscal year 2009 (7/1/2008–6/30/2009), the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) experienced a significant decrease in the number of applications from a total of 17 in FY 2008 to 11 in FY 2009. The applications can be categorized as follows:

	<u>Applied For</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>
Special Permits	5	5	0	0
Special Permit Review	1	1	0	0
Variances	5	5	0	0

It was extremely gratifying to note again that of all of the decisions rendered by the Board during this fiscal year, *none* of the decisions was appealed despite the fact that several of these decisions were controversial.

Three of the Special Permits granted were for the creation of new local town businesses; namely, a taxi service, a “Jiffy Lube”, and a retail store selling wood pellets and accessories. One of the Special Permits granted was for the re-conversion of a single family home into 2 apartments and one for the expansion of an existing business (McDonalds). Two of the Variances were granted for minor setback requirements to allow for new businesses; namely, a farm stand and a pellet manufacturing company. Two additional Variances were granted for minor setback or frontage requirements needed to adequately and fully use the applicant’s property in keeping with the spirit and intent of the zoning bylaws. The last Variance was granted to the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority to allow the creation of two industrial lots, one of which is the site of the above mentioned pellet manufacturer and the other is occupied by a facilities management corporation. The Special Permit Review was for the Mabardy gravel operation on River St.

It is important to note that of the 11 Special Permits and Variances granted, fully 8 were to allow either the creation (6), expansion (1), or continuation (1) of businesses and industrial operations in Winchendon. This clearly indicates that the ZBA, despite some vocal critics to the contrary, is *not* anti-business!

Membership on the Board changed slightly with the resignations of Keith Simeone and Alana Morlock (alternate). Raymond Rader, Sr. was appointed as a regular member. Election for Board officers was held early in the FY, with the following results: Charles Scanio, Chairperson and Robert Marshall, Vice-chair and Clerk.

It is important for the residents of Winchendon to understand that the ZBA is a voluntary board that endeavors to grant Administrative Appeals, Special Permits, and Variances *only* when they meet the criteria delineated in the Winchendon Zoning Bylaws. The Board sincerely attempts to be responsive to the rights and needs of applicants, abutters, and the town as a whole while working within the overall framework of the Zoning Bylaws and the Town’s Master Plan.

The Board encourages your attendance at our meetings, held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (only when hearings are scheduled) in the Town Hall Auditorium. We also encourage interested citizens to volunteer for membership on the Board. We can guarantee you interesting meetings and a vital stake in the critical role the Board plays in shaping Winchendon’s future.

Respectfully submitted by the FY 2009 Board,

Charles Scanio, Chair (writer of this report) 2011; Robert Marshall, Regular Member, 2010; Raymond Rader, Sr., Regular Member, 2010; Keith Simeone, Regular Member (resigned) 2009; Cynthia Carvill, Alternate Member, 2012; Evelyn Higgins, Alternate Member, 2012; Alana Morlock, Alternate Member (resigned) 2009.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 2009 Annual Town Report

To the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen,

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Committed	\$ 875,209.88
Real Estate Taxes Committed	9,115,244.52
Personal Property Taxes Committed	202,963.74
Title 5 Sewer Liens Committed	8,497.10
Sewer Betterments Committed	190,084.18
Ch.61 Roll Back Taxes Committed	<u>7,172.10</u>
Total Committed for Collection	\$10,399,171.52

Real Estate Exemptions Granted:

Clause 17D Statutory	\$ 6,650.00	
Clause 22 Veterans	22,400.00	
Clause 37 Blind Persons	3,937.50	
Clause 41C Elderly	<u>18,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Granted	\$50,987.50	\$ 50,987.50
Real Estate Abatements Granted		12,538.80
Personal Property Abatements Granted		5,317.41
Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted		<u>39,015.80</u>
Total Exemptions and Abatements Granted		\$107,859.51

Respectfully submitted,

Linda V. Bevan

Ardythe E. Bilodeau

Maureen Cote
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF HEALTH

Annual Report

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

PURPOSE

The Board of Health, according to various statutes in the Massachusetts General Laws, is responsible, among other things, for inspections and enforcing the State Sanitary codes for, restaurants, retail food establishments, and minimum housing standards including the proper storage of solid waste, recreational camps, ice rinks and public lodging. The Board is also responsible for enforcement of the State Environmental codes regarding proper storage and disposal of solid waste and proper subsurface sewage disposal, i.e. Title 5

PERSONNEL

The Town of Winchendon Board of Health is a five-member elected Board who works along with a Health Agent, Steven Calichman and Health Inspector, James Abare. Members of the Board are elected at the annual Town election in May. Current membership with the year their term expires is:

Robert Mable (2011)
Norman Norcross (2011)
Lionel Cloutier (2012)
Kevin Bliss (2010)
Vacant (2012)

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Board maintains a working relationship with the Board of Health Tobacco Control Alliance with emphasis on the health dangers of tobacco use and preventing youths from purchasing tobacco and related products.

The Board also continues its contractual relationship with the Gardner Visiting Nurses Association. It is through this relationship that monthly blood pressure clinics are held at Senior Citizen Housing, annual flu shots are provided, and a public health nurse holds monthly office hours at the Board of Health office in Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 2PM – 3PM. The nurse also does follow up of reportable communicable diseases.

The Health Department Staff witness soil testing for septic systems and reviews subsurface sewage disposal plans as well as inspects installation of tanks and leaching areas. Residents can meet with staff during regular office hours.

The Health Department Staff also conduct restaurant and retail food store inspections as well as housing inspections on a regular basis in addition to investigating trash and nuisance complaints. Educational material is available to the public in the Board of Health office on issues including strategies for lowering risk of contracting various diseases.

During the 2008 Ice Storm B.O.H. members Robert Mable and Norman Norcross volunteered to assist Health Inspector / Emergency Management Director James Abare with opening and operating an emergency shelter located at Murdock Middle/High School in coordination with other Town, State, and Federal agencies.

Annual Report Board of Health

July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009

	<u># COUNT</u>
Miscellaneous inspections, meetings, Public contacts	690
Other	866
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Inspections	54
Soil Testing for repairs	9
Soil Testing for new lots	14
Reviewed and approved Septic System plans	20
Restaurant Inspections	87
Housing Inspections	41
Trash complaints	28
Environmental Samplings	0
Public Swimming Pool Inspections	0
Recreational Camp for Children Inspections	3
Beaver Complaints	0
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<i>total</i>	1812
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Total Departmental Payments to Treasurer	\$27,396.00

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Annual Report FY 2009

Winchendon Community Action Committee, Inc.

The Winchendon CAC Inc. is a Human Service Agency dedicated to helping families and individuals in crisis and the economically disadvantaged families in need of emergency services. Its purpose is: to provide a means for the community to examine and act on problems of poverty, to assess community needs, initiate programs to meet those needs, and to coordinate with area agencies and local government to provide appropriate services which may include advocacy and referral, emergency assistance, Medical Transportation, Food, counseling and educational programs.

This past year was a time of transition with Martha Trepanier retiring and Ruth Dube filling in as Executive Director for several months. Then in March 2009 Patricia Scarrell became the Executive Director. The Board of Directors and many volunteers worked very hard to clean and organized the building. The place looks totally different now. Please stop in to see the food pantry, food storage room, and clothing room. Thank you to the many people who have donated refrigerators or freezers. In March 2009 there was only 8 refrigerators or freezers. There are now 17 which means that the CAC can accept all the frozen and dairy products at the Worcester County Food Bank.

Community Service Building

Many Social Service Agencies are accessible to town residents through the CAC. Those agencies, groups, and individuals sharing space at the Community Service Building include:

Mount Wachusett Community College - GED, Pre GED, and Adult Basic Ed
(Classes are held Monday – Friday 9-12:30)

Independant Psychologists Inc. - Individual and family counseling services
After school Children's Counseling services
Anger Management Counseling and
S.O. Counseling

New England Farm Workers - Fuel Assistance
(Application intake by appointment only)

Battered Women's Resources - Counseling and Support Groups for Battered
Women (By appointment only)

The Salvation Army - Good Neighbor Program and Emergency Vouchers
(Monday – Friday 8:30 – 12:30)

Youth Services

Applications were given out and 100 children attended Project Contact summer day camp which was held at Camp Collier for the first time. These children were able to enjoy 2 weeks of fun and recreation. This year Project contact joined with House of Peace and Education to provide one hour per day of tutoring to campers who wanted it. The United

Way provided funding for transportation. Each child received breakfast, snack, lunch, swimming recreation and arts & crafts for a \$5.00 registration fee.

Holiday Programs

Thanksgiving Baskets were given out to 163 families which included 978 individuals. The food was provided by Worcester County Food Bank, IGA, Hannaford, Market Basket, wonderful individuals, school children, and generous donations.

Christmas dinner baskets were provided to 102 families that included 606 individuals. Funding for the holiday food came from private donations, and The Worcester County Food Bank.

The Telegram and Gazette Santa Program provided gifts for 98 families that included 185 children. These gifts were given to parents. The ice storm caused the Christmas party to be cancelled. Parents picked up their children's gifts at the CAC.

Mittens, scarfs, slippers as well as hat were collected from donations by Winchendon residents and distributed to the children. Many more were also distributed to schools, bus drivers and safety guards.

Housing

FEMA funding of \$7044 helped prevent eviction for 10 local families (\$3777.00). \$1296 was used to help 7 local families with utilities, \$790 was used for other food (canned vegetables, fruit, tuna, milk, and cereal), and \$387 for hotel/motel services. Referrals were made to RCAP Solutions to help additional families with Rent and Mortgage payments.

Emergency Services

One of the CAC's primary purposes is to help meet the emergency needs of their clients. Crisis situations need immediate response. The Robinson-Broadhurst Emergency Fund, and The Salvation Army fund meet these needs. Great job everyone!

FEMA funds of \$1,563.00 were allotted for food from the Worcester County Food Bank. Project Bread donated \$3000.00 and Huhtala Oil's donation was also used to purchase food. USDA monthly donations and food pantry requests went to 1,563. Families served from our pantry for FY2009 included 2357 children, 4071 adults and 431 elderly residents totaling 6859 clients.

Over 3,100 lbs. of food were donated through the US Postal Service community collection. The Schools, Boy Scouts, Brownie troops, Churches, Businesses and Day Cares also donated large quantities of food. A big thank you to all who helped keep our pantry full this year. Wonderful volunteers see that our clients receive bread and pastry from and Hannafords, local farms and stores. These volunteers haul the food and prepare it for the clients. Much time and work goes into this program and thanks go to Peter Saloom of Saloom's Furniture who donates a truck and driver Ray Vaillancourt, Bill and Nancy Langille, Lionel Cloutier, and John Separdson, and others. A total of 63 volunteers worked during the year. Without their help everything would not have been handled.

Clothing comes in faster than we can sort it. All donations that are not used here are given to the Salvation Army. Many volunteers help sort and hang the clothing. Without their help this could not be accomplished.

Furniture donations came in from individuals and was given directly to the families in need.

Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation

This year we were most grateful to receive another grant from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation to provide funds to keep our full time van driver. John Shepardson continues to keep our medical transportation program going.

With a few of the bikers motorcycle they were unable to put on their run to raise money for our fuel, but did send us a check. Thank you very much.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen

The Last Thursday of each month will find about 70 - 80 people enjoying a meal at "Our Neighbor's Kitchen" located at the Church of the Unity. Faithful volunteers prepare and serve a free meal to all who are hungry. EFSP funds of \$794 and donations make this possible. Members of the Lions Club, youth from Winchendon School, Local Veterans, the Girl Scouts, and church members serve and clean up. If you have a couple extra hours Our Neighbor's Kitchen can use the time.

Medical Transportation

Transportation is the direct service most requested. Many elderly and low-income families and individuals rely on the CAC totally for their medical transportation. Transportation is provided to doctors, hospitals, and clinics.

Elderly Clients	433	Medical Apts	1059
Non - Elderly	607	Social Security	1
Handicapped	25	Education	5

Total Client trips 1065 Total One Way Trips 2130 Days used 257

CAC Office

Medical Transportation continues to be a top issue and much time and dedication goes into this position. Due to funding from the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation we were able to hire our van driver full time. This has been a real asset. John Shepardson is dedicated to our clients and it is great to be able to pay him for the many hours he puts in. Thank you John!

Mary Guy continues on as our morning receptionist. Her position is paid for through Catholic Charities as an Experience Works employee. She is invaluable and much appreciated. Many wonderful and most faithful Board Members and volunteers work in the afternoons.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia E. Scarrell
Director, WCAC

Board of Directors 2008-09

President: Mr. Rudolf Arlig

Secretary Treasurer: Mrs. Linda Robinson

Mark Eden, Jack Williams, Ray Vaillancourt, John Shepardson

Marguerite Sheehan, Beverly Morin, Lionel Cloutier

Town Representative vacant, MOC Representative Mark Eden

Honorary Board Members

Town Manager Mr. James Kreidler

TOWN REPORT CAC MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION 2008-2009									
Qtr.	Eld	N.Eld	Lift	Total	Medical	S.S.	Ed.	Runs	Days
1 st	116	136	3	255	249	1	5	510	70
2 nd	88	125	4	217	217	0	0	434	61
3 rd	75	190	6	271	271	0	0	542	63
4 th	154	156	12	322	322	0	0	644	63
FY 08-09	433	607	25	1059	1059	1	5	2130	257

2008-2009 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT – WORCESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK					
Characteristics of People Served					
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total 08-09
Households	609	640	663	634	2546
People	1801	1852	1633	1573	6859
Child	690	675	508	484	2357
Adult	989	1079	1006	997	4071
Elder	122	98	119	92	431
Male	937	929	827	850	3498
Female	864	923	806	768	3361
Afro-American	36	44	42	28	150
Asian	12	14	14	12	52
Latino	62	66	64	66	258
White	1691	1728	1513	1467	6399
New	906	317	86	68	1377
Bags	3779	3929	2789	2619	13116

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2009 REPORT JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

The Winchendon Conservation Commission is a seven-member board responsible for the local administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (MGL, Chapter 131, Section 40). The Conservation Commission has also assumed the same responsibilities for the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw approved by voters at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. The Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw includes some stronger provisions over and above those found in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, primarily in the form of greater no-build and no-disturb setbacks from wetland resource areas.

Generally, the Conservation Commission's regulatory authority is triggered when alteration or construction is proposed in a wetland or floodplain, within 100 feet of a wetland, or within 200 feet of a river, stream or brook that flows year round. Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Commission is required to issue decisions that provide for the following eight interests:

- Protection of public and private water supply.
- Protection of groundwater supply.
- Flood control.
- Prevention of storm damage.
- Prevention of pollution.
- Protection of land containing shellfish.
- Protection of fisheries.
- Protection of wildlife habitat.

Regulation under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw entails reviewing plans, wetland and floodplain maps, and research, prior to issuing final Determinations of Applicability or Orders of Conditions that adequately protect the environment and the public interest. The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provides policy guidance, administrative oversight, and training and technical assistance. DEP also issues final rulings on appeals of Conservation Commission decisions. The Commission would like to stress that cooperation, communication, and proper filing procedure are key to the successful review and evaluation of proposed activities under the Commission's jurisdiction; most construction activities can be altered slightly or conditioned to protect the above eight wetland interests. Any questions that you might have or any proposed or observed activities that might impact the wetlands of floodplains should be brought to the attention of the Commission or its Conservation Agent.

The Winchendon Conservation Commission currently consists of five very environmentally concerned citizens, led by Chairman Scott Burns. The Commission is currently in need of two additional members to fill vacancies on the seven-member board. The Commission encourages any member of the public who is concerned with protecting the Town's precious wetlands and floodplains, and who would like to learn more about serving on the Conservation Commission, to contact the Town Manager or the

Commission. The public is also welcome to attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings held on the fourth Thursday evening of every month. Each member of the Commission is also a member of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, (MACC) and attends the MACC annual meeting held in Worcester. The meeting provides for many varied training sessions related to the Wetland Protection Act and other related environmental issues.

The Commission has the professional assistance of Conservation Agent David Koonce and Recording Secretary Patty Driscoll. The Conservation Agent can be contacted at the Town Hall on Monday mornings 9am – 12noon and Thursday afternoons 3pm – 6pm.

In Fiscal Year 2009, the Commission held 10 monthly meetings. Several field trips were conducted incident to the meetings. Applicants submitting Notices of Intent were issued Orders of Conditions. Requests for Determinations of Applicability were generally approved if submitted plans conformed to the requirements of the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw and indicated the proper mitigation to adequately protect the wetlands during construction. The Commission issued 11 Orders of Conditions for projects including, but by no means limited to, construction of new single family homes and driveways, and septic system repairs and upgrades. Eight (8) Determinations of Applicability were processed, and also issued were several Certificates of Compliance and Extensions to Orders of Conditions.

We also wish to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in obtaining more information on the subject of wetlands, and how they are protected, to contact any member of the Conservation Commission or the Conservation Agent.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Koonce, Conservation Agent
Scott Burns, Chairman
Patty Driscoll, Recording Secretary

Winchendon Council on Aging Annual Town Report

The Council on Aging has had a busy 2009. Congregate lunches are being served daily and the Center is busy. The exercise room is extremely busy every morning.

The Council on Aging expanded their services by adding more transportation to medical facilities in Worcester and surrounding towns.

The Council on Aging, with our employment efforts, was fortunate to attract new and enthusiastic people. Without the staff and volunteers – Betty Raymond, Sally McKinney, Les Goodrich and Art Amenta– we could not have held the activities that we do at the Senior Center without their continued assistance.

The Council on Aging Nutrition Program, staffed by Mary Lou Johnson and David Tavares, served over 20,147 meals for the past fiscal year. Eight thousand of these were home delivered meals. When broken down, this number turns into 83.9 meals per day. Our Thanksgiving special lunch drew approximately 149 people; our Christmas special brought in close to 128 diners. Our weekly bingo has drawn a regular crowd of over twenty seniors.

During the past fiscal year, Council on Aging Van Driver Sharon Dickens and MART Drivers Paula Waugh and Kevin Reidy were able to dispatch and transport over sixteen hundred elders to doctor's appointments, meal sites, shopping and recreational trips, for a total of over 20,671 miles driven this year. We finish the year with an excellent driving record.

The Council on Aging continues to offer blood pressure checks daily with clinics held twice a month, sponsored by the Gardner Visiting Nurse's Association.

The COA was very active and busy with special trips and programs such as:

Caregivers; Dealing with Alzheimer's Medication Management Family Pharmacy (twice)	Painting classes, line dancing, yoga, quilting, BINGO, cards, pool, shuffleboard games, Valentine's, Halloween and Christmas celebrations.
Identify Theft Prevention, Senior Health Fair	Birthday and holiday celebrations, coffee hour and a chicken barbeque
Medicare Part D, SHINE, Flu Clinic, Fuel Assistance and Food Stamps	Chinese Cooking Demonstration, Summer Picnic at Lake Dennison

We especially want to thank all the volunteers again who work in the kitchen daily or at the many functions we host.

We are proud to serve the Senior Citizens of Winchendon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Symonowicz, Director, Winchendon Council on Aging

REPORT OF THE WINCHENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Winchendon:

It is our pleasure to provide you with a report of the Winchendon Cultural Council's activities for the 2009 fiscal year.

Ruth Anderson resigned from the Council and Doreen Poulin was named as her replacement. We welcome her to the Council. Nancy Romanowski's term expired, so the Council welcomed Julia White Cardinal back, after a one-year leave of absence, although some members would like to continue their membership after six years of service, Cultural Council term limits prohibit this. Former members may always submit an application to return, following a one-year absence from the Council.

The Council received a total of sixteen applications from both local and non-local organizations, including schools and individuals. These applications, when combined together, totaled \$ 6,885.00. The Massachusetts Cultural Council, through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' budget, awarded the WCC \$5,207.95. Two acceptances from the 2008 fiscal year were unexpended by the applicants. As a result, funds were redistributed to recipients for the 2009 year to fully fund those requests that the Council had approved at a lower rate. Following discussion among the membership of the Council, the following applicants received acceptances of their proposals:

Beal's Memorial Library for Library Week Magic Show	\$ 250.00
Beal's Memorial Library for Museum of Science Passes	\$ 600.00
Beal's Memorial Library for New England Aquarium Passes	\$ 600.00
Beal's Memorial Library for Week of the Young Child Puppet Show	\$ 230.00
Buck Expeditions for an Explorer's Program	\$ 250.00
Richard Clark for Love Letter, a 2-person show	\$ 400.00
Fitchburg Art Museum for the 74 th Regional Exhibition	\$ 100.00
Marvin Pre-K PAC for Animal Adventures	\$ 800.00
John Porcino for To Life! Celebrations in Story	\$ 400.00
John Root for a Senior Citizen Musical Program	\$ 500.00
Winchendon Historical Society for the 3 rd grade Historic Field Trip	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,630.00

As with many Town Committees, the Winchendon Cultural Council continues to hope for more assistance. Anyone interested in the Council's work and who would like to find out more about what our responsibilities and time commitments include can contact any of the Council members listed below. There continues to be one vacant position on the Council. In addition, we welcome applications from individuals and organizations interested in grant awards for cultural purposes.

Sincerely,

Coral May Grout, Ed.D., Treasurer (2012)

Julia White Cardinal (2012)

Donna Stram (2012)

Veronica Gomez (2011)

Theresa Hillman (2010)

Winchendon Finance Committee 2008-2009 Annual Report

The Winchendon Finance Committee is pleased to present our annual report for June 2008 through May 2009.

Finance Committee meetings are held at the Town Hall Robinson-Broadhurst Conference room the second Tuesday of each month. The Finance Committee began 2009 with five members: Ulysse Maillet as Chairman, Jeanne Hue as Vice Chairman, C. Jackson Blair, Cindy LeRoy, and Kevin Miller. In June 2008 Ulysse and Jeanne were re-elected as chairperson and vice-chairperson respectively. Jennifer Goodale joined the committee in June 2008. Bill Belco joined the committee in March filling out the membership to a full seven members. Debra Denis was the Finance Committee Secretary and did an excellent job documenting committee meetings this year.

The Finance Committee voiced its concern regarding the growth of the Montachusett Regional Technical School (Monty Tech) budget and the process by which that budget is developed. In August 2008 the committee sent a letter to the finance committees of all the towns in the Monty Tech. district to gauge interest in jointly addressing concerns with the Monty Tech budgeting process and an interlocal agreement. Very few responses were received to this letter.

The Finance committee held a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and School Committee (SC) in December 2008 to discuss mutual concerns and potential cost saving measures across the entire town.

Several Finance Committee members attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual meeting in January 2009. MMA workshops provide valuable information and training on municipal financial matters and facilitate networking with fiscal officials and volunteers from across the state.

In February 2009 we began reviews of the School Department and Municipal budgets, leading up to the annual town meeting in May. Both budgets were balanced this year but reduction in state funding continues to impact both the school and municipal budgets. Funds remained very tight, particularly for capital expenditures.

The committee was pleased to see revisions in the town charter and bylaws, subsequently approved that provide more time for Finance Committee review of warrant articles before town meeting.

The Finance Committee approved the following transfers this fiscal year
\$24,000.00 and \$8894.00 to the veteran's agent
\$7606.00 to the Fire Department for fire truck repairs
\$1233.00 to the Police Dept. for security locking devise for booking area

The Finance Committee members look forward to continuing our service to the residence of Winchendon in 2009-2010. We expect it to a challenging year and we encourage residents to become active in the governing of their town.

Winchendon Fire Department Town Report 2009

**I am pleased to submit the following Annual Report
Chief Allen J. Lafrennie**

Mission Statement

“To minimize loss in the community by providing the best possible fire, emergency, and medical services with the highest possible level of training for the safety of the personnel with the best possible equipment at the level of funding provided by the community”.

Department Statistics:

From Jan.1, 2009-December 31, 2009, the Department responded to 1317 requests for services as shown below:

SITUATION TYPE	QTY	SITUATION TYPE	QTY
111 Building fire	3	520 Water problem	4
113 Cooking fires	3	531 Smoke or odor removal	16
114 Chimney fire	9	550 Public service assist	4
116 Burner/Boiler problem	2	551 Assist Police	7
118 Trash or rubbish fire	3	553 Public service	11
123 Fire in portable bldg	1	554 Assist invalid	24
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	561 Unauthorized burning	46
132 Road freight Fire	1	571 Cover assignment/standby	44
142 Brush fire	3	600 Good intent call	7
143 Grass fire	1	611 Canceled en route	13
300 EMS (ALS) call	430	622 No incident found	31
311 EMS (BLS) call	435	631 Authorized controlled burn	9
324 MVA no injuries	8	651 Odor of smoke	34
365 Watercraft rescue	1	700 False alarm or false call	9
381 Mutual aid ambulance	14	730 System malfunction	8
411 Gasoline/flammables	1	731 Sprinkler malfunction	2
412 Gas leak (LPG)	5	733 Smoke detector activation	9
413 Oil or other combustible	4	735 Alarm system malfunction	22
424 Carbon monoxide incident	19	740 Unintentional transmission	10
440 Electrical wiring	6	743 Smoke detector no fire	18
445 Arching electrical	6	744 Detector activation	3
500 Service call	5	745 Alarm system no fire	19
511 Lockout	5	911 Citizen complaint	1

Permits:

Brush burning permits	551
Blasting	3
Smoke detectors	132
Oil burner	129
L.P. gas	43
Fire reports	10
Fire safety inspections	15
Tank removal	6
Trench	<u>1</u>
Total	890

Revenue Collected (Permits) \$ 15,545.00

Fire Losses

Fire losses for 2009 were \$440,003.00, a major increase from the fire loss experienced in 2008 of \$9300.00. The increase was directly attributable to the three building fires that the department responded to.

Personnel:

The Department maintained qualified personnel in adequate numbers over the past year despite the fact that the position requires a tremendous amount of time for training, testing and responding to emergency calls. Our current members do find the time needed and remain dedicated to helping their fellow citizens. I respect them for their commitment and readiness to leave their families at any time of the day, regardless of the weather or situation. Anyone meeting the requirements and interested in becoming a call firefighter need only to apply at the fire station. We're always looking for a few good men and women.

Department Equipment

The following chart illustrates the state of the department's fire equipment. I have included a column on funding source so that you may understand how lucky we have been to benefit from the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation. That, too, is changing as many additional charitable organizations are applying each year for funding from this limited source. As a result, the Fire Department has seen a decrease in funds available for our needs.

Unit #	Year	Funding/Donation Source	Condition	Life Expectancy
Engine 1	1981 Ford Continental	Taxation	Poor	Retired 2009
Engine 2	2002 Ford E-1	R/B *	Good	2017
Engine 3	1996 E-1	R/B *	Good	2021
Engine 4	1991 Central States	R/B *	Good	2016
Ladder 1	1984 E-1	Taxation	Fair	2009
Forestry 5	1985 Chevrolet Pickup	DEM **	Poor	2005
Forestry 6	1969 Mack 1500 gal	DEM **	Good	2010
Truck 6	1998 Ford F250 Pickup	HSG Auth.	Good	2013
Truck 7	1983 Chevy. Bucket Trk.	School Dept.	Poor	2010
Car 1	2007 Ford Expedition	R/B *		2018
Car 2	2000 Ford Explorer	R/B *	Excellent Good	2012

* R/B = Robinson Broadhurst Foundation Grant

** DEM = Department of Environmental Management Surplus Equipment Program

A lot of our motorized equipment is in need of replacement as several pieces are in poor condition and others are fast approaching the end of their service life. The Town has not had to raise funds for fire equipment for many years and I believe that the time has come where it will be necessary to fund several new pieces of major equipment in order for us to maintain the level of service the Town has come to expect.

Building Needs: The current state of the fire station is generally good. The building was erected in 1978 and has served the town proudly for the past thirty two years. The Public Safety/Works Building Needs Study Committee has been inactive for a period of time due to the possibility of the vacant court building becoming available for a police station. The issue is currently being investigated to see if it is feasible.

Service Delivery: The Winchendon Fire Department is a full-service department delivering emergency medical, fire suppression, hazardous materials, technical rescue, fire investigation, public safety education, fire prevention and specialized community services. The department welcomes any feedback from citizens as to how well we are delivering those services and any suggestions for improvement. Residents and others are welcome to visit the station or contact the Chief of the Department at any time.

Emergency Medical Services

Statistics: In calendar year 2009, the Winchendon Ambulance Service responded to and transported eight hundred and sixty-five (865) requests for medical assistance. Ambulance receipts for the year were \$ 368,135.08

Personnel:

Craig Ashmore/EMT	Maurice Bateman/EMT	Corey Bohan/EMT
Martin Brooks/EMT-I	William Brown/EMT	Thomas Connor/EMT
Brian Croteau/EMT	Carl Davis/EMT	William Davis/EMT-P
Lea Dennette/EMT	Mark Fleming/EMT-P	Randy Girouard/EMT-P
Thomas Heuer/EMT-P	Allen Lafrennie/EMT	Stephen Lafrennie/EMT
Michael March/EMT	Nathaniel Milevskiy/EMT	Jason Moury/EMT
Michael Mullen/EMT-P	Rick Peters/EMT-P	Ricci Ruschioni/EMT
Martin Scott/EMT-I	Robert Soucy/EMT	Gerald Valliere/EMT-I

Equipment:

Description	Year	Funding Source	Condition	Replacement Year
Ambulance 1	2005	Robinson-Broadhurst	Good	2013
Ambulance 2	2000	Robinson-Broadhurst	Fair	2010

General Information**Contact Information:**

The Fire Station is located at 405 Central Street Winchendon, MA 01475
Phone: 978-297-2323
Email: wfd39c1@aol.com

Special Thanks To:

The Department wishes to thank all who donate to the department either by gifts or services to help offset the cost to the town and improve the safety of the firefighters. The support from the community makes the job that much easier for all of us. The cakes, cookies and candies say thank you in a big way. In addition, I would like to thank the other town departments for their high level of cooperation and professionalism in assisting us in delivering emergency services. Special thanks to the Police Department, the DPW and the Emergency Communication Center for their assistance.

WINCHENDON HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FY09

The Winchendon Housing Authority hereby presents its Annual Report for our fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

The Winchendon Housing Authority was formed in 1962 thru M.G.L. 121B and is a quasi-governmental agency. Funding for our programs comes directly from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners that was held in May 2009 the election of officers was held and as follows:

<u>Slate of Officers</u>	<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Chairperson	Burton Gould	April, 2010
Vice-Chairperson	Jacquelyn Flynn	May, 2012
Treasurer	Frank Cosentino	May, 2013
Asst-Treasurer	Fredrick Hardy	May, 2011
Secretary	Open	
Secretary ex-Officio	David P. Connor	Exec.Director

On May 1, 2009 the Winchendon Housing Authority lost a dear and dedicated member of our family. Mr. Malcolm A. Sibley, Chairperson of the Winchendon Housing Authority for the past 15 years died unexpectedly. His loss to our organization was overwhelming and he will be greatly missed. Throughout his years as Chairman, he envisioned the WHA to be one of the best housing agencies in Massachusetts. His focus on the elderly of Winchendon and the needs of young families motivated him to work with the other board members to develop policies that improved the WHA. His efforts will continue to lead the Winchendon Housing Authority for years to come.

In June there was a joint meeting between the Board of Selectman and the Commissioners of the Winchendon Housing Authority to appoint Mr. David A. Johnson as the newest member to our board. With unanimous vote by both boards Mr. David A. Johnson will replace Mr. Malcolm A. Sibley and will hold the position of Secretary on the board of commissioners here at the Winchendon Housing Authority.

The Board of Commissioners meet between the Ipswich Drive Community Building, Hyde Park Community Building or Pearl Drive Community Building on the **2nd** Tuesday of each Month at **1pm** and the Annual Election of Officers is held in May of each year. Public posting of each meeting and its location is at the Town Hall and Ipswich Drive office for anyone wanting to attend our public Board meetings.

The Executive Director is the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority and is responsible for the daily operation and serves as the Contracting and Purchasing Officer.

The Winchendon Housing Authority's office is located at **108 Ipswich Drive** in Winchendon and is open to the public between the hours of **8 AM** and **4 PM** Monday through Friday. The staff at the housing authority at the end of fiscal year 2009 is as follows:

WHA Staff:

Ms. Michelle Sweeney
Housing Administrator

Mr. Rocky Flint
HydePark Maintenance
Mechanic/HQS Inspector

Ms. Cyndee LaFreniere
Financial/ Procurement
Coordinator

Mr. Dean Strait
Pearl Drive Maintenance Mechanic

Ms. Linda Tenney
Tenant Coordinator

Mr. Michael Field
Ipswich/ 14-16 Ready Drive
Maintenance Mechanic

Ms. Linda Bond
Groundskeeper

Mr. Marc LeBlanc
Scattered Site/ 1-12 Ready Drive
Maintenance Mech. / Oil Burner
Technician

Housing Mission Statement:

To provide Decent, Safe and Sanitary housing that is in good repair within Winchendon and surrounding communities. Also assist with the rents of eligible families, elderly and handicapped people living in private rental housing.

Federal Housing:

There is a total of 131 units of public housing breaking down as follows, 80 units of conventional 1 bedroom Elderly housing at Ipswich Drive, 34 units of conventional 1-2-3 - 4 bedroom Family housing at Pearl Drive, 17 units of conventional scattered site 1,2,3,4 bedroom Elderly and Family housing throughout the community. The Housing Authority has a waiting list for all applicants that meet the income requirements for Federal Housing. The Winchendon Housing Authority has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a **HIGH PERFORMER** for our administration and oversight of this program as well.

We also have 35 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers program that is used to help extremely low and very low-income people keep or find apartments within the private housing market. This type of assistance is becoming more popular for people that want to keep living in a neighborhood environment and help landlords get the fair market rents (FMR) for that area the apartment is located. Of the 35 vouchers there are 17 of them participating in our FSS program. This program allows each resident an opportunity to save money and use it to help them transition from rental assistance. In this program the WHA has been designated as a **HIGH PERFORMER** for our administration and oversight of this program as well.

There is a waiting list for all of our federal housing units. Please if you are interested in applying for housing you should apply early.

Federal Modernization:

We have 3 active program of federal modernization:

Capital Fund FY 2008:

We were awarded \$183,810 in September 2008. These funds will be used to complete the following work items.

Ipswich Drive

Sidewalk Upgrade
Roofing Upgrade
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Scattered Sites

Siding upgrade at our Oak
Street Garage

Pearl Drive

New Stoves
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Capital Fund FY 2009:

We were awarded \$183,219 in June 2009. These funds will be used to complete the following work items.

Ipswich Drive

Sidewalk Upgrade
Roofing Upgrade
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Scattered Sites

Retaining Wall at Front
Street
Parking Improvements

Pearl Drive

New Refrigerators
Parking Upgrades

ARRA Funding 2009:

The Winchendon Housing Authority received \$232,667 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Stimulus money. This money was directly funded by the **American Recovery and Re-Investment Act of 2009 (ARRA)** and will be used for the replacement of sidewalks and parking areas at Ipswich Drive. The WHA will also use the funding for the re-pavement of Ipswich Drive which is owned by the Town of Winchendon. We will be upgrading appliances at Ipswich and Pearl Dr. with this funding too.

Over the past 9 years the Winchendon Housing Authority has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a **HIGH PERFORMER** in both the Public Housing and Section 8 Program. This is a great time for the WHA and with the highest designation from HUD allows us to operate our programs with greater flexibility.

State Housing:

There are a total of 119 units of public housing breaking down as follows, 77 units of conventional 1 bedroom Elderly/ Handicap housing at Hyde Park Drive. 10 units of

Congregate 1 bedroom Elderly/ Handicap housing at Ready Drive, There is 12 units of conventional 2 - 3 bedroom Family housing at Ready Drive. 12 units of conventional scattered site Family housing units within Winchendon and 8 units of Physical and Mentally Handicapped housing of which the Winchendon Housing Authority has contracted the department of Mental Health to manage these units for us. Again we have a waiting list for these units and people need to fill out an application.

The congregate housing units have openings and are available for housing at this time. If you meet the eligibility requirements set by the selection committee the Housing Authority will be able to house you immediately. Anyone interested in a tour of the congregate units please call the office at 978-297-2280.

We also have 4 Mass Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) vouchers that are used to assist people in the private sector housing market find and keep their apartments. All vouchers are tenant based and are used within the Winchendon area. These stay with each tenant until they request removal or the voucher subsidy ends.

State Modernization:

The WHA received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) funds in the amount of \$350,000 for New Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting at Hyde Park Drive. This work was completed in October of 2009. Over the past 9 years the WHA has received over 2.45 million dollars in state modernization funding for Hyde Park Drive. This is a great achievement from the combined efforts by the Local Board of Commissioners, our State Representative and State Senator working together for the benefit of our residents at Hyde Park Drive.

Anyone interested in applying for Housing and that meet the eligibility requirements for any of our units please feel free to come see us at 108 Ipswich Drive or call us at (978) 297-2280 or via email at wha@net1plus.com we will be happy to answer any of your questions or help assist you in any of your housing needs.

I would like to thank the people of Winchendon for supporting and allowing the Winchendon Housing Authority the opportunity to supply decent, safe and sanitary housing that is in good repair located in Winchendon and the surrounding communities.

Respectfully Submitted:

David P. Connor

Executive Director/ Secretary Ex-Officio

ANNUAL REPORT LAND USE DEPARTMENT

July 1, 2008-June 30,2009

Building Department

PURPOSE OF PERMIT	NO. OF PERMITS
New Dwelling Units	8
Additions/Alterations	98
Garage Additions	4
Deck Addition/Repairs	11
Sheds	5
Roofs	31
Swimming Pools	9
Demolitions	4
Signs	2
Safety Inspections	43
Wood Stoves	27
Pellet Stove	79
	321

WIRING INSPECTOR

The wiring inspector issued a total of 175 *wire* permits during FY09.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, Wiring Inspector

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR

The Plumbing/Gas inspector issued a total of 46 *plumbing* permits during FY09.

The Plumbing/Gas inspector issued a total of 35 *gas* permits during FY09.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Desmarais Plumbing & Gas Inspector

The **Land Use Department** issued a total of 278 permits, FY09
with a total of \$ 57,250 in fees collected.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Blanchard Building Commissioner

BEALS MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2009

TO THE CITIZENS OF WINCHENDON:

Ongoing Activities

During 2009, the Beals Memorial Library continued to serve Winchendon residents of all ages, as a resource for information, educational, and recreational materials. These were provided from collections in a variety of formats: books, periodicals, compact discs, videocassettes, audiocassettes, (also known as books on tape), CD ROMs, and of course, wonderful, and ever-popular picture books for the enchantment of young readers. This year, we have continued our efforts to increase our collections of DVDs (Digital Video Discs) and books on CD. This year, we began collecting Playaways, which are pre-recorded MP3 players. The advantage of these battery operated devices is that the user doesn't have to switch CDs to hear the entire book. This year, we discontinued our collection of LP records.

Circulation for FY 2009 totaled 33,732, of which there were 7,525 video items and 1,590 audio items. This included items loaned to users of other libraries, and items received from other libraries for loan to our patrons.

Saturday hours continue to be offered from Labor Day until Memorial Day, and continue to be popular with library users. Regular Library Hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 1-8 p.m., Fridays from 9-5, and Saturdays from 9-1. The library is closed on Sundays, legal holidays, and Saturdays during the summer.

Our 2009 Summer Reading Program, "Starship Adventures," was offered with materials supplied by the Massachusetts regional library systems, with support from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. We are grateful for local support from the Friends of the Library, and Winchendon's Subway Sandwich Shop. Approximately 150 children participated. We were thrilled to have local astronomy enthusiast Jim Zebrowski bring his exciting talk on space exploration efforts. (A subsequent star gazing program (arranged in collaboration with the nature interpreters at Beman Pond) was, most unfortunately, rained out.) Patti Stanko accepted the invitation to make a presentation on plants. In conjunction with the reading program, staff members Melissa Thayer and Linda Bredberg each prepared and presented a series of story/craft programs for specific grade levels.

In collaboration with the Mt. Grace Trust, Library Director Julia Cardinal presented a program featuring stories about ice cream, which was held at Murdock Farm. Later in the season, Mt. Grace Trust representatives visited the library to present an interesting program for families on native pollinators.

The Library continued to offer Friday morning Preschoolers' Story Hours for children ages 3-5, presented by Melissa Thayer. Several 6-8 week series of Toddler Times, for children

ages 3 and under, were presented by Julia White cardinal. A total of 113 children's programs were presented.

Again, with the cooperation of the Memorial School administration, their PTO, and the First Grade teachers, seven of their classes were afforded the opportunity to register for library cards, to visit our library, and to use those new cards to check out a book. The Library hosted all Memorial School second grade classes for a fall program about the library's services. Mrs. Cardinal was invited to participate in Read Across America Day at Memorial School.

Lorraine Homan, senior work-off participant, helped during the fall with house-keeping chores. Members of Murdock's Key Club also volunteered their time at the library. Justin Doyle volunteered to put together some new shelves, as did Dave Macaloney. Meghan Thayer continued to help story hour presenters. We also had help from Rebecca Rader, Lisa Salim, and Tanya Baldwin. Our most faithful volunteer, Lisa Beauvais, continued to come every Wednesday afternoon. This year, she was recognized for her service with a special citation given by the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Winchendon's public library continues to participate in the state-funded Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, of which Winchendon is a member. Through this system, our library is provided with the delivery and return of Inter-Library Loan materials. In all, 1881, items were received from other libraries, and 2,175 items were loaned out. In addition, the Regional Library System provides for networking with other libraries, consulting services, professional development workshops, and access to some on-line databases. The Regional Library System also assists us by delivering Mass. State income tax forms to us, for distribution to the public. The Mass. Dept. of Revenue is no longer distributing these forms via post offices. Due to reductions in State funding, we fear this service will be curtailed in the coming year.

As in the past, we took advantage of the Internal Revenue Service distribution program to make available to the public a supply of common federal tax forms.

Winchendon again qualified for Library Incentive Grants totaling \$18,143.68. This is a direct benefit of our Library's compliance with the Minimum Standards for Free Public Library Service, and filing the required documents with the Massachusetts Board of Library commissioners. The Massachusetts Minimum Standards for Free Public Library Service call for a library in a town of our population to be open at least 40 hours per week (at least 5 days per week, and at least some evening hours); to loan materials, without charge, to residents of other certified communities, to spend at least 16% of the municipal appropriation for materials, to employ a qualified librarian, and to have a municipal appropriation for the coming year which is at least 2.5% above the average for the prior three years. This money is a large portion of our budget for new library materials. Overdue fine money represents about 10% of our book budget.

During portions of this year, the Library offered the following museum discount coupons: the Museum of Fine Arts, the Ecotarium in Worcester, the Museum of Science, and the New England Aquarium. Some of these programs were supported, in part, by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered locally by the Winchendon Cultural Council.

This year, we also offered a free parking pass good at most Massachusetts State Parks, provided by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The Library continues to provide computers, and Internet access to an average of 101 people per week, an increase of 30% over the prior year. We offer wireless Internet Access for patrons who bring their own equipment to the Library. We are grateful to Comcast for providing this important service.

Notable for 2009

With support from the Gates Foundation On-line Opportunity Grant, and the Friends of the Library, along with some private contributions, we were able to acquire two new terminals for public access to the Internet. We now offer six terminals for public use. The library also has two PAC (Public Access catalogs) which take the place of our card catalog.

The On-line Opportunity Grant will continue in the coming year. Our goal will be to match the Gates Foundation donation, for providing public access to the Internet. The program seeks to strengthen local libraries' capacity to fund and utilize technology, for the benefit of the general public, particularly for those who either cannot afford equipment and Internet service, or happen to live in areas where high-speed access is not available.

This year, our library upgraded our participation in the C/W MARS system from on-line affiliate to full circulating membership. C/W MARS is the Central and Western Mass. Automated Resource Sharing network. Our old manual circulation system, with a rubber stamp and paper library cards are now obsolete. They have been replaced by a computer terminal at the circulation desk, and plastic bar-coded library cards. We began re-registering borrowers during the summer, and switched over to the computerized system during the first week of October. Library staff members received training from C/W MARS library applications specialists in their new responsibilities. Along with the new system, we have a new set of loan rules (which haven't changed much) and we now offer a host of benefits for the local user. Foremost of these is on-line access to library accounts which offer patrons the opportunity to see what is checked out, when it is due, renew on line, place their own holds – requests for items they want to read or view, or hear—receive e-mail courtesy notices when items are two days from being due, and even pay outstanding fines and fee on-line. Since C/W MARS serves the majority of libraries in the central region, that C/W MARS library card offers borrowing privileges at the larger public libraries of our region. This network also offers access to e-books and down-loadable audio and video, as well as some on-line databases. These are available from home, work, or in the library, and offer high quality information, with many full-text articles from peer-reviewed journals, and major Massachusetts newspapers. For more information on making use of these resources, please visit the library, or go on-line to www.cwmars.org.

We are grateful to colonial Co-Operative Bank, for again donating bookmarks, and new for this year, sleeves for our new plastic library cards. Both are printed with the library's hours and website, for the convenience of patrons.

With help from the central Massachusetts Regional Library System, we have initiated our library's own website, at www.winchendonlibrary.org. The Friends of the Library have agreed to fund the web hosting and domain name costs (approx. \$200.) in the future

Due to budget limitations, and increased fuel costs, the amount allocated library staffing had to be reduced. The above mentioned automation project has helped us manage under these circumstances, because the computer now does some of the chores formerly done by people. Unfortunately, computers cannot shelve books, or help patrons to locate the books they want.

In the fall, Library trustees hosted an event to thank and acknowledge our volunteers, as well as to raise awareness about the library and its services. This event was supported by donations from Rainbow Stew Nursery School, Beauvais Insurance, the Friends of the Library, and from several individuals. Library Director Julia Cardinal was recognized for her 30 years of service by special citations from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate.

Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation made possible the acquisition of a digital magnifying reader. This device aids visually impaired patrons to view printed material, greatly magnified. It can alter the color of background and print, and is designed so users can see what they themselves are writing or signing.

The Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation also made possible some painting (in the oval room and the kitchen, as well as repairs to the roof and Memorial Hall. Unfortunately, the roof will be a continuing problem, until the 22-year old roof is replaced. We are working on this problem, and hoping to obtain some funding through the good offices of Gerry White of Winchendon Community Development Office.

The Friends sponsored a Kids Make a Gift program for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell made and donated white birch Yule logs, which the boys and girls decorated for the holidays. Friends programs included a Scrabble Tournament (which will be repeated next year,) a flower arranging workshop (with materials donated by To Each His Own Design,) and an annual meeting, which featured Mr. Raymond Kadebane speaking on his native Botswana. As always, we are most grateful for the help of the Friends of the Library. They provide a source of supplemental funding for projects, such as summer and winter reading programs, computers, and the popular book sales. The existence of this program enables us to accept donations, select items we can use, and get rid of the items we cannot use. The Friends donate remainders to Got Books.

Regretfully, the Board of Library Trustees voted to withdraw our application for a Massachusetts Library Construction grant. We had received a provisional award of over \$3M, for an ambitious renovation and addition project, which would have easily met the facilities space needs for the coming two decades. Since we don't believe that local tax money could possibly make up the required match, and the current economic climate makes raising substantial sums from private sources very difficult, the Trustees felt they had no choice. We are given to understand the future Library Construction Grant programs are in the offing, and may provide larger portions of the total project cost.

The Board of Trustees is moving in a new direction to improve access to our 97-year old facility. Working in concert with the Library Improvement Committee, a feasibility study has been commissioned to learn if it is possible and practical to construct a modest addition that would provide access, an elevator, and accessible washrooms only, utilizing, primarily Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. We also need to know what it might look like, and how it could work with the existing structure for the effective and safe

provision of library services. A CDBG grant had been contemplated as portion of our previously contemplated renovation and addition project.

Another Trustee initiative is the formation of a non-profit foundation to benefit the Beals Memorial Library. Board Member Renee' Eldredge is heading up this effort. The primary goal of such a foundation would be to seek out and obtain major gifts. The board has obtained the offer of pro bono legal services from Atty. Glenn to aid in this effort, we are hopeful of making progress in the coming year.

In collaboration with the Community Partnership for Young Children, we arranged for the Pumpernickel Puppets to perform for the Week of the Young Child, in April. We also were able to host a visit from Kingsway Puppets, held in September. We are grateful for financial support from the Winchendon cultural Council, and for the use of the Town Hall Auditorium.

We upgraded the basement dehumidifier with a unit that can empty automatically into the drainage system. It was also necessary to replace the on demand hot water heater in the kitchen, which had suffered a short circuit.

Board News

This year, Ronald Robillard resigned from the board, after nine years. Mr. Robillard served as board chair for three years. He subsequently joined the Library Improvement committee, which he eventually chaired. He will be missed.

We were pleased to welcome two new members this year: Renee' Eldredge and Richard Anderson. Ron Muse was elected chair, Cindy Darcy, vice chair, and Suzanne Radar was elected secretary.

As always, the Board of Trustees has many people to thank for another successful year. The Board wishes to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the entire library staff: Julia White Cardinal, Kathleen McRae, Linda Bredberg, Melissa Thayer and Custodian Keith Bussiere. We are especially grateful to the family of Former Library Trustee Eleanor M. Black, for designating the library as a recipient of memorial gifts. We are also grateful for donations in memory of Helen Desmarais, a faithful supporter of the Friends of the Library.

We wish to thank the Friends of the Library for their on-going support and involvement. We are also grateful to the individuals who have made cash contributions this year, and to the many volunteers and friends who have donated time, books, magazines, and miscellaneous materials.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Library Trustees

Ron Muse (2010)
Suzanne Rader (June 2012)
Cindy Darcy (June 2010)
Renee' Eldredge (June 2012)
Richard Anderson (June 2011)

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School **Annual Report – 2009**

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee consists of twenty-two members – four from Fitchburg, represented by LeRoy Cark, Mark Louney, Robert Campbell and Brian Walker, two from Gardner, represented by Helen Lepkowski and Alice Anderson and one from each of the communities of Ashburnham – represented by Diane Swenson, Ashby – represented by Warren Landry, Athol – represented by Toni L. Phillips, Barre – represented by John Scott, Harvard – represented by Sue Tokay, Holden – represented by James Cournoyer, Hubbardston – represented by Jacqueline B. Kaminski, Lunenburg – represented by Barbara Reynolds, Petersham – represented by Ed Simms, Phillipston – represented by Eric Olson, Princeton – represented by John Mollica, Royalston – represented by Mary Barclay, Sterling – represented by Dr. Kenneth I.H. Williams, Templeton – represented by James M. Gilbert, Westminster – represented by Jeff Schutt and Winchendon – represented by Burton E. Gould, Jr.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Numerous challenges were faced during the development of the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget, including significant cuts to Chapter 70 state aid and transportation aid, along with the continually rising costs of healthcare and an aging infrastructure and the need to update and modernize our technology and vocational/technical offerings.

Considerable effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff to develop a cost-effective budget. The final fiscal year 2009-2010 Educational Plan totaled \$22,104,281.

The District was audited in August 2009 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath & Company from Greenfield, MA and an “excellent” report is anticipated.

STUDENT BODY

Monty Tech’s October 1, 2009 enrollment included 1,355 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district as follows: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (39), Athol (130), Barre (39), Fitchburg (391), Gardner (166), Harvard (4), Holden (47), Hubbardston (50), Lunenburg (64), Petersham (7), Phillipston (15), Princeton (17), Royalston (18), Sterling (50), Templeton (89), Westminster (54), and Winchendon (114).

The Guidance Department/Admissions Department received 784 applications for admission in September 2009. Of these, 706 were for the available ninth grade openings. Due to the retention rate of our upper classes, we were only able to admit 22 students to the tenth and eleventh grades.

Monty Tech continued to offer a variety of opportunities for students, parents and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October, 1,620 district eighth

graders participated in our Tour Days. Students toured many of our twenty vocational/technical areas and learned about the challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return at night, with their family members, to explore the facilities and talk with staff members. Career Awareness Night, as well as last spring's Open House, were attended by an estimated 1,000 individuals per event, comprised of students, parents, and community members from throughout the district.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) continued to attract large numbers of seventh and eighth grade students during the 2008-2009 school year. Due to the high enrollment, a third five-week session was implemented. Participants had opportunities to attend hands-on after school sessions in a variety of vocational/technical areas. A satisfaction survey rated this program 4.8 out of 5. The 2008-2009 enrollment is the highest ever at 748 seventh and eighth graders. The survey also indicates that 719/748 students surveyed intend to, or have applied to Monty Tech.

In June of 2009, the class of 2009 graduated 293 seniors. These graduates received diplomas and technical certificates. Approximately 95% of the graduates planned to continue their education at the post-secondary level or employment, while another 5% planned to enter military service.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$31,850 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2009. In addition, they awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local (Business Education Enrichment Foundation) and state organizations, as well generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves are grateful for this support.

The Articulation Agreements with local colleges continued to play an important role in helping our graduates enter college through credits earned at Monty Tech. Approximately 65% of our graduates entered a two or four year college. This number has continued to grow over the years.

ACHIEVEMENT

Based on tenth grade MCAS scores, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see an improvement during the 2008-2009 school year in student achievement in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In the spring of 2009, Monty Tech's passing rate on the mathematics portion of the test climbed from 98% to 99% while the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and advance categories in math went from 79% to 77%. The school's passing rate on the English portion of the test was 100% in 2008 and 99% in 2009, while the students scoring in proficient and advanced categories in English went from 73% to 80%.

The following data represents the percentage of students who met the competency score in English/Language Arts and Mathematics at the time of graduation:

	<u>English Language Arts</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
Class of 2009	100%	100%
Class of 2008	100%	100%
Class of 2007	100%	100%
Class of 2006	100%	98.3%
Class of 2005	100%	98.6%
Class of 2004	100%	94.8%

FACULTY AND STAFF

In the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Monty Tech was affected by the slowing economy. Our Chapter 70 aid was reduced by 10%, as were all schools in the Commonwealth. As a result of this, our staff was reduced by 22 positions, which included 6 retirements, 1 resignation and 15 layoffs. We did hire or transfer additional staff to cover a few of these positions.

The current staff includes 55 vocational teachers, 4 vocational teaching assistants, 45 academic teachers, 4 guidance counselors, 1 school psychologist, 1 speech and language therapist and 1 media specialist.

SKILLS USA

Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Through our association with Skills USA, our students develop job skills, teamwork, leadership and professional skills.

Skills USA Massachusetts has the second largest membership in the nation boasting 19,300 student and 800 professional members. The state has 42 secondary schools and 1 post secondary school, 34 of which are total participation Skills USA Chapters.

The 2008-2009 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of Skills USA. Due to the growing membership in the state chapters, it became necessary to restructure the state from five districts to six. Monty Tech's chapter found the new structuring both challenging and refreshing. Our chapter was able to deliver productive, rewarding and educational experience for all our students. Serving as co-advisors were First Sergeant Paul Jornet, JROTC Instructor, Kim Curry, Cosmetology Instructor and James Hachey, Admissions Specialist.

Highlights of the year included:

- A total of 42 medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School.
- Fifty-two students made up of medal winners and district qualifiers earned the opportunity to compete at the State Leadership & Skills Conference held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School. Monty Tech finished the competition with 21 medals and 5 students earning the right to compete at the

National Leadership & Skills Conference, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri during June.

- Of the five students competing at nationals, three earned medals. Michelle Gosselin won gold in Action Skills, Jessica Lopez won silver in Pin Design and John Perkins won silver in Power Equipment Technology. Ben O'Conner, Culinary Arts and Paul Leslie, Carpentry, finished in the top half of their competitions.
- Monty Tech's Skills USA chapter was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Lowes, Inc. for the restoration of Moran Park in Fitchburg. In June, the chapter performed 250 man hours of work removing overgrown trees and brush and then our Masonry Program poured a concrete slab for the construction of a storage shed. The final stage of the project, which is building a shed and installing a fence around the playground, will be completed in early November 2009.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

A total of eight Monty Tech females successfully completed the 2008-2009 session (the seventh year of the program) of the North Central Massachusetts Women in Technology Program, also known as Project WATCH (Women Achieving Technical Career Heights).

The students included five from Office Technology, two from Drafting Technology-CAD, and one from Graphic Communications. Two additional students started the program, but dropped out due to co-op positions. One student, who emigrated from Vietnam seven years ago, spent three years in the program. The experience was invaluable in helping her acclimate to her new country, as well as aiding her in improving her English. She did so well that she was accepted at three excellent colleges and universities. She is now studying business administration at Fitchburg State College.

Through the program, qualified students from four area high schools – Monty Tech, Gardner High School, Leominster's Center for Technical Education and Narragansett Regional High School – have the opportunity to spend two days a month exploring career opportunities in high-tech fields, such as Engineering, Information Technology and Marketing, at Tyco Safety Products Company and SimplexGrinnell, two Fortune 500 companies located off Route 2 in Westminster.

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce, serving as fiscal agent for the program, provides transportation to the industry site through a private-sector grant.

Under the mentorship of company engineers, IT specialists and other professionals, participating students have the opportunity to experience firsthand life in corporate America. They are exposed to careers in high-tech fields working on "real world" projects, acquiring skills in teamwork, problem-solving and critical thinking.

Project presentations were held at the end of the year to showcase the student's work for company executives, school personnel and families and friends.

CURRICULUM

In addition to the house building projects, the vocational/technical programs continue to provide communities in the Monty Tech District with a range of services as a component of the curricula. The projects listed below are a sampling of services accepted during the 2008-2009 school year.

Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology

Gardner – Athletic Department – pole vault stop
Sterling Police Department – push bar for cruiser
Winchendon Highway Department – repair rust and refinish vehicles

Automotive Technology

Fitchburg Boys & Girls Clubs – repaired bus

Cabinetmaking

Hubbardston – made signs for town
Barre Library – bookcases
Templeton – Narragansett School District – made a rolling cabinet

Cosmetology

Gardner High Rise – senior citizen services
Gardner – Father/Daughter Dance services
Gardner – Dunn's Park – community service – clean up

Culinary Arts

Taste of Wachusett
Taste of North Central

Dental Assisting

Lunenburg & Winchendon – CHIP Program
Ashburnham Health Fair
Westminster Elementary Schools – Dental Education

Drafting Technology

Banners for Gardner Air Jet Rally
Westminster Conservation Trust – made signs and posters
Athol – press booth
Barre Library plans
Hubbardston – CNC files for signs

Early Childhood Education

Fitchburg Community Partnership – Math/Literacy Fair

Electrical

Winchendon Housing Authority Garage
Westminster – wiring for holiday tree

Engineering Technology

Gardner – fixed PA system for Monument Park Bandstand

Graphic Communications

Templeton School Handbook
Templeton Development Center Big Ticket
Winchendon Pop Warner Yearbook
Westminster VFW Menus
Fitchburg High School Football Program
Gardner CAD stationary
Baldwinville PTO Tickets
Ashburnham-Westminster Raffle Tickets
NEADS Postcard
Habitat for Humanity stationary
Winchendon AHIMSA Animal Rescue
Gardner Middle School Yearbooks
Westminster's 250th Flyer
North Central Charter School Prom Tickets
Lunenburg Annual Report
Fitchburg Yearbook
Westminster Placemat
Ashburnham Boy Scouts
Gardner High School Illumination Book

Health Occupations

Annual Blood Drives
Shop Angel Christmas Charity Collection

Industrial Technology

Barre Bandstand – repaired railings
Gardner Municipal Golf Course – rain shelters
Westminster – cannon wheels
Fitchburg – plaques
Phillipston – library ramp

Information Technology

Gardner – Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center Web Design

Machine Technology

Fitchburg Police Department – key chains

Masonry

Winchendon Elementary School – formed and poured sidewalks
Winchendon Housing Authority – chimney
Fitchburg – Moran Park – formed and poured pad for shed

SPECIAL SERVICES

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special education services to over two hundred students.

The federal special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), was reauthorized in December of 2004 and came fully into effect on July 1, 2005. In August 2006, the U.S. Department of Education released new Regulations for Part B of IDEA, which went into effect on October 13, 2006. The 2004 Amendment to IDEA expanded upon the 1997 reauthorization and includes new requirements. The reauthorized act continues to emphasize the role of parents and expands opportunities for parents, general educators and special educators to work together in partnerships that support student learning and the success of students in adult life.

The Student Support Services Department at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School provides support to all students. We have full time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the TEAM for a student's IEP meeting. We employ a full time school social worker that is able to participate in TEAM meetings and assist students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues and proper food and clothing. Our students have access to the services of a full time adjustment counselor and part time school psychologist. Both of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions and mental health emergency treatment, as well as crisis intervention. We do have on staff a full time psychologist whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full time speech pathologist that is available to service students with disabilities, assess these students and consult the teachers within the building.

The Special Education Program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School district is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The results of this evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. The Parent Advisory Council participates in this review and evaluation.

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District adheres to federal and state laws regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable student information.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

The Monty Tech Athletic Program was again very successful in the 2008-2009 school year. Our numbers keep increasing every year. We had sixteen teams compete in the fall of 2008, eleven in the winter of 2008-2009 and nine last spring.

Last fall, the Varsity Football Team, under first year coach Matt Sallila, did not win a game, but played with a lot of heart and enthusiasm, improving every week and giving their all during practice and games. They finished the year with 35 players (9 seniors) and worked very hard in the off-season to get ready for 2009. The Freshman Football Team was 1 – 6 and had 33 players complete the year. The Varsity Boys Soccer Team finished at 4 – 9 – 5 and played hard throughout the year. The JV Boys Soccer Team was 9 – 5. The Golf Team was 5 – 6 – 1 and missed the District Tournament by one match. We had three JV Golf Tournaments at The Red Farm Golf Course in Upton and played five other matches in an attempt to improve our program. The Field Hockey Team was 2 – 16. The Monty Tech faculty held the annual Teacher vs. Student Field Hockey Game to raise money for a scholarship for a deserving Monty Tech female athlete. It was

very successful. The Boys Cross Country Team was 6 – 8 and the Girls Cross Country Team was 3 – 3. The Girls Volleyball Team had an 8 – 12 record. The JV Girls Volleyball Team was 5 – 12 and the Freshmen Girls Team was 4 – 11, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer Team was 7 – 7 – 4, qualifying them for the District Tournament where they lost to Blackstone Valley Tech in the first round. The JV Girls Soccer Team finished at 7 – 7, with most of the girls moving up this fall. Our girls program looks very promising. The varsity cheerleaders participated in the CAL Championships held at Westford Academy in October.

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team missed the District Tournament for the first time in many years, as they finished at 9 – 11. They finished the year with four straight victories to show promise for next year. The JV Girls were 9 – 8 and the Freshmen Girls were 8 – 6, as they prepared to move up to the JV Program this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished at 4 – 16. The JV Boys Basketball Team was 6 – 13 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 6 – 9 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling Team was 3 – 11 in dual meets and participated in many tournaments. Bobby Monks, a senior from Athol, became the first wrestler to win over 100 career matches, as he finished with 116. We ran a co-op team with Fitchburg High School and Oakmont. Monty Tech was the host school. The Co-op Ice Hockey Team did very well again, as they participated in the District Tournament, losing in the Semi-Finals. The JV Ice Hockey Team played very well, as the younger players look to improve their skills. We participated in a co-op Swim Team with Leominster and had seven girls complete the season. We are looking forward to this venture again this year.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball Team again gave Monty Tech a lot to be proud of, as they won the Central Mass. Division III Tournament for the second time in five years. They won the Colonial Athletic League Championship for the twentieth time in twenty-four years and finished second in the State Vocational Tournament. They beat Turners Falls in the state semi-finals to advance to the state championship game at Worcester State. They played a strong game, but fell to St. Mary's of Lynn, 8 – 5. They finished the year at 24 – 3 and Coach Reid picked up his 500th career win and stands at 516 victories for Monty Tech. The JV Softball Team was 4 – 9 – 1. The Freshmen Softball Team was 2 – 6. The Boys Volleyball Team was 3 – 16. The Varsity Baseball Team finished at 4 – 16. The JV Baseball Team was 7 – 6, and the Freshmen Baseball Team was 2 – 9. The Boys Track & Field Team was 6 – 6, while the Girls Track & Field Team was 7 – 5.

The Outstanding male and female athletes for 2008 – 2009 were:

Male: Robert Cruz

Female: Ivette Tejada

TECHNOLOGY

Monty Tech is very fortunate to have the support of a School Committee and an administrative team that is committed to meeting the technology needs of our students and staff. Monty Tech's computer inventory includes workstations using both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. Wireless access points are available in several areas of the school.

Many of our vocational programs rely heavily on computerized applications. Our academic departments have also integrated technology into the educational experience of our students through the use of interactive whiteboards. Monty Tech's students are well prepared to enter the workforce, military or college with exposure to computer software and hardware that they will encounter once leaving the school.

Monty Tech's Electrical Department has made improvements to the infrastructure of the building by adding electrical circuits in the Technology Office Server Room. They also began replacing old network wiring in the original academic wing of the building.

Data continues to be an important tool for administrative decisions. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Data Warehouse is being utilized to analyze MCAS scores and related data.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2009, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$2,121,608. Programs funded by these grants include: Improving Teacher Quality, Enhanced Education Through Technology, Special Education Allocation and Program Improvement, Title I, Drug Free Schools, Occupational Education – Vocational Skills, Emergency Recovery, Safe Schools and Summer Academic Support. (NOTE: The Emergency Recovery Program grant for \$1,293,561 was a result of federal stimulus funding and the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund [SFSF], offsetting the reduction in state aid for Chapter 70.)

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private grant awards totaling \$23,190. Monty Tech received \$10,490 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a reimbursement for ice storm expenses. The New England Dairy Council awarded Monty Tech a grant for \$2,700 for refrigeration equipment, and Lowe's awarded the Monty Tech Skills USA Program with a \$10,000 grant to support community service and outreach efforts. Total grant awards for fiscal year 2009 was \$2,144,798.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee and administration are extremely proud of the staff and students of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District and their accomplishments. The school continues to work with the business community, local educational institutions, higher education and its vocational technical counterparts to develop common sense plans and responses to the educational challenges we all face.

Monty Tech's School Committee, administration and staff look forward to continued growth and we are committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within our District, and to that end, respectfully invites and encourages the continued support of town officials, parents and citizens in each of it's member communities.

WINCHENDON PARKS AND RECREATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Winchendon Parks and Recreation consists of five adult members and one student member and we have an appropriation of \$ 3400.00. With this appropriation, we try to offer a variety of community and family-oriented activities, which we hope will enrich the lives of the members of this community.

During the past year we have sponsored our “Friday Night in the Park” concert/event series consisting of seven weeks of entertainment for the entire community in the summer of 2009. These concerts/events are very popular and well attended. In December, we invite the community to our Christmas Tree Lighting Event and Parade. More and more residents and families take part in this event each year.

During the spring, we sponsor some very popular events. The first event hosted by the Parks and Recreation, is our annual Easter Egg Hunt, with an attendance in 2009 of approximately 275. Our second event is our Town-Wide Earth Day Street Clean-Up. This event grows yearly and brings many community members and groups together for the street clean-up.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us during the past year and all the people who attended our events.

We will continue efforts to entertain and enrich our fellow citizens, and it is our hope that during the next coming year, we hope to see even more people attend the events.

Diana Ringer
Joyce Thompson
Noel Veilleux
Laura Gaydos
Joe Ladeau

Department of Planning and Development

2009 Report

The Department of Planning and Development serves as the town's chief planning and economic development office. The department provides staff to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority, Council on Aging and the Toy Town Partnership; administers the Community Development Block Grant and other State, Federal and private grant programs; assists businesses with financial and regulatory issues; prepares and updates municipal planning documents; and administers assorted development activities. We work closely with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) in areas of Community, Economic Development, Planning, GIS, environmental assessments, and traffic studies. Annual reports of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Toy Town Partnership and Redevelopment Authority appear separately.

The department administers the town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities. The CDBG program is a critical source of funding for municipal and community development. CDBG funds also underwrite the major portion of the department's operating costs. Since 1985 the town has sought, received and invested \$5.9 million in CDBG grants to correct housing code violations in existing homes and make them safe and affordable for approximately 329 local residents. These funds have also been used to upgrade some of the Town's neediest road surfaces as well as the underground utilities. CDBG funds have also been used to contract with non-profit agencies to provide "First Time Homebuyer's Seminars" to some of the Town's low-to-moderate income families and to develop "Affordable Housing" which is then sold to Low-to-Moderate income families. This creation of Affordable Housing also benefits the Town as it counts towards the Subsidized Housing Inventory.

The Town was last awarded \$727,000 as a result of the FY 08 CDBG application for Academy Street and Lincoln Place repairs. This grant was funded with federal stimulus funding. This grant will completely reconstruct the road bed, water, sewer and drainage lines, new street surface, curbing and sidewalks. This will provide maintenance free service to these two neighborhoods.

The Town also received an Economic Development grant of \$500,000 to construct a new commercial roadway into the Hillview Business Park. This will now allow for the construction of three new businesses which will create 44 new jobs, 23 of which will be filled with low-to-moderate income individuals. In addition to the new created jobs, this business park will boost the Town's tax base with minimal impact of municipal services.

The department has applied for a CDBG grant of \$1,000,000 to completely reconstruct Prospect Street to include underground utilities and sidewalk. It will also provide for the rehabilitation of homes for up to ten low and moderate income families. Upgrades to the Town's business district has an been on-going effort and continues to be one of the focal points of community development

The department works directly with the Planning Board in regards to the revision of bylaws and initiation of new bylaws in an effort to best manage and direct town growth.

The Commonwealth Capital Application was submitted and received a score of 106. This score placed Winchendon within the top six communities in Massachusetts! Commonwealth Capital endorses planning and zoning measures that are consistent with the Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles and encourages municipalities to implement these measures by using state funding as an incentive. This policy encourages communities to site and build homes and businesses in ways that conserve energy and natural resources. Municipalities that plan for future growth and utilize the innovative land use techniques that the Commonwealth Capital Policy encourages will be doing their part to ensure that the interests of future generations are not compromised by today's development decisions.

The department also prepares and distributes marketing materials and fact sheets for businesses, and functions as the first point of contact for current and prospective businesses seeking financial or permitting assistance to expand or relocate in Winchendon.

A current street map was also completed and will be made available to the public. Office facilities were upgraded by the addition of a large format copier and printer which was made possible by Robinson Broadhurst. This has increased our abilities to serve the public while saving outsourcing expenses. The Department also assisted MRPC with the mapping portion of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the Town of Winchendon.

Planning activities have also included the receipt of \$ 6,000 in grant funds from the Massachusetts Watershed Coalition towards the development of a Low Impact Development Bylaw (LID) which will help protect our precious water resources from polluted stormwater discharge. The Bylaw was completed and voted in at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2009. Regulations were adopted and a *Best Development Practices Guidebook* prepared.

The Department also submitted, for Town Meeting, an article requesting the acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 43D of the MA General Laws. This article named 14 sites in Winchendon as priority development sites and provides a transparent and efficient process for municipal permitting. Expedited Permitting guarantees local permitting decisions on priority development sites within 180 days; increases the visibility of our community; allows for priority consideration for PWED, CDAG, brownfields remediation assistance, MORE infrastructure funds, and other financing through quasi-public organizations and state supported aggressive online marketing of our sites and promotion of our pro-business regulatory climate. This article passed with a majority of voters voicing their support. In coordination with this effort MRPC was contracted, through the District Local Technical Assistance Program, to produce Winchendon's *Chapter 43D Users Guide to Local Permitting*.

Also applied for, were two \$15,000 grants from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust and Robinson Broadhurst which would partially fund the testing of Whitney Pond so that it may be used for recreational purposes as well as funding the construction of three rain gardens. Rain Gardens are an important component of Low Impact Development. These awards will be made in the Spring.

The Department continues to assist the Toy Town Partnership with technical support for the Converse Garden Restoration Plan. While the department has secured over \$36,500 in the past, we continue to seek grants through agencies such as USDA-Rural Development to augment existing Robinson Broadhurst Grants in this venture.

Since the year 2000 the department has managed over \$5 million in grant funds for municipal purposes; prepared and proposed major zoning reforms; pursued new economic development in our downtown and industrial areas; and the expansion of new parks and recreation facilities to enhance our quality of living. This record of accomplishment was only possible due to the faithful and professional work of our department staff and in particular the work of numerous town volunteers. We offer them our thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen DeCoteau, Planning Agent and Gerald White, Grants Administrator

Report of the Planning Board for 2009

MEMBERSHIP: Guy C. Corbosiero, Robert O'Keefe, Mark Shaughnessy, and John White served throughout the year. Michael Carrier joined the board in April. Mark Shea continued as our associate member but was not required to participate in any special permit hearings during the year. At the annual reorganization Mr. White was reelected chair and Mr. Corbosiero was elected vice chairman. Planning Ellen DeCoteau usually met with the board. Michele Kaddy serves as secretary.

MEETINGS: The board held eighteen meetings during the year. Some were omitted for lack of business or because of holidays. Most meetings were carried on cable TV.

APPOINTMENTS: Mr. White continued on the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission and the town Capital Planning Committee. Robert O'Keefe was appointed to the Montachusett Joint Transportation committee. These are Board appointments.

TRAINING: Most of the board and staff members attended the spring training conference in Worcester which was conducted by the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative. The Board has always urged members to take advantage of the various training opportunities available and all have at various times. Members are also supplied with copies of the *Planning Commissioners' Journal* to help them keep up with current trends.

APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLANS: Only four ANR plans were submitted in 2009. These included eleven new lots for residential development. This reflects the continuing housing recession

SUBDIVISIONS: The plan for Old Centre Estates off Old county and Cummings Roads was slightly modified and the time limit extended for two years at the request of the developer. The board determined that the Madison Avenue subdivision is complete but will not recommend accepting the road until more houses are built. The Joslin Estates suit went to trial in January. The court ruled in favor of the Board in January 2010. A commercial subdivision plan for Hillview Business Park was filed in December and was still pending at the end of the year.

SITE PLAN APPROVALS: Three commercial site plans were approved under the informal process. Another was waived as not requiring review. A minor revision was approved for a fourth. Near the end of the year a site plan was filed for a convenience store at 670 Spring Street and two more for buildings in the Hillview Business Park. All were scheduled for formal hearings in 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS: The Board held a public hearing on a proposed Low Impact development bylaw and recommended approval by the town meeting which did so in May. The primary intent of this general bylaw is to require stormwater be returned to the soil as nearly where it fell as possible. Regulations to implement the bylaw were adopted. The Board recommended and the town meeting approved acceptance of chapter 43D, expedited permitting law. A guidebook has been produced. A new copier was purchased by the Department of Planning and Development with partial assistance from the Board's budget.

Our Board recommended town meeting acceptance of four roads: a new layout of Monomonac Road West to match the built road; acceptance of the remainder of Eagle Drive and of Cardinal Lane since the Benjamin Hill Estates subdivision is finally complete; and reacceptance of part of Mellen Road.

Since the May general bylaw revision gave our Board authority over street names and numbers, the Board, at the suggestion of the public safety services, reviewed the numbers on Brown Street. After a public hearing, the board found the existing numbers are confusing and that the public safety and convenience require that many of the numbers be changed. The changes will go into effect on May 1, 2010.

ZONING AMENDMENTS: The board presented an amendment at the annual town meeting to rezone to commercial C-1 a parcel next to the already C-1 land at the Hillview Business Park. An adjoining parcel was similarly presented at the November town meeting. Both were approved.

A citizen submitted five zoning amendments. A hearing was held and the Board found them not in the public interest and voted not to recommend the amendments. A proposal to allow earth removal at the former landfill on River Street was submitted to town counsel. The resulting proposal was to rezone the land as Industrial. The Board did not recommend this. The town meeting accepted our negative recommendations. Our Board appreciates all these expressions of confidence by the voters

OTHER PLANNING WORK: The Board undertook a review of the Winchendon Master Plan with a view to updating it. Each of the nine elements was reviewed but no further action has been taken. We are also working on changes in the zoning bylaw to require open space residential development particularly in the R-80 zone. Our thought is to require part of each development tract be dedicated to open space and then allow greater housing density by right on the remainder

The Planning Agent again prepared and submitted an application for the town's qualification under the Commonwealth Capital program. This makes it easier for the Town to receive certain grants. The town's rating improved from last year indicating the Town is following smart growth principles. A special permit would be required for "conventional development."

GENERAL COMMENTS: We are very pleased that the work of the town manager and the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority with the assistance of grants administrator Gerald White have culminated in a plan for commercial development off Route 140 opposite Brian's Place. Now that plans have been filed and grants awarded, we anticipate actual construction in 2010

The board is very appreciative of the support and assistance of Ms. Ellen DeCoteau, planning agent; David Partridge, P.E. from Tighe and Bond, engineering consultant for the board; building commissioner Paul Blanchard; health agent Steve Calichman; and the other town boards and officials that have assisted in the work of the board.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. White, Chairman

THE WINCHENDON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

I, hereby, submit the Annual Report of the Winchendon Police Department for the year ending December 31, 2009:

OFFENSES FOR YEAR 2009

Kidnapping	1
Rape	7
Indecent A&B on Child under 14	3
Indecent A&B on Child over 14	1
Robbery, Armed	1
Robbery, Unarmed	1
Aggravated Assault	26
Simple Assault	99
Intimidation	39
Arson	1
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	32
Pocket Picking	2
Purse Snatching	1
Shoplifting	8
Theft from Building	166
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	64
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1
All other Larceny	141
Motor Vehicle Theft	14
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9
False Pretenses/Swindle	21
Credit Card ATM Fraud	9
Impersonation	13
Wire Fraud	1
Embezzlement	2
Stolen Property Offenses	11
Destruction/Damage/Vandalize	157
Drug/Narcotic Violations	25
Statutory rape	15
Child Pornography/Obscene Material	1
Weapon law Violations	17
Bad checks	1
Disorderly Conduct	24
Driving Under the Influence	36
Drunkenness	29

Family Offenses, Non Violent	1
Liquor Law Violations	23
Runaway	3
Trespass of Real Property	12
All Other Offenses Except Traffic	163
Traffic, Town By-Laws, Misc.	349

ACCIDENTS FOR YEAR 2009

Fatal	2
Non-fatal injury-Incapacitating	9
Non-fatal injury-non-incapacitating	34
Non fatal injury-possible	27
No injury	382
Unknown	3
School Bus	2

VEHICLE CITATIONS ISSUED FOR YEAR 2009

Civil Complaints	565
Criminal Complaints	124
Arrests (Traffic)	53
Warnings	665

RECEIPTS TURNED OVER TO TOWN TREASURER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Pistol Permits/FID Cards	4,715.00
Insurance Reports	1,732.00
Special Agency	62,118.24
10% Town Overhead	5,721.48

GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2009

Governors Highway Safety Board	7,500.00
Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board	5,000.00
911 Support/Incentive Grant	27,457.00
Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	30,937.00
United States Department of Agriculture	22,400.00

REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 2009

RMV Fees	18,600.00
Court Fines	21,481.00
Parking Ticket	970.00

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Answered Calls for Service	9,724
Total E9-1-1 Calls Answered	1,558

Respectfully Submitted, Scott M. Livingston

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL REPORT MICHAEL P. MURPHY, SR. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Geary Priest
Charles Higgins
George LaBarge
Ryan Scoville
Mel Antinarella
Patrick Mullins

Working Foreman, Highway Department
Working Foreman, Highway Department
Working Foreman Cemetery/Parks Department
Chief Operator W.W.T.P.
Chief Mechanic Fleet Maintenance Department
Working Foreman Solid Waste Facility

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Winchendon Public Works Department improved several town roads again this year with monies from the State Transportation bond issue, which provides for 100% reimbursement of the costs for projects on state aid primary and local town roads.

The following roads were improved by asphalt reclamation and resurfaced with type I bituminous concrete.

1. Monomonac Road West from Glenallen Street to Lakeview Drive.
2. Benjamin Street from High Street to #300 Benjamin Street.
3. Elmwood Road from Glenallen Street to #300 Elmwood Street
4. Bosworth Road from Royalston Road North to Pole #10 Bosworth Road.
5. Washington Avenue from Central Street to #25 Washington Street

Drainage repairs were completed before construction. All manholes and catch basins were rebuilt and adjusted. Driveway aprons were cut back and paved to match the new road surface. Loam and seed was placed on all disturbed areas.

The Highway Department graded all town owned and private roads several times, painted all cross walks, placed new regulatory and street signs throughout town, swept streets and sidewalks from winter sand, patched potholes, cleaned 680 catch basins and drop inlets, cut and chipped brush from several town roads, removed several dead or dying trees throughout town Repaired or replace culverts and storm drains throughout town, Plowed and sanded all town owned and private roads, sidewalks and removed snow from the downtown area. All street were treated with approximately 1500 tons of salt and 12,000 cubic yards of sand.

The Town Department of Public Works maintains 135 miles of town owned and private roads.

The equipment to maintain these roads is comprised of 12 pieces (one grader, two loaders, four truck/sander combinations, one pickup, two one ton trucks and two loader backhoes).

The Highway has two working foreman and five truck driver operators for plowing and sanding. The Cemetery Department Foreman and cemetery operator the transfer station foreman and operator, and Fleet maintenance personnel are also used for plowing, sanding and snow removal.

The winter season of 2008 / 2009 over all was one of average snow fall. The area was affected by several storms however there were icing events that struck causing rather large power outages and numerous motor vehicle accidents throughout the Northeast. On December 11, 2008 the entire area was struck with one of the worst ice storms the region has ever encountered. The event started as heavy wet snow and quickly changed to ice with a sharp drop in temperature which caused tremendous damage throughout town and the surrounding area. Trees and tree limbs were down, utility poles either toppled or broken leaving areas in town without power for as much as two weeks. To complicate the problem snow continued to fall for a couple of days after the ice storm. National Grid, Verizon and Comcast all had dozens of crews as well as several tree crews working around the clock to restore service to the area. The cleanup continued for several months with the first phase being clearing of roadside ground debris. This work was done with the town's town public works employees. In the following months the Town of Winchendon advertised and awarded a contract to Northern tree co. of Palmer Ma. This contract was for the removal and disposal of broken and hanging tree limbs and hazardous Trees through out town. The contract was completed in December of 2009. 1400 Broken and hanging tree limbs were cut and chipped and 80 hazardous trees were cut and removed and all debris chipped and cleaned up. Funding for the cleanup and associated costs came from a federal and state disaster declaration making monies available through FEMA and MEMA.

WATER DEPARTMENT

United Water LLC. Operates and maintains the Water/Sewer Department under an operations contract with the Town of Winchendon. The company maintains 61 miles of water mains, all service connections, fire hydrants, four water storage tanks, and two water booster stations. United Water is conducting a town wide meter conversion where all water meters are being converted to a radio read system which will improve operations and give the town the ability to read meters in a fraction of time it normally takes. This conversion will eliminate the need to physically go into a home to read the water meter. All meters will be read with the use of a laptop computer in the water service truck by driving down each street and receiving the signal from the radio transmitter in the meter. The data is then loaded into the billing software program for billing.

The Town experienced several large water main breaks through out the system this year. All were repaired and the system returned to normal and the roadway repaired. Fire hydrants were flushed and exercised through town. Approximately one half of the town's hydrants were painted and all had snow flags installed. Several broken hydrants were repaired. Broken gate boxes were also repaired or replaced.

All Backflow devices in town were inspected and tested in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection regulations. The town's water storage tanks and two booster stations are inspected every day including weekends and holidays. All necessary repairs were conducted and maintenance performed as required.

The Water Treatment Plant provides treated water to the Towns of Winchendon and Ashburnham. The Treatment Plant is being operated under contract with Veolia Water of North America of Chicago, IL.

Veolia water operates, maintains and repairs the Treatment Plant in full compliance with the Mass Drinking Water Regulations and is paid by each town by the amount of treated water delivered to each town. In 2008 the treatment plant treated and pumped 223,514,615 gallons of water to Winchendon for an average of .61 MGD. The town's current registered withdrawal permit is .67 MGD (million gallons day).

The Water Dept. collected 13 drinking water samples per month throughout the distribution system at predetermined locations and sends them to a State Certified Laboratory for analysis and reports the findings to the Department of Environmental Protection. One Microbiological/Bacteria Violation was detected in the system in June. Resamples were taken in accordance with D.E.P. and the results were negative, the public was notified and the system returned to compliance. Monthly sampling results are posted at the Winchendon Town hall at 109 Front Street

The Town Water Dept. must also sample for volatile organic compounds (VOC's) inorganic compounds (IOC's) nitrates, lead and copper, radionuclide, synthetic organic compounds (SOC's) and nitrites. The sampling schedule is provided by D.E.P.

The Town's Water Dept. collected one full round of lead & copper samples in 2007 including 2 school samples. Twenty two samples were collected and taken to Microbac Labs, Inc. for analysis. The results of these samples will determine the effectiveness of The Filtration Plant's corrosion control program and also determine the next level of sampling requirements for compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Acts. Sampling results are posted at the Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. Winchendon's sampling requirement has been reduced from 20 samples once a year to 20 samples every (3) three years because samples collected and analyzed were below the 90th percentile for the monitoring period. The next round of lead and copper samples is scheduled for the third quarter of 2010 including 2 more school samples.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

United Water LLC. also operates and maintains the sewer collection system for the Town of Winchendon. The company maintained the town's two sewer lift stations, cleaned several sewer lines with a high-pressure sewer jet flushing machine. Repaired or replaced several sewer manholes, maintained all main line sewers and 1254 sewer services connections.

The main sewer interceptor sewer line from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Lake Street was replaced as part of the Town's Sewer System Rehab which is under a consent decree from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection. The entire main sewer line has been replaced, new manholes installed, all sewer service connections have been replaced, new manholes installed, all sewer service connections have been replaced and several new ones added.

Some additional rehab work is expected to continue in the spring; this includes T.V. inspection and cleaning of sewer lines.

The Town's sump pump removal will also continue into 2010

CEMETERY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Cemetery and Parks Department maintain the Riverside, New Boston, and Old Centre Cemeteries along with the Legion Park VFW Park, GAR park, Old Centre Park and Norcross Square. Routine work was done at the three Town Cemeteries.

Workers mowed, trimmed and maintained all ground, installed foundations, veterans markers, planted flowers, trimmed hedges, picked up leaves, dug, back filled and restored burial, filled in sunken graves, and reseeded winter burials. Work continues on the new section of Riverside behind the V.F.W.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Town of Winchendon Wastewater Treatment Plant processes the Town's raw sewage and treats it to disinfect the final effluent. The facility then uses sodium metabisulfite to remove any residual chlorine.

The treatment process removes total suspended solids (TSS) and biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.) in compliance with its N.P.D.E.S. Permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The WWTP treated 214 Million gallons of sewerage in 2009.

The Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant is operated by the Town of Winchendon. The staff comprises of one chief operator, one senior operator and one laborer. The plant has been upgraded from .5MGD per day to 1.1 MGD. The Town now has capacity to add additional sewer connections for both business and residential customers.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

The Fleet Maintenance Department services, repairs and maintains all town owned vehicles and machinery including Police, Fire, Ambulance, DPW, Council on Aging, C.A.C., School and Civil Defense. Service records are kept on all vehicles and equipment.

Fleet maintenance workers also maintain the town garage on Glenallen St. where the DPW equipment is housed.

Fleet Maintenance Department has two mechanics and one chief mechanic.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Murphy, Sr.
Director of Public Works
Town of Winchendon

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WINCHENDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPORT

WINCHENDON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael Barbaro, Chair	Term Expires 2011
John McDonough	Term Expires 2012
Kathleen Murphy	Term Expires 2011
Crystal Murphy	Term Expires 2010
Chris McDonald	Term Expires 2010

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Brooke Clenchy	Superintendent
Brian O'Connell	Business Manager
Cynthia Landanno	Director of Special Education
Nicholas DeSimone	MMHS Principal
J. Leonard Mackey	Toy Town Principal
Christina Littlewood	Memorial Principal
Steven Meyer	Ass't H.S. Principal
Kent Forty	Ass't M.S. Principal
Emily Soltysik	TTE Ass't Principal
Timothy O'Connell	Ass't Memorial Principal
Antonio Dellasanta	Athletic Director
Peter Antonellis	Ass't Athletic Director
Valorie Miller	Dir. of Instructional Services
Jane Ripley	Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Superintendent's Report

Please accept my report to the town as Superintendent of the Winchendon Public Schools. As a district we have made considerable strides towards improvement this year. Extensive work was done this summer to reconfigure the district to provide a more effective model for the delivery of instructional services. Our Marvin Pre-Kindergarten program was moved to Memorial School. The Pre-K now has ready access to the school nurse and the Memorial library and gymnasium. The third grade, which was housed at Memorial School, was moved to Toy Town Elementary School and our sixth grade was moved to the middle school. In addition many classrooms were relocated within each of the schools. All of these moves were initiated after much thought, deliberation and effort by staff and administration.

Our Kindergarten joins the Pre-K program and Murdock Middle/High School in becoming accredited. All accreditation involves an extensive program review based on specific criteria and site visits. These accreditations ensure that the Winchendon Public Schools is offering a quality education for our students.

Both Memorial School and Toy Town Elementary School have instituted a ninety-minute, uninterrupted literacy block to improve students' achievement in English Language Arts.

The elementary schools have revamped the delivery of Title 1 and Special Needs services to provide a more effective model for helping students in those areas where they need reading assistance. Memorial School has had the benefit of a literacy coach who assists teachers in identifying, through the use of data, the areas in which students are struggling in reading. Memorial School continues to have a full day program for all of our Kindergarten students. Pre-K through Grade 12 students follow an intensive educational program based on the Winchendon Learning Standards which are aligned to the MA Curriculum Frameworks. All schools continue, in addition to the core academic program, to offer instruction in music, technology, physical education, art and library skills.

Murdock Trust Fund and the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation have once again been most generous in funding some of the necessary materials and equipment that are necessary to renew an optimal educational program. Additionally, funds received from those groups have assisted in purchasing textbooks, educational supplies, computers, Smartboards, software, etc. This year, funds from these foundations also helped to substantially offset user fees for our athletic programs. Beyond these funds, a number of grants have been written and approved for the Winchendon Public Schools. These grants have afforded us the opportunity to purchase educational materials and to provide professional development for teachers which has consistently and positively impacted students' learning.

Murdock Middle/High School continues to provide an enriching middle/high school experience. Increasing electives offered to students have been one priority for our middle/high school. Articulation agreements with local colleges provide opportunities for students to earn college credit for a course completed at MMHS. These educational opportunities have been complimented with the addition of the virtual high school. The extracurricular activities at the middle/high school offer our students areas in which to pursue their interests. Beyond the core subjects available for students are a myriad of both athletic and non-athletic activities. Music and drama productions, for example, continue to deliver high quality performances.

NutriKids software was also implemented this year in each of our cafeterias. This has helped to further create an environment where free and/or reduced students cannot be differentiated from students who are not. The software also allows the cafeteria lines to move along at a quick pace and allows the cafeteria staff to keep an accurate inventory. All reporting to the state and federal levels of government is done in a smooth manner with the click of a button from the computer.

The Winchendon Public School District is proud of the accomplishments of our staff and students. We continue to strive for better opportunities to assist our students in becoming productive members of the community and to create schools of excellence.

Brooke Clenchy
Superintendent of Schools

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Winchendon Public Schools Cafeteria Program is a self-supporting program funded annually by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government. Monies to

run this program are not part of the School Budget. Our schools provide a “Breakfast Program” and a “Hot Lunch Program”. The program fee for 2008-2009 for the secondary students was \$2.25 for lunch and \$1.25 for breakfast. The fee at the elementary level was \$2.00 for lunch and \$1.00 for breakfast. For those who qualify, there are free or reduced price lunches and breakfasts. The reduced lunch price for 2008-09 was \$.40 and breakfast was \$.30 at both the elementary and secondary levels.

2. The total enrollment as of October 1, 2008 was 1,677. Twenty-six percent of the student population for 2008-09 were special needs students. During the 2008-09 school year approximately 1,200 students were transported to and from school.

3. Winchendon Public Schools participates in the “School Choice” program in Massachusetts. We had twenty-four students who are residents of other Massachusetts communities enrolled in our schools and 122 students from Winchendon attending schools in other communities.

**Breakdown of Pupil Enrollment
2008-09 School Year
(As of October 1, 2008)**

Pre-Kindergarten	85
Kindergarten	125
Grades 1-3	405
Grades 4-6	407
<u>Grades 7-12</u>	<u>655</u>
Total	1677

Winchendon had 135 students attending Monty Tech during FY’09. There were an additional 122 Winchendon students matriculating in nearby private and parochial schools and approximately 49 other students being home schooled by parents.

General Information

Pre-Kindergarten:	A.M. Session 9:00-11:15 P.M. Session 12:30-2:45
Memorial Elementary:	8:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
Toy Town Elementary:	8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m.
Murdock Middle/High:	7:30 a.m.-2:05 p.m.

EARLY RELEASE TIMES

Elementary School:	12:20 (Toy Town) 12:35 (Memorial)
Middle/High School:	11:35 a.m.

The Memorial Elementary School which houses Grades Pre-K to Grade 2 was opened in 1975 and has 70,000 sq. ft. Telephone for PreK – 297-3436; FAX – 297-0631. Telephone for Memorial - 297-1305, 1306; FAX - 297-3944.

Toy Town Elementary School houses Grades 3-5 and was built in 1961, with 69,000 sq. ft. Telephone - 297-3005; FAX - 297-3011.

Murdock Middle/High School opened in 1995 and is a three-story building which houses Grades 6-12 and has a total of 165,000 sq. ft. Telephone - 297-1256, 1257; FAX - 297-0509.

The Special Education Department, as well as the Central Administrative Offices of the school system are located in Toy Town Elementary School at 175 Grove Street. These offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Special Needs can be reached at 297-1850; FAX - 297-3336. The Superintendent can be reached at 297-0031; FAX - 297-5250.

SCHOOL BUDGET 2008-2009

School Committee	\$ 276,227
(includes Contingency Account)	
Central Administrative Office	732,473
(includes Net School Spending/Carryforward)	
Special Ed. Department S/W	1,503,360
Marvin School	216,119
Memorial School Instruction	3,202,290
Toy Town Elem. Instruction	2,127,383
Middle/High School Instruction	4,751,932
Maintenance	<u>104,173</u>
School Dept. Total Operating Budget	<u>\$12,913,957</u>
Town Assessment/Ind. Costs	<u>2,560,357</u>
Total School Dept. Budget	<u>\$15,474,314</u>
Transportation	<u><u>1,055,093</u></u>

TRANSPORTATION

Policy available at Central Office

2009 Annual Report – Toy Town Partnership

The Toy Town Partnership met monthly throughout the year, continuing its work in helping to move along a number of projects in town.

North Central Pathway The highlight of 2009 was the opening of the downtown section of the Pathway from downtown Winchendon to Glenallen St. This section is a 12 foot wide path that includes a new bridge over the Whitney Pond Dam, a trailhead with parking at Glenallen St., and benches and plantings along the entire path. It represents the completion of the fourth of five phases of work on the 16 mile trail that will connect downtown Winchendon to downtown Gardner. Ongoing progress has been possible thanks to support from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, to the efforts of Congressman John Olver and to the hard work of the Planning and Development Office in helping to secure grant funds.

A grand opening was held on June 20th and was well attended by community members. The trail has seen steady use from townspeople even before it was opened. A grassroots “Friends of the Pathway” committee was formed independent of the Partnership to address some of the ongoing maintenance needs.

Phase V – This final phase will run southward from Glenallen St. roughly along the railbed parallel with Spring Street and will connect with existing pathway near Old Gardner Rd. Robinson-Broadhurst has provided another \$35,000 of funding for continuing design and engineering work. \$235,000 in construction funding has been secured through the Federal Safetea-Lu bill, thanks to Congressman Olver’s assistance. The current plan is for all approvals to be in place so this project can be put out to bid in August 2010.

Converse Gardens Although the Partnership was not able to secure any funding for this project in this difficult financial period, progress continued in 2009 thanks to many volunteer efforts. Many community members were involved in both the upkeep and the planning. Volunteers included a high school ROTC candidate doing a community service project, a teen work project, and individual citizens who helped lay out the profile of a new path through the Garden. The Worcester County Sheriff’s Dept. of Community Service work crew spent time in the fall to help develop that path further.

Toy Town Horse The Partnership continued its efforts to provide maintenance and support for the Toy Town Horse. Contact was made with the individual who worked on the horse 20 years ago who is willing to do the work to repair the fiber glass. The group launched a “Provide for Clyde” fundraising effort, and has applied for a Robinson-Broadhurst grant to help secure the funds.

Members The following is a list of members provided by the Town Clerk: Elaine Mroz, Pamela Elbrader, Meg Urquhart, George Ladeau, Cynthia Boucher, Michael McRae and Roger Tobia. Also participating in 2009 were Lee Cloutier, Ellen DeCoteau, Peter Newton, and various town personnel. All interested members of the community are invited to participate.

2009 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

-John F. Kennedy (JFK)

This annual report marks my sixth year of dedicated service to the veterans of Winchendon, MA. As a twenty-first century agent, this office has gone through a huge transformation of dedication and service to the veterans in the town of Winchendon. The success of this office is a true reflection of the faith and dedication the community members have for their veterans. This agent cannot thank you enough for your continued support! As referenced from the aforementioned quote from John Fitzgerald Kennedy, service to the community is not just a motto, but a life choice!

As we are all aware when watching the daily news, our dear country is in the ravages of war. It's clear for the United States to become successful with the War on Terrorism, we will watch more and more of our troops receive the call and get deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. As of this writing, we in Winchendon have been extremely thankful and our prayers continue for all those who are serving that they all come home safely. The death of a young marine from Plymouth, NH this year really hit home the notion that such an occurrence could happen in any community. I ask the community to keep this office posted of any families left behind of deployed soldiers. We have a group such as "Winchendon Cares" that sends packages out quarterly to our deployed troops. Please inform this office immediately if families left behind from deployed soldiers are in need. There are resources available to assist. Regardless, the Winchendon community, if they know, will outreach and provide the necessary support for any family affected by deployments.

As a Winchendon resident my entire life, I made a choice to serve my country back in February 1980. After a successful four year Air Force career, the time came to use the educational benefits and finish a college degree. Even in my professional career, service was my ultimate destiny. When dates changed, I became eligible for the American Legion with "service" continuing at the post, county and state level. In 2003, received a different call – to replace Charles Grout as the next veteran's agent! Six years later, "service" is redefined to have an entirely different meaning. This office has touched many lives over the past 6 plus years. As people are so thankful for the help, my reaction is solemn; knowing, "I'm just doing my job". Thank you for the privilege for serving the needs of our veterans!

Scott J. Gauthier
Director/Agent

Winchendon Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2009

The Winchendon Redevelopment Authority (WRA) was established in 2004 with a five member board, four appointed by the Town Manager and one appointed by the State. Meetings are currently held monthly on the second Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Town Hall second floor auditorium.

The WRA welcomed Dennis Casavant, a new member to the board. He is an active and successful advocate for community and economic development of Winchendon. Currently the board has four members seated including Mr. Casavant. They are Sheila Donofrio, David Connor, Beth Hunt and Dennis Casavant. In one of its busiest year, these four dedicated board members have taken on and excelled in the planning and actual development of our community. Currently one seat is vacant.

The WRA had another very active year in terms of development with the emphasis on job creation. They bid out a lot located at 50 Franklin Street for the reuse and job creation. The WRA successfully sold the parcel for \$20,000 with the potential to create 4 additional jobs. The project is scheduled to be up and running at full capacity in late spring of 2010.

Hillview Business Park which has been a focus of the WRA for several years has started to take form. The \$500,000 grant to construct the commercial roadway into the park was awarded with construction to begin as early as the spring of 2010. They were also successful in the creation of a minimum of 44 new jobs as a result of three new business committing to construct new facilities within the park.

The Authority completed the development of a town brochure which will be utilized as a tool for economic development. The brochure describes rural life at its best and promotes our business friendly atmosphere. Many local businesses supported the effort by advertising within the brochure and have copies available for their clientele. The remaining copies are part of a package the Authority sends out to perspective new businesses contemplating relocation to Winchendon.

The Authority acquired 6 new parcels of land, five tax title properties from conveyance by the Town and one gifted as part of the Hillview Business Park. There are four that are residential and two that are commercial. Several of the parcels would make beautiful park sites. These parcels will be studied for their most advantageous use for the Town, community/economic development projects designed and the plans implemented.

The Authority currently holds \$703.263 in total assets. These assets are all in the form of property to be developed either residentially, commercially, industrially or recreationally.

The Winchendon Redevelopment Authority remains solidly committed to the Town of Winchendon and the successful development of its commercial, industrial and residential bases. They are constantly evaluating new ideas and putting plans together to boost Winchendon's community development.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES: DIAL 911

Town Manager.....	297-0085	Collector/Treasurer.....	297-0152
Assessors.....	297-0155	Town Clerk.....	297-2766
Veterans Services.....	297-0500	Town Accountant.....	297-0171
Health Agent	297-3537	Planning/Development.....	297-3308
Conservation Agent.....	297-3537	Land Use.....	297-3537
Dept. of Public Works.....	297-0170	(Building Commissioner, Wiring	
(Highway, Water, Sewer, Landfill)		Inspector, Plumbing/Gas Inspector)	
Beals Memorial Library	297-0300		

SANITARY LANDFILL

653 River Street - 978-297-0395

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday – Saturday

Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Vehicle Sticker Required

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

Board of Selectmen.....	2 nd & 4 th Monday of the month
Planning Board.....	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the month
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays as posted
Board of Health.....	1 st Monday of the month and as posted
Conservation Commission.....	4 th Thursday of the month and as posted
Finance Committee.....	2 nd Tuesday of the month
Library Trustees.....	4 th Tuesday of the month, Beals Memorial Library, Pleasant St.
Board of Assessors.....	10:30 a.m. Thursday as scheduled, Assessors' Office
Housing Authority.....	2 nd Tuesday of the month, 108 Ipswich Dr.
School Committee.....	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays of the month
Toy Town Partnership.....	3 rd Tuesday, The Winchendon School on Ash
Agricultural Commission.....	2 nd Wednesday of the month
Redevelopment Authority.....	2 nd Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m