

# **2010 TOWN REPORT**



**TOWN OF WINCHENDON**

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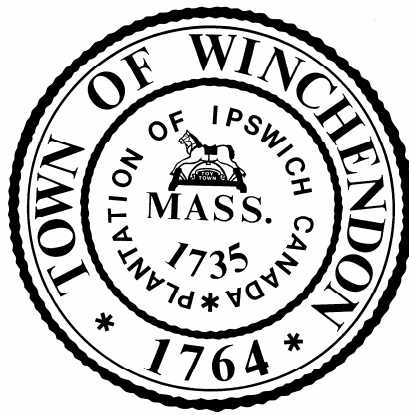
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of the  
Town of Winchendon  
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## **UNITED STATES SENATORS**

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95 Pleasant Street  
Gardner, MA 01440  
978-632-3255

## WINCHENDON TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

Hours: Mon. 8:00-6:00; Tues.-Thurs. 8:00-5:00; Friday-CLOSED

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

# *In Memoriam*



*Kathleen L. Murphy*

*Born October 2, 1942*

*Died June 14, 2010*

*A well-known retired teacher and coach in the Winchendon community. Kathy was a physical education teacher in the Winchendon School System for many years until her retirement in 2001. She coached field hockey basketball & softball teams for 31 years. She had many championship teams and many district titles. Kathy was also a member of the Town of Winchendon School Committee.*



*Ruth M. Ready*

*Born May 28, 1920*

*Died March 2, 2010*

*Ruth worked at the town hall for many years, serving as Tax Collector from 1973 to 1982. She was a long-time member of the Democratic Town Committee, and served as an election worker. She served as a member of the Board of Voter Registrars from 1988 to 2007.*

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in June.
Annual Election (Bylaw Article)	First Monday in May each year
Population (2010)	9,968
Number of Water Customers Rate: \$4.77 h.c.f.	2,111
Number of Sewer Customers Rate: \$7.57 h.c.f	1,328
Numbers of Households: Single Family	2,786
Condos	62
2 Family Units	224
3 Family Units	37
4 to 8 Family Unit	51
Number of Commercial Parcels	167
Mix Use (resident/business combine)	120
Industrial Parcels	69
Tax Rate FY10	\$14.26 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 2013
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### **SELECTMEN**

Elizabeth Hunt	May 2011
Burton E. Gould Jr. (recalled)	May 2012
Edward Bond (recalled)	May 2012
Keith Barrows	May 2012
Robert O'Keefe	May 2012
C. Jackson Blair	May 2013
Robert Zbikowski	May 2013

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Kathleen L. Murphy (deceased)	May 2011
Christine Philput	May 2011
Michael Barbaro	May 2011
John McDonough	May 2012
Crystal Murphy	May 2012
Christopher McDonald	May 2013

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Robert S. Mable	May 2011
Norman Norcross	May 2011
Lionel E. Cloutier	May 2012
John Shepardson	May 2012
Kevin Bliss (resigned)	May 2013

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Frederick Hardy	May 2011
Burton E. Gould Jr., (state appointed)	May 2012
Jacquelyn Flynn	May 2012
Frank A. Cosentino Jr.	May 2013
David A. Johnson	May 2014

## **APPOINTED OFFICERS**

### **ACCOUNTANT**

Charlotte Noponen

### **AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL**

Patricia Stanko	June 2011
Olivia Tarleton	June 2011
Paul Kachinsky	June 2013
Audrey LaBrie	June 2013
Kenneth Girouard	June 2013
June Girouard, Alt.	June 2011
Burton Gould Jr., Alt.	June 2011

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Sarah Fearing	Indefinite
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### **ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Sarah Fearing	June 2011
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### **ASSESSORS**

Linda Bevan	June 2011
Maureen Cote	May 2012
Ardythe Bilodeau	May 2013

### **BEALS LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Julia White	Susan Budd
Ronald Robillard	Burton E. Gould Jr.
Jon Nicholson	

### **BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

Paul Blanchard

## **CAPITAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Robert L. Zbikowski	June 2011
Jeanne Hue	June 2011
John White	June 2011
William Belko	June 2011

## **TOWN CLERK**

Lois A. Abare	June 2013
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## **COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

Joan M. Bousquet	June 2013
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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

David Koonce, Agent

Scott Burns	June 2011
David Whitaker	June 2012
Lawrence Amburgey	June 2012
Stephen Chace	June 2013
Kyle Bradley	June 2013

## **CONSTABLES**

Frederick Cloutier	June 2011
Robert Hertubise	June 2011
Michael Young	June 2012
Robert Shea	June 2012
Raymond Gonzales	June 2012

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Judith Mizhir	Lila Dorval
Priscilla Johnson	Verne Hilllman Sr.
Rudolf Arlig	Jacqueline Flynn
Cynthia Sylvester	Betty Russell
Gloria LaBrack	Jean Joyal
Ottmar Rau	
Sheila Bettro, Coordinator	

## **TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman and Paige

## **FENCE VIEWER/FIELD DRIVER**

Robert Mable	June 2011
Raymond Harris	June 2011

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Kevin J. Miller	June 2011
William Belko	June 2012
Cynthia Leroy	June 2012
Jennifer Goodale	June 2012
Ulysse Maillet	June 2013

Debra Dennis, recording secretary

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **OFFICERS**

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

### **FIREFIGHTERS**

Pvt. James Bevilacqua	Rcr. Thomas Heuer-EMT/P
Pvt. Corey Bohan-EMT/P	Pvt. Mike March-EMT
Pvt. Kyle Bradley	Pvt. Nate Milevsky-EMT
Pvt. Daniel Brown	Pvt. Jason Moury-EMT
Pvt. Lance Budka	Pvt. Michael Mullen-EMT
Pvt. Jay Carrier	Pvt. Josh Nasiatka
Recr. Matt Connor	Eng. Scott Parkinson
Pvt. Brian Croteau, EMT	Pvt. Rick Peters-EMT/P
Recr. Matt Chalke	Pvt. Marty Scott-EMT/I
Recr. Carl Davis-EMT	Eng. Richard Sevigny
Pvt. Mark Fleming-EMT/P	Pvt. Hilary Towne-EMT/P
Pvt. Scott Florio-EMT/P	Pvt. Brian Vaine
Recr. Pat Higgins	

## **GREEN TEAM**

Ruth DeAmicis  
Jennifer Goodale  
Alex Magay  
Ann McGrath  
Dawn Podesta  
Noelle Ellis

## **HEALTH AGENT**

Steven Calichman

James D. Abare, Inspector

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION/HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Yvonne G. Harrington	June 2011
Lois Abare	June 2011
Shirley Parks	June 2011
Priscilla Draeger	June 2012
James McCrohon	June 2012
Corey Bohan	June 2013

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Ronald Robillard	June 2011
Joan Liberti-Potvin	June 2011
Suzanne Rader	June 2012
Cindy Darcy	June 2013
Ronald Muse	June 2013

## **TOWN MANAGER**

James M. Kreidler Jr.

## **REP. MONTACHUSETT REG. PLANNING**

James M. Kreidler Jr.

## **REP. MONTACHUSETT OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL**

**Vacant**

## **REP. MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

## **REP. TO MONTY TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Burton E. Gould, Jr.

June 30, 2013

## **MEASURER OF LUMBER**

Vacant

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

George Ladeau	June 2011
Noel Veilleux	June 2012
Laura Gaydos	June 2012
Diana Ringer	June 2013
Joyce Thompson	June 2013

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Michael Carrier	June 2011
John H. White	June 2012
Guy Corbosiero	June 2012
Cailte Kelley	June 2013
Mark Shea, associate	June 2012

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Ellen DeCoteau, Planning Agent

## **PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**

Donald Desmarais

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Scott Livingston, Chief	Ptl. James Spofford
David Walsh, Lt.	Ptl. Richard Oinonen
Det. Kevin Wolski	Ptl. Derek Blair
Sgt. William Geoffroy	Ptl. Tracy Flagg
Sgt. Gerald Gagne	Ptl. Martin Rose
Sgt. Raymond Anair	Ptl. Alan Ross
	Ptl. Daniel Wolski

Dispatchers:

Teresa Flint

Reserves:

Ptl. Paul Betourney

Wayne Gelinas  
Jamie Holden  
Robert Coulombe  
Timothy Fleck

Ptl. James Wironen  
Ptl. Nicholas Trinqu  
Ptl. Brennan Jacoby

Administrative Assistant:

Marla Driscoll

Per Diem:

Marla Driscoll  
Annie-Kate O'Neal  
Walter Scott  
Richard Ward  
Jessica Springer.

### **POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCY DISPATCH**

Wayne Gelinas  
Beth Landry  
Timothy Fleck, perm. PT dispatcher

Teresa Flint  
Jaime Holden

### **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

June 2011  
June 2012  
June 2012  
indef.  
indef.

### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

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

June 2011  
June 2012  
June 2013

### **SEALER, WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Stephen Slocum  
Steven Hirons, Alt

June 2011  
June 2011

## **TOY TOWN LOCAL PARTNERSHIP**

Elaine Mroz  
George J. Ladeau  
Cynthia Boucher  
Margaret Urquhart

Michael McRae  
Roger Tobia  
Pamela Elbrader

## **TREE WARDEN**

Michael Murphy

June 2011

## **VETERANS SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Scott Gauthier

## **VETERANS CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Henry Doody  
F. Richard Ladeau

John Walker  
Priscilla Draeger

## **W INCHENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Veronica Gomez  
Donna Stram  
Coral May Grout  
Julia White Cardinal  
Theresa Hillman

June 2011  
June 2012  
June 2012  
June 2012  
June 2013

## **WINCHENDON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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**

Karen Murphy  
Lorraine Lemire  
Ricci Ruschioni

Candace Bredberg  
Donna Spellman  
Jerry Valliere



## **WINCHENDON 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

David Ladeau  
Maureen Provost  
Rochelle Lafortune  
Martin Rose  
Don O'Neil

Lynn Murray  
Kris Provost  
Cindy Darcy  
Suzanne Rader

## **WIRING INSPECTOR**

Robert Marshall  
Evan Kaiser, Alternate  
Richard Cannavino, Alternate

June 2011

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Charles Scanio  
Michael Fearing  
Rick Germano  
Raymond Rader  
Robert Marshall  
Cynthia Carvill, Alt  
Evelyn Higgins, Alt  
Elizabeth DeCoteau, Alt.

June 2011  
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June 2011

## **Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen 2010**

Greetings from your Selectmen,

Our year has been eventful and challenging. Of the many things that might be highlighted, we have chosen the following for this report:

1. Water Transmission Main, Booster Pump Station, Tank Improvements and Distribution System Upgrade- This Town Meeting authorized a \$2.5 million dollar project, and was funded with the benefit of a 45% or \$1,125,000 USDA-Rural Development Grant. The project was 98% complete when shut for winter conditions. We are on time, under budget and expect to finish the distribution system extension/upgrades in Old Center this spring.
2. Hillview Industrial Park Water System Extension Project - This Town Meeting authorized a \$1.5 million dollar project and was funded with the benefit of a 45% or \$675,000 USDA-Rural Development Grant and a privately leveraged \$300,000 MORE Grant. The distribution system extension portion of the project is complete and the booster pump station phase will be bid this spring for summer work. We are on time and well under budget on this project as well.
3. Hillview Business Park Roadway - This \$400,000 roadway project was funded entirely through a state Economic Development Fund (EDF) Grant. The roadway and associated infrastructure are complete with only the pavement work left for spring. This roadway work has opened up commercial-industrial land for development.
4. Mylec Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Package- As a result of the development of the Hillview Business Park, we were successful in retaining and growing one of our homegrown manufacturing businesses. At a Special Town Meeting this past fall the voters overwhelmingly approved a TIF package that allowed Mylec to build a state of the art 45,000 s.f. manufacturing and distribution facility at Hillview. The site work is underway and plowing on (pun intended) through this snowy winter. The foundation piers are in and the building will begin to be erected in the coming days. Additionally, the site will be home to two state of the art Dek hockey rinks and a clubhouse. This project will account for 30 new jobs and 300-500 visitors for weekend hockey tournaments.
5. Solar Farm- We were successful this year in procuring, negotiating and ultimately contracting for a 2MW solar farm at our transfer station site. In addition to being a wise environmental policy initiative, this facility will generate enough energy to cover 94% of our municipal power needs. More importantly, while our current cost of raw power is \$.134 per kwh, the negotiated and contracted price for the first ten years of the deal will be locked at \$.01 per kWh. This is projected to save us in excess of \$250,000 per year in operating expense. Better yet, this savings will be shared between the general government and education sides of the fiscal house.

6. Wind Power - We received grant funding from the state to conduct a tabletop feasibility study of the town for potential wind power sites. That study identified the top of the Redevelopment Authorities Hillview site as a potentially productive site. We next received a \$70,000 grant to erect a meteorological test tower at that site to collect actual wind data for the next year. If the data proves that the site is viable, we will be in line for grant funding to install a wind turbine at that location. As far as green initiatives go, we would see ourselves through pretty green tinted glasses with wind on the eastern end of Town.

As we face the challenges of a new year, as well as the opportunities it will bring for our Town, we want to note the service to the Town of Selectmen Mark Shea, Burton Gould, Jr., Ed Bond and Keith Barrows, all of whom left the board during the course of last year. We welcomed new Selectmen Bob Zbikowski, Jackson Blair, Bob O'Keefe and the return of Keith Barrows also during the year. I should also thank Selectwoman Beth Hunt who continued her service to the Town throughout this transition period and note her election as Vice Chairman of our Board.

We have appreciated the support and comments we have received at our monthly meetings from the townspeople. We are also grateful for the service of so many townspeople on committees and boards.

We welcome your input to the decision making process and encourage you to write us c/o Town Hall or to contact any of us individually with your concerns, suggestions and comments.

Jackson Blair, Chairman

## **RECORD OF THE SPECIAL STATE ELECTION JANUARY 19, 2010**

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. An additional 1000 ballots were delivered to the polls by police officers at 4:30 p.m. 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. Officer Rose was relieved later in the day by Officer Richard Oinonen.

Polls were declared closed at 8 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 904 in Precinct 1; 1122 in Precinct 2; and 920 in Precinct 3. These totals included 26 absentee ballots in Precinct 1; 40 in Precinct 2; and 31 in Precinct 3.

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

The result of the balloting was as follows:

SENATOR	Pre 1	Pre 2	Pre 3	Total
Blank	0	0	0	0
Scott P. Brown	582	728	599	1909
Martha Coakley	304	379	303	986
Joseph L. Kennedy	18	15	18	51
Total	904	1122	920	2946

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town Clerk

## Annual Town Election May 3, 2010

Met at Old Murdock Senior Center at 7 a.m. Polls declared open at 8 a.m. by Coral M. Grout, Warden.

Election officers sworn and assigned to their respective stations. Official ballots, 750 in each of the three precincts were delivered by police officers.

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 312 in precinct 1; 313 in precinct 2; and 319 in precinct 3. These totals included 19 absentee ballots in precinct 1; 15 in precinct 2; and 22 in precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 9 p.m. Ballots cast and not cast, and check lists, 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
<b>MODERATOR</b>				
Blank	22	21	15	58
Richard L. Morin Sr.	217	242	245	704
Raymond D. Rader	73	50	59	182
<b>SELECTMEN (2)</b>				
Blank	63	76	73	212
Mark S. Shea	90	102	85	277
C. Jackson Blair	225	216	238	679
Robert L. Zbikowski	245	228	239	712
Write-ins	1	4	3	8
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YR)</b>				
Blank	43	35	43	121
Kenniston W. Lord Jr.	118	91	102	311
Christopher McDonald1	51	186	172	509
Write-ins	1	2		3
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 YR)</b>				
Blank	84	72	66	222
Crystal Murphy	222	236	251	709
Write-ins	6	5	2	13

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YR)

Blank	87	79	85	251
Kevin G. Bliss	219	230	229	678
Write-ins	6	4	5	15

BOARD OF HEALTH (2 YR)

Blank	91	80	79	250
John E. Shepardson	221	230	239	690
Write-ins	0	3	1	4

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Blank	60	63	44	167
David A. Johnson	250	249	275	774
Write-ins	2	1		3

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 24, 2010**

**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 24, 2010  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**The meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. at 7:05 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)

**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)

- Public Safety Facility Study Committee: Dave Johnson, Joe Bulger, Fire Chief Joe Lafrennie, Finance Committee Chairman Ulysse Maillet, Police Lt. Dave Walsh, DPW Director Mike Murphy

**VOTED (unanimously) to accept the printed reports of the officers and committees, and also to hear the report of the Public Safety Facility Study Committee.**

**POLICE STATION ROADWAY ARTICLE  
(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public way the portion of the public way known as Ash Street from the easterly side of the intersection of Ash Street and Cross Street to the westerly side of the intersection of Ash Street and Hall Road and authorize the Board of Selectmen to release any or all right, title and interest held by the Town within said way as previously laid out, and transfer the fee interest of this section of roadway from the Board of Selectmen for public way purposes to the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of conveyance and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said property upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, and further, to establish

the sum of two-million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars as the minimum amount to be paid for such property, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Public Safety Study Committee)

**VOTED (majority) to postpone indefinitely.**

## **BORROWING ARTICLES (two-thirds vote required)**

### **ARTICLE 4A**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate by borrowing \$2,100,000.00 to purchase “a property”, to be comprised of the following group of parcels, to use as a new Police Station:

- the property on Central Street listed as Assessors Map 5B3 parcel 119 (otherwise known as the “Courthouse Building and Lot”)
- the property on Central Street listed as Assessors Map 5B2 parcel 302 ( otherwise known as the “Courthouse Parking Lot”) ,
- the property on Pleasant Street listed as Assessors Map 5B2 lot 300 (otherwise known as “Dr. Wall’s Grass Lot”) ; and
- an 18 foot wide +/- portion of the property listed as Assessor’s Map 5B3 Lot 117 and which is directly adjacent to the Courthouse property (otherwise known as the “Athol Savings Bank Parking Lot”),

and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said property by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate, provided however, that the Board of Selectmen shall not expend the funds appropriated hereunder unless:

1. A legally binding assurance/contract is provided in writing by the current owner or owners of the property that the property shall be delivered to the Town in so-called turn-key condition and built out per the specifications shown on the plans entitled “A Proposed Addition to the Winchendon Trial Court for the Town of Winchendon” developed by Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC, dated September 14, 2009, as further detailed in the “Cost Estimate of Schematic Plans” prepared by KV Associates, Inc. dated December 21, 2009, and per the site plan specifications developed by Tighe and Bond dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, and
2. Assurances are provided in writing by the USDA, Rural Development, that the Town will receive grant funding in amount equal to not less than \$100,000,

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Public Safety Study Committee)

**VOTED (majority) to postpone indefinitely.**

### **ARTICLE 4B**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate by borrowing \$2,100,000 to purchase “a property”, to be comprised of the following group of parcels, to use as a new Police Station:

- the property on Central Street listed as Assessors Map 5B3 parcel 119 (otherwise known as the “Courthouse Building and Lot”)
- the property on Central Street listed as Assessors Map 5B2 parcel 302 ( otherwise known as the “Courthouse Parking Lot”) ,
- the property on Pleasant Street listed as Assessors Map 5B2 lot 300 (otherwise known as “Dr. Wall’s Grass Lot”) ; and
- an 18 foot wide +/- portion of the property listed as Assessor’s Map 5B3 Lot 117 and which is directly adjacent to the Courthouse property (otherwise known as the “Athol Savings Bank Parking Lot”),



and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said property by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem appropriate, provided however, that the Board of Selectmen shall not expend the funds appropriated hereunder unless:

3. A legally binding assurance/contract is provided in writing by the current owner or owners of the property that the property shall be delivered to the Town in so-called turn-key condition and built out per the specifications shown on the plans entitled "A Proposed Addition to the Winchendon Trial Court for the Town of Winchendon" developed by Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC, dated September 14, 2009, as further detailed in the "Cost Estimate of Schematic Plans" prepared by KV Associates, Inc. dated December 21, 2009, and per the site plan specifications developed by Tighe and Bond dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, and
4. Assurances are provided in writing by the USDA, Rural Development, that the Town will receive grant funding in amount equal to not less than \$100,000,

And further, that the vote taken hereunder shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion question pursuant to G.L. c.59, §21C(k), or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

## **WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION ARTICLES**

### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 9 of the November 2, 2009 Special Town Meeting, and appropriate \$1,500,000 for the 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 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust pursuant to Chapter 290 of the General Laws, or other funding agencies, or otherwise as permitted by Chapter 44, §§7 or 8 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, to issue bonds or notes therefore, and further 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 any 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)

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

### **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to reduce any borrowing authorized under Article 5 by the amount of any gifts or grants received by the Town for the purposes set forth in Article 5, and further, that no such borrowed funds shall be expended unless:

- (1) the Town receives a minimum of \$675,000 or 45% of the project cost as grant funding; and
- (2) the Town receives a minimum of \$300,000 from private landowners who will benefit from the project authorized by the vote taken under Article 5

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

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

### **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to repay the principal and interest of any bonds or notes issued under Article 6 with 50% to come from the Water Enterprise Fund and 50% to come from general government receipts, or action in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

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

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 17, Animal Control Bylaw of the Town of Winchendon General Bylaws as follows:

Section 17.1- Insert the following at the end of the section.

“If a Field Driver, Animal Control Officer or Police Officer is called to round up loose farm animals they may charge the owner a fee of no more than \$25 per animal per occurrence. If the fee cannot be paid the Field Driver, Animal Control Officer or Police Officer may hold the animals up to three days and on the fourth day of not receiving payment may sell or re-home the animals.”

17.2 B. Add:

“(6) Person’s applying for a kennel license may be subject to inspection by the Animal Health Inspector or Animal Control Officer. Applicants may be denied or have a kennel license revoked, if found to be living on less than one acre of land or upon a failed inspection of the housing, health or care of dogs numbering more than three.”

“(7) All dogs must wear a license tag. If a collar cannot be kept on a dog then the dog must be micro-chipped.”

17.2 C. (1) Change to  
“(such as hunting or field trials)”  
Delete: “(or training purposes)”

17.2 C. (2) Delete  
“or under control of the owner or keeper”.

Add: “Dogs may be loose on a property only if they are of good nature, and remain under direct owner supervision, and respond reliably to voice commands if the dog were to attempt to leave the property. Otherwise a tie out, fence, or leash must be used to confine a dog to a yard.”

17.2 G. Add  
“or put up for adoption” between “disposed of \_\_\_\_\_ as provided by”

17.2 K. Delete  
“of not more than twenty-five dollars(\$25.00).”

Add to end of the paragraph “After an owner has been given three fines of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$35.00 for the second offense and \$50.00 for the third offense, then the animal(s) may be removed if a fourth violation occurs.”

Add the following:

**17.3 CATS**

A. Definition of Terms

- (1) "Stray Cat" shall mean tame cat lacking identification and owner unknown.
- (2) "Feral Cat" shall mean un-tame, free roaming, un-owned.
- (3) "Ear Tipped" shall mean removing the tip of one ear of a feral cat to identify it as being fixed and vaccinated.

B. Identification & Rabies Vaccine

- (1) All cats within the Town of Winchendon must wear identification via a collar and tag, micro-chip or both. Feral cats are exempt from this but must be ear tipped.
- (2) Any cat found to be outside without identification may be picked up by Animal Control and held for at least 5 days as space allows. If an owner does not claim the cat it may be put up for adoption or euthanized. Owners will be fined, as per 17.2.K, if their cat is found without identification or without proof of a current rabies vaccine.

C. Stray & Feral Cats

- (1) Persons feeding stray or feral cats must report the cats to Animal Control.
- (2) If a stray cat has no identification and no owner reports it missing within 5 days of being found, then the cat may be transferred to a rescue group or adopted out through Animal Control. All cats will be fixed, vaccinated and micro-chipped prior to adoption at cost to the adopter.
- (3) All feral cats will be fixed, vaccinated and ear tipped with the help of an Animal Rescue Group

D. Nuisance Cats

- (1) A person may submit a complaint in writing against a neighbor's cat, accompanied by a picture or video if that cat is found to be of nuisance because it is doing one or more of the following. Destroying property, urinating or defecating in gardens, sand boxes or along vegetation and structures, if it is fighting with or instigating other animals, being aggressive towards people or vocalizing loudly due to mating or fighting.
- (2) The Animal Control Officer shall investigate the complaint. The owner may be fined, in accordance with 17.2.K, and ordered to confine the cat to their yard. The owner may also be required to spay or neuter the cat. If the owner does not comply, then the cat may be taken from the owner after three fines referenced in 17.2 K have been given and upon report of a fourth violation.

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Animal Control Officer)

**Voted to postpone indefinitely.**

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 49, section 28, as follows:

Chapter 49: Section 28. Use of premises of field driver for keeping impounded animals; conditions

Section 28. Beasts taken up by a field driver in a town which adopts this section or has adopted corresponding provisions of earlier laws may be impounded on his own premises; and for the purposes of this chapter he shall be considered a pound keeper, and such place on his premises shall be considered a town pound relative to beasts therein impounded.

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Animal Control Officer)

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

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to create a General Bylaw as follows:

### **Abandoned, Non-completed or Null and Void Permits**

Intent. A permit issued shall be construed to be a license to proceed with the work and not as authority to violate, cancel, alter, or set aside any of the provisions of the technical codes, nor shall issuance of a permit prevent the Building Commissioner from thereafter requiring a correction of errors in plans, construction, or violations of building code.

1. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 6 months after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 6 months after the time the work is commenced.
2. If work has commenced and the permit is revoked, becomes null and void, or expires because of lack of progress or abandonment, a new permit covering the proposed construction shall be obtained before proceeding with the work.
3. If a new permit is not obtained within 180 days from the date the initial permit became null and void, the Building Commissioner is authorized to require that any work which has been commenced or completed be removed from the building site by the holder of the original permit. Alternately, a new permit may be issued upon application, providing the work in place and required to complete the structure meets all applicable regulations in effect at the time the initial permit became null and void and any regulations which may have become effective between the date of expiration and the date of issuance of the new permit.
4. Work shall be considered to be in active progress when the permit has received an approved inspection within 180 days. This provision shall not be applicable in case of civil commotion or strike or when the building work is halted due directly to judicial injunction, order or similar process.
5. The fee for renewal, re-issuance and extension of a permit shall be set forth in the Building Commissioner's Permit Fee Schedule, as it may be amended from time to time.
6. At the discretion of the Building Commissioner, such discretion to be neither capricious nor arbitrary in its application, any person or entity may be denied a new project permit if at the time of application for the new project permit that person or entity is the holder of three (3) or more permits that are either abandoned, non-completed or otherwise null and void. Such denial of new project permit application shall remain in effect until the person or entity seeking the new permit cures the defect(s) in the previously issued permits.

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Selectwoman Hunt)

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

## **ZONING BYLAW ARTICLE (two-thirds vote required)**

## **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the town will amend it's zoning bylaw by making the following additions:

Add to definitions:

**SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEM** A system using photo voltaic, thermal, or other means of collecting solar energy and converting it to electricity or other forms of useful energy. Such a system will include collectors, energy transmission lines, and appurtenant devices such as transformers, inverters, pumps, storage facilities and similar devices. Necessary appurtenant structures are also included.

**GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEM** A system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted,

Add the following to section 5.2.3: Principal Use categories, Industrial Uses:

L. Solar Energy Collection System (See section 6.11 for limitations)						
R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Add the following to Table 6.3 Schedule of Accessory Use Regulations:

K. Solar Energy Collection System to produce energy to be consumed entirely on the premises (See section 6.11)

R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Add a new section 6.11 to article 6:

#### 6.11 Solar Energy Collection Systems

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the creation of solar energy collection systems to further the goal of making Winchendon a sustainable community as provided in section 1.1.1 of this bylaw. This section seeks to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

2. Solar Energy Collection Systems are permitted as follows:

- Solar Energy Collection Systems which produce energy to be used exclusively on the premises and systems which generate electricity that is sold to the electric utility, provided the site is/will be a net purchaser of electricity, are permitted by right in all zones as an accessory use. This shall include recharging electric automobile batteries on site.
- Solar Energy Collection Systems which are mounted on buildings are allowed by right in all zones.
- Ground mounted Solar Energy Collection Systems are allowed by right in the R40, R80, C1, C2, and I zones but shall be subject to the site plan review requirements of article 12 and the requirements of section 6.11.5 through 6.11.18.

1. The construction or installation of any Solar Energy Collection System shall require a separate building permit.

2. The construction and operation of all Solar Energy Collection Systems shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of the installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

- Lots containing Solar Energy Collection Systems shall conform to the lot area and setback requirements for the zone in which it is located.
- In those cases where a required wooded buffer would shade the collectors, the Planning Board may allow substitution of a fence and a grassed buffer.

1. Sections 6.11.6 through 6.11.18 shall apply only to systems requiring site plan review under section 6.11.2 b.

2. In addition to the other requirements for site plan review, each application shall include:

- a. One or three line electrical diagram (if electrical generation is proposed) detailing the solar installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code and National Electrical Safety Code compliant disconnects and over current devices;
  - b. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the collector panels, mounting system, and appurtenant devices;
  - c. A statement bearing the seal of a licensed professional engineer stating the measured normal pre construction noise levels at points (generally 100 feet apart) along the property lines and the expected operational noise levels at the same locations. Particular attention shall be paid to property lines abutting developed sites. A properly calibrated sound level meter meeting ANSI class 2 standards shall be used for all measurements.
  - d. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
  - e. An operation and maintenance plan (see also Section 6.11.9);
  - f. Proof of liability insurance; and
  - g. Description of financial security that satisfies Section 6.11.18.
1. If the area where the collector panels are installed is so designed that all stormwater will be returned to the soil within the area, the whole area will be considered as pervious area. Otherwise the actual ground area covered by collector panels will be considered impervious.
  2. A Low Impact Development Permit under article 31 of the general bylaws will be required for Solar Energy Collection Systems.
  3. Operation & Maintenance Plan. The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.
  4. Utility Notification. No installation proposed to generate electricity for use off site shall be approved until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar installation owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator.
  5. Appurtenant Structures. All appurtenant structures to installations; including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, substations; pumps, and turbines shall be included in the required site plan review and shall be evaluated based on the criteria in section 12.6. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.
1. Design Standards.
    - a. Solar energy collections systems shall be surrounded by a chain link or similar fence adequate to prevent entry by unauthorized persons.
    - b. If the noise level measured at any property line of the system in normal operation is more than 10 db greater than the reported pre construction noise level at the same location, sound deadening measures may be required as a condition of allowing further operation of the system.
    - c. Each installation shall have a sign showing the name and address of the operator thereof and a telephone number where a responsible representative of the operator may be reached at any time.
    - d. Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Planning Board, shall be made to place all utility connections from the installation underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

1. Safety and Environmental Standards

- a. Emergency Services The system owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local fire chief. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the system shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation. This contact information and telephone number shall also be provided to the local emergency dispatch center.
- b. Solar Energy Collection System Conditions **The** installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.

1. Modifications.

- a. All material modifications to a Solar Energy Collection System installation made after approval of the site plan shall require a modification of the approval.
- b. The Planning Board shall review each site plan at intervals of not less than five years and may, after public notice and hearing, modify the approved plan to insure the public safety and compliance with the town bylaws and regulations.

1. Abandonment or Decommissioning. Any installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned as defined in section 6.11.17 of this bylaw shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

- a. Physical removal of the solar collectors, appurtenant structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
- b. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.

1. Stabilization or revegetation. Stabilization or revegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

2. Abandonment. Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the installation shall be considered abandoned when the system fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. If the owner or operator of the installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the town may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

3. Financial Surety. Operators of installations shall provide security, either escrow account, bond, or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal of the system in the event the town must remove it and remediate the landscape. The form and amount of the security shall be determined by the Planning Board. The amount of the security shall reasonably reflect the anticipated cost of such removal and remediation. If the Board and the operator disagree, it shall be determined by an disinterested and qualified independent engineer. Such surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

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

VOTED (2/3 declared) to amend the zoning bylaw by making the following additions:

**Add to definitions:**

**SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEM** A system using photo voltaic, thermal, or other means of collecting solar energy and converting it to electricity or other forms of useful energy. Such a system will include collectors, energy transmission lines, and appurtenant devices such as transformers, inverters, pumps, storage facilities and similar devices. Necessary appurtenant structures are also included.

**GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEM** A system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted,

Add the following to section 5.2.3: Principal Use categories, Industrial Uses:

L. Solar Energy Collection System (See section 6.11 for limitations)

R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Add the following to Table 6.3 Schedule of Accessory Use Regulations:

K. Solar Energy Collection System to produce energy to be consumed entirely on the premises (See section 6.11)

R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Add a new section 6.11 to article 6:

**6.11 Solar Energy Collection Systems**

**6.11.1** The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the creation of solar energy collection systems to further the goal of making Winchendon a sustainable community as provided in section 1.1.1 of this bylaw. This section seeks to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

**6.11.2** Solar Energy Collection Systems are permitted as follows:

- a. Solar Energy Collection Systems which produce energy to be used exclusively on the premises and systems which generate electricity that is sold to the electric utility, provided the site is/will be a net purchaser of electricity, are permitted by right in all zones as an accessory use. This shall include recharging electric automobile batteries on site.
- b. Solar Energy Collection Systems which are mounted on buildings are allowed by right in all zones.
- c. Ground mounted Solar Energy Collection Systems are allowed by right in the R40, R80, C1, C2, and I zones but shall be subject to the site plan review requirements of article 12 and the requirements of section 6.11.5 through 6.11.18.
- d. Other Solar Energy Collection Systems are allowed in all zoning districts by special permit issued by the Planning Board and the site plan review requirements of article 12 and the requirements of section 6.11.5 through 6.11.18.

**6.11.3** The construction or installation of any Solar Energy Collection System shall require a separate building permit.



**6.11.4** The construction and operation of all Solar Energy Collection Systems shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of the installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

- a. Lots containing Solar Energy Collection Systems shall conform to the lot area and setback requirements for the zone in which it is located.
- b. In those cases where a required wooded buffer would shade the collectors, the Planning Board may allow substitution of a fence and a grassed buffer.

**6.11.5** Sections 6.11.6 through 6.11.18 shall apply only to systems requiring site plan review under section 6.11.2 c and 6.11.2 d.

**6.11.6** In addition to the other requirements for site plan review, each application shall include:

- a. One or three line electrical diagram (if electrical generation is proposed) detailing the solar installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code and National Electrical Safety Code compliant disconnects and over current devices;
- b. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the collector panels, mounting system, and appurtenant devices;
- c. A statement bearing the seal of a licensed professional engineer stating the measured normal pre construction noise levels at points (generally 100 feet apart) along the property lines and the expected operational noise levels at the same locations. Particular attention shall be paid to property lines abutting developed sites. A properly calibrated sound level meter meeting ANSI class 2 standards shall be used for all measurements.
- d. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
- e. An operation and maintenance plan (see also Section 6.11.9);
- f. Proof of liability insurance; and
- g. Description of financial security that satisfies Section 6.11.18.

**6.11.7** If the area where the collector panels are installed is so designed that all stormwater will be returned to the soil within the area, the whole area will be considered as pervious area. Otherwise the actual ground area covered by collector panels will be considered impervious.

**6.11.8** A Low Impact Development Permit under article 31 of the general bylaws will be required for Solar Energy Collection Systems.

**6.11.9 Operation & Maintenance Plan** The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.

**6.11.10 Utility Notification** No installation proposed to generate electricity for use off site shall be approved until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar installation owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator.

**6.11.11 Appurtenant Structures** All appurtenant structures to installations; including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, substations; pumps, and turbines shall be included in the required site plan review and shall be evaluated based on the criteria in section 12.6. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

**6.11.12 Design Standards**

Solar energy collections systems shall be surrounded by a chain link or similar fence adequate to prevent entry by unauthorized persons.

- a. If the noise level measured at any property line of the system in normal operation is more than 10 db greater than the reported pre construction noise level at the same location, sound deadening measures may be required as a condition of allowing further operation of the system.
- b. Each installation shall have a sign showing the name and address of the operator thereof and a telephone number where a responsible representative of the operator may be reached at any time.
- c. Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Planning Board, shall be made to place all utility connections from the installation underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

**6.11.13 Safety and Environmental Standards**

- a. **Emergency Services** The system owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local fire chief. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the system shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation. This contact information and telephone number shall also be provided to the local emergency dispatch center.
- b. **Solar Energy Collection System Conditions** The installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.

**6.11.14 Modifications**

- a. All material modifications to a Solar Energy Collection System installation made after approval of the site plan shall require a modification of the approval.
- b. The Planning Board shall review each site plan at intervals of not less than five years and may, after public notice and hearing, modify the approved plan to insure the public safety and compliance with the town bylaws and regulations.

**6.11.15 Abandonment or Decommissioning** Any installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned as defined in section 6.11.17 of this bylaw shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

- a. Physical removal of the solar collectors, appurtenant structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
- b. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.

**6.11.16 Stabilization or revegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion.** The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

**6.11.17 Abandonment** Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the installation shall be considered abandoned when the system fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. If the owner or operator of the installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the town may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

**6.11.18 Financial Surety** Operators of installations shall provide security, either escrow account, bond, or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal of the system in the event the town must remove it and remediate the landscape. The form and amount of the security shall be determined by the Planning Board. The amount of the security shall reasonably reflect the anticipated cost of such removal and remediation. If the Board and the operator disagree, it shall be determined by an disinterested and qualified independent engineer. Such surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

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

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$117,390.75 from the following FY10 (current year) General Budget accounts to fund the FY10 (current year) Department of Public Works Snow and Ice Budget deficit:

FY10 BUDGET ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Board of Selectmen Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Collector/Treasurer Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
Technology Personnel	\$ 900.00
Town Hall Personnel	\$ 2,000.00
Dispatch Personnel	\$ 7,000.00
Animal Control Personnel	\$ 2,000.00
Debt Service- Short Term Interest	\$ 36,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 2,420.75
Life Insurance	\$ 1,500.00
Property and Liability Insurance	\$ 33,570.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 117,390.75</b>

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

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

### **PRIOR YEAR BILL** (nine-tenths vote required)

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to pay the following prior year bill:

- Public Works Department- Nextel \$82.59

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

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

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Keith R. Barrows, Chair

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Mark S. Shea, Vice Chair

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Burton E. Gould Jr.

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Elizabeth Hunt

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Edward Bond

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 24, 2010**

**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 24, 2010  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. Selectman Burton E. Gould Jr. introduced Robert Zbikowsky and C. Jackson Blair, the two new members of the Board of Selectmen.**

**The meeting was recessed at 7:05 p.m. in order to convene the Special Town Meeting. Following adjournment of the Special Town Meeting the meeting was re-convened at 9:05 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)

**VOTED to accept the report of the Finance Committee as read by Chairman Ulysse Maillet.**

**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)

**VOTED (unanimously) to accept the town report as printed.**

**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)

**No committees were presented.**

**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)

**No committees were presented.**

**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 \$348,162 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)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**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 2011 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53(F) of the General Laws, as amended, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION ARTICLE**  
**(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to establish the following revolving accounts revolving account as provided for under the provisions of section 53E ½ 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 2010 and 2011 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 2010 and 2011 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; the total amount of said fund shall not exceed \$20,000; or act in relation thereto. (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 2010 and 2011 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 \$20,000; 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 2011 fiscal year 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)
6. Public Health Clean-up- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Health Clean-up Revolving Fund for the 2011 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows: receipts from liens placed on properties to secure reimbursement for the Board of Health performing clean up of properties as a matter of public health shall be credited to said fund; the Board of Health shall be authorized to expend said fund for any lawful purpose relating to such clean-ups; the total amount of said fund shall not exceed \$20,000 in each fiscal year; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)
7. Planning and Development Large Format Copier and Plotter- To see if the Town will vote to establish a Large Format Copier and Plotter Revolving Fund for the 2011 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows: receipts from persons using the copier and plotter shall be credited to said fund; Office of Planning and Development shall be authorized to expend said fund for any lawful purpose relating to the Large Format Copier and Plotter; the total amount of said fund shall not exceed \$20,000 in each fiscal year; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

## 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 \$10,460,982, for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

#### **\*OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Cemetery Trust	8,000.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	1,000.00
Dog Fees	20,000.00
Conservation Wetland Fees	2,500.00
Title V Liens Redemption	7,810.00
Wheeler-Poland Poor Trust Fund	2,000.00
Pension Trust Fund	7,000.00
Infrastructure Fund	77,845.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>126,155.00</b>

## FISCAL YEAR 11 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

The format of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget that follows depicts the proposed expenditures for the various major components of the General Government. They are as follow:

1. Administration, Finance and Benefits
2. Regulatory Boards, Commissions and Departments
3. Public Safety
4. Public Works
5. Human Services
6. Debt Service
7. Regional Expenses
8. Total FY11 General Government Budget

The total for each component, numbers 1-8, appears in the budget in numbered and gray shaded lines. These are the budget numbers before you for your consideration and vote.

Additional detailed information depicting the subcomponents within each major component also appears in the following budget. These subcomponent budget numbers provide a more detailed look into what makes up the expenditure of each major component. These numbers appear without shading, with asterisks (\*) and are for informational purposes only.

ACCOUNT	FY 10 ACTUAL	FY11 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	COMMENTS:
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.0%	No Change
TOWN MANAGER OFFICE	245,268.00	240,838.00	-2.0%	Misc. Cuts
FINANCE COMMITTEE	47,860.00	47,860.00	0.0%	No Change
ACCOUNTING OFFICE	110,600.00	110,592.00	0.0%	No Change
ASSESSORS OFFICE	73,326.00	73,607.00	0.0%	No Chance
COLLECTOR/TREA	174,931.00	170,647.00	-2.0%	Misc. Cuts
AUDIT EXPENSE	29,000.00	29,000.00	0.0%	No Change
LEGAL EXPENSE	65,000.00	60,000.00	-8.0%	Reduction
DATA PROCESSING	25,015.00	25,230.00	1.0%	Serv. Cont. Increase
TECHNOLOGY	17,575.00	16,439.00	-6.0%	No Change
COMMUNICATION				



COMMITTEE	6,500.00	12,500.00	92.0%	Website
TOWN CLERK OFFICE	87,307.00	87,184.00	0.0%	No Change
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	13,685.00	22,185.00	62.0%	More Elections
TOWN HALL PENSIONS	111,836.00 775,797.00	117,644.00 733,763.00	5.0% -5.0%	Oil & Elec. Inc. Actual Assess.
COMP. AND UNEMPLOY.	182,346.00	180,000.00	-1.0%	Actual Expense
HEALTH INS.	1,689,387.00	1,717,000.00	2.0%	Projected Exp.
LIFE INSURANCE	24,666.00	25,700.00	4.0%	Actual Exp.
MEDICARE	190,000.00	190,000.00	0.0%	Estimated Exp.
PROPERTY/ LIAB INSURANCE	176,376.00	143,000.00	-19.0	Actual Exp.
1. ADMIN, FIN. & BENEFITS	4,060,475.00	4,017,189.00	-1.0%	(\$43,286.00)
REGULATORY				
CONSERVATION	15,497.00	14,872.00	-4.0%	Misc. Minor Cuts
PLANNING BOARD	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.0%	No Change
ZONING BOARD	3,388.00	2,718.00	-20.0%	Misc. Minor Cuts
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	49,333.00	62,314.00	26.0%	Added Clerical Hours
LAND USE OFF.	70,778.00	69,564.00	-2.0%	Misc. Minor Cuts
2. TOTAL REGULATORY	144,996.00	155,468.00	7.0%	\$10,472.00
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS				
POLICE/DISPATCH /ACO	1,211,449.00	1,206,145.00	0.0%	Misc. Minor Cuts
FIRE/AMBULANCE	660,673.00	669,206.00	1.0%	Misc. Minor Cuts
CIVIL DEFENSE	3,762.00	3,762.00	0.0%	No Change

BOARD OF HEALTH	62,235.00	62,730.00	1.0%	Misc. Minor Increase
<b>3. TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>1,938,119.00</b>	<b>1,941,843.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$3,724.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>				
ADMINISTRATION	96,714.00	101,110.00	5.0%	Misc. Minor Increase
HIGHWAY	407,074.00	419,982.00	3.0%	Inc.Hwy.Supp.
FLEET MAINT.	234,417.00	234,635.00	0.0%	Misc.Minor Increase
CEMETERY	85,056.00	85,081.00	0.0%	No Change
SNOW & ICE	101,000.00	101,000.0	0.0%	No Change
STREET LIGHTS	41,000.00	48,000.00	17.0%	Rate Increase
LANDFILL EXPENSE	30,800.00	31,000.00	1.0%	Misc. Minor Increase
TREE TIMMING	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%	No Change
<b>4. TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,001,661.00</b>	<b>1,025,808.00</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>\$24,147.00</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
COUNCIL ON AGING	94,340.00	112,734.00	19.0%	Increased Hours
VETERANS	220,875.00	255,957.00	16.0%	Benefits Incre.
LIBRARY	153,394.00	153,824.00	0.0%	No Change
RECREATION COMM.	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.0%	No Change
HISTORICAL COMM.	500	500	0.0%	No Change
<b>5. TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>472,509.00</b>	<b>526,415.00</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>\$53,906.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
DEBT SERVICE	2,374,408.00	2,261,384.00	-5.0%	Actual Expense
<b>6. TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>2,374,408.00</b>	<b>2,261,384.00</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>(\$113,024.00)</b>

<b>REGIONAL EXPENSES</b>				
REGIONAL PLANNING	2,676.00	2,680.00	0.0%	Actual Assess.
MONTY TECH ASSES.	604,684.00	529,295.00	-12.0%	Actual Assess.
7. TOTAL REGIONAL EXP.	607,360.00	531,975.00	-12.0%	(\$75,385.00)
8. FY11 TOTAL BUDGET	10,599,528.00	10,460,082.00	-1.0%	(\$139,466.00)

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

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water revenues<sup>1</sup> and/or retained earnings the sum of \$837,066 (\$792,066 user fees + \$45,000 retained earnings) for the operating budget of the Water Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

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

**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Wastewater revenues<sup>2</sup> and/or retained earnings the sum of \$1,027,012 (\$827,012 user fees + \$200,000 betterment revenues) for the operating budget of the Wastewater Treatment Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

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

**TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE ARTICLES**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Transfer Station revenues the sum of \$196,796 for the operating budget of the Transfer Station enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

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<sup>1</sup> For Informational Purposes-FY10 Water Rate: \$4.77 hcf--- FY11 Water Rate: \$4.77 hcf (adopted)

<sup>2</sup> For Informational Purposes-FY10 Wastewater Rate: \$7.57 hcf --- FY11 Wastewater Rate: \$7.57 hcf (adopted)

**EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLES**  
**(majority vote required)**

**School Operating Budget Article**

**ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$13,210,431.00 (\$11,272,207.00 Chapter 70 plus \$4,688,335.00 Local Aid(Governor's Proposal) less \$2,720,537.00 in Indirect Costs) for the School Department for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

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

**School Operating Budget Override Article**

**ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000, in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 12 for FY2011 Net School Spending, to supplement the operating budget of the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, provided that this supplemental appropriation shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override vote, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Michael Barbaro, School Committee Chairman)

**VOTED (majority) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 12 for FY2011 Net School Spending, to supplement the operating budget of the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, provided that this supplemental appropriation shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override vote.**

**ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$1,176,160 for School Transportation for the following purposes:

In town Transportation:	\$ 625,000
Special Education Transportation:	\$ 540,000
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)

**VOTED (2/3 declared) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,176,160 for School Transportation, for the purposes stated in the article.**

**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY 2010 School Operating Budget the sum of \$8,867.93 to the FY10 general government School Transportation Account, where actual expenditures for all FY 2009 Indirect Costs were more than original estimate, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$31,352 as reimbursement for expenses and revenue generated during fiscal year 2009 from the Municipal Medicaid

Reimbursement Program to the fiscal year 2010 School Department budget, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Department and the Town Manager)

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

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY FINANCIAL ARTICLES**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash account the sum of \$15,000 to be used to fund the FY10 tax title work of the Town Treasurer Collector, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of Assessors cyclical inspection program in FY11, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 19**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Overlay Surplus account the sum of \$13,500 for the purpose of Assessors evaluating New Permits and Growth for FY11, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 20**

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)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 21**

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

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) 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 Selectman Shea and Selectmen Gould)

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES**  
(majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash, in FY10, the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to purchase a fully equipped marked police cruiser for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Police Chief)

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES**

**(majority and/or two-thirds vote required)**

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to purchase personal protective equipment for the Fire Department, provided, however that if the appropriation made hereunder is by capital outlay exclusion it 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, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Fire Chief)

**VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate by borrowing, the sum of \$65,000 to purchase personal protective equipment for the Fire Department.**

**ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department, provided, however that if the appropriation made hereunder is by capital outlay exclusion it 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, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Fire Chief)

**VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$165,000 to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department.**

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES**

**(two-thirds vote required)**

**ARTICLE 26**

To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to fund new boilers at Toy Town Elementary School and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offset such borrowing by the amount of any gifts or grants received by the Town for the project, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

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

**MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL ARTICLES**

**(majority and/or two-thirds vote required)**

**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to cover the expenses of updating the Town's Master Plan, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**Voted to postpone indefinitely.**

**ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to cover the expenses of rekeying the locks on the exterior of the Town Hall building and for the interior Town Hall offices in FY10, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 29**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate in the form of stabilization or free cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to fund the School Department for FY09 unanticipated special education transportation costs, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

**Article lost by majority vote.**

**ARTICLE 30**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to fund the School Department for FY10 unanticipated special education transportation costs, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

**VOTED (2/3 declared) to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$26,711 to fund the School Department for FY 10 unanticipated special education transportation costs.**

**PERSONNEL ARTICLE**

**(majority and/or two-thirds vote required)**

**ARTICLE 31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$80,000 to fund one third of the severance package liability for the Town Manager, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Selectman Gould)

**Article lost for lack of a second.**

**STABILIZATION FUND ARTICLE**

**(two-thirds vote required)**

**ARTICLE 32**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$12,408.41 from the following sources:

- \$4,320.00- (\$2,425-Article 26 May 2008 ATM Assessor's Re-evaluation; \$17.00- Assessor Registry of Deeds Encumbrance; \$1,727.46- Article 34 May 2008 ATM Fire Alarm; \$150.54- Land Use Department Encumbrance)
- \$3,200.00- Overlay Surplus
- \$4,888.41- Free Cash

or some other sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager)

**VOTED (2/3 declared) to transfer the sum of \$12,408.41 to the Stabilization Fund from the sources listed in the article.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLES**

**(majority vote required)**

### **ARTICLE 33**

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, six parcels of vacant land described as follows:

Map M7, Parcels 50, 51, 52 and 61

A certain parcel of land situated in Winchendon, and shown as lots 242, 243, 244 on plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision in Winchendon, Mass. Owned and developed by Monomonac Lake Shores, Inc." Feb 10, 1958, recorded in Plan Book 230, Page 68. And also conveying another parcel of land adjoins said lots 242, 243 and 244 bounded and described as follows; Beginning at the N. Ely corner thereof at a point in the northerly boundary line of land of the grantor and at corner of lot 242 shown on said plan recorded in the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District..

Map M1, Parcel 3:

A parcel of land located in Winchendon on Lake Monomonac. Parcel is .73 acres in size. Parcel is identified as an island just south of the New Hampshire state line and further described in deed recorded in Book 5178, page 205 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

Map M17, Parcel 44:

A certain parcel of land of .26 acres located in Winchendon, identified on the assessor's map as Map M17, Parcel 44 and further described in deed recorded in Book 13003, page 355 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

Said parcels of residentially-zoned, municipal land for the purpose of resale to further promote community/economic development, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority)

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

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

### **ARTICLE 34**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Massachusetts General Law:

**Chapter 32B: Section 20. Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; local option; funding schedule.**

Section 20. A city, town, district, county or municipal lighting plant that accepts this section, may establish a separate fund, to be known as an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, and a funding schedule for the fund. The schedule and any future updates shall be designed, consistent with standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits to zero as of an actuarially acceptable period of years and to meet the normal cost of all such future benefits for which the governmental unit is obligated. The schedule and any future updates shall be: (i) developed by an actuary retained by a municipal lighting plant or any other governmental unit and triennially reviewed by the board for a municipal lighting plant or by the chief executive officer of a governmental unit; and (ii) reviewed and approved by the actuary in the public employee retirement administration commission.

The board of a municipal lighting plant or the legislative body of any other governmental unit may appropriate amounts recommended by the schedule to be credited to the fund. Any interest or other income generated by the fund shall be added to and become part of the fund. Amounts that a governmental unit receives as a sponsor of a qualified retiree prescription drug plan under 42 U.S.C. 1395w-132 may be added to and become part of the fund.



The custodian of the fund shall be: (i) a designee appointed by the board of a municipal lighting plant; or (ii) the treasurer of any other governmental unit. Funds shall be invested and reinvested by the custodian consistent with the prudent investor rule set forth in chapter 203C.

This section may be accepted in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter by vote of the city council; in any other city by vote of the city council and approval of the mayor; in a town by vote of the town at a town meeting; in a district by vote of the governing board; in a municipal lighting plant by vote of the board; and in a county by vote of the county commissioners.  
, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Treasurer)

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

#### **ARTICLE 35**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the "Stretch Energy Code" set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120AA) as may be amended from time to time, and to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new section, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" as set forth below:

##### **Stretch Energy Code**

\_\_\_\_-1. **Adoption.** The Town of Winchendon has adopted the provisions of 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120.AA of the State Building Code or the "Stretch Energy Code"), as may be amended from time to time, in place of the provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.

\_\_\_\_-2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building Code.

or take any other action in relation thereto. (submitted by the Office of Planning and Development)

**Article lost by majority vote.**

#### **ARTICLE 36**

To see if the town will vote to donate unclaimed and abandoned bicycles obtained by the Police Department to the Kiwanis Club, a non-profit charitable organization, to be refurbished for a "Recycle a Bicycle" program, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Selectman Shea)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

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

#### **ARTICLE 37**

To see if the town will vote to amend the Right To Farm By-law as follows:

Section 2. Definitions. Insert new paragraph at the beginning of section 2 which states "For the purpose of this by-law, any definition of farming and agriculture shall refer to MGL Chapter 128: Section 1A. which states: "Farming" or "agriculture" shall include farming in all of its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural or horticultural commodities, the growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, the raising of livestock including horses, the keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise, the keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle and other domesticated animals used for food purposes, bees, fur-bearing animals, and any forestry or lumbering operations, performed by a farmer, who is hereby defined as one engaged in agriculture or farming as herein defined, or on a farm as an incident to or in conjunction with such farming operations, including

preparations for market, delivery to storage or to market or to carriers for transportation to market, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Agricultural Commission)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

#### **ARTICLE 38**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new bylaw regulating pawn shops:

#### **NEW GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLE 32: PAWNBROKERS**

##### **32.1 Licensing authority and requirements.**

A. The Police Chief may license suitable persons to be pawnbrokers, pursuant to law. Such licenses shall not be valid to protect the holders thereof in a building or place other than that designated in the license, unless consent to removal is granted by the Police Chief. Applications for new licenses under this rule may be filed at any time with the Police Chief. Applications for the reissue of licenses already existing should be filed at least 30 days before the expiration of such licenses. All licenses issued hereunder shall expire annually on the last day of December. Persons whose licenses have expired and have not been reissued will be liable to prosecution if carrying on the business for which the license is required. Every person so licensed shall at the time of receiving such license, file a bond as provided by state law.

B. Persons who engage in or carry on the business of lending money on mortgages, deposits or pledges of wearing apparel, jewelry, ornaments, household goods or other personal property, or of purchasing such property on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, when the property so mortgaged, pledged or purchased is deposited with the lender, must be licensed as pawnbrokers. This provision, however, does not apply to loans made on stock, bonds, notes or other written or printed evidence of ownership of property or of indebtedness to the holder or owner of such securities. (MGL c. 140, § 70 - 85)

##### **32.2 Interest rates.**

A. Licensed pawnbrokers may charge the following rates of interest:

(1) For loans up to and including \$30: 2% per week (and each fraction thereof at the same rate).

(2) For loans over \$30: 2% per week (and each fraction thereof at the same rate).

B. No such pawnbrokers shall charge or receive any greater rate of interest, and interest shall be determined on the precise sum advanced by the lender.

C. No pawnbroker shall make or receive any extra charge or fee for storage, care or safekeeping of any goods, articles or things pawned with him. (MGL c. 140, § 78)

##### **32.3. Police may enter and inspect premises and records.**

Any officer of the Police Department may, at any time, enter upon any premises used by a licensed pawnbroker for the purposes of his business, ascertain how he conducts his business and examine all articles taken in pawn or kept or stored in or upon said premises, and all books and inventories shall be exhibited to any above named whenever a demand shall be made for such exhibition. (MGL c. 140, § 73) (Penalty for refusal. MGL c. 140, § 74)

##### **32.4. Numbering of pawned articles.**

Every licensed pawnbroker shall, at the time of making any loan, attach a number to the article taken in pawn, and shall make entry of such number in the book provided for by 32.5 (A).

##### **32.5. Maintenance of records; contents; photo identification.**

A. Every licensed pawnbroker shall keep a book of a style and size in which shall be legibly written in ink, in the English language, at the time of making each loan, an account and description, including all distinguishing marks and numbers, of the goods, articles or things pledged or pawned, the amount of money loaned thereon, the day and hour when it was pawned, the rate of interest to be paid on such loan, the number of such article as same. No entry made in said book shall be erased, obliterated or defaced.

B. Every pawnbroker shall photograph any person pawning or pledging articles and keep such photographs with said books as part of his records. (MGL c. 140, § 79)

C. For all loans, every pawnbroker shall also require positive identification and record the type of identification presented and record the date of birth from any person pawning or pledging any article. Positive identification shall mean any picture identification card issued by a governmental agency.

#### 32.6. Pledge cards; contents; retention.

Each pledger shall be required by the pawnbroker to sign his name, age and address on a card. In the event that the pledger is unable to write, the pawnbroker shall fill in the name, age and address on such card, together with a notation stating that the pledger was unable to do so. Such card shall be retained seven years in an alphabetical index file to be kept on the premises by the licensed pawnbrokers.

#### 32.7. Copy of required record to pledger.

Every pawnbroker shall, at the time of making such loan, deliver to the person who pawns or pledges any goods, articles or things, a memorandum or note signed by him, containing the substance of the entry required to be made in his book by the provisions of 32.5 (A); and no charge shall be made or required by any pawnbroker for any such entry, memorandum or note. (MGL c. 140, § 80)

#### 32.8. Daily report to police.

A. Every licensed pawnbroker shall make out and deliver to the Winchendon Police Chief, every day before the hour of 10:00 a.m., a legible and correct list containing an accurate description, including all distinguishable marks and numbers of all articles taken in pawn during the preceding business day, the respective numbers of such articles as provided by 32.4, the amount loaned thereon, and the time when such articles were pawned. If during the preceding day no articles have been taken in pawn by such pawnbroker, he shall make out and deliver to the Police Chief before the hour of 10:00 a.m., a report of such fact.

B. If any goods or articles pawned or pledged and in the possession of a pawnbroker are subsequently determined to be stolen property by a member of the Winchendon or State Police, or if the rightful owner identifies property in the possession of a pawnbroker and the property so identified is confirmed by a member of the Winchendon or State Police to be stolen pawned goods, upon direction by the Winchendon or State Police, said property shall be returned to the rightful owner at no cost to such owner.

#### 32.9. Posting requirements.

A. Every licensed pawnbroker shall post in a conspicuous place in his shop or office a copy of the statutes, ordinances and police regulations relating to pawnbrokers, to be furnished by the Police Chief, and shall put in some suitable and conspicuous place in his shop a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters.

B. No pawnbroker shall place or maintain any signs or devices upon or in connection with his licensed premises indicating or tending to indicate that any form of business is conducted therein which he is not legally authorized to pursue.

#### 32.10. Hours of operation.

No pawnbroker shall have his shop open for the transaction of business, except between sunrise and 9:00 in the evening of any weekday except Saturday, on which day such shop may be kept open from sunrise until 10:00 in the evening.

32.11. Disposition of pledged articles.

A. Articles deposited in pawn with a licensed pawnbroker shall, unless redeemed, be retained by him on the premises occupied by him for his business for at least four months after the date of deposit.

B. After the expiration of the applicable period of time, he may sell the article by public auction, apply the proceeds thereof in satisfaction of the debt or demand and the expense of the notice and sale, and pay any surplus to the person entitled thereto on demand.

C. No such sale of any article which is not of a perishable nature shall be made unless not less than 10 days prior to the sale a written notice of the intended sale shall have been sent by registered mail to the person entitled to the payment of any surplus as aforesaid, addressed to his residence, as appearing in the records of such pawnbroker. Proof of registered mail shall be kept on file for one year after the date of sale.

D. No article taken in pawn by such pawnbroker shall be disposed of otherwise than as above provided, any agreement or contract between the parties thereto to the contrary notwithstanding.

E. Articles of personal apparel shall not be deemed to be of a perishable nature within the meaning of this section. (MGL c. 140, § 71)

32.12. Prohibitions.

A. No pawnbroker shall make a loan, directly or indirectly, to a minor, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such.

B. No pawnbroker shall loan money secured by deposit or pledge of a firearm, rifle, shotgun or machine gun. (MGL c. 140, § 13JB)

C. No pawnbroker shall hold a license to sell, rent, or lease a firearm, rifle, shotgun, or machine gun.

32.13. Complaints; disciplinary action; hearing.

A. Complaints concerning licensed pawnbrokers shall be investigated by the Winchendon Police Chief. An investigation shall be made in all such instances.

B. In the event the Police Chief determines that disciplinary action should be instituted against a licensed pawnbroker, the Police Chief shall cause to be served upon the licensed pawnbroker notice as to the time, date and place of hearing of the charge with a statement of the reasons for the proposed disciplinary action. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with Police Chief's procedure.

32.14. Suspension or revocation of license.

The Police Chief may suspend or revoke licenses provided for by this bylaw for any cause which the Police Chief deems sufficient. Offenses which may result in the suspension or revocation of a pawnbroker's license include but are not limited to the following:

- A. A violation of any section of this ordinance.
- B. A violation of any provisions of any statute or applicable law.

, or take any action in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**Voted to postpone indefinitely.**

#### **ARTICLE 39**

To see if the voters will vote to approve MGL Laws, Chapter 140—sections 70 thru 85 or take any other action in relation thereto. (submitted by Selectman Gould)

**Voted to postpone indefinitely.**

#### **ARTICLE 40**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 22, Sewer Use Regulations, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Winchendon, as follows:

#### **BYLAW ARTICLE 22**

#### **SEWER USE REGULATIONS**

##### **SECTION 22.1: DEFINITIONS**

1.2 "Board of Selectmen" has jurisdiction over, and is the governing authority for, the wastewater collection and treatment system in the Town of Winchendon.

- Add to the end of the sentence, "as further detailed in this bylaw."

4.1 The permit application shall be supplemented by plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the Board of Selectmen.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

4.9 Shop drawings of proposed pumping equipment shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval by the Superintendent.

- Delete, "to the Board of Selectmen"

4.12 Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the Board of Selectmen before installation.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

4.13 The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the Board of Selectmen when the sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

##### **SECTION 22.5: USE OF THE PUBLIC SEWERS**

5.3.7 Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Board of Selectmen in compliance with applicable state or federal regulations.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

5.4.4 If the Superintendent permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Selectmen and subject to the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal codes, regulations and laws.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

5.5 All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Board of Selectmen and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

In the maintaining of these interceptors, the owner(s) shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates, and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Board of Selectmen.

- Change "Board of Selectmen" to "Superintendent"

5.7 When required by the Board of Selectmen, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control structure together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes.

- Change “Board of Selectmen” to “Superintendent”

Such control structure, when required, shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Selectmen.

- Change “Board of Selectmen” to “Superintendent”

#### SECTION 22.6: USE OF THE PUBLIC STORM DRAIN: PERMITS

6.6 The applicant for the building drain permit shall notify the Board of Selectmen when the drain is ready for inspection and connection to the public storm drain.

- Change “Board of Selectmen” to “Superintendent”

#### SECTION 22.13: APPEALS

13.1 The Board of Selectmen shall receive appeals for arbitration of differences between the Superintendent and sewer users on matters concerning interpretation and execution of the provisions of this bylaw by the Board of Selectmen.

- Leave first reference as is. Change second reference to “Superintendent”

or take any action in relation thereto (submitted by the Town Manager)

**Voted to postpone indefinitely.**

### **CITIZEN PETITIONS ARTICLES**

(majority vote required)

#### **ARTICLE 41**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Winchendon General Bylaw 49. Wetland Protection as follows:

##### Introduction and Purpose

The reason for this proposed change to the current wetland bylaw is to decrease the one hundred (100) foot no alteration zone to a fifty foot (50) no alteration zone. This exemption is aimed to assist landowners who own an interest in real property and are constrained by the current regulation from utilizing all/or portions of their property but still sufficiently protection wetland interests.

##### Objectives

- (1) The primary objective of this exemption is to protect bordering vegetated wetlands from alterations that can have adverse effects to the native flora and fauna.
- (2) a decrease from the current 100 foot no alternation area to a 50 foot no alteration area.
- (3) To assist land owners who have property abutting bordering vegetated wetlands.

##### Definitions

Activity – Any such work that includes, but is not limited to, reconstruction or expansion of existing dwellings, driveways, garages, pools, landscaping, etc.

Bordering Vegetated Wetlands – Wet meadow, marsh, swamp, bog or other area, and which supports at least 50% wetland species and as defined in the Wetland Protection Act.

Disturbed – An area of land that is actively being used, such as but not limited to, lawns, driveways, roadways, or other areas that would not be naturally occurring.

Exemption

- (1) No activity, including but not limited to, grading and vegetation removal, shall be permitted within fifty (50) feet of a bordering vegetated wetland unless:
  - (a) The applicant provides evidence to the Commission that such activity sufficiently protects or improves bordering vegetated wetland interests; or
  - (b) The area is previously disturbed land and provided that such activity maintains or constructs a buffer consisting of native vegetation to sufficiently protect the area of interest; or
  - (c) That such activity is not in an area previously disturbed, but field conditions have extended the natural bordering vegetated wetland boundary, than such activity may occur; provided, however, that wherever possible, an area equal to the size of the area being disturbed may be replicated somewhere on the lot.

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by citizen petition)

**Voted to postpone indefinitely.**

**Meeting adjourned on motion at 10:24 p.m.**

**A true record attest:**

**Lois A. Abare      Town Clerk**

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 seven 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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Keith R. Barrows, Chair

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Mark S. Shea, Vice Chair

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Burton E. Gould Jr.

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Elizabeth Hunt

\_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Bond

**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, 2010, at the Annual Town Meeting which convened on May 24, 2010.

ACCOUNT	FY11
* SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	14,000.00
* TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE	240,838.00
* FINANCE COMMITTEE	47,860.00
* ACCOUNTING OFFICE	110,592.00
* ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	73,607.00
* COLLECTOR/TREASURER	170,647.00
* AUDIT EXPENSE	29,000.00
* LEGAL EXPENSE	60,000.00
* DATA PROCESSING	25,230.00
* TECHNOLOGY	16,439.00
* COMMUNICATION COMM.	12,500.00
* TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	87,184.00
* REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	22,185.00
* TOWN HALL	117,644.00
* PENSIONS	733,763.00
* COMP. AND UNEMPLOY.	180,000.00
* HEALTH INSURANCE	1,717,000.00



* LIFE INSURANCE	25,700.00
* MEDICARE	190,000.00
* PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS.	143,000.00
<b>1 ADMIN, FIN, &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>4,017,189.00</b>
<b>REGULATORY</b>	
* CONSERVATION	14,872.00
* PLANNING BOARD	6,000.00
* ZONING BOARD	2,718.00
* COMMUNITY DEVELOP.	62,314.00
* LAND USE OFFICE	69,564.00
<b>2 TOTAL REGULATORY</b>	<b>155,468.00</b>
* POLICE/DISPATCH/ACO	1,206,145.00
* FIRE/AMBULANCE	669,206.00
* CIVIL DEFENSE	3,762.00
* BOARD OF HEALTH	62,730.00
<b>3 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>1,941,843.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
* ADMINISTRATION	101,110.00
* HIGHWAY	419,982.00
* FLEET MAINTENANCE	234,635.00
* CEMETERY	85,081.00
* SNOW AND ICE	101,000.00

* STREET LIGHTS	48,000.00
* LANDFILL EXPENSE	31,000.00
* TREE TRIMMING	5,000.00
<b>4 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,025,808.00</b>

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

* COUNCIL ON AGING	112,734.00
* VETERANS	255,957.00
* LIBRARY	153,824.00
* RECREATION COMMITTEE	3,400.00
* HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00
<b>5 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>526,415.00</b>

#### **DEBT SERVICE**

* DEBT SERVICE	2,261,384.00
<b>6 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>2,261,384.00</b>

#### **REGIONAL EXPENSES**

* REGIONAL PLANNING	2,680.00
* MONTY TECH ASSESS	529,295.00

**TOTAL REGIONAL EXP. 531,975.00**

**RAISE & APPROPRIATE  
TOTAL (ART. 8) 10,333,927.00**

**APPROPRIATIONS BY  
TRANSFER (ART.8) 126,155.00**

#### **OTHER APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION**

Art. 12 School Budget	13,210,431.00
Art. 14 School Transportation	1,176,160.00
Total	14,386,591.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION</b>	<b>24,720,518.00</b>

**TRANSFERS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, SPECIAL ARTICLES**

Art. 15: FY10 School budget to FY10 School Transp.	8,867.93
Art. 18: Overlay Surplus to Assessors Inspections	20,000.00
Art. 19: Overlay Surplus to Assessors new growth	13,500.00
Art. 20: Overlay Surplus to Senior tax work-off	10,000.00
Art. 32: Balance of Prior Year Articles to Stabilization Fund	4,320.00
Art. 32: Overlay Surplus to Stabilization Fund	3,200.00
Total transfers, special articles	59,887.93

<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>186,042.93</b>
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**TRANSFERS FROM FREE CASH**

Art. 16: to School Dept. budget	31,352.00
Art. 17: to Tax Title Work	15,000.00
Art. 21: to CAC	18,000.00
Art. 22: to Clark YMCA	10,000.00
Art. 23: to Police Cruiser	32,000.00
Art. 28: to Town Hall re-keying	4,000.00
Art. 30: to Sp. Ed. Transportation	26,711.00
Art. 32: to Stabilization Fund	4,888.41

<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS, FREE CASH</b>	<b>141,951.41</b>
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**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Art. 9: Water rev. to Water Dept.	837,066.00
Art. 10: Wastewater rev. to Wastewater Dept.	1,027,012.00
Art. 11: Transfer Station rev. to Transfer Station	196,796.00

<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>	<b>2,060,874.00</b>
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**APPROPRIATIONS BY BORROWING**

Art. 5: Chapter 90	348,162.00
Art. 24: FD equipment	65,000.00
Art. 25: FD breathing apparatus	165,000.00
Art. 26: School boilers	300,000.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY BORROWING**

**878,162.00**

I CERTIFY that the foregoing figures totaling \$27,987,548.34 to be the amounts to be raised by taxation, transfers, and borrowing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

Attest:

Lois A. Abare  
Town Clerk

## **RECORD OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

**JULY 17, 2010**

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, 1200 in each of the three precincts, were delivered to the presiding officer. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction were posted in the hall and at the entrance.

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

Polls were declared closed at 2 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 363 in Precinct 1; 363 in Precinct 2; and 449 in Precinct 3. These totals included 64 absentee ballots in Precinct 1; 64 in Precinct 2; and 87 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 2:30 p.m. by Deputy Warden John L. Morris.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
Question 1 (debt exclusion, PD)				
Blank	3	3	0	6
YES	207	254	280	741
NO	153	106	169	428
Question 2 (override, Schools)				
Blank	3	2	3	8
YES	114	136	133	383
NO	246	225	313	784

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
August 30, 2010**

**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, August 30, 2010  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. with 212 voters present.**

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES**

**ARTICLE 1** (majority vote required)

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)

**Voted to pass over the article.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 2** (two-thirds vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose for which the Town Landfill parcel is held from Sanitary Landfill-dump to General Municipal and Leasing Purposes, said parcel comprising sixty-eight (68) acres, more or less, as identified in the vote pursuant to Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of October 24, 1973 and further identified as Assessor's Map 4, Parcel 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 3** (majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to request a special act of the General Court authorizing the Town to have the option to enter into a ten (10) year extension to a twenty (20) year solar power purchase

agreement/lease<sup>3</sup> for solar power generated on Town property, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 4 (two-thirds vote required)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the board with custody of the below described parcels for the purposes for which they are currently held, to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of conveyance, and 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 parcels of vacant land described as follows:

- **Map 5A2, Parcel 169, addressed as 8 Mill Street**  
A certain parcel of land of .169 acres located in Winchendon, identified on the assessor's map as Map 5A2, Parcel 169 and further described in deed recorded in Book 36145, page 331 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.
- **Map 9, Parcel 126:**  
A parcel of land located in Winchendon on Teal Road and identified on the assessor's map as Map 9, Parcel 126 Parcel is 9.01 acres in size. Parcel is identified as an island just south of the New Hampshire state line and further described in deed recorded in Book 5178, page 205 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

Said parcels of residentially-zoned, municipal land for the purpose of resale to further promote community/economic development, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority)

**VOTED (2/3 declared) to transfer from the board with custody of the below described parcels for the purposes for which they are currently held, to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of conveyance, and 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 parcels of vacant land described as follows:**

**Map 5A2, Parcel 169, addressed as 8 Mill Street**

A certain parcel of land of .169 acres located in Winchendon, identified on the assessor's map as Map 5A2, Parcel 169 and further described in deed recorded in Book 36145, Page 331 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

**Map 9, Parcel 126:**

A parcel of land located in Winchendon on Teal Road and identified on the assessor's map as Map 9, Parcel 126. Parcel is 9.01 acres in size.

Said parcels of residentially-zoned, municipal land for the purpose of resale to further promote community/economic development.

**FINANCIAL ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 5 (majority vote required)**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §59, to: approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town, and Mylec, Inc. a corporation with a principal place of business at 155

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<sup>3</sup> Said twenty (20) year power purchase agreement/lease is authorized pursuant to the Town of Winchendon Home Rule Charter section 4-2 (k) and further pursuant to Town of Winchendon General Bylaw 2.8.

Mill Circle, Winchendon Springs, MA 01477, substantially in the form as is on file with the Town Clerk (the "TIF Agreement"); confirm the Board of Selectmen's selection of the location of the project in the Winchendon Economic Opportunity Area; authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit the Tax Increment Financing Plan and Certified Project Application to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement; and to take such other actions as may be necessary to obtain approval of the Certified Project Application, the Tax Increment Financing Plan and TIF Zone and to implement the TIF Agreement, including the filing of an Economic Opportunity Area application, as may be necessary, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

**VOTED: (unanimously) pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, section 59, to approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the Town and Mylec, Inc., and take the additional actions related thereto, as set forth in the warrant under Article 5.**

**ARTICLE 6 (majority or two-thirds vote required)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$21,695.24 to reimburse the fleet maintenance account for emergency repairs to the 1984 E1 ladder truck or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Fire Chief and DPW Director)

**Voted to pass over the article.**

**ARTICLE 7 (two-thirds vote required)**

To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum or sums of money to fund new boilers at Toy Town Elementary School and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offset such borrowing by the amount of any gifts or grants received by the Town for the project, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

**VOTED (unanimously) to borrow the sum of \$300,000 to fund the acquisition of new boilers, oil tanks and appurtenances for the Toy Town Elementary School, including all costs incidental and related thereto, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds and notes therefore; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to offset such borrowing by the amount of any gifts or grants received by the Town for the project.**

## **GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE 8 (majority vote required)**

To see if the Town will vote to enact a new general bylaw as follows:

### **NEW GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLE 32: PAWNBROKERS**

#### **32.1 Licensing authority and requirements.**

A The Board of Selectmen may license suitable persons to be pawnbrokers, pursuant to law. Such licenses shall not be valid to protect the holders thereof in a building or place other than that designated in the license, unless consent to removal is granted by the Board of Selectmen. Applications for new licenses under this rule may be filed at any time with the Board of Selectmen. Applications for the reissue of licenses already existing should be filed at least 30 days before the expiration of such licenses. All licenses issued hereunder shall expire annually on the last day of December. Persons whose licenses have expired and have not been reissued will be liable to prosecution if carrying on the business for which the license is required. Every person so licensed shall at the time of receiving such license, file a bond as provided by state law.

B. Persons who engage in or carry on the business of lending money on mortgages, deposits or pledges of wearing apparel, jewelry, ornaments, household goods or other personal property, or of



purchasing such property on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, when the property so mortgaged, pledged or purchased is deposited with the lender, must be licensed as pawnbrokers. This provision, however, does not apply to loans made on stock, bonds, notes or other written or printed evidence of ownership of property or of indebtedness to the holder or owner of such securities. (MGL c. 140, § 70 - 85)

**32.2 Interest rates.**

A. Licensed pawnbrokers may charge the following rates of interest:

(1) For loans up to and including \$30: 2% per week (and each fraction thereof at the same rate).

(2) For loans over \$30: 2% per week (and each fraction thereof at the same rate).

B. No such pawnbrokers shall charge or receive any greater rate of interest, and interest shall be determined on the precise sum advanced by the lender.

C. No pawnbroker shall make or receive any extra charge or fee for storage, care or safekeeping of any goods, articles or things pawned with him. (MGL c. 140, § 78)

**32.3. Police may enter and inspect premises and records.**

Any officer of the Police Department may, at any time, enter upon any premises used by a licensed pawnbroker for the purposes of his business, ascertain how he conducts his business and examine all articles taken in pawn or kept or stored in or upon said premises, and all books and inventories shall be exhibited to any above named whenever a demand shall be made for such exhibition. (MGL c. 140, § 73) (Penalty for refusal. MGL c. 140, § 74)

**32.4. Numbering of pawned articles.**

Every licensed pawnbroker shall, at the time of making any loan, attach a number to the article taken in pawn, and shall make entry of such number in the book provided for by Section 32.5 (A).

**32.5. Maintenance of records; contents; photo identification.**

A. Every licensed pawnbroker shall keep a book of a style and size in which shall be legibly written in ink, in the English language, at the time of making each loan, an account and description, including all distinguishing marks and numbers, of the goods, articles or things pledged or pawned, the amount of money loaned thereon, the day and hour when it was pawned, the rate of interest to be paid on such loan, the number of such article as same. No entry made in said book shall be erased, obliterated or defaced.

B. Every pawnbroker shall photograph any person pawning or pledging articles and keep such photographs with said books as part of his records. (MGL c. 140, § 79)

C. For all loans, every pawnbroker shall also require positive identification and record the type of identification presented and record the date of birth from any person pawning or pledging any article. Positive identification shall mean any picture identification card issued by a governmental agency.

**32.6. Pledge cards; contents; retention.**

Each pledger shall be required by the pawnbroker to sign his name, age and address on a card. In the event that the pledger is unable to write, the pawnbroker shall fill in the name, age and address on such card, together with a notation stating that the pledger was unable to do so. Such card shall be retained seven years in an alphabetical index file to be kept on the premises by the licensed pawnbrokers.

**32.7. Copy of required record to pledger.**

Every pawnbroker shall, at the time of making such loan, deliver to the person who pawns or pledges any goods, articles or things, a memorandum or note signed by him, containing the substance of the

entry required to be made in his book by the provisions of Section 32.5 (A); and no charge shall be made or required by any pawnbroker for any such entry, memorandum or note. (MGL c. 140, § 80)

**32.8. Daily report to police.**

A. Every licensed pawnbroker shall make out and deliver to the Winchendon Police Chief, every day before the hour of 10:00 a.m., a legible and correct list containing an accurate description, including all distinguishable marks and numbers of all articles taken in pawn during the preceding business day, the respective numbers of such articles as provided by Section 32.4, the amount loaned thereon, and the time when such articles were pawned. If during the preceding day no articles have been taken in pawn by such pawnbroker, he shall make out and deliver to the Police Chief before the hour of 10:00 a.m., a report of such fact.

B. If any goods or articles pawned or pledged and in the possession of a pawnbroker are subsequently determined to be stolen property by a member of the Winchendon or State Police, or if the rightful owner identifies property in the possession of a pawnbroker and the property so identified is confirmed by a member of the Winchendon or State Police to be stolen pawned goods, upon direction by the Winchendon or State Police, said property shall be returned to the rightful owner at no cost to such owner.

**32.9. Posting requirements.**

A. Every licensed pawnbroker shall post in a conspicuous place in his shop or office a copy of the statutes, ordinances and police regulations relating to pawnbrokers, to be furnished by the Police Chief, and shall put in some suitable and conspicuous place in his shop a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters.

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**32.10. Hours of operation.**

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B. After the expiration of the applicable period of time, he may sell the article by public auction, apply the proceeds thereof in satisfaction of the debt or demand and the expense of the notice and sale, and pay any surplus to the person entitled thereto on demand.

C. No such sale of any article which is not of a perishable nature shall be made unless not less than 10 days prior to the sale a written notice of the intended sale shall have been sent by registered mail to the person entitled to the payment of any surplus as aforesaid, addressed to his residence, as appearing in the records of such pawnbroker. Proof of registered mail shall be kept on file for one year after the date of sale.

D. No article taken in pawn by such pawnbroker shall be disposed of otherwise than as above provided, any agreement or contract between the parties thereto to the contrary notwithstanding.

E. Articles of personal apparel shall not be deemed to be of a perishable nature within the meaning of this section. (MGL c. 140, § 71)

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**VOTED: (2/3 declared) to adopt the following new general bylaw:**

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- B. A violation of any provision of the statutes regulating pawnbrokers;
- C. A violation of any provisions of any other statute or applicable law.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 7:30 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

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Burton E. Gould, Jr., Chair

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C.Jackson Blair, Vice Chair

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Elizabeth R. Hunt

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Edward A. Bond

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Robert L. Zbikowski

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

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**PRINT CONSTABLE NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGN CONSTABLE NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010  
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 STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

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

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

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

The polls were declared closed at 8 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 125 in Precinct 1; 139 in Precinct 2; and 176 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 9 p.m.

Ballots cast and not cast and check lists stored in proper containers and delivered to the town clerk.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

	Pre 1	Pre 2	Pre 3	Total
<b>GOVERNOR</b>				
Blank	24	12	27	63
Deval L. Patrick	39	49	67	155
Write-ins	0	3	0	3
<b>LT. GOVERNOR</b>				
Blank	15	13	17	45
Timothy P. Murray	48	51	77	176
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
<b>ATTY. GENERAL</b>				
Blank	16	14	18	48
Martha Coakley	47	50	76	173
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
<b>SEC. OF STATE</b>				
Blank	15	11	17	43
William F. Galvin	448	53	77	178
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
<b>TREASURER</b>				
Blank	10	8	9	27
Steven Grossman	31	33	53	117
Stephen J. Murphy	22	23	31	76
Write-ins	0	0	1	1



AUDITOR				
Blank	4	2	6	12
Suzanne M. Bump	20	22	37	79
Guy W. Glodis	31	35	45	111
Mike Lake	8	5	5	18
Write-ins	0	0	1	1
REP. CONGRESS				
Blank	13	11	15	39
John W. Olver	50	53	79	182
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
COUNCILLOR				
Blank	22	18	25	65
Francis A. Ford	41	46	69	156
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
SEN. GENERAL CT.				
Blank	14	9	10	33
Stephen M. Brewer	49	55	84	188
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
REP. GENERAL CT				
Blank	4	1	7	12
Amy Feeley-Knuuttila	30	27	51	108
Patrick M. Gerry	29	36	36	101
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Blank	15	13	15	43
Joseph D. Early	48	51	79	178
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
SHERIFF				
Blank	4	7	8	19
Scott J. Bove	26	23	42	91
Thomas J. Foley	33	34	44	111
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
REPUBLICAN PARTY				
GOVERNOR				
Blank	1	3	3	7
Charles D. Baker	61	64	76	201
Write-ins	0	6	3	9
LT. GOV.				
Blank	7	8	14	29
Richard R. Tisei	55	60	67	182
Write-ins	0	5	1	6
ATTORNEY GEN.				
Blank	59	49	73	181
Write-ins	3	24	9	36

SECRETARY OF STATE

Blank	12	7	17	36
William C. Campbell	50	66	65	181
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

TREASURER

Blank	8	8	14	30
Karyn E. Polito	54	65	68	187
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

AUDITOR

Blank	5	4	15	24
Mary Connaughton	41	50	59	150
Kamal Jain	16	18	8	42
Write-ins	0	1	0	1

REP. CONGRESS

Blank	8	8	14	30
William L. Gunn Jr.	54	65	68	187
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR

Blank	13	10	22	45
Jennie L. Caissie	49	63	60	172
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

SEN. GENERAL CT.

Blank	13	10	19	42
Daniel D. Dubrule	49	63	63	175
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

REP. GENERAL CT.

Blank	12	9	18	39
Richard Bastien	50	64	64	178
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

DISTRICT ATTY.

Blank	62	73	82	217
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

SHERIFF

Blank	10	11	14	35
Lewis G. Evangelidis	52	62	68	182
Write-ins	0	0	0	0

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

GOVERNOR

Blank	0	0	0	0
Write-ins	0	2	0	2

LT. GOV.

Blank	0	1	0	1
Write-ins	0	1	0	1

ATTY. GEN.				
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SEC. STATE				
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A true record attest:				
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## RECORD OF THE STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2010

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Ballot boxes were checked and the registers set at zero. Keys to same were 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 905 in Precinct 1; 1143 in Precinct 2; and 972 in Precinct 3. These totals included 27 absentee ballots in Precinct 1; 47 in Precinct 2; and 55 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 9:30 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:

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre.3	Total
<b>GOV. &amp; LT GOV.</b>				
Blank	7	7	4	18
Patrick & Murray	298	376	328	1002
Baker & Tisei	464	601	498	1563
Cahill & Loscocco	125	143	123	391
Stein & Purcell	10	14	17	41
Write-ins	1	2	2	5
<b>ATTY. GENERAL</b>				
Blank	10	19	17	46
Martha Coakley	464	562	499	1525
James P. McKenna	431	560	456	1447
Write-ins	0	2	0	2
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>				
Blank	22	46	21	89
William F. Galvin	452	559	495	1506
William C. Campbell	390	498	421	1309
James D. Henderson	41	40	35	116
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
<b>TREASURER</b>				
Blank	27	37	32	96
Steven Grossman	369	447	372	1188
Karyn E. Polito	509	658	568	1735
Write-ins	0	1	0	1
<b>AUDITOR</b>				
Blank	52	64	61	177
Suzanne M. Bump	356	402	368	1126
Mary Connaughton	448	615	495	1558
Nathanael A. Fortune	49	59	48	156

Write-ins	0	3	0	3
REP. CONGRESS				
Blank	23	34	23	80
John W. Olver	432	519	470	1421
William L. Gunn Jr.	411	533	418	1362
Michael Engel	39	57	61	157
COUNCILLOR				
Blank	64	87	74	225
Jennie L. Caissie	499	669	559	1727
Francis A. Ford	342	385	338	1065
Write-ins	0	2	1	3
SEN. GEN. CT				
Blank	22	49	30	101
Stephen M. Brewer	522	655	582	1759
Daniel D. Dubrule	361	438	360	1159
Write-ins	0	1	0	1
REP. GEN. CT.				
Blank	33	64	50	147
Richard Bastien	421	537	442	1400
Patrick M. Gerry	317	347	310	974
Carolyn A. Kamuda	66	89	63	218
Colleen Laperriere	68	105	107	280
Write-ins	0	1	0	1
DISTRICT ATTY.				
Blank	269	331	293	893
Joseph D. Early Jr.	626	779	668	2073
Write-ins	10	33	11	54
SHERIFF				
Blank	36	53	46	135
Lewis G. Evangelidis	467	635	516	1618
Thomas J. Foley	331	374	334	1039
Keith E. Nicholas	69	81	76	226
Write-ins	2	0	0	2
QUESTION 1 (alcohol tax)				
Blank	24	23	21	68
YES	535	688	538	1761
NO	346	432	413	1191
QUESTION 2 (comp. permit)				
Blank	39	51	56	146
YES	355	506	382	1243
NO	511	586	534	1631
QUESTION 3 (sales tax)				
Blank	9	16	20	45
YES	481	586	487	1554
NO	415	541	465	1421
A true record attest:				
Lois A. Abare.				

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
November 15, 2010**

**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 15, 2010  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**Met at Murdock Middle/High School at 7 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. with a quorum present. John Giorgio was present representing Town Counsel Kopelman and Paige.**

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

**ARTICLE 1**

Finance Committee Report

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)

**Voted to pass over the article.**

**FINANCIAL ARTICLES  
(majority vote required)**

**FY10 Budget Articles**

**ARTICLE 2**

FY10 Revenue and Expense Deficit Adjustments

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the amount appropriated under Article 12 of the May 24, 2010 Annual Town Meeting for the FY2011 School Operating Budget the sum of \$151,103.59 to cover a portion of the FY2010 General Fund Revenue Deficit in the amount of \$96,983.33, and the FY2010 General Fund Expense Deficit in the amount of \$54,120.26, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 3**

FY10 Revenue Deficit Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Excess Land of Low Value account the sum of \$24,575.99 to cover the balance of the FY2010 General Fund Revenue Deficit , or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 4**

FY10 Wastewater Enterprise Fund Expense Deficit Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Sewer Betterment Fund Balance the sum of \$15,611.25 to cover the FY2010 Sewer Fund Expense Deficit, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**FY11 Budget Articles**

**ARTICLE 5**

FY11 Chapter 70 State Aid Cut

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 12 of the May 24, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, the Education Budget Article, by reducing the amount Raised and Appropriated therefore by \$210,346, which would be a change from \$13,210,431 (\$11,272,207 Chapter 70 plus \$4,658,761 Local Aid) (Governor's Proposal) less \$2,720,537) to \$13,000,085 (\$11,055,922 Chapter 70 plus \$4,664,700 Local Aid) less \$2,720,537), or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

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

**ARTICLE 6**

FY11 Monty Tech Reduction

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 8 of the May 24, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, the Town Budget Article, by reducing the amount Raised and Appropriated by \$5,985 for the Monty Tech Assessment, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 7**

FY11 Debt Service Budget Re-allocation of Sources

To see if the Town will vote to reduce by \$174,774.89 the amount Raised and Appropriated for debt service under Article 8 of the May 24, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, the Town Budget article, and appropriate from the Excess Land of Low Value account the sum of \$69,534.57, transfer from the Water Filtration balance the sum of \$21,648.80, and transfer from the RD Pump Station balance the sum of \$83,561.52 for such purposes, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**ARTICLE 8**

FY11 Wastewater Enterprise Budget Re-allocation of Sources

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article #10, the Wastewater Enterprise Article, at the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2010 from \$1,027,012 (\$827,012 user fees + \$200,000. betterment revenues) to change to funding (\$813,012 user fees + \$214,000 betterment revenue), or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.**

**Land Article**

**ARTICLE 9**

Land Transfer Follow-up Vote

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, one parcel of vacant land described as follows:

Map 5A2, Parcel 176:

A certain parcel of land of .06 acres located in Winchendon, identified on the assessor's map as Map 5A2, Parcel 176 and further described as lot 2 in deed recorded in Book 6028, page 314 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

Said parcel of residentially-zoned, municipal land for the purpose of resale to further promote community/economic development, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority)

**VOTED (unanimously) to transfer from the board with custody of the property for the purpose for which the land is currently held, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and 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, one parcel of vacant land described as follows:**

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### **School Capital Article**

#### **ARTICLE 10**

##### School Capital Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to fund the installation of a net near the backstop of the Murdock Middle High School baseball field, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the School Committee)

**Voted to pass over the article.**

**Meeting adjourned on motion at 7:35 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2010.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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C. Jackson Blair, Chair

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Robert L. Zbikowski, Vice Chair

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Burton E. Gould Jr.

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Elizabeth R. Hunt

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Edward A. Bond

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USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9410.**

## RECORD OF THE SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION DECEMBER 11, 2010

Met at Old Murdock Senior Center at 7 a.m. Polls declared open at 8 a.m. by Coral M. Grout, Warden.

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 card 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 Tracy Flagg, officer in charge.

Polls were declared closed at 8 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 585 in Precinct 1; 624 in Precinct 2; and 607 in Precinct 3. These totals included 35 absentee ballots in Precinct 1; 47 in Precinct 2; and 60 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 8:40 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
<b>RECALL OF EDWARD A. BOND</b>				
Blank	6	9	13	28
FOR THE RECALL	306	402	325	1033
AGAINST THE RECALL	273	213	269	755
<b>CANDIDATES</b>				
Blank	48	55	74	177
Jennifer L. Goodale	70	98	68	236
Robert M. O'Keefe	218	291	268	777
Paul W. Rice	246	179	196	621
Write-ins	3	1	1	5
<b>RECALL OF BURTON E. GOULD JR.</b>				
Blank	4	7	5	16
FOR THE RECALL	282	381	306	969
AGAINST THE RECALL	299	236	296	831
<b>CANDIDATES</b>				
Blank	62	74	66	202
Keith R. Barrows	242	322	281	845
R. Clifford Lupien	276	227	256	759
Write-ins	5	1	4	10

A true record attest:  
Lois A. Abare Town Clerk

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## **Winchendon Agricultural Commission 2010 Annual Report**

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 good third year. Many vendors returned, and new vendors joined. The Market was held mid-May through early October, Thursdays from 4 – 7 P.M. and Saturdays from 10 – 1, rain or shine, at the American Legion Park. Each week the market had an average of 10 vendors participating. 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 and new customers attending on Saturday.

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 their 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Patricia Stanko, Member
Paul Kachinsky, Vice Chair	Olivia Tarleton, Member
Michaela Krafve, Secretary	June Girouard, Member
Ken Girouard, Member	Burton E. Gould, Jr. Alternate

## **Animal Control Year End Report 2010**

For the calendar year of 2010, Winchendon Animal Control reports the following:

Number of calls:	629
Stray Dogs:	32
Surrendered Dogs:	<u>17</u>
	49 total/ 23 claimed/ 1 euthanized/ 25 adopted out
Cats:	99/ 1 claimed/ 5 DOA (hit by car)
Rabbits:	1/ 0 claimed
Chicken:	1/ 0 claimed

The majority of the animals that were not claimed were adopted out through Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue Group's adoption program. The Winchendon Animal Shelter gets funding from it's year round bottle and can drives, public donations and from Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue Group.

The Animal Control position for Winchendon is 20 hours. Sarah Fearing was employed as the A.C.O. for 2010. Animal Control bylaw changes were submitted at the Town Meeting in the Spring and tabled indefinitely by the Finance Committee. Summer of 2010 brought with it a group of reliable volunteers to help care for the animals at the shelter. Throughout the fall the A.C.O. continued her spay/neuter efforts in the hope of seeing a decrease in the number of unwanted kittens and puppies brought to the shelter in 2011.

In 2011 Animal Control will continue to focus on linking residents with low cost spay/neuter resources, advocating on behalf of abandoned cats and unwanted dogs, educating the public on acceptable standards of care for pets, and enforcing the dog license and leash laws.



## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

During fiscal year 2010 (7/1/2009–6/30/2010), the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) experienced a slight increase in the number of applications from a total of 11 in FY 2009 to 14 in FY 2010. The applications can be categorized as follows:

	<u>Applied For</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>
Special Permits	7	6	1	0
Special Permit Review	1	1	0	0
Variances	6	5	0	1

It was extremely gratifying to again note 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 highly controversial.

Three of the Special Permits granted were for the creation of new local town businesses; namely, a gas station, a convenience store, and a commercial dog care facility. One of the Special Permits granted was for the conversion of a single family home into 2 apartments, one for the construction of a 4 family apartment, and one for the construction of a single family home in a PD zone—all of which increased the more affordable housing stock in Winchendon. The Special Permit Review was for the Wachusett Valley Rider's Club to clarify some inconsistent conditions in the original Special Permit. One Special Permit was denied because it did not come close to meeting the requirements of the zoning bylaws.

Two of the Variances were granted for minor setback requirements to allow for the construction of garages, two variances were granted for minor frontage and lot area requirements, one variance was granted to allow the expansion of a local assisted living facility, and one variance application was withdrawn. Membership on the Board changed slightly with the appointment of Rick Germano and Michael Fearing as regular members. Both Robert Marshall and Raymond Rader, Sr. were re-appointed as regular members. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2010 Board, Charles Scanio, Chair (writer of this report),

Charles Scanio, Chair (writer of this report) 2011	Cynthia Carvill, Alt. Member 2012
Rick Germano, Regular Member, 2012	Evelyn Higgins, Alt. Member
Michael Fearing, Regular Member, 2012	
Robert Marshall, Regular Member 2013	
Raymond Rader, Sr., Regular Member 2013	

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS 2010 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, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Committed	\$ 871,384.19
Real Estate Taxes Committed	9,377,187.87
Personal Property Taxes Committed	224,286.35
Title 5 Sewer Liens Committed	8,497.10
Sewer Betterments Committed	310,319.65
Water Liens Added to Taxes	224,534.12
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	<u>232,432.65</u>
Total Committed for Collection	\$11,248,641.93

Real Estate Exemptions Granted:

Clause 17D Statutory	\$ 5,775.00	
Clause 22 Veterans	23,300.00	
Clause 37 Blind Persons	3,500.00	
Clause 41C Elderly	<u>16,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Granted	\$48,575.00	\$ 48,575.00
Real Estate Abatements Granted		5,518.61
Personal Property Abatements Granted		141.19
Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted		<u>25,469.04</u>
Total Exemptions and Abatements Granted		\$ 79,703.84

Respectfully submitted,

Linda V. Bevan

Ardythe E. Bilodeau

Maureen Cote  
Board of Assessors



# **BOARD OF HEALTH**

## **Annual Report**

### **July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

#### **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 that include the proper storage of solid waste. The Board is also responsible for enforcing State Sanitary Codes that cover recreational camps, ice rinks, and public swimming pools. The Board is also responsible for enforcement of the State Environmental codes regarding the disposal of solid waste and proper subsurface sewage disposal under 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 R.S., C.H.O. and Health Inspector, James Abare R.S. 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)  
John Shepardson (2012)  
Vacant (2013)

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Town of Winchendon through The Board of Health is part of 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 to provide Public Health nursing services. It is through this contract that monthly blood pressure clinics are held at Senior Center and annual flu shots are provided. The 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, working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Health Department Staff witness soil testing for septic systems and reviews and approves septic system plans, inspects the installation of septic tanks, pump chambers, pumps, distribution boxes and leaching areas. Residents can meet with staff during regular office hours.

The Health Department Staff also conducts 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 a wide range of issues including quitting tobacco use, diet and nutrition, reducing heart disease and stroke, and strategies for lowering risk of contracting various diseases.

## Annual Report Board of Health

The following is a report of the activities of the  
Board of Health for the calendar year 2010

<b><u>PURPOSE OF PERMIT</u></b>	<b><u># COUNT</u></b>
Miscellaneous inspections, meetings, Public contacts	520
Other	518
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Inspections	53
Soil Testing for repairs	36
Soil Testing for new lots	9
Reviewed and approved Septic System plans	35
Restaurant Inspections	109
Housing Inspections	24
Trash complaints	37
Environmental Samplings	1
Public Swimming Pool Inspections	4
Recreational Camp for Children Inspections	1
Beaver Complaints	1
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<i>total</i>	<b>1348</b>
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<b>Total Departmental Payments to Treasurer</b>	<b>\$29,769.00</b>

INSERT COLLECTOR/TREASURER'S REPORT FROM EXCEL

## **Annual Report FY 2010**

### **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.

#### **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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings)

**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 on Thursdays during winter months.)

**The Salvation Army/EFSP Emergency assistance** - Emergency Assistance  
(Monday– Friday 8:30-4:30)

#### **Youth Services**

Applications were given out and 50 children attended Project Contact summer day camp (formerly Bonnie Brae). These children were able to enjoy 2 weeks of fun and recreation at the new location at Camp Collier in Gardner. The United Way provided funding for transportation. Each child received breakfast, snack, lunch, swimming recreation and arts & crafts for a \$10.00 regulation fee. Children who were interested attended tutoring provided by HOPE in Gardner.

#### **Holiday Programs**

Thanksgiving Baskets were given out to 160 families which included 478 individuals. The food was provided by Project Bread, Hannaford, Market Basket, wonderful individuals, school children, and generous donations. Christmas dinner baskets were provided to 113 families that includes 312 individuals. Funding for the holiday food came from private donations.

The CAC Christmas party was a great success. It started with a pizza and grinder meal. Many thanks to C & S Pizza, Christo's Pizza, Gabby's, Hungry 4 Pizza, and Subway for the donations for the meal. Donuts were donated from Dunkin Donuts and McKinnons Coffee House. McDonalds donated the drinks for everyone. The children received a balloon animal from Twinkies Twistables. There was singing with some of the children dancing. Then it was time for the great man to appear-Santa. The children received one present, some candy, & a ball. There were 167 children with their parents attending with 185 children signed up to attend.

The new offering this year was free shopping for the parents at the United Parish of Winchendon fellowship hall. Many thanks to the United Parish of Winchendon for making the shopping possible with the use of the church hall. The CAC did not have all the room needed to put this shopping spree on. Before the shopping started it was amazing to see the tables with all the goods. The tables were piled very high with toys, books, stuffed animals, clothing, hats, mittens, scarf's, pajamas, backpacks, puzzles, stocking stuffers, personal care sets, and every kind of ball-footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, kick balls. There was an area for the children to pick out a gift for their parents and leave with it wrapped. The children loved this part to give to their parents. Christmas this year was in the children's homes under their tree. Also thanks to the Masonic Lodge for providing trees to families who needed one.

The Telegram and Gazette Santa Program provided gifts for 87 families that included 185 children. These gifts were given to parents to put under the tree and 6 families were helped through our Adopt-A-Family Program.

Mittens, scarf's, slippers as well as hats were collected from donations by Winchendon residents and distributed to all children. Many more were also distributed to the WIC program.

### **Housing**

FEMA funding of \$7044 helped prevent eviction for 19 local families (\$3777.00). \$1296 was used to help 14 local families with utilities, \$387 for 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 those needs. We are running low on funding because the outgoing Executive Director was not actively looking for funding opportunities, but we are currently pursuing new funding including increased United Way funding.

FEMA funds of \$1,563.00 were allotted for food from the Worcester County Food Bank. Project Bread donated \$1,500.00 which was also used to purchase food. Food Pantry requests went to 1054 individual families and 1675 multimember families who were served from our pantry for 2009-2010 including 2583 children, 4207 adults and 544 elderly residents which totals 7334 clients.

A Total of 14,061 lbs. of food were donated through the US Postal Service community collection, the Schools, Boy Scouts, Brownie troops, Churches, Businesses and Day Cares. A big thank you to all who helped keep our pantry full this year. There were three times in the fall when the CAC ran out of canned vegetables, canned fruit, and boxed milk. Donated funds were used to purchase these items. Wonderful volunteers see that our clients receive bread, pastry, and fresh vegetables from Hannaford's, 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. Other volunteers are Terri Brugleri, Dave Martin, Dick Vaine, John Shepardson, Lee Cloutier, and others. In all there were 85 volunteers in 2009-2010.

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.

Future donations came in from individuals and are 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 has been the medical transportation driver. He gives up his holidays to take clients to dialysis.

Due to a few of the bikers' motorcycle accidents, they were unable to put on their run to raise money for our fuel, but did send us a check for \$300. Thank you very much and we wish them well on their recovery. The Snowbound Club recently contributed \$500 to the WCAC, which was used to upgrade technology in the Executive Office. Tighe Mathieu of Winchendon has donated over \$2,000 worth of gently used furniture and office equipment to the CAC, which will be brought in during September and October.

#### **Our Neighbor's Kitchen**

The Last Thursday of each month will find about 65 - 75 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

#### **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	379	Medical Apts	954
Non - Elderly	91		
Handicapped	7		

**Total Client trips 477    Total One Way Trips 954    Days used 247**

#### **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!

Janet is our morning receptionist. She is paid through Catholic charities as a work experience employee. We are looking for Catholic charities to reinstate an afternoon secretary at this time. Many wonderful and faithful Board Members and volunteers work in the afternoons. Those volunteers included Joy Rosmond, Terri Brugleria, David Martin, Kim Lapointe, Chris LaFreniere, Gerry Gallant, Bob LaPointe, Cindy LaFreniee, Sarah Gage, Jennifer Simonds, Dick Vaine, Kathy Yatko, and Linda Rivard.

The board has undergone a transformation in leadership, and new officers have been elected. This board released Patty Scarrell of her duties, and hired myself in August of 2010. Ms. Scarrell has obtained an attorney, but has not filed suit in superior court. Our Attorney, Ilene Titus of Worcester is working diligently to see that the matter is dropped.

The CAC also was recently informed that MOC Inc. of Fitchburg has suspended Winchendon CAC funding, without giving reason or notice. Members of the board are assisting me in resolving the situation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Feeley-Knuuttila  
Director, WCAC

**Board of Directors 2009-10**  
President: Mr. William Stewart  
Secretary: Ms. Michelle Smith  
Vice President: Ray Vaillancourt  
Treasurer: Ms. Marcy Silva

Honorary Board Members  
Town Manager Mr. James Kreidler

<b>TOWN REPORT CAC MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION 2009-2010</b>									
Qtr.	Eld	N.Eld	Lift	Total	Medical	.		Runs	Days
1 <sup>st</sup>	73	29	4	106	106			212	64
2 <sup>nd</sup>	96	21	1	118	118			236	59
3 <sup>rd</sup>	109	25	1	135	135			270	61
4 <sup>th</sup>	101	16	1	118	118			236	63
<b>FY 09-10</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>477</b>			<b>954</b>	<b>247</b>

<b>2009-2010 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT – WORCESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK</b>					
<b>Characteristics of People Served</b>					
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.</b>	<b>Total 09-10</b>
Households	739	703	675	661	2778
People	1934	1956	1727	1717	7334
Child	679	739	564	601	2583
Adult	1111	1095	1017	984	4207
Elder	144	122	146	132	544
Male	968	965	871	857	3661
Female	966	991	856	860	3673
Afro-American	24	48	32	23	127
Asian	18	25	12	12	61
Latino	120	99	70	66	388
White	1770	1785	1613	1467	6752
New	866	200	101	68	1342
Bags	3251	2755	2578	2632	11216

January-March 2010 services included:

- 675 Households provided with food  
(1727 Individuals received 2578 bags of food)
  - 6 Trips to Worcester Food bank
  - 8289 Lbs. of MEFAP food distributed through the Food Bank
  - 13005 Lbs. of USDA food distributed through the Food Bank
  - 11787 Lbs. of other food distributed through the Food Bank
  - 5815 Lbs. of other food donations
  - 136 Gallons of fresh milk given to families
  - 723 Families received bread
  - 8 Families received Birthday gift & cake for child's birthday
  - 53 Clients provided with 234 one way medical trips
  - 119 Meals served at "Our Neighbor's Kitchen"
  - 0 Families helped with Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds
  - 1451 Guests in CAC
- All clients were provided with donated bread, pastry and fresh vegetables, clothing and furniture, as available.



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2010 REPORT**  
**JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

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 2010, the Commission held 11 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/upgrades. Seven (7) 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, with our employment efforts, was fortunate to attract new and enthusiastic people. Without the staff and volunteers – Betty Raymond, Sally McKinney, Jackie Flynn, Diane Alexander, Lila Dorval, Judy Philbrook, Carol Ball Dolan, 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 Mimi Overman and David Tavares, served over 25,000 meals. Nine thousand of these were home delivered meals. When broken down, this number turns into 103 meals per day. Our Thanksgiving special lunch drew approximately 157 people; our Christmas special brought in 82 diners. Our weekly bingo has drawn a regular crowd of over twenty seniors. The exercise and pool rooms are busy.

During the past fiscal year, Council on Aging Van Driver Sharon Perkins and MART Drivers Paula Waugh and Kevin Reidy were able to dispatch and transport over three thousand elders to doctor's appointments, meal sites, shopping and recreational trips, for a total of over 23,854 miles driven this year. We finished 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 AARP Tax Assistance; AARP Safe Driver Family Pharmacy (twice); Weight Loss Program Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	Painting classes, line dancing, yoga, quilting, BINGO, cards, pool, shuffleboard games, Valentine's, Halloween celebrations; Peanut Auction; Cake Auction; Quilting
Identify Theft Prevention, Senior Health Fair Computer Classes; Animal Craze; Beach Party	Birthday and holiday celebrations, coffee hour and a chicken barbeque
Medicare Part D, SHINE, Flu Clinic, Fuel Assistance and Food Stamps Red Sox Open House; Pizza Party;	Chinese Cooking Demonstration, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners GVNA Programs (Say WHEN/Say WHAT?)

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 Bettro,  
Director, Winchendon Council on Aging

## REPORT OF THE WINCHENDON CULTURAL COUNCIL

### To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Winchendon:

It has again our pleasure to you with a report of the Winchendon Cultural Council's activities for the 2010 fiscal year.

Terri Hillman was welcomed back to the Council, after a one-year absence. Cultural Councils have term limits that prohibit people from serving more than two consecutive 3-year terms. We are fortunate that experienced people continue to be interested in the work of the Council, and willing to contribute their time and energy. Mrs. Hillman was elected chairperson in the fall. Council Member Donna Stram resigned in late December, as she is relocating to be closer to her job. Cultural councils can have up to 19 members, so we have room for anyone interested in serving. For more information, please contact any member listed below.

For FY2010, we received a total of 14 applications for a total of \$6,765. All were local cultural council applications, except for one PASS application, for students to attend a performance. Applications came from both local organizations, and individuals and organizations located in other parts of the state. Our FY2010 allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$4200. Eleven grant applications were approved, totaling \$4528. Unclaimed awards from prior years allowed us to award additional money. The following proposals were funded at the stated amounts.

Beals Memorial Library for Museum of Science Pass		\$ 538
Beals Memorial Library for the New England Aquarium Pass		\$ 500
Beals Memorial Library for the Ecotarium Discount Coupon		\$ 300
Beals Memorial Library for the Museum of Fine Arts Discount Coupon		\$ 200
Beals Memorial Library for Bates & Tincknell Stories & Songs Program		\$ 400
Buck Expeditions for Explorers Program	\$500	Denied
Edward Cope Reading is Magic Program	\$375	Denied
Fitchburg Art Museum Regional Exhibition		\$ 100
Richard Hamlin Pied Potter Program		\$ 350
Memorial School class attending Theatre at the Mount		\$ 840
John Root Songbirds of the Northeast at the Senior Center		\$ 450
Winchendon Historical Society 1865 Civil War Program for students		\$ 250
Winchendon Parks & Recreation Entertainment		\$ 600
Edward Wirt Latin Music	\$1200.	<u>Denied</u>
	Total	\$4,528

Respectfully submitted

Terri Hillman, Chair (2014)  
Coral May Grout, Ed.D., Treasurer (2012)  
Donna Stram (resigned Dec. 2010)

Veronica Gomes (2011)  
Julia White Cardinal (2013)  
Doreen Poulin (2012)

## **Winchendon Finance Committee Annual Report**

The Winchendon Finance Committee is pleased to present our annual report for the 2010 fiscal year (FY10), July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Finance Committee meetings were held at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. The Finance Committee began FY10 with seven members: Ulysse Maillet as Chairman, Jeanne Hue as Vice Chairperson, C. Jackson Blair, Cynthia LeRoy, Kevin Miller, Jennifer Goodale and Bill Belko. Cynthia LeRoy was re-appointed for a three year term though 2012. In June 2009 Ulysse and Kevin were elected as chairperson and vice-chairperson respectively. Jeanne Hue and Jackson Blair resigned in April and May 2010, respectively. Debra Dennis was the Finance Committee Secretary and did an excellent job documenting committee meetings this year.

A special town meeting in was held November 2009 to extend town water to the Hillview Industrial Park, adjust the town's minimum contribution to the school department, fund upgrades to town computer systems and repairs to a DPW truck, adjust funding for tax title work, accept repayment of funds from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, and approve zoning and bylaw changes. The Finance Committee reviewed the warrant articles for this meeting and made recommendations to approve all articles, except for the water line extension and DPW truck repairs due to lack of information. Further information on these two articles were provided at the town meeting and all articles subsequently passed.

The Finance Committee discussed several topics throughout the year. One was the proposed approaches for replacing the current town police station. Financing options for this project were discussed and recommendations made to the town residents as part of the May 2010 town meeting. A second topic was the contracts and compensation for the town manager and school superintendent. We also held a joint meeting with Select Board in November 2009 to discuss improving communication and coordination between the Finance Committee, municipal government and the Select Board. Finance Committee members completed updated state ethics training this year based on new state ethics laws.

The Finance Committee began review of the municipal and school budgets in April 2010 in preparation for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. Primary topics for discussion this year were the school budget and associated Proposition 2 ½ override request, and replacement of the current police station. The special public safety committee provided a full presentation of police station replacement options and possible funding sources. The Finance Committee approved the associated articles. At town meeting the residents of Winchendon approved the acquisition of the building which formerly housed the District Court for a new police station and approved funding it through a debt exclusion Proposition 2 ½ override. This debt exclusion passed the subsequent town referendum.

Review and discussion of the proposed school budget was quite contentious this year. The School Committee chose to disregard previous agreements with the Finance Committee on the form and level of detail of the proposed budgets presented for our review. This resulted in a lack of sufficient information for the Finance Committee to understand the proposed school budget or the requested Proposition 2 ½ override. Ultimately the Finance

Committee decided to disapprove both the proposed school budget and Proposition 2 ½ override. Both articles were approved at town meeting, but the requested Proposition 2 ½ override did not pass the subsequent town referendum.

The Finance Committee approved the following transfers from the Finance Committee for FY10:

- \$1233.00 to the Police Dept. for a security lock for the booking area in October 2009;
- \$8,000.00 to the Town Clerk to cover election expenses in January 2010; and,
- \$20,000.00 to the Veterans Agent in May 2010;

The total transfers approved were \$29233.00.

The Finance Committee members look forward to continuing our service to the residents of Winchendon in 2010-2011. We encourage residents to become active in the governing of their town.

## Winchendon Fire Department Town Report 2010

**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, 2010-December 31, 2010, the Department responded to 1369 requests for services as shown below:**

<b>SITUATION TYPE</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>SITUATION TYPE</b>	<b>QTY</b>
111 Building fire	10	522 Water or steam leak	2
113 Cooking fires	6	531 Smoke or odor removal	5
114 Chimney fire	6	551 Assist police	4
116 Burner/Boiler problem	3	552 Police matter	3
117 Compactor fire	1	553 Public service	8
118 Trash or rubbish fire	1	554 Assist invalid	22
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	561 Unauthorized burning	29
142 Brush fire	18	571 Cover assignment/standby	28
151 Outside rubbish fire	1	600 Good intent call	16
164 Outside mailbox fire	1	611 Canceled en route	26
300 EMS (ALS) call	447	622 No incident found	17
311 EMS (BLS) call	469	651 Odor of smoke	17
324 MVA no injuries	13	700 False alarm or false call	10
381 Mutual aid ambulance	17	715 Malicious false alarm	5
411 Gasoline/flammables	3	730 System malfunction	13
412 Gas leak (LPG)	2	733 Smoke detector activation	15
413 Oil or other combustible	1	734 Heat detector malfunction	7
424 Carbon monoxide incident	16	735 Alarm system malfunction	18
440 Electrical wiring	7	736 CO detector malfunction	2
441 Heat from short circuit	1	740 Unintentional transmission	21
442 Overheated motor	1	743 Smoke detector no fire	13
444 Power line down	5	744 Detector activation	4
445 Arching electrical equipment	2	745 Alarm system no fire	20
500 Service call	5	746 CO detector activation	3
510 Person in distress	3	813 Wind storm damage	2
511 Lockout	8	814 Lighting strike	6
520 Water problem	4		

**Permits:**

Brush burning	334
Blasting/Tanks	22
Smoke detectors	114
Oil burner	55
L.P. gas	49
Trench	1
Fireworks	1
Fire safety inspections	<u>12</u>
Total	588

**Revenue Collected (Permits)**                      \$ 11,015.00

**Fire Losses**

Fire loss value for 2010 was \$395,100.00.

**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 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.	Fair	2013
Truck 7	1983 Chevy. Bucket Trk.	School Dept.	Poor	2011
Car 1	2007 Ford Expedition	R/B *	Excellent	2018
Car 2	2000 Ford Explorer	R/B *	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 three years.

**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 nine hundred and twenty-one (921) requests for medical assistance. Ambulance receipts for the year were \$ 339,432.72.

**Personnel:**

Craig Ashmore/EMT	Maurice Bateman/EMT	Corey Bohan/EMT-P
Kayla Boutell/EMT	Martin Brooks/EMT-I	William Brown/EMT
Brian Croteau/EMT	Carl Davis/EMT	Lea Dennette/EMT
Mark Fleming/EMT-P	Scott Florio/EMT-P	Thomas Heuer/EMT-P
James Lachance/EMT	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	Hilary Towne/EMT-P
Bryan Vaine/EMT	Gerald Valliere/EMT-I	

**Equipment:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Replacement Year</b>
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](mailto: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 FY10**

The Winchendon Housing Authority hereby presents its Annual Report for our fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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 2010 the election of officers was held and as follows:

<b><u>Slate of Officers</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Term of Office</u></b>
Chairperson	Burton Gould	April, 2010
Vice-Chairperson	Jacquelyn Flynn	May, 2012
Treasurer	Frank Cosentino	May, 2013
Asst-Treasurer	Fredrick Hardy	May, 2011
Secretary	David Johnson	May, 2014
Secretary ex-Officio	David P. Connor	Executive Director

The Board of Commissioners meet between the Ipswich Drive Community Building, Hyde Park Community Building or Pearl Drive Community Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 unless otherwise posted. The staff at the housing authority at the end of fiscal year 2010 is as follows,

### **WHA Staff:**

Ms. Michelle Sweeney  
Housing Administrator

Mr. Rocky Flint  
Hyde Park Maintenance  
Mechanic/HQS Inspector

Ms. Cyndee LaFreniere  
Financial/ Procurement Coordinator

Mr. James Bevilacqua  
Pearl Drive Maintenance Mechanic

Ms. Linda Tenney  
Tenant Coordinator

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

Ms. Linda Bond  
Groundskeeper/ Maintenance  
Mechanic

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 2 active program of federal modernization:

**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  
Upgrade  
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

**Scattered Sites**  
Retaining Wall at Front Roofing  
Street  
Parking Improvements

**Pearl Drive**

New Refrigerators

Parking Upgrades

**Capital Fund FY 2010:**

We were awarded \$181,502 in June 2010. These funds will be used to complete the following work items.

**Ipswich Drive**

Upgrade

Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

**Scattered Sites**

Siding upgrade at our Oak Roofing

Street Garage

Energy Star Appliance Upgrades

**Pearl Drive**

Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Over the past 10 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 notification in June 2010 from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) funds in the amount of **\$379,510** for work to be performed at Hyde Park Drive and our other State Scattered sites here in Winchendon over the next 3 years. For the past 10 years the WHA has received over 3 million dollars in state modernization funding for Hyde Park Drive and our other State housing sites here in Winchendon. 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.

In August 2010 the WHA received a funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development **ARRA WAP (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Weatherization Assistance Program)** in the amount of **\$55,000** for the replacement of 7 heating systems in our State Scattered Sites. This funding will be used to replace both Hot Air Furnaces and Hot Water Boilers with new energy efficient systems. Some of the heating systems that will be replaced are over 40 years old and in dire need to be replaced. This funding has come at a great time for our residents that pay their own utilities giving them a chance to save money while trying to keep their homes warm and dry during this tough economic time. It is our goal to have this work completed in the spring of 2011.

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](mailto: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*

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Executive Director/ Secretary Ex-Officio

# ANNUAL REPORT LAND USE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Building Department

<b>PURPOSE OF PERMIT</b>	<b>NO. OF PERMITS</b>
Dwelling Units	3
Foundations	2
Additions/Alterations	106
Garage Additions	4
Deck Addition/Repairs	6
Sheds	5
Roofs	37
Swimming Pools	11
Demolitions	5
Signs	7
Safety Inspections	47
Plumbing	59
Gas	36
Electrical	144
Wood Stoves	17
Pellet Stove	16
	<b>505</b>

## Total Departmental Payments to Town Treasurer

<b>Building</b>	<b>\$47,818.00</b>
<b>Wire</b>	<b>\$12,595.00</b>
<b>Plumbing</b>	<b>\$ 4,590.00</b>
<b>Gas</b>	<b>\$ 1,995.00</b>
<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>	<b>\$ 2,225.00</b>
<b>Photocopy</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>
<b>Occupancy</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>
<b>Cert. Of Inspections</b>	<b>\$ 1,902.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,125.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Blanchard, Building Commissioner

## **Beals Memorial Library Winchendon, Massachusetts**

### **TO THE CITIZENS OF WINCHENDON:**

#### **Ongoing Activities**

During 2010 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 our collections of books and magazines (for adults and children), DVDs, books recorded on cassette, CD and MP3 players, and music recorded on CD. Electronic access to a limited number of downloadable audio and video titles, as well as e-books (suitable for reading from your PC or e-reader) is provided through the Central and Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing (C/W MARS) network.

Circulation for FY 2010 totaled 35,195 items of which there were 7,748 video items, and 2,296 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 2010 Summer Reading Program, "Go Green at Your Library," was offered with some materials supplied by the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System. We are grateful for local support from the Friends of the Library, and Subway Sandwich Shop of Winchendon. Approximately 132 children participated. The library hosted a visit from Bates & Tincknell, who presented their program, "Earth Rhythms: Songs and Stories for the Whole Earth." (This program was funded, in part, by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered locally by the Winchendon Cultural Council.) 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 a variety of grade levels.

In collaboration with the Mt. Grace Trust, Library Director Julia Cardinal again presented a program featuring stories about ice cream, which was held at Murdock Farm.

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 101 children's programs were offered.

Murdock students in the Life Skills program make visit to our library, as part of their Friday morning down-town field trip. Students, guided by their teacher and aides, make selections of materials to check out with their own library cards.

First graders were offered the opportunity to obtain one of our new, bar-coded library cards, for use with the C/W MARS circulation system. Such cards are useful in Winchendon, and many other public libraries in Central Mass. As an incentive, First Graders who signed up library cards were presented with the booklet, "My First Visit to the Library." These booklets were provided by the Friends of the Library.



Mrs. Cardinal was invited to participate in Read across America Day, held on Mar. 2 (Dr. Seuss' birthday) at both the Memorial School, and the Toy Town Elementary School.

The Library continues to make home delivery of books and library materials for shut-ins, and provide curb-side service for those unable to visit the library due to the lack of handicapped access. There is no charge for these services.

Jim Zebrowski, president of the Aldrich Astronomical Society, presented a free program featuring David Clark space suits for boys and girls to try on. Parents were invited to bring cameras.

Lorraine Homan, senior work-off participant, helped during the fall with house-keeping chores, filing, and in the preparation of materials for story hours. Meghan Thayer volunteered to help with story/craft programs, and Daryn and Jenna Susman volunteered to help with a preschoolers' story hour.

The Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, in which Winchendon participated for nearly 40 years, was merged into the Massachusetts Library System in July 2010. Now, the MLS (Mass. Library System) provides the delivery and return services which facilitate Inter-Library Loan. In all, Winchendon received 2,729 items for local patrons, and loaned out 5,427 items to residents who use other Massachusetts libraries. MLS continues to provide libraries with some consulting services, and staff development opportunities. MLS has changed the out-of-network Inter-Library Loan procedures, and training was provided. (This service enables us to obtain requested items from libraries across the country.) MLS relies heavily on electronic methods of communicating and training, including webinars.

As in the past, we took advantage of the Internal Revenue Service distribution program to make available for the public a supply of common federal tax forms. State income tax forms were also made available. We have been advised that both state and federal forms distribution programs will be cut back in the future, as more and more residents switch to on-line filing.

Winchendon again qualified for both a Library Incentive Grant and a Municipal Equalization Grant, totaling \$ 11,490 from the state. This is a direct benefit of our Library's certification under the Massachusetts Minimum Standards for Free Public Library Service, and filing the required documents with the Board of Library Commissioners. Standards for a town of Winchendon's population include being open at least 40 hours per week (at least 5 days per week, and at least some evening hours); to loaning materials, without charge, to residents of other certified communities, spending to spend at least 16% of the municipal appropriation for materials; employing a qualified librarian; and having a municipal appropriation for the coming year which is at least 2.5% above the average for the prior three years. This money is large portion of our budget for new library materials. Over-due fine money represents about 10% of our book budget.

Owing to the present difficult financial times for communities across the state, the Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) is permitted, by the state legislature, to grant waivers of the municipal appropriation requirement, particularly to communities who meet their criteria. For FY2011, Winchendon, along with 96 other Massachusetts communities, petitioned the MBLC for such a waiver. We have just learned that our library has been granted a waiver so Winchendon continues to be certified. Certification is critical to local

library users so local residents may continue to utilize other Massachusetts public libraries, both for out-of-town borrowing, and for Inter-library Loan.

During portions of this year, the Beals Memorial 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 day parking pass good at most Massachusetts State Parks, provided by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The Friends supported a second DCR pass, so were able to help even more patrons use a state park,

The Library continues to provide computers, and Internet access to an average of 91 people per week. In addition, we offer wireless Internet Access for patrons who have their own lap tops or notebook computers. Some users even manage to use the service from outside the building and after hours. We are grateful to Comcast for providing the Internet connection for the public to use.

#### **Notable for 2010**

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, lightning struck the big old oak tree next to the library. The strike broke a telephone line, and damaged all the library's digital telephones. The line and the phones had to be replaced. In addition, the fire alarm panel was also damaged, and had to be replaced. One computer suffered a "fried" network card, but was considered to elderly to be worth fixing, and had to be replaced. Prior to the lightning strike we had to replace the leaking little hot water heater in the basement.

Now in its second and final we were able to qualify for a Gates Foundation On-line Opportunity Grant of \$2600. This grant, together with contributions from the Friends of the Library, a little money from the library budget, and contributions from individuals, enabled the library to purchase two new computers for public access to the Internet. Volunteers J. Spencer Morgan and Quincy Morgan helped to set up the new computers.

We continue to benefit from our membership in the C/W MARS network. This year, C/W MARS upgraded our on-line access from a fractional T-1 leased-line to a Comcast Cable line. (This is a separate connection from the one used for public Internet access. We benefit because the bandwidth needed for conducting library business isn't impinging on that needed by the public.

Our C/W MARS participation makes it possible for us to offer patrons many services which weren't possible while we used the old book card, pencil and rubber stamp circulation system. Now patrons have on-line access to their library accounts. Users can see what they have checked out, when it is due, renew, or place their own holds-- i.e.-requests--for items they want to read or view, or hear. They can also sign up to receive e-mail courtesy notices when borrowed items are coming due. This is a very popular service.

Since C/W MARS serves the majority of libraries in Central Massachusetts, our C/W MARS library cards can be used for borrowing privileges at many libraries in the region. In addition, the network offers access to e-books and "downloadable" audio books and video titles, as well as some on-line databases, available from home, work, or in the library. These databases provide access to magazines and peer-reviewed journal articles, many in

full text, plus major Massachusetts newspapers. For more information on making use of these resources, please visit the library, [www.cwmars.org](http://www.cwmars.org).

There is a growing trend in the book world--E-Readers. These high tech devices (e.g. Amazon's Kindle, Barnes & Noble's Nook, and the Sony Reader) allow users to access digital books, and other digital information. The data is typically downloaded either directly to the e-reader, or downloaded to a computer, and then transferred to the e-reader. As you might expect a fee can be involved, however, through the C/W MARS system, digital books are made available at no charge to the user, just as we do with other library materials. The difference is that e-books can never be overdue! The Nook and the Sony Reader work best with the C/W MARS system. E-reader owners might also obtain free digital content from a variety of on-line sources. For more information, please visit the library and obtain an instructional pamphlet. A valid library card is needed to access digital books through C/W MARS network.

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

Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation awarded the library a grant of \$33,338 to partially fund the replacement of the roof. At the suggestion of the town manager, we worked with Winchendon's Grants Administrator, Gerald White, in hopes of obtaining the balance of the money (\$16, 874) for this project, as an ADA Facilities Grant. This, unfortunately, did not come to pass, so the library trustees have voted to utilize their trust fund money to meet this critical expense. The existing roof was last re-done in 1988. It has been leaking over the last few years. Each year patches have been applied, but we have been advised that it is high time to replace the shingles, rubber, flashing, and skylights. At this writing, the contract has been signed, and we are waiting for favorable weather so work can begin.

Also in collaboration with Grants Administrator White, we again began the process of seeking Community Development Block Grant money for a barrier removal project at the library. The goal is to make our 98-year old library accessible to one and all in such a way that we can still provide good service, and access to our collections. Last year's attempt at this goal failed, so we are trying again, beginning with a feasibility study. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has gone out, and eleven (11) responses were received. Members of the Board of Trustees are reviewing the material, and expect to select the architect best qualified to work for the Beals Memorial Library before Spring.

The Friends of the Library sponsored several programs: the Scrabble tournament, Construct-a-Birdhouse (with pre-cut pieces supplied), Gloria Maybury speaking on the Literacy Volunteers, Craig Harris, with "Drum Away the Blues," (offered for children,) and the annual meeting speaker, local Animal Control Officer Sarah Fearing speaking on her work with Winchendon pets. The popular Christmas Kids Make a Gift Program attracted about 20 children, who made decorated wreaths to take home for someone special.

Fund raisers included a wine sale with special labels featuring the Beals Memorial Library, a bake sale, a model barn raffle (sponsored by Brooks Automotive, and especially constructed by "Pete" Chapman at Broadview) and the on-going basement book sale. Proceeds from these efforts enable the Friends to present the above mentioned programs, as well as helping to support our winter and summer children's reading programs. The

Friends also help to fund the acquisition of new computers, museum passes, and added shelving. These funds help to make our library the best it can be, and we are grateful. Last spring, the Friends celebrated the life of the late Helen Desmaris, a founding member, with a Rug Hooking Demonstration, program presented by several of Helen's dear friends. On this occasion, a display rug, designed, executed, and donated by Sheila Breton, was unveiled, and hung in the Reference Room, in Helen's memory.

The Board of Trustees had made good progress in efforts to establish a Beals Memorial Library Foundation. We hope to make a formal announcement in the Spring of 2011.

In collaboration with the Community Partnership for Young Children, and with help from the Friends of the Library, we presented Animal Adventures to celebrate the Week of the Young Child in April.

#### **Board News**

We welcomed a new Board Member, Amy Feeley-Knuuttila in the summer, but sadly, she had to resign in the fall, due to circumstances beyond her control. This leaves a vacant seat on the Board.

**We wish to especially thank the members of 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. Next, we wish to thank our faithful volunteers: Lisa Beauvais (for over 25 years of dedicated service), Esther Grimes, Diane Legros, Maryanne McDonough, J. Spencer Morgan, Quincy Morgan, Rebecca Rader, and Stephen Spady.**

**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.**

It is our staff members who actually provide library services to the public. Without them, the Beals Memorial Library would simply be a building full of books, DVDs, magazines, computers, etc. We think these folks do a very good job of providing the services expected of a modern public library, within an extremely limited budget. Please consider this: according to the recently released "FY2008 Municipal Pie, What's Your Share?" (at [http://mbic.state.ma.us/advisory/statistics/public/repmunicpie/repmp08\\_report.pdf](http://mbic.state.ma.us/advisory/statistics/public/repmunicpie/repmp08_report.pdf)) spending on public libraries accounts for only 1.24% of state-wide municipal general fund expenditures. In comparison, Winchendon's library budget represents only 0.62% of the town's overall spending. That translates to \$14.70 per capita--using the 2008 numbers--which is not even half the state average of \$35.81.

Respectfully submitted,      The Board of Library Trustees  
Ron Muse (2013)                      Renee' Eldredge (2012)  
Suzanne Rader, (2012)              Richard Anderson (2011)  
Cindy Darcy (2013)                  vacancy

## ***Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School*** **Annual Report – 2010**

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 Eric Commodore 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 rising health insurance, student transportation, and utility costs coupled with a decrease of State Aid Chapter 70 of \$246,009 and a decrease in State Transportation Aid of \$406,008.

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, which represents a \$284,389 decrease from the 2008-2009 Education Plan.

The District was audited in August 2010 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, 2010 enrollment included 1,401 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the districts: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (42), Athol (122), Barre (37), Fitchburg (394), Gardner (193), Harvard (3), Holden (46), Hubbardston (53), Lunenburg (63), Petersham (6), Phillipston (20), Princeton (14), Royalston (21), Sterling (53), Templeton (104), Westminster (57), and Winchendon (115).

The Guidance Department/Admissions Department received 736 applications for admission for the class of 2014. Of these, 636 were for the available ninth grade openings. Due to the retention rate of our upper classes, there were a limited number of openings for upperclassmen. Monty Tech admitted 28 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, 1,340 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 one thousand 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 2009-2010 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 2009-2010 enrollment is the second highest ever at 742 seventh and eighth graders.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$37,560 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2010. In addition, they awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local (Business Education Enrichment Foundation) and state organizations, as well as 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.

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 2009-2010 school year in student achievement in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In the spring of 2010, Monty Tech's passing rate on the mathematics portion of the test declined slightly from 99% to 97% while the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and advance categories in math went from 78% to 80%. The school's passing rate on the English portion of the test was 100% in 2008, 99% in 2009 and 99% in 2010, while the students scoring in proficient and advanced categories in English went from 81% to 83%.

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 2010	100%	100%
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 2009-2010 fiscal year. Monty Tech was again affected by the slowing economy. Our Chapter 70 aid was reduced by 2%. As a result of this, our staff was reduced by four positions, due to retiring employees not replaced.

The current staff includes 56 vocational teachers, 2 vocational teaching assistants, 44 academic teachers, 4 guidance counselors, 1 school social worker, 1 school adjustment counselor, 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 2009-2010 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of Skills USA. The students met the challenges of district competitions, performed well at state-level competitions and took back to Monty Tech five national medals and four top-ten placements. Serving as co-advisors were First Sergeant Paul Jornet, JROTC instructor, Timothy Gately, English Teacher and Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Education instructor.

### **Highlights of the year included:**

- A total of 51 medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School. – 20 gold, 17 silver and 14 bronze. Students in four contests swept the events, obtaining all three medals. These included: Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Preschool Teaching Assistant and Technical Drafting.
- Forty-five District Medalists and qualifiers, 24 local Leadership contestants, 1 state officer candidate and 14 voting delegates, for a total of 84 students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School and the Best Western Royal Plaza (Marlboro). Monty Tech finished the competition with 27 Medals of which 15 Earned the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, in late June. In addition, Victoria Holbert was elected to the State Executive council and Paula Araujo was selected as a National Voting Delegate.
- Of the nine students competing at the National Conference, five earned medals and the remaining four earned a spot in the top ten in the nation. Michelle Gosselin, Early Childhood Education, earned her second Gold Medal in a row in the Action Skills Competition. Arielle Maddocks, also from Early Childhood Education, earned a Gold Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration – Open Competition. Eunices Golzalez, Dental Assisting, earned a Silver Medal in the

Job Skill Demonstration – A Category. Matthew DiBara, Masonry, earned a Silver Medal in the Masonry Competition. Conner Bailey, Drafting Technology, earned a Silver Medal in the Extemporaneous Speech Competition.

- Victoria Holbert, state officer elect, attended leadership training over the summer. Following the training, she was elected to the position of State President by her peers on the officer team.
- Monty Tech's SkillsUSA Chapter completed the restoration of Moran Park in Fitchburg, through the generosity of a grant from Lowes, Inc.

### **WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY**

During the 2009-2010 school year, Monty Tech had one of its largest groups of young ladies participate in the eighth year of the North central Massachusetts Women in Technology Program, also known as Project WATCH (Women Achieving Technical Career Heights).

Our enrollment included: nine Business Technology students, five from Drafting Technology, and one from Engineering Technology, for a total of fifteen students. The students participated in a variety of high-tech, real-world work projects, under the mentorship of professionals at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products. The projects covered a wide range of business and technology areas, such as finance, software development, IT hardware and software, event planning, marketing intelligence and video screening.

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, at Tyco Safety Products Co. 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.

Students interested in participating in the program must first pass a pre-screening process at their sending schools, and then attend an all-day Orientation Program, where they are interviewed by company personnel.

Over the six scholarships awarded at the program's annual Final Projects Presentation, held in May, Monty Tech students received four. Their selection was based on their outstanding performance during the year.

In addition, three Monty Tech graduates were hired to work in SimplexGrinnell's Monitoring Call Center this summer. All three graduates will be attending college this fall. Two of the students participated in the WIT Program, and the other student, a male, worked as a Co-op student in Monty Tech's Technology Department the past two years.

Monty Tech, with the support of Superintendent-Director James R. Culkeen, has played a pivotal role in the WIT Program the past three years by hosting three of the program's



major annual events: the annual Orientation Day, the Final Projects Presentation, and the all-day rehearsal the day before.

## **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 provided during the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology**

Gardner – MWCC – security car repairs  
Winchendon, YMCA – rebuilt & painted Ford truck  
Templeton, Cemetery department – repainted car

### **Automotive Technology**

Winchendon, YMCA – Repairs

### **Cabinetmaking**

Fitchburg Police Department – podium  
Fitchburg Moran Park – sign  
Athol/Orange Boy Scouts – birdhouses  
Fitchburg, nursing home – cutting boards

### **Cosmetology**

Gardner High Rise – cosmetology services

### **Culinary Arts**

Fitchburg Art Museum – “Art in Bloom” pastries  
Gardner Relay for Life – Pastries  
Holden – “Taste of the Town”  
Fitchburg, Nashua River Watershed Association – pastries  
Independent Restaurant Group – hors d’oeuvres – Fundraiser

### **Dental Assisting**

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

### **Drafting Technology**

Barre, Farmers Market – Banner  
Fitchburg, Silver Sponsors – banner  
Fitchburg, Design of Shed for Moran Park  
Fitchburg, Police Department – podium design  
Fitchburg, Montachusett Challenger Little League Field – vinyls  
Fitchburg, Street Hockey – Banner  
Fitchburg, Jump Off Program – Designs  
Fitchburg, Christian Fellowship Youth Group - Banner  
Gardner, Relay for Life – Banner  
Fitchburg, Soccer League – Banner  
Gardner, Festival of Trees – Banner  
Westminster, Historical Society – Banner  
Westminster, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Banner  
Winchendon, Toy Town Elementary – courtyard design

#### Early Childhood Education

Fitchburg Community Partnership – Math/Literacy Fair  
Montachusett Association for Education of Young Children

#### Electrical

Templeton, Fire Station – installation of lights  
Gardner, Fire Station – data wiring  
Winchendon, Toy Town Elementary School – light fixtures

#### Graphic Communications

Westminster, Forbush Memorial Library – posters and flyers  
Interfaith Hospitality Network – bookmarks  
Gardner, Relay for Life – posters  
North Central – tickets  
Gardner, Memorial Lights – booklets/envelopes  
Ashburnham News – postcards  
Peoples church – Letterhead/cards/envelopes  
Ashburnham, Friends of Senior Center – logo  
Ashby, Middlesex Camp – flyers  
Athol, Athletic Association – tickets  
Athol, District 33A Lions Club- Ad Book  
Athol, New England Select – tickets  
Athol/Orange, YMCA – dinner tickets  
Baldwinville, Elementary School – Race and Carnival tickets  
Fitchburg, St. Anthony’s Church – Tickets  
Fitchburg, St. Bernard’s – Dance Tickets/Programs  
Fitchburg, High School – Tickets/Programs  
Fitchburg, Senior Center – Writing Project Book  
Fitchburg Longsjo School – poster/yearbooks  
Fitchburg, Boy Scouts – envelopes/letterhead  
Fitchburg, Force Inn – tickets  
Fitchburg, Art Museum – brochure  
Fitchburg, St. Denis – tickets  
Fitchburg, MOC kindergarten – calendars  
Fitchburg, Troop 17 – decals  
Fitchburg, Police Academy – pamphlets  
Gardner, H.O.P.E. – tickets  
Gardner, MWCC – Handbook and booklet  
Gardner, Holy Rosary School- tickets/yearbook  
Gardner, High School- raffle tickets  
Gardner, Heywood Hospital – tickets  
Gardner, CAC – envelopes/letterhead/postcards, GALA Programs  
Gardner, Golf Commission – brochures/membership  
Gardner, Knights of Columbus – tickets  
Gardner, Athletic – Certificates  
Gardner, Doug Flutie Autism – posters  
Gardner, Public Health – pamphlets  
Westminster, Agriculture Commission – flyers  
Westminster, Pumpkinfest – flyers  
Westminster – placemats  
Winchendon, Ahimsa-Haven – Letterhead/brochures  
Winchendon – By-Laws Booklet  
Winchendon – Senior Center  
Winchendon, North Central Pathways - pamphlets

#### Health Occupations

Blood Drive  
Haiti donations  
Pediatric Day

#### House Carpentry

Holden Police Dept. – 20 sawhorses made  
Fitchburg, Moran Park – Refreshment stand

#### Industrial Technology

Fitchburg – Baseball shelters  
Fitchburg, Historical Society – bronze markers  
Phillipston – Build/fabricate offices, DPW Barn

#### Machine Technology

Fitchburg , Cogshall Park – manufactured plates and columns

#### Masonry

Barre – repaint steps at Town Hall  
Fitchburg, High School – dugouts  
Winchendon, Public School- Concrete sidewalk & repairs

#### Welding/Metal Fabrication

Fitchburg, Fire Dept. – ladder brackets  
Winchendon, YMCA – modify brackets for showers

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

During the 2009-2010 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special education services to over two hundred students. In September 2009, the Student Support Services Department is actively providing services to approximately two hundred and eighty-seven students identified with disabilities, both on 504 plans and Individual Education programs (IEP's)

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 Amendments 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, part time school psychologist and school social worker. All 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. 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 ATHLETICS**

The Monty Tech Athletic Program enjoyed successes again in the 2009-2010 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 seven last spring.

Last fall, the Varsity Football Team broke a long losing streak and won three games in a row during a good stretch in October. They improved every week and gave their all during practice and games. They finished the year at 3 – 8 and 2 – 4 in Division 3A. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 8 – 7 – 4, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Northbridge 3-1 in an exciting game. The JV Boys Soccer team was 5 – 11. The Golf team was 10 – 2 – 2, playing in the Central Mass Division 3 Tournament where they finished 4<sup>th</sup>. They placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Vocational Tournament. 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 3 – 15. The Monty Tech faculty held their 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 3 – 6 and the Girls cross Country team was 3 – 3. The Girls Volleyball team had a 5 – 15 record. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 5 – 12 and the Freshmen Girls team 5 – 6, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer team, was 7 – 9 – 2, just missing the post-season berth. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 8 – 4 – 3, with most of the girls moving up this fall. Our girls' program looks very promising.

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team finished at 10 – 10 and made the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, where they lost to Littleton 57-34. The JV Girls were 9 – 10 and the Freshmen Girls were 10 – 5, as they prepared to move up to the JV Program this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 8 – 12. The JV Boys Basketball team was 15 – 3 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 9 – 6 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling Team participated in any dual meets and tournaments and finished at 3 – 11. The Co-op Ice Hockey Team did very well, as they participated in the District Tournament, losing in the finals to Oakmont. The JV 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 again, it went very well. They swam at the Fitchburg State University pool, one of the best in the area.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball Team again gave Monty Tech a lot to be proud of, as they won 23 straight games before losing to Blackstone Valley Tech in the Central Mass. Division 3 semi-finals. They won the Colonial Athletic League Championship for the 21<sup>st</sup> time in 25 years. They won the State Vocational Tournament for the 4<sup>th</sup> time since it started in 2000, as they beat Greater New Bedford Voc. 11 – 1 and Shawsheen Tech 5 – 1. They finished the year at 23 – 1. The JV Softball team was 6 – 12. The Boys Volleyball team was 7 – 11. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 10 – 8 and qualified for the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament for the first time in many years. They played a good game against Millbury before losing 7 – 0. The JV Baseball team was 3 – 12. The Boys Track and Field team was 4 – 5, while the Girls Track and Field team was 8 – 2.

The Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2009 – 2010 were:

Male: Chris LaPlante of Westminster Female: Ivette Tejada of Fitchburg

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Monty Tech is very fortunate to have the support of a School Committee and an administrative team that recognize the need to provide our staff with the tools to prepare our students for the workforce, military, or college. Monty Tech's technology spending could have been severely affected by the economic downturn in recent years. Fortunately, a portion of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds was directed toward technology spending. We were able to purchase computers and software for our students with reading and learning difficulties. We were able to purchase software that standardized the applications used in several vocational programs. We were also able to implement a portion of our disaster recovering planning needs.

Monty Tech's Electrical Department has made improvements to the infrastructure of the building by completing the replacement of old network wiring in the original academic wing of the building. As we look to the future, we will need to evaluate the need for wireless access throughout the building.

Data continues to be an important tool for administrative decisions at the school and state level. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education implemented online testing for MEPA (Massachusetts English Proficiency Assessment), and Monty Tech participated as a pilot school.

### **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 2010, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$1,616,244. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Drug Free Schools, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$140,990. For Fiscal Year 2010, Monty Tech received \$26,175 in grant funds to support instructional services and equipment in the Auto Body/Collision Repair Department. The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts awarded the school \$20,000 to pursue a biodiesel project (project end date June 30, 2010), while the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the Massachusetts

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded competitive funds to support the construction of a renewable energy center at Monty Tech. Funds awarded for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy Center (REC) project total \$94,815.

Total grant awards for fiscal year 2010 was \$1,757,234.

**CONCLUDING STATEMENT** Again, on behalf of the School Committee, administration, students and staff of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, I thank all the member communities for their continued support of Monty Tech.

## **WINCHENDON PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Winchendon Parks and Recreation consists of five adult members. 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 2010. 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 a very popular event. This event, hosted by the Winchendon Parks and Recreation, is our annual Easter Egg Hunt, with an attendance in 2010 of approximately 300 children. This event continues to grow annually.

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**

### **2010 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, community and economic development projects. CDBG funds also underwrite the major portion of the department's operating costs through its administrative funds. Since 1985 the town has sought, received and invested \$7.4 million in CDBG grants to correct housing code violations in existing homes and make them safe and affordable for approximately 332 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 \$500,000 as a result of the FY 09 CDBG/EDF application for the construction of a commercial roadway into the Hillview Business Park where ultimately three new businesses have committed to over 50 new jobs being created. In addition to the new created jobs, this business park will boost the Town's tax base with minimal impact of municipal services. Additionally the Town was awarded \$1,000,000 for Prospect Street and five housing rehab projects. 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 this neighborhood. There is additional funding to rehab a minimum of five residential units.

The department has applied for a CDBG grant of \$1,000,000 to completely reconstruct Emerald 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 an outstanding score of 99. This year we did lose a few points as housing starts are down. 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 is now 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 \$ 13,000 in grant funds from Massachusetts Environmental Trust in an effort to improve the water quality and enhance stewardship of the Millers River. This grant was written with two main goals; to train volunteers to conduct water quality monitoring in Whitney Pond and to reduce stormwater flooding and non-point source pollution by educating residents in the use and construction of Low Impact Development (LID) practices. A GIS watershed study will also be completed to target the best locations for stormwater mitigation in the areas surrounding Whitney Pond and the downtown area. A complete mapping of the watersheds within Winchendon was also completed in early 2010 and contains information on the sub-basins, land use and impaired waters.

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 and The Greater Worcester Community Foundation 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 2010**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Guy C. Corbosiero, Michael Carrier and John White served throughout the year. Mark Shaughnessy resigned in August for business reasons and Robert O'Keefe resigned in December upon his election to the Board of Selectmen. Cailte Kelley was appointed to the board in December but did not attend his first meeting until 2011. 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 was replaced by Elizabeth DeCoteau as secretary.

**MEETINGS:** The board held nineteen meetings during the year. Some were omitted for lack of business, bad weather, or because of holidays. Most meetings were carried on cable TV. We appreciate this exposure as we want to keep our work in the open. The citizens of Winchendon are entitled to know what we are doing as their representatives.

**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. Mr. Shaughnessy was nominated as the board's representative for the Open Space Appraisal Revolving Fund Advisory Committee in April. Upon his resignation from the board, the board nominated John White to the position.

**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* at public expense to help them keep up with current trends.

**APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLANS:** Few ANR plans were submitted in 2010. Only four new residential building lots were involved compared with over 50 in some previous years. This shows the depressed level of the housing market.

**SUBDIVISIONS:** No new subdivision plans were submitted during the year. The commercial subdivision plan for Hillview Business park submitted in 2009 was finally approved. The subdivision plan for Toy Town Heights off Ash Street, originally approved years ago, was extended because of current poor conditions in the housing market. At the request of the current property owner, the subdivision Hemlock Drive off Baldwinville Road was rescinded. Further indications about the housing market.

**SITE PLAN APPROVALS:** Site plan reviews constituted the largest part of the board's business during the year. Including three plans carried over from 2009 a total of ten site plans were considered. One review was waived because of the deminimus effect. One was approved under the informal review procedure since only signage and pavement markings were involved. With all but one of the others, two and often more hearings were required before sufficient information was received and necessary changes were made so that the plans could be approved. We found that when developers worked with the board and the planning agent, approval could be quick; but when information was not provided promptly or the developer was reluctant to reasonably comply with our bylaws and regulations, much time was consumed in reaching a mutually satisfactory plan. As one representative from another community has remarked, "Garbage plan in and the cost goes up."

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS: The board considered and held a public forum on the stretch energy code which would have been a supplement to the building code. It was not adopted by town meeting.

The board considered the town meeting warrant proposal to close part of Ash Street as required by law. A public forum was held. Numerous citizens spoke. Written testimony was also received. The board made no recommendation and only reported on the discussion held. The road was not discontinued.

At the request of the public safety services and in accordance with its powers under general bylaw, the board reviewed the numbers on Alger Street. The board members actually walked the developed part of the street (well over two miles) to view the situation. After a public hearing, the Board found the existing numbers are not in logical order and are thus confusing and that the public safety and convenience require that most of the numbers be changed. The changes will go into effect on May 1, 2011.

ZONING AMENDMENTS: At the request of the town manager, the board drafted a solar energy bylaw, held the required public hearing, and recommended it to town meeting. It was easily adopted. Our Board appreciates the confidence expressed by the voters when they accept our proposals.

OTHER PLANNING WORK: We continued work 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. There was not time to get this ready for action at the fall town meeting but will submit it for the spring 2011 town meeting. The board has discussed possible revisions to its site plan regulations as suggested by recent experiences.

The land court found for the board in the case of Kittner v. Planning Board. This was a case where the board disapproved a subdivision.

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 continues high indicating the Town is following smart growth principles.

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; conservation agent David Koonce, and the other town boards and officials that have assisted in the work of the board.

Respectfully submitted,  
John H. White, Chair

# 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, 2010:

## OFFENSES FOR YEAR 2010

Kidnapping	1	Rape	4
Indecent A&B	9	Home Invasion	1
A&B	186	Armed Robbery	1
Witness Intimidation	14	Arson	1
Annoying Telephone Calls	24	B&E (All)	113
Larceny Motor Vehicle	12	Forgery	3
Utter False Check	18	ID Fraud	14
Receive Stolen Property	16	Tagging Property	85
Destruction of Property	71	Misc. Drug Charges	27
Violation Weapon Law	30	Disturbing the Peace	5
Disorderly Conduct	11	Indecent Exposure	2
OUI Drugs	5	OUI Liquor	22
Protective Custody	27	Minor Transporting Alcohol	6
Open Container	4	CHINS	2
Trespass	22	JV Runaway	12
209A Violation	16	Harassment Prevention Order	4
Littering	6	Conspiracy	4
Warrant Arrest	58	Sex Offender Failure to Register	4
Unlicensed Operation	21	Inspection Sticker, No	31
License Suspended, Op	48	Number Plate Violation	13
Leave Scene, Property Damage	26	Leave Scene, Personal Injury	3
Uninsured MV	30	Unregistered MV	12
Operating MV Negligently	3	Disturb School	4

## ACCIDENTS FOR YEAR 2010

Fatal	1
Non-fatal injury-Incapacitating	4
Non-fatal injury-non-incapacitating	40
Non fatal injury-possible	31
No injury	377
Unknown	7
School Bus	2

VEHICLE CITATIONS ISSUED FOR YEAR 2010

Civil Complaints	562
Criminal Complaints	120
Arrests (Traffic)	31
Warnings	563

GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2010

Governors Highway Safety Board	4,500.00
Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board	6,000.00
911 Support/Incentive Grant	29,537.00
Robinson Broadhurst Radios	29,807.78
Vests	3,360.00
Car Seat Grant	2,500.00

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Answered Calls for Service	10,900
Total E9-1-1 Calls Answered	1,487

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott M. Livingston, Chief of Police

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Geary Priest  
Mark Anderson  
George LaBarge  
Richard Pezzolesi  
William Gorecki  
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. School Street from River Street to Mill Street
2. Goodrich Street from Central Street to Tucker Street.
3. Teel Road from Cross Road to approximately 150 Teel Road
4. Mill Glen Road from Welsh Road to Baldwinville Road
5. North Ashburnham Road from Spring Street to Ice House Road

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 streets were treated with approximately 1200 tons of salt and 10,000 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 2009/2010 over all was one of average snow fall. No really big storms hit the area this winter however there were several average storms throughout the winter season. The town was also hit with a couple of icing storms again this past winter none of which were of the magnitude of last years ice storm and only minor power outages were the result of these storms.

In August of 2010 Highway Foreman Charlie Higgins retired from the Public Works Department after 30 years of service.

## **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 hydrant, 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 meter in a fraction of the 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 preformed as required

Winchendon's Water Department completed several large projects this past year including the replacement of approximately 10,000 L.F. of 12" water main. A section of water main that ran down North Ashburnham to Ice House road to Route 12 Spring street was replaced with new Ductile iron water main along North Ashburnham road to the old rail bed then along the rail bed to Butler Road and then out to Route 12 Spring street replacing the section on Ice House road which has been cut capped and abandoned. New fire hydrants and valves were placed at 1000' intervals along the entire project and north Ashburnham road was resurfaced. Also as part of this project, 9 new fire hydrants and valves were cut in along the main running from the water treatment plant on Lake Road to Sherbert Road and to North Ashburnham road giving the water department greater control

over the number of affected customers during water main breaks and scheduled maintenance and provide much greater fire protection for the area.

On High street a new booster station was constructed and placed near the concrete tank and a new water main placed on High street to connect the Old centre to provide higher pressures and flow to this section of town. The new booster station also provides greater fire protection for the Winchendon Health center. This station is equipped with new domestic and fire pumps drawing directly from the storage tank which has one million gallons of capacity. The booster station is also protected against power failures with a fully automatic backup generator. A new radio system was also installed which will allow the water department to monitor tank levels and provides alarms for both the north tank on Elmwood Road and the south tank on High street as well as the booster station. All of these projects were to comply with a consent order issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. This project was completed by Marois Bros general contractors of Worcester Ma. The project will continue in the spring of 2011 with only a few punch list items remaining.

Another project completed was placing a new 12" water main approximately 10,000 feet from Spring Street Route 12 along Old Gardner Road to Gardner Road Route 140 continuing south to the new Hill view Business Park. This water main will provide domestic and fire flow protection for several new businesses being built in the new industrial park.

This project was constructed by S.B.General contractors of Walpole Ma. and will also continue in the spring of 2011 for restoration and completion of punch list items.

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. 2010 the treatment plant treated and pumped 232,358,963 gallons of water to Winchendon for an average of .63 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 2010 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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the monitoring period. The next round of lead and copper samples is scheduled for the third quarter of 2013 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, maintains 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 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 2011

## **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 burials, 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 156 Million gallons of sewerage in 2010.

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 .5 MGD 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, Town Hall 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 one mechanic 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/Christine Philput	Term Expires 2011
Crystal Murphy	Term Expires 2012
Chris McDonald	Term Expires 2013

## **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
Kathryn Vanderhoof	TTE Ass't Principal
Emily Soltysik	Ass't Memorial Principal
John Palumbo	Athletic Director
Peter Antonellis	Ass't Athletic Director
Valorie Miller	Dir. of Instructional Services
Jane Ripley	Dir. of Curriculum & Instruction

### **Superintendent's Report**

Winchendon Public Schools had another positive year instructionally in 2010. Tiered instruction was implemented in the elementary schools. This is a means of instruction that places a focus on students having to reach certain educational benchmarks and receiving immediate interventions if they don't. The process has required offering educational instruction with a dramatically different approach, including the work of "Intervention Teams". This is proving to be very successful at both elementary schools and we are extremely pleased with the progress our students are making. Ninety minute blocks of scheduling are also being utilized in the elementary schools for the purposes of the tiered instruction in literacy.

Murdock Middle/High School also continues to evolve both instructionally and in other ways. Our drama, sports, and arts programs continue to succeed and thrive. The number of students, for example, who take part in our high school sports programs, continues to grow. We have continuously seen more students take part in these programs in recent years, and our teams continue to do well. We have also had exceptional athletes excel in individual sports, and new records were set again this past year.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills program received “Exemplary” status within the state of Massachusetts and our school district presented in Washington, D.C. this past summer as a result of that status. We continue to have a full program with a waiting list.

It was a fiscally difficult year for the purpose of the budget as a result of less availability of state funds. The district was fortunate, however, to have applied for, qualified, and then received a number of various competitive and non-competitive grants. These helped to further support the continued focus within the district on Literacy and Mathematics for the school year.

As a result of Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation funds the Winchendon Public Schools also benefited with its ongoing infusion of technology. The district was able to purchase and put into place some tremendous technology opportunities for both the students and staff. Toy Town Elementary School, for example, will soon have a Smart or Eno Board in almost every classroom. TTE staff was trained with this technology which enhances all instruction school wide. There is a certain educational vibrancy that these computer generated white boards bring to the classrooms. Both Memorial School and MMHS are also receiving these instructional tools within their buildings.

The Winchendon Public Schools also received substantial funds from the Murdock Trust Foundation. These funds were primarily spent on specific instructional supplies for the individual classrooms at every grade level. A portion of these funds also helped to offset athletic user fees. As a district we are able to offer so much more to our students as a result of both the Robinson-Broadhurst and Murdock Foundations. Their funds are an incredible source of benefit that directly impacts all students.

The districts’ reconfiguration has proven to be a positive move. The classrooms are well established and positive changes have been made. Everyone within the district worked hard on this project and the positive results are obvious.

Professional Development continues to be a large component within WPS, with thanks to competitive grants. Examples this year are training for LAB teachers in literacy, ELL training and Effective Inclusion.

Our staff, administration, and School Committee continue to work in harmony and partnership to provide the students of our community with the very best that we are able to offer. Collectively we appreciate the support we have received from the Town and other local boards.

Winchendon’s Town motto is “Working Together”. That motto directly applies to our school district as well. We are proud of our collective accomplishments and look forward to future endeavors as we continue to move the district forward.

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 2009-2010 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 2009-10 was \$.40 and breakfast was \$.30 at both the elementary and secondary levels.
2. The total enrollment as of October 1, 2009 was 1,648. Twenty-nine percent of the student population for 2009-10 were special needs students. During the 2009-10 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 26 students who are residents of other Massachusetts communities enrolled in our schools and 130 students from Winchendon attending schools in other communities.

### Breakdown of Pupil Enrollment 2009-10 School Year (As of October 1, 2009)

Pre-Kindergarten	85
Kindergarten	106
Grades 1-2	256
Grades 3-5	393
<u>Grades 6-12</u>	<u>808</u>
Total	1648

Winchendon had 114 students attending Monty Tech during FY’10. There were an additional 121 Winchendon students matriculating in nearby private and parochial schools and 47 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:	12:15 (Toy Town) 12:30 (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 2009-2010**

School Committee	\$ 252,140
(includes Contingency Account)	
Central Administrative Office	612,854
(includes Net School Spending/Carryforward)	
Special Ed. Department S/W	1,361,426
Marvin School	192,194
Memorial School Instruction	2,889,567
Toy Town Elem. Instruction	2,221,879
Middle/High School Instruction	4,749,183
Maintenance	<u>198,748</u>
School Dept. Total Operating Budget	<u>\$12,477,991</u>
Town Assessment/Ind. Costs	<u>3,191,742</u>
Total School Dept. Budget	<u>\$15,669,733</u>
Transportation	<u><u>1,170,379</u></u>

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Policy available at Central Office



## **2010 Annual Report – Toy Town Partnership**

The Toy Town Partnership met monthly throughout the year, focusing primarily on the topics listed below.

**North Central Pathway** 2010 saw increasing use of the downtown section of the Pathway which extends from the Clark to Glenallen St. Unfortunately, the path was also struck by vandalism to plantings, fencing and benches. Some of this damage has been repaired through the work of volunteers. Volunteer work was also critical for extensive vegetation management on the section of the Pathway that parallels Route 140. There is still a need for an independent Friends of the Pathway committee to take form and address routine maintenance issues.

The Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation awarded \$35,000 to continue Pathway work in 2010. Phase V of the Pathway will run southward from Glenallen St. roughly along the railbed parallel with Spring Street and will connect the downtown section with the Route 140 section near Old Gardner Rd. Design and engineering work has continued, thanks to previous funding by Robinson-Broadhurst. Construction funding is also in place, thanks to previous assistance from Congressman Olver. However, administrative delays at the state have slowed progress. The delays will push construction of this section into 2012. This construction will complete the Winchendon portion of the 16 mile trail connecting downtown Winchendon to downtown Gardner.

**Converse Gardens** Volunteer work continues as the primary mode of progress on the Converse Garden. The Partnership was disappointed it was not able to secure funding for purchase of the 36 River Street parcel that was up for auction in 2010. This parcel would be an invaluable asset to provide parking and handicapped access to the Garden. Although this parcel is available for sale, there is no known source of funding for it.

The Partnership has been awarded a \$2300 grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation to be used towards construction of a garden path. This is the first time that this Foundation has given an award to Winchendon. This money will be used to provide materials and equipment for volunteer efforts on the path during the spring of 2011.

**Toy Town Horse** The Partnership has been successful in its efforts to secure funding for overdue maintenance on the Toy Town Horse. The Partnership committed to raise \$2000 in the community as a match for \$2000 awarded by Robinson-Broadhurst for this work. Businesses and individuals have come together to support this project, and the goal has been met. Preliminary repair work began in the fall 2010. In spring 2011, the individual who constructed the horse 20 years ago will complete his repairs. The Partnership continues to raise money and accept funds for the ongoing support and maintenance of the horse so it does not again fall into disrepair.

**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 2010 were Ellen DeCoteau, Peter Newton, and various town personnel. All interested members of the community are invited to participate.

## **2010 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES**

Greetings from Veterans' Services! This is my seventh year at the helm as your Veterans' Agent serving the needs of the Winchendon community through active support with claims to the Veterans Administration; financial assistance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115 for destitute veterans and their spouses; and continued outreach to our returning veterans assisting them with their reclamation to the civil world. It's a pleasure to assist our veterans in need!

Chapter 115 benefits are available to any veteran who has received an honorable discharge and served in the military for over 180 days. The federal poverty line for the monthly income of a single veteran is \$1805.00; a married couple is \$2428.00. With next to no income left in the bank, my clientele are struggling with the excessive costs we all face at home in a bad economy – medical bills, prescription drugs, fuel oil during the winter and modest means to buy food. My job is to level the playing field with financial assistance allows any veteran and their spouse cash assistance or payment for medical bills to ensure their day to day personal needs are met. The majority of my client base is elderly benefits and widows of veterans. There's a cost to the town for this financial assistance; however, is 75% reimbursable back to the town of Winchendon. My position is to ensure eligibility; along, with completing the proper paperwork. With a continued increase of clients (actually peak at an all time high this year of 37 clients – 10 more than the year before); it's clear my fiscal year budget may get exhausted prior to the end of June. I'm available for any questions the community may have regarding my assistance to the public and will be available at the May town meeting to address any questions.

Let's never forget our troops who have been activated and currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. It's a pleasure to serve the community and thank all our townspeople for their continue support of Veterans' Services.

Calling all veterans to support their local American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars! Your membership is so important today with the reality of losing our World War II and Korean War veterans – part of the greatest generation. Please do not hesitate to see me about the importance of these great organizations!

Faithfully submitted,

Scott J. Gauthier  
Director/Agent

## **Winchendon Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2010**

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 Ken LaBrack, a new member to the board. He is an active and successful advocate for community and economic development in Winchendon. Currently the board has all five positions seated including Mr. LaBrack. They are Chairman David Connor, Vice Chair Sheila Donofrio, Beth Hunt, Dennis Casavant and Ken LaBrack. This being their busiest year, these five dedicated board members have taken on and excelled in the planning and actual development of our community.

The WRA has had its most active and productive year in terms of development with the emphasis on job creation. The initial construction of the Hillview Business Park's roadway took place and should be finished in May of 2011. It opens the door for numerous business sites ultimately leading to the creation of jobs in excess of 50 full time equivalency positions which is unsurpassed at this point in Town.

The Board has been successful in taking parcels of land that have been inactive for years and producing no tax revenue and bidding them out and making them active again. To date, the WRA has put 2 properties out to bid and returned them to revenue producing status.

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 4 new parcels of land from 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 on that will ultimately become part of Commercial Drive into Hillview Business Park. 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.