

2011 TOWN REPORT



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of the
OFFICERS
of the
Town of Winchendon
Massachusetts
2011



UNITED STATES SENATORS

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

In Memoriam



Susan Marie Witt

Born October 18, 1954

Died Sept. 10, 2011

Susan was a 30 year resident of Winchendon where she was very active in her Community. She served as a secretary to the Finance Committee, the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as the Fourth of July Committee. She was elected to the Winchendon School Committee, where she served for nine years.



Pauline M. MacQuestion

Born Oct. 25, 1923

Died July 11, 2011

Pauline was a former Assistant Town Treasurer for the Town of Winchendon. She was a long time member of the Winchendon Historical Society. She was also a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and was a former Assistant Girl Scout leader.



Murray M. Tuckerman

Born July 19, 1928

Died June 6, 2011

Murray enjoyed town politics and was a former member of the Zoning Board as well as a Board of Library Trustees for many years. He was an avid reader of science fiction and especially enjoyed living at the lake and spending time with his family.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Town Incorporated	1764
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Annual Town Meeting (Bylaw Article)	No Earlier than First Monday in May. No later than 2 nd Monday in June.
Annual Election (Bylaw Article)	First Monday in May each year
Population (2011)	9,881
Number of Water Customers Rate: \$4.77 h.c.f.	2,077
Number of Sewer Customers Rate: \$7.57 h.c.f	1,308
Numbers of Households: Single Family	2,791
Condos	62
2 Family Units	224
3 Family Units	38
4 to 8 Family Unit	51
Number of Commercial Parcels	167
Mix Use (resident/business combine)	113
Industrial Parcels	69
Tax Rate FY12	\$15.11 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

Keith Barrows	May 2012
Robert O'Keefe	May 2012
C. Jackson Blair	May 2013
Robert Zbikowski (resigned)	May 2013
Elizabeth Hunt	May 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John McDonough	May 2012
Crystal Murphy	May 2012
Christopher McDonald	May 2013
Michael Barbaro	May 2014
Michael Niles	May 2014

BOARD OF HEALTH

Lionel E. Cloutier	May 2012
John Shepardson	May 2012
Guy Corbosiero	May 2013
Michael Fearing	May 2014
Kevin Bliss	May 2014

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Burton E. Gould Jr., (state appointed)	May 2012
Jacquelyn Flynn	May 2012
Frank A. Cosentino Jr.	May 2013
David A. Johnson	May 2014
Virginia A. Sibley	May 2016

APPOINTED OFFICERS

ACCOUNTANT

Charlotte Noponen

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

Patricia Stanko	June 2011
Burton Gould Jr., Alt.	June 2011
June Girouard, Alt.	June 2012
Audrey LaBrie	June 2013
Kenneth Girouard	June 2013

Paul Kachinsky
Olivia Tarleton

June 2013
June 2014

ANIMAL CONTROL

Sarah Fearing

Indefinite

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Sarah Fearing

June 2012

ASSESSORS

Maureen Cote
Ardythe Bilodeau
Linda Bevan

May 2012
May 2013
June 2014

BEALS LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Julia White
Burton E. Gould Jr.
Ronald Muse

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Paul Blanchard

CAPITAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert L. Zbikowski
John White
William Belko
Jeanne Hue
Robert O'Keefe
Robert A. Guenther

June 2011
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TOWN CLERK

Lois A. Abare (retired)
Judy A. Ruschioni

July 2011
June 2014

COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Joan M. Bousquet

June 2013

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David Koonce, Agent

Lionel Cloutier	June 2011
Lawrence Amburgey	June 2012
David Whitaker	June 2013
Stephen Chace	June 2013
Kyle Bradley	June 2013
Garrett Davieu	June 2014
Scott Burns	June 2014

CONSTABLES

Michael Young	June 2012
Robert Shea	June 2012
Raymond Gonzales	June 2012
Kenneth MacNeil	June 2012
Frederick Cloutier	June 2014
Robert Hertubise	June 2014

COUNCIL ON AGING

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

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman and Paige

FENCE VIEWER/FIELD DRIVER

Robert Mable	June 2012
Raymond Harris	June 2012

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William Belko	June 2012
Cynthia Leroy	June 2012
Darlene Rossi	June 2012

Ulysse Maillet	June 2013
Ottmar Rau	June 2013
Robert A. Guenther	June 2013
Kevin J. Miller	June 2014

Debra Dennis, recording secretary

FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS

Chief, Allen J. Lafrennie, EMT	Chaplain Thomas Clinkscale
Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni, EMT	Capt William Brown-EMT
Lt. Maurice Bateman-EMT	Lt. Martin Brooks, EMT/I
Lt. Craig Ashmore, EMT	Lt. Robert Soucy, EMT

FIREFIGHTERS

Pvt. James Bevilacqua	Pvt. Mike March-EMT
Pvt. Corey Bohan-EMT/P	Pvt. Nate Milevsky-EMT
Pvt. Kayla Boutell-EMT	Pvt. Ben Miller-EMT
Pvt. Matthew Bosworth	Pvt. Jason Moury-EMT
Pvt. Kyle Bradley	Pvt. Michael Mullen-EMT/P
Pvt. Lance Budka	Eng. Scott Parkinson
Pvt. Daniel Brown	Pvt. Rick Peters-EMT/P
Pvt. Jay Carrier	Pvt. Marty Scott-EMT/I
Pvt. Jason Clegg-EMT	Eng. Richard Seigny
Pvt. Matt Connor	Pvt. Brian Vaine EMT/P
Pvt. Brian Croteau, EMT	
Pvt.. Carl Davis-EMT	
Pvt. William Davis-EMT/P	
Pvt. Mark Fleming-EMT/P	
Pvt. Scott Florio-EMT/P	
Pvt.. Pat Higgins	

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Kayla Boutell-EMT	Ben Miller-EMT
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HEALTH AGENT

Steven Calichman (retired)	James D. Abare, Inspector
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION/HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Yvonne G. Harrington	June 2011
Priscilla Draeger	June 2012
James McCrohon	June 2012
Corey Bohan	June 2013
Lois Abare	June 2014
Shirley Parks	June 2014
Peggy Corbosiero	June 2014

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

James M. Kreidler Jr.

REP. MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

REP. TO MONTY TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Burton E. Gould, Jr.	June 30, 2013
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MEASURER OF LUMBER

Vacant

PARKS AND RECREATION

Noel Veilleux	June 2012
Laura Gaydos	June 2012
Diana Ringer	June 2013
Joyce Thompson	June 2013
George Ladeau	June 2014

PLANNING BOARD

John H. White	June 2012
Guy Corbosiero	June 2012
Fedor Berndt	June 2013
Cailte Kelley	June 2014
Mark Shea, associate	June 2014
Darlene Rossi	June 2014

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ellen DeCoteau, Planning Agent

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Donald Desmarais
Robert O'Brien (Alt)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Dispatchers:

Teresa Flint
Wayne Gelinas
Jamie Holden
Robert Coulombe
Tom Perry

Reserves:

Ptl. Paul Betourney
Ptl. Brennan Jacoby

Administrative Assistant:

Marla Driscoll

Per Diem:

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

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

James Kreidler Jr.	indef.
Gerry White	indef.
Elizabeth Hunt, state app.	June 2012
David Connor	June 2012
Sheila Donofrio	June 2013
Dennis Casavant	June 2013
Kenneth LaBrack	June 2013

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Teresa Lupien	June 2012
David Connor	June 2013
Benjamin Miller	June 2014
Lois A. Abare, Clerk (Retired)	
Judy A. Ruschioni, Clerk	

SEALER, WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Stephen Slocum	June 2011
Steven Hirons, Alt	June 2011

TOY TOWN LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

Elaine Mroz
George J. Ladeau
Cynthia Boucher
Margaret Urquhart

Michael McRae
Roger Tobia
Pamela Elbrader
Peter Newton

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

Donna Stram (moved)
Coral May Grout
Julia White Cardinal
Theresa Hillman
Doreen Poulin
Veronica Gomez

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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 250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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

Lynn Murray
Kris Provost
Cindy Darcy
Suzanne Rader
Janet Corbosiero
Laura LaBrack

WIRING INSPECTOR

Robert Marshall
Evan Kaiser, Alternate

June 2012

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Charles Scanio
Michael Fearing (resigned)
Rick Germano
Cynthia Carvill, Alt
Evelyn Higgins, Alt
Elizabeth DeCoteau, Alt.
Raymond Rader
Robert Marshall
Joseph Snow

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2011 Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen

Dear Voters of Winchendon,

It is our pleasure to provide the annual report of the Winchendon Board of Selectmen for the calendar year 2012.

The Board is composed of elected individuals who set policy and oversee the management of the local government. The Board members include Beth Hunt who was successfully re-elected in 2011. The other members are Jack Blair, Keith Barrows and the current Chairman Bob O'Keefe.

The Great Recession has made it difficult for many people and communities during these past years however under the leadership of your Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and the Finance Committee, along with the efforts and contributions of many other Town leaders, the Board continued its commitment to the financial health of your Town. The Town has remained strong throughout 2011 and has had its bond rating upgraded from Baa1 to A1, which affirms the financial health of the town.

Central Street is the heart of our downtown and appears to be the heart of an improving spirit and economy. Volunteers spent a day cleaning up the street and sidewalks; they removed trash and weeds and set a great example for all. Also over the past year we have had new businesses open on Central Street, the Central Diner, Jagged Edge, the Toy Town Skillet, and CVS. In addition the Winchendon Courier had a wonderful mural added to the side of their building further improving the look of our downtown.

The Town was awarded a Community Development Block grant in the amount of \$825,000. The funding will be used for improvements to the Emerald Street roadway. The Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of housing, community, and economic development needs. Grant writer and administrator Gerald White again has proved his ability in securing these much needed funds. Thank you, Gerry!

In just two years we will be celebrating the Town's 250th Anniversary. This past year we saw much activity and planning from our 250th Anniversary Committee. During the autumn we were able to enjoy the Harvest Festival that they planned and now look forward to all they will organize for us over the next couple of years.

Last year, for the first time in many years, the full Board of Selectmen reviewed the Town Manager. The evaluation was conducted by all five Selectmen. Jim Kreidler, the Town Manager, also graciously worked with the Board and together a

new schedule was created so that the Board will in the future review the Town Manager prior to the Town Election and Town Meeting and then the newly constituted Board will set the goals and objectives for the coming year. This level of cooperation and communication continues to serve the Town.

As important as the work of the Board of Selectmen and other boards and committees is, it actually is the daily labors of our dedicated town employees that keep the Town working. A new tradition was created by the Board in 2011 so that retiring employees have an official proclamation read and a day dedicated to them. In appreciation of their hard work and commitment I would like to recognize them again here. Lois Abare, Steve Calichman, Barbara Lafrennie and Mike Murphy we thank you!

If you have been reading these annual reports for years you may recall that often a famous quote is included. This year I choose to quote one of Winchendon's own. The following is from a letter that was sent to the Winchendon Courier and is fitting to be reprinted here.

"Let's look at what Winchendon has. We have clean air. I have neighbors who are always there for us, whenever there is a need. We have lovely, clean lakes and streams. We have schools that offer many programs and opportunities that people in larger communities can only wish (or pay) for. We have an historical society museum with archives that people from all over the country come to view and research. Our parks are well maintained for all to enjoy. We have the Clark Memorial, which provides physical fitness to hundreds. Our police and fire personnel staff are there when we need them. We have many community-service related organizations, including the American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion. Volunteers keep our streets clean of trash. We have the Massachusetts State Veterans Cemetery, one of three memorials in Massachusetts, dedicated to our veteran population. It's so lovely! We have an enviable Senior Center that offers so many services to our elder citizens. And so much more..." - CORAL MAY GROUT

While all accomplishments could not be pointed out in this report the Board expresses their gratitude to the Department Heads, Town Boards, Committees and Commissions for all their accomplishments during the year. Please take the time to read their individual reports. It should be remembered that these Boards, Committees and Commissions are composed of volunteers who give many long hours of their free time to work on issues and projects that benefit the Town. The Board of Selectmen acknowledges the cooperation we have received from our Town Officials, Town employees and the people of Winchendon.

Sincerely,

Bob O'Keefe
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

MAY 2, 2011

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

Election workers were sworn and assigned to their respective stations. 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 were checked and registers set at zero. Keys to same 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 555 in precinct 1; 508 in precinct 2; and 581 in precinct 3. These totals included 30 absentee ballots in precinct 1; 35 in precinct 2; and 41 in precinct 3. There were a total of 1644 ballots cast.

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
SELECTMAN				
Blank	4	3	2	9
Elizabeth Hunt	302	313	311	926
Burton E. Gould Jr.	249	192	268	709
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
SCHOOL COMMITTEE				
Blank	535	450	514	1499
Michael Barbaro	270	244	276	790
Michael Niles	305	321	365	991
Write-ins	0	2	6	8
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Blank	703	620	704	2027
Michael Fearing	392	379	436	1207
Kevin Bliss (write-in)	5	6	22	33
Various write-ins	10	11	0	21

BOARD OF HEALTH (2 YR)

Blank	120	109	105	334
Guy C. Corbosiero	414	397	455	1266
Write-ins	21	2	21	44

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Blank	48	56	43	147
Leston J. Goodrich	182	141	203	526
Virginia Sibley	325	311	334	970
Write-ins	0	0	1	1

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 23, 2011

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 23, 2011
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. with a quorum present. There were eventually 165 persons present in the hall.

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 as read by Ulysse Maillet, chairman.

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 Annual Report of officers 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 appointed under this article.

ARTICLE 4

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

VOTED (unanimously) to discharge the Public Needs Safety Committee and the Transfer Station Study Committee.

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

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing, if necessary, the sum of \$451,348.00 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 as provided for under the provisions of section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the 2011-2012 fiscal years, 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 \$10,518,148, for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0 RECOMMEND

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

***OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

Cemetery Trust	\$ 8,000.00
Cemetery Sale of	
Lots	\$ 1,000.00
Dog Fees	\$10,000.00
Conservation Wetland Fees	\$ 5,000.00
Title V Liens	
Redemption	\$ 7,810.00
Wheeler-Poland Poor Trust	
Fund	\$ 7,000.00
Pension Trust Fund	\$ 6,000.00
Infrastructure Fund	\$81,513.00
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TOTAL OTHER	
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$126,323.00

FISCAL YEAR 12 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

As has been practice, the format of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget that follows depicts the proposed expenditures for the various major components and then the total of the General Government budget. 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 FY12 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	FY11 ACTUAL	FY12 PROPOSED	% CHNGE	COMMENTS:
* SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	14,000.00	14,000.00	0%	No Change
* TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE	240,838.00	245,754.00	2%	Wage Increases ¹
* FINANCE COMMITTEE	47,860.00	47,860.00	0%	No Change
* ACCOUNTING OFFICE	110,592.00	92,393.00	-16.5%	Reduced Hours
* ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	73,607.00	74,549.00	1.3%	Wage Increase
* COLLECTOR/TREASURER	170,647.00	174,611.00	2.3%	Wage Increases
* AUDIT EXPENSE	29,000.00	27,500.00	-5.2%	Reduced Fee
* LEGAL EXPENSE	60,000.00	60,000.00	0%	No Change
* DATA PROCESSING	25,230.00	37,634.00	49.2%	Serv. Cont. Increase
* TECHNOLOGY	16,439.00	16,439.00	0%	No Change
* COMMUNICATION COMM.	12,500.00	15,000.00	20%	Website Updates
* TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	87,184.00	89,436.00	2.6%	Wage Increases
* REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	28,185.00	22,185.00	-21.3%	Fewer Elections
* TOWN HALL	117,644.00	118,604.00	.08%	Utility Increases
* PENSIONS	733,763.00	732,977.00	-1%	Actual Assessment

¹ Except the Town Manager

* COMP. AND UNEMPLOY.	180,000.00	200,000.00	11%	Projected Expense
* HEALTH INSURANCE	1,717,000.00	1,761,590.00	2.6%	Projected Expense
* LIFE INSURANCE	25,700.00	25,700.00	0%	Projected Expense
* MEDICARE	190,000.00	190,000.00	0%	Projected Expense
* PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS.	143,000.00	150,000.00	4.9%	Actual Expense
1 ADMIN, FIN, & BENEFITS	4,023,189.00	4,096,232.00	2%	74,944.00

REGULATORY				
* CONSERVATION	14,872.00	15,214.00	2.3%	Wage Increases
* PLANNING BOARD	6,000.00	6,000.00	0%	No Change
* ZONING BOARD	2,718.00	1,918.00	-29.4%	Misc. Minor Cuts
* COMMUNITY DEVELOP.	62,314.00	63,430.00	1.8%	Wage Increases
* LAND USE OFFICE	69,564.00	72,059.00	3.6%	Wage Increases
2 TOTAL REGULATORY	155,468.00	158,621.00	2%	3,153.00

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS				
* POLICE/DISPATCH/ACO	1,206,145.00	1,246,062.00	3.5%	Wage Increases
* FIRE/AMBULANCE	669,206.00	687,181.00	2.6%	Wage Increases
* CIVIL DEFENSE	3,762.00	3,819.00	1.5%	Misc. Minor Increase
* BOARD OF HEALTH	62,730.00	58,503.00	-5.7%	Inspector Out
3 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,941,843.00	1,995,565.00	3%	53,722.00

PUBLIC WORKS					
*	ADMINISTRATION	101,110.00	103,791.00	2.7%	Wage Increases
*	HIGHWAY	419,982.00	426,687.00	31.6%	Wage Increases
*	FLEET MAINTENANCE	234,635.00	236,676.00	1%	Wage Increases
*	CEMETERY	85,081.00	89,419.00	5.1%	Wage Increase
*	SNOW AND ICE	101,000.00	101,000.00	0%	No Change
*	STREET LIGHTS	48,000.00	48,000.00	0%	Projected Expense
*	LANDFILL EXPENSE	31,000.00	35,000.00	12.9%	Actual Expense
*	TREE TRIMMING	5,000.00	5,000.00	0%	No Change
4	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,025,808.00	1,045,573.00	2%	19,765.00

HUMAN SERVICES					
*	COUNCIL ON AGING	112,734.00	118,309.00	4.9%	Increased Wages and Hours
*	VETERANS	255,957.00	301,285.00	17.7%	Benefits Increased
*	LIBRARY	153,824.00	161,408.00	5%	Increased Wages
*	RECREATION COMMITTEE	3,400.00	3,400.00	0%	No Change
*	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00	500.00	0%	No Change
5	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	526,415.00	584,902.00	11%	58,487.00
DEBT SERVICE					
*	DEBT SERVICE	2,261,384.00	2,116,325.00	-5%	Actual Expense
6	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	2,261,384.00	2,116,325.00	-6.5%	(145,159.00)

REGIONAL EXPENSES					
* REGIONAL PLANNING	2,680.00	2,680.00	0%	Actual Assessment	
* MONTY TECH ASSESS	523,310.00	518,250.00	-1%	Actual Assessment	
7 TOTAL REGIONAL EXP.	525,990.00	520,930.00	1%	(5,060.00)	
8 FY 12 TOTAL BUDGET	10,460,097.00	10,518,148.00	.55%	\$58,051.00	

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

WATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water revenues² and/or retained earnings the sum of \$908,199 (\$800,000 user fees + \$108,199 retained earnings) for the operating budget of the Water Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, 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 revenues³ and/or retained earnings the sum of \$1,036,419 (\$800,000 user fees + \$236,419 betterment revenues) for the operating budget of the Wastewater Treatment Department enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.

² For Informational Purposes-FY12 Water Rates will remain unchanged.

³ For Informational Purposes-FY12 Wastewater Rates will remain unchanged.

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 \$196,374 for the operating budget of the Transfer Station enterprise fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.

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 \$15,801,887 (\$11,115,275.00 Chapter 70 plus \$4,686,612.00 Local Aid(Governor's Proposal) less \$2,928,718.00 in Indirect Costs) for the School Department for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

VOTED (unanimously) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,873,169.00 (\$11,115,275.00 Chapter 70; plus \$4,686,612.00 Local Aid; less \$2,928,718.00 in Indirect Costs) for the School Department for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

School Operating Budget Override Article

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$_____, in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 12 for FY2012 Net School Spending, to supplement the operating budget of the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, 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 the School Committee)

The vote on Article 13 was postponed until after the vote on Article 15. It was then

VOTED (majority) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$492,000.00 in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 12 for the FY2012 Net School Spending, to supplement the operating budget of the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, provided that this supplemental appropriation shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 override vote.

School Transportation Article

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$1,185,729 for School Transportation for the following purposes:

In town Transportation:	\$ 634,569
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Special Education Transportation:	\$ 540,000
Crossing Guards:	\$ 11,160

said sum to be expended by the School Committee.

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the total of \$1,185,729 for the above listed purposes.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$192,608 for the School Department's FY12 Budget, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Department and the Town Manager)

Article lost by a vote of 76 in favor and 89 opposed.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 14, School Transportation Article of the May 22, 2010 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$26,889.60 as reimbursement for expenses and revenue generated during fiscal year 2010 from the Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement Program to the fiscal year 2011 School Department budget, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Department and the Town Manager)

VOTED (2/3 majority 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 overlay surplus the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of Assessors cyclical inspection program in FY12, 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 \$7,963 from Overlay Surplus and raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,037 for a total sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of Assessors Recertification of Property Values in FY12, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

VOTED (unanimously) to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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 20

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

VOTED (unanimously) to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of eighteen thousand dollars for the Community Action Committee.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of 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 the Town Manager)

VOTED (2/3 declared) to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of ten thousand dollars for the water will of the Clark Memorial YMCA, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the town.

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES (majority and/or two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$4,000.00 to purchase a computer server for the town's real estate data program and information for the Assessor's Department, provided, however that if the appropriation 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 Principal Assessor)

VOTED (majority) to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars to purchase a computer server for the town's real estate data program and information for the Assessor's Department, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a so-called capital outlay exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES (majority and/or two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$43,000.00 to be used in addition to grant monies totaling \$125,000.00 to purchase an ambulance for the Fire Department, provided, however that if the appropriation 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 to be used in addition to grant monies totaling \$125,000 to purchase an ambulance for the Fire Department, provided, however that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a so-called capital outlay exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

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 \$168,000.00 to purchase an ambulance for the Fire Department, provided, however that if the appropriation 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 to postpone indefinitely.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES
(majority and/or two-thirds vote required)**

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 \$32,000.00 to be used to purchase a fully equipped police cruiser for the Police Department, provided, however that if the appropriation 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 Police Chief)

VOTED (2/3 declared) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 to be used to purchase a fully equipped police cruiser for the Police Department, provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election of a so-called capital outlay exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ARTICLES
(majority and/or two-thirds vote required)**

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to fund the installation of a netting system near the backstop of the Murdock Middle/High School baseball field, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

VOTED (2/3 declared) to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$30,000 to fund the installation of a netting system near the backstop of the Murdock Middle/High School baseball field.

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

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

Voted to pass over the article.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLES

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 28

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, two parcels of vacant land described as follows:

Map 5A3 0 164

A certain parcel of land situated in Winchendon on 11 East Street and shown on the assessor's map as map 5A3, parcel 164. Parcel consists of .2 acres with a single family unit located on it. Parcel is further described in deed recorded in Book 45574 Page 151 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

Map 10B4 0 17:

A parcel of vacant land located in Winchendon on Baldwinville State Road. Parcel is .229 acre in size. Parcel is further described in deed recorded in Book 3731, page 9 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 (unanimously) to approve the article as printed in the warrant.

GENERAL BUSINESS ARTICLES

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 29 WITHDRAWN PER TOWN MANAGER.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds \$100,000.00 to fund the engineering, legal and technical services required to complete the Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding and Construction Administration for the former Winchendon Court House in accordance with the plans and specifications conceptually drawn with Jacunski Humes Architects in 2009. (submitted by Selectman Zbikowski)

VOTED (unanimously) to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a seven (7) member committee, all members to be voters of the town, said committee will:

First, determine if the building known as the court house is still a viable solution for a police station. If it is, to determine its cost and what must be done to bring it about and;

Second, if it is no longer viable, to investigate all other options to provide the police department with suitable accommodations and to provide a progress report to the town with its findings and recommendations at every special or regular town meeting until the issue is resolved, or until the voters disband the committee.

Said committee will be known as the Public Safety Development Committee.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 33B, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to permit licensees under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12, such as restaurants, taverns and bars, to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May, and on Christmas Day, or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

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

GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLES

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 32

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

Section 1. Definitions

"Funeral" means a funeral, burial, ceremony, memorial service or procession held in connection with the burial or cremation of the dead.

Section 2. Prohibitions

A.No person may knowingly obstruct, hinder, impede, or block another person's entry to or exit from a funeral.

B.No person may picket a funeral or engage in activities that are disruptive of a funeral, including making loud and raucous noise which cause unreasonable distress to the persons attending or participating in the funeral, directing abusive epithets or making any threatening gesture which the person knows or reasonably should know is likely to provoke a violent reaction by another, within 500 feet of the property line of the residence, cemetery, funeral home, church, synagogue or other establishment where the service is conducted or within 500 feet of a funeral procession or burial. The prohibition contained in this section shall be applicable to activities occurring within one hour before a funeral, during a funeral, and within one hour after a funeral.

Section 3. Enforcement

This bylaw may be enforced by the any Police Officer of the Town of Winchendon, by any available means in law or equity, including but not limited to enforcement by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D. When enforced pursuant to G.L. c.40, §21, the penalty shall be \$300.00. Each day a violation exists shall constitute separate violation.

When enforced through noncriminal disposition, the penalties shall be as follows:

First violation:	\$100.00
Second violation:	\$200.00
Third and subsequent violations:	\$300.00

VOTED (2/3 declared) to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a new General Bylaw, entitled “Funeral Buffer Zone Bylaw” as further described and set forth in the warrant.

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following General Bylaw, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Selectman Blair)

TOWN OF WINCHENDON Prohibited Materials Bylaw

1. No person, tenant or entity, corporate or otherwise, as owner(s) or one(s) in control of premises, shall keep in the open in any area of the Town of Winchendon, any prohibited material, as the term is hereinafter defined, for more than fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days without being licensed to do so under this chapter.
 - a. “Prohibited material” shall be defined as, including but not limited to, abandoned, discarded, or unused furniture, stoves, toilets, cabinets, scrap metal, lumber, concrete, asphalt, tin cans, rope rugs, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, and other old scrap ferrous or non-ferrous material, which is not being used for its intended purpose.
2. A license to keep any prohibited material shall be requested by filing any application in writing for such a license with the Board of Selectmen no later than fifteen (15) days after a citation has been issued. The Selectmen shall hold a public hearing upon such a request within thirty (30) days of receipt of said application, notice of which shall be published in a newspaper issued in Winchendon or a paper of general circulation in Winchendon, at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. The applicant shall pay the cost of the publishing.
3. The Selectmen may grant a license for up to one (1) year upon such condition(s) as the Selectmen deem proper to keep such prohibited material in the open after a

hearing has been held and the Selectmen determine that the keeping of the same will not depreciate property value in the area, will not create a hazard to the public safety, or will not become a public nuisance. Renewals of said license shall be granted only after the procedure set forth is followed.

4. The application shall at his own expense, give notice of said hearing by mailing a notice of same prepared by the Board of Selectmen to all parties of interest, meaning abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way and abutters to the abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the property line, all as they may appear on the most recent applicable tax list as certified by the Board of Assessors. The Applicant shall submit an affidavit as to said notice. Renewals of said licenses shall be granted only after the procedures set forth is followed.
5. Notwithstanding the aforesaid sections, no prohibited material shall be deemed to be "in the open" as the phrase is used in Section 1, if it is totally screened from view of any public road or way, or any way which the public has a right of access.
6. Conditions existing on the date of acceptance of this chapter which meet the definition of prohibited material must be brought into compliance within thirty (30) days after said acceptance of this chapter. Which meets the definition of prohibited material, must be brought into compliance within thirty (30) days after said acceptance.
7. The Building Commissioner and Health Agent shall be charged with the interpretation and enforcement of this Bylaw, and it may also be enforced by the Winchendon Police Department. Enforcement of this chapter may be by criminal complaint, indictment, non-criminal disposition or appropriate civil enforcement action. Selection of one method shall not preclude the selection of any method or remedy.
8. Any person or entity who is found in violation of this chapter shall be liable for a fine of twenty-five (25.00) dollars a day for the first five days and fifty (\$50.00) dollars a day every day thereafter. The days shall be counted commencing fifteen (15) days after the notice of violation is given.
9. Any clause, section or part of this chapter determined to be invalid by any judiciary for any reason, shall be severable from any other clause, section, or part, without affecting the validity of that which remains.
10. Construction sites complying with the requirements of 780 CMR and MGL chapter 40, Section 54, are exempt from the aforementioned, provided that all related construction debris is maintained in a controlled fashion as determined by the Building Official.

VOTED (majority) to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a new General Bylaw entitled "Prohibited Materials Bylaw" as further described and set forth in the warrant.

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ARTICLE 34: VOTED (2/3 declared) to adopt the following revisions to Article 13 of the General Bylaws. Additions shown in BOLD UPPER CASE LETTERS and deletions shown in bold lower case letters, as printed in the Warrant, with the following exceptions:

Section 13.6 to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with section 13.8, which will now become 13.6.

Section 13.7 to remain the same

Section 13.9 to be renumbered 13.8, and the words “and purchaser” to be removed.

ARTICLE 13 JUNK DEALERS: SECOND HAND ARTICLES

SECTION 13.1: The Board of Selectmen may license suitable persons to be collectors of, dealers in, or keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECTION 13.2: All such licenses may be revoked for cause after a hearing and shall expire on December 31st of each year.

SECTION 13.3: Every keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second hand articles shall keep a book in which shall be written at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase was made. **ALL ITEMS PURCHASED SHALL BE PHOTOGRAPHED, ITEMIZED WITH DESCRIPTIONS & MARKINGS ALONG WITH SERIAL AND MODEL NUMBERS IF APPLICABLE.** Such books shall at all times be open to the inspection of any police officer of the town, or of any person authorized by the Board of Selectmen to make such inspection. **EVERY SHOP KEEPER SHALL OBTAIN A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD AND MAKE A PHOTO COPY OF SAME, TO BE ATTACHED TO THE SALE EITHER BY NAME, NUMBER OR RECEIPT OF THE SELLER.**

SECTION 13.4: Every keeper of such shop shall put in a suitable and conspicuous place on his shop, a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in letters at least two inches high. Such shop and all articles of merchandise therein, and any place, vehicle or receptacle used for the collection or keeping of the articles aforesaid may be examined at all times by any police officer of the town, or by any person authorized by the Board of Selectmen to make such examination. Every such shop shall be closed except from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. of each day, and no keeper thereof and no junk collector shall purchase or sell any of the articles aforesaid during such hours.

SECTION 13.5: No dealer in junk, old metals or second hand articles shall directly or indirectly purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange such goods, or allow such goods to be deposited upon or within his premises, shop or vehicle, by any minor, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such.

SECTION 13.6: When any junk, old metals or second-hand articles shall be sold by a dealer **within one week from the time of purchase or receipt of the same**, such dealer shall enter in his book, the name and address of the purchaser with such other facts as may be necessary to keep track of the goods. **EVERY SHOP KEEPER SHALL OBTAIN A VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD AND MAKE A PHOTO COPY OF SAME, TO BE ATTACHED TO THE SALE EITHER BY NAME, NUMBER OR RECEIPT OF THE PURCHASER.**

SECTION 13.7: No dealer in junk, old metals or second-hand articles shall carry on his business in any other place than that designated for his license, unless a consent to his removal be granted by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 13.8: **NO DEALER IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR SECOND-HAND ARTICLES SHALL SELL ANY ITEMS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF PURCHASE.**

SECTION 13.9: **DEALERS SHALL FORWARD (HAND DELIVER OR E-MAIL) AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL TRANSACTIONS, INCLUDING ALL PERTINENT SELLER AND PURCHASER INFORMATION TO THE WINCHENDON POLICE DEPARTMENT ONCE A WEEK**

ARTICLE 35

To see if the town will vote to amend Winchendon Home Rule Charter, Article 3-2 Board of Selectmen, subsection (c) , last sentence by deleting the words “Board of Health”. (submitted by the Town Manager)

VOTED (2/3 declared) to approve the article as further described and set forth in the warrant.

ZONING BYLAW ARTICLE

(two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting, in its entirety, the presently existing *Article 11 Flexible Residential Development* (which is a Special Permit process) and replacing it with a new *Article 11 Residential Development* (which will allow by-right siting of residential development which preserves open space, undeveloped land, agricultural land, forest land, wildlife habitat and other natural resources.) Such development is proposed to be regulated under subdivision regulation or Site Plan Review. Associated changes are proposed to: Article 1 Section 1.5 Communication; Article 2 Definitions; Article 3 Establishment of Zoning Districts Section 3.2 Location of Zoning Districts; Zoning Map, Article 4 Special Zoning Districts Section 4.7 Planned Development District; Article 5 Use Regulations Section 5.2.1 Principle Use categories; Article 6 Non-conforming and Special Buildings and Uses Section 6.3 Accessory Uses and Dwellings, Article 7 Site Considerations-Dimensional and Density Regulations Sections 7.1 Purpose and Section 7.2 Table of Dimensional & Density Regulations and associated table notes; all as set forth below, or act in relation thereto; (submitted by Planning Board)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OTHER PORTIONS OF THE ZONING
BYLAW TO MAKE IT COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROPOSED
REVISION OF ARTICLE 11, RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

[NOTE: Underlined text to be inserted. Strikethrough text to be deleted.]

1.5 COMMUNICATION The structure of the bylaw is as follows: Article 1 serves as the introduction to the bylaw. Article 2 contains the definitions of terms used in the bylaw. Articles 3 and 4 concern zoning districts and special zoning districts, respectively. Article 5 deals with principal land uses. Article 6 takes up accessory, non-conforming and other special buildings and uses. Articles 7-10 deal with site considerations. Article 7 deals with dimensional and density requirements for lot layouts. Article 8 treats parking and traffic considerations. Article 9 discusses signage. Article 10 deals with the removal and handling of natural materials on a given site. Article 11 ~~treats flexible residential development (formerly known as cluster and/or conservation subdivisions)~~ provides a flexible means for residential development while also preserving open space in conformity with the objectives of the Master Plan. Article 12 deals with on-site considerations through requirements for site plan approval. Finally, Article 13 deals with the remaining legal and administrative issues.

The Planning Board is authorized, after a public hearing as provided in section 11 of chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to adopt by simple majority vote appendices that may be included after this bylaw. These will not be legally binding but will serve as clarifications and guidelines for those interpreting the bylaws. The appendices may originate from material that changes over time, such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) tables. Developers should make sure to use the most up to date version of the sources referenced.

The Department of Planning and Development shall keep up-to-date copies of this zoning bylaw available to and accessible by all the citizens. Copies shall be available for sale. Every attempt, within reason and within reasonable cost, shall be made so that such copies are identical to the definitive reference in the town clerk's office.

ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS

Add the following definitions:

BUSINESS CENTER The following three locations are deemed to be business centers:
Corner of Central Street and Grove Street; Corner of Main Street and Alger Street; corner of Glenallan Street and Maple Street.

CONTIGUOUS: Contiguous means connected. In the case of required open space the connection shall be not less than 100 feet wide. Open space will be considered connected if it is separated by a roadway or an accessory amenity.

WALKABLE DISTANCE Land or lots within one mile of a business center. The distance shall be measured along the most commonly traveled public ways.

ARTICLE 3 ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS

3.2 LOCATION OF DISTRICTS; ZONING MAP

3.2.2 Determining zoning district boundaries in general followed the ensuing guidelines: (cf. EXAMPLE A.3.2)

- A. Public health, safety and utility considerations are the principal drive forces in zoning determination. Zoning districts make an attempt to recognize and preserve the historic development patterns and character of the neighborhood.
- B. Areas located in mixed use districts, along key circulation corridors and central to densely populated areas tend to be zoned PD.
- C. Residential areas served by both town water and town sewer and that are walkable distance of business centers were in general zoned as R10. Those that were not walkable and had a development pattern inconsistent with R10 were zoned R40.
- ~~D. residential areas with town water but not town sewer services tend to be zoned R40.~~
- D. Residential areas that were not considered within walkable distance of a business center and had a development pattern inconsistent with R10 were generally zoned R40.
- ~~E. applicants in residential areas in an R40 zone or an R80 zone which abut an R10 zone may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Winchendon for a Special Permit to allow their areas to have the same density and dimensional requirements as if they were in an R10 zone provided that their area is served by both town water and town sewer.~~
- ~~F. E.~~ Residential areas not served by town water or town sewer tend to be zoned R80.
- ~~G. F.~~ Areas targeted for neighborhood-scale commercial development tend to be zoned C2.
- ~~H. G.~~ Areas targeted for high-intensity commercial and light manufacturing development tend to be zoned C1.
- ~~I. H.~~ Areas zoned as industrial tend to be located in remote areas and allow for more intense industries to conduct business without being a nuisance to neighbors.

3.2.3 Applicants for projects in residential areas in an R40 zone or an R80 zone which abut an R10 or R40 zone may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit to allow their areas to have the same density and dimensional requirements as if they were in an R10 zone provided that their area is served by both town water and town sewer and is within walkable distance. Areas that are not within walkable distance but are serviced by public water and sewer may have the same density and dimensional requirements as if they were in an R40 zone

ARTICLE 4 SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

4.7 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (amended 11/08/07)

4.7.2 Requirements applying to all uses in the Planned Development District.

- A. Unless otherwise provided the required lot dimensions shall be those shown in table 7.2.
- B. All new development, redevelopment, or building construction shall be in conformity with the planned development district concept as stated in section 4.7.1.
- C. A minimum of 10% of the total land area of a development site which has more than 1.5 acres shall be dedicated as common open space for recreational use. Developers of smaller projects are encouraged to preserve the maximum possible open space on site. Such land may be included in the determination of the site capacity.
- D. ~~On developments with water frontage, public access must be established or maintained by way of linear walkways and/or parks. The waterfront access for the public may be included as a portion of the required open space.~~

D. RESERVED.

- E. A development proposal by a single developer or by related developers that includes work on more than one parcel may be considered as a whole and require only a single application to each of the applicable local boards in lieu of separate applications for each parcel.
- F. New side lot lines adjacent to the frontage shall be at an angle of more than 75° to the frontage line. A 90° angle is preferable.
- G. Preferably, parking should be to the side or rear of the main building. Parking shall conform to the parking standards in article 8.
- H. Newly developed or redeveloped lots shall have concrete sidewalks and street trees along the entire lot frontage typical of those on Central Street between Blair Square and Peterson Square. If such do not exist or are not in good condition, they shall be installed at the expense of the applicant

This requirement may be waived or modified by special permit if the Board finds the sidewalk cannot be constructed within the existing right-of-way.

- I. Public water and sewer lines are required, provided that connections are available. If such are not up to Department of Public Works standards, they shall be installed or replaced at the expense of the applicant.
- J. Low impact development principles as provided in the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook are required except that conventional drainage structures may be allowed by a planning board special permit based on an engineering demonstration (which must include plans and calculations not just a statement) that application of low impact principles to the site will be unreasonably difficult.
- K. Except for allowed one and two family homes, any new construction project (whether one or more buildings on one or more lots) shall have a lot area to gross floor area ratio of less than 4:1.
- L. Redevelopment of properties within the planned development district, whether by tear down and rebuild or by an extension of size greater than twenty percent (20%) shall conform to the standards for the planned development district.

ARTICLE 5 USE REGULATIONS

5.2.1 Principal Use Categories				Zoning Districts			
<u>NOTE: Most residential construction is covered in Article 11. Refer to that article for specific provisions.</u>							
Residential Uses	R8 0	R40	R 10	C1 Hwy · Com m.	C2 Nbhd Bus.	I	P D
A. Single family detached dwelling	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	SP
B. Two-family detached dwelling	SP	SP	Y	N	Y	N	SP
C. Conversion of a single family dwelling existing at the adoption of this bylaw to not more than four family use (Note 10)	SP	SP	SP	N	Y	N	SP
D. Buildings or lots containing dwellings in combination with retail stores or other permitted business use (Note 1)	N	N	SP	SP	Y	N	Y
E. Boarding House	SP	SP	SP	N	SP	N	SP
F. Multifamily dwellings, up to four units per lot	N	N	SP	N	SP	N	SP

G. Flexible Residential Development detached/attached units (See Article 13)	SP	SP	SP	N	SP	N	SP
H. Accessory dwelling unit (Note 11) (SEE 6.3 ACCESSORY USES)	SP	SP	SP	N	SP	N	SP
I. Mobile home park or court; sales of demonstration models allowed (Note 5)	SP	SP	SP	N	N	N	N
J. Home based business (SEE 6.5 HOME BUSINESS)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y

ARTICLE 6 NON-CONFORMING AND SPECIAL BUILDINGS AND USES

6.3 ACCESSORY USES AND DWELLINGS

- 6.3.3 Applicability. An accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted by right in zoning districts as delineated in the Schedule of Use Regulations if it is to be added to an existing dwelling unit as long as it does not add to the footprint of the existing dwelling unit. If the accessory dwelling unit involves new construction that adds to the footprint or will alter the exterior of the structure, the applicant shall submit an application for a special permit to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The number of accessory dwelling units in a residential development created under the provisions of article 11 are limited by the provisions of that article.

ARTICLE 7 SITE CONSIDERATIONS – DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS

7.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to ensure that building lots conform to and are conducive to land usage patterns designed by the town of Winchendon, that they do not restrict the acceptable land uses of others either through land-locking, limiting access or gerrymandering lots to such an extent that it limits the value of developable land in the town, except where topography or environmental considerations dictate. Normal polygonal lot shapes with ample width to allow for attractive, neighborhood-consistent buildings well-suited to their purpose that do not impact their neighbors adversely, shall be allowed without requiring a burdensome review process (lots).

The purpose of this section is also to ensure that building designs, land development and the public setting retain the charm and appeal of a small rural town with walkable neighborhoods, reasonable privacy and easy access to green spaces (buildings). The provisions of this article do not apply to new construction built under the provisions of article 11, Residential Development. For those projects, the provisions of article 11 shall supersede those contained in this article.

7.2 TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL & DENSITY REGULATIONS (Amended Nov. 8, 2007)

These provisions do not apply to projects built under the provisions of article 11, Residential Development unless that article so provides.

Zoning District	Min. Lot Area Square Feet	Frontage Note 6	Front Setback Note 7,8	Side Setback Note 7,8	Rear Setback Note 7,8	Max. Structure Height (floors)	Max. Man Made Structure Height	Max. Impervious Area as % of Lot (1)
R80	80,000	200	40	25	50	2-1/2	35'	10%
R40	40,000	150	40	25	50	2-1/2	35'	15%
R10	10,000	75	20	10	20	2-1/2	35'	25%
C1	75,000	250	75	25	25	3	45'	45%
C2	20,000	100	30	15	30	3	45'	45%
I	43,560	150	40	25	50	no	50'	no
PD except residential Note 2	5,000	75	5	0	0	3	45'	70%
PD 1 & 2 family residential	10,000	75	20	20	20	2 1/2	35 feet	25%
PD Other residential	10,000 Note 3, 9	75 Note 9	20	Com- bined 30 ft Note 4	50	3	45 feet	70%
WF Note 5, 4								

Notes:

1. Includes all buildings, structures, and paved surfaces. (SEE FIGURES A.7.2.3-6)
2. Includes mixed use developments.
3. But not less than 3600 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit. Measured parallel to the frontage, except where attached buildings are allowed in sections 4.7.4 and 4.7.5.
4. As per special use regulations of Sections 4.3 and 4.4, lots partially within the Wetlands and Flood Plain Conservancy Districts may be governed by dimensional and density requirements of the underlying district as determined

by the Board of Appeals, provided that more than 50 percent of the lot area and all non-sewered sanitary facilities, lie outside the WF district.

5. RESERVED

6. Lots having frontage on more than one street shall maintain the front setback for all such frontage streets appropriate for the zone in which it lies. Any remaining lot lines shall be considered side lot lines for setback purposes.
7. The distances shown in table 7.2 for front setback, side setback, and rear setback are the minimum distances from the respective lot lines on which any structure, whether temporary or permanent, other than a fence, a retaining wall, a driveway, a walkway, a lamppost, or an allowed sign may be placed unless allowed by the Planning Board under site plan review. Neither shall there be any regular storage or display of materials be allowed closer to the property line than the setbacks.
8. Temporary structures of less than 125 square feet gross floor area may have a side set back of 5 feet and a rear setback of 10 feet in the R10 zone only.
9. Except as provided in section 4.7.4.B.

Proposed Revised Zoning Bylaw, Article 11: Residential Development

[This language completely replaces the present Article 11 in its entirety.]

Section 11.1 Purpose

The purposes of this article are:

To ensure that the housing needs of the people are met in a manner that preserves a maximum amount of open space and helps to retain the rural character of the town.

To encourage the permanent preservation of open space, undeveloped land, agricultural land, forest land, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources including aquifers, bodies of water, wetlands, and historical and archeological resources in a manner that is consistent with the Town of Winchendon's Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan;

To allow for greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential developments;

To encourage a less sprawling and more efficient form of development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing topography and natural features better than conventional or grid subdivision;

To minimize the total disturbance on the site;

To enhance the quality and cohesiveness of our neighborhoods and reduce the cost of serving the homes created under the provisions of this article.

Section 11.1.1 References within article 11. Unless it is otherwise stated, all references to the *board* in this article shall refer to the planning board. The planning board shall be the special permit granting authority for all special permits mentioned in this article unless otherwise stated..

Section 11.2 Applicability The provisions of this article will apply to all new residential development within the town except as specifically exempted in section 11.3.

Section 11.2.1 Compliance with Subdivision Regulations Required All residential projects subject to this article shall be built in conformity to the current Subdivision Regulations as promulgated by the Winchendon Planning Board. If the development will not constitute a subdivision, compliance with the site plan regulations of the Winchendon Planning Board will be required. The Planning Board may grant waivers from their regulations as provided therein when such action serves to further the purposes of this article.

Section 11.3 Exceptions

Section 11.3.1 Existing Lots The application of this article to a lot or two adjacent lots for single and two-family residential use which at the time of recording or endorsement, whichever occurred earlier was/were not held in common ownership with any adjoining land, conformed to zoning requirements in effect when the lot(s) was/were created, and contain not more than 160,000 square feet per lot excluding from the actual area of the lot(s) the areas of any streams, ponds, wetlands, stream buffers, wetland buffers, vernal pools and areas with a slope greater than 1:4 shall be optional with the property owner. The areas of such wetland related areas shall be as determined by article 29 of the Winchendon Town Bylaws or by Chapter 131 of the General Laws and any state or local regulations adopted thereunder. Common ownership shall include lots held by separate legal entities, persons, or trusts under common control or having common beneficial interests.

Section 11.3.2 Existing Buildings Except as provided in sections 11.10.6 and 11.10.7 this article shall not apply to the conversion of residential buildings in existence prior to the adoption of this article to provide more dwelling units therein.

Section 11.4 Open Space Requirements

Section 11.4.1 Open Space Required All residential development subject to this article shall require the preservation in perpetuity of open space in conjunction with the development project.

Section 11.4.1.1 Open space in larger tracts will be preferred, as will open space contiguous with other already preserved open space. Except land reserved as public parkland or playgrounds in the PD and R10 zones, no parcel smaller than two acres that is not contiguous with such other open space may be counted as part of the required open space in projects larger than ten acres.

Section 11.4.1.2 The open space should protect valuable natural and cultural elements including waterbodies, streams, wetland buffers, unfragmented forest, wildlife habitat, open fields, scenic views, trails, stone walls, archeological sites and to avoid development in hazardous areas such as floodplains and on steep slopes. In areas where public sewage disposal is not available, consideration shall be given to the suitability of soils for on site disposal systems both within and outside the protected open space. Particular consideration for protection will be given to land that expands land that is already protected or which is recommended for protection under the town master plan or opens space and recreation plan, or will tend to expand or complete wildlife or recreational corridors between such parcels

Section 11.4.1.3 R80 and C2 zones Of that portion of a residential development project that is located in the R80 and C2 zones, not less than 50 percent of the area (without any deduction for streams, ponds, wetlands, stream buffers, wetland buffers, vernal pools and areas with a slope greater than 1:4) shall be preserved as dedicated open space. If the total wetlands related areas (streams, ponds, wetlands as defined by law, and vernal pools) within the dedicated open space will exceed 33 percent of the total area of the development site, only that 33 percent may be counted in making up the required 50%.

Section 11.4.1.4 R40 zone Of that portion of a residential development project that is located in the R40 zone, not less than 33% of the area (without any deduction for streams, ponds, wetlands, stream buffers, wetland buffers, vernal pools and areas with a slope greater than 1:4) shall be preserved as dedicated open space. If the total wetlands related areas (streams, ponds, wetlands as defined by law, and vernal pools) within the dedicated open space will exceed 25% of the total area of the development site, only that 25% may be counted in making up the required 33%.

Section 11.4.1.5 R10, C1 and PD zones Of that portion of a residential development project that is located in the R10, C1 and PD zones, not less than 25% of the area (without any deduction for streams, ponds, wetlands, stream buffers, wetland buffers, vernal pools and areas with a slope greater than 1:4) shall be preserved as dedicated open space. If the total wetlands related areas (streams, ponds, wetlands as defined by law, and vernal pools) within the dedicated open space will exceed 15% of the total area of the development site, only that 15% may be counted in making up the required 25%.

Section 11.4.1.6 Industrial zone Residential development is not allowed in the industrial zone.

Section 11.5 Use of the Dedicated Open Space

Section 11.5.1 Agriculture Dedicated open space may be used for agriculture. This includes the growing of crops and the keeping of livestock or poultry. Open space dedicated to agriculture may be combined with other land that is within 1000 feet used for agricultural purposes by the same farmer when calculating the 5 acre minimum for zoning as commercial agriculture under section 5.2.4.

Section 11.5.2 Conservation Dedicated open space may be used for conservation purposes. Such uses may include protection of flora and fauna, trails for hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, and boating.

Section 11.5.3 Commercial Forestry Dedicated open space may be used for commercial forestry. Such land shall be managed using best management practices for long term sustained forest yield under a management plan approved by the state forester. Best management practices shall be used in cut areas to insure immediate regrowth.

Section 11.5.4 Storm water management systems. Subject to the approval of the Board, storm water management systems may be located within the required open space. Surface systems, such as retention and detention ponds shall not qualify towards the minimum open space required.

Section 11.5.5 Recreation Dedicated open space may be used for recreational purposes on tracts of more than ten acres. by Planning Board Special Permit. This may include structured uses such as a campground. However, the restrictions contained in section 11.8 shall apply and no special permit may be granted under that section for such uses. This shall not prohibit the use of unprotected land in the same ownership for purposes prohibited on the protected land.

Section 11.6 Restrictions on the Use of Dedicated Open Space Except as are allowed by special permit under section 11.8 , the following are prohibited in the dedicated open space:

Section 11.6.1 Any structure for residential, commercial or industrial use.

Section 11.6.2 Any building having a floor or ground area in excess of 600 square feet.

Section 11.6.3 The total of all buildings shall not exceed one quarter of one percent of the total area of the open space.

Section 11.6.4 The total man made impervious area shall not exceed 1% of the total area of the open space.

Section 11.6.5 Paved roads or driveways.

Section 11.6.6 Mining, excavating, dredging or removing from the Premises of soil, loam, peat, gravel, sand, rock or other mineral resource or natural deposit.

Section 11.6.7 Placing, filling, storing or dumping on the Premises of soil, refuse, trash, vehicle bodies or parts, rubbish, debris, junk, waste or other substance or material whatsoever or the installation of underground storage tanks;

Section 11.6.8 The subdivision of the Premises;

Section 11.6.9 Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control or soil conservation;

Section 11.6.10 Any other use of the Premises or activity which would materially impair significant conservation interests.

Section 11.7 Specific Uses Allowed in the Dedicated Open Space :

Section 11.7.1 Fences as necessary to enclose pastures, protect livestock from natural hazards, or to protect crops from animals. Specific approval by the Winchendon Agricultural Commission may be required.

Section 11.7.2 Underground sewage disposal systems for dwellings in the development.

Section 11.7.3 Underground sewer lines which must necessarily run through the area to meet grade requirements.

Section 11.7.4 Necessary access roads, including fire roads that are unpaved and minimally improved. Bridges and culverts to properly handle stormwater are permitted when necessary.

Section 11.8 Improvements that may be allowed by Special Permit:

Section 11.8.1 Road or driveway paving on slopes so steep that washouts would otherwise be likely. Steps on steep trails.

Section 11.8.2 Parking areas to serve the permitted open space uses provided the surfaces shall be pervious to stormwater.

Section 11.8.3 Impervious area greater than that allowed by section 11.6.4 .

Section 11.8.4 Buildings having a floor or ground area greater than 600 square feet.

Section 11.9 Legal Protection Requirements All land dedicated as open space under this article shall be protected in a manner that will afford it full protection under the law. The dedicated open space shall be protected from development by one of the following means:

Section 11.9.1 Such open space shall either be conveyed to the town and accepted by it for park or open space use, or be conveyed to a non-profit organization the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, or be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots or residential units within the plot. If such a corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyances of the lots or residential units. In any case where such land is not conveyed to the town, a restriction enforceable by the town shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state except as required in this bylaw. The named agency and the terms and conditions of such transfer must be acceptable to the Board. Such open space shall be conveyed free of any mortgage interest, security interest, liens or other encumbrances.

Section 11.9.2 Property that is owned by any other entity but is protected by a suitable conservation easement that will protect the land from development or uses, except as provided in this article, in perpetuity. All the conditions of such easement must be acceptable to the Board.

Section 11.9.3 A single parcel may include both protected open space and other uses provided proper easements are in place to secure the protection of the required open space.

Section 11.9.4 The title or easement holder other than a governmental unit of each parcel accepted as protected open space under this bylaw shall and governmental units should, within six months after its dedication as open space, complete an assessment of the property detailing its location, boundaries, the condition of the vegetation, streams, wetlands, walls, roads, improvements and other features; and any restrictions or requirements for its future use or development. Thereafter not less than annually the title or easement holder shall physically view the property and prepare a detailed statement as to the present condition of the property with particular reference to the features recorded in the initial assessment. Copies of each such report shall be filed with the board. Any failure to file such reports shall be a violation of the zoning bylaw and shall be subject to the penalties therefor.

Section 11.10 Maximum Number of Dwelling Units

Section 11.10.1 The maximum number of dwelling units for land in the R80 and C2 zones shall be equal to number of acres of such land divided by two.

Section 11.10.2 The maximum number of dwelling units for land in the R40 and C1 zones shall equal to the number of acres of such land.

Section 11.10.3 The maximum number of dwelling units for land in the R10 and PD zones shall equal to six times the number of acres of such land.

Section 11.10.4 If the land is located in more than one zone, the allowed dwellings shall be calculated for the land in each zone and then combined.

Section 11.10.5 In those cases where the total of allowable dwelling units as determined in section 11.10.4 results in a fraction, the number shall be rounded down to the lower whole number.

Section 11.10.6 If a residential development project includes existing residential buildings, the dwelling units in those buildings shall be considered as part of the maximum number of units. The number of units in such building(s) may be increased or decreased provided the lot can accommodate the dwellings under sections 5.2.1 and 11.12.2.

Section 11.10.7 Unless a greater number is allowed under section 11.12.1.5, principal residential buildings in the R80, C2 and R40 zones shall be limited to three dwelling units per building. One additional accessory dwelling may be allowed in those zones by special permit provided the maximum for the project is not exceeded and the lot area is adequate under section 11.12.2.

Section 11.10.8 The Board may, by special permit, allow any number of units per building or more than one residential building per lot on lots in the R10, PD and C1 zones provided the maximum number of dwelling units is not exceeded.

Section 11.11 Development Procedures

Section 11.11.1 Residential development other than on sites exempt from this article under section 11.3, and those that may be allowed by a special permit shall be undertaken only in accordance with the following procedure.

Section 11.11.1.1 Before any work, including but not limited to, brush removal, tree cutting, and grading, is done on a development site, the developer shall submit a sketch plan to the Board. Cutting of vegetation necessary for surveys and soil testing is permitted.

Section 11.11.1.1.1 The sketch plan shall be drawn to scale and shall show the total tract that includes the land on which development is proposed. It shall also show the surrounding area, wetlands, contours, vegetation and other features as the Board may require by its regulations. It need not have been prepared by a professional engineer or land surveyor.

Section 11.11.1.2 Following submission of the plan, the Board or its designee(s) shall undertake a site visit so the Board will fully understand the site and its features.

Section 11.11.1.3 The Board will then meet with the developer at a regular or special meeting and discuss which land is most appropriately preserved as open space, which are the locations most suitable for houses and other factors that may enter into the choice of open space. However, no plan showing house lots or new roads may be presented or considered at this time. An agreement between the Board and the developer on the land to be preserved is required as a condition of moving forward.

Section 11.11.1.4 After the open space has been agreed upon, the developer may locate the houses on the property.

Section 11.11.1.5 The developer may now locate any road or roads needed to properly access the houses and other amenities. Open space shall not be landlocked. Access over other land in common ownership is acceptable. Otherwise adequate provision shall be made for access to each tract of preserved open space from a road.

Section 11.11.1.6 Then and only then may the developer or an engineer or surveyor on his behalf lay out proposed property lines for the various house lots. Neither shall any preliminary or definitive subdivision plan be prepared prior to this time.

Section 11.11.1.6.1 Following the layout of property lines, the developer shall submit a definitive subdivision plan or an application for site plan review, as the case may be, in accordance with the board's regulations. Such plan shall include, without limitation,:

1. Existing site conditions, including topography, water bodies and streams, wetlands, historic features, existing structures, easements and rights of way, and means of access;
2. Proposed grading and landscaping;
3. Proposed utilities, including but not limited to water, wastewater, electric power, fuel, security and telecommunications systems, and cable television;

4. Proposed storm water system;
5. Proposed pedestrian and vehicular access, circulation, parking and loading;
6. Structures to be retained, demolished, and new construction;

Section 11.11.1.6.2 Copies of the application shall be circulated to the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and such other town agencies as the Board deems appropriate with a request for their comments and suggestions. Failure of any such agency to respond within 35 days shall be deemed lack of opposition to the proposal.

Section 11.12 Design Standards

Section 11.12.1 General requirements

Section 11.12.1.1 Insofar as practicable, the landscape shall be preserved in its natural state by minimizing tree and soil removal. Any grade changes shall be in keeping with the general appearance of the neighboring developed areas. Individual building sites shall be oriented so as to maintain maximum natural topography and cover. Topography, tree cover, and natural drainage shall be treated as fixed determinants of road and lot configuration rather than as elements to be altered to follow a preferred development scheme.

Section 11.12.1.2 Streets shall be designed and located in such a manner as to maintain and preserve natural topography, significant landmarks, and trees; to minimize cut and fill; and to preserve and enhance views on or off the parcel(s).

Section 11.12.1.3 Development shall be related harmoniously to the terrain and the use, scale and architecture of existing buildings in the vicinity. Proposed buildings shall be related to their surroundings.

Section 11.12.1.4 The removal or disruption of historic, archeological, or cultural uses, structures, or sites shall be minimized.

Section 11.12.1.5 A project serviced by municipal water and sewer services may consist of any combination of single-family, two-family and multiple family residential structures. A multiple family structure shall not contain more than 5 dwellings except by special permit. The architecture of all multiple family buildings shall be residential in character, particularly providing gabled roofs, an articulated footprint and varied facades. Residential structures shall be oriented toward the street serving the lot and not toward a required parking area.

Section 11.12.1.6 Sidewalks and trails. In place of sidewalks a system of internal trails that provide connections to other existing or proposed sidewalks and trails, public parks or recreation areas or protected lands may be substituted.

Section 11.12.1.7 In the R10 and PD zones, each dwelling unit shall be served by two (2) off-street parking spaces. Parking spaces in front of garages may count in this computation.

Section 11.12.1.8 In the R80, R40, C1, and C2 zones, each dwelling unit shall be served by at least three (3) off-street parking spaces. .

Section 11.12.1.9 Common Shared driveways. Up to three residential buildings may share a common driveway; provided that the shared portion of the driveway shall not be used to meet parking space requirements of this section. Maintenance of shared driveways shall be clearly provided for.

Section 11.12.1.10 There shall be no more than one curb cut per lot which includes 5 or fewer dwelling units. Lots with more than 5 dwelling units may have curb cuts as the board determines.

Section 11.12.2 Requirements for Individual Lots

Section 11.12.2.1 In the R80, R40, C1 and C2 zones, each individual lot shall contain not less than 7500 square feet for the first dwelling unit and 1500 square feet for each additional unit. In the R10 and PD zones, each individual lot shall contain not less than 3750 square feet for the first dwelling unit and 1500 square feet for each additional unit. If a lot lies in more than one zoning district, the minimum for the more restricted zone shall apply..

Section 11.12.2.2 The Board may, however, allow lesser minimum lot area per dwelling unit for the development of dwelling units in existing buildings

Section 11.12.3 Except as provided above, there shall be no minimum area per lot, The minimum required setback (front, sides or rear) shall be five feet. Lot shapes should, as nearly as possible, conform to the standard of section 7.2.1. Except for lots served by an approved common driveway, lots shall have not less than 50 feet of street frontage. Lots which provide street access for a common driveway shall have not less than 75 feet of street frontage. Maximum Structure heights and maximum impervious area shall meet the requirements of table 7.2. If separate sewage disposal systems are required, the requirements of the Board of Health shall be met. This may be accomplished by providing an easement for sewage disposal works in the open space.

Section 11.12.3.1 Each lot served by a common driveway shall have an address on the way from which access is obtained that will insure that emergency services can locate the residences.

Section 11.13 Approval of the Plan

Section 11.13.1 Approval by Right Upon findings by the Board (adopted by a majority of the members voting) that the proposed development meets the minimum requirements of this article for preservation open space and the location thereof, contains no more than the maximum number of dwelling units, meets the requirements of its subdivision regulations for a definitive residential subdivision (or of its site plan regulations if it is not a subdivision), a Low Impact Development Plan for the site has been approved (if such plan is required), the required open space has been fully protected by conveyance or easement, an Order of Conditions has been issued by the Conservation Commission (if required), the Board of Health has approved the septic systems (if required), the subdivision plan (or site

plan) shall thereby be approved, and the project may then be built according to that plan by right.

Section 11.13.1.1 Conditions. The Board may impose conditions, safeguards and limitations in its plan approval as necessary to ensure compliance with the purposes of this article.

Section 11.13.1.2 No residential lot created under this article shall be further subdivided or any alteration of lot lines or layout of ways be allowed except by a special permit which special permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of this article and the subdivision (or site plan) rules and regulations.

Section 11.13.1.3 Upon the approval and filing in the registry of deeds of a definitive subdivision plan for the development and further provided that all roads, utilities, and other improvements required by the plan were installed within two years, not including the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal as allowed under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17, the lots shown thereon shall become conforming lots. Should such work not be accomplished within two years, the plan approval shall lapse. Any structures shown on the approved plan and actually built within two years, not including the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal as allowed under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17 shall be considered conforming structures. The Board may extend any of the required times for cause.

Section 11.13.1.4 Should a subdivision plan not be required, site plan review shall be required. All roads, utilities, and other improvements required by the plan must be installed within two years, not including the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal as allowed under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17, or the plan approval shall lapse. Any structures shown on the approved plan and actually built within two years, not including the time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal as allowed under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17 shall be considered conforming structures. The Board may extend any of the required times for cause.

Section 11.13.1.5 No work, including but not limited to, brush removal, tree cutting, and grading, shall be done on a development site and no building permits shall issue for buildings on the site prior to the end of any required appeal period following approval of the required plan.

Section 11.13.1.6 Any change to open space dedicated under this article and owned by the town will require a two thirds vote of the town meeting. Where the open space is not conveyed to the town, a restriction enforceable by the town shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in as open space under the provisions of this bylaw unless the town meeting agrees to a modification by a two thirds vote. No such vote shall be taken until after the planning board has held a public hearing thereon at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Notice of the time and place of such public hearing and the subject matter hereof shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. No town meeting vote thereon shall be taken until a report with recommendations by the planning board has been submitted to the town

meeting or twenty-one days after said hearing has elapsed without submission of such report

Section 11.13.1.7 Any changes to the house locations, house lots, streets, or other provisions of the approved subdivision shall require the modification of the subdivision plan or site plan by the Board.

Section 11.13.2 Special Permit Development Any plan for residential development that does not meet the requirements of this article may be built only according to a special permit upon a finding that development on the parcel according to the requirements of this article is not feasible.

VOTED (2/3 declared) to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting, in its entirety, the presently existing Article 11 “Flexible Residential Development (which is a Special Permit process) and replacing it with a new Article 11 “Residential Development” as further described and set forth in the warrant.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 9:15 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 28th day of April 2011.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

C. Jackson Blair, Chair

Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice Chair

Keith R. Barrows

Robert M. O'Keefe

Robert L. Zbikowski

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

PRINT CONSTABLE NAME

SIGN CONSTABLE NAME

DATE:

FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM SECOND FLOOR TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM
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9410.**

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, 2011, at the Annual Town Meeting which convened on May 24, 2011.

ACCOUNT	FY12
* SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	14,000.00
* TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE	245,754.00
* FINANCE COMMITTEE	47,860.00
* ACCOUNTING OFFICE	92,393.00
* ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	74,549.00
* COLLECTOR/TREASURER	174,611.00
* AUDIT EXPENSE	27,500.00
* LEGAL EXPENSE	60,000.00
* DATA PROCESSING	37,634.00
* TECHNOLOGY	16,439.00
* COMMUNICATION COMM.	15,000.00
* TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	89,436.00
* REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	22,185.00
* TOWN HALL	118,604.00
* PENSIONS	732,977.00
* COMP. AND UNEMPLOY.	200,000.00
* HEALTH INSURANCE	1,761,590.00

* LIFE INSURANCE	25,700.00
* MEDICARE	190,000.00
* PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS.	150,000.00
1 ADMIN, FIN, & BENEFITS	4,096,232.00
REGULATORY	
* CONSERVATION	15,214.00
* PLANNING BOARD	6,000.00
* ZONING BOARD	1,918.00
* COMMUNITY DEVELOP.	63,430.00
* LAND USE OFFICE	72,059.00
2 TOTAL REGULATORY	158,621.00
* POLICE/DISPATCH/ACO	1,246,062.00
* FIRE/AMBULANCE	687,181.00
* CIVIL DEFENSE	3,819.00
* BOARD OF HEALTH	58,503.00
3 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,995,565.00
PUBLIC WORKS	
* ADMINISTRATION	103,791.00
* HIGHWAY	426,687.00
* FLEET MAINTENANCE	236,676.00
* CEMETERY	89,419.00
* SNOW AND ICE	101,000.00

* STREET LIGHTS	48,000.00
* LANDFILL EXPENSE	35,000.00
* TREE TRIMMING	5,000.00
4 TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,045,573.00

HUMAN SERVICES

* COUNCIL ON AGING	118,309.00
* VETERANS	301,285.00
* LIBRARY	161,408.00
* RECREATION COMMITTEE	3,400.00
* HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500.00
5 TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	584,902.00

DEBT SERVICE

* DEBT SERVICE	2,116,325.00
6 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	2,116,325.00

REGIONAL EXPENSES

* REGIONAL PLANNING	2,680.00
* MONTY TECH ASSESS	518,250.00
7 TOTAL REGIONAL EXP.	520,930.00

8 FY 12 TOTAL BUDGET	10,518,148.00
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**RAISE & APPROPRIATE
TOTAL (ART. 8)**

10,391,825.00

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

126,323.00

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

Art. 12 School Budget	12,873,169.00
Art. 14 School Transportation	1,185,729.00
Art. 18 Assessor's Recert.	12,037.00
Art. 19 Senior Workoff	10,000.00

Total	14,080,935.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TAXATION

24,472,760.00

TRANSFERS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, SPECIAL ARTICLES

Art. 16: From Art. 14 of 5-22-10 ATM to FY11 School Budget	26,889.60
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Art. 17: From Overlay Surplus to Assessors cyclical Inspections	20,000.00
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Art. 18: From Overlay Surplus to Assessors recertification	7,963.00
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Art. 20: From Overlay Surplus to Community Action Committee	18,000.00
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Art. 21: From Overlay Surplus to Clark Memorial YMCA	10,000.00
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Art. 26: From Stabilization Fund to Netting system at school	30,000.00
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Total transfers, special articles	112,852.60
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TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

239,175.60

Art. 30: to Sp. Ed. Transportation	26,711.00
Art. 32: to Stabilization Fund	4,888.41

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Art. 9: Water rev. to Water Dept.	908,199.00
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Art. 10: Wastewater rev. to Wastewater Dept.	1,036,419.00
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Art. 11: Transfer Station rev. to Transfer Station Dept.	196,374.00
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TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

2,140,992.00

APPROPRIATIONS BY BORROWING

Art. 5: Chapter 90	451,348.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY BORROWING

451,348.00

I CERTIFY that the foregoing figures totaling \$27,304,275.60 to be the amounts to be raised by taxation, transfers, and borrowing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

Attest:

Lois A. Abare
Town Clerk

RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION JULY 16, 2011

Met at the Old Murdock Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. Polls were declared open at 10 a.m. by John Morris, acting warden.

The election officers were sworn and assigned to their respective stations. Six hundred official ballots were delivered to each of the three precincts. Cards of instruction and voting lists were delivered to the presiding officer. Specimen ballots and cards of instruction posted in the hall and at the entrance.

The ballot boxes were checked and registers set at zero. The keys to the ballot boxes were turned over to Daniel Wolski, officer in charge.

Polls were declared closed at 2 p.m. At the close of polls the registers on the ballot boxes read 237 in Precinct 1; 214 in Precinct 2; and 258 in Precinct 3.

After being counted, the result of the balloting was announced at 2:30 p.m. Ballots cast and not cast and checklists sealed in proper containers and delivered to the town clerk.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec 3	Total
Question 1 (School Bud)				
Blank	1	1	0	2
YES	54	51	47	152
NO	182	162	211	555
Question 2 (Computer)				
Blank	13	9	13	35
YES	42	62	46	150
NO	182	143	199	524
Question 3 (Ambulance)				
Blank	3	1	3	7
YES	76	91	100	267
NO	158	122	155	435
Question 4 (Cruiser)				
Blank	4	1	3	8
YES	61	76	67	204
NO	172	137	188	497

A true record attest:

Lois A. Abare Town Clerk

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 12, 2011

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, DECEMBER 12, 2011
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 a quorum present.

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

ARTICLE 1

Committee Reports

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the:

Finance Committee, and
Public Safety Development Committee

or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED (unanimously) to accept the report of the Finance Committee and Public Safety Development Committee.

FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(majority vote required)

FY11 Year-End Budget Articles

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate and/or transfer, as listed below:

from

\$ 145,458.31	May 23, 2011 Town Meeting School Operating Budget Article 12 (transfer)
\$ 10,658.56	Infrastructure Investment Fund (appropriate)
\$ 18,804.00	Sewer Surplus Fund (appropriate)
\$ 5,584.00	Transfer Station Surplus (appropriate)
\$ 48,319.35	Overlay Surplus Account (appropriate)
\$ 23,335.00	State Aid- 2008 Ice Storm Reimbursement (appropriate)
<u>\$ 46,978.88</u>	General Government Local Aid (raise and appropriate)
\$ 299,138.10	

to

\$ 80,265.23	May 24, 2010 General Government Budget Article 8 – (School Unemployment)
\$ 40,041.00	FY11 Budget- School Choice and Charter (School Deficit)
\$ 10,658.56	May 24, 2010 Town Meeting Article 11- Landfill Enterprise Fund
\$ 19,741.48	FY11 Budget Revenue Deficit
<u>\$ 148,431.83</u>	May 24, 2010 Town Meeting Budget Article 8 -Snow and Ice Deficit
\$ 299,138.10	

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-0-1 Recommend

VOTED – (unanimously) approved amending the May 24th, 2010 Town Meeting Article 11-Landfill Enterprise Fund to read May 24th, 2010 Budget Article 8- (Landfill Budget deficit)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from General Government Local Aid the sum of \$12,909.12 to the amount appropriated under the May 23, 2011 Town Meeting Article 8 General Government Budget to increase the hours of the Building Commissioner from 20 to 32 per week for the remainder of FY12, or act in relation thereto. (submitted Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
COMMITTEE: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE

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

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c.59, §38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Constellation Energy for a period of twenty (20) years and to approve said agreement, under which Constellation Energy will pay the Town \$70,000 per year related to the construction of a three (3) Megawatt solar farm on private property, as on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such other actions as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 Recommend

VOTED - (majority) to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c.59, §38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Nexamp, Inc. for a period of twenty (20) years and to approve said agreement, under which Nexamp, Inc. will pay the Town \$23.33 per kilowatt per year related to the construction of a three (3) Megawatt solar farm on private property, as on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such other actions as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 Recommend

VOTED - (majority) to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c.59, §38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Revolution Energy, LLC for a period of twenty (20) years and to approve said agreement, under which Revolution Energy, LLC will pay the Town \$140,000.00 per year related to the construction of a six (6) Megawatt solar farm on private property, as on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such other actions as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

VOTED - (majority) to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from General Government Local Aid (Reversion Funds) the sum of \$43,000.00 to be used in addition to grant monies totaling \$125,000.00 to purchase and equip a new ambulance for the Fire Department, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-0-1 Recommend

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

GENERAL ARTICLE

ARTICLE 8

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 Chairman O'Keefe)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

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

GENERAL BYLAW ARTICLE
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following General Bylaw:

The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting shall be not less than **two (2)** ~~seventy-five (75)~~ persons then registered as voters of the Town of Winchendon; provided, however, that a number less than quorum may, from time to time, adjourn the meeting. or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Chairman O'Keefe)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 No Recommendation
FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Not Recommend

VOTED – (majority) -DISAPPROVED

LAND ARTICLE

ARTICLE 10

Land Transfer 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, two parcels of vacant land described as follows:

Map 13 0 7:

A certain parcel of vacant land situated in Winchendon on Baldwinville Road and shown on the assessor's map as map 13, parcel 7. Parcel consists of approximately 35 acres. Parcel is further described in deed recorded in Book 47149 Page 29 of the Registry of Deeds, Worcester District.

Map 6 0 46:

A parcel of vacant land located in Winchendon on West Shore Drive. Parcel is .65 acre in size. Parcel is further described in deed recorded in Book 47149, Page 28 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)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 Recommend

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

ZONING ARTICLES **(two-thirds vote required)** (new text in *bold italics*)

ARTICLE 11

Lot area calculation to include buffers.

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 7 Section 7.2.1 A of the Zoning Bylaw as follows;

The area of a lot required to meet the minimum stated in table 7.2 shall be the area of the lot determined by excluding from the actual area of the lot the areas of any streams, ponds, wetlands, ~~stream buffers~~ vernal pools and areas with a slope greater than 1:4. The areas of such wetland related areas shall be as determined by Chapter 131 of the General Laws and any state or local regulations adopted thereunder, or act in relation thereto:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 Recommend

PLANNING BOARD: 5-0 Recommend as amended: striking out the words “wetland buffers” as well as “stream buffers” as noted above.

VOTED- (unanimously) to approve Article 7 Section 7.2.1 A. of the Zoning Bylaw to read as follows:

The area of a lot required to meet the minimum stated in table 7.2 shall be the area of the lot determined by excluding from the actual area of the lot the areas of any streams, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools and areas with a slope greater than 1:4. The areas of such wetland related areas shall be as determined by Chapter 131 of the General Laws and any state or local regulations adopted thereunder, or act in relation thereto:

ARTICLE 12

Land Uses > 20 days per calendar year

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 1 section 1.4 of the zoning bylaw by restating the present section 1.4 as section 1.4.1 and adding a new section 1.4.2 as follows;

The zoning bylaw shall regulate all land division, building construction and renovation, and all uses of property which occur or are likely to occur on more than twenty days in a calendar year, or act in relation thereto:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 Not Recommend

PLANNING BOARD: 5-0 Recommend

VOTED – (2/3 vote declared) DISAPPROVE the article.

ARTICLE 13

3 Associate members of the Planning Board

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 13 Section 13.10 of the zoning bylaw as follows:

The Planning Board, which consists of five (5) members, shall also include not more than three (3) associate members who shall be appointed in the same manner as regular members for terms of one year. Associate members should attend board meetings and may participate in board deliberations but shall not count in determining a quorum nor have voting powers except as provided herein. Any associate member may, from time to time, be designated by the Chairman of the Planning Board in the case of the absence, inability to act or conflict of interest of a regular member, or a vacancy on said board, to act on special permits under the requirements of this bylaw, or act in relation thereto;

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 Recommend

PLANNING BOARD: 5-0 Recommend

VOTED – (unanimously) to approve article as printed.

ARTICLE 14

Residential Development Scriveners error

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 11 Section 11.4.1.5, Section 11.10.2, Section 11.10.8, Section 11.12.1, Section 11.12.1.8, and Section 11.12.2.1 of the Zoning bylaw by deleting references to the C1 (Highway Commercial) zone and amending section 11.4.1.6 so as to read *C1, Highway Commercial and I, Industrial zone Residential development is not allowed in these zones*, or act in relation thereto;

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 3-2 Recommend

PLANNING BOARD: 5-0 Recommend

VOTED – (2/3rds vote declared) to approve to amend Scriveners errors as printed.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 8:10 p.m.

A true record attest:

Judy A. Ruschioni
Town Clerk

Insert Town Account Report here
1 page

Insert Town Account Combined balanced sheet
1 page

Winchendon Agricultural Commission 2011 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. All member positions are filled, with two alternate positions open.

The Commission is organized as follows: Audrey LaBrie, Chair, Paul Kachinsky, Vice Chair. Members are Ken Girouard, Olivia Tarleton and Sherri Haley. Alternate member is June Girouard.

It was a quiet year for the Agricultural Commission. Our focus was the Toy Town Farmers' Market. The Market was held mid-May through early October, rain or shine, Thursdays from 4 – 7 P.M. and Saturdays from 10 – 1. The American Legion Park provided a beautiful setting for vendors and customers alike. Eighteen (18) vendor applications were received and accepted, with an average of 11 vendors selling each week. Products and services offered included produce, plants, crafts, baked goods and animal products. Some vendors signed up to accept WIC and Senior Citizen coupons. The response from the town was tremendous, with many customers coming back each week.

In February the Commission hosted a Toy Town Farmers' Market Open House. People interested in the Market and agriculture stopped by for refreshments and an opportunity to speak with Commission members on any related topic. It was well received, and is now an annual event.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Paul Kachinsky, Vice Chair
Ken Girouard, Member
Olivia Tarleton, Member
Sherri Haley, Member
June Girouard, Alternate

Animal Control Year End Report 2011

For the calendar year of 2011, Winchendon Animal Control reports the following:

Number of calls: 798

Stray Dogs:	33	Cats:	59
Claimed Dogs:	19	Hamsters:	1
Surrendered Dogs:	12	Guinea Pigs:	1
Euthanized Dogs:	2		
Neglect Cases:	9		

Dog License Fees: \$20,895

*There was a \$7,567 increase from 2010

-The Animal Control position for Winchendon is 20 hours.
Sarah Fearing was employed as the A.C.O. for 2011.

-A new epoxy floor was poured at the shelter. Black Bear Coatings and Concrete generously donated the cost of the labor. The new surface has made the shelter floor a lot easier to clean and sanitize, compared to the old exposed concrete.

-The town rabies clinic was held in March at the Fire Station and there was a good turnout.

-The year round bottle and can drive continued to be the fundraising source for the shelter.

-Several more reliable volunteers joined the shelter team to help get dogs fed, walked, and played with multiple times a day.

-Second Chance Animal Shelter's Spay/Neuter Clinic in North Brookfield began offering transportation of cats and dogs owned by the public, from the shelter to their clinic to be spayed, neutered, and vaccinated.



Zoning Board of Appeals

During fiscal year 2011 (7/1/2010–6/30/2011), the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) experienced a slight increase in the number of applications from a total of 14 in FY 2010 to 17 in FY 2011. The applications can be categorized as follows:

	<u>Applied For</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>
Special Permits	7	6	0	1
Special Permit Re-application	1	1	0	0
Variances	9	9	0	0

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.

Two of the Special Permits granted were for the creation of new local town businesses; namely, a donut shop and a drug store. One of the Special Permits was granted to slightly increase the footprint of a pre-existing non-conforming use (a boat house). One of the Special permits was granted to modify a previously approved Special Permit at Glenwood Mobile Park and two of the Special Permits were granted to slightly modify lots to conform to current zoning regulations. One Special Permit application was withdrawn because the applicant decided to move his business elsewhere in town. The Special Permit re-application allowed a new business (heavy equipment repair) to utilize a previously granted Special Permit that had expired.

Seven of the Variances were granted for minor setback adjustments to allow the construction of garages, decks, and/or additions—all of which improved the value of the homes involved without derogating from the intent of the zoning bylaws. Two of the Variances were granted to allow the construction of a new drug store in town.

Membership on the Board changed slightly with the appointment of Elizabeth DeCoteau as an alternate and the resignation of Raymond Rader, Sr. (he moved out of town). Election for Board officers was held early in the FY, with the following results: Charles Scanio, Chairperson and Robert Marshall, Vice-chair and Clerk.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by the FY 2011 Board,

Charles Scanio, Chair (writer of this report) 2011
 Michael Fearing, Regular Member 2012
 Raymond Rader, Sr., Regular Member resigned
 Evelyn Higgins, Alternate Member 2012

Rich Germano, Regular Member 2012
 Robert Marshall, Regular Member 2013
 Cynthia Carvill, Alternate Member 2012
 Elizabeth DeCoteau, Alternate Member 2012

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 2011 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, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Committed	\$ 840,674.26
Real Estate Taxes Committed	9,587,244.12
Personal Property Taxes Committed	265,756.07
Title 5 Sewer Liens Committed	8,497.10
Sewer Betterments Committed	294,767.94
Water Liens Added to Taxes	138,712.28
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	<u>162,752.12</u>
Total Committed for Collection	\$11,298,403.89

Real Estate Exemptions Granted:

Clause 17D Statutory	\$ 6,825.00	
Clause 22 Veterans	26,756.11	
Clause 37 Blind Persons	3,062.50	
Clause 41C Elderly	<u>15,500.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Granted	\$52,143.61	\$ 52,143.61
Real Estate Abatements Granted		6,480.38
Personal Property Abatements Granted		3,860.04
Motor Vehicle Abatements Granted		<u>36,791.16</u>
Total Exemptions and Abatements Granted		\$ 99,275.19

Respectfully submitted,

Linda V. Bevan

Ardythe E. Bilodeau

Maureen Cote
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF HEALTH

Annual Report

July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

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, 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:

Lionel Cloutier	(2012)
John Shepardson	(2012)
Guy Corbosiero	(2013)
Kevin Bliss	(2014)
Michael Fearing, Ph.D.	(2014)

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 Ipswich Drive Community Building on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30PM – 1:30PM. 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

The following is a report of the activities of the
Board of Health for the calendar year 2011

PURPOSE OF PERMIT

	Count#
Miscellaneous inspections, meetings, Public contacts	489
Other	403
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Inspections	57
Soil Testing for repairs	22
Soil Testing for new lots	2
Reviewed and approved Septic System plans	24
Restaurant Inspections	122
Housing Inspections	22
Trash complaints	22
Environmental Samplings	0
Public Swimming Pool Inspections	2
Recreational Camp for Children Inspections	1
Beaver Complaints	0
<i>total</i>	1166
Total Departmental Payments to Treasurer	\$27,903.00

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Annual Report FY 2011

Winchendon Community Action Committee, Inc. (WCAC)

The Winchendon Community Action Committee, Inc. (WCAC) is a Human Service Agency dedicated to helping families and individuals in crisis, and the economically disadvantaged in need of emergency services. The WCAC provides a way 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. These services may include advocacy and referral, emergency assistance, medical transportation, food, counseling and educational programs.

Community Service Building

The WCAC Community Service Building currently houses multiple Social Service Agencies that provide varied services to town residents. Agencies, groups, and individuals sharing space at the Community Service Building include:

Mount Wachusett Community College – Pre-GED, GED, and Adult Basic Educational programs available (Classes held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings)

Association of Independent Psychologists, Inc. - Individual and family counseling services including after school children's counseling and anger management counseling

New England Farm Workers Council - Fuel Assistance
(Application intake by appointment only during winter months)

The Salvation Army/Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Emergency Assistance (Mon. thru Fri. 8:30-4:30)

Youth Services

Project Contact summer day camp (formerly Bonnie Brae) provided an opportunity for local children to participate in their program. Children enjoyed two weeks of fun and recreation at Camp Collier in Gardner. Each child received breakfast, snack, lunch, swimming, and arts & crafts free or for a nominal fee.

Holiday Programs

During the Thanksgiving holiday 82 families received baskets that included a turkey and all the trimmings. Baskets were filled with food items from several sources including the Worcester County Food Bank, Hannaford, Market Basket, Project Bread and many generous donors.

Christmas baskets were provided to 176 families. Baskets provided a family with a turkey and/or gift certificate and fixings that included canned goods and fresh produce. Market

Basket gift certificates totaling \$500.00 were dispensed as were \$1,200.00 worth of turkeys.

The annual children's Christmas party was held at the American Legion. Although 82 children signed up, nearly 150 children came to the party accompanied by family members. There was enough pizza for all due to generous donations from several local eateries including C & S, Christos, Gabby's, and Hungry 4 Pizza. Subway donated cookies, Dunkin Donuts provided donuts, and McDonalds donated soft drinks. Entertainment was provided and Santa stopped by at the end of the evening. Each child received a toy valued at approximately \$15.00.

The Telegram and Gazette Santa Program provided holiday gifts to local children that were given to parents to put under the tree. Although 222 kids signed up to receive a small bag of toys from Santa, due to the generosity of donors, a total of 300 families were served and children received gift bags double in size.

Warm hats, mittens, scarves, and slippers (many hand knitted) were donated by area residents and distributed to children and adults in need.

Housing

FEMA funding of \$4300 helped to assist several families with rental/mortgage and utility payments. Referrals were also made to RCAP Solutions to help additional families.

Emergency Services

One of the WCAC'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. 16 families received emergency assistance, largely with fuel, due to decreases in federal fuel assistance. In addition, 20 families were assisted with mortgage/rental and/or utility payments.

FEMA funds were allocated for food from the Worcester County Food Bank. Project Bread donated \$1,500 which was also used to purchase food. The Food Pantry served a total of 5,366 people including 1,723 children, 3,230 adults and 413 elderly residents.

Food donations were received through the US Postal Service community collection, local schools, Boy Scouts, Brownie troops, Churches, Businesses and Day Cares. "Thank you" to all who helped keep our pantry full this year. Hannaford Food Markets donated fresh bread, pastry, meats and produce on a weekly basis. Local farms donated fresh seasonal produce during the course of the summer months.

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

Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation

The Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation generously provided funding to assist with operational expenses and technology improvements.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen

On the last Thursday of each month, the WCAC partners with the Unitarian Universalist Church on Central Street to provide a nutritious hot meal to all who are hungry at "Our Neighbor's Kitchen". Volunteers prepare and serve a free meal to approximately 60 people per month. Youth from the Winchendon School, members of local clubs/organizations and church members serve and clean up.

Medical Transportation

Many elderly and low-income families and individuals rely on the CAC for their medical transportation which the WCAC provides to doctors' appointments, hospital visits, and clinics. During FY2010-11, the WCAC provided 403 one way runs for medical purposes.

2010-2011 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT – WORCESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK					
Characteristics of People Served					
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total 10-11
Households	592	492	466	556	2106
People	1562	1277	1155	1372	5366
Child	520	466	335	402	1723
Adult	933	720	717	860	3230
Elder	109	91	103	110	413
Employed	112	97	75	87	371
Unemployed	78	41	28	34	181
Social Security	308	304	297	349	1258
TANF EADC	39	28	23	37	127
No Income	12	11	27	21	71
Food Stamps	255	123	72	112	562
WIC	3	2	18	17	40
New	928	146	69	102	1245

Note: Statistical data is based on quarterly report(s) i.e. third/fourth quarter 2010 and first/second quarter 2011. Historical data is based on former Director's reports and notes.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Laperriere, Executive Director
(on behalf of former Director, Ms. Amy Feeley-Knuuttila)

Board of Directors 2010-2011
President: Mr. William Stewart, Jr.
Vice President: Mr. Raymond Vaillancourt
Secretary: Ms. Michelle Smith
Treasurer: Ms. Marcy Silva

Honorary Board Member
Mr. James Kreidler, Town Manager

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR 2011 ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

The Winchendon Conservation Commission is a seven-member board responsible for the local administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40) and 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 setback distances 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 protect the following eight interests:

- Public and private water supply.
- Groundwater supply.
- Flood control.
- Prevention of storm damage.
- Prevention of pollution.
- Land containing shellfish.
- Fisheries.
- 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 six very environmentally concerned citizens, led by Chairman Scott Burns. In September, 2010 the Commission welcomed new member Lionel Cloutier to serve for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011. 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 Commission or Town Manager.

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 9 am – 12 noon and Thursday afternoons 3 pm – 6 pm.

In Fiscal Year 2011, the Commission held 12 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 thirteen (13) 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. Twelve (12) 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, Will Wrann III, John Bettencourt, Paul Ward, 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 18,996 meals. 17,365 meals were home delivered for a grand total of 36,361 total meals for 2011.

Our annual Senior Wellness Day is well received and well attended. This year, we had over twenty five different groups represented.

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 3,851 elders to doctor's appointments, meal sites, shopping and recreational trips, for a total of over 23,484 miles driven this year. We finished the year with an excellent driving record.

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; Three Christmas Programs; Wii bowling; Book Club; Country Dave; John Porcino
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; Blood Pressure Clinics; Dr. Mateik (vision exams); Miracle Ear (hearing aid exams); 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:

The members of the Winchendon Cultural Council (WCC) are happy to provide this report of activities for the 2011 fiscal year. Presently there are five members on the WCC but we are allowed to have up to 19 members. We have room for anyone interested in serving; just contact one of the members. The busiest time for the WCC is from October 15 of the year (when applications are due), until the end of January. We do encourage members to attend and applaud the programs for which grants are awarded. That is always fun!

We sadly bid farewell to Donna Stram, who left the Council in December, due to a work-related move.

For FY 2011 we received a total of 18 applications totaling \$7,360. The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated Winchendon \$3,870. Unclaimed awards from prior years allowed us to award additional money to these successful applicants.

The following proposals were funded at the stated amounts:

Winchendon Parks & Recreation, Summer Entertainment Series	\$500.00
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Outdoor Mural, Corrine Goodrich, Artist	\$500.00
Fitchburg Art Museum, 76 th Regional Art & Craft Exhibit	\$100.00
Maasai Cultural Performance	\$1,000.00
Nicol Wander, Princess & Pea Hand Puppet Performance	\$150.00
Winchendon Historical Society, Evening of Music	\$250.00
John Porcino, Celebrations in Story and Song at the Senior Center	\$400.00
Dawn Kelley, Music is Love	\$200.00
Beals Memorial Library Museum of Science Discount Pass	\$538.00
Beals Memorial Library Puppet Show	\$240.00
Beals Memorial Library Mary Jo Maichack Program	\$345.00
Beals Memorial Library Ecotarium Discount Pass	\$200.00
Beals Memorial Library Museum of Fine Arts Discount Pass	\$150.00
Beals Memorial Library Higgins Armory Museum Pass	\$225.00

If you enjoyed "Playing Possum" or the "Jumpin Juba" at the outdoor summer concerts, if you like the mural on the Winchendon Courier Building, if you enjoyed "Music is Love" or "Celebrations in Story and Song" at the Senior Center, if you used the many passes available through the Beals Memorial Library, then join the WCC and keep the programs coming to Winchendon.

Respectfully submitted

Terri Hillman, Chair (2014)
Coral May Grout, Ed.D., Treasurer (2012)
Veronica Loya (2014)
Doreen Poulin (2012)
Julia White Cardinal, Secretary (2012)

Winchendon Finance Committee Annual Report

The Winchendon Finance Committee is pleased to present our annual report for the 2011 fiscal year (FY11), July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Finance Committee meetings were held at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. The Finance Committee began FY11 with seven members: Ulysse Maillet as Chairman, Kevin Miller as Vice Chairperson, Cynthia LeRoy, Jennifer Goodale, Ottmar Rau, Robert Guenther and Bill Belko. In June 2011 Ulysse and Kevin were elected as chairperson and vice-chairperson respectively. Jennifer Goodale resigned in April and Darlene Rossi was appointed on December 28, 2011 to fill a vacancy. Debra Dennis was the Finance Committee Secretary and did an excellent job documenting committee meetings this year.

The Finance Committee began review of the municipal and school budgets warrant articles in April 2011 in preparation for the 2011 Annual Town Meeting. Primary topics for discussion this year were the school budget and associated Proposition 2 ½ override request, totaling \$692,608.00 and Capital Outlay Exclusions totaling \$215,000.00.

Ultimately both proposed Proposition 2 ½ override and Capital Outlay Exclusion were approved at town meeting, but did not pass the subsequent town referendum.

A special town meeting in was held December 12, 2011 to make decisions on fourteen articles including adjusting a deficit of \$299,138.10. The Finance Committee reviewed the warrant articles for this meeting and made recommendations to approve those articles that provided value to taxpayers especially the three pilot agreements which will generate a yearly payment of \$280,000.00 to the town for twenty years.

In an effort to remain currant on its responsibilities, Finance Committee members attended Finance Committee Association Annual meeting in October 2011 and the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual meeting in January of 2012.

The Finance Committee approved the following transfers from the Finance Committee Reserve fund.

- \$6,000.00 to the Town Clerk office on 1/10/2011 to make up deficit in election expenses as well as financing the 2011 Annual town Election and Town Meeting;
- \$35,000.00 to Veteran's Service on 5/9/2011 to make up deficit in service to veterans; and,
- \$4,000.00 to Assessors to replace outdated computer server;

The total transfers approved were \$45,000.00.

The Finance Committee members look forward to continuing our service to the residents of Winchendon in 2012-2013. We encourage residents to become active in the governing of their town.

Winchendon Fire Department Town Report 2011

**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, 2011-December 31, 2011, the Department responded to 1595 requests for services as shown below:

SITUATION TYPE	QTY	SITUATION TYPE	QTY
111 Building fire	7	551 Assist police	7
113 Cooking fires	17	552 Police matter	1
114 Chimney fire	3	553 Public service	22
116 Burner/Boiler problem	2	554 Assist invalid	59
118 Trash or rubbish fire	4	561 Unauthorized burning	29
130 Mobile property fire	1	571 Cover assignment/standby	34
131 Passenger vehicle fire	3	600 Good intent call	12
142 Brush fire	5	611 Canceled en route	37
300 EMS (ALS) call	489	622 No incident found	22
311 EMS (BLS) call	547	651 Odor of smoke	31
324 MVA no injuries	32	700 False alarm or false call	2
381 Mutual aid ambulance	33	710 Malicious false alarm	5
410 Flammable gas or liquid	2	730 System malfunction	6
411 Gasoline/flammables	3	731 Sprinkler malfunction	1
412 Gas leak (LPG)	4	733 Smoke detector activation	13
413 Oil or other combustible	3	734 Heat detector malfunction	2
424 Carbon monoxide incident	20	735 Alarm system malfunction	20
440 Electrical wiring	5	736 CO detector malfunction	3
444 Power line down	2	740 Unintentional transmission	21
445 Arching electrical equipment	5	741 Sprinkler activation no fire	1
461 Building weakened	1	743 Smoke detector no fire	23
510 Person in distress	4	744 Detector activation	1
511 Lockout	12	745 Alarm system no fire	19
520 Water problem	2	746 CO detector activation	3
522 Water or steam leak	2	813 Wind storm damage	1
531 Smoke or odor removal	10	911 Citizen complaint	2

Permits:

Brush burning	190
Blasting/Tanks	18
Smoke detectors	157
Oil burner	63
L.P. gas	41
Trench	1
Fireworks	1
Fire safety inspections	4
Total	475

Revenue Collected (Permits) \$ 9,210.00

Fire Losses

Fire loss value for 2011 was \$244,600.00.

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 Mack1500 gal	DEM **	Good	2010
Truck 6	1998 Ford F250 Pickup	HSG Auth.	Fair	2013
Car 1	2007 Ford Expedition	R/B *		2018
Car 2	2000 Ford Explorer	R/B *	Excellent Good	2012

* R/B = Robinson Broadhurst Foundation Grant

** DEM = Department of Environmental Management Surplus Equipment Program

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

Building Needs: The current state of the fire station is generally good. The building was erected in 1978 and has served the town proudly for the past thirty 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 2011, the Winchendon Ambulance Service responded to and transported one thousand sixty-eight (1068) requests for medical assistance. Ambulance receipts for the year were \$ 370,897.43.

Personnel:

Craig Ashmore/EMT	Maurice Bateman/EMT	Corey Bohan/EMT-P
Kayla Boutell/EMT	Martin Brooks/EMT-I	William Brown/EMT
Jason Clegg/EMT	Brian Croteau/EMT	Carl Davis/EMT
William Davis/EMT-P	Mark Fleming/EMT-P	Scott Florio/EMT-P
Allen Lafrennie/EMT	Michael March/EMT	Nathaniel Milevskiy/EMT
Benjamin Miller/EMT	Jason Moury/EMT	Michael Mullen/EMT-P
Rick Peters/EMT-P	Ricci Ruschioni/EMT	Martin Scott/EMT-I
Robert Soucy/EMT	Bryan Vaine/EMT	

Equipment:

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

Contact Information:

The Fire Station is located at 405 Central Street Winchendon, MA 01475
Phone: 978-297-2323
Email: fire@town.winchendon.ma.us

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Winchendon Housing Authority hereby presents its Annual Report for our fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

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 2011 the election of officers was held and as follows:

<u>Slate of Officers</u>	<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Chairperson	Burton Gould	April, 2015
Vice-Chairperson	Jacquelyn Flynn	May, 2012
Treasurer	Frank Cosentino	May, 2013
Asst-Treasurer	Virginia C. Sibley	May, 2016
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 2nd Tuesday of each Month at **1pm** and the Annual Election of Officers is held in May of each year. Public posting of each meeting and its location is at the Town Hall and Ipswich Drive office for anyone wanting to attend our public Board meetings.

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

The Winchendon Housing Authority's office is located at **108 Ipswich Drive** in Winchendon and is open to the public between the hours of **8 AM** and **4 PM** Monday through Friday unless otherwise posted. The staff at the housing authority at the end of fiscal year 2011 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 4 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 2010:

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

Ipswich Drive
Roofing Upgrade
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Scattered Sites
Siding upgrade at our Oak
Street Garage
Energy Star Appliance
Upgrades

Pearl Drive
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Capital Fund FY 2011:

We were awarded \$150,805 in August 2011. These funds will be used to complete the following work items.

Ipswich Drive
504 Compliance Upgrade
Roofing Upgrade
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Scattered Sites
Siding upgrade at our Oak
Street Garage
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Pearl Drive
Bond Payment 504 Upgrade

Over the past 11 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 6 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.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted:

David P. Connor

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Executive Director/ Secretary Ex-Officio

ANNUAL REPORT LAND USE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011
Building Department

PURPOSE OF PERMIT	NO. OF PERMITS
Dwelling Units	5
Foundations	1
Additions/Alterations	134
Garage Additions	5
Deck Addition/Repairs	6
Sheds	10
Roofs	34
Swimming Pools	3
Demolitions	8
Signs	5
Safety Inspections	30
Plumbing	60
Gas	33
Electrical	149
Sheet Metal	1
Wood Stoves	15
Pellet Stove	15
	514

Total Departmental Payments to Town Treasurer

Building	\$56,421.00
Wire	\$13,960.00
Plumbing	\$ 4,025.00
Gas	\$ 1,950.00
Weights & Measures	\$ 1,610.00
Photocopy	\$ 14.20
Occupancy	\$ 280.00
Cert. Of Inspections	\$ 2,107.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$80,367.20</u>

The Land Use Department issued a total of 514 permits, with a total of \$80,367.20 in fees collected and a total of \$6,639,619.00 in value.

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 Winchendon's Subway Sandwich Shop. 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.

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.

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.

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. n astronomy program

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, 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 our Inter-Library Loan procedures, and training was provided. MLS relies heavily on electronic methods of communicating and training. This includes 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 19th, 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 year 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--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 down-loadable 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.

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 (REQ) 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: A Scrabble Tournament, a 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, Winchendon's Animal Control Officer Sarah Fearing speaking on her work with Winchendon's 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 (especially constructed by "Pete" Chapman at Broadview) and the ever-popular on-going 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 Trustees' effort to establish the Beals Memorial Library Foundation has been successful. Directors are Whitney Beals, Chris Beauvais, Jackson Blair, Coral Grout, and Christine Philput. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to obtain major gifts for the Library.

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 to the Board in the summer, but sadly, a family emergency necessitated her early resignation. So, we again have a vacancy 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?"* spending on public libraries accounts for only 1.24% of all municipal general fund expenditures. In comparison, Winchendon's library budget represents only 0.62% of the town's overall spending. That translates to year-long expenditure of \$14.70 per capita--using the 2008 numbers--not even half the state average of \$35.81.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Library Trustees: Ron Muse (2013) Suzanne Rader, (2012)

Cindy Darcy (2013) Renee' Eldredge (2012) Richard Anderson (2011) vacancy

* See http://mbclc.state.ma.us/advisory/statistics/public/repmpunicpie/repmp08_report.pdf

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

A Letter from the Superintendent-Director

I am honored to serve as Superintendent-Director of Monty tech, a school that has transformed secondary education in North Central Massachusetts, bringing to life lessons learned in a classroom, at the workplace, and in the community. This school exemplifies what I believe education is all about – a commitment to excellence and the provision of a relevant learning experience.

A Monty Tech education is grounded on workforce trends and labor markets, balanced by a rigorous academic curriculum. Our students are prepared not only to enter the workforce, but to also continue their education by enrolling in college. In fact, while 44% of the Class of 2011 is currently employed in a field related to their Monty Tech trade, 43% of 2011 graduates are currently seeking higher education.

Compiling information for the 2011 Annual Report has been an exercise of great value for me. As a new administrator, it has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and activities of our students, faculty and staff. It has afforded me the opportunity to visit with thoughtful partners in vocational education, and has given me great insight into the achievements of the 2010-2011 academic year. Some of the more notable highlights include:

- 100% of the Class of 2011 successfully passed the state-required MCAS exam in English, Math and Biology.
- The Class of 2011 earned a 93 placement rate: 62% college acceptance or advanced technical training, 13% career bound in field, 9% career bound out of field and 7% military.
- Seventy-eight members (25%) of the Class of 2011 were awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for outstanding performance on the MCAS examination.
- 100% of Dental Assisting graduates passed the Dental Assisting National Board exams in both Radiation Health and Safety and Infection Control.
- 2011 graduate Alicia McKean was the first student in the school's history to be named a National Achievement Scholar, and was the first to receive the coveted Presidential Scholar Award, providing a "full-ride" to attend Boston College.
- Eleven students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The Monty Tech delegate was awarded four silver medals and one bronze medal.
- Victoria Holbert was elected to the office of National SkillsUSA President.
- Two cadets in the Class of 2011 were awarded Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarships- a first for the Monty Tech MJROTC unit and the school. Selected students were awarded full tuition, fees, books, uniforms, summer experiences, as well as monthly stipends.
- Monty Tech was selected as one of only sixteen schools in the country and the only vocational school in the nation to have a student science experiment launch into space aboard the last shuttle flight of the U.S. Space Program, STS-135.

Much like districts across the state, Monty Tech has been affected by the nationwide economic recession. Maintaining high standards of fiscal responsibility, with an eye on our over-arching mission of increasing student achievement and understanding, this school has been able to maintain our high standards of academic success, while presenting a budget that is fiscally conservative. Our FY11 Annual Budget was unanimously accepted by each of the eighteen member communities, and reflected less than a 1% increase over the 2009-2010 Educational Plan. We recognize that we are in the midst of some of the most difficult economic times faced by public education and, as a result we will continue to strive to seek creative ways to reduce member town assessments.

Thank you for your interest in our 2011 Annual Report, your continued support of vocational education in North Central Massachusetts, and for providing our students – your students – with the resources that enable them to become successful, contributing members of our communities.

Steven C. Sharek
Superintendent-Director

Our Mission

Every student will graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be a productive and effective member of an ever-changing society.

Our District

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of:

Ashburnham	Harvard	Princeton
Ashby	Holden	Royalston
Athol	Hubbardston	Sterling
Barre	Lunenburg	Templeton
Fitchburg	Petersham	Westminster
Gardner	Phillipston	Winchendon

Leadership

There were major changes in the school's leadership during the 2010-2011 school year.

James R. Culkeen, who served as Superintendent-Director at Monty Tech for eight years, resigned in December of 2010. Francine K. Duncan, the school's Director of Technology, was named Acting Superintendent-Director, a position she held for just over two months. Dr. Frank R. Llamas, retired Superintendent-Director of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School in Northampton, became interim Superintendent-Director on February 14. I was appointed Superintendent-Director during the summer and began work on July 18.

Katy Whitaker was promoted to the position of Development Coordinator.

Enrollment

Monty Tech's October 1, 2010, enrollment included 1,400 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (42), Athol (122), Barre (37), Fitchburg (393), 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 remaining twelve students were from out-of-district towns, including Clinton, Lancaster, Leominster, Orange and Townsend.

The Guidance/Admission Department received 736 applications for admission to the school. Of those, 636 were from students hoping to enter our incoming ninth-grade class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. There were only a limited number of slots for students applying in either category. We admitted 382 freshmen. We admitted 28 students to the tenth- and eleventh-grade classes.

Monty Tech continued to offer a variety of opportunities for students, parents and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2010 1,110 district eighth graders participated in 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, was attended by an estimated 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 2010-2011 school year. Due to the high enrollment, a third five-week session was implemented and this is our second year doing all three sessions. Participants had opportunities to attend hands-on after-school sessions in a variety of vocational/technical areas. A satisfaction survey rated this program 4.75 out of 5. Enrollment was 725, among the highest ever.

Class of 2011 Awards.

Members of the Class of 2011 were awarded at least \$52,225 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation provided 21,000 in scholarships to graduating senior, ranging in amounts of \$100 to \$1,500. The Foundation also awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of donations. The School Committee, administration faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges continue 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.

Financial Report

Numerous challenges were faced during the development of the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget including rising health insurance, student transportation, and utility costs. Considerable effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff to develop a cost-effective budget. The final fiscal year 2010-2011 Educational Plan totaled \$22,225,324, which represents less than a 1% increase over the 2009-2010 Educational Plan.

The District was audited in August 2011 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and an “excellent” report is anticipated.

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 2011, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$1,236,639. 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 \$22,084. For Fiscal Year 2011, Monty Tech received \$13,334 in grant funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, to support the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program. The Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium and the North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board also contributed to this ground-breaking program, by adding an additional \$6,873 in grant funds. Finally, the school received I-Car grant funds (to be used toward instructional equipment) and a Lowe’s Toolbox for Education Grant, totaling just under \$2,000.

Grants totaled \$1,258,723 for fiscal year 2011.

Academic Achievement

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see significant improvement in MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology. In the spring of 2011, Monty Tech’s passing rate on the English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 97%. More specifically, students achieving proficiency or advanced status on MCAS exams also increased, satisfying all AYP requirements for each subgroup within the school.

English	2009	2010	2011
Language	(318)	(351)	(358)
Arts			
Students			
Tested			
Passing	99%	99.9%	100%
Adv/Prof	80%	83%	87%
Needs	19%	17%	13%
Improvements			

Failing	1%	.0001%	0%
Mathematics Students Tested	2009 (318)	2010 (351)	2011 (358)
Passing	99%	97%	98%
Adv/Prof	78%	80%	86%
Needs	21%	17%	12%
Improvements			
Failing	1%	3%	2%
Biology Students Tested	2009 (353)	2010 (383)	2011 (362)
Passing	95%	95%	97%
Adv/Prof	65%	68%	71%
Needs	29%	27%	27%
Improvement			
Failing	5%	5%	3%

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

	<u>English Language</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Biology</u>
Class of 2011	100%	100%	100%
Class of 2010	100%	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%	

Vocational Projects In Your Community

Unlike students in traditional, comprehensive high schools, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their education into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty different vocational technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services.

The 2010-2011 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body Collision Repair technology: During 2010-2011, the program had eight students participate in SkillsUSA, all of whom finished in the top ten of their competition. There were two seniors accepted into the co-operative educational program, completing their work at local collision shops. The shop continued to repair many vehicles and equipment for staff; the school and district communities. The shop is pleased to have a new spray booth being installed, providing students with training in more efficient water borne paint systems. The shop is in the process of re-certifying NATEF certification. (Total enrollment: 59, 4 males, 19 females).

Automotive Technology: Two of our top students were asked to compete at the state level in the Mass Tech Competition. Alex Gay and Jonathan Erickson (Class of 2011) represented Monty Tech as Team Audi. Four students attended the SkillsUSA district competition – Alex Gay, Jonathan Erickson, Robin Murray and Daniel Mugure (Class of 2011). The automotive program was fortunate to receive numerous equipment upgrades throughout the year, including: a new coates tire changer, new shop benches with drawers for the freshmen tools, a new Brannik strut compressor, and a new fluid exchange machines. An updated scan tool was added to the new Snap On Verdict, providing a new graphing system operation and wireless communication capabilities, and the Hunter alignment machine was updated to be compatible with the new electronic steering systems and wireless communication. (Total enrollment: 63; 54 males, 9 females)

Business Technology: The Business Technology program has been enhanced by the addition of new software and technology, a new exploratory process and curriculum, and an increased presence in the school community. Students and instructors in the Business Technology program assist shops and offices throughout the school by coordinating bulk mailing, labeling, and organizing collating jobs. Offices that receive direct support from the Business Technology program include: Monty Tech Nurses Office, front office, and Student Support Services. Students also assist wherever there is a customer service need, as in the annual greenhouse project, directed by Mr. Dylan Hagar. Students serve as customer service representative and cashiers for this very busy seasonal operation. Students also run a successful school store, refining their skills in cash handling, customer service, organization, and marketing. During 2010-2011, the shop received new software programs that have had a direct impact on the students' employability; WinWay Resume Deluxe and QuickBooks Pro 2011. (Total enrollment: 60; 11 males, 49 females)

Cabinetmaking: Cabinetmaking students spent a great deal of time building and installing over forty custom bookcases in the Barre children's library, a project with an estimated value exceeding \$40,000. Students also made and installed all of the architectural millwork inside the Stone House at Fitchburg's Coggs Hall Park, made over eighty feet of railings for the outside of the Stone House, crafted numerous gift sets for the Annual Monty Tech Golf Tournament and the Annual Superintendent's Dinner, and built and installed custom solid cherry kitchen cabinets, vanities, and solid surface counters in the house built by Monty Tech students (located in Gardner). Five student projects traveled from Monty Tech to the annual New England Student Wood Design Competition, held at Marlborough High School. There were forty-six student project submitted from all over New England and Monty Tech students placed 12th, 5th, 3rd, and 1st. First place went to Leighton Noel from Barre (Class of 2012), who entered a solid cherry gun cabinet, and received the top award \$500. Finally, the program also purchased an OMGA cross cut saw

and a new Powermatic wood lathe, and is training students to use this new technology safely and efficiently. (Total enrollment: 71: 38 males, 33 females)

Cosmetology: Over the course of the 2010-2011 school year, twelve seniors took and passed the Massachusetts State Board exam. The program continues to run a full-service clinic, servicing many outside clients as well as staff and students that walk-in. Two cosmetology students qualified for the SkillsUSA State competition. Allison Soucy (Class of 2011) placed 2nd, and was awarded a silver medal, selected from over five hundred entrants, and Kaitlyn Thibault (Class of 2011) placed 1st in the nail competition, and traveled to the national SkillsUSA competition. Senior students continue to take great pride and satisfaction in the community services activities, including providing monthly cosmetology services to the resident of the Gardner High Rise. (Total enrollment: 92; 1 male, 91 females)

Culinary Arts: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Culinary Arts program are among the busiest in our school. In addition to operating a full-service dining room and bakery, culinary students and instructors participated in the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce "Taste of Wachusett" at Wachusett Mountain, and to continue to showcase their talents at similar trade shows and events throughout the year. The program was fortunate to receive new equipment this year, including a walk-in cooler and freezer and a bread slicer for the bakery. (Total enrollment: 101; 43 males, 58 females)

Dental Assistant: 2010-2011 proved to be a busy one for the students and instructors in the Dental Assisting program. The program supported four students who competed at the district level for SkillsUSA. Two went on to compete at the state level, and one, Sarah Marshall (Class of 2011), attended the national competition during the summer. Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Approximately thirty-five students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. Dental Assisting students also attended the Yankee Dental Convention, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. Finally, the Class of 2011 was the first graduating class to have all students take and pass the Dental Assisting National Board exams, becoming certified in Infection Control and Radiology on their first attempt. (Total enrollment: 58; 3 males, 55 females)

Drafting Technology: The Drafting program began with some new additions to the program, both in the form of equipment/technology and faculty. Genevieve Castillo was hired to replace long-time Drafting Technology teacher, George Tignor. Ms. Castillo has previous educational experience, as a former instructor at Assabet Regional Vocational Technical School where she taught Architectural Design, as well as industry experience, specializing in Architectural design. The shop has benefited from the addition of nineteen new Dell Optiplex computers, one 32" LCD monitor, a SMARTBoard with overhead monitor, and the AutoCad educational bundle 2011 (including AutoCad, Inventor, Architectural, and 3D studioMax). Every Drafting Technology student competed in the SkillsUS local competition, where two students advanced to the state level. The shop continued to provide countless community services in the form of banners, signage, building plans, interior design plans, and decorating for school-sponsored events. A capstone project for the 2010-2011 year came in the form of developing plans for a much

needed nurse's station renovation. Students and instructors worked closely with nurses, facility director and building personnel to design a more efficient and modernized space that will provide students with increased confidentiality, cleanliness, and access to efficient medical care. (Total enrollment; 45; 33 males, 12 females)

Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education program at Monty Tech proudly graduated sixteen students, all females, all college bound, from the program in June. The program continues to be a popular trade, with an emphasis on community service and continued education. During 2010-2011, Early Childhood education students participated in the Fitchburg Public Schools; Math & Literacy Fair, operating a table, and engaging children in an activity-based scavenger hunt, based on two popular children's books. The Monty Tech Childcare Center continues to operate at full capacity and serves as a co-operative education site for one student (Class of 2012). The Childcare center graduated seventeen children, and prepared them for transition into Kindergarten. The Center's Director, Ms. Amanda Kelly, visits with prospective parents almost daily and handles frequent calls for Fall placement. (Total enrollment: 66; 2 males, 64 females)

Electrical : The Electrical program at Monty Tech continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. During the 2010-2011 year, students and instructors completed in excess of two hundred projects that required repair or installation. Some of the more notable accomplishments from this shop include: all electrical work (including wiring and installation) at the Cogshall Park Stone House project (Fitchburg), all electrical work (including wiring and installation) for Monty Tech House project (Gardner), work in Toy Town Elementary School (Winchendon) to replace fixtures in gymnasium and install motion sensors and hand dryers in restrooms, installation of energy efficient lighting fixtures in the Monty Tech warehouse, installment of all wiring for residential wind turbine and photovoltaic array for on-site training center, and installation of new lighting fixtures in MJROTC. (Total enrollment: 84; 78 males, 6 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering program has undergone a great transformation over the course of the past three years. During the 2010-2011 exploratory process, the project was changed to attract the interest of more students, and the exploratory project was changed from a robot to an IPOD stereo amplifier. As a result, sixteen freshmen listed this program as their top choice. We are pleased to report 100% placement for our graduating class (all but one going to college in the Fall, with the remaining student employed). Our graduates are attending Wentworth Institute of Technology, UMASS Lowell, Fitchburg State University, and Mount Wachusett community College. The shop continues to complete numerous repairs for faculty, staff and students, including: in excess of one hundred fifty headphones, video game systems, IPods, phones, hair driers, and other electronic devices. (Total enrollment: 43; 35 males, 8 females)

Graphic Communications: The Monty Tech Graphic Communications program is pleased to announce 100% placement for the Class of 2011. In June, the program graduated twenty students: eighteen were accepted to colleges, one entered the workforce, and one enlisted in the military. The shop continues to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. This year, the shop produced over four hundred projects, billing in excess of \$15,000. This may be calculated as a savings of up to \$50,000. The shop also produces yearbooks for local institutions, saving each school

approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000, as the billing only reflects cost of materials. In our student-operated copy center, over three million black and white copies and one hundred fifty thousand color copies were completed. The program developed an innovative partnership with Boutwell Owens (Fitchburg), where two students were placed on co-op, and received an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned in the shop. (Total enrollment: 89; 31 males, 58 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty tech continues to incorporate the EMT curriculum into the program, providing students with a wide range of medical knowledge and exposure to a variety of health related career options. In an effort to increase opportunities for hands-on application and deeper understanding, the number of program affiliation sites has been increased. Due to rising numbers of students in this popular program, an additional LPN was also hired. The program also benefited by the addition of new technology and equipment, including a new EKG machine, hodoscopes, ophthamoscopes, books a SMARTBoard, and printer. The program, which boasts an enrollment of ninety-eight students, continues to participate in community service programs, including the annual Red Cross Blood Drives and Pediatric Day, in conjunction with students from the Early Childhood Education program. (Total enrollment: 98; 5 males, 93 females)

House Carpentry: Most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program is done off-campus, completing renovation, building, and repair work for member communities. Some of the more notable projects from the 2010-2011 school year include: the successful completion of the Stone House project at Coggs Hall Park (Fitchburg), building a single family home for the Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation, constructing and installing the Ashby Town Hall kiosk, framing, shingling, and adding a new roof to the Baldwinville Cemetery building, constructing a new shed in Ashburnham, building several utility sheds for the Winchendon Housing Authority, building a shed for Crocker Pond in Westminster, constructing and installing benches for the Gardner Housing Authority, constructing and installing new flower boxes for Fitchburg Rotary, and designing, constructing and installing a sonotube foundation for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy Center. (Total enrollment: 66; 56 males, 10 females)

Industrial Technology: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Industrial Technology program are called on for "a little bit of everything." Whether busy on campus or off, these students contribute to the educational community in countless ways. During 2010-2011, some of the more notable accomplishments include: the installation of building markers for the Fitchburg Historic Commission, the installation of three sheds for the Winchendon Housing Authority, the continued construction of office space in the old Department of Public Works building in Phillipston, the installation of a 10" x 12" shed for the Westminster town beach, and the design, construction and installation of three information kiosks for the Massachusetts Lland Trust Association. In-house projects included: the form construction for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy center, the creation and construction of décor for the annual Superintendents dinner, and countless repairs, maintenance and troubleshooting efforts throughout the school. The co-operative education program continues to be a highlight for students in the Industrial Technology program, as seven students were awarded co-op placements during the year. (Total enrollment: 57; 52 males, 5 females)

Information Technology: As with any school, information technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the Information Technology program, students and instructors performed in excess of two hundred sixty-six hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members.. Thirteen students earned Internet Computing Core (IC3) certification, and eighteen students completed the Occupational Safety & Health Administration 10-hour training and certification course. Students in Information Technology completed in the Fall Programming competition at Fitchburg State University, as well as the local, district and state levels of the SkillUSA competitions. Two students were awarded gold medals at the state level (in Computer Maintenance and Programming) and were sent to the national competition in June. The program also benefited from the addition of new books and software, as twenty new Adobe Creative Studio 5 books were purchased to accommodate the updated Dreamweaver, Flash, and Fireworks software and to support the incorporation of CS5 into the 10th grade course. (Total enrollment: 65; 55 males, 10 females)

Machine Technology: The Month Tech Machine Technology program saw several key improvements during the 2010-2011 school year. The program benefited from new technology, including: a Haas CNC Lathe, a table top CNC simulator, a Rollin band saw, a new lase engraver and cutter, and updated computers and software. Two students advanced from the SkillsUSA local competition to compete at the district level. From there, they advanced to the state competition, where a silver medal was earned in CNC milling. Students in the machine shop have consistently earned co-operative education placements, and 2010-2011 proved to be no different. Five students were offered co-op employment, and were able to put their vocational education into practice at area machine shops. Students who remained at the school refined their skills by completing a number of special projects, including: manufacturing key chains for the Fitchburg Police Department, manufacturing flag spreaders for the Korean War Veterans, manufacturing in excess of forty parts for the school's first Robotics club, manufacturing brass pins for the Adirondack chair gifts, and manufacturing a branding die for the golf tournament. Students also manufactured numerous engraved brass plaques used to mark projects completed by Monty Tech students, and performed routine maintenance and troubleshooting of equipment and tools for other trades within the school. (Total enrollment 56; 48 males, 8 females)

Masonry: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Masonry program were busy on our campus, as well as in many of the member communities throughout 2010-2011 school year. Community services included: repairing the steps at the Barre Town Hall, installing the block walls, block in windows, and tile in the restrooms at the Stone House project at Coggs Hall Park (Fitchburg), repairing concrete walkways, porches, foundation, and remodeling bathrooms for the Gardner Elderly Housing, installing the tile floors, brick stairs, concrete walkways, and sauna tubes at the Gardner Community Development Corporation house-building project, ensuring handicap accessibility by installing ramps and new sidewalks at Lunenburg High School, designing and completing Kevin's gate (Lunenburg), and installing all block work for the Templeton Cemetery garage addition. When students weren't busy in our district communities, they were busy hosting the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTA) competition, where our students placed 1st in Hardscape, and working on our own campus. Students installed non-slip stair treads throughout the school, worked with Electrical and Industrial Technology students to erect a

small residential wind turbine and install photovoltaic array to be used for training purposes, and complete a new concrete foundation for additional outdoor storage. (Total enrollment: 55; 45 males, 10 females)

Plumbing: The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like others throughout the school, is committed to community service, and as a result, during the 2010-2011 school year, students and instructors renovated an apartment for the Gardner Housing Authority. Students replaced the piping and fixtures to make the housing unit accessible for a disabled resident. The Plumbing program also participated in the annual house-building project, installing plumbing, heating, and air exchange system in a single-family home in Gardner for the Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation. On our own campus, students worked daily on fixing leaks, cleaning drains, and repairing and maintaining the plumbing system in the school. The Monty Tech Plumbing program proudly graduated fourteen students in the Class of 2011. Two students, in particular, received prestigious trade awards/recognitions: Casey Phillips of Athol was named a Voc-Tech All Star by the Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association of Mass, and Mark Gokey of Fitchburg won the Central Massachusetts Plumbing & Gasfitting Inspectors Association scholarship. (Total enrollment 66; 63 males, 3 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The Welding/Metal Fabrication program is charged with successfully completing numerous projects on the Monty Tech campus, including repair work, layout, design and installation. In conjunction with other trades at the school, students and instructors in the Welding/Metal Fabrication program are instrumental in the successful completion of many of the school's capstone projects. Their contributions include: building and installing railings for the Stone House project at Coggs Hall park (Fitchburg), building and installing railings for town offices in Barre, constructing and installing all structural supports for the Stone House project at Coggs Hall Park (Fitchburg), designing, manufacturing and installing the original ornamental copper work for the Stone House project at Coggs Hall park (Fitchburg). (Total enrollment: 48; 46 males, 2 females)

Special Services

During the 2010-2011 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School district provided special education services to over two hundred students. In September 2010, the Student Support Services Department was actively providing services to approximately three hundred students identified with disabilities, both on 504 plans and Individual Education Programs (IEP's).

The Student Support Services Department at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School provides support to all students. It has full-time nursing staff that administers medications, perform state mandated health screening exams, and provide, when necessary, health information to the TEAM for a student's IEP meeting. The department employs 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 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

who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers.

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.

Technology

Monty Tech is very fortunate to have the support of a school committee and administrative team that is committed to meeting the technology needs of our students and staff. All of our classrooms and shops have Internet access, each academic classroom has a SMARTboard and projector, and there is at least one computer in each room. Monty Tech's computer inventory includes workstations using both Windows and Apple operating systems, with a computer to student ratio of 1:1.5.

In recent years Monty Tech's technology spending has been supplemented by funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Recent purchases include SMARTboards for several classrooms and a mobile computer lab. Monty Tech's technology spending is also supplemented by funds received through the federal E-Rate program, which provides discounts for Internet service, email, and telephone services.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is developing a new teaching and learning system with resources aligned to the 2011 Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for English Language Arts and Literacy as well as Mathematics. The Mathematics framework stresses technology as an essential tool to be used strategically in mathematics education. Monty Tech math teachers are leaders in using ASSISments software as part of their instruction. ASSISTments is a computer-based program designed to identify student strengths and weaknesses and to improve student achievement in math.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Through or association with SkillsUSA, our students develop job skills, leadership and professional skills, as well as provide community service.

The 2010-2011 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of SkillsUSA. The students met the challenges of districts, performed well at states and took back to Monty Tech 5 national medals and a first for Monty Tech as well as the State of Massachusetts- a National President! Co-advisors for the program were Timothy Gately (English Instructor), Anne Marie Cataldo (Early Childhood Education Instructor), and Dan Starr (Graphic Communications Instructor).

Highlights of the year included:

- In November, 13 students attended the three-day Annual Fall Leadership Conference, developing leadership skills and performing community service at an area YMCA Day Camp.
- Forty-six medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School: 12 gold, 22 silver and 13 bronze medals.
- Yolanda Bosworth (Cosmetology) and Sadie Caron (Early Childhood Education) served on the State Advisory Committee to help aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- Seventy-one students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School and the Best Western Royal Plaza (Marlborough). Monty Tech finished with twenty-three medals.
- Eleven students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Monty tech delegate in the National Conference was awarded four silver medals and one bronze medal. Sarah Marshall, Dental Assisting- Bronze; James Grenier, TeamWorks/Carpenter- Silver; Aaron Beals, TeamWorks/Plumber-Silver; Alan Bourgouis, TeamWorks/Mason- Silver; Max Hitchcock, Teamworks/Electrician- Silver
- Victoria Holbert was elected to the office of National SkillsUSA President.

Marine Corps JROTC

The 2010-2011 school year was a strong, effective and rewarding year for the Monty Tech MCJROC program. The year started with our July 4th parades, where our Mounted Color Guard detail was in high demand. The unit marched in four parades, supporting four of the eighteen communities that make up the school district. Five Cadets attended the Region One Leadership Camp.

Over the summer our color Guard performed several details for the Boston Red Sox. Cadets continued to meet two days a week for team building activities. The summer was also spent working on the unit's new vehicle, a 1974 Swiss Army Pinzgauer.

The unit's mounted color guard team was also busy over the summer, spending many hours riding, training and caring for the horses.

The school year started after the unit conducted a New Cadet Leadership Camp, where enrollment exceeded two hundred participants. The highlights for the year include:

- Conducted a ten mile "March-a-Thon", raising \$12,500 dollars for the Boston Fisher House
- Full School assembly to celebrate Veterans day/ Marine Corps Birthday
- Annual Raffle drive, raising \$25,000 dollars for Cadet Leadership Trip
- Attended Region One Drill Meet
- Participated in Cyber Patriot III, won honors as best team in the Marine Corps.
- Conducted Annual Leadership Trip to Naval Training Base Gulfport, Mississippi. Military airlift was provided to and from Gulfport. Trip highlights:
 - 75 Cadets attended
 - Visit to National WWII Museum, New Orleans
 - Visit to NASA

- Conducted Memorial Day observation in five sending communities
- Two Cadets awarded NROTC scholarships – a first for our unit!
- Unit purchased a Marksmanship training simulator
- Conducted over 4000 hours of community service

On September 9, 2011 the Commanding General named Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School a *Naval Honor School* for the 2010-2011 school year. This distinction is bestowed upon our MCJROTC program in recognition of exemplary performance over the past 12 months.

Women In Technology

The ninth year of the North Central Massachusetts Women in Technology (WIT) program was a transition period for the program. Due to company downsizing, a number of employees at the Westminster site of the program's sponsors—SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products—were laid off or relocated. This resulted in few hands-on projects for the students to work on and in larger groups for those projects that did run. In addition, the program was expanded to include two additional schools: Oakmont Regional and Quabbin Regional high schools.

Consequently, participating schools were required to enroll fewer students this year. However, this did not adversely affect the program. The five young ladies from Monty tech who were accepted did an outstanding job and were a credit to their school. All juniors, the students were Business Technology, Graphic Communications and Drafting Technology majors. All students said they enjoyed the experience, felt they learned a lot and wanted to participate the following year.

Through the program, qualified females have the opportunity to acquire hands-on experience, working on real world business and industry projects, under the mentorship of company personnel. The students spend two days a month at the industry site, where they get firsthand experience working in a corporate setting. 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. Not all candidates are accepted.

A final projects presentation is held each year in May to showcase the students' completed projects for company executives, school officials, parents and classmates. This event, and an all-day rehearsal, are held each year in Monty Tech's Performing Arts Center.

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

Students Athletics.

The Monty tech Athletic program enjoyed success again in the 2010-2011 school year, and we continue to see a rise in participation each year. Eighteen teams competed in the Fall of 2010, twelve in the Winter of 2010-2011 and nine in the Spring of 2011.

Last Fall, the Varsity Football team won only two games, but they improved every week and gave their all during practice and games. They finished the year at 2-9 and 1-5 in Division 3A. The Varsity boys Soccer team finished at 13-3-2, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Groton-Dunstable 6-1, at the new Leominster turf field. The JV Boys Soccer team was 5-8-2. The Varsity Golf team was 10-8, playing in the Central Mass Division 3 tournament, where they finished 7th. They placed 5th in the State Vocational tournament and 3rd in the Colonial Athletic League (CAL) Tournament. We had three JV Golf tournaments at the red Farm Golf Course in Upton and finished the season 3-4. The Field Hockey team was 11-2-5, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for only the second time in the programs existence. They lost to Nipmuc. The Boys Cross Country team was 6-5 and finished 2nd in the CAL. The Girls Cross county team was 1-2. The Girls Volleyball team went 0-20, but continued to play hard throughout the season. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 5-12 and the Freshmen Girls team, 2-10, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 9-8 and qualified for a post-season berth. They lost to Leicester High School, 3-0. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 11-4-1, with most of the girls moving up this fall, our girls program looks very promising.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 7-13 and won 3 of their last 5 games. The JV Girls were 13-7 and the Freshmen Girls were 6-7 as they prepared to move up to the JV and Varsity programs this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished 8-12. The JV Boys Basketball team was 10-10 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 9-5 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling team participated in many dual meets and tournaments finishing at 2-13. The Co-Op Ice Hockey team did very well again as they won the Central Mass Coughlan conference and participated in the District Tournament, losing in the Finals to Groton-Dunstable, 2-1. The JV Ice Hockey team played very well as the younger players look to improve their skills. We participated in a Co-Op Swim team with Leominster and North Middlesex 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 qualified for the Central Mass Tournament with a 10-10 record, losing to West Boylston, 15-2. The JV Softball team was 1-8. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 4-13 and the new JV Boys Volleyball team was 4-12. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 9-11. The JV Baseball team was 7-6 and the Freshman baseball team was 1-5. The Boys Track & Field team was 10-2, 2nd in the CAL with a 5-1 record. The Girls Track & Field team was 8-4 and 3-3 in CAL.

The Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2010-2011 were Kevin Duong and Kelsie Twombly.

Postgraduate and Continuing Studies

The Postgraduate and Continuing Studies Program, also known as Monty Tech Nites, continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence through the provision of affordable, quality and enjoyable educational experiences.

For Fall 2010, there were 112 post-graduate and continuing education courses offered, with approximately 875 seats sold. There were 105 courses offered during Spring 2011, with over 930 seats sold.

Most recently we have added online courses and online certificate programs to our offerings. This gives individuals the versatility to take a course when it is convenient for them in the comfort of their own home.

In August 2010, the program was honored to receive a three-year full accreditation from the Office of Emergency Medical Services for an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program, a program that is expected to generate a great deal of interest and address workforce shortages in the region.

Practical Nursing Program

In October 2010, the Practical Nursing Program was reviewed and received full approval status from the Massachusetts Board of Nursing. In May 2011, the program received full accreditation from the Council on Occupational Education.

In June 2011, thirty-four students graduated from the Practical Nursing Program and entered the nursing profession.

An Experienced Advisory Council-the Monty Tech School Committee

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures.

Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experience and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2010-2011 School Committee for their outstanding service.

Diane Swenson, Ashburnham

Chair

Eric Olson, Phillipston

Vice Chair

Warren Landry, Ashby

Toni L. Phillips, Athol

John Scott, Barre

Brian J. Walker, Fitchburg

Robert H. Campbell, Fitchburg

LeRoy Clark, Fitchburg

Mark. W. Louney, Fitchburg

Helen Lepkowski, Gardner

Eric D. Commodore, Gardner

Sue Tokey, Harvard

James Cournoyer, Holden

Kathleen Airoidi, Hubbardston

Barbara Reynolds, Lunenburg

Edward Simms, Petersham

JohnP. Mollica, Princeton

Mary C. Barclay, Royalston

Dr. Kenneth I.H. Williams, Sterling

James. M. Gilbert, Templeton

Jeffrey A. Schutt, Westminster

Burton E. Gould Jr., Winchendon

Terri Hillman, Winchendon

Secretary

Normal J. LeBlanc

District Treasurer

WINCHENDON PARKS AND RECREATION 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 six weeks of entertainment for the entire community in the summer of 2011. 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 2011 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

2011 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 \$8.4 million in CDBG grants to correct housing code violations in existing homes and make them safe and affordable for approximately 339 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 \$900,000 as a result of the FY 12 CDBG/CDF application for the reconstruction of Emerald Street, a residential roadway running off of Spring Street. 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 one residential unit.

The department has applied for a CDBG grant of \$1,000,000 to completely reconstruct North Vine Street and to include underground utilities. It will also provide for the rehabilitation of homes for up to 5 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 and encourage responsible Low Impact Development town wide.

There is no Commonwealth Capital Application for 2012, however, the Department continues to support the principles of sustainable development and has seen considerable activity with regard to renewable energy projects. The department continues to encourage the siting and building of homes and businesses in ways that conserve energy and natural resources. Land use techniques encouraged by Commonwealth Capital Policy help support

residents and business owners in 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 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.

Winchendon was also honored to receive a grant award of \$13,000 from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust for the testing of Whitney Pond to explore its possible use as a recreational waterbody. We had resounding success with our water quality monitoring efforts. The results showed that the Whitney Pond portion of the Miller's River is far cleaner than originally thought and recreational use is a viable option! The water was tested for ecoli levels and turbidity. Our ecoli results showed that Whitney Pond fell far below the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's limits for public bathing beaches. We would also like to thank UMASS Amherst for technical support as well as our many dedicated water testing volunteers for their efforts.

As the Miller's River cuts through the heart of downtown Winchendon this data has intrinsic value not only for local planning purposes, but also health, economic development and regional planning as well. This information has been shared with Town departments, as well as regional entities such as the Millers River Watershed Council, Massachusetts Watershed Coalition, and Lake Monomonic Association. Each and every entity has been cheered by the quality of the results as it means that recreational use of the waterway is viable and our initial use of Low Impact Development practices show promise.

We are continuing to seek other sources of grant funding for our GIS modeling, ground truthing and LID device construction within the Millers River watershed. The Town of Winchendon would like to express its sincere appreciation for the opportunity Mass Environmental Trust has afforded us.

The Department continues to assist the Toy Town Partnership with technical support for the Converse Garden Restoration Plan. While the department has secured well 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 2011

MEMBERSHIP: Guy C. Corbosiero, Cailte Kelley and John White served throughout the year. Mark Shea continued as our associate member and participated in one special permit hearing.. Fedor Berndt was appointed to fill the place of Robert O'Keefe. Michael Carrier resigned because of work conflicts and was replaced by Darlene Rossi. At the annual reorganization Mr. White was reelected chair and Mr. Corbosiero was reelected vice chairman. Cailte Kelley was elected secretary. Planning Agent Ellen DeCoteau usually met with the board. Elizabeth DeCoteau served as recording secretary.

MEETINGS: The board held nineteen meetings during the year. Some were omitted for lack of business, bad weather, or because of holidays. The meeting on May 17 included a joint meeting with the Gardner Planning Board where we discussed development along route 140. 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. Corbosiero replaced Mr. White on the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission Mr. White continued on the town Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Kelley was appointed to the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee. These are Board appointments. Mr. White continued as nominee for the board's representative for the Open Space Appraisal Revolving Fund Advisory Committee.

TRAINING: Most of the board and staff members attended the spring training conference in Worcester which was conducted by the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative. Since she joined the Board after the spring workshops, Ms. Rossi attended some of the CPTC workshops offered in the fall. 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: ANR plans for six lots were submitted and endorsed. Only one of these plans creates a new buildable lot. The others primarily realign lot boundaries.

SUBDIVISIONS: No new subdivision plans were submitted during the year. We still have three residential subdivisions that were previously approved though no houses have been built.. There are also some older subdivisions, some going back a decade or more, that are incomplete. News reports indicate stirrings in the housing market. Perhaps something will happen.

SITE PLAN APPROVALS: Site plan reviews constituted the largest part of the board's business during the year. The plan for the CVS pharmacy was carried over from last year and finally approved in March. Axio Win submitted a site plan for a solar farm at the transfer station site which was conditionally approved in November. Four site plans

were approved under the Board's informal review procedure and site plan modifications were approved for four sites.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS: The Board considered an application for a reduced frontage lot on North Central Street and granted the required special permit.

The Board heard informally a proposal for a solar farm at the Hillview Business Park. No formal plan has been submitted so far.

ZONING AMENDMENTS: The Board drafted a Residential Development bylaw to replace the previous Flexible Residential Development provisions. These were given a public hearing in April and were adopted at the annual town meeting. The new bylaw requires the preservation of open space as a condition for most new subdivisions though the same number of dwellings will continue to be allowed. It is intended to allow developers much more flexibility in new housing developments.

Several zoning amendments were proposed by the Board for the fall town meeting and four, mostly to correct problems that have been discovered with the existing bylaw, were adopted.

OTHER PLANNING WORK: With the residential development zoning amendment in place, the Board is working on revising its subdivision regulations to conform to the new zoning. It also started work on a revision of its fee schedule. Both of these should be completed in 2012.

The Board; in cooperation with the planning agent, representatives of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, the City of Gardner, and the Town of Westminster; participated in a study of the route 140 north corridor. Both traffic safety and possible future development that will affect this major arterial highway were examined. It was felt that more regulation of development is needed and a draft to create an overlay district along the road was written. This will be submitted to the town meeting in 2012.

The traffic study revealed a dangerous location at the site of the Irving gas station and the new Commercial Drive opposite it. The traffic study (for years 2008 - 2010) showed 13 crashes at this location and that was before Commercial Drive was built. This matter was presented at a public meeting in November with regional planning commission representatives, town officials, and the general public invited. Several improvement proposals were offered and discussed. The Board urges further action by other departments since solutions are beyond our Board's authority. Our Board intends to monitor this situation.

With new residential development nil and relatively few site plans brought before the Board, the Board has devoted much of its energy to trying to prepare for new applications that are likely to come when the economy improves. This includes the Residential Development zoning and updating its regulations reported elsewhere. We also need to review and likely revise our site plan regulations. There are several areas of the zoning bylaw that should be addressed: The sign and parking provisions came up during

the CVS site plan review. Review of the gravel removal bylaw was requested by the Selectmen. There are also a few other provisions that could use attention. Some changes are likely to be proposed in the spring of 2012.

Our Winchendon Master Plan should be reviewed, though its major provisions seem to still offer a good guide for development particularly in the land use area. We continue to anticipate future growth and want to guide it as best we can to preserve the rural character of the town and encourage further commercial development to broaden our tax base and provide more jobs. We are very interested in encouraging development in the village areas where we mixed commercial and residential uses in a more intense and walkable environment and encouraged.

The board is very appreciative of the support and assistance of Ms. Ellen DeCoteau, planning agent; Elizabeth DeCoteau, recording secretary; David Partridge, P. E. from Tighe and Bond, engineering consultant for the board; building commissioner Paul Blanchard; 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, ch

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, 2011:

OFFENSES (State Law) 2011

KIDNAPPING	1	LARCENY OVER \$250	52
ASSAULT TO RAPE CHILD	1	LARCENY UNDER \$250	74
INDECENT A&B ON CHILD UNDER	2	MOTOR VEH, LARCENY OF	11
INDECENT A&B ON PERSON 14 OR	3	LARCENY OVER \$250	1
A&B	1	FORGERY OF CHECK	2
A&B ON CHILD WITH SUBSTANTIAL	1	UTTER COUNTERFEIT NOTE	1
A&B WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON	19	COUNTERFEIT COIN, COMM UTTR	1
ASSAULT W/DANGEROUS WEAPON	12	UTTER FALSE CHECK	4
ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGGR.	1	RMV DOCUMENT, FORGE/MISUSE	2
ASSAULT	8	COUNTERFEIT DRUG, POSSESS TO D	1
DOMESTIC A&B	46	LARCENY OVER \$250	2
A&B ON POLICE OFFICER	1	LARCENY UNDER \$250	2
A&B WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON	1	LARCENY OVER \$250 FROM +60/DIS	1
ASSAULT & BATTERY (DOMESTIC)	35	LARCENY OVER \$250 BY FALSE PRE	3
ASSAULT AND BATTERY	7	LARCENY UNDER \$250 BY FALSE PR	4
ASSAULT AND BATTERY(DOMES)	1	CREDIT CARD FRAUD UNDER \$250	8
ASSAULT AND BATTERY AGGR.	1	CREDIT CARD, LARCENY OF	2
RESIST ARREST	2	TRICK, OBTAIN PROPERTY OVER \$2	1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT	1	FRAUD/CHEAT, GROSS	1
MISLEADING POLICE OFFICER	2	FALSE NAME/SSN, ARRESTEE FURNI	1
WITNESS, INTIMIDATE	6	CREDIT CARD FRAUD OVER \$250	4
TELEPHONE CALLS, ANNOYING	20	IDENTITY FRAUD	17
THREAT TO COMMIT CRIME	21	LARCENY OVER \$250	1
BURGLARY, UNARMED	1	RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY +\$250	11
B&E VEHICLE/BOAT NIGHTTIME	1	RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY -\$250	4
B&E FOR MISDEMEANOR	24	BUILDING, VANDALIZE	2
B&E BUILDING DAYTIME FOR FEL	1	GLASS IN BUILDING, BREAK	5
LARCENY UNDER \$250	1	VANDALIZE PROPERTY	104
LARCENY FROM PERSON	2	TAGGING PROPERTY	6
SHOPLIFTING \$100+ BY ASPORTATI	1	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250	21
SHOPLIFTING \$100+ BY CONCEALIN	1	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250	9
SHOPLIFTING BY ASPORTATION	5	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250	12
SHOPLIFTING BY ASPORTATION, 3R	1	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250	7
SHOPLIFTING BY CONC MDSE	5	LEAVE SCENE OF PROP DAMAGE	15
B&E BUILDING NIGHTTIME FOR FEL	24	DRUG, POSSESS TO DISTRIB CLASS	1
BREAK INTO DEPOSITORY	1	DRUG, DISTRIBUTE CLASS B	1
B&E BUILDING DAYT FOR FELON	35	METHAMPHETAMINE, TRAFFICKING	2
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	17	TRAFFICKING IN CLASS B	1
FIREARM, LARCENY OF	1	DRUG VIOL NEAR SCHOOL/PAR	5
LARCENY OVER \$250	38	DRUG, POSSESS CLASS B	7
LARCENY OVER \$250 BY SINGLE SC	2	DRUG, POSSESS CLASS C	3
LARCENY UNDER \$250	23	MARIJUANA, POSSESS	2
DRUG, LARCENY OF	6	HEROIN, PRESENT WHERE KE	1
B&E VEHICLE/BOAT NIGHT FOR	22	INDECENT A&B ON CHILD UNDER	8
B&E IN TO BOAT/VEHICLE FOR MIS	14	INDECENT A&B ON PERSON 14 OR	1
B&E VEHICLE/BOAT DAYTIME FOR F	1	RAPE OF CHILD, STATUTORY	9
LARCENY UNDER \$250	1	OBSCENE MATTER TO MINOR	1
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, POSSESS	12		
FIREARM SALE, IMPROPER	2	FIREARM SALE, UNLICENSED	2
		FIREARM, STORE IMPROP	6

DANGEROUS WEAPON, CARRY	1	TRASH, DUMP FROM MV +7 CU FT	1
FIREARM WO FID CARD, POSS	8	TRASH, LITTER	6
LARCENY BY CHECK OVER \$250	2	TRASH, LITTER FROM MV	4
LARCENY BY CHECK UNDER \$250	1	SCHOOL, DISTURB	5
ACCOST/ANNOY PERS OF OPPOSIT	1	ANIMAL, CRUELTY TO	2
INDECENT EXPOSURE	2	ATTEMPT TO COMMIT CRIME	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	12	ATTMPT TO COMM CRIME LARCE	1
DISTURBING THE PEACE	11	CONSPIRACY	1
OUI DRUGS	2	FUGITIVE FROM JUST ON COURT	3
OUI LIQUOR	12	FUGITIVE FROM JUST WITHOUT	2
OUI LIQUOR, 2ND OFFENSE	5	ARREST BASED ON A WARRANT	67
OUI LIQUOR, 3RD OFFENSE	5	MUNIC BY-LAW OR ORDINANCE	1
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	33	REGISTRATION STICKER MISSING	1
PUBLIC DRINKING, TOWN BY-LAW	1	CONSPIR TO VIOLATE DRUG LAW	1
DOMESTIC ASSAULT	1	HEADLIGHTS, FAIL DIM	1
LIQUOR, PERS UNDER 21 PROCUR	2	MARKED LANES VIOLATION	4
MINOR TRANSP/CARRYING AL	9	LICENSE RESTRT, OPERATE M	2
ALCOHOL IN MV, POSSESS OPEN CO	4	UNLICENSED OPERATION OF MV	15
PHOTO UNSUSPECTING NUDE P	1	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION	2
CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICE	1	REGISTRATION NOT IN POSSESSION	1
TRESPASS	26	SEAT BELT, FAIL WEAR	4
TRESPASS WITH MOTOR VEHICLE	2	TEXTING WHILE OPERAT VEHI	1
B&E BUILDING DAY FOR FELON	1	OPERATION OF MOTOR VEH, IM	1
51A REPORT ABANDONED MV	1	SPEEDING	8
CONTR TO DELINQUENCY OF C	1	SPEED IN VIOL SPECIAL REGUL	1
JUVENILE RUNAWAY	2	INSPECTION/STICKER, NO	20
LOAN SECURED BY FIREARM	4	LICENSE REVOK AS HTO, OPERAT	2
JUNK DEALER, UNLICENSED	1	LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH	38
TAXI FARE, EVADE	1	LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH,	7
ABUSE PREV ORDER, VIOLAT	14	NUMBER PLATE VIOL TO CONC	4
HARRASSMENT PREV ORDER,	1	REG SUSPENDED, OP MV	23
PUBLIC WAY, THROW OBJECT ON	2	LEAVE SCENE OF PERS INJURY	1
HARASSMENT, CRIMINAL	14	LEAVE SCENE OF PROP DAMAGE	20
DOMESTIC ASSAULT	4	NEGLIGENT OPER OF MOTOR V	25
DUMPSTER, USE ANOTHER'S COM	1	RECKLESS OPER OF MOTOR VE	4
THIEF, COMMON & NOTORIOUS	1	MOTVEH IN FELONY/LARCENY, U	1
RESISTING ARREST	2	SNW/REC VEHICLE UNREG	5
FIRE ALARM, FALSE	1		
IDENTIFY SELF, MV OPERATOR	2	UNREGISTERED MV	6
STOP FOR POLICE, FAIL	4	OPER A MV NEGLIGENTLY SO	2
UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE	22	SNW/REC VEH PUBLIC WAY, ON	4
EQUIP VIOLATION, MISCELLAN	2	SNOW/REC VEH HELMET VIOL	1
LIGHTS VIOLATION,	1	PUBLIC DRINK, TOWN BY-LAW	3

ACCIDENTS FOR YEAR 2011

Fatal	1
Non-fatal injury-Incapacitating	7
Non-fatal injury-non-incapacitating	49
Non- fatal injury-possible	30
Pedestrian	1
Cyclist	2
No injury	363
Unknown	5
School Bus	3

VEHICLE CITATIONS ISSUED FOR YEAR 2011

Civil Complaints	369
Criminal Complaints	128
Arrests (Traffic)	60
Warnings	391
Fine Total	42,765.00

GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2011

Governors Highway Safety Grant	2,700.00
911 Support/Incentive Grant	29,537.00
Vests	3,360.00
MIAA Traffic Enforcement Trailer	5,000.00

FUNDS COLLECTED FOR YEAR 2011

License to Carry/FID Fee Town Share	3,312.50
Report Request Fees	1,265.00

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Answered Calls for Service	13,972
Total E9-1-1 Calls Answered	1,569

Respectfully Submitted

Scott M. Livingston
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL REPORT JOHN M. DELINE, JR. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Geary Priest
Mark Anderson
George LaBarge
Richard Pezzolesi
William Gorecki
Patrick Mullins

Foreman, Highway Department
Working Foreman, Highway Department
Working Foreman, Cemetery/Parks Department
Chief Operator, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Chief Mechanic, Fleet Maintenance Department
Working Foreman, Transfer Station

RETIREMENTS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES

Michael P. Murphy, Sr. retired from the position of Public Works Director at the end of 2011 after 25 years of service to the Town of Winchendon in this position. During his career with the Town, Mike oversaw the completion of many major projects, including the construction of the water filtration plant that now serves Winchendon and Ashburnham, construction of the two, one-million gallon water storage tanks on Elmwood Road and High Street, upgrade of Winchendon's wastewater treatment plant, replacement of the main sewer interceptor from Lake Street to the wastewater treatment plant, rehabilitation of Lake Monomonac and Red Dams, and replacement/upgrade of sections of the water transmission main from the water filtration plant in Ashburnham to Winchendon. His service and dedication to the Town of Winchendon will always be appreciated and it is hoped in his retirement he will be able to pursue the interests and hobbies that he did not have time enough for while serving the people of Winchendon.

Geary Priest was promoted to the position of general foreman, a new position created in 2011. Geary has worked for the Winchendon DPW for more than 33 years, having been hired in August 1978. In his new role as general foreman, Geary will be overseeing all aspects of Highway Department operations, including coordinating winter plowing, sanding, and snow removal efforts in the Town.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town's Highway Department maintains 135 miles of town-owned roadways and private ways. The equipment utilized for maintaining these roads is comprised of 13 pieces: one motor grader, two front-end loaders, two loader-backhoes, three truck/sander combinations, two heavy dump trucks (a six- and a ten-wheeler), two one-ton dump trucks, and two pickup trucks.

The Highway Department has one foreman, one working foreman, and five truck driver/equipment operators for plowing and sanding. In addition, the Cemetery Department foreman and operator, the Transfer Station foreman and operator, Fleet

Maintenance personnel, and the laborer from the Wastewater Treatment Plant supplement plowing, sanding, and snow removal operations when needed.

During the course of the year, the Highway Department graded all town-owned and private gravel roads several times, painted all crosswalks, repaired and installed new regulatory and street signs throughout town, swept streets and sidewalks, patched potholes, cleaned 922 catch basins and drop inlets, cut and chipped brush from several town roads, removed several dead or dying trees throughout town, and repaired or replaced culverts and storm drains throughout town. In addition, DPW personnel plowed and sanded all town-owned roadways, several private ways and sidewalks, and removed snow from the downtown area as needed. A total of approximately 1500 tons of salt and 10,000 cubic yards of sand were utilized to treat roadways during the 2010/2011 winter season. Overall, the winter season of 2010/2011 was characterized by well above average snow fall, with frequent storm events. There were several larger snowstorms; however, none resulted in any significant or widespread damage as has occurred in past years.

The Winchendon DPW also improved several town roads again in 2011 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. Total funding provided to the Town of Winchendon for roadway improvements in 2011 was \$451,343.00.

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

- Central Street, from Maple Street to Elmwood Road
- Elmwood Road, from Central Street to Forristall Road
- Old Baldwinville Road, from Hospital Drive to Mill Glen Road
- Winter Street, entire length

Drainage repairs and improvements were completed on each roadway before reclamation/resurfacing. All manholes and catch basins were rebuilt and adjusted. Driveway aprons were cut back and paved to match the new road surface. Upon completion of paving, all disturbed areas were restored and, where required, loamed and seeded.

WATER DEPARTMENT

United Water NACO of Harrington Park, NJ is contracted by the Town of Winchendon to operate and maintain the town's water distribution system. United Water personnel maintain Winchendon's 61 miles of water mains, water service connections, fire hydrants, two water storage tanks, and three water booster/pump stations. In addition, United Water is in the final stages of completing a town-wide water meter upgrade program in which all water meters are being converted to a radio-read system. This new system will significantly improve efficiency in the reading of water meters and billing, and eliminate the need to physically go to each house/business/building to read each respective meter. All water meters will now be read from a vehicle driven throughout the town in which a laptop computer will be located that will connect to the radio transmitter on each meter and download the readings. Collection of water meter readings will only take a

fraction of the time (hours instead of weeks) it previously required manually. The recorded data (water meter readings) is downloaded from the laptop computer to the Town's municipal accounting/billing software program. It is then analyzed and reviewed before being used to generate the bills for Winchendon's water/sewer customers.

United Water personnel responded to several water main breaks during 2011. Each break was repaired, the water main returned to service, impacted water mains thoroughly flushed and, when necessary, roadways repaired. Water main breaks occurred on the following streets in 2011:

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| • March 14, 2011 | Cross Street | - lead joint on 6" main |
| • April 10, 2011 | Baldwinville State Road | - break on 6" main |
| • April 27, 2011 | Glenallen Street | - 8" line to old pump station |
| • August 3, 2011 | Sunset Court | - leak in 2" line |
| • September 15, 2011 | Webster Street | - leak in 6" main |

Fire hydrants throughout the town were flushed and exercised as part of the Water Department's annual flushing program. Markers were installed on fire hydrants to facilitate locating them during the winter months, particularly in the event of a fire. Several broken/damaged hydrants were repaired or replaced. Broken/missing gate valve and curbstop boxes were also repaired or replaced as needed.

All cross connection control and backflow prevention devices in town were inspected and tested in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Cross Connection Control regulations. Owners of failed devices were required to make repairs and return the equipment to operable service in a timely manner to ensure that the water system was being protected.

Several large projects initiated by the Town in 2010 were brought to fruition in 2011, including the installation of approximately 10,000 feet of 12-inch diameter, ductile iron water transmission main on North Ashburnham Road to the old rail bed paralleling Spring Street (Route 12), on the rail bed to Butler Road, and then on Butler Road to Spring Street (Route 12). This new water transmission main replaced the problematic/obsolete section of transmission main on Ice House Road (from North Ashburnham Road to Spring Street/Route 12), which has been cut, capped, and abandoned. Valves were installed at 1,000-foot intervals on the new transmission main, along with new fire hydrants, and North Ashburnham Road was resurfaced following completion of the work. Included in this project was the installation of nine new fire hydrants and several valves on the section of existing transmission main between the water treatment plant at Upper Naukeag Lake and North Ashburnham Road. These additional valves allow the Water Department to have greater control over the number of customers impacted during water main breaks and scheduled maintenance. The additional hydrants provide improved fire protection for the area and allow for more thorough flushing of the transmission main.

A new water booster/pump station constructed on High Street adjacent to the existing one-million gallon concrete storage tank was put into service in 2011 along with a new water main on High Street to the Old Centre area of Winchendon. The new booster/pump station and water main significantly improve water pressure and fire protection for the Winchendon Health Center and the area near the Old Centre Common.

This work also allowed for the abandonment of the elevated steel water storage tank at the Health Center and the below-ground tank that is near the newer one-million gallon concrete storage tank, both of which were beyond their useful life and no longer serviceable. The booster/pump station is equipped with new domestic and fire pumps drawing directly from the one-million gallon storage tank. It is also equipped with a fully automated backup generator, ensuring that the pumps continue to operate during power outages. A new radio system installed as part of this project allows Water Department personnel to monitor tank levels, and includes high/low water level alarms for the storage tanks on Elmwood Road and High Street as well as alarms for the water booster/pump stations. This work was required by a consent order issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The project was completed by Marois Bros. General Contractors of Worcester, MA.

Another project finalized in 2011 that began in 2010 was the installation of approximately 10,000 feet of new 12-inch diameter water main on Old Gardner Road, from Spring Street (Route 12) to Gardner Road (Route 140), continuing south on Gardner Road (Route 140) to the Town's new Hillview Business Park. Included in this water main extension project was the construction of a new water booster/pump station on Gardner Road (Route 140), near the entrance to Hillview Business Park. The new water main and booster/pump station will provide domestic and fire protection for several new businesses being built in the new industrial park. This project was constructed by S.B. General Contractors of Walpole, MA.

The Ashburnham/Winchendon Joint Water Treatment Plant on Lake Road in Ashburnham treats water from Upper Naukeag Lake for distribution to the Towns of Winchendon and Ashburnham. Veolia Water North America of Houston, TX is contracted by Winchendon/Ashburnham to operate, maintain, and repair the water treatment plant and is required to do so in accordance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. The costs of operating and maintaining the plant are divided between Winchendon and Ashburnham based on the amount of treated water delivered to each town. During 2011, a total of 241,650,000 gallons of water was treated and pumped to Winchendon, for an average of 0.66 million gallons per day (MGD). The Town's current registered withdrawal permit for Upper Naukeag Lake is 0.67 MGD.

The Water Department collected 10 drinking water samples per month at predetermined locations throughout the distribution system for microbiological testing. These samples were analyzed by a state-certified laboratory and the results reported to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP). One sample in September tested positive for coliform bacteria. Repeat samples were immediately taken in accordance with MA Drinking Water Regulations and the results were negative for coliform, e. coli and fecal bacteria, so no violation of MA Drinking Water Regulations occurred. Results from the monthly samples are posted at Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

The Town must also sample the drinking water for asbestos, disinfection-byproducts (DBPs), volatile organic compounds (VOC's), inorganic compounds (IOC's), nitrates, nitrites, radionuclides, and synthetic organic compounds (SOC's). The sampling schedule and locations are approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. All results met MA Drinking Water Regulations in 2011.

No samples for lead and copper were collected/analyzed in 2011. Winchendon's testing requirements for lead and copper have been reduced from 20 samples once a year to 20 samples every (3) three years due to the fact that samples were below the 90th percentile for several consecutive monitoring periods. The drinking water is tested for lead and copper in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the corrosion control program employed at the Ashburnham/Winchendon Joint Water Treatment Plant. The next round of lead and copper samples is scheduled for the third quarter of 2013, including two (2) samples from public school building (the last full round of lead and copper samples was completed in 2010). Analytical results are posted at the Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

United Water NACO is also contracted by the Town of Winchendon to operate and maintain the Town's sewer collection system. The sewer collection system consists of all sewer interceptors and collection mains, manholes, and two lift/pump stations. The Town's two sewer lift/pump stations are inspected on a daily basis, including weekends and holidays. The occasional blockages that occur in sewer collection mains are cleared utilizing a high-pressure water jet flushing machine. As preventative maintenance, sewer manholes and collection mains are also inspected, utilizing remote video equipment when necessary, and maintenance completed as needed, including cleaning of partially-blocked sewer lines before back-ups occur. More comprehensive rehabilitation work is completed on sewer collection mains and manholes when problems arise or are identified during preventative maintenance inspections. In 2011, a total of 12,754 feet of sewer collection mains were jetted and flushed and 51 sewer manholes inspected. Video/camera inspection of 7,917 feet of sewer main was also completed.

The following backups of sewer mains occurred in 2011:

- February 28, 2011 Pond Street
- March 23, 2011 Washington Avenue
- April 24, 2011 Pearl Drive
- May 31, 2011 Central Street (at Adams Avenue)
- June 6, 2011 Central Street (at East Street)
- July 10, 2011 Ipswich Drive
- July 12, 2011 Lincoln Avenue (at Grove Street)

The sewer backups were cleared by United Water personnel by jetting/flushing and each was documented in a detailed report to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

In 2012, there will be renewed efforts to identify sump pumps in homes/businesses that illegally discharge to the public sewer system. These discharges generate additional flows that must be treated at the wastewater treatment plant, impacting the operation of the plant and increasing electrical, chemical, and sludge disposal costs. As in the past, owners will be required to remove these discharges from the sewer system and direct them to a more appropriate location.

CEMETERY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Cemetery and Parks Department includes a working foreman and one laborer. These personnel are responsible for maintaining Riverside, New Boston, and Old Centre Cemeteries, along with Legion Park, VFW Park, GAR Park, Old Centre Common, and Norcross Square. In total, there is approximately 50 acres of cemeteries and parks that require maintenance.

Depending upon the seasons of the year, workers mowed, trimmed and maintained all grounds, picked up trash and litter, installed foundations and veterans' markers, planted flowers, trimmed hedges and trees, removed fallen leaves and wood debris, dug, back-filled and restored burial plots, filled in sunken grave sites, and reseeded winter burials and along with damaged lawn areas. Workers are also continuing to improve the new section of Riverside Cemetery, which is located behind the Glen Café on Glenallen Street.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Town of Winchendon's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), located on River Street, is operated by Town of Winchendon employees. The staff consists of one chief operator, one senior operator, and one laborer. An upgrade of the WWTP was completed in 2005, increasing the design flow rate from 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.1 MGD. The upgraded plant, together with the replacement of the main sewer interceptor line from Lake Street to the WWTP on River Street, allowed the Town to gain the additional capacity necessary to allow new sewer connections for both business and residential customers.

The WWTP processes the Town's raw sewage and treats it to standards required by the Town's NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. A total of 267 million gallons (an average of 730,000 gallons per day) of sewage was treated in 2011.

The sewage and wastes treated by the WWTP include both inorganic and organic solids. Inorganic solids do not break down or decompose in the system and are retained in the settled sludge or discharged in plant effluent. Inorganic solids retained in the system are collected in the various treatment units (primary and secondary clarifiers and aeration basins), then removed (pumped to a tanker truck) for offsite disposal. The organic wastes break down and decompose and settle in the primary and secondary clarifiers. The aeration basins provide an environment for the breakdown of organic solids by bacteria. The decomposed organic solids contained in the aeration basin effluent (mixed liquor) are removed as settled sludge in the secondary clarifiers and disposed of off-site along with the inorganic solids. However, a portion of the settled solids is returned to the aeration basin for maintaining the bacteria population.

In addition to the physical unit operations, two chemicals are utilized in the treatment process. Poly-aluminum chloride (PAC) is used to enhance the separation of liquid and

solid phases in the secondary clarifiers and sodium hydroxide is utilized for pH and alkalinity adjustment. Finally, secondary settling basin effluent is disinfected through the use of ultraviolet light prior to its discharge to the Millers River.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

The Fleet Maintenance Department has one mechanic and one chief mechanic. The Fleet Maintenance Department services and repairs all town-owned light/heavy equipment and vehicles, including those operated by: DPW, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Council on Aging, C.A.C., Schools, Town Hall and Civil Defense. Detailed service records are maintained by the chief mechanic for all equipment and vehicles. The Fleet Maintenance Department has a fully equipped repair area at the town's public works garage on Glenallen Street. Fleet maintenance workers also maintain the town garage, where all DPW equipment is housed.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Deline, Jr.
Public Works Director
Town of Winchendon

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WINCHENDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPORT

WINCHENDON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael Barbaro, Chair	Term Expires 2014
John McDonough, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2012
Crystal Murphy	Term Expires 2012
Chris McDonald	Term Expires 2013
Michael Niles	Term Expires 2014

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Brooke Clenchy	Superintendent
William Frangiamore	Business Manager
Cynthia Landanno	Director of Special Education
Steven Meyer	MMHS Principal
J. Leonard Mackey	Toy Town Elem. Principal
Christina Littlewood	Memorial School Principal
Kyle Grady	Assistant H.S. Principal
Kent Forty	Assistant M.S. Principal
Kathryn Vanderhoof	TTE Assistant Principal
Jeanne Hackney	Memorial Assistant Principal
John Palumbo	Athletic Director
Peter Antonellis	Assistant Athletic Director
Valorie Miller	Dir. of Instructional Services
Jane Ripley	Dir. of Curriculum & Instr.

Greetings from Winchendon Public Schools!

Winchendon Public Schools continues to progressively move forward with our academics, athletics, fine and practical arts. Parallel to this we continue to work at upgrading components of our buildings where feasible and practical. Fiscally, we continue to be challenged by the loss of various sources of revenue from the state and federal levels.

In January 2011 we were visited by a team of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education representatives for a full scale district-wide review. They were in the district for a full week. Within that timeframe they interviewed people extensively in teams and as individuals, reviewed all of our business and personnel practices, had extensive educational discussions, reviewed teaching methodologies, interviewed and reviewed administrative practices and styles, and examined the partnership between the Town of Winchendon offices and the School Department. District staff, community members, Town officials, and students represented the district incredibly well, as they always do. We were proud to show the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education our growth as a district, individual schools, and departments. As of this writing we have yet to receive a final report from the Department on this visit.

Technology still continues to be a focus for us on a district wide basis. Our many thanks go out to our foundation partners, the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation and the Murdock Trust Foundation. We could not possibly have advanced our school district to its current level without their generous fiscal support. This year we added additional interactive white boards to a number of classrooms district wide, Moodle courses were developed internally for our students, mobile lab carts were added, and Kindles and Kurzweil pens were purchased to help support our students. We also focused on the district's internal technology infrastructure to help better support our broader base.

Instructionally the initiatives we had previously begun were further embedded into our daily instruction. It was a year where many of these initiatives gained traction and began to make a difference for our students. Our tiered literacy instruction, for example, was refined and built upon. We are seeing dramatic progress in this area with our early readers and continue to build on this initiative. Our universal screenings, such as the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), indicate that these initiatives are proving to be successful.

The district continues to work closely with our area District and School Assistance Center, a tangent of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We have capitalized on a number of Professional Development activities they have made available for our staff and administration. One such process in which the district has been trained by DSAC is what is known as Learning Walks. These walks include staff and administration that travel in teams throughout each school within WPS. They work with administration in providing a focus for the Learning Walks, gather data to support findings and then debrief thereafter with the administration, who then debriefs with the school staff in its entirety. It has proved to be an outstanding and authentic school self-reflection process.

The Fine and Practical Arts departments, and Libraries and Physical Education departments continue to produce outstanding results. In spite of difficult fiscal times, these departments have forged ahead, built upon their strengths and continue to provide outstanding opportunities for our students district-wide. Our libraries are vibrant, resourceful facilities supported by current software and hardware. Our Physical Education programs continue to work at scaffolding skill sets and encouraging all students to get active with a vision of developing healthy, life-long skills. Our drama and musical departments continue to support dramatic and musical productions, and band and choral concerts. Our art programs continue to capitalize on the artistic talents of our students as evidenced in displayed art work throughout the district.

Athletically, the district continues to place focus on encouraging that as many students as possible who wish to engage in a school sponsored sport are able to. This year, in part as a result of our generous support from both the Robinson-Broadhurst and Murdock Trust Foundations, we were able to again lower our athletic user fees. This has, again, enabled more student participants in a greater number of activities.

The state of Massachusetts recently produced new Frameworks aligned to the National Common Core standards (Curriculum Guidelines) for each school district in the Commonwealth. Our staff within Winchendon Public Schools is now in the process of becoming familiar with these and creating new curriculum in both English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades Pre-K-12.

Locally, we continue our tremendous partnership within our NAWWG-MT (Narragansett, Ashburnham-Westminster, Winchendon, Gardner, and Monty Tech) collaborative. We have written a number of grants together in one configuration of districts or another, continued with our joint professional development activities, and continue to work closely with our Regional Vocational school, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

The district has continued to upgrade and support our physical buildings wherever we can. Our largest project within the last year was the boiler project at Toy Town Elementary School. With the support of our School Committee, local community, Town Office, Board of Selectman, Finance Committee and Massachusetts School Building Authority, we were able to replace the tired, pre-existing boilers and tank that were more than fifty years old with brand new boilers and a new tank. This was an extensive project that was smooth to its conclusion and proceeded on time and on budget. Our thanks go out to everyone who supported and facilitated in the implementation of this project.

We continue to work at sourcing out cost savings measures that are appropriate and have the least amount of negative impact on our students and their classrooms. We do this in every area within the school district's operation.

We are appreciative of the ongoing support we receive from our other Town partners, Boards, and community-at-large members. We have had another excellent year within Winchendon Public Schools and are proud of our accomplishments.

As always, should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to connect with us at our central office location.

Sincerely,

Brooke Clenchy
Superintendent of Schools

POINTS OF INTEREST

The 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 2010-2011 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 2010-11 was \$.40 and breakfast was \$.30 at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The total enrollment as of October 1, 2010 was 1,586. Twenty-seven percent of the student population for 2010-11 was special needs students. During the 2010-11 school year approximately 1142 students were transported to and from school.

Winchendon Public Schools participates in the “School Choice” program in Massachusetts. We had 29 students who are residents of other Massachusetts communities enrolled in our schools and 122 students from Winchendon attending schools in other communities.

Breakdown of Pupil Enrollment	
2010-11 School Year	
(As of October 1, 2010)	
Pre-Kindergarten	83
Kindergarten	112
Grades 1-2	228
Grades 3-5	382
Grades 6-12	<u>781</u>
Total	1586

Winchendon had 115 students attending Monty Tech during FY’11. There were an additional 102 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:	8:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
Toy Town:	8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m.
Murdock Middle/High:	7:30 a.m.-2:05 p.m.

EARLY RELEASE TIMES

Elementary Schools:	12:15 (Toy Town) 12:30 (Memorial)
Middle/High School:	11:35 a.m.

The Memorial 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; FAX – 297-3944.

Toy Town Elementary School houses Grades 3-5 and was built in 1961, with 69,000 sq. ft. Telephone – 297-2005; 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; 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 4:00 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 2010-2011

School Committee (includes Contingency Account)	\$ 59,000
Central Administrative Office (includes Net School Spending/Carry forward)	828,449
Special Ed. Department S/W	1,811,656
Marvin School	23,300
Memorial School Instruction	2,723,298
Toy Town Elementary School Instruction	2,326,300
Middle/High School Instruction	5,321,572
Maintenance	116,856
School Department Total Operating Budget	<u>\$13,210,431</u>
Town Assessment/Indirect Costs	2,871,635
Total School Department Budget	\$16,082,066
Transportation	\$ 1,199,589

TRANSPORTATION

Policy available at Central Office

2011 Annual Report – Toy Town Partnership

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

North Central Pathway 2011 saw increasing use of the downtown section of the Pathway by the public. Planning for the final Phase V section of the pathway continued with Mass Highway. This section will run southward from Glenallen St. roughly along the rail bed parallel with Spring Street and will connect the downtown section with the Route 140 section near Old Gardner Rd. Current plans call for additional parking at the intersection of Spring and Glenallen Streets. Various administrative delays at the state level have pushed construction of this piece into 2013. We continue to seek volunteers for an independent Friends of the Pathway committee to help with ongoing upkeep of the Pathway.

Converse Gardens Work on the Gardens continues thanks to volunteers and the work of Sheriff Evangelidis' Community Service Program of the Worcester County Department of Corrections and support by the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. We have also been pleased to meet with descendants of Morton Converse, the founder of the Gardens. They have expressed interest in seeing work on the Gardens continue, and have suggested that funds from the Morton E. Converse Fund will be coming due in the near future and may be a means of support.

Toy Town Horse Thanks to a community-wide effort supported by The Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation and the Athol Savings Bank, extensive work was done on the horse in 2011. The original craftsman who constructed the horse rebuilt damage caused by 20 years of deterioration. The Partnership continues to raise money and accept funds for the ongoing support and maintenance of the horse and hopes to find a permanent custodial organization for the horse now that it has been stabilized.

Downtown Signage The Partnership has begun to investigate ways to notify travelers of the location of the downtown business district. Potential locations were identified for several signs which had been donated to the town a number of years ago. Unfortunately, these signs do not meet Mass Highway design criteria, so other avenues will be sought.

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 2011 were Ellen DeCoteau, Peter Newton, and various town personnel. All interested members of the community are invited to participate.

2011 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship support any friend, oppose any foe to assure survival and the success of liberty." – John F. Kennedy.

The Veterans' Office of Winchendon is here to support the needs of our community. It's hard to believe that 2011 was my eighth year as the Veterans Agent for Winchendon. I personally thank the residents of Winchendon for our continued support as this office assists veterans and their families who are in crisis or dire need.

Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 defines what the Department of Veterans' Services is all about. For any honorably discharged veteran who served their country for at least 180 days or more are eligible for financial assistance when outside agencies are no longer available. For every dollar spent from my office, \$.75 is reimbursed back to the town (75% reimbursable). During my first year in office (2004), support was provided to around 8 clients. In 2010, this office peaked with 37 clients. Due to the continued poor economy, the current caseload ended in 2011 with 47 clients with an average monthly payout to support these families of around \$25,000.00 per month. The stories are heart-wrenching; however, noble service to country will be rewarded to any honorably discharged veteran who so faithfully served their country. For Fiscal Year 2012, this office will spend close to \$300,000.00. In my first year in 2004, my budget was around \$25,000.00. My veterans and families are so thankful for the assistance – all thanks to the confidence of the townspeople knowing that 75% of the money spent is returning to the town.

This office is spearheading a World War II Monument Committee that is planning the erection of a monument in Legion Park (across from the town hall). A prototype of the monument will be placed around town in key businesses. The design work for the monument is beautiful and the committee will be seeking financial assistance from both business and the townspeople. A standing monument in memory of our greatest generation is long overdue. Names of close to 1,000 veterans will be placed on the backside. In the near future, the committee will sell bricks in the name of any family/loved with the goal of a walkway around and in front of the monument.

We always remember those who have served or are serving in a warzone. Keep them in your prayers. God Bless America!

Faithfully submitted,

Scott J. Gauthier
Director/Agent

Winchendon Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2011

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.

Currently the board has all five positions seated and it is comprised of: Chairman David Connor, Vice Chair Sheila Donofrio, Beth Hunt, Dennis Casavant and Ken LaBrack. As in past years, they become progressively more active in community and economic development. So to repeat that this being their busiest year, these five dedicated board members have taken on and excelled in the planning and actual development of our community is still accurate of this team.

The WRA has had its most productive year in terms of development with the emphasis on job creation. The final construction of the Hillview Business Park's roadway took place October of 2011. It opened 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. To date one business has completed its construction and hired for 6 new positions.

The Board has been very 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 10 properties out to bid and returned them to revenue producing status.

The Authority often communicates with potential new commercial/industrial clients attempting to sell the Town of Winchendon as their new home. The Town brochure completed by the Authority has become a successful tool for economic development for these negotiations. The brochure describes rural life at its best and promotes our business friendly atmosphere.

The Authority acquired 4 new parcels of land from tax title properties from conveyance by the Town during the annual town meeting and the fall special town meeting. There are four that are residential and will be marketed as such. One particular lot contained a residence and a grant was secured to remodel it and it will be marketed as an "Affordable Home" and sold to a low-to-moderate income family. This unit will become a listing on the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory for a minimum of 30 years. All 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 \$800,806.18 in total assets. These assets are all in the form cash on hand and 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 uses. They are constantly evaluating new ideas and putting plans together to boost Winchendon's community development.