

Town of
PEPPERELL



2009 Annual Town Report

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Dedication



Margaret A. “Sis” McGrath was truly a person who loved the Town of Pepperell. She was born in 1932 and was the daughter of Joseph and Helen (Lynch) McGrath. All four of her grandparents emigrated from Ireland and settled in Pepperell. Sis lived in her family’s home on Mill Street for her entire life.

Sis McGrath graduated from Pepperell High School and went to work for the Bemis Bag Company in Town. She remained there for 48 years and was one of the last employees there. As head of Human Resources, Sis helped countless individuals over the years. She was very active in Saint Joseph’s Church, especially when the Catholic Youth Organization played a major part there.

Sis started the very first “youth center” in Pepperell. The building that is today’s Community Center was built by Sis and her committee (without taxpayer funds). Many young people received guidance, sound advice and respect from Sis. She knew “tough love.”

Sis McGrath was a “grassroots activist” long before that term every showed up on the cable shows. If someone was running for office in our area, that person learned it was good to have Sis on your team. She was a tireless campaigner and loyal to the end.

She had many friends and was always there for them. She was always there for her large extended family, the McGraths and the Lynch’s and is missed by so many.

Sis died on January 27, 2009. She loved Pepperell and she “never forgot where she came from.”

In Memoriam



On September 3, 2009, the Town of Pepperell lost a dear friend and co-worker with the passing of systems administrator, Deputy Emergency Management director and Hook & Ladder Company firefighter/EMT Den Connors. Den's two year battle against Hodgkin's Lymphoma was fought with grace, courage and determination and he was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Den moved to Pepperell with his wife Rosemary and children Christopher and Mandy in 1983. He was an active member of the Community Church, former cub master for Pepperell Pack 41 and former Scoutmaster of Troop 13, a master ham radio operator, a private pilot and an astronomer. Often referring to himself as "Computer Geek #1", Den loved to enthusiastically share solutions to computer problems and was always very patient with those who are technically challenged.

Den was the recipient of the Nashoba Publishing 2008 Extraordinary Service Award in 2008. As a member of the Fire Department, he gave 100%. He was instrumental in customizing the

training manual, updating the town's emergency map and would be the first one to climb an 80' tower to fix an antenna.

The day the Town of Pepperell lost Ann O'Donnell was a very sad day. Ann was born on February 7, 1931 in Boston Massachusetts. Ann was a strong, independent and loving woman who loved her Town and her Country. She moved to Pepperell in 1955 where she raised her 4 children. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and often spoke of their accomplishments.

Ann worked for many years as a reporter at Nashoba Publications and was an amazing writer. She enjoyed attending various Town Board meetings and was not afraid to ask questions or speak her mind. She was passionate about politics. Ann participated on several Town boards including The Council on Aging, Housing Authority and Local Emergency Planning Committee. She could be seen at the polls where she was a faithful Election Worker. Ann was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

In the early 1980's, Ann was instrumental in organizing the Fourth of July committee where she remained active for decades. Her vision of an annual parade and festivities, complete with fireworks, became a reality many years ago. She loved lining the floats up for the parade at Town Hall and could be seen at 5am in the back of a pick up truck making sure every flag was in place along Main Street. We would be hard pressed to ever come across anyone more patriotic. She could not listen to a patriotic song without tears in her eyes. It was no mystery that the 4th of July was her favorite holiday!

Ann retired at the age of 67. After staying home for a while, she discovered the Pepperell Senior Center where she volunteered and eventually was employed as the receptionist. Ann O'Donnell was truly the heartbeat of the Pepperell Senior Center. Hers was the first face you would see when you walked into the Center, and the last face you would see when you left. Not a day goes by that we don't think about her and what she contributed to our Town.



STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS

United States Senators

Edward M. Kennedy*
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Washington, DC 20510

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Boston, MA 02203
617/565-3170

John F. Kerry
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Boston, MA 02214
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1st Congressional District:
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Fitchburg, MA 01420
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Washington, DC 20515
202/225-5335

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Gov. Duval Patrick
State House, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133
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Lt. Gov. Tim Murray
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Secretary of State William Francis Galvin
State House, Room 337
Boston, MA 02133
617/727-9180

State Treasurer

Timothy Cahill
State House, Room 227
Boston, MA 02133
617/367-6900

Senator (1st Middlesex District)

Steven Panagiotakos
State House Room 212
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Representative (1st Middlesex District)

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State House Room 237
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Martha Coakley
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Boston, MA 02108
617/727-2200

State Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci
State House, Room 230
Boston, MA 02133
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District Attorney

Gerald T. Leone, Jr.
15 Commonwealth Avenue
Woburn, MA 01801
781/897-8300

Sheriff – Middlesex County

James V. DiPaola
400 Mystic Avenue
Medford, MA 02155
781/960-2800

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ASSESSORS

Michael T. Coffey	2010
Jon E. Kaiser	2012
R. Braybrook Walsh	2011

HEALTH, BOARD OF

Robert Lambert	2011
Scott Butcher*	2012
John Marriner	2010
Al Buckley**	2010

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Bruce Campbell, State Appointee	
Mary Duprey	2011
James Triehy	2010
Katherine L. Harris	2010
Robert Russell	2013
Jerrilyn Bozicas	2012

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Charles Burnham	2010
Mary Campano	2010
Margaret Kimball	2012
Frederick Kobs	2011
Amos Mahony	2011
Schuyler Minckler	2010

MODERATOR

Scott N. Blackburn	2011
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NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Anne E. Buchholz (At-large member)	2011
Sue C. Fitzgerald	2012
Kathy Low	2012
Tammy LeClerc (At-large member)	2011
Michael Morgan (At-large member)	2011
Arnold Silva, Jr.	2010

RECREATION COMMISSION

Lynne David	2011
David Priddle	2010
P. Derek Tenbroeck	2012

PLANNING BOARD

Nicholas Cate	2010
Dennis A. Kane	2013
Richard C. McHugh, Jr.	2014
Mark F. Marston	2012
Stephen Themelis	2011
<u>Associate Member (appointed)</u>	
Steven Brittain	2010

PUBLIC WORKS, BOARD OF

Greg Rice	2010
Frederick Farmer	2012
Louis D. Shattuck	2011

Appointed Members:

John Dee III	2011
Lewis Lunn	2010

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF

Joseph Hallisey	2012
Patrick J. McNabb	2011
Joseph A. Sergi	2010

TOWN CLERK

Lois Libby	2010
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TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Michael Hartnett	2012
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TREE WARDEN

Peter Shattuck	2012
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STAFF POSITIONS

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ELECTED & APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OFFICIALS

ACCOUNTANT

Theresa Walsh* Town Accountant
Tom Wilson Town Accountant
Lyn Sharpe Asst. Town Accountant

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Susan J. Smith Assistant Assessor
Kevin Visnaskas* Administrative Assessor
Maureen Bolger** Administrative Assessor
Jacqueline West* Senior Clerk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ellen Fisher Conservation Administrator

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Toby Tyler Fire Chief
Susan H. Smith Secretary

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robin Hebert Animal Health Inspector
Sandra Grogan Secretary
NABH staff:
Kalene Garbarz, R.S. Health Agent
Sharon Fata, RN. Staff Nurse

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert B. Hanson* Town Administrator
John F. Moak** Town Administrator
Peggy Mazzola Administrative Assistant
Den Connors* Systems Administrator
Joseph Traverso** Systems Administrator
Albert White Head Custodian

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Susan H. Smith Assistant to the Inspectors

PLANNING BOARD

Susan Snyder Planning Administrator

RECREATION COMMISSION

Gail Bosworth Program Director
Brendan McNabb Summer Program Director
Sue Defillippo Community Center Coordinator

LAWRENCE LIBRARY

Debra Spratt Library Director
Tina McEvoy Director Adult Svcs/Assistant Director
Jo Ann Pierce Youth Services Librarian
Patricia Payer Inter-Library Loans
Pamela Vance Senior Library Technician
Shannon Brittain Library Technician
Sherrill Burgess Library Technician
Sharon King Library Technician
Myra Lane Head of Circulation
Pam King Page
Jessica Lewis Page
Rob Renaud Custodian

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Robert E. Lee, Jr. DPW Director/Town Engineer
Terrence Spaulding Cemetery/Parks Manager
Peter Shattuck Highway Superintendent
Nancy Cyr Highway Dept. Secretary
Patricia A. DeLorey Water Dept. Secretary
Mark Richardson Asst. DPW Director/
Sewer & Water Superintendent
Cathy Knox Administrative Assistant
Susan Gurney WWTP Clerk

SENIOR CENTER

Sharon Mercurio Director
Virginia Spinney Coordinator of Volunteers
Joan Goddard Outreach Coordinator
Ann O'Donnell* Receptionist
Lisa Ferolito Activity Coordinator
Albert Harris Custodian

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Barbara Smith Assistant Town Clerk

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Lisa Herget* Assistant Treasurer/Benefits
Administrator
Jane Carrubba** Assistant Treasurer/Benefits
Administrator
Debbie Nutter Assistant Collector

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Cheryl Lutz Assistant

APPOINTED BOARDS/COMMITTEES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Nicholas Cate	2010
Patrick J. McNabb	2010
Alan O. Leao, Jr.	2010

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

Renee Cyr	2011
James Friend	2011
Robert Lindgren	2010
Larry Murphy*	2011
Todd Russell	2012
Susan Ventura*	2009

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Alicia Flagg	2010
Kathleen Comeau, Assistant	2010
Christopher Comeau, Assistant	2010
Wayne Comeau, Assistant	2010

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Boyajian	2010
Philip D. Durno	2010
David Pease	2010
Richard G. Potts	2010
Jeffrey Sauer	2010
Debra Spratt	2010

CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

John Chavier	2009
Michael Landino	2009
Stephanie Cronin	2009
Robert Hanson*	2010
Michael Hartnett	2010
John F. Moak	2010

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Frank Quattrochi, Director	2010
David Stairs, Assistant Director	2010

Dispatchers

Benjamin Simmons	2010
Ryan Fogarty	2010
Tracey Rancourt	2010
Justin Zink	2010

Spare Dispatchers

Rosemarie Page	2010
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Elliott	2012
Kris Masterson**	2010
Linda Moody	2010
Robert Rand	2012
Patricia Swain Rice	2012
Jeffrey Sauer	2011
Peter Steeves	2011
Melissa Tzanoudakis*	2010

CONSTABLES

Ernest A. Archambault	2010
Neil McGorty	2010
David H. Muscovitz	2010
Frank Quattrochi	2010
Robert Russell	2010

COUNCIL ON AGING

Jerrilyn T. Bozicas	2012
Dorothy Clary*	2010
Ida Donovan*	2011
Sandra Dube**	2011
Cathy Forrest	2012
Barry R. Fuller	2012
Merle Green, Jr.	2011
Nancy Harris**	2010
Diane Kazanjian	2010

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Lynn Black	2012
Julie Curcuro*	2009
Judith Duggan	2012
Mariea Eckstein	2011
Donna Falabella*	2009
Maureen Johnson*	2009
Irene Leddy	2011
Ann McPartlan	2011
Debra Reis	2011
Linda A. Shaw	2010
Sharon Tetreault	2012
Alice VanOrmer*	2009
Jennifer Tripp*	2009

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

George Ux, Director	2010
Nicholas Livadas, Deputy Director	2010
Edward Passerello, Deputy Director	2010
Den Connors, Deputy Director*	2010
David Peabody, Communications Officer	2010

Auxiliary Police

David Querze, Captain	2010
Paul Nelson, Lieutenant	2010
Edward Lane, Lieutenant	2010
Glenn Caswell, Sergeant	2010
Joseph Hauptman, Sergeant	2010
David J. Richardson, Sergeant	2010
Jason M. Antin	2010
Richard E. Baum	2010
Shawn R. Drinkwine	2010
Mary Femino*	2010
Ryan P. Fogarty	2010
James Greatorex	2010
Mike P. Kyle	2010
Mitchell Lambert	2010
Lawrence J. McNamara	2010
David W. Miller	2010

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Auxiliary Police (cont.)

Jeffrey J. Noble	2010
Matthew Power*	2010
Andrew L. Riccio	2010
<u>Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)</u>	
Dennis Connors	2010
Tony DiCenzo	2010
James Hein	2010
Peter Nordberg	2010
David Peabody	2010
Lynda Pozerski	2010
Stanley Pozerski	2010

EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

John Marriner	2010
Toby Tyler	2010
Den Connors*	2010
Alan Davis	2010
Sharon Mercurio	2010
Ann O'Donnell*	2010
Frank Quattrochi	2010
Peter Shattuck	2010
George Ux	2010

FENCE VIEWER

Richard Aubin	2010
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

W. Burke Bero*	2009
Stephanie Cronin*	2009
Shaun Cummings	2010
Chris DeSimone	2011
Diane Gaspar*	2009
Chris Johnson	2010
Michael Landino**	2011
Alan O. Leao, Jr. **	2011
Jeanne LeBlanc*	2010
Melissa Tzanoudakis	2010
George Zacharakis	2010

FIRE ENGINEERS, BOARD OF

Peter Shattuck, Deputy Chief	2010
Jonathan Kinney, Deputy Chief	2010
Toby Tyler, Chief	2010

Firefighters

Matt Allen	2010
Eric Allison	2010
Robert Archer	2010
Geoffrey Auffinger	2010
Matthew Blood	2010
Michael Blood	2010
Milton Blood, Jr., Captain	2010
William Butts	2010
Jonathan Caten	2010
Den Connors	2010
Al Deshler	2010
Brad Desrochers	2010

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters (cont.)

Michael Doherty	2010
Seth Durno	2010
Kenneth English	2010
Derek Flanders	2010
Dana Franzek, Lieutenant	2010
Derek Franzek	2010
Scot Gardner	2010
Michael Kingsbury	2010
Derek LaLiberte	2010
Matthew Maciel	2010
Richard Layne	2010
Paul McBrearty, Jr., Lieutenant	2010
Vincent Messina, Jr.	2010
Timothy Morine	2010
Carl Morrison	2010
Dan Murphy, Jr.	2010
Kevin Pena	2010
Charles Pentedemos	2010
Timothy Powers	2010
Peter Quintin	2010
Joshua Robichaud	2010
John Rose, Captain	2010
Greg Ross	2010
Michael Schrader	
Shaun Shattuck	2010
Thomas Shattuck	2010
Terry Spaulding	2010
Steve Symonds	2010
Christopher Thielbar, Lieutenant	2010
Robert Thorne	2010
Kurtis Triehy	2010
Ryan Tyler	2010
Kyle Winch	2010
Justin Zink	2010
Nathan Zink	2010

Ambulance Personnel

Joe Bassett	2010
James Casserly	2010
David Hargrave, Lieutenant	2010
Mike Derderian	2010
Al Deshler	2010
Jim Friend	2010
Donna Galotta	2010
Kim Hodder	2010
Joan Kimball	2010
Frank Melendy	2010
Adam Ouellette	2010
Greg Rich	2010
Joshua Robichaud	2010
William Rowe	2010
Kathy Santos	2010
William Shaffer	2010
Ben Simmons	2010

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ambulance Personnel (cont.)

Jean Taubert, Captain 2010
Jill Taubert 2010
Cathy Tyler 2010

FOREST WARDEN

Peter Shattuck 2010

GIS COMMITTEE

Martin Beck 2010
Susan Snyder 2010
Robert B. Hanson* 2010
Robert E. Lee, Jr. 2010
Frank Quattrochi 2010
Gregory Rice 2010
Susan Smith 2010

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Michael Coffey* 2009
Diane Cronin 2012
Ronald Karr 2011
Hillary Pember 2010
Susan J. Smith* 2009

INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

COMMITTEE

Stephen Brady* 2010
Chris Marko 2010
Scott Menice 2010
David Pease 2010
Peggy Pomeroy 2010
Stanley Pozerski* 2010
Douglas C. Sawyer 2010
Dale Sinclair 2010
Anders Swenson 2010
Den Connors, Systems Administrator* 2010
Joseph Traverso, Systems Administrator** 2010
Jeff Sauer, Webmaster 2010

INSPECTORS

Harry Cullinan, Inspector of Buildings/
Zoning Officer 2010
Rudolph Schultz, Local Inspector 2010
John Dee III, Electrical Inspector 2010
Eugene Douglas, Gas Inspector 2010
Ralph Gilmore, Asst. Elec. Insp. 2010
Robert Russell, Asst. Gas Inspector 2010
John Cryan, Plumbing Inspector 2010
Eugene Douglas, Asst. Plumbing Inspector 2010

LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY

Todd W. Blain 2010
Alan Davis 2010
William Greathead 2010
Armando Herrera 2010
Alan Lessieur 2010
James Peters 2010
David Scott 2010

MILL SITE STUDY COMMITTEE

Kurtis E. Amidon
Jerrilyn T. Bozicas
Stephanie Cronin
Roger Goscombe
Albert H. Harris
Ronald Karr
Joan Ladik
Michael Landino*
Kenneth R. Morgan*
Matt Nesbit
Georgette Rogers*
Sharon Santy
Jeffrey Sauer
Joseph A. Sergi
Stephen C. Themelis

MOH SUPERINTENDENT

Peter Shattuck 2010

NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE

Albert Buckley 2010
Sandra M. Proctor 2011
Janet A. Young 2012
Donald Bradanese, Alt. 2010

PARKING CLERK

Cathy Forrest 2010

PERSONNEL BOARD

Joseph Hallisey, Selectmen's Rep. 2010
Judith Dalton, At-large Representative 2010
Carl Schilling, At-large Representative 2011
Peter Shattuck, Employee Rep. 2010
Holly Seiferth, Finance Comm. Rep. 2010

PEPPERELL CRANK-UP COMMITTEE

James Dunn 2010
Kim C. Spaulding 2010

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alan Davis, Chief 2010
Todd W. Blain, Sergeant 2010
Armando Herrera, Sergeant 2010
Alan Lessieur, Sergeant 2010
James Peters, Sergeant 2010
David Scott, Lieutenant 2010
Cathy Forrest, Administrative Assistant 2010
Eileen Lundstrom, Senior Clerk 2010

Officers

William Greathead, Detective 2010
Steven Bezanson 2010
Haylie Boutwell 2010
Steven A. Burke 2010
Jared J. Carrubba 2010
Bruce Haskins 2010
Thomas Maskalenko 2010
Stephen Mulkerin 2010
Nick Parker 2010

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers (cont.)

Richard Smith 2010
Fabrizio Vestri 2010

Part-time Officers

Kenneth Beers 2010
Cathy Forrest 2010
Nikolaos Lividas 2010
Paul Nelson 2010
Edward Passerello 2010
David Querze 2010
Eileen Lundstrom, Special Police Officer 2010

Detention Room Supervisors

Deborah A. Bezanson 2010
Glenn B. Caswell 2010
Mary Femino* 2010
Cathy Forrest 2010
Edward Lane 2010
Nikolaos Livadas 2010
Eileen Lundstrom 2010
Paul Nelson 2010
Rosemarie Page 2010
Nicholas Pentedemos 2010
Michelle Roop 2010
Justin Zink 2010

Special Police - Dunstable

George Aggott 2010
James Dow 2010
James Downes III 2010
Darrell Gilmore 2010
Eric Hoar 2010
Daniel Kowalski 2010
John J. Koyutis 2010
Michael Lynn 2010
Nicholas Papageorgiou 2010
Sean Ready 2010
Gregg Sanborn 2010
Benjamin Sargent 2010
Michael Tedesco 2010

Special Police – Groton

Robert Breault 2010
Peter Breslin 2010
Edward Bushnoe 2010
Gordon Candow 2010
Paul Connell 2010
James Cullen 2010
Richard Elie 2010
Kevin Feeley 2010
Derrick J. Gemos 2010
Jeffrey Gigliotti 2010
Jason Goodwin 2010
Ryan Griffin 2010
Donald Palma, Jr. 2010
Irmin Pierce, III 2010
John Rooney 2010

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Police – Groton (cont.)

Dale Rose 2010
Edward Sheridan 2010
Corey Waite 2010
Eric M. Watkins 2010

Special Police - Hollis

Richard Bergeron 2010
Christopher Bonin 2010
Angelo Corrado 2010
Tracy A. Dunne 2010
David Duquette 2010
Brendan LaFlamme 2010
Andrew MacInnis 2010
Richard Mello 2010
Daniel Pangburn 2010
James Sartelle 2010
Jonathan Tate 2010
Kris Thibault 2010
David Turgeon 2010
Russell Ux 2010
Katharine Walsh 2010

Special Police - Townsend

Tony Brennan 2010
Austin Cote 2010
Mark Francis 2010
Mark Giancotti 2010
Randy Girard 2010
John Johnson 2010
Mary Ann Kinirey 2010
James Landi 2010
James Marchand 2010
Erving Marshall 2010
Cheryl Mattson 2010
Thomas Pearson 2010
David Profit 2010
Joseph Quinn 2010
Kimberly Rebovich 2010
Robert Rebovich 2010
George Reidy 2010
Thaddeus Rochette 2010
Jeffrey Thibodeau 2010
Joshua Tocci 2010
Christopher VanVoorhis 2010

REGISTRARS

Jane Eshleman 2012
Emilie H. Presnall 2011
Patricia A. Sergi 2010
Barbara A. Smith, Assistant 2010

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Eric Aaltonen 2010

TOWN COUNSEL

Edward J. Richardson, Esq. 2010
Peter A. Zahka, II, PC, Assistant 2010

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH

COMMITTEE

Judy Dalton
Michael Hartnett
Patrick McNabb
Sharon Mercurio
Richard Potts
Peter Shattuck
P. Derek TenBroeck

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

James Dunn 2010
Joseph Radwich 2010
Peter Shattuck 2010

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Joseph J. Mazzola 2010

VETERAN'S GRAVE OFFICER

Terrence Spaulding 2010

VIETNAM MEMORIAL & HONOR ROLL

COMMITTEE

Michael Flaminio 2010
James M. McKenna 2010
Joseph M. Moore 2010

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas McGrath 2010
Sherrill Rosoff 2010
Annette R. McLean 2011
Mark Walsh, Associate Member 2010
Sean E. McCaffrey, Associate Member 2010

ELECTION WORKERS

Precinct 1

Craig R. Williams Warden
Michael J. Recco Deputy Warden
Adele B. Spoth Clerk
Jerrilyn T. Bozicas Deputy Clerk
Jenny S. Crisman Inspector
Linda M. Hadley Inspector
Carol J. Hasse Inspector
Elaine M. Jefferson Inspector
M. Alise Manley Inspector
Theresa McPartlan Inspector
Ellen G. Marcoux Inspector
Ann M. Nieva Inspector
Lynda J. Pozerski Inspector
Elizabeth N. Rossi Inspector
Paul Spoth Inspector
Jacqueline L. West Inspector
Mary L. Williams Inspector

ELECTION WORKERS

Precinct 2

Mary Theall Warden
Rose M. Landry Deputy Warden
David Theall Deputy Warden
Barbara Cronin Clerk
Martin R. Beck Inspector
Gertrude T. Dapcic Inspector
Joan M. Katsines Inspector
Joan P. Ladik Inspector
Thomas R. Landry Inspector
Lorna R. Levi Inspector
Mary E. Lynch Inspector
Suzanne C. Marchand Inspector
Thomas J. McGrath Inspector
Alice M. Peck Inspector
Leeann Phoenix Inspector
Kevin J. Postel Inspector
Barbara Z. Stromsted Inspector
Diane P. Temple Inspector
Winifred M. Wheeler Inspector

Precinct 3

Carole M. Babineau Warden
Barbara A. Smith Deputy Warden
Diane B. Karr Clerk
Elizabeth B. Hunt Deputy Clerk
Janet M. Cramb Inspector
Patricia W. LeBlanc Inspector
Doris E. Livadas Inspector
Margaret L. Lowry Inspector
Amos J. Mahony Inspector
Virginia Malouin Inspector
Madge A. Meehan Inspector
Ruth Moses Inspector
Marjorie Nickerson Inspector
Judith Nolan Inspector
Joan Paden Inspector
Dorothy Prozeller Inspector
Jennifer Putnam Inspector
Suzanne Rowse Inspector
George Ux Inspector
Joan E. Ux Inspector
Grace H. Williams Inspector

* Resigned/retired/appointment expired

** Appointed to fill unexpired term

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Pepperell Board of Selectmen respectfully submits its report to the citizens of Pepperell, regarding activities conducted in 2009.

The Board of Selectmen, advancing activities for the improvement and planning of the Pepperell Mill site, contracted with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. to provide a development analysis for this site. The report in its final draft form will be presented to the Selectmen in early 2010. This analysis included participation from the Mill Study Committee and town wide open public meetings.

During this calendar year the Selectmen hired a new Town Accountant, Tom Wilson; Information Technology Manager, Joseph Traverso, and Town Administrator, John Moak. The town was saddened by the death of Dennis Connors, former IT manager who was not only a dedicated town employee, but a supportive volunteer within the community. Town Administrator, Robert Hanson, retired from the town after 10 years of dedicated service to the community and the staff. Peggy Mazzola, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant admirably preformed the duties of interim Town Administration during the period of October –December as the Board of Selectmen searched for a new Town Administrator. Town Accountant Terry Walsh, after more than 25 years of service to the Town of Pepperell resigned her position to work in the Westford Town Accountant's office.

The year 2009 continued to bring economic challenges to municipal government and its residents. Lack of funding dictated a serious review of all municipal services and those specifically provided by the Council on Aging, Lawrence Public Library, and the Community Center. The Board of Selectmen was able to arrange a budget override proposal for the town meeting. Through the town meeting and subsequent town wide election, a \$640,000 operating override was approved and the services of these three departments were preserved. Despite the override vote, reduction of staff in the highway and police departments and town hall were necessitated. As with 2008, this year's budget relied on funding from the reserve accounts to balance the budget. This trend cannot be sustainable; we as a Town must balance the budget without devastating services and not relying on one time moneys from the reserve accounts. This is a top priority for the Board of Selectmen moving forward to the ensuing fiscal years.



Fourth of July Parade's Honorary Grand Marshall. Ann O'Donnell.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Town Administrator Search Committee (TASC) was appointed by the Board of Selectmen (Board) on March 16, 2009 to assist the Board with the solicitation and screening of candidates for the position of Town Administrator. The position of Town Administrator was being vacated by Mr. Robert Hanson, who retired on September 30, 2009. The primary objective of the TASC was to forward qualified candidates to the Board for their consideration for the position.

The TASC consisted of Town residents, including a citizen-at-large, appointed and elected officials, and Town employees. TASC members included Judy Dalton, Michael Hartnett, Sharon Mercurio, Patrick McNabb, Richard Potts, Peter Shattuck and Derek TenBroeck.

Between March and November 2009, the TASC held 20 meetings, screened 96 resumes, and interviewed 15 candidates for the position. The search and screening processes ultimately led to the Board's selection of Mr. John Moak of Newburyport, Massachusetts in November 2009. After successful negotiations in December 2009, Mr. Moak was under contract to serve as Pepperell's Town Administrator. His first official day of employment with the Town of Pepperell was January 4, 2010.

The TASC is proud of the work accomplished over the nine month period. The committee's success was the result of dedication and focus on the task at hand. The TASC was disbanded by the Board on February 8, 2010.

This report is respectfully submitted by the members of the Town Administrator Search Committee.

Chairman,

Patrick J. McNabb
Selectman



PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board is a five-person board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board is charged with the interpretation of questions of policy, and the resolution of issues related to the Town's personnel, classification, compensation, and benefits policies, as they affect Town Employees covered by the Personnel By-law.

In 2009, the Board met on two occasions to address various issues, including the approval of job descriptions and classification of the positions of Firefighter/Paramedic, Firefighter/Paramedic Billing/Administration, and Recreation Facilities and Program Director.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Responsibilities/Duties:

1. To hear and decide appeals in accordance with Section 9200 of the Zoning By-Law.
2. To hear and decide applications for special permits as provided in Section 9221 of the Zoning By-Law.
3. To hear and decide appeals or petitions for variances as provided in Section 9222 of the Zoning By-Law.
4. To hear and decide appeals as provided in Section 9223 of the Zoning By-Law.
5. To hear and decide comprehensive permits as provided in Section 9224 of the Zoning By-Law.

Authority:

Town of Pepperell Zoning By-Law Section 9220 and Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 40A, 40B, and 41.

2009 Activities:

Seven (7) new applications were submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2009. Table contains breakdown of applications which were decided in 2009, or are currently pending:

	Granted	Denied	Pending	Withdrawn
Variances	1	0	0	0
40B-Comprehensive Permits	0	0	0	0
Administrative Appeals	3	1	0	0
	(1 of which was granted in part/denied in part)	(partial denial)		
Special Permits	2	1	0	0
Amendments to Decisions	0	0	0	0

2009 Zoning Board of Appeals Members:

Full Board Members (3): Sherrill Rosoff (Chair), Annette McLean (Clerk) and Mark Walsh.

Associate Board Members (2): Sean McCaffery and Bruce Roberts (appointed July 6, 2009).

Staff: Cheryl Lutcza, ZBA Assistant.

Resignations: Full Board Member, Thomas McGrath (Chairman), resigned December 31, 2008. Associate Board Member, Robin Oinonen, resigned June 8, 2009.



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submits herewith its annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10
Gross to be Raised	20,994,120	22,492,376	22,842,894.18	22,909,010
Estimated Receipts				
Available Funds	8,130,529	9,242,283	9,155,853.44	8,100,626.82
Property Valuations	1,273,622,914	1,317,106,594	1,259,157,382	1,177,137,008
Tax Rate	\$10.10	\$10.06	\$10.87	\$12.58

Each year voters attend Town Meetings to establish expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. The total that can be spent by the Town Meeting is capped under Proposition 2 ½, a ballot initiative passed in 1980, and this total sum of money necessary to run the Town determines the amount that must be raised through local property taxes. The tax rate is that percent of total assessed value necessary to meet monetary requirements established by Town Meeting appropriations.

A number of factors contributed to an increased tax rate. Primarily, assessed valuations were reduced to comply with Department of Revenue statistical requirements. In all communities assessed valuations must reflect fair market value as indicated by sales during the prior year. Secondly, the voters passed the first over-ride to Proposition 2 ½ in 2009.

Taxpayers are reminded to read the reverse side of the tax bill. It contains valuable information concerning abatement and exemption information. Further information can be found at www.town.pepperell.ma.us, then choosing “Town Hall”, “Board/Comm./Dept”, and finally “Assessors” at the website. More information regarding property tax bills can be found at www.mass.gov/dls.



The Nissitissit Middle School Special chorus performed at the Senior Center.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

	<u>Pooled</u>	<u>Money Market</u>	<u>Oper. Accounts</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Fund Accounts</u>	<u>Vendor/Payroll</u>	<u>Funds</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>				
General Fund	\$ 157,276	\$ 1,407,113	\$ 29,170	\$ 1,593,559
Highway Improvement Fund		(47,825) *		(47,825)
Special Revenue Fund		735,247		735,247
Ambulance Fund		64,273		64,273
Capital Project Fund		224,150		224,150
Sewer Enterprise Fund		1,772,490		1,772,490
Water Enterprise Fund		855,829		855,829
Transfer Station Enterprise Fund		179,362		179,362
Agency Funds		446,266		446,266
<u>Non-expendable Trust Funds: **</u>				
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	145,729			145,729
Brooks Fund	45,533			45,533
Farrar Flag Pole Fund	152			152
Lawrence Library Perpetual Fund	63,175			63,175
Lawrence Library Carter Fund	13,998			13,998
Lawrence Library Thurston Fund	506			506
<u>Expendable Trust Funds: **</u>				
Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund	42,184			42,184
Brooks Income Fund	34,935			34,935
Farrar Flag Pole Income Fund	746			746
Lawrence Library Income Fund	72,746			72,746
Lawrence Library Carter Income Fund	2,661			2,661
Lawrence Library Thurston Income Fund	310			310
Lawrence Library Heald Income Fund	15,128			15,128
Lawrence Library Smith Income Fund	5,540			5,540
<u>Other Trust Funds: **</u>				
Stabilization Fund	705,055			705,055
Retirement Fund	1,077,792			1,077,792
Conservation Fund	27,540			27,540
Land Fund	67,935			67,935
Total Funds, June 30, 2008	\$ 2,478,941	\$ 5,636,905	\$ 29,170	\$ 8,145,016

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Hartnett, CPA
Treasurer-Collector

Note: All accounts are independently audited each year by a certified public accounting firm, without exception.

* **Periodic timing difference** due to pending receipt of Chapter 90 Mass. Highway paving reimbursement.

** All trust fund balances are inclusive of required GASB-31 Fair Market Value adjustments.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2009

Levy Year	Tax / Fee / Lien	Balance 1/01/2009 *	Levy Commitment/ Transfer	Collections Net of Refunds	Abatements Exemptions Adjustments	Balance 12/31/2009
2010	Real Estate	-	14,574,618	6,665,545	87,474	7,821,599
2010	Personal Property	-	233,765	83,571		150,195
2010	Util.Liens/Int.	-	243,845	15,082	-	228,762
2010	Appor.Bett./Int.	-	271,501	8,632	3,145	259,724
2009	Real Estate	7,029,204	-	6,707,485	125,224	196,495
2009	Personal Property	106,152	-	104,954	273	925
2009	Util.Liens/Int.	128,963	-	107,710	4,717	16,535
2009	Appor.Bett./Int.	193,822	-	188,171	1,001	4,650
2008	Real Estate	133,720	-	60,001	19,300	54,419
2008	Personal Property	1,990	-	421	672	897
2008	Util.Liens/Int.	3,316	-	996	-	2,320
2008	Appor.Bett./Int.	18,645	-	18,645	680	(680)
2007	Real Estate	38,604	-	15,985	22,104	515
2007	Personal Property	693	-	65	271	357
2007	Util.Liens/Int.	5,576	-	1,692	1,989	1,895
2007	Appor.Bett./Int.	1,009	-	1,009	-	(0)
2006	Real Estate	362	-	362	-	0
2006	Personal Property	129	-	23	11	94
2005	Personal Property	51	-	-	-	51
2009	Motor Vehicle Exc.	-	1,245,952	1,150,434	58,541	36,977
2008	Motor Vehicle Exc.	38,221	9,048	30,643	3,503	13,123
2007	Motor Vehicle Exc.	10,975	-	2,669	857	7,449
2006	Motor Vehicle Exc.	7,717	-	932	510	6,275
2005	Motor Vehicle Exc.	7,636	-	602	-	7,034
2004	Motor Vehicle Exc.	8,649	-	327	-	8,322
2003	Motor Vehicle Exc.	5,724	-	95	-	5,629
2002	Motor Vehicle Exc.	41	-	-	-	41
Prior	Motor Vehicle Exc.	(600)	866	355	-	(89)
Prior	Personal Property	-	-	212	-	(212)
	Tax Possessions	28,688	-	-	-	28,688
	Tax Title Lien	195,756	117,787	39,276	-	274,266
	Tax Title Utility	19,662	3,158	-	-	22,820
	Deferred Taxes	18,003	5,943	-	-	23,946
	Deferred Bett.	3,976	-	-	-	3,976
	Farmland Rollback	-	-	-	-	-
	Unapp. Bett.	<u>1,023,323</u>	1,258,000	179,596	209,510	<u>1,892,217</u>
		9,030,007				11,069,217
	Mobile Home Fees- In Lieu of Taxes			21,600		
	Interest Collected- Taxes			48,871		
	Municipal Lien Cert.			11,125		
	Collection Fees/Charges			<u>46,348</u>		
	TOTAL COLLECTIONS- Calendar 2009			15,513,436		

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Hartnett, CPA
Treasurer-Collector

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INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Peggy Pomeroy, Chairman
David Pease
Chris Marko
Scott Menice
Doug Sawyer

Committee Coordinator:

Peggy Mazzola, Administrative Assistant
Systems Administrator, Joe Traverso

Systems Administrator

With the unexpected passing of the Systems Administrator, Den Connors, the committee members met with the Board of Selectmen to express the need for a permanent Systems Administrator. In the interim, the committee members stepped up to the challenge of supporting the Town's systems and providing assistance to town employees as needed, performing backups of the town servers, and making improvements where necessary.

A new System Administrator was hired to replace the late Den Connors. Joe Traverso has responsibility for administering and supporting the Town's computer systems, software, network infrastructure, and network security. He continues to update the computer equipment, networking components, and specialized systems for Town Hall, the Department of Public Works as well as other departments. He maintains inventory, supports hardware and software acquisition efforts for all departments, and reports to the Board at the regular meetings.

Several security vulnerabilities were identified and addressed in regard to internet security and systems' access. Security is a top priority for the Committee and we are working with Joe to ensure the Town's computer systems and networks are secure. The Highway Dept computers have now been upgraded to current antivirus software and are now secure. The trailer's wireless network connection is now operational.

The Collector's server had a bad power supply. Thanks to Frank Quattrochi for his assistance in getting this replaced.

Several of the Town's servers are in need of replacement due to their age, lack of hard drive space, and general poor performance. Joe is working with each department head on getting older files archived. He is looking into imaging software and free, open source software for disaster recovery purposes. Joe is also planning on migrating users to an Active Directory domain structure to simplify both the overall network experience for the users as well as the management of the infrastructure. Physical memory on the Town servers and desktops has been identified as a performance issue and needs to be addressed in the 5 year plan.

The new Systems Administrator has performed an audit of the systems and the needs of the Town. He has a good handle on what needs to be done and is working with the Committee on creative ideas to accomplish those needs within budget.

Town Webmaster

Jeff Sauer, the Town's Webmaster maintains and updates the content of the Town's web site found at <http://www.town.pepperell.ma.us>. Jeff makes improvements to the organization and usability of the web site.

Town-wide Wireless Broadband Network

The Town continues to work on the private municipal broadband wireless network, adding new capabilities to the network. Town government agencies, the DPW, and Public Safety share these links.

Committee Members

The Committee membership currently has 2 openings. The Committee strongly urges anyone who would like to participate in advising the Town in the architecture, administration, and use of the EDP infrastructure to contribute their knowledge, to contact the Committee via the Selectmen's Office. Technical expertise is not a prerequisite. Interest is growing in advancing information access to residents and a well-designed approach to web access, notification systems and underlying communications infrastructure needs to be planned for and implemented in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pomeroy, Chairman,
Information Systems Technology Committee

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission's job is to work to protect Pepperell's natural resources. We do this in several ways. For example, we are the local administrators of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Pepperell Wetlands Protection By-Law; we plan for and manage the Town's Conservation Land; we work with and advise other Town bodies such as the Planning Board and the Building Inspector's Office on natural resources issues, and we provide information to Town residents.

The Wetlands Protection Act and the Pepperell Wetlands Protection By-Law are designed to provide a review process for projects that could affect our valuable wetlands. In simplified form, the Act says that no one may fill or alter a wetland without a permit. Under the Wetlands Protection Act, the Commission's job, which we do with the help of our administrator, is to review applications and decide about wetland permits. Our By-Law provides further protection for some types of wetlands. This is time-consuming, but vital work. Healthy, functioning wetlands protect our water supply, provide flood control, prevent pollution, and enrich our community's wildlife habitat. The Wetlands Protection Act usually applies to any project if it occurs in or near wetlands. Typical projects include new buildings and driveways, changes to existing buildings or landscaping, and improvements to roads or utilities.

Our records of Wetlands Protection Act applications for the past 5 years are shown in the table below. The drop in the number of applications in 2008 & 2009 is a reflection of the general downturn in construction activity.

Wetlands Protection Act Applications	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Notices of Intent (This is an application for a permit to perform work that may alter a wetland. The permit is called an Order of Conditions.)	24	13	18	7	8
Requests for Determination of Applicability (This is a request to determine if a Notice of Intent needs to be filed.)	9	22	11	12	10
Extended/Amended Orders of Conditions	9	4	12	4	10
Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation (This is an application for certification of a wetland location, usually used for planning or design purposes.)	2	3	3	0	1
Requests for Certificates of Compliance (After a project is complete, the Commission issues a Certificate of Compliance if the project was done as required under the Order of Conditions.)	15	25	27	17	12
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	59	67	71	40	41
Building Permit Applications reviewed	142	138	82	82	79

2009 was the second year of a multi-year project to control water chestnut in the Nashua River. Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) is an invasive exotic plant that had spread to cover nearly 45 acres of Pepperell Pond during the past 10 years. Under the management of the Nashua River Watershed Association, mechanical harvesting of the plant was done for several weeks again during the summer. The Commission expects that if 2 or 3 more years of mechanical harvesting can be done, any remaining water chestnut plants will be able to be controlled by hand-harvesting from canoes.

This year we added detailed trails maps of the publicly accessible lands in the north-central part of town to our web page. This includes the Jeff Smith Trail, Pepperell Springs, the Heald Street Orchard, Keyes Conservation Area (Oak Hill St.), the Nissitissit River Wildlife Management Area, and many other parcels. We invite you to visit our page on the Town's web site by going to **www.town.pepperell.ma.us/conservation**. Our page details the workings of the Commission, including upcoming meeting dates and agendas, minutes to past meetings, access to permit applications, and information about Pepperell's conservation lands.

Please call the Conservation Commission office, 978-433-0325, if you would like to ask questions or give comments about wetlands permit applications, conservation land, or other natural resources issues. We are seeking volunteers to help maintain our trails and also welcome reports of unusual wildlife or plant sightings. Our Conservation Administrator, Ellen Fisher, staffs our office in Town Hall Monday through Thursday.

Robert Elliott, Chairman	Kristina Masterson	Linda Moody	Robert Rand
Patricia Swain Rice	Jeffrey Sauer	Peter Steeves	



INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Appointed Positions:

- Harry Cullinan, Inspector of Buildings
- Rudolph F. Schultz, Local Inspector
- John Dee III, Electrical Inspector
- Ralph Gilmore, Assistant Electrical Inspector
- John Cryan, Plumbing Inspector
- Eugene Douglas, Gas Inspector/Assistant Plumbing Inspector
- Robert Russell, Assistant Gas Inspector
- Susan H. Smith, Assistant to the Inspectors

During the past year as the Inspector of Buildings, with the assistance of my assistant Susan Smith, the Department issued 283 building permits, replied to Notices of Intent which are required to be approved prior to the Town Clerk issuing a Business Certificate, resolved numerous zoning complaints, inspected all school buildings and public buildings and inspected and issued certificates of inspections to numerous businesses as required.

The Department processed a steady number of applications throughout the year for new construction and remodeling, wood stoves and energy improvements despite the continued economic problems in the financial institutions which have stopped all speculative building. Permits were issued for 21 single family homes. Emerson Village, the 40B project off Nashua Road, is very active and going smoothly with approximately 10 homes sold.

The Building Department also issued 171 electrical permits, 160 plumbing permits and 137 gas permits, with the majority of these permits requiring the inspectors to provide a minimum of two inspections

In addition to the normal field work, all the inspectors are required to attend schooling throughout the year to maintain their licenses and certifications.

Building Department staff is available to answer your questions and address any concerns at 978-433-0329.



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board serves the Town of Pepperell by reviewing and permitting development throughout the community under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Sections 81A-GG, Subdivision Control Law, and Chapter 40A, the Zoning Act. The Planning Board's authority is defined in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations and the Zoning Bylaws of the Town.

The Board approved a three unit multi-family development on Parker Hill Way. Additionally, the Board approved an extension to a special permit for a multi-family development on Shawnee Street. A site plan was approved for the Pepperell Family Pharmacy expansion and the site plan approval for a recycling facility on Nashua Road was re-issued. An amendment was made to a special permit for Riverside estates to allow a homeowner on Deerfield Drive to construct a farmer's porch and authorization was given for a homeowner to reconstruct a driveway on Jewett Street through the provisions of the Scenic Road Act. Hearings remain ongoing for an application for a site plan review of the Shattuck Oil facility on Groton Street. A handful of ANR lots were approved by the Board throughout the year.

The Board spent the better part of the 2009 year overseeing the completion of Village Estates off Park Street to prepare for the fall 2009 special town meeting acceptance of the roadways, Village Road and Pond Circle. They continue to work towards final acceptance of both Julia Lane and Beaver Creek Circle.

The Annual Town Election left the current Planning Board in tact with Mr. McHugh being elected to another five-year term. Board elections resulted in leaving the current officers in place. Stephen Brittain was appointed for another term as the Associate Member.

Amendments were drafted and hearings were held for updating several sections of the Protective Zoning Bylaws. These amendments mostly addressed requirements for common driveways, multi-family residential developments, and home occupations, as well as, several other minor errors in the language. All of the proposed amendments were approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

Additionally, the Annual Town Meeting resulted in budget cuts to the department. The staff hours were reduced from 32 hours per week to 30 hours per week. All funding previously in the budget for training, workshops, and conferences was eliminated leaving the department with very limited monies to spend on supplies and conduct of regular business.

In additional business for the Board, the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments worked with various town departments to develop policies and procedures for expedited permitting authorized by the acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Mass General Laws. The Planning Board adopted these policies and procedures. The Board reviewed a proposed 40B project off Leighton Street and submitted their suggestions to the Board of Selectmen. The Board has had several conversations with a Maple Street homeowner regarding development of the property.

The Planning Board wishes to offer its gratitude to all of the Pepperell Town Boards, Committees, and Departments for their assistance and guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pepperell Planning Board
Nicholas Cate, Chair
Dennis Kane
Mark Marston
Richard McHugh
Stephen Themelis, Clerk



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The responsibilities and duties of the police department include the protection of life and property and the investigation of all criminal activity and motor vehicle accidents within the community.

POLICE ACTIVITY:	2009
Calls for service	8,387
Burglaries	34
Larcenies (includes cases of fraud/ID theft).....	147
Disturbance calls (general).....	164
Disturbance calls (domestic violence).....	69
Assaults (Simple).....	52
Assaults (Aggravated).....	12
Motor vehicle accidents investigated	256
Arrests/Protective custodies	164
Motor vehicle citations issued.....	1,489
Drunk driving cases.....	16
Burglar/Robbery alarm responses	283
Animal Complaints.....	127

Represented by the listed police activity is an overview of incidents the police department responds to and investigates throughout the year. Also included in the call analysis are a variety of other initiatives conducted by the police department including directed traffic enforcement (radar posts), security checks, motor vehicles events, bicycle patrols in the downtown area and rail trail path and ATV patrols just to name a few.

Unfortunately, as a result of the depressed economy the police department suffered a significant reduction in our budget that resulted in the loss of two police officers in July. Any reduction in staff results in a loss of service and is a setback in the progress made over previous years to maintain a level of service that meets the demands of the community. Any further reductions will significantly impact the ability of the police department to provide adequate service that is expected and deserved in our community.

All officers continue to be recertified annually in core tasks including firearms (twice a year), first aid/CPR/defibrillator, defensive tactics and legal updates. Much of this training is accomplished through the required annual in-service training at The Lowell Police Training facility. Officers have also begun to utilize on-line “distance learning” training as part of their training obligations. Those officers trained in less-lethal weapons applications also receive recertification training and all officers recertify annually in the use of the Tasers (electronic control devices).

In 2009 there were no formal internal affairs complaints filed against officers alleging misconduct. This reflects positively on the department and my expectations for a professional standard of conduct as officers carry out their respective duties day after day. I encourage anyone that is dissatisfied with our service to contact my office. All officers are expected to act professionally and provide fair and equal services to all citizens.

The police department did continue to provide gifts to those less fortunate during the holiday season. Many thanks to those officers that volunteered their time to conduct this project and also to the community members who donated money, toys and time (wrapping gifts) to this event. Additionally, we held our annual holiday event with the seniors in December.

As individuals living and working in our community I again welcome your comments and encourage you to report suspicious activities in your neighborhoods. We ask that all community members be diligent in protecting your property by securing your homes, businesses and automobiles. We encourage parents to be involved with your children and be aware of their activities and associations with friends.

The department wishes to thank the many members of the community who continue to support our police department and we will continue to provide the best possible service to keep Pepperell a safe and pleasant community in which to live and work. Lastly, I would like to personally thank the community for supporting me since becoming police chief in 1990 and reflect fondly on my near 35-year career with the police department as I plan for my retirement in March of 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan S. Davis
Chief of Police



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Appointing Authority: Board of Selectmen

Appointed Officials and Titles:

Frank QuattrochiCommunications Director
David R. StairsAssistant Director
Justin ZinkDispatcher
Benjamin Simmons.....Dispatcher
Tracy RancourtDispatcher
Ryan FogartyDispatcher
Rosemarie PageSpare Dispatcher

Responsibilities/Duties:

- Emergency and routine radio dispatching of Pepperell Police, Fire, Ambulance, Highway, Water, and Sewer Departments; and Dunstable Fire Department, on a 24 hour per day basis.
- Answering telephone calls for all the above departments, except for Highway, Water, and Sewer Depts., answering those lines during non-business hours.
- Operation of the NCIC/LEAPS Computer/Teletype; allowing for input and retrieval of driver and criminal history on a nationwide basis.
- Chronological documentation of all incidents and calls.
- Coordination with Civil Defense personnel during times of emergencies/disasters.

Major 2009 Activities:

Calls for emergency service:

317	Pepperell Fire Calls
91	Dunstable Fire Calls
876	Ambulance Calls
8378	Police Calls

Goals for 2010:

- Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification.
- Regionalized Dispatch Feasibility Study.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Quattrochi

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pepperell Fire Department is committed to protecting life and property in the community. The department responded to the following calls in 2009:

10	Structure Fires	870	Medical Patient Contacts
8	Motor Vehicles Fires	6	Mutual-Aid Given (Ambulance)
11	Chimney Fires	2	Animal Rescues
6	Helicopter Landings	4	Haz-Mat Spills
10	Brush Fires	6	Assist other Departments
12	Furnace Malfunction	16	Arcing Wires
15	Carbon Monoxide Calls	18	Good Intent Calls
9	Gas Odor/Leak	28	Unauthorized Open Burning
6	Mutual-Aid Given (Fire)	27	Motor Vehicle Accidents w/PI
33	Alarm Malfunctions	13	Smoke Investigations
31	Alarm Activations	52	Other Calls for Service

PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS ISSUED:

Oil Burners	60	Tank Trucks	2
Propane Storage	42	Black Powder	3
UG Tank Removals	9	Occupancy	27
Agricultural Permits	23	Fuel Storage	4
Open Burning	1127	Public Safety	24
Smoke Detector	129	Fireworks Display	1
Sprinkler	2	Fire Alarm	3

In January we started the year off with a bang, receiving a gear grant in the amount of \$73,434.00. The grant, along with the money from town meeting allowed us to purchase new gear for all the Firefighters. We also received a State Grant for FF Equipment for \$5,296.00 and a Student Awareness for Fire Education (SAFE) Grant for \$3,664.62. January also brought some sadness to the Fire Department with the resignation of Deputy Chief James Taplin, who was later replaced with FF Jonathan Kinney.

In March we received an Energizer Battery grant, which allows us to help replace batteries in detectors for the elderly and low income families in Pepperell.

Our Fire Prevention Team went into the schools in April and October to conduct fire and life safety education programs for students in grades PreK-8. On July 28 the department participated with our SAFE trailer, an Engine and the Ambulance on the town field at one of the summer band concerts.

September was an up and down month, with the passing of FF/EMT Den Connors. Den will be missed by all. September brought another grant to the Pepperell Fire Department, this one for extrication tools. The CEDAP grant was worth \$26,500.00 which included a set of jaws, cutters, two rams and its own portable power unit.

Fox 25 News came out for "Firehouse Fridays" and met with the Firefighters. A week later, the Pepperell Fire Department hosted the First Annual Pepperell Public Safety Day on the town field.

In late October we received a grant of \$500.00 from MCVFA towards the purchase of EMS jackets for our EMT's. The Ems Company has been very busy in 2009. The Company did 18 classes on CPR for residents and businesses in Pepperell. The Board of Fire Engineers would like to thank all of the fire department personnel for all of their very hard work throughout the year.

In December we received the ok from the Selectman to go further with the Paramedic upgrade.

The Board of Fire Engineers would like to thank the other town departments that worked with us during the year and the neighboring towns for their mutual aid, with special thanks to the Pepperell Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary for their help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Tyler, Chief

Peter Shattuck, Dep. Chief

Jonathan Kinney, Dep. Chief



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Our office has been quite busy with a multitude of animal problems this year. Calls consisted of nuisance, strays, and injured animals and the unfortunate dogs, cats and wildlife hit by vehicles.

I would like to remind everyone to license their dogs. You may be fined if you do not license your dog in a timely manner, and you may have to appear in court. A license is the only way for our office to identify your dog and to get your dog home if it is lost. If all dogs were licensed, we would have no strays and no lost dogs.

Have a safe, healthy and prosperous 2010, and thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Alicia Flagg, Animal Control Officer



SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The following inspections for accuracy were performed during the year of 2010:

- 14 Oil Trucks
- 57 Gasoline Pump Nozzles
- 19 Scales of various sizes
- 2 Apothecary Scale
- 8 Supermarket computerized scales

This past year has been a busy but enjoyable year. I attended a fifteen-hour course, which is required by the State of Massachusetts. This course provides updates or any changes that increases my ability to provide the best possible service for the Town of Pepperell.

This year there have been some changes. Volta is now the owner of C.W. Fuels. Also, the Circle Citgo is open once again after four years of closure.

Anyone acquiring new or replacement scales or pumps must have them officially checked and sealed before they can be used. Appointments are made through the Selectman's Office in Pepperell by calling (978) 433-0333.

Over this past year, it has been a pleasure to serve this Town. I am looking forward to another joyful year of serving the Town of Pepperell in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted:

Eric Aaltonen
Sealer of Weights and Measures



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

I hereby submit the report for the Emergency Management Agency for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The RACES Ham Radio Operators have continued to be the eyes and ears of the community, with monthly checks with the MEMA Radio Net. Each June, they hold a 24-hour Field Day Test, with communications around the world.

In 2009, we lost three volunteers – Den Connors, Deputy Director, Ann O'Donnell, Secretary for the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and Mary Femino, Auxiliary Police Officer. All three volunteers will be greatly missed.

Our 11-town Regional Emergency Planning Committee meets monthly at the Ayer Police Station with Director Ux, Fire and Police Chiefs and Board of Health.

Captain David Querze reports from the Auxiliary Police Department 2,500 hours of volunteer service to the community. Incidents or events supported included Memorial Day Parade, 4th of July Parade and Fireworks, Halloween, Groton Road Race, Christmas Toy Distribution and Field Day for the Fire Department. The Auxiliary Officer of the Year was Richard E. Baum.

In December we did a Town-wide test of the Reverse 911 System. Communications Director Frank Quattrochi reports a total of 5,321 phone numbers were dialed, 154 calls went to a fax machine, 42 calls received a busy signal and were redialed automatically, 360 calls went unanswered, 190 calls were hang-ups prior to a completed message, 2,327 calls went to an answering machine and 2,348 calls were answered. The test took nine hours to complete and was successful.

My thanks to all the volunteers who give so much of their time to make this program work.

I also want to thank the Police and Fire Chiefs, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Red Cross and other Town Department Heads for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

George Ux, Director

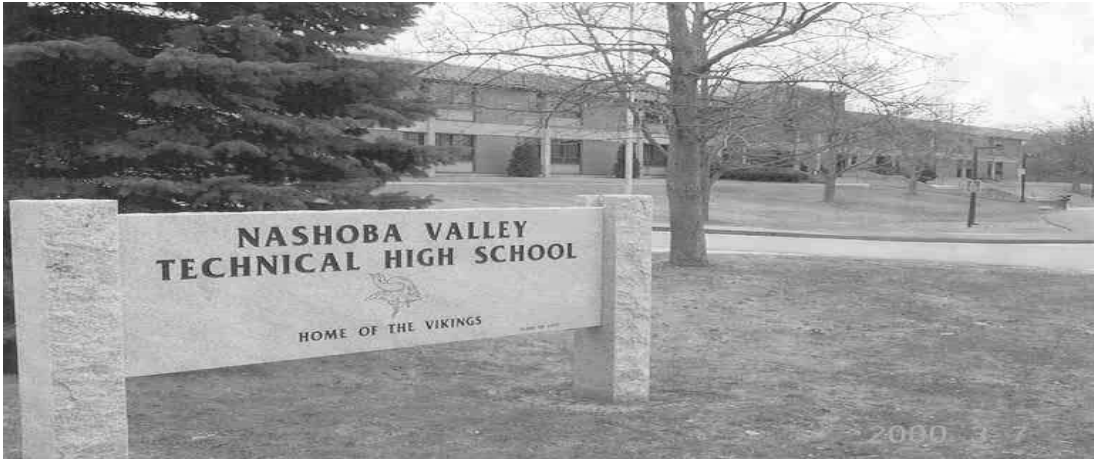


Celebrating Christmas at the Senior Center.

NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Nashoba Valley Technical High School is a regional technical high school established in 1969 to serve students grades 9–12 and also provides post-graduate programs for those between the ages of 18 and 25 years old. Nashoba has earned an impressive reputation for producing community leaders as well as providing community service. With an enrollment of approximately 700 students from seven communities, Nashoba Valley Technical High School offers career preparation in 16 technical programs.

**Pepperell's NVTHS
School Committee
Members**
Al Buckley
Janet Young
Sandra Proctor
Alternate:
Donald Bradanese



Administration

Dr. Judith L. Klimkiewicz
Dr. Lynne Celli
Ms Carol Heidenrich
Ms Melissa LeRay
Ms Denise Page Pigeon
Mr. Matthew Ricard
Ms Jeanne Savoie

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Director of Technology
Director of Special Education
Director of Curriculum/Grants
Dean of Students
Accounting Manager

Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Three 12-week trimesters. Eight 45-minute periods set in a block schedule, five days per week. The school schedule alternates one week of academic classes with a week in a career-technical area for grades 9 through 12 and post graduate students.

The Year in Review

For the 2009-2010 school year Nashoba has, as most other districts, had to tighten our belts while still striving to achieve our district goals. Thanks to our ten year plan that began in 1999-2000 we were able to achieve “all” our facility, technology, and instructional goals with total fiscal responsibility. This year all our classrooms are equipped with direct video, clickers, LCD projectors, web casting capability, and smart boards in every room. This enables every teacher to showcase 21st century teaching skills to all of our students as they prepare them for college and career.

We have maintained our focus on being fiscally and environmentally responsible by installing this fall a 100 km solar voltaic unit on our roof to reduce the cost of our electricity in a “green” way. Additionally, we installed on our new student constructed concession stand a solar voltaic unit to provide all heat and

electricity. Both these projects were completed at “no cost” to district taxpayers and were fully funded through grants.

Vocational-Technical Programs

- Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing
- Automotive Technology
- Banking, Marketing & Retail
- Carpentry/Cabinet Making
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts/Hotel Restaurant Management
- Dental Assisting
- Design & Visual Communications

(Secondary & Post Graduate)

- Electrical Technology
- Electronics/Robotics
- Engineering Technology
- Health Assisting/Early Education & Care
- Machine Tool Technology
- Plumbing/Heating
- Programming and Web Design
- TV Media Production/Theatre Arts

Special Academic Programs

Advanced Placement Honors and College Preparatory courses are available in all core subjects. Foreign language and additional educational courses are offered for all four years for all interested students.

Dual Enrollment

Juniors who are eligible and recommended by teachers/administration may elect to enter the Dual Enrollment Program and take courses the junior and senior year at a two- or four-year public college or private institution in Massachusetts or New Hampshire. Upon completion, they receive their high school diploma from Nashoba and one or two years of college credit. Many students in recent years have graduated with an Associates degree from college and their high school diploma at the same time. Also, individual study programs for talented students are directed to their area of excellence. Many of our students are accepted at such distinguished institutions as MIT, Ithaca College, Emerson College, Boston University, and University of Massachusetts, among others.

Student Activities

Nashoba sponsors an extensive program in intra-scholastic sports including varsity teams in 10 high school sports with equal opportunities for both male and female students. Other extracurricular activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Skills USA, Student Leadership, Peer Mediation, and many special interest clubs. **No user fees** are imposed on any sport, school sponsored club or activity.

Continuing & Community Education

More than 700 adult students attended the Continuing Community Education Program in late afternoon and evenings at Nashoba. More information can be found on the NVTHS website.

Community Service Projects

Nashoba is unique in its approach to community service and its relationship to its district towns. Students are expected to go with their instructors to areas of our district to work on community service projects that have been approved and selected for their benefit to the community and the learning of our students. The students perform necessary work for the district towns. The Community Service Program educates students in a real world setting and allows the towns the benefit of viewing Nashoba students at work and having a major project completed without expending limited town resources for capital improvement.





NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The 2008-09 school year was filled with many varied accomplishments. Some of the more significant include the establishment of more cost effective and educationally appropriate special needs classrooms in the district. Developing such opportunities for our students enabled the district to better address student needs. Ending the long travel for students who were, prior to the establishment of specialized educational program, transported to out of district programs often more than an hour drive away has allowed students access to quality education programs within their own community. At the high school, we expanded and strengthened pre-engineering, robotics, digital design, and on-line educational programs. Additionally, in an effort to better meet the needs of students, the high school was reorganized around an upper and lower house model. This model has proven successful in helping students adjust to the transition between middle school and high school and high school and college and/or the world of work. Clearly, 9th graders need different support systems than do 12th graders who must prepare to leave the security of their local high school. Our goal is constant...preparing students for success in a global society. While our work at the high school was significant, elementary and middle school teachers and administrators continued their efforts to strengthen elementary education programs via the implementation of a comprehensive, standards based curriculum.

All of our efforts to improve the quality of instruction and to expand educational opportunities for students were dwarfed by the impact of the deepest economic recession in 75 years. While the school year began quietly, by December 2008 it was obvious that the communities would not be able to sustain the educational delivery patterns we had enjoyed in the past. Working with town officials, parents, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders, the school committee approved a plan to consolidate schools. K-2 grade students from the Peter Fitzpatrick School and 3-5 grade students from Squannacook Elementary School were reassigned to other school buildings within the district. The district preschool program was centralized and moved to the vacated Squannacook Elementary School Building. While the consolidation enabled the district to reduce force and decrease building operational costs, these school closures were difficult for both the school and town communities. The idea of closing schools was clearly difficult to contemplate never mind accept. However, the actual move of dozens of teachers and tons of classroom supplies was even more difficult. The summer of 2009 was filled with incredible activity. Members of the plant and facilities and technology departments, teachers, students, parents and administrators all worked to ensure that “new” classrooms were ready for students on the first day of the 2009-10 school year.

Sadly, cost savings from school consolidation did not close the budget gap, but a magnanimous offer from members of employee groups did. The district received more than \$650K in salary concessions. The district also caused quite a stir when it entered into an agreement to share the services of its superintendent with another school district. Dollars saved from this plan allowed the district to hire back three more teachers who had been “pink-slipped.” The collective efforts of all within the school community enabled the district to keep educational programs vital to the future success of our students. The unselfish way in which all addressed the financial crisis is testament to the integrity and resolve of both the school district and the communities that it serves.

Finally, those of us who work and learn within the North Middlesex Regional School District are grateful to the citizens of Ashby, Pepperell and Townsend for the continued support. The future is uncertain, but our collective commitment to our children is not.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen M. Marshall
Superintendent of Schools



NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

It is with great pride that I provide this update about North Middlesex Regional High School, a student centered learning community that is committed to excellence. Our mission is to insure that each individual is challenged and supported to develop, pursue and accomplish goals in an environment of empathy and mutual respect. We are committed to empowering personal growth and thinking beyond our geographic borders.

In June of 2009, North Middlesex Regional High School graduated a class of 272 students. We are proud of both their academic accomplishments and their contributions to our school and community. A survey of this graduating class shows that 87% continued on to post secondary education, 7% went directly into the work force and 3% joined the armed services. This past fall, North Middlesex Regional High School welcomed 279 freshmen, to bring our current enrollment to 1181 students in grades 9 – 12.

Our primary goal at NM is to provide curriculum and instruction that is student centered, aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, and develops 21st century skills that our students need to be successful in their future. We are proud of our current 11th grade students who participated in the MCAS last year and scored higher than the state average in all subtests. We are pleased with our advanced placement scores, which continue to be above national averages. We would like to recognize our twenty-six advanced placement scholars, as well as our seventy-seven John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients for outstanding MCAS achievement. We remain committed to improving instructional practices to increase student achievement.

Beyond the classroom, NM students excel. Our wind symphony group earned the right to perform at Symphony Hall in Boston last spring, after earning a gold medal in the state MICCA competition. We would also like to recognize our marching band and choral group for earning awards and recognition at state MICCA competitions. Our athletic program continues to compete at a high level in the Midland-Wachusett League, with several athletes and teams qualifying for tournament play. The number of after school clubs and organizations continues to expand each year, bringing our current total to thirty-four. These programs provide students with different interests and abilities the opportunity to become involved in our school community.

NM students are socially aware and are committed to improving the community beyond the school. We are very proud of our *Relay for Life* event, which raised over \$90,000.00 last year, and was the fifth most successful student organized relay in the country! Our Adopt a Family coin drive to support local families around the holidays was very successful, and our New Orleans community service learning group will again travel to help those still affected by Hurricane Katrina. NM students know the importance of building a strong community both in and out of school. We are extremely proud of our students for both organizing and sponsoring these events.

The curriculum at Nissitissit reflects the standards written within the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We are committed to offering a challenging and accelerated curriculum to our students. Many revisions have been made in our math, science, language arts, social studies, world language, and unified arts curriculum through the efforts of district curriculum groups. In math, we offer an accelerated curriculum which replicates math programming from Singapore. Students from Singapore have scored amongst the highest in international math testing.

Nissitissit has powerful technology resources in all classrooms. Each teacher has appropriate and safe access to the Internet. The use of the Homework Zone allows parents the opportunity to use the Internet as a strong communication tool with the school. They can view homework assignments, the school calendar, their child’s schedule, and more. School newsletters are emailed to a parent distribution list. Our library and two computer labs have been equipped with outstanding resources. The media center serves as a third lab for any classroom to visit. The school has recently implemented the use of smart board technology as a new teaching tool.

The staff at NMS would like to thank the North Middlesex Regional School Committee and the entire Pepperell community for their continued support. We recognize the exceptional work that is done within this school district which enables Nissitissit Middle School to serve its children at a very high level.

In closing, this will be my last town report as I am retiring in June. It has been a tremendous honor to have worked in this community for the past 16 years. Mrs. Diane Gleason will become the next principal of NMS. The middle school model does work. Please continue to support the needs of middle school aged children at Nissitissit!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Tikonoff, Principal



VARNUM BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Varnum Brook Elementary School (VBES) began the 2009/2010 school year on August 31st, and its December 2009 enrollment was 750 students, 378 girls and 372 boys. Due to the consolidation of two Pepperell schools, Peter Fitzpatrick School (PFS) students were moved: Preschool students to a new Squannacook Early Childhood Center (SECC) in Townsend, and kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 students to Varnum Brook. Grade 5 students, previously housed at VBES, joined grades 6, 7, and 8 at Nissitissit Middle School. As a result, a new grade configuration is in place at Varnum Brook Elementary School, kindergarten through grade 4.

The mission of Varnum Brook Elementary School is to maintain a safe and nurturing environment where children, parents, teachers, neighbors, and friends work together to foster academic success and social growth. Children become confident learners who will be prepared for the demands of the twenty-first century. The staff at VBES is dedicated and committed to fulfilling this mission and providing a quality education for all children. Joining us in this effort are:

PTO Our strong parent/teacher organization works cooperatively with the school and provides many opportunities for parent involvement. An active parent volunteer program is a valuable mainstay of the school. We are fortunate to have this type of partnership in Pepperell. This year’s officers are: Co-Presidents Janelle Bell and Sue Bosworth, Vice President Roberta Frechette, Treasurer Virginia Boundy, Secretary Sandy Abernathy, and Volunteer Co-Chairs Jennifer Hallisey and LeeAnn Phoenix.

Crisis Response Team Members of the school staff, community, and police and fire departments meet to develop and review school safety guidelines, procedures, and protocol that must be in place in case of an emergency. Fire, bus evacuation, and intruder/lockdown drills are held during the year.

Teacher Advisory Council A group of teachers, representing their grade level or assignment area, meet regularly with building administration to assist in maintaining strong communication and to discuss and review issues/topics, such as report cards, the need for additional soap/paper towel dispensers, special events, curriculum, data collection, professional development, and recommended changes due to school consolidation. Joining me and Assistant Principal Eric Magnuson on this year’s council are Beth Piermarini, Audrey Kimball, Kristen O’Connor, Jennifer Santosuosso, Sharon Sheehan, Eileen Aubuchon, Kim McCarthy, and Mary-Alice DeCesare.

School Council Teachers, parents, and a community member join the principal in the formation of the Varnum Brook Elementary School Council. School improvement objectives from both PFS and VBES were edited and combined to form this year’s plan. They fall under ten district goal categories: Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Accountability, Technology, Human Resources, Communication/Partnerships, Resource Acquisition and Management, Plant and Facilities, Image, District and School Climate, and Student Services. These objectives include:

- Developing lessons for students in the area of social skills;
- Promoting professional learning communities;
- Reviewing and analyzing test/assessment results to improve instruction;
- Updating, improving, and managing building/campus security;
- Combine PFS and VBES parent groups and define its direction.

The Varnum Brook Elementary School community will work to maintain a strong advocacy for all children. We know that children have been entrusted to us, and we make their safety, welfare, and education our primary concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline A. Cormier, Ed.D.
Principal, Varnum Brook Elementary School



SQUANNACOOK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

As principal of the newly formed Squannacook Early Childhood Center I am honored to present my first annual report to the citizens of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend.

Squannacook Early Childhood Center serves 120 students ages 3, 4, and 5. Our class ratios vary from 8 - 12 students. Currently, there are 7 integrated morning classes, 5 integrated afternoon classes and 1 Substantially Separate Preschool class which is full day. The integrated preschool educates special needs students along side typically developing students. The class ratios are significant in providing an excellent learning environment for all students. The faculty and staff of Squannacook Early Childhood Center is a strong, cohesive group that works together to provide a safe and challenging environment for all students. The teachers and paraprofessionals have been incorporated from three different towns and bring a unique teaching style for students benefit.

The district curriculum correlates with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. These frameworks are based on recommendations from the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Education. Teachers utilize a variety of instructional strategies to teach various skills. This year we are

continuing with the Scott-Foresman reading series, in order to prepare our students for entrance into kindergarten programs. Our newly opened gross motor room gives students an opportunity to exercise during the winter months. Utilizing a grant from the Amanda Dwight Entertainment Fund, students will participate in a performance of “Music Programs for Children” by Rick Goldin.

Communications is important and to this end we have a monthly newsletter, bulletin boards, lobby, and route 13 signs. Connect-Ed, a district wide program, is also used for communication. Many of our students arrive and dismiss with parents which offers a daily opportunity for communication between parents and teachers.

Our staff consists of teachers who previously worked in the towns of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend. All teachers are highly qualified with degrees in Early Childhood Education as well as Special Education. One of the strengths of this program is having a variety of therapists centrally located. The program includes speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and behavior specialists. Having all therapists centrally located makes it easier to access their information which fills students’ needs.

The newly formed Squannacook Early Childhood Center has established a new Parent Teacher Organization. Our officers consist of: President – Rachel Loprinze, Vice President – Karen Cerone, Secretary – Karen Cusick, and Treasurer – Nicole Waite. The meetings take place monthly at Squannacook Early Childhood Center. The first fundraiser, which took place in the fall, was a success. The next fundraiser will take place this spring. We are forming a committee to continue to use and maintain the beautiful Squannacook Elementary School Gardens.

The support and assistance of Dr. Maureen Marshall, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Linda Rakiey, Chairperson for Special Education, are greatly appreciated. The students and staff of Squannacook Early Childhood Center recognize and appreciate the support of the Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend communities in providing the necessary resources that allow us to develop an educationally sound program for integrated preschool students.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Morassi
Principal



**DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TOWN
ENGINEER**

Despite the difficult economic times and the cutbacks that had to be made to face them, the Department of Public Works had a productive year on many issues, including a couple of projects on which I have been working on for the entire decade. I’d like to thank the Board of Public Works for their tireless work in overseeing all operations and making sure the decisions that were made represents the wishes of the Town’s residents. Also, thanks to the dedicated employees of the DPW who continue to all they can to make the Town’s roads, parks, cemeteries, Transfer Station, and Roads the best they be.

Covered Bridge: Although it was not completed by the end of the year as planned, the Town’s iconic Covered Bridge which carries Groton Street over the Nashua River, was nearing completion as 2009 drew to a close. As I’ve personally been working on the project since May 1998, it was incredibly satisfying to see the timber components of the structure being set into place in December. With its completion early in 2010, the *Pepperell Covered Bridge* will be the only covered bridge open to vehicular traffic in the state east of the Connecticut River (and only one of two in the entire state)!

Because of the importance of the Covered Bridge to the Town, historically as well as transportation-wise, I received permission from the State's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for the creation of a *River Access and Scenic View* area directly adjacent to the Covered Bridge. With the help of some individuals in Town and civic groups, this *River Access and Scenic View* area will be a great place to view the bridge and the river. The site will also have historic items and information about the site and about the previous covered bridges that crossed the river here since 1848.

Nashua Road Well: In November 1998 an engineering consultant did a Town-wide study on the best location for a new municipal well for the Water Commission. A March 1999 follow-up report narrowed these sites down to the best six and in January 2000, a site located about 1,500' west of Nashua Road at the state line was determined to be the best for a well. Final approval from DEP on this well site was obtained in June 2003. Unfortunately, negotiations with the landowner failed and the project was thought to be dead. When the land was sold to a developer in what would become Emerson Village, the project was brought back to life, and just in time as the DEP permit was about to expire.

With the cooperation of the developer and DEP, the Nashua Road well is about to become a reality, over a decade after it was initially identified as the best water source for the Town. In 2009, the land needed for the well (both in New Hampshire and Pepperell) was deeded to the Town by the developer. With the infrastructure for the distribution system for the well installed last year, 2009 was the year for the design. The Water Division of the DPW obtained Town Meeting funding for the design and with the intense scrutiny of the Designer Selection Committee, chose a design engineer in July of this year. By the end of the year, the draft design was complete and environmental issues were being finalized. It is expected that the well will be advertised for construction in time to seek funding authorization at the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting and that work will begin in the summer of 2010. The Nashua Road Well, which was given the highest priority in the Water Division's 2008 Water Supply and Distribution Study, should come on-line in early 2011. The Town will have a third aquifer as its source of water, redundancy in the system, and an adequate supply through the year 2025.

December 2008 Ice Storm Emergency: I'm sure we all remember the night of December 11, 2008 and the Ice Storm that continued through the next day, devastating the entire region. Pepperell was exceptionally hard hit as trees and limbs littered the Town, many roads were completely impassable, power was out for days in parts of Town, and the Varnum Brook Middle School was used as an emergency shelter. After the DPW and emergency personnel immediately responded to the emergency, 2009 was time for the cleanup. The Parks and Cemetery Division was able to recover by the end of March but the Highway Division could only work on clearing the rights-of-way after the snow melted. They worked on debris removal Town-wide from the end of March through the end of May, frequently using two crews at a time! By the time the work was completed, nearly 3,000 cubic yards of debris had been disposed of.

The Town, however, had considerable success in obtaining reimbursement from the Federal (FEMA) and State (MEMA) governments. This office spent an inordinate amount of time submitting the necessary paperwork but with the help of the Town Accountant and Town Treasurer, along with that of various department heads, the Town was able to recover \$177,662.18 in reimbursable costs. Thanks to all of those who helped out in this very successful effort.

Sewer Division: The Sewer Division continued its expansion of the sewer collection system in Town, which was started after the Treatment Plant was upgraded in 2003 and the Sewer District was created in 2005. In July the 2008/2009 project was completed, but not without problems. For the first time since the DPW's involvement in sewer work, we did not have the luck we had with contractors that we had in the past. The first contractor's contract was terminated in 2008 because of poor performance and the second contractor's work was of such poor quality (compaction problems and not completing the contract work)

that the DPW had to finish the work. Things improved in 2009 when an excellent contractor was the low bidder. The work on Brookline, Mill, and Hollis Streets was completed in July very successfully and the betterments assessed in October for those served by the project.

Planning for the 2010 extension project began in early 2009 when the Board of Public Works approved extending sewer service to the area off Brookline Street at the northwest limits of the Sewer District. Requests for Proposals were sent out and again the Designer Selection Committee did an excellent job in reviewing the numerous proposals received before choosing a new designer, who has worked out very well. The project's final design was being completed as 2009 drew to a close. Because this area will require a new pump station and because of variable grades in this area, it will be the most complex project the DPW has undertaken but it will be worthwhile as the extension will serve the last large area within the sewer district still without sewer service.

Sewer also procured a new sewer line camera in 2009, replacing a very old one that was not reliable and very out-of-date. This device is extremely important when there are problems in sewer lines, being able to pinpoint the exact location of problems so any necessary repairs can be made much more quickly. At the end of the year, Sewer was also moving forward on a structure that would provide cover for the ultra-violet disinfection system at the treatment plant, which will provide better protection for the final treatment of the effluent before it flows into the Nashua River.

Sewer was also involved in abatement processes for both billings and betterments; applied for the State's rate relief grants; advising the Board on determining usage rates for 2010; and inspections on both the sewer extension project (at great savings to ratepayers) and private projects as well.

Water Division: Although moving the Nashua Road Well project forward was the most significant undertaking for Water in 2009, it was not all that was done. The next phase of installing new meter reading devices that would facilitate remote meter readings was begun. When this project is complete, the Water Division will be able to begin quarterly billing for water bills (and also for sewer bills as these meter readings are used to determine sewer bills as well). The DPW has this as a high priority, not only to help the cash flow of these Enterprise Funds (which would help stabilize rates) but also to allow homeowners to better budget for this expense than the current semi-annual billings allow.

The Water Division also applied for a grant for continuing its water conservation program in municipal buildings; joined a mutual aid group called "MassWarn" which will be very helpful in an emergency situation; and began the work necessary to relocate the access drive to the Jersey II well site, necessary because the original access when the well opened in the 1990s was not located on Town land, coordinating with the adjacent landowner, the Conservation Commission, and the electric utility; and signed an Inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Groton which would not only address serving some Groton properties in the proposed Reedy Meadow subdivision (for the protection of the two Town wells in this immediate vicinity) but also to formalize a limited number of Groton properties that have been served by the Pepperell system for decades.

Highway Division: Although slowed by reductions in their budget, the Highway Division did its best to keep up the maintenance of the Town's roadways in 2009. Highway was able to do substantial road paving, using Chapter 90 funds from the State (the future of which is uncertain) and coordinating with the Sewer Division on completed sewer projects. Parts of Nashua Road, Brookline Street, Oak Hill Street, Jersey Street, Harbor Street, and Jewett Street were resurfaced in 2009. Other Sections of Hollis Street and Nashua Road had spot repairs done so as to allow these sections to last a few more years when they can be completely resurfaced.

The Highway Division also addressed drainage problems on Elm Street, Oak Hill Street, Main Street, and Shirley Street in 2009, as well as investigate drainage issues on Hollis Street for repair work in 2010. The repairs at Shirley Street required the rebuilding of a culvert under the old railroad embankment that parallels it to the east, work which was coordinated with private landowners.

The most challenging issue for the Highway Division in 2009 as the year drew to a close was winter operations with a reduced staff size and ever increasing costs of sand, salt, and fuel. Highway will, as they have done in the past make the Town's streets safe for travel in the winter as quickly as possible but it may take a little more time than it has in prior winters.

Also in 2009, Highway received updated permits from the State for their vegetation control within rights-of-way program, for the reuse of catch basin cleanings in an environmentally sensitive manner, and for the annual bituminous concrete recycling program, which benefits the Town tremendously by combining the proper disposal of broken asphalt with a process that provides Highway with an excellent road-building material.

Parks and Cemetery: The Town's parks, cemeteries, and common areas once again were kept in excellent condition in 2009, which was not an easy task with the budget reductions imposed on this Division. Athletic fields and facilities were always well maintained and clean, and the cemeteries looked great, especially on Memorial Day when they are most visited. Parks and Cemetery also worked with the local athletic groups who contributed to some of the materials needs of the Division, such as seed and fertilizer, and this was greatly appreciated by the DPW.

Transfer Station: The Transfer Station, the third of the three DPW Enterprise Fund operations (meaning they are funded by their own revenues and not by tax-based funds), also felt the effect of the economic conditions but not in the same manner as the others. This facility was adversely impacted by the complete collapse of the market for recycled materials. This is an international market that fell to zero in late 2008 and early 2009, severely reducing recycling revenues. It bounced back during 2009 but the drop in revenues already had its effect. The Board of Public Works decided that although an increase in fees was justified, it was not the time to do so, and that any revenue loss would be covered by the operation's free cash. This is not something that should be done as free cash has always paid for capital improvements at the facility, but postponing fee increases for even one year under these circumstances would lessen the economic burden on the average homeowner in Town who use the Transfer Station.

I would also add that the operation extended its contract for solid waste disposal for three years at a considerably reduced tipping fee, more than 13% lower in the current year than was being paid in 2007 and will stay less than the 2007 fee through 2013. We also extended our contract with our recycling company which allows the continued free use of a compactor at the facility. We are looking at ways to change the operation further in 2010 that will increase recycling revenues, as well as possible participation in a regional recycling group. Finally, I would like to thank Donelan's Market for continuing to work with the Transfer Station with the selling of bag tags for trash disposal for the convenience of our customers, and to thank the Pepperell Family Pharmacy for doing the same starting in 2009.

Town Engineer: As you are no doubt aware, the Pepperell Director of Public Works doubles as the Town Engineer, which I believe results in savings to the Town on many issues. This was never more true than in 2009 when there was much effort required on making decisions on subdivisions that would be in the best interests of the Town. Considerable effort was needed to ensure that Village Road and Pond Circle (off Park Street and known as North Village Estates) met the requirements of the Town before they were accepted as Town public ways at the Special Town Meeting in October. Countless site inspections along with reviews of as-built and acceptance plans and bond values were required. Another project, although not as far along as

the others, Emerson Village, the “40B” project off Nashua Road at the state line also required many inspections and construction coordination in 2009, a project under the jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals.

We were not as lucky with two other subdivisions, Julia Lane and Beaver Creek Circle located between Nashua Road and Elliott Street, where the developer effectively abandoned the project by being non-responsive to acceptance issues in 2009. By year’s end, the remaining bond funds established for the completion of the project will be used to pay for winter operations for 2010, then to cover project completion costs. I have no doubt that the work will be completed, along with the completion of the necessary paperwork, so the roads will be accepted as Town ways in 2010.

The Board of Selectmen appointed the Town Engineer as the point person to coordinate investigations into possible uses for the old Mill Site, located just north of the Main Street bridge on the west side of the Nashua River. This position included coordination of the efforts of three separate consultant’s studies for the site, dealing with NMCOG and Mass Development, and providing all information required by the “43D” grant to the state agencies that provided the Town with the grant worth more than \$50,000. The Selectmen also asked the Town Engineer to review a proposed new “40B” subdivision off Leighton Street and to do initial investigations on the painting of Town Hall. The Board of Health has been using this office to reduce the testing required at the closed landfill off Boynton Street at DEP’s approval, saving the Town about \$20,000 over the next three years, to obtain the services of a new testing consultant, and to coordinate the field work required of this new consultant.

The Town Engineer also worked with Mass Highway on the proposed replacement of the Mill Street Bridge over the Nissitissit River, a project expected to get underway in 2010, primarily obtaining the necessary easements necessary for the work and the coordination of the project’s public hearing; coordination was done with the State and a private group on the replacement of two culverts at Oak Hill and Chestnut Streets, where the structures would be paid for by the State and installed by the Highway Division; continued to participate on the *Signs and Safety Committee* along with the Police Chief and Highway Superintendent to discuss roadway safety issues and requests for signage made by the residents; site plan reviews for the Planning Board on such projects as common driveways, the expansion of the Family Pharmacy, improvements to the Shattuck Oil facility off Groton Street, and a multi-family development on Parker Hill Way as well as bond reviews for many ongoing projects; I also worked with the Planning Board at the end of the year on updating the Town’s Water Resources Protection Zoning Overlay Districts, also to correct an error in the existing WRPOD language; to work with the Library on the use of a grant in excess of \$10,000 for alternative energy projects, which became the solar power exterior lights behind the library; to continue working on the Town’s GIS (*geographic information system*) program, where budget cuts made it temporarily a tool of the DPW while still providing limited service to other Town Departments; and fully implemented compliance by the Town with the State’s new regulations on open trenches

As DPW Director, I worked with the Board to coordinate their monthly meetings and to review the DPW bills on a bi-weekly basis for the Board to approve. I also set up a new uniform service for all divisions of the DPW (a much more time consuming effort than one might think) as well as new cell phone service for DPW division heads that resulted in lower costs; made many trips to the Registry of Deeds to record Town documents requiring so; attended many meetings with the Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the public (including the 5-session Annual Town Meeting in May) on budget issues; and set up trench safety training for DPW employees.

As I am now in my thirteenth year as Town Engineer and entering my ninth as Director of the DPW, I have dealt with many fine people who are truly dedicated to the Town of Pepperell. In 2009 the Town government experienced significant change in replacing our Town Administrator and Town Accountant, and very sadly losing our Systems Administrator Den Connors. In 2010, we’ll be replacing our Police Chief

and our Town Clerk. As much as I'll miss working with these talented people, I know that change is a reality and a good thing. I look forward to working with the new Town officials on whatever they need from me. I feel confident that the Town will move forward successfully, despite the trying economic times we now face, and I very much look forward to the challenges that face the Department of Public Works.



HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, TREE WARDEN, AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

The following is a report from my daily activities of the Highway Department, Transfer Station, Tree Warden and Moth Department.

This year we have still spent many hours cleaning up some left over damage of the December 12, 2008 ice storm and we have been looking for the Asian Longhorn Beetle. So far we feel that the beetle has not landed in Pepperell. We have had some look a likes however.

We started out the New Year with the crews cleaning up limbs and taking down damaged trees on all our streets. On January 5th we had a freezing rain and on the 7th 6" of snow. More squalls on the 8th, another 8.5" of snow on the 11th. with snow showers causing slippery road on 12th. We hauled snow from our regular locations to allow for better sight at intersections etc. We worked on the sidewalk with the snow blower and at times when needed we sand them. More snow on the 18th 18" and 3" on the 19th. Pothole patching is an on going job in the winter due to snow melting and frost heaves. New England weather is very hard on the streets. 5" more snow on Jan. 28th a total of 40.5" of snow for January.

February 4th – 3" of snow and on the 8th we hit 50 degrees with lots of melting causing many pot holes and having to put two trucks out to keep up with the holes.

Frost heave signs were put up on some streets that get bad frost heaves in February. 3" snow Feb 19th 4" on the 23rd. March 2nd – 13. 5" and on the 9th 5 more inches.

We assisted the Senior Center with moving a small building from Nashoba Tech to the center.

We also helped at the Lawrence Library with installing a handicapped ramp and repaired all the drainage from the building replacing a drain pipe.

The voting booths were set up for voting and taken down. We assisted the Water, Sewer and Parks Department through out the year on miscellaneous jobs.

With the end of March in sight we will start to clean all the sidewalks and begin to sweep the streets from the winter sanding and salting.

Catch basins cleaning will get started in April.

The Highway Dept. installed new drainage on Brookline Street in a few locations while the Sewer project was taking place by the Highway Dept. and one new catch basin was installed on Brookline St with a new pipe.

We improved the sight at the corner of Shattuck and Harbor St. before we paved Harbor Street and also repaired all the drainage on the street from Townsend town line to Shattuck Street.

Streets paved this year were Hollis St.- spot patching Harbor and a section of Jewett Street- skimmed coat on Brookline from the sewer job. Nashua Rd. from Hollis Street to Hadley Rd., Oakhill Street from Lawrence to Park st. area. Jersey St from Groton town line to Rt. 113 Lowell Rd.

The Highway Dept. again picked up all the orange trash bags that the residents put along the street as part of the Pepperell Clean-Up. This is a great service to the Highway Dept and the Town of Pepperell.

The mechanic repaired all fire department equipment through the year this is a substantial savings to the town.

We hauled 1019.81 tons of trash to the burn center in North Andover.

Another catch basin installed on Townsend Street. All cross walks were painted in May.

The dirt roads were graded when needed and all the street signs were checked and repaired or replaced. After paving the street the shoulders were all backed up with recycled asphalt. Roadside mowing was done thru out the town.

A new culvert installed on Jewett Street before we put new asphalt and also added a catch basin for water control on a problem area.

Again this year we had to deal with our pesky friends Mr. Beaver. We had many culverts blocked and helped the Nashoba Valley Conservation Trust with a large culvert on Shirley Street at the old railroad bed.

We did weed control spraying on our sidewalks in July.

Another catch basin installed on Mill Street

The Highway personal repaired cement and installed a new hot top apron at the lower entrance to the town hall. We did some repairs for the Parks Dept. at the basketball hoop area on the town field.

On October 18th we had snow flurries.

This year we had a private contractor in to do some spot patching on Hollis Street in the shoulders with a power paving machine. This worked out quite well and will hold this street together for a few years until we can pave it shoulder to shoulder.

Repaired another basin on Townsend Street that caved in at #20 area.

On October 20th we had a temperature of 71°.

Street painting of yellow and white fog lines were done in October.

With November in sight we are putting sand and salt into the shed and preparing the winter equipment.

This completes some of the activities of the Highway, Transfer and the Tree Warden's Departments.

I would like to thank all the departments through out the town that we worked with for any help they have assisted us with this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter J. Shattuck, sr.
Highway Superintendent,
Transfer Station Superintendent



CEMETERY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

During the year 2009 we continued to operate the cemetery on a twelve-month basis. There were a total of 25 burials at Woodlawn Cemetery and Walton Cemetery. The total revenue generated from these burials was \$8,375.00. Of the 25 burials, 16 were cremations and 9 were full burials.

This year a total of 15 lots were sold; 13 were full burial lots, and 2 were cremation lots. The revenue generated from lot sales was \$5,225.00. The Department continued clearing a new section for future expansion.

The Parks Department continues to maintain 50-plus acres of recreational land. The Parks Department thanks the organizations that contribute to the seed monies especially during these trying fiscal times.

I would like to thank the entire staff at the Town Hall and the other Town Departments for their support and cooperation throughout 2009.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Public Works,

Terence K. Spaulding
Cemetery & Parks Department Manager



WATER DIVISION

In addition to the Report by Director of Public Works, this is a supplemental report by the Pepperell Water Division.

For over 101 years the Pepperell Water Division, formerly known as the Pepperell Water Department, has met the needs of the Town as well as the requirements imposed by the State and Federal regulation. The Pepperell Water Division continues to serve the community with dedication and integrity.

With over 3,100 services (serving 10,000 customers); the Pepperell Water Division pumped 246 million gallons of water in 2009 and over that 12 month period the Division has met all drinking water quality criteria without any violations.

The Water Division continued its aggressive maintenance program. The Water Division has flushed the entire system to remove iron, manganese, and other sediments in the water mains. During the flushing process we inspect each hydrant and work the buried valves. Any broken hydrant is quickly repaired or replaced if necessary. Any valve that is not functioning properly is placed on a repair list where we can systematically repair or replace the valves. Some valve replacements may be a part of a bigger main replacement program.

In 2009, the Pepperell Water Division began a radio read installation program to replace the old touch pad reading devices located on the outside of the house or building being served. This replacement will help facilitate meter reading and when completed allow for a quarterly billing for all customers, most of whom now receive semi-annual bills. What took several weeks to complete for each billing cycle under the old system will only take several days when the installation of the new devices is complete. At the end of 2009, we had installed 500 new radio read devices.

By switching to a quarterly billing we hope that the bills will be more manageable for the rate payers. While the overall annual payment would be the same, the payment schedule would be spread out to quarterly (4) as opposed to semi annual (2).

During 2009 the Water Division responded to an average of 3 service calls per day in addition to Dig Safe mark out requests, water main flushing, and their normal operational duties. Some of the 2009 Service calls were as follows

- 15 New water services or connections
- 152 Hydrants repaired (150) or replaced (2)
- 9 Breaks / Leaks
- 5 Service / Main repairs by PWD (4 repaired by others)
- >400 Hydrants Flushed and inspected

After the Special Town Meeting in the fall, the Pepperell Water Division began the engineering for the new well which will be located off Nashua Road near the New Hampshire boarder. This project will provide a third source of water for the town. The construction phase of this project will begin in 2010 if approved at the Annual Town Meeting in 2010.

It is only with a dedicated staff, sound operational procedures and good planning that this could have been accomplished. I commend all those that work in the Water Division and thank them for the dedicated service.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark A. Richardson
Superintendent – Pepperell Water Division



SEWER & WASTEWATER DIVISION

In addition to the Report by Director of Public Works, this is a supplemental report by the Pepperell Sewer and Wastewater Division.

The Pepperell Sewer and Wastewater Division has been operating as a stand alone Department or a Division of the Pepperell DPW for 31 years. Over that time there have been many changes to the wastewater treatment facility and the collection system has expanded greatly. Currently the system consists of over 48 miles of sewer in Pepperell, 25 miles of sewer in Groton, 8 pump stations and a 1.1 MGD extended aeration wastewater facility in Pepperell.

In 2009 the Division continued to expand the system by installing approximately 6,443 feet of gravity sewer main on Brookline Street, the remaining portion of Mill Street and two sections of Hollis Street. This project was a continuation of the 2008 which was suspended after having less than desirable contractors. The 2009 contractor, Albanese D&S, Inc completed the project on time, within budget, and without any problems. Inspections were done by Pepperell Sewer & Wastewater Division personnel.

The Sewer & Wastewater Division also inspected all sewer lines installed as service laterals or private collection systems that will discharge to the Pepperell Sewer System. The largest private project in 2009 was the installation of the first phase of sewer in Clark's Retirement Homes, Inc. off Mason Street, which included approximately 1,000 feet of gravity sewer, 27 service laterals and 26 actual connections. The remaining phase will be completed in 2010.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility treated 182.6 Million Gallons of wastewater and over 1 million gallons of septage in 2009. The facility continues to have a removal efficiency of 96.6 percent for both solids and BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand), two main parameters used to show how well the facility is performing. We continued the phosphorous removal program from April through October as part of our Federal permit with good success using polymers that help pull out the nutrient.

The Division continued its pro-active maintenance programs, which include flushing, inspection and general maintenance of the collection system and pumping stations in Pepperell as well as in Groton. Under normal operation we have three wastewater Operators, two collection system personnel, One Chief Operator and Secretarial support, each willing to change their daily activities to pitch in wherever is needed. This facility continues to protect two of the town's most precious assets, The Nashua and Nissitissit Rivers.

I thank all those that work for the Sewer & Wastewater Division for the service and dedication they have shown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark A. Richardson
 Superintendent Pepperell Sewer Division



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Pepperell Board of Health (BOH) has undergone two major changes in this last year. 1) We went from an appointed Board (by the Board of Selectman to fill open positions) to a fully elected Board. 2) We went from a self administration to joining Nashoba Associated Board of Health (NABH), as per the Town's vote of May 4, 2009.

A brief overview of some of the budget changes the BOH has faced. 1) In 2008 we had a budget of (\$125,000) and we turned back (\$30,000) in collected fees to the general fund and we answered all calls for service with the local BOH. 2) In 2009, we continued to respond to local calls for service for the first six months and turned in (\$20,000) to the general fund. Our budget for 2010 is (\$93,000) and we had (\$63,000) appropriated for joining NABH. This left a very narrow window to fund an animal inspector, Robin Herbert and a Board Secretary, Sandra Grogan, in addition to supplies to run the office efficiently. NABH's arrival since July 2009, has been a smooth transition however; they now take all fees as their own. The only fee that the BOH accepts is the Rubbish Haulers; everything else is processed by NABH.

A fairly new NABH staff member, Kalene Garbarz, R.S. has been assigned as the Health Agent for the BOH and she works under the Director, James Garrefffi, CHO, R.S. at NABH. They are both professional and are doing a competent job, aligning the smooth transition of the BOH into NABH.

NABH by the numbers:

Environmental Information Responses & Pepperell Office (days)	72
Food Service Licenses & Inspections	16
Housing & Nuisance Investigations	41
Septic System Test Applications	11
Lot Tests	33
Plan Applications	14
Plan Reviews	21
Inspections	25
Consultations	75
Well Permits & Water Quality/Well Consultations	3/24
<i>NABH Nursing by the numbers:</i>	
Nursing Visits	2363
Home Health Aide Visits	1808
Rehabilitative Therapy Visit	1518
Medical Social Service Visits	94

With assistance of the Board Secretary, we were able to set up a Rabies Clinic and Hazardous Waste Day. Per the Town Meeting vote, the secretary's hours were reduced from 15 to 9 hours per week. A position once held for a steady, necessary thirty-hour work week for more than a decade. This has greatly impacted the BOH office, the need for BOH services with the Board Secretary fielding calls and walk-ins has been put by the wayside. We also set up and ran by ourselves in early 2009, a well attended rabies clinic; held at the Jersey St. Fire Station. We also set up and ran a Hazardous Waste Collection day, also at Jersey St. and the attendance was substantial. We look forward to this years' up and coming Rabies clinic and Hazardous Waste Day, with support from NABH. We would like to thank the Fire Department and Highway Department and all the volunteers for their help at both clinics.

NABH - Here is a brief snapshot of their services thus far. NABH took action on over 500 calls for service from 7/1/09 to 12/24/09 which ranged from environmental, housing, food, nuisance and general BOH duties. The Health Agent, Ms. Garbarz handled well over 300 hours of Sanitation services to the community. Also the assigned staff nurse, Sharon Fata, RN has been working with the Senior Center, the elderly housing and attends Triad meetings to ensure a smooth transition with Public Health Nursing. The BOH and NABH set up and ran two flu clinics for H1N1 and seasonal flu with great success. There were over 500 shots administered at these clinics and they were staffed by 11 NABH nurses. "I believe the transition to NABH membership has been smooth and we greatly appreciate all the assistance and support from the Chairman and the Board, the Board Secretary and the staff at the Senior Center. I believe we are providing the Board and the Town of Pepperell with excellent, dedicated staff and encourage any comments on the services you may have. If any time you feel the service is not acceptable please don't hesitate to contact me at the office." (J. Garreff)

Even with all the cuts faced, not only by the BOH but rather all Town Departments, we hope to maintain quality of services to our towns' people. We as your local BOH and NABH look forward to continue our services and maintain commitment to consistency and quality.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BOH:

Bob Lambert, Chairman
John Marriner, Member
Al Buckley, Member
Sandra Grogan, Board Secretary
Robin Herbert, Animal Inspector

& NABH staff:

Kalene Garbarz, R.S. Health Agent
Sharon Fata, RN. Staff Nurse



VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Veterans' Services Officers are veterans who are officials appointed by the mayor in cities and the boards of selectmen in towns. They work under the direction of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Veterans' Services. One Veterans' Service Officer may serve as a District Officer for two or more contiguous communities. The Veterans' Service Officer's job is to counsel, advise, and assist local veterans and their dependents in whatever way he can. Duties encompass but are not limited to dispensing state-sponsored veterans' benefits and assisting veterans and their dependents or survivors in obtaining federal benefits or entitlements for which they may be eligible; disbursing monetary and medical benefits and act as the veterans' burial agent for his municipality or district and arrange for proper interment of deceased veterans. The Veterans' Service Officer provides assistance in the areas of

housing, employment, medical and educational needs, and alcohol/drug rehabilitation. The Veterans' Services Officer also coordinates with local hospitals, nursing homes and eldercare facilities to insure that veterans or widows are receiving proper treatment and all entitlements. The Veterans' Service Officer is expected to be an active participant with local, state, and federal human services agencies to ensure that maximum effort is placed on veteran-related problems and needs.

The Veterans' Service Officer holds office hours on Wednesday from 1 PM until 4 PM. The Veterans' Service Officer can be contacted at 978-433-0342. Also, appointments can be made for the convenience of the applicant applying for veteran's benefits.

Each case is serviced with utmost discretion. Individual cases are confidential and not open to the public. Approximately 45 Veterans are assisted each year in Pepperell. Approximately \$21,696.26 was given to local veterans for assistance.

Goals for 2010

Contact Iraq & Afghanistan veterans and provide the necessary information on benefits.

Continue to use all available means to disseminate veteran's information to the public.

Support the Army Community Covenant.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Mazzola
Veterans Service Officer



Lt. David Scott and Sgt. Jim Peters are thanked by Charlotte Bennett for the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Pepperell Police Department.

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

There was an addition of (7) Veterans interred as follows at the Pepperell cemeteries during the year of 2009: Woodlawn = 5, Walton = 0, Pepperell Association = 0, and St Joseph's = 2.

TOTAL INTERMENTS BY WARS

War	Walton	Woodlawn	Pepperell Association	St. Joseph's	Total
Revolutionary	27	0	0	0	27
War of 1812	0	1	0	0	1
Civil War	13	9	10	5	37
Spanish-Am.	0	2	1	7	10
World War I	1	44	33	39	117
World War II	9	145	51	85	290
Korean War	2	24	6	9	41
Vietnam	1	10	2	6	19
Persian Gulf	0	0	0	1	1
Other	0	5	3	0	8
Total	53	240	106	152	551

Respectfully Submitted,

Terence K. Spaulding
Veterans' Grave Officer



COUNCIL ON AGING

Mission Statement: *The Pepperell Council on Aging is dedicated to providing services and programs for the senior citizens in the town of Pepperell that will promote independence, dignity and well being.*

We would like to thank the residents of Pepperell for their support during this financially difficult year. The Senior Center was at risk of closing completely if the override vote did not pass. Thankfully, the Senior Center's doors remain open and the seniors who have given so much to this Town are able to continue to utilize all the services we have to offer.

The Council on Aging Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 in the Pepperell Senior Center, located on 37 Nashua Road. This meeting is open to the public. Board members serving during 2009 were: Chairperson Merle Green, Vice Chairperson Cathy Forrest, Secretary Dianne Kazanjian, Jerrilyn Bozicas, Sandra Dube, Barry Fuller and Nancy Harris.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9-3 and provides a gathering place where seniors enjoy social, recreational, health and educational activities. Regular activities include Aerobics, Bingo, Bowling, Cards, Computer Classes, Knitting / Crocheting, Line Dancing, Men's Group, Movies, Painting, Singing and Yoga. The Council on Aging had hoped to extend its hours of operation to accommodate those seniors who continue to work during the day, but due to budgetary constraints we are not able to attain this goal.

The Council on Aging also provides a variety of services to the residents of Pepperell including; fuel

assistance, support groups, weight management, health benefit counseling, friendly visitors, AARP tax preparation, File of Life, congregate and home delivered meals. Over 6,200 meals were prepared and served to home bound residents this year.

Health and Wellness Clinics include blood pressure checks, hearing screenings and Influenza Clinics. We offer ongoing education provided by a variety of professionals on medical issues.

As the only social service agency operated by the town, we work closely with the Veteran's Agent, Fire and Police Departments, as well as outside agencies including Nashoba Nursing, Montachusett Home Care, Montachusett Opportunity Council, the Lowell Transit Authority and the Central Mass Area Agency on Aging

In 2009, 1,805 of Pepperell's residents were age 60 or over. This is a 5% increase in Pepperell's senior population from just two year ago. Programs are designed for residents over 60 but there is no age qualification to utilize them. A monthly newsletter, which provides up to date information is available at various locations around Town and on line www.town.pepperell.ma.us/coa

The Council on Aging oversees the Property Tax Work off Program. This program enables homeowners 60 years old and over to work in a Town Department in exchange for a maximum \$600 real estate tax credit. Six seniors participated in this program and assisted several departments in Town including the Town Clerk, Treasurer's Department, Library and the Water Department.

The Senior Center has over 130 volunteers who together have worked over 7,000 hours. Without our incredible volunteers we would not be able to provide the services we do. Our Lady of Grace Church, Pepperell Christian Fellowship, our own Seniors and various community groups take turns preparing and serving a home cooked meal every Wednesday to a full house at the Senior Center. Our Friends' Group has also been vital in supplying equipment and ongoing support.

Several non-profit groups and other town departments continue to utilize the building after hours. The Senior Center has been designated as a temporary Emergency Shelter.

We are grateful for the community's ongoing support of the Council on Aging and appreciate your donations and volunteer work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Mercurio
COA Director



CULTURAL COUNCIL

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and through a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the Commonwealth. The Pepperell Cultural Council (PCC) is one of over 335 local and regional councils representing all 351 cities and towns in the state.

The mission of the MCC is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

The MCC receives an annual appropriation from the Massachusetts Legislature and funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Wallace Foundation, and other sources. One of the ways in which it

The ridership for Pepperell in Fiscal Year 2009 was 1,847 passenger trips.

The LRTA Road Runner operates a 16 passenger 2005 Ford Minibus within the Town of Pepperell. New vehicles are acquired through the Commonwealth's Mobility Assistance Program, which provides 80% of the cost of the new vehicle, while the Federal Transit Administration provides the remaining 20% matching share.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Fuller
LRTA Advisory Board



LAWRENCE LIBRARY

Two thousand nine (2009) was a year of contrasts. The first half of the year was one of uncertainty at Lawrence Library as patrons and the Friends of the library focused their efforts to save the library from closing. An information campaign began in full swing in April in an effort to successfully pass the 2010 library budget by override ballot; and on June 29th Pepperell voters turned out in record numbers to pass by a convincing 72%, the override ballot to fund the library, senior center and community center. The remainder of 2009 was filled with much joy, relief and experienced an additional surge in new library cards.

This year the library checked out 132,676 items resulting in a 5% circulation increase. Interlibrary loan items borrowed and requested decreased by 1% (Total items borrowed and loaned were 16,037. The decrease is the result of the Interlibrary loan suspension in June while the library awaited the override vote outcome.) The library website usage was (up 14%) as reflected by the increased usage of the on-line databases, web page hits, room booking software, event calendar program registration, museum pass bookings and the summer reading module. The foot traffic for the year was over 77,000 an average of 320 library users per day.

In spite of the budget uncertainty, it was another busy year for adult, teen and children's programming with the library offering 444 special events/programs. The Summer Reading Program theme for 2009 was *Starship Adventure @Your Library*. Our overall summer reading numbers were slightly less because the yearly in-school library promotion was suspended in May and June, while we waited for the outcome of the override vote. Building upon the successful 2008 summer reading program, we continued utilizing the online software which allowed readers to share their thoughts about the books they read with other readers in their age group.

A few of the special event/program highlights for the year:

- For children – Bubble Blast, Stories on the Lawn, Baby Adventures, Prince and Pirate Party, Wii Family Day, monthly movies, Starship Mime and Davis Bates & Roger Ticknell Starship Constellation Stories both underwritten by the Pepperell Cultural Council.
- For teens - monthly Teen Knitting, Guitar Hero, Video Gaming Night, Movie Matinees, a Horse Information program, Cartooning with Andy Fish (underwritten by the Pepperell Cultural Council), and more.
- For adults – Patriot Fife & Drum Duo (underwritten by the Pepperell Cultural Council), programs focused on stretching the family budget such as: monthly Tech Talks workshops using free OpenSource Software, multi-part Job Search & Career Seminar, ReDesign and Stage to Sell; Yoga with Elise, monthly book discussion groups, Learn to Play Bridge classes, Cooking with Chocolate, Easter Pysanky, Poetry Night, author nights and more.

The library provided meeting space for 279 non-profit programs/events. Some of the community groups were ARC, Folk Dancing with the Nashoba Valley International Dancers, Democrat town committee, Destination Imagination, La Leche, NRWA, Spanish Conversation Group, Brownie and Boys /Girls Scout meetings, PACH, Conservation and the Cable Committee.

Artist exhibits in the Art Gallery included: local artists Maurico Puente, James Trieby and Nan Quintin, the Nashua Artists Breakfast Club, the Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club, the Squannicook Colonial Quilt Guild and the Nashoba Valley Artists.

The Friends of the Library once again provided their unparalleled support. When informed that the 2010 library budget was zeroed and to be placed on an override ballot, they tirelessly rallied with signage, a town-wide informational mailing and numerous visibility rallies. Their efforts helped save the library! The Friends' annual fundraisers this year included the toy yard sale, the weekend book sale in March, two Home Show Market Place and the very popular OctoberFest, which provided a wonderful sampling of wines, beers, assorted foods, piano music and art raffle by Nita Casey. Once again these events plus membership made possible the \$10,000 donation for the purchase of children's books and programs. Additionally, the Friends purchased more picture hooks for the hang system in the Art Gallery, 30 folding chairs, and a coat/chair storage rack for the Art Gallery. The Friends continued to fund all museum passes (a total of 12 museums); sponsored the refreshments for the artist gallery receptions, hosted Earth Day events, contributed funds to start a DVD gaming collection, coordinated numerous holiday craft programs and the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. Their dedication, contributions and support are always needed and greatly appreciated!

We continued to enhance Internet access by adding a wireless printer and a signal booster to the wireless network expanding the free wireless Internet access signal throughout the building. This continues to be used daily by patrons who bring in their own laptop computers. In February, the library was officially named a designated FEMA Disaster Recovery Center for Pepperell.

In our continuing effort to increase our energy efficiency, the library added 2 rain barrels for use in watering the gardens and applied for and awarded the Clean Energy Choice Grant which will provide solar powered lighting for the rear of the parking lot and increase our collection of how-to alternative energy books. We additionally added 3 Kill-a-Watt detectors to our circulating collection. These units help residents monitor their home energy usage and determine the efficiency of appliances.

In the coming year, the library will work to meet the continuing budget challenges forecast in these economically difficult times. Our goal is to maintain certification and the continuation of technology offerings and expanded programming for all. On behalf of staff, Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the library, **a heartfelt thank you Pepperell for your support.** If you haven't stopped in recently to see the changes, please do. If you don't have a library card, stop by for one – it's **FREE** and a great way to help stretch your budget! We hope to see you soon.

2009 Statistics

Patron Count	7,016*	4% increase	Library Programs	444	15% increase
Item Count	57,034	3% increase	Attendance	10,697	10% increase
Items Checked Out	132,676	5% increase	Non-Library Room Use	279	0% increase
Web Visitors	71,942	9% increase	Volunteer Hours	918	54% increase
Web Hits	1,033,414	14% increase	PC usage	6,219	9% increase

* A system-wide purge by all libraries of inactive patrons in June of 2009 dropped our patron count to 6,737 and by the end of December 2009 the number of cardholders had rebounded to 7,016.

What's your library worth to you? Massachusetts Library Association has an online Library Service Calculator (<http://69.36.174.204/value-new/calculator.html>) which lets you determine the value of services/savings your library provides to you. **The total dollar value of services rendered for 1 month at Lawrence Library is \$251,311! A very good return on your tax dollars.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Spratt, Director
For the Library Board of Trustees



RECREATION COMMISSION

It was a very challenging fiscal year for the Town of Pepperell in 2009. The town however, generously enabled the Recreation Commission to keep our Community Center opened and also voted to keep the Summer Playground Camp in tact.

The community Center and the Recreation Commission continue to offer many programs for all ages. There are also several trips available each year to places like New York City, baseball games, etc. Make sure to check out the town's website to keep updated on the diverse and exciting programs available.

The Winter Ski Program continues to be successful with 174 participants enjoying a series of Friday night skiing at Wachusett Mountain. The Commission wishes to thank the many volunteers and to Jim Pantano who continues to run this program very efficiently.

Summer Playground was in its 2nd year with Brendan McNabb as the director. Due to fundraising it was cut back by one week but with the great ideas and positive energy driven by Brendan and the counselors, it was another great season. Over 100 kids attended on any given day.

Crowd favorites such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the annual Ice Cream Social continue to draw large attendance.

The commissioners would like to give our sincere thanks and well wishes to Sue DeFillippo who retired as the Sis McGrath Community Center Director in November. Sue gave the town many years of dedicated service and she will be missed by all.

Thank you again to the residents of Pepperell for your unwavering support of the Recreation Department. Without your help, the programs and activities that enrich our community would not exist.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Priddle
Chairman

P. Derek Ten Broeck Jr.
Treasurer

Lynne Archambault
David
Secretary

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Agricultural Commission meets irregularly from November-June. We welcome citizens, officials and press to attend these meetings or drop by our booth at the Farmer's Market to discuss town agricultural matters.

This year we welcomed a new board member, Todd Russell of Lyn-Dell Farm. Jim Friend has taken a break from being our chairperson, a position which he held for several years. Thank you Jim for your hard work. Bob Lindgren of The Grange has stepped up to lead the board for a time.

This year we held Farmer's Markets from the weekend after the 4th of July until the first weekend of October, thirteen markets in all. We typically had nine or ten vendors participating at the sunny markets.

We implemented a new market-square layout which was a big hit with vendors and customers. We also made a splash online with our website created by Ag Comm member Sue Ventura: www.pepperellfarmersmarket.com

There was a feeling this year that the Pepperell Farmer's market has become a new town institution--the place to be on Saturday mornings.

We're excited about what we accomplished this year, and we want to grow our market again this year. We hope to extend our schedule all the way through October. Also, we are looking to expand tie-ins and other crowd enhancing activities such as music and cooking demos. Please contact us as soon as possible if you have ideas in this realm.

Renee Cyr

Agricultural Commission Clerk



MILL SITE STUDY COMMITTEE

The "Mill Site" is the former Pepperell Paper Mill land that abuts the west side of the Nashua River north of Main St. It has been unoccupied for several years and its downtown location currently leaves the vacant and dilapidated structures overtly on display in the center of town. Yet at same time, the parcel's development potential presents a major opportunity to create a centerpiece in the middle of Pepperell's downtown area along the riverfront. Formed by appointment of the Board of Selectmen in June 2008, the thirteen-member Mill Site Study Committee has continued in 2009 to explore opportunities and options for the redevelopment of.

The State of Massachusetts officially designating the Mill Site as a Priority Development Site (PDS) under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 43D in January 2009. This designation, which followed the vote of Pepperell's 2008 Annual Town Meeting, affords a potential site developer an expedited permitting process through all Town boards and committees. The Town retains regulatory control, but aides a developer with the promise to complete all board reviews within 180 days.

In February, the Pepperell Board of Selectmen engaged the firm Bartram & Cochran to work with the Mill Site Study Committee and perform a Market Analysis on the Mill Site and surrounding area. The Final Market Analysis Report, dated June 8, 2009 and paid for by the current Mill Site owner PerryVidex, outlines area demographics, inventories area businesses and describes potential business opportunities, discusses spending "leakage" (consumer dollars leaving Pepperell) and competition, and presents recommendations as to the types of development that might succeed on the Mill Site. The Market Analysis Report is available on the Mill Site Study Committee webpage at www.town.Pepperell.ma.us/MillSite.

The Town of Pepperell also received a \$60,000 grant to further Master Planning of the Mill Site and Downtown area and engaged the firm of Vanesse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. to perform a more in depth Development Analysis on the site. The Mill Site Committee met with VHB four times during the fall,

discussing the development possibilities and constraints of the site (i.e., zoning, setbacks, flood plains, easements, topology, etc.). In addition to that critical preliminary work, VHB and the Mill Site Study Committee created hypothetical development scenarios for the site that included commercial, retail, and professional space, as well as possible arts and culture, recreation or other civic-oriented areas. VHB and the Mill Site Study Committee held a public forum at the Pepperell Senior Center in November to discuss three possible scenarios, drawing more than fifty interested citizens. The comments from that meeting will be reflected in the final recommendations in the Development Analysis report that is to be completed in early 2010.

While the Mill Site is privately owned and privately developable, these studies and the work of the Mill Site Study Committee demonstrate the Town's commitment to smart development on this critical parcel.



CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A group of citizens began meeting in the spring of 2009 with the goal of improving the timeliness and quality of announcements and programming on the Local Cable Access Channel 15. That ad hoc group soon learned that Pepperell's current 10-year license agreement with Charter Communications was set to expire in January 2010 and that no action was being taken to address the situation. At its August 31 meeting, the Pepperell Board of Selectmen formally reformed Cable TV Advisory Committee with the appointment of seven members.

The Committee has met with government liaison personnel from Charter Communications and begun the process of negotiating a new agreement. However, that process will continue well into 2010 and the Committee is exploring an interim extension to the current contract or short term contract based on the existing contract and will make a recommendation to the Selectmen in early 2010. Meanwhile, the Committee is evaluating Charter's performance under the current license agreement and Pepperell's needs moving forward. The Committee has already identified unmet license obligations to provide live broadcast capabilities from other municipal buildings; including, Lawrence Library, the Senior Center, Varnum Brook Elementary School, and the North Middlesex Regional High School.

The Cable TV Advisory Committee has also worked with Charter to improve the recording capabilities in Town Hall Conference Room A and Charter has supplied a new DVD recorder for capturing Board of Selectmen meetings. Several other issues remain, including questionable image reliability in the live (although not recorded) broadcasts from Town Hall and the performance of the installed cameras in the conference room and poor audio quality.

In the interest of improving information dissemination to Pepperell residents, the Committee has taken an active role from Charter in creating and posting the bulletin board announcements that appear on Channel 15. Announcements are now updated on a regular basis in an effort to have timely municipal notices and event information available to the public.

To improve Local Access programming, the Committee has convinced Charter to add a second tape/DVD playback device to its Lomar Park "head end." This enables the scheduled playback of more than a single program. The Committee has independently begun experimenting with a digital, computer-based playback system that could store and playback several scheduled programs during the course of a day or week.

The Cable TV Advisory Committee encourages citizens to take advantage of the available recording equipment and opportunities to create local access programming.



TOWN CLERK

POPULATION: 12,056 (January 1, 2009 Town Census)
LAND AREA: 22.9 Square miles
ELEVATION: 244 Feet above mean sea level
DISTRICTS: Fifth Congressional
Third Councilor
First Middlesex Senatorial
First Middlesex Representative

REGISTERED VOTERS: 8,073

Democrats	1,786
Unenrolled	4,793
Republicans	1,448
Libertarians	30
Green-Rainbow	4
Conservative	2
Reform	3
American Independent	1
Inter. 3 rd Party	6
TOTAL	8,073

PRECINCT 1

Republican	486
Democrats	638
Unenrolled	1,636
Conservative	1
Libertarian	14
Green-Rainbow	1
Reform	2
American Independent	1
Inter. 3 rd Party	3
TOTAL	2,782

PRECINCT 2

Republican	491
Democratic	555
Unenrolled	1,598
Libertarian	10
Green-Rainbow	3
Inter. 3 rd	3
Reform	1
TOTAL	2,661

PRECINCT 3

Republican	471
Democratic	593
Unenrolled	1,559
Libertarian	6
Conservative	1
TOTAL	2,630

ATTENTION VOTERS

I would like to take the opportunity to remind registered voters when you sign a nomination paper or a petition, please do the following: 1. Only sign if you are a registered voter. 2. Sign your name and your residential address (no post office boxes allowed). 3. If you have normally bad penmanship, print your name under your signature (if the registrars can't read it – we can't verify it). And, most important, 4. Do not sign your husbands or wife's name or any other than your own. If you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and you will be notified of any change in your voting precinct.

Please encourage any of your family members who are not registered voters to register. Anyone who attains the age of 18 may register if you are 18 by the date of the next election you may register (you still must register 20 days prior to the election to be eligible).

ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 2010

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

Last day to register is April 6, 2010

STATE PRIMARY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Last day to register or change party affiliation is August 25, 2010

STATE ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

Last day to register is October 13, 2020

VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2009

BIRTHS:	72
DEATHS:	50
MARRIAGES:	51

Due to the late returns of 2009 births for Pepperell, the above figure is not accurate. Records of births will eventually be sent to Pepperell and figures will be listed in next year's annual report. Late returns for 2008 were 2 births and 1 death. Pepperell residents who gave birth to their children in New Hampshire were not recorded in Pepperell.

2009 DOG LICENSES

1,605	Dog Licenses
12	Kennel Licenses (4 dogs)
2	Kennel Licenses (10 dogs)
4	Kennel License (20 dogs)
65	Late Fees (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

2009 dog licenses will expire March 31, 2010. A rabies certificate must be shown before a license may be issued. If you are renewing a 2009 license, a record of our dog's most recent rabies shot should be on file in this office.

A grace period is given until May 31st to allow residents to obtain rabies vaccinations for their dog(s). The Board of Health will hold a rabies clinic on the first Saturday in April each year. The next clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2010.

The Town of Pepperell by-laws require in addition to the license fee, a late fee of \$25.00 if the dog is licensed after May 31, 2010. Section 81-12 states that failure to license your dog will result in a \$25.00 violation fee. This fine will be added to the late fee of \$25.00, plus the licensing fee.

LICENSING FEES

Male or Female \$10.00

Spayed or Neutered \$6.00

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

Businesses in Pepperell must file for a Business Certificate, which is required under Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 110, Section 5.

FILING A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE

WHO MUST FILE?

Any person or persons conducting a business under any title other than the complete real name of the owner.

Any corporation doing business in a name other than the corporate name.

WHERE DOES ONE FILE?

With the City or Town Clerk in every city or town where an office of any such business is located.

WHAT ABOUT CHANGE?

Upon discontinuing, retiring or withdrawing from such business or in the case of a change of residence or location of such business, such change must be filed with the clerk's office.

DOES A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE EXPIRE?

Yes, a business certificate is in effect for four (4) years from the date of issue whereupon it must be renewed if the business continues to operate.

DO I HAVE TO DISPLAY THE CERTIFICATE?

No, however, a copy must be provided upon request during regular business hours to any person purchasing goods or services from such business.

FEES

Business Certificate Filing	\$20.00 (includes one certified copy)
Withdrawals, Discontinuance, Changes	\$10.00 (includes one certified copy)

PENALTIES

Violation of these provisions shall be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred (\$300.00) for each month during which such violation continues.

HOW TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE

Contact the Town Clerk's office at 433-0339 to make an appointment. All persons to be named on the certificate must be present to sign the certificate, which is then notarized or certified by the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. – Noon
Appointments can be made in the evening for Marriage Intentions
(978) 433-0339

Lois A. Libby, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS
VARNUM BROOK SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
RESULTS**

APRIL 27, 2009

ASSESSOR

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Totals
JON E. KAISER Candidate for Re-election	158	219	205	582
Write-ins				
Scattered	1			1
Blanks	52	61	66	179
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

BOARD OF HEALTH

One Year

Vote for **ONE**

JOHN S. MARRINER	155	206	214	575
Write-ins				
Scattered	3	3	4	10
Blanks	53	71	53	177
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

BOARD OF HEALTH

Two Years

Vote for **ONE**

Write-ins				
Robert L. Lambert	8	15	14	37
Scattered	10	10	16	36
Blanks	193	255	241	689
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

SCOTT W. BUTCHER	136	185	193	514
Write-ins				
Scattered	2	3	4	9
Blanks	73	92	74	239
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Three Years

Vote for **TWO**

MARY E. CAMPANO Candidate for Re-election	161	224	217	602
MOLLY KIMBALL Candidate for Re-election	157	220	207	584
Write-ins				
Scattered				
Blanks	104	116	118	338
TOTALS	422	560	542	1524

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

One Year

Vote for **ONE**

SCHUYLER B. MINCKLER	148	217	199	564
Write-ins				
Scattered	1			1
Blanks	62	63	71	196
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

NORTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Three Years

Vote for **TWO**

SUE C. FITZGERALD Candidate for Re-election	149	193	182	524
KATHRYN C. LOW Candidate for Re-election	139	188	182	509
Write-ins				
Scattered	2	2	3	7
Blanks	132	177	175	484
TOTALS	422	560	542	1524

PLANNING BOARD

Five Years

Vote for **ONE**

Richard C. McHugh, Jr. Candidate for Re-election	141	198	191	530
Write-ins				
Scattered			3	3
Blanks	70	82	77	229
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

FREDERICK E. FARMER Candidate for Re-election	148	214	203	565
Write-ins				
Scattered			2	2
Blanks	63	66	66	195
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

One Year

Vote for **ONE**

GREGORY J. RICE	144	214	196	554
Write-ins				
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	67	66	74	207
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

RECREATION COMMISSIONER

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

P. DEREK TENBROECK, JR. Candidate for Re-election	148	207	187	542
Write-ins				
Scattered	3	3	4	10
Blanks	60	70	80	210
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

SELECTMAN

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

LYNDON B. JOHNSON Candidate for Re-election	95	91	89	275
Write-ins				
Joseph M. Hallisey, III	105	169	157	431
David Priddle	1		4	5
Stephen Themelis			5	5
Scattered	1		1	2
Blanks	9	20	15	44
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

MICHAEL L. HARTNETT Candidate for Re-elections	157	217	214	588
Write-ins				
Scattered			3	3
Blanks	54	63	54	171
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

TREE WARDEN

Three Years

Vote for **ONE**

PETER J. SHATTUCK, SR. Candidate for Re-elections	161	221	217	599
Scattered	2		5	7
Blanks	48	59	49	156
TOTALS	211	280	271	762

COUNTING COMPLETED AT: 10:30 P.M.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 7957

NUMBER VOTED: 762

PERCENTAGE: 9 %

REGISTERED VOTERS (INCLUDES 1,505 INACTIVE VOTERS)

PREC. 1: 2753

PREC. 2: 2613

PREC. 3: 2591

**TRUE COPY ATTEST:
LOIS A. LIBBY**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 4, 2009
Fiscal Year 2010 Finance Committee Report**

In years past, the Finance Committee Report has been steadily pessimistic about the financial picture of the Town of Pepperell. For example, for last year’s Report, written in April of 2008, I stated, “Given the overall downturn in the economy and the escalating costs of energy, health care, and fixed costs, this year’s budget process presented considerable challenges to the town Finance Committee, the town department heads, and the town’s administration...” It is difficult to paint a more negative picture than that, but here I am, brush in hand, to attempt to do so.

Expense side

At the onset of the budget season, the town departments were advised to level fund their budgets, including salaries. The FinCom intended to review the submitted budgets as a first pass to further evaluate the overall picture.

At that time, we were anticipating a budgetary deficit of approximately \$1.3 million dollars. In mid-April, a clerical error was discovered, resulting in an upward adjustment of the deficit gap to \$1.9 million dollars. There is a very complete explanation of how this error occurred at the town website: www.town.pepperell.ma.us. In sum, to set the real estate tax increase under the law, the town is to add 2½% to what was raised from the prior year, exclusive of new growth (new construction) and debt exclusion (annual payment on the bond for the Nissitissit School) The error occurred when the total amount of 2009’s tax levy was used to calculate the increase for 2010 without first deducting the debt exclusion.

Once the budgets were in, we made recommendations for further cuts to close what was first thought to be a \$1.3 million shortfall. Those recommendations include cutting salaries, eliminating cost of living or step increases for non-union employees, some layoffs, shutting off street lights, cutting the summer playground program, among other cost-cutting recommendations. The feedback that we have received from the departments indicates that with these recommendations, the town departments will not be able to continue to provide the same level of services as had been provided in prior years.

When the true deficit amount was discovered in mid-April, the Finance Committee recommended that the Community Center be closed and the budgets of the Library and the Senior Center be funded solely through an override. Re-reviewing the budget to “find” an additional \$600,000 in cuts was not feasible, both in terms of time and the magnitude of the issue. It was also not in the town’s overall long term financial interest to further deplete the savings accounts. The majority of the Finance Committee felt that these two departments

had the best chance of garnering town-wide support to carry an override vote, more so than other, less visible town departments.

Summary of Expenses:

FinCom Recommendations for town operating budget, assessments, and warrant articles	\$ 7,542,683
North Middlesex School District as proposed	10,198,708
Nashoba Valley Technical School District as proposed	<u>1,032,171</u>
Total Expenses	\$18,773,562

The Revenue Side

For fiscal year 2010 our current best projections for revenue are as follows:

Tax levy within Proposition 2½	\$13,426,162
Projected new construction	127,000
Debt Exclusion (debt service on school bonds)	564,099
State aid (from Governor’s budget, may be less)	1,302,728
Local Revenue (excise tax, fees)	1,844,000
Enterprise Funds/Reimbursement from State for certain town functions/ Transfers for Warrant Articles/General Fund cross charges	<u>496,010</u>
Total Revenue	\$17,759,999

Town’s Savings Accounts

Pepperell’s three “savings” accounts are the Free Cash Account, which consists of unspent operating funds from prior years that are carried forward, the Stabilization Account, a resource for capital purchases, and the Retirement Account, which was funded many years ago per state mandate. (Said mandate has since been eliminated; therefore no further monies are added to this account).

Over the past few years, the town’s healthy savings accounts have been used to fund operating increases over the limitations of Proposition 2½, as well as bringing a new school and the new Senior Center on line. For example, when the override for the school budget did not pass last year, one million dollars was taken from the Stabilization Account to meet that shortfall in the budget.

In order to balance the budget as recommended by the FinCom the following monies are to be taken from the town’s savings accounts:

Free Cash	\$ 520,000
Stabilization	75,000
Retirement	<u>418,563</u>
Total	\$1,013,563

After the above amounts are deducted, the adjusted balances for these funds will be as follows:

Free Cash (includes Governor’s FY ’09 state aid reductions)	\$ 217,882
Stabilization	569,739
Retirement	<u>603,363</u>
Total Savings as of 6/30/09	\$1,390,984

The Override Issue

As stated above, it is the FinCom's recommendation that the Library and Senior Center budgets be funded through an override. By state law, the actual override question will be addressed by ballot vote no sooner than 45 days after the town meeting. The vote is scheduled for June 22.

Summary

Looking back on last year's Finance Committee Report, the message was that without an override to support the schools, we would be forced to further deplete our savings while facing grim economic realities. The override for the schools did not pass, the savings accounts were further depleted and this was well before the widespread recession hit. Now the town does not have the financial resources to continue to provide level services for 2010. The Finance Committee realizes that the recommended budget for FY 2010 contains some very difficult and unpleasant choices. It is not our intention to single out any one group or unduly burden particular segments of the town's population. It is our intention and goal to try to balance the general needs of the town with the financial limitations we face in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Finance Committee is a volunteer board whose members are Diane M. Gaspar, Chairperson, Burke Bero, Vice Chairperson, Chris DeSimone, Stephanie Cronin, Jeanne LeBlanc, Christopher Johnson and George Zacharakis. The FinCom continues to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Town Accountant Theresa Walsh who has worked tirelessly during this very challenging budget season. Special thanks go out to Webmaster, Jeff Sauer, and Recording Secretary Lynn Henderson, both of whom have volunteered many hours in support of this committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Pepperell, in said county,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified according to law to vote in state, county, district and town affairs to assemble at the NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL, in said Town, on Monday, the 4th of May, A.D. 2009 at 7:30 PM to act on the following articles:

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Scott N. Blackburn, Moderator. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lois A. Libby, Town Clerk, read the opening and closing of the Warrant.

Registrars checking voters in were Jane Eshleman, Patricia Sergi and Emilie Presnall.

Election workers were Barbara Smith, Jerrylyn Bozica and Leeann Phoenix.

Volunteer was Joseph Eshleman.

Counters were Michael Hartnett, P. Derek Tenbroeck and Pen Burnham.

Diane Gasper, Finance Committee Member, gave an overview of the budget and addressed issues for the 2010 budget. Cuts in the budgets were presented and recommendations were given by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee recommended an override to fund to keep the Library, Council on Aging and Community Center.

Motion made to move from Annual Town Meeting and call to order the Special Town Meeting and when completed, adjourn and reconvene to the Annual Town Meeting.

Motion was in order and seconded.

Voice Vote – Unanimous CARRIED

Moved to Special Town Meeting at 8:10 PM.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 4, 2009 (Adjourned Session May 5, 2009)

Motion was made by Joseph Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

I move to take Article 6 out of order for immediate action of the body..

Joseph Sergi recommended that Article 6 should be voted on now with the large number of voters present.

Voters spoke against moving Article 6 out of order. The large number of voter turnout gives voters the opportunity to vote on each budget to see where their taxes are going. There would be plans to see if the budgets could be decreased with amendments to line items.

Motion was made to move the question and shut off debate.

Voice vote on the motion to move the question and shut off debate.

Voice vote - Inconclusive.

Standing vote taken. YES 395 NO 66

It was asked if a standing vote be taken on the main motion.

Standing vote taken to take Article 6 out of order.

YES114 NO 436 DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 6 WAS NOT TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

**ARTICLE 1
TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

To choose all Town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) not required to be elected by ballot.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Joseph A. Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to choose all Town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) not required to be elected by ballot.

Majority vote required

Voice Vote – 1 Nay Majority voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**ARTICLE 2
ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of Elected Officers of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries of the Elected Officers are included in the Departmental Appropriations.

Elected Official	Voted Salaries 7/1/08-6/30/09	Requested Salaries 7/1/09-6/30/10	Recommended Salaries 7/1/09-6/30/10
<u>Town Clerk</u> Range \$49,507*- 59,471	\$61,659	61,659	59,471
<u>Treasurer/Tax Collector</u> Range \$62,098*- 76,248	\$76,248	76,248	76,248

* Shall be the pay for anyone who is not the incumbent officeholder as of 7/1/09 and who is appointed or elected during the fiscal year. The above salary recommendations to become effective under the dates specified above.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Patrick McNabb, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of Elected Officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 as set forth in the official Town Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting and published in the Finance Committee Report.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 3
BUDGETS

To determine the specific sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, to defray the regular expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for General Government; Public Safety; Education; Public Works and Facilities; Human Services; Culture and Recreation; Debt Service; Employee Benefits and Insurance; Ambulance Fund; Sewer Enterprise Fund; Water Enterprise Fund; and Transfer Station Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. The following budgets are for the fiscal year covering the twelve-month period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

DEPT. NO.	ACCT. NO.	DEPARTMENT/ ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
			7/1/08- 6/30/09	7/1/09- 6/30/10	7/1/09- 6/30/10
PART I					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
1220		SELECTMEN			
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	2,240	2,240	1,310
			<u>2,240</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>1,310</u>
1290		TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	91,103	95,000	95,000
	51113	Wages, Hourly	54,465	47,189	46,339
	51142	Longevity	750	875	875
	52000	Purchase of Services	3,100	3,100	500
	54000	Supplies	900	900	300
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	1,350	850	200
			<u>151,668</u>	<u>147,914</u>	<u>143,214</u>
1310		FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	927	0	0
			<u>927</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
1320		RESERVE FUND			
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	106,027	75,000	75,000
			<u>106,027</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
1350		ACCOUNTANT			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	75,899	75,899	75,899
	51113	Wages, Hourly	37,788	37,788	33,860
	51142	Longevity	2,569	3,069	3,069
	51144	Prof Certification	1,000	1,000	1,000
	52000	Purchase of Services	20,125	22,125	22,125
	54000	Supplies	167	167	150
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	75	75	75
			<u>137,623</u>	<u>140,123</u>	<u>136,178</u>
1410		ASSESSORS			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	67,485	67,485	67,485
	51113	Wages, Hourly	52,350	37,788	34,010
	51142	Longevity	3,603	2,903	2,903
	52000	Purchase of Services	21,950	21,700	21,700
	54000	Supplies	700	500	500
	56000	Intergovernmental	100	100	0
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	800	200	200
			<u>146,988</u>	<u>130,676</u>	<u>126,798</u>
1420		GIS			
	52000	Purchase of Services	15,000	3,500	3,500
	54000	Supplies	5,074	0	0
			<u>20,074</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
1450		TREASURER COLLECTOR			
	51111	Salaries, Elected Officials	76,248	76,248	76,248
	51113	Wages, Hourly	70,894	70,894	58,698
	51144	Prof Certification	1,000	1,000	0
	51142	Longevity	0	500	500
	52000	Purchase of Services	9,815	9,698	8,940
	54000	Supplies	5,860	5,460	4,850
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	1,725	1,725	1,575
			<u>165,542</u>	<u>165,525</u>	<u>150,811</u>
1510		LAW DEPARTMENT			

	52000	Purchase of Services	37,000	37,000	19,000
	56000	Intergovernmental	1,000	1,000	1,000
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	800	800	0
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			38,800	38,800	20,000
1520		PERSONNEL BOARD			
	52000	Purchase of Services	3,030	3,030	2,315
	54000	Supplies	450	450	450
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	250	250	250
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			3,730	3,730	3,015
1550		INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECH			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	62,585	62,585	59,995
	51142	Longevity	0	700	700
	52000	Purchase of Services	29,990	29,290	25,991
	54000	Supplies	2,190	2,190	1,800
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	219	219	0
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			94,984	94,984	88,486
1570		CENTRAL TELEPHONE			
	52000	Purchase of Services	29,841	29,841	38,356
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			29,841	29,841	38,356
1580		TAX TITLE			
	52000	Purchase of Services	2,500	2,500	2,500
	56000	Intergovernmental	2,490	2,490	2,000
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			4,990	4,990	4,500
1590		POSTAGE METER			
	52000	Purchase of Services	25,626	25,626	25,626
	54000	Supplies	250	250	250
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			25,876	25,876	25,876
1610		TOWN CLERK			
	51111	Salaries, Elected Officials	61,659	61,659	59,471
	51113	Wages, Hourly	37,788	37,788	30,492
	51142	Longevity	700	700	700
	52000	Purchase of Services	1,951	1,951	1,835
	54000	Supplies	608	608	608
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	1,515	1,515	1,055
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			104,221	104,221	94,161
1620		ELECTIONS			
	51195	Fees, Election Workers	6,000	2,000	2,000
	52000	Purchase of Services	5,152	3,153	3,153
	54000	Supplies	3,095	2,600	2,600
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			14,247	7,753	7,753
1630		REGISTRATION			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	2,450	2,450	2,240
	52000	Purchase of Services	5,265	5,265	5,265
	54000	Supplies	1,102	852	852
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			8,817	8,567	8,357
1710		CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	37,629	38,136	33,867
	51142	Longevity	507	507	507
		Expenses covered by Wetlands Filing Fees			
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			38,136	38,643	34,374
1750		PLANNING BOARD			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	38,965	40,524	36,582

	52000	Purchase of Services	4,793	1,750	721
	54000	Supplies	597	700	500
	56000	Intergovernmental	2,825	2,982	2,895
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	325	200	0
			47,505	46,156	40,698
1760		BOARD OF APPEALS			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	10,000	10,000	9,000
	52000	Purchase of Services	200	200	200
	54000	Supplies	384	384	384
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	180	180	180
			10,764	10,764	9,764
1920		TOWN HALL			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	39,983	39,983	39,983
	51130	Overtime	4,738	4,738	4,738
	51142	Longevity	920	920	920
	52000	Purchase of Services	40,223	40,223	33,573
	54000	Supplies	6,045	6,045	4,650
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	1,550	1,550	2,050
			93,459	93,459	85,914
1950		TOWN REPORTS			
	52000	Purchase of Services	3,000	3,000	0
			3,000	3,000	0
1960		OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS			
	52000	Purchase of Services	10,000	10,000	10,000
	54000	Supplies	625	625	625
			10,625	10,625	10,625
		TOTAL PART I	1,260,084	1,186,387	1,108,690
PART II		PUBLIC SAFETY			
2110		POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	105,000	109,000	109,000
	51113	Wages, Hourly	1,081,064	1,068,978	1,010,920
	51130	Overtime	272,308	265,000	250,000
	51141	Educational Incentive	63,819	66,476	63,810
	51142	Longevity	16,767	17,967	17,967
	51143	Annuity Plan	3,000	3,000	0
	51192	Uniform Allowance	21,700	22,100	20,750
	52000	Purchase of Services	81,045	82,000	82,000
	54000	Supplies	57,880	58,000	57,500
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	11,456	11,456	9,456
	58000	Capital Outlay	0	10,000	0
			1,714,039	1,713,977	1,621,403
2210		FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	64,571	66,889	63,881
	51113	Wages, Hourly	102,000	102,000	92,860
	51130	Overtime	1,500	1,500	1,500
	51142	Longevity	144	144	144
	52000	Purchase of Services	38,450	38,450	38,450
	54000	Supplies	22,308	22,308	19,979
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	2,230	2,230	2,230
	58000	Capital Outlay	11,640	11,640	5,000
			242,843	245,161	224,044

2410		BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICER			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	43,071	43,071	41,066
	51113	Wages, Hourly	22,464	23,702	21,488
	51142	Longevity	624	624	624
	51193	Inspection Fees	1,500	262	262
	54000	Supplies	1,126	1,126	976
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	2,334	2,334	2,254
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			71,119	71,119	66,670
2420		GAS INSPECTOR			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	2,400	2,400	2,160
	51193	Inspection Fees	6,000	6,000	5,310
	54000	Supplies	320	320	40
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	400	400	400
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			9,120	9,120	7,910
2430		PLUMBING INSPECTOR			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	2,400	2,400	2,160
	51193	Inspection Fees	8,000	8,000	7,363
	54000	Supplies	270	270	0
	57000	Other Charges & Expenses	460	460	460
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			11,130	11,130	9,983
2440		SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	5,000	5,000	4,500
	52000	Purchase of Services	0	0	0
	54000	Supplies	75	75	75
	57000	Other Charges & Expenses	100	100	100
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			5,175	5,175	4,675
2450		WIRING INSPECTOR			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	1,200	1,200	1,080
	51191	Inspection Services	0	0	0
	51193	Inspection Fees	13,000	13,000	11,520
	54000	Supplies	300	300	0
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			14,500	14,500	12,600
2510		COMMUNICATIONS CENTER			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	60,239	60,239	60,239
	51113	Wages, Hourly	207,130	208,205	200,933
	51130	Overtime	40,132	40,132	40,132
	51142	Longevity	2,270	2,270	1,695
	52000	Purchase of Services	6,590	6,090	6,090
	54000	Supplies	3,423	3,298	3,298
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	580	480	480
	58000	Capital Outlay	1,200	850	0
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			321,564	321,564	312,867
2910		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
	52000	Purchase of Services	890	890	5,600
	54000	Supplies	4,400	4,400	3,950
	56000	Intergovernmental	600	600	300
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	0	0	0
	58000	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	0
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			7,390	7,390	9,850
2920		ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	22,090	22,917	22,757
	52000	Purchase of Services	4,569	4,144	4,144
	54000	Supplies	3,241	2,841	2,841
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			29,900	29,902	29,742

2930		SAFETY AND TRAFFIC SIGNS			
	52000	Purchase of Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
	54000	Supplies	3,800	3,800	3,000
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			4,800	4,800	4,000
2940		FOREST WARDEN			
	58000	Capital Outlay	1,048	1,048	0
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			1,048	1,048	0
2960		CONSTABLES			
	52000	Purchase of Services	350	350	350
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			350	350	350
		TOTAL PART II	2,432,978	2,435,236	2,304,094
PART III		EDUCATION			
3110		NASHOBA VALLEY TEC HIGH SCHOOL			
	56000	Intergovernmental	See Article 6	See Article 5	See Article 5
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			See Article 6	See Article 5	See Article 5
3210		N. MIDDLESEX REG SCH DISTRICT			
	56000	Intergovernmental	See Article 5	See Article 4	See Article 4
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			See Article 5	See Article 4	See Article 4
		TOTAL PART III	See Articles	See Articles	See Articles
PART IV		PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES			
4110		TOWN ENGINEER			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	53,012	44,785	43,588
	51113	Wages, Hourly	7,079	4,718	4,246
	51142	Longevity	166	110	110
	52000	Purchase of Services	165	165	165
	54000	Supplies	746	746	746
	56000	Intergovernmental	400	400	400
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	500	500	500
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			62,068	51,424	49,755
4220		HIGHWAYS-CONST & MAINTENANCE			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	67,971	67,971	67,971
	51113	Wages, Hourly	441,940	441,940	368,463
	51130	Overtime	60,000	65,000	65,000
	51142	Longevity	7,866	7,866	7,866
	52000	Purchase of Services	102,662	97,162	97,162
	54000	Supplies	222,172	222,672	222,672
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	60	60	60
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			902,671	902,671	829,194
4240		STREET LIGHTING			
	52000	Purchase of Services	40,086	40,086	24,086
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			40,086	40,086	24,086
4270		TREE CARE AND PLANTING			
	51111	Salaries, Elected Officials	0	0	0
	52000	Purchase of Services	10,107	10,107	10,107
	54000	Supplies	796	796	796
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	50	50	50
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			10,953	10,953	10,953

4910		CEMETERY			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	32,991	32,991	32,991
	51130	Overtime	2,925	2,925	2,925
	51142	Longevity	270	270	270
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			36,186	36,186	36,186
4920		SANITARY LANDFILL			
	52000	Purchase of Services	14,617	0	0
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			14,617	0	0
		TOTAL PART IV	1,066,581	1,041,320	950,174
PART V		HUMAN SERVICES			
5110		BOARD OF HEALTH			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	0	65,100	0
	51113	Wages, Hourly	59,550	29,964	17,862
	52000	Purchase of Services	38,884	5,826	73,738
	54000	Supplies	850	810	800
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	1,325	550	600
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			100,609	102,250	93,000
5210		CLINICS			
	52000	Purchase of Services	1,171	1,171	1,171
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			1,171	1,171	1,171
5220		NURSING SERVICE			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	40,341	26,894	0
	51142	Longevity	683	683	0
	52000	Purchase of Services	2,547	1,047	0
	54000	Supplies	1,150	1,150	0
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	1,535	1,000	0
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			46,256	30,774	0
5230		MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES			
	52000	Purchase of Services	5,000	5,000	0
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			5,000	5,000	0
5410		COUNCIL ON AGING			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	57,922	57,922	0
	51113	Wages, hourly	60,900	60,900	0
	52000	Purchase of Services	37,046	37,046	0
	54000	Supplies	12,612	12,612	0
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	4,160	4,160	0
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			172,640	172,640	0
5430		VETERANS' SERVICES			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	7,500	7,500	6,750
	54000	Supplies	100	100	100
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	10,575	10,575	10,575
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			18,175	18,175	17,425
		TOTAL PART V	343,851	330,010	111,596

PART VI		CULTURE & RECREATION			
6110		LAWRENCE LIBRARY			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	161,590	161,590	0
	51113	Wages, Hourly	118,682	118,682	0
	51142	Longevity	1,672	1,672	0
	52000	Purchase of Services	83,147	83,147	0
	54000	Supplies	67,465	67,465	0
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	2,183	2,183	0
	58000	Capital Outlay	1,800	1,800	0
			<u>436,539</u>	<u>436,539</u>	<u>0</u>
6310		SUMMER PLAYGROUND			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	9,642	5,000	0
	54000	Supplies	238	238	0
			<u>9,880</u>	<u>5,238</u>	<u>0</u>
6320		COMMUNITY CENTER			
	51111	Salaries, Elected Officials	0	0	0
	51113	Wages, Hourly	27,745	27,745	0
	52000	Purchase of Services	9,038	9,038	5,000
	54000	Supplies	835	835	0
			<u>37,618</u>	<u>37,618</u>	<u>5,000</u>
6510		PARKS			
	51113	Wages, Hourly	67,467	67,467	61,790
	51142	Longevity	405	405	405
	52000	Purchase of Services	8,338	7,378	5,828
	54000	Supplies	10,615	10,615	7,245
			<u>86,825</u>	<u>85,865</u>	<u>75,268</u>
6920		MEMORIAL DAY			
	52000	Purchase of Services	3,000	3,000	0
			<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>
		TOTAL PART VI	<u>573,862</u>	<u>568,260</u>	<u>80,268</u>
PART VII		DEBT SERVICE			
7170		DEBT-GENERAL OBLIGATION II			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	127,408	124,048	124,048
			<u>127,408</u>	<u>124,048</u>	<u>124,048</u>
7180		DEBT-BELMONT SPRINGS			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	67,484	66,066	66,066
			<u>67,484</u>	<u>66,066</u>	<u>66,066</u>
7190		DEBT-OBLIGATION III			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	246,125	227,885	227,885
			<u>246,125</u>	<u>227,885</u>	<u>227,885</u>
7520		INTEREST SHORT-TERM DEBT			
	59250	Interest on Temporary Loans	10,000	1,000	1,000
			<u>10,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		TOTAL PART VII	<u>451,017</u>	<u>418,999</u>	<u>418,999</u>

PART VIII		EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE			
9110		RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT			
	51172	County Retirement Assessment	570,610	570,611	570,611
			<u>570,610</u>	<u>570,611</u>	<u>570,611</u>
9130		UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INSURANCE			
	51173	Unemployment Insurance	10,000	10,000	72,000
			<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>72,000</u>
9140		HEALTH INSURANCE			
	51178	Health Insurance	590,878	650,508	650,508
			<u>590,878</u>	<u>650,508</u>	<u>650,508</u>
9150		LIFE INSURANCE			
	51176	Life Insurance	2,000	2,000	2,000
			<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
9160		SOCIAL SECURITY-F.I.C.A.			
	51177	Social Security-F.I.C.A.	52,780	55,000	55,000
			<u>52,780</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
9450		GENERAL INSURANCE			
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	184,390	179,390	179,390
			<u>184,390</u>	<u>179,390</u>	<u>179,390</u>
		TOTAL PART VIII	1,410,658	1,467,509	1,529,509
PART IX		AMBULANCE FUND			
2310		AMBULANCE FUND			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	1,100	1,100	1,100
	51113	Wages, Hourly	164,000	164,000	166,506
	51130	Overtime	4,200	4,200	4,200
	51142	Longevity	1,094	1,094	1,188
	52000	Purchase of Services	15,365	15,365	15,365
	54000	Supplies	33,483	33,483	33,483
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	4,365	4,365	4,365
	58000	Capital Outlay	3,500	3,500	0
			<u>227,107</u>	<u>227,107</u>	<u>226,207</u>
		TOTAL PART IX	227,107	227,107	226,207
PART X		SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND			
4420		WWT PLANT-OPER & MAINTENANCE			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	62,556	69,625	69,625
	51113	Wages, Hourly	389,355	387,405	387,405
	51130	Overtime	70,250	70,000	70,000
	51142	Longevity	6,541	6,598	6,598
	52000	Purchase of Services	189,350	182,450	182,450
	54000	Supplies	114,100	115,653	115,653
	56000	Intergovernmental	2,500	2,500	2,500
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	7,700	7,700	7,700
	58000	Capital Outlay	38,000	36,000	36,000
			<u>880,352</u>	<u>877,931</u>	<u>877,931</u>
4450		DEBT-JEWETT STREET			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	21,134	20,614	20,614
			<u>21,134</u>	<u>20,614</u>	<u>20,614</u>

4460	59000	DEBT-WWTP DESIGN PLANS Long-Term Debt	30,989	28,314	28,314
			<u>30,989</u>	<u>28,314</u>	<u>28,314</u>
4461	59000	DEBT-WWTP UPGRADE/MWPT\ Long-Term Debt	315,305	315,030	315,030
			<u>315,305</u>	<u>315,030</u>	<u>315,030</u>
4462	59000	DEBT-ENG/TOWNSEND MASON ST Long-Term Debt	27,500	26,500	26,500
			<u>27,500</u>	<u>26,500</u>	<u>26,500</u>
4463	59000	DEBT-CONST TOWNSEND MASON ST Long-Term Debt	42,975	42,015	42,015
			<u>42,975</u>	<u>42,015</u>	<u>42,015</u>
4464	59000	DEBT-DESIGN PARKER/OAK HILL Long-Term Debt	12,380	10,960	10,960
			<u>12,380</u>	<u>10,960</u>	<u>10,960</u>
4465	59000	DEBT-CONST PARKER/OAK HILL Long-Term Debt	49,908	48,748	48,748
			<u>49,908</u>	<u>48,748</u>	<u>48,748</u>
4466	59000	DEBT-SEWER UV ENCLOSURE Long-Term Debt	6,995	6,835	6,835
			<u>6,995</u>	<u>6,835</u>	<u>6,835</u>
4467	59000	DEBT-SEWER LOADER Long-Term Debt	30,480	28,460	28,460
			<u>30,480</u>	<u>28,460</u>	<u>28,460</u>
4479	59000	DEBT-SEWER EXT-PARK III Long-Term Debt	24,771	23,231	23,231
			<u>24,771</u>	<u>23,231</u>	<u>23,231</u>
4484	59000	DEBT-LOWELL RD-PHASE II Long-Term Debt	59,270	59,878	59,878
			<u>59,270</u>	<u>59,878</u>	<u>59,878</u>
4485	59000	DEBT-BENNETT STREET Long-Term Debt	4,927	4,977	4,977
			<u>4,927</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>4,977</u>
4486	59000	DEBT-PARK STREET Long-Term Debt	45,570	46,037	46,037
			<u>45,570</u>	<u>46,037</u>	<u>46,037</u>
4487	59000	DEBT-RIVER ROAD Long-Term Debt	22,784	23,019	23,019
			<u>22,784</u>	<u>23,019</u>	<u>23,019</u>
4488	59000	DEBT-LOWELL RD/PHASE III Long-Term Debt	23,843	23,243	23,243
			<u>23,843</u>	<u>23,243</u>	<u>23,243</u>
4489	59000	DEBT-PARK STREET II Long-Term Debt	4,889	4,769	4,769
			<u>4,889</u>	<u>4,769</u>	<u>4,769</u>

7520		INTEREST SHORT TERM DEBT			
	59250	Interest on Temporary Loans	60,000	32,500	32,500
			<u>60,000</u>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>32,500</u>
9110		MIDDLESEX CTY RETIREMENT	62,835	61,137	61,137
	51172	County Retirement Assessment	<u>62,835</u>	<u>61,137</u>	<u>61,137</u>
9130		UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INS			
	51173	Unemployment Insurance	1,000	1,000	1,000
			<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
9140		HEALTH INSURANCE			
	51178	Health Insurance	65,000	65,000	65,000
			<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
9150		LIFE INSURANCE			
	51176	Health Insurance	300	300	300
			<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
9160		FICA - MEDICARE			
	51177	Fica - Medicare	8,750	8,750	8,750
			<u>8,750</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>8,750</u>
9450		GENERAL INSURANCE			
	57000	Other Charges & Expenses	44,000	44,000	44,000
			<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>
		TOTAL PART X	1,845,957	1,803,248	1,803,248

***NOTES BUDGET- SEWER ENTERPRISE**

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COSTS RELATED TO SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND INCLUDED IN OTHER BUDGETS

		INDIRECT COSTS:			
1350		Town Accountant	13,762	13,618	13,618
1450		Treasurer/Collector	8,692	7,918	7,918
1550		Information Systems Technology	9,498	8,849	8,849
			<u>31,952</u>	<u>30,385</u>	<u>30,385</u>
		TOTAL COSTS INCLUDED			
		IN OTHER BUDGETS	31,952	30,385	30,385
		DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING			
		BUDGET ABOVE	1,845,957	1,803,248	1,803,248
		TOTAL APPRO/OTHER COSTS	1,877,909	1,833,633	1,833,633
		TOTAL REV/AVAILABLE FUNDS	1,877,909	1,833,633	1,833,633
PART XI		WATER ENTERPRISE FUND			
4510		WATER DEPT-OPER & MAINTENANCE			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	63,734	67,852	67,852
	51113	Wages, Hourly	277,968	278,000	278,000
	51130	Overtime	54,000	54,000	54,000
	51142	Longevity	3,807	3,867	3,867
	52000	Purchase of Services	209,375	197,875	197,875
	54000	Supplies	190,933	278,065	278,065
	56000	Intergovernmental	5,000	5,000	5,000
	57000	Other Charges and Expenses	5,000	5,000	5,000
	58000	Capital Outlay	43,800	21,800	21,800
			<u>853,617</u>	<u>911,459</u>	<u>911,459</u>

4570		DEBT-NEW WELL-JERSEY STREET			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	61,312	0	0
			<u>61,312</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4571		DEBT-LOWELL RD WATER LINE			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	42,809	40,898	40,898
			<u>42,809</u>	<u>40,898</u>	<u>40,898</u>
4572		DEBT-WATER TANK CLEAN & REPAIR			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	18,429	16,923	16,923
			<u>18,429</u>	<u>16,923</u>	<u>16,923</u>
4610		DEBT-BEMIS WELL IMPROVEMENTS			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	47,175	45,115	45,115
			<u>47,175</u>	<u>45,115</u>	<u>45,115</u>
46200		DEBT-JERSEY ST WELL IMPROVEMENTS			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	12,392	12,112	12,112
			<u>12,392</u>	<u>12,112</u>	<u>12,112</u>
46300		DEBT-JERSEY WELL IMPROV II			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	24,286	23,726	23,726
			<u>24,286</u>	<u>23,726</u>	<u>23,726</u>
46400		DEBT-WATER EXT PARKER/OAK HILL			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	7,775	6,595	6,595
			<u>7,775</u>	<u>6,595</u>	<u>6,595</u>
46500		DEBT-WATER DEPT HEADQUARTERS			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	39,475	35,575	35,575
			<u>39,475</u>	<u>35,575</u>	<u>35,575</u>
46600		DEBT-NASHUA RD WELL SITE			
	59000	Long-Term Debt	17,990	17,590	17,590
			<u>17,990</u>	<u>17,590</u>	<u>17,590</u>
7520		INTEREST SHORT TERM DEBT			
	59250	Interest on Temporary Loans	15,000	6,000	6,000
			<u>15,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
9110		MIDDLESEX CTY RETIREMENT			
	51172	County Retirement	45,853	47,550	47,550
			<u>45,853</u>	<u>47,550</u>	<u>47,550</u>
9130		UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INS.			
	51173	Unemployment Insurance	1,000	1,000	1,000
			<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
9140		HEALTH/DISABILITY INSURANCE			
	51178	Unemployment Insurance	60,965	60,965	60,965
			<u>60,965</u>	<u>60,965</u>	<u>60,965</u>
9150		LIFE INSURANCE			
	51176	Unemployment Insurance	175	175	175
			<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>

9160		F.I.C.A - MEDICARE			
	51177	F.I.C.A - Medicare	5,000	5,000	5,000
			5,000	5,000	5,000
9450		GENERAL INSURANCE			
	57000	Other Charges & Expenses	37,775	37,775	37,775
			37,775	37,775	37,775
		TOTAL PART XI	1,291,028	1,268,458	1,268,458
*NOTES		BUDGET - WATER ENTERPRISE			
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COSTS RELATED TO WATER ENTERPRISE FUND INCLUDED IN OTHER BUDGETS					
		INDIRECT COSTS:			
1350		Town Accountant	13,762	13,618	13,618
1450		Treasurer/Collector	8,443	7,691	7,691
1550		Information Systems Technology	9,498	8,849	8,849
			31,703	30,158	30,158
		TOTAL COSTS INCLUDED			
		IN OTHER BUDGETS	31,703	30,158	30,158
		DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING			
		BUDGET ABOVE	1,291,028	1,268,458	1,268,458
		TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/			
		OTHER COSTS	1,322,731	1,298,616	1,298,616
		TOTAL REVENUE	1,322,731	1,298,616	1,298,616
PART XII		TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE			
		FUND			
4930		TRANSFER/RECYC CTR OPER			
	51112	Salaries, Appointed Positions	14,621	13,444	13,444
	51113	Wages, Hourly	122,417	132,423	132,423
	51130	Overtime	2,500	2,500	2,500
	51142	Longevity	2,124	2,124	2,124
	52000	Purchase of Services	201,375	193,799	193,799
	54000	Supplies	10,967	10,967	10,967
			354,004	355,257	355,257
9140		HEALTH/DISABILITY INSURANCE			
	51178	Health Insurance	11,359	4,800	4,800
			11,359	4,800	4,800
9450		GENERAL INSURANCE			
	57000	Other Charges & Expenses	0	7,576	7,576
			0	7,576	7,576
9160		F.I.C.A - MEDICARE			
	51177	F.I.C.A - Medicare	0	2,055	2,055
			0	2,055	2,055
		TOTAL PART XII	365,363	369,688	369,688
		REVENUE ESTIMATES:			
		User Charges/Miscellaneous	365,363	369,688	369,688
		TOTAL REVENUE	365,363	369,688	369,688

SUMMARY -

PART I	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,260,084	1,186,387	1,108,690
PART II	PUBLIC SAFETY	2,432,978	2,435,236	2,304,094
PART III	EDUCATION			
PART IV	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES	1,066,581	1,041,320	950,174
PART V	HUMAN SERVICES	343,851	330,010	111,596
PART VI	CULTURE & RECREATION	573,862	568,260	80,268
PART VII	DEBT SERVICE	451,017	418,999	418,999
PART VIII	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	1,410,658	1,467,509	1,529,509
PART IX	AMBULANCE FUND	227,107	227,107	226,207
PART X	SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	1,845,957	1,803,248	1,803,248
PART XI	WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	1,291,028	1,268,458	1,268,458
PART XII	TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FD	365,363	369,688	369,688
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TOTAL	ARTICLE 4	11,268,486	11,116,222	10,170,931
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Preliminary Motion:

Motion made by Joseph Hallisey, Selectman, and seconded

I move that Article 3 be divided into separate parts One through Twelve, excluding Part Three, for the purpose of voting on motions under this article.

John Veysey wanted to avoid an override by cutting the budget further, by going over each line item in each part.

His proposed cuts would decrease the budget by \$217,000.

Joseph Hallisey, Selectman made a motion to withdraw his motion and seconded.

Voice vote – majority voted in favor to have his motion withdrawn.

Motion made by John Veysey, and seconded.

I move that we consider Article 3 as presented in the Warrant with a vote on the entire budget after all amendments have been made, excluding the two school budgets.

Voice vote on the motion – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

To make it easier and less confusing, the Moderator suggested that go through each part by line item and mark the line item to be discussed. We will go back and discuss or amend each line item marked and vote on the original amount in the budget first and if that does not pass, a vote will be taken on the amended amount.

ITEMS FLAGGED IN PART I GENERAL GOVERNMENT WERE:

1290 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions	\$95,000
51142 Longevity	875

1350 ACCOUNTANT

51112 Salaries, Appointed Position	\$75,899
51142 Longevity	3,069
51144 Prof Certification	1,000
52000 Purchase of Services	22,125

1450 TREASURER COLLECTOR

51111 Salaries, Elected Official	\$76,248
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1550 INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECH

51112 Salaries, Appointed Position	\$59,995
51145 Longevity	700

1710 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

51113 Wages, Hourly	\$33,867
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1750 PLANNING BOARD

51113 Wages, Hourly	\$36,582
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1760 BOARD OF APPEALS

51113 Wages, Hourly \$9,000

1920 TOWN HALL

51113 Wages, Hourly \$39,983

51130 Overtime 4,738

ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE FLAGGED LINE ITEMS

1290 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

51112 Salaries, Appointed Position \$95,000

Motion made by Eric Smith and seconded.

I move to decrease the salary to \$70,000.

There was discussion on the motion and Eric Smith withdrew the amendment.

Voice vote – Unanimous voted to withdraw the motion.

Vote on original \$75,000 amount on line item in warrant.

Voice vote – Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM STAYED THE SAME

51142 Longevity \$875

No motion made.

LINE ITEM STAYED THE SAME

1350 ACCOUNTANT

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions \$75,899

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move to amend 51112, Salaries, Appointed Position, to read \$69,899.

There was discussion on this motion and a motion was made to move the question.

Voice vote – Majority voted to move the question.

Vote on original \$70,000 amount of line item in warrant.

Voice vote – Majority voted against

Vote on amended figure of \$69,899.

Voice vote – Majority voted in favor.

There were no motion to change:

51142 Longevity

51144 Prof Certification

52000 Purchase of Service

1450 TREASURER COLLECTOR

51111 – Salaries, Elected Officials \$76,248

Salary was already voted in Article 2.

No action taken.

1550 INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECH

51112 Salaries, Appointed Position \$59,995

Motion made by John Veysey to reduce 51112 Salaries, Appointed Position to \$58,330 and seconded.

There was discussion and a motion made to move question.

Voice vote – Majority voted in favor to move the question.

Voice vote on the original line item amount of \$59,995.

Voice vote was inconclusive and standing vote taken. YES 313 NO 73 MOTION CARRIED

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

No motion made on 51142 Longevity.

1710 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

51113 Wage, Hourly \$33,867

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move to reduce 51113 Wages, Hourly to \$30,000 and seconded.

There was discussion and a motion was made to move the question.

Majority voted in favor to move the question.

Voice vote taken on the original line item amount of \$33,867.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

1750 PLANNING BOARD

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions \$36,582

Motion made by John Veysey to reduce 51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions to \$35,069.

There was discussion and a motion was made to move the question.

Majority voted in favor of moving the question.

Voice vote taken on the original \$36,582.

Inconclusive

Standing Vote 288 YES 66 NO

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

1760 BOARD OF APPEALS

51113 Wages, Hourly \$9,000

Motion made by John Veysey to reduce 51113 Wages, Hourly to \$8,000 and seconded.

There was discussion and a motion was made to move the question.

Majority voted in favor to move the question.

Voice vote taken on the original \$9,000.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

1920 TOWN HALL

51113 Wages, Hourly \$39,983

Motion made by John Veysey to reduce 51113 Wages, Hourly to \$35,983 and seconded.

There was discussion and a motion was made to move the question.

Majority voted in favor to move the question.

Voice vote taken on the original \$39,983.

Inconclusive

Standing Vote YES 199 NO 133

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

51130 Overtime \$4,738

Motion by John Veysey and seconded.

Motion made to reduce 51130 Overtime to \$2,738 and seconded.

There was discussion a motion was made to move the question.

Majority voted in favor to move the question.

Voice vote taken on the original line item \$4,738.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME.

TOTAL OF PART I - \$1,102,690

PART I: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion made by Joseph A. Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part I of Article 3 totaling \$ 1,102,690 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be appropriated, as printed in the Finance Committee Report, for "General Government" in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows:

- \$1,042,147 Raise and appropriate
- \$ 30,385 Appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Revenue
- \$ 30,158 Appropriate from Water Enterprise Revenue

Majority vote required

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to Monday, May 11th at 7:30 at the North Middlesex Regional High School and seconded. Unanimous

Town Meeting adjourned.

Third session called to order by the Moderator at 7:35 P.M. Monday, May 11th.

Diane Gasper, Finance Committee, moved to amend Part II, Public Safety Account #2210 Police Department as follows: of the Public Safety, Police Dept.

51113 Wages Hourly from \$1,010,920 to \$993,532 (\$17,388 less)

51141 Education Incentive from \$63,810 to \$62,802 (\$1,008 less)

51192 Uniform Allowance from \$20,750 to \$15,500 (\$5,250 less)

These items reflect amendments made to the police contract. This would establish a new baseline for the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ITEMS FLAGGED FOR PART II PUBLIC SAFETY

2110 POLICE DEPARTMENT

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions \$109,000

51113 Wages, Hourly \$1,010,920 (reduced by Finance Committee to \$993,532)

51141 Educational Incentive \$63,810 (reduced by Finance Committee to \$62,802)

51192 Uniform Allowance \$20,750 (reduced by Finance Committee to \$15,500)

54000 Supplies \$82,000

2510 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

51113 Wages, Hourly \$200,933

51130 Overtime \$40,132

ACTION TAKEN ON FLAGGED ITEMS

Article 3, Part II Police Dept.

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions \$109,000

Motion made by Eric Smith and seconded.

I move to amend Police Department, line item 51112, Salaries, Appointed Positions to be in the amount of \$86,000 and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen were not in favor of this amendment.

Motion made to move the question and seconded.

Majority voted to move the question.

Voice vote on original motion of \$109,000.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

51113 Wages, Hourly \$1,010,020 (Recommended by Finance Committee \$993,532)

I move to amend Police Department line item 51113, Wages, Hourly, to be in the amount of \$910,920 and seconded.

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

Motion made to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on line item 51113, \$993,532, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Majority voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

51130 Overtime \$250,000

Motion made by John J. Veysey and seconded.

I move that line item 2110-51130 be amended to reduce the recommended amount for FY 2010 from \$250,000 to \$225,000.

Majority voted in favor to move the question.

Voice vote on original item of \$250,000.

Majority voted in favor.

REMAINED THE SAME

There was discussion on the article and a motion made to move the question 51141 Educational Incentive \$63,810 (Recommended by Finance Committee \$62,802)

51192 Uniform Allowance \$20,750

Change to \$15,500 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

54000 Supplies \$57,500

Question were asked and answered what this amount will be used for.

Motion made to move the question.

Unanimous voted to move the question.

Voice vote on the original line item \$57,500.

Unanimous voted in favor

REMAINED THE SAME

Article 3 PART II

2510 - COMMUNICATION CENTER

51113 Wages, Hourly \$200,933

Motion made by John J. Veysey and seconded.

I move that line item 2510 -51113 be amended to reduce the recommended amount for FY 2010 from \$200,933 to \$186,417 and that said sum be raised and appropriated.

Voice vote on the original line item \$200,933

Unanimous voted in favor

REMAINED THE SAME

51130 Overtime \$40,132

Motion made by John J. Veysey and seconded.

52230 Overtime **\$ 40,132**

2910 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

5200 Purchase of Services \$5,600

ACTION TAKEN ON FLAGGED ITEMS PART II – PUBLIC SAFETY

2110 POLICE DEPARTMENT

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions \$109,000

Motion made by Eric Smith and seconded.

I move to amend Police Department, line item 51112, Salaries, Salaries Appointed Positions to be in the amount of \$86,000 and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen were not in favor of this amendment.

Motion made to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on the original amount of \$109,000.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

51113 Wages Hourly \$1,010,020 (Recommended amount of \$993,532 by Finance Committee).

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move to amend Police Staion line item 51113, Wages, Hourly to be in the amount of \$910,920 and seconded.

Motion to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on line item 51113 in the amount of \$993,532, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

51130 Overtime \$250,000

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move that line item 2110-51130 be amended to reduce the recommend amount for FY 2010 from \$250,000 to \$225,000.

There was discussion on the article and a motion was made to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on line item 51130 in the amount of \$250,000.

Majority voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

51141 Educational Incentive \$63,801 (Recommended amount of \$62,802 by the Finance Committee)

51192 Uniform Allowance \$20,750 (Recommended amount of \$15,500, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

54000 Supplies \$57,500

Question were asked and answered what this amount will be used for.

Motion to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on the original line item \$47,500.

Unanimous voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME.

2510 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

51113 Wages, Hourly \$200,933

Motion made by John Vesey and seconded.

Voice vote on the original line item \$200,933.

Unanimous voted in favor.

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

51130 Overtime \$40,132

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move that line item 2510 – 51130 be amended to reduce the recommended amount for FY 2010 from \$40,132 to \$25,000 and that said sum be raised and appropriated and seconded.

Motion to made to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on the original line item \$40,132

Unanimous vote in favor

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

2910 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

52000 Purchase of Services \$5,600

Motion made by James Pantano and seconded.

I move to remove \$4,300 from Emergency Management budget, Item 52000, for the purpose of funding the Reverse 911 System.

There was discussion on the article and people were in support to fund the 911 System.

Motion made to move the question and seconded.

Voice vote on the original line item \$5,600

Unanimous voted in favor

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

TOTAL OF PART II - \$2,280,448

PART II: PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion made by Patrick J. McNabb, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part II of Article 3 totaling \$ 2,280,448 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be raised and appropriated for “Public Safety” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows:

\$ 2,280,448 Raise and appropriate

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

PART IV PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES

ITEMS FLAGGED IN PART IV WERE:

4240 STREET LIGHTING

52000 Purchase of Services \$24,086

Motion made by Joseph Hallisey and seconded.

I move that line item 52000 (“Street Lighting”) be funded in the amount of \$40,086 with \$16,000 of said amount be appropriated from Free Cash.

There was discussion concerning shutting lighting down because of liability and there would still be expenses related to doing this and also to reinstate lighting in the future.

Motion was made to cut debate and seconded.

Majority vote to cut debate.

Vote taken on the original line item amount of \$24,086

Voice vote – inconclusive

Standing vote - YES 55 NO 326

DID NOT CARRY

Voice vote taken on the amendment to the motion.

Voice vote – Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

TOTAL PART IV \$966,174

Motion made by Fred Farmer, Board of Public Works and seconded.

I move that all items in Part IV of Article 3 totaling \$966,174 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30,2010 be raised and appropriated for “Public Works” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

\$950,174 Raise and appropriate

\$ 16,000 Free Cash

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned and would be continued June 12th.

Meeting called to order on June 12th at 7:40 PM

ITEM FLAGGED FOR ARTICLE 3, PART V HUMAN SERVICES

5110 BOARD OF HEALTH

51112 Salaries Appointed Position	0
51113 Wages, Hourly	\$17,862
52000 Purchase of Services	\$73,738
54000 Supplies	\$800
57000 Other Charges and Expenses	\$600

5210 CLINICS

52000 Purchase of Services	\$1,171
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5220 NURSING SERVICE

51112 Salaries, Appointed Position	0
51142 Longevity	0
52000 Purchase of Services	0
54000 Supplies	0
57000 Other Charges and Expenses	0

5230 MENTAL HEALTH SEVICES

52000 Purchase of Services	0
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5410 COUNCIL ON AGING

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions	0
51113 Wages, Hourly	0
52000 Purchase of Services	0
54000 Supplies	0

Motion made by Elfriede Parker

I move to restore the Council on Aging budget Department #5410-51112 thru 57000 completely in the amount of \$172,640. to be taken from Free Cash, so we are no longer held hostage to an override vote and retain services for our senior citizens who build this town.

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move that line item 5410 –51112 be amended to increase the recommended amount for FY2010 from \$0.00 to \$54,447 and that said sum be raised.

There is no funding source.

John Veysey made a motion to withdraw this amendment and seconded.

Voice vote – **Unanimous**

Motion made by John Gubernat and seconded.

Motion made to allow to talk about all motions at once.

Voice Vote - Majority voted in favor.

ACTION TAKEN ON PART V HUMAN SERVICES

PART V: HUMAN SERVICES

51112 Salaries, Appointed Positions 0

ITEM STAYED THE SAME

51113 WAGES, HOURLY - \$17,862

Motion made by Scott Butcher and seconded.

I move to amend to amend 51113 to read \$29,964 with \$12,102 be appropriated from free cash.

Vote on \$17,862

Voice vote – inconclusive

Standing vote YES 187 NO 123

ITEM STAYED THE SAME

52000 PURCHASE OF SERVICES - \$73,738

REMAINED THE SAME

54000 SUPPLIES - \$800

REMAINED THE SAME

57000 OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES \$600

REMAINED THE SAME

5210 CLINICS

52000 PURCHASE OF SERVICES \$1,171

REMAINED THE SAME

5220 NURSING SERVICE 0

Motion made by Elfriede Parker and seconded.

I move that we appropriate \$30,744 to be appropriated from Free Cash.

This would be used for additional hours for local nurse if Nashoba Board of Health could not give coverage.

Vote taken on original amount of 0.

Majority voted in favor.

REMAINED THE SAME

51112 SALARIES, APPOINTED POSITION 0

REMAINED THE SAME

51142 LONGEVITY 0

REMAINED THE SAME

52000 PURCHASE OF SERVICES 0

REMAINED THE SAME

54000 SUPPLIES 0

REMAINED THE SAME

57000 OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES 0

REMAINED THE SAME

5230 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES 0

ACCOUNT 5110 – BOARD OF HEALTH

I move that Account 5110 (“Board of Health”) be funded in the amount of \$102,250, with \$9,250 of said monies to be appropriated from Free Cash.

PART V: HUMAN SERVICES

ACCOUNT 5220 – NURSING SERVICES

I move that Account 5220 (“Nursing Services”) be funded in the amount of \$30,774, said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash.

PART V: HUMAN SERVICES 0

ACCOUNT 5230 – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Motion made by Scott Butcher and seconded.

I move that Account 5230 (“Mental Health Services”) be funded in the amount of \$5,000, said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash.

Voice vote – Inconclusive

Standing vote taken YES 159 NO 120 MOTION DID NOT CARRY

LINE ITEM REMAINED THE SAME

Motion made to adjourn to May 11th

Meeting called to order on May 12th

Motion made by Elfriede Parker and seconded.

I move to restore the Council on Aging budget Department #5410-51112 thru 57000 completely in the amount of \$172,640. to be taken from Free Cash, so we are no longer held hostage to an override vote and retain services for our senior citizens who build this town.

Voice vote – Majority voted in favor

Article 6 taken out of order to vote on.

Motion made by John Gubernat and seconded.

I move that we amend the motion on the floor to consider Article 6 out of order and simultaneously with consideration and debate on Article 3, Part V, Account 5410 and subsequently related budget items.

TOTAL OF HUMAN SERVICES \$125,983

PART V: HUMAN SERVICES

Motion made by Diane Gasper and seconded.

I move that all items in Part V of Article 3 totaling \$125,983 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be raised and appropriated and to borrow \$14,3887 from Free Cash for “Human Services” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

ACCOUNT 5410 – COUNCIL ON AGING

Motion made by Joseph A. Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that Account Number 5410 (“Council on Aging”) be funded in the amount of \$14,387, said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash; and that the Town Accountant be authorized to distributed said monies among the constituent line items in 1/12 portion to the FY ’09 budget.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Majority voted in favor MOTION CARRIED

ITEMS FLAGGED FOR PART IV CULTURE & RECREATION

6310 SUMMER PLAYGROUND

51113 Wages, Hourly 0

6320 COMMUNITY CENTER

51113 Wages, Hourly \$5,000

6920 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

52000 Purchase of Services 0

ACTION TAKEN ON PART VI HUMAN SERVICES

PART VI

ACCOUNT 6110 – LAWRENCE LIBRARY

Motion made by Patrick J. McNabb, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that Account Number 6110 (“Lawrence Library”) be funded in the amount of \$35,962; said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash; and that the Town Accountant be authorized to distribute said monies among the constituent line items in 1/12 portion to the FY ’09 Budget.

Motion made to amend the motion to read \$36,378. instead of \$35,962.

There was discussion of the motion.

Motion was made to move the question.

Voice vote on the amendment to the motion. Majority voted in favor. AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION CARRIED

3610 SUMMER PLAYGROUND

51113 PURCHASE OF SERVICES 0

Motion made by Constance Menice.

I make a motion that \$5,000 will be appropriated from free cash to fund summer playground dept #6310 line 51113 Wages, Hourly.

Constance stated that her son Lucas, who is autism, has benefited from the summer playground program and it is extremely economical option for parents to provide their children with a healthy daily activity during summer vacation.

Voice vote – Majority voted in favor AMENDMENT CARRIED

Constance and her family would like to donate \$238.00 for 54000 Supplies.

ACCOUNT 6920 – MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

52000 Purchase of Services

Motion made by Mike Green and second.

I move that the Town vote no action on this line item, Part VI -6920. The \$3,000 cost will be covered by my company, 1A Auto, Chapel Place.

Voice vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

PART VI: CULTURE AND RECREATION

I move that all items in Part VI of Article 3 totaling \$41,378 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be raised and from Free Cash for “Culture and Recreation” in accordance with the recommendation of the Motion made by Joseph Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

Finance Committee.

Voice vote – Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

PART VII DEBT-OBLIGATION

7190 DEBT-OBLIGATION III

59000 Long-Term Debt \$227,885

Motion made by Michael Hartnett, Tax Collector/Treasurer, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part VII of Article 3 totaling \$ 418,999 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be raised and appropriated for “Debt Service” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

PART VIII: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INS.

Motion made by Michael Hartnett, Tax Collector/Treasurer, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part VIII of Article 3 totaling \$1,529,509 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be appropriated for “Employee Benefits and Insurance” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows:

- \$ 660,946 Raise and appropriate
- \$ 450,000 From Free Cash
- \$ 418,563 Appropriate from Retirement Fund

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

PART IX: AMBULANCE

Motion made by Toby Tyler, Board of Fire Engineers, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part IX of Article 3 totaling \$ 226,207 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be raised and appropriated for “Ambulance Fund” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

PART X: SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Motion made by Greg Rice, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part X of Article 3 totaling \$1,833,633 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be appropriated for “Sewer Enterprise Fund” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows:

- \$1,678,248 Appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Revenue
- \$ 125,000 Appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Betterment Fund
- \$ 30,385 Included in other budgets as appropriated in Article 3, Part I

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

PART XI: WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Motion made by Fred Farmer, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part XI of Article 3 totaling \$1,298,616 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be appropriated for “Water Enterprise Fund” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows:

- \$1,232,883 Appropriate from Water Enterprise Revenue
- \$ 35,575 Appropriate from Special Revenue Fund – Sale of Town Buildings, Canal Street
- \$ 30,158 Included in other budgets as appropriated in Article 3, Part I

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

PART XII: TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FUND

Motion made by Lewis Lunn, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that all items in Part XII of Article 3 totaling \$369,688 providing funds for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 be appropriated from Transfer Station Revenue for “Transfer Station Enterprise Fund” in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows:

- \$349,688 From Transfer Station Enterprise Revenue
- \$ 20,000 From Transfer Station Enterprise Free Cash

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

Adjourned Session
May 18, 2009

ARTICLE 4
NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$10,198,707.65 for the purpose of funding the Town's apportioned share of the North Middlesex Regional School District operating budget and debt service for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as most recently certified to the Town by the District Treasurer, and, by virtue of appropriating this sum, approve the certified budget for the said fiscal year, or, by not appropriating this sum, explicitly disapprove the certified budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Arnold Silva, North Middlesex Regional School District Committee Member, and seconded.

Motion made by Frederick E. Farmer and seconded. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,198,707.65 for the purpose of funding the Town's apportioned share of the North Middlesex Regional School District operating budget and debt service for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as most recently certified to the Town by the District Treasurer, and, by virtue of appropriating this sum, approve the certified budget for the said fiscal year, or, by not appropriating this sum, explicitly disapprove the certified budget.

Dr. Marshall, Superintendent of the North Middlesex Regional School District, gave a presentation of the budget.

I move that Pepperell's share of the North Middlesex Regional Schools operating budget and debt service, for Fiscal Year, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, be explicitly disapproved from certification on the present budget.

There was a lengthy debate, a motion was made to move the question.

Voice Vote – Majority voted to move the question.

Majority vote required on the main motion.

Standing vote taken. YES 256 NO 15 MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 5
NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$1,032,171 for the purpose of providing funds for the Town's apportioned share of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School operating budget and debt service for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as most recently certified to the Town by the District Treasurer, and by virtue of appropriating this sum, approve the certified budget for the said fiscal year, or by not voting to appropriate the sum, explicitly disapprove the certified budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Sandra Proctor, Nashoba Valley Technical High School Committee Member, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,032,171 for the purpose of providing funds for the Town's apportioned share of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School operating budget and debt service for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as most recently certified to the Town by

the District Treasurer, and by virtue of appropriating this sum, approve the certified budget for the said fiscal year, or by not voting to appropriate the sum, explicitly disapprove the certified budget.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Majority voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 6

By: Board of Selectmen

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following additional sums for the FY ‘10 budgets of the designated departments, subject to an override vote of the Town:

COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 172,640
LAWRENCE LIBRARY	436,539
COMMUNITY CENTER	37,618

And authorize the Town Accountant to distribute said funds to the appropriate line items; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will fund the three designated departments for FY10 - IF the voters approve the appropriation through an override referendum, as an addition to the allowed tax levy.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Joseph A. Sergi, Selectman and second

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the following additional sums for the FY ‘10 budgets of the designated departments, subject to an override vote of the Town:

COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 172,640
LAWRENCE LIBRARY	436,539
COMMUNITY CENTER	37,618

And authorize the Town Accountant to distribute said funds to the appropriate line items.

Motion made John Veysey and seconded.

I move to amend Article 6 by reducing the amounts as follows:

Council on Aging \$172,640 to \$92,566

Lawrence Library \$436,539 to \$234,061

Community Center \$37,618 to \$20,170

Motion made to move the question.

Majority voted in favor

Voice vote on the motion.

Majority voted against.

Discussion was held on the original motion.

Motion was made to move the question.

Voice vote – Majority voted in favor.

Voice vote on the motion. Majority voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

The date for the Special Election will be held on Monday, June 29, 2009.

ARTICLE 7

By: Board of Fire Engineers

NEW FIRE HOSE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing replacement 4” fire hose, said appropriation to be under the control of the Board of Fire Engineers; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will replace worn-out, leaky hose, which no longer gets all the water to the nozzle end of the hose, never mind to the location where it is actually needed.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Toby Tyler, Board of Fire Engineers, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing replacement 4” fire hose, said appropriation to be under the control of the Board of Fire Engineers; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

(Adjourned Session – May 12, 2009)

ARTICLE 8

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise Section 2200. OVERLAY DISTRICTS. by adding:

Sewer District	SD
Mixed-Use	MUOD

or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The above overlay districts were previously added as separate sections of the Zoning Bylaws, however the listing of these two districts was never added to Section 2200, where the list of all overlay districts in the Town appears.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise Section 2200. OVERLAY DISTRICTS. by adding:

Sewer District	SD
Mixed-Use	MUOD

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

(Adjourned Session – May 12, 2009)

ARTICLE 9

By: Recreation Commission

TENNIS COURT RECONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the tennis courts located behind the Varnum Brook Elementary School, said appropriation to be under the control of the Board of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article would rebuild existing tennis facilities located on the School District’s property; some legal work would be a prerequisite for any actual expenditure of Town funds on non-Town property.

Not recommended by Finance Committee.

Not recommended by CAProgram

Motion made by David Priddle, Recreation Commissioner, and seconded.

I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the tennis courts located behind the Varnum Brook Elementary School, said appropriation to be under the control of the Board of Public Works.

There was discussion on the motion and a motion was made to move the question.

Voice vote – Unanimous QUESTION MOVED

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous voted against this motion. MOTION DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 10

By: Board of Public Works

TRANSFER STATION MULTI-PURPOSE MACHINE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Transfer Station Free Cash the sum of \$60,000 for the purchase of a multi-purpose machine (fork lift) for the recycling operation of the Transfer Station, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent; or take any other action relative thereto.

The primary use of this machine will be as a fork lift at the Transfer Station, with a number of other functions available, as needed. The monies will come from the Enterprise Fund, not the tax rate.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Recommended by CAProgram.

Motion made by Frederick Farmer, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Transfer Station Free Cash the sum of \$49,000 for the purchase of a multi-purpose machine (fork lift) for the recycling operation of the Transfer Station, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent.

There was discussion on this motion and a motion was made to move the question.

Voice Vote – Unanimous QUESTION MOVED

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 11

By: Board of Public Works

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Transfer Station Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of a used one-ton truck for the Transfer Station, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article would replace a derelict vehicle, whose primary use is on the premises of the Transfer Station. The monies will come from the Enterprise Fund, not the tax rate

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Recommended by CAProgram

Motion made by Frederick Farmer, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Transfer Station Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of a used one-ton truck for the Transfer Station, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

MAY 4, 2009 (Adjourned Session – May 12, 2009)

ARTICLE 12

By: Board of Fire Engineers

REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund, pursuant to MGL Ch. 44, s. 53E 1/2, for the purpose of receiving and expending funds as a result of reimbursable incidents allowed under MGL Ch.21E, relative to hazardous materials releases. Receipts generated shall be deposited into said revolving fund, and expenditures, not to exceed \$100,000 may be made by the Board of Selectmen to the respective responding departments; or take any other action relative thereto.

When the Fire Department or other Town agency responds to a hazardous waste incident, oil or gas spill, or any other situation involving a clean-up element, there is a resulting out-of-pocket expense for consumables (oil absorbent pads, flow dams, etc., etc.). These costs and other, related charges can be claimed against insurance coverage, or business entities. The revolving fund would allow these recouped funds to be cycled back into the cost of providing the service.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion mad by Toby Tyler, Board of Fire Engineers, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to authorize a revolving fund, pursuant to MGL Ch. 44, s. 53E 1/2, for the purpose of receiving and expending funds as a result of reimbursable incidents allowed under MGL Ch.21E, relative to hazardous materials releases. Receipts generated shall be deposited into said revolving fund, and expenditures, not to exceed \$100,000 may be made by the Board of Selectmen to the respective responding departments.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED :

ARTICLE 13

By: Police Department

POLICE CRUISERS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping two (2) new police cruisers, along with any related expenses, said appropriation to be under control of the Chief of Police, and to authorize the disposal of used police vehicle(s) by trade, transfer, or sale; or take any other action relative thereto.

This is the FY 2010 appearance in the annual cycle of replacing police cruisers.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Recommended by CAPprogram

Motion made by Joseph Hallisey, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping two (2) new police cruisers, along with any related expenses, said appropriation to be under control of the Chief of Police, and to authorize the disposal of used police vehicle(s) by trade, transfer, or sale.

Motion made by Andrai Kluk and seconded.

I motion to move Article 13 to the Fall Town Meeting to give the police department adequate time to research fuel efficient vehicles.

There was discussion and a motion was made to move the question.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION MOVED

Voice Vote on the amendment to the motion failed by unanimous voice vote.

2/3 Vote required on main motion

Standing vote taken YES 217 NO 2 MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 14

By: Board of Health

NASHOBA BOARDS OF HEALTH

To see if the Town will vote to approve membership in the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, a district comprised of the Boards of Health of its member municipalities, as authorized by MGL, Ch 111, s. 27A, and to set a Board of Health budget, inclusive of resulting contract costs and such other budget amendments as may be appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article would restructure the Board of Health’s current setup, by assigning elements of the department’s functions currently performed by in-house staff, to a private entity, under agreement.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Scott Butcher, Board of Health, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to approve membership in the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, a district comprised of the Boards of Health of its member municipalities, as authorized by MGL, Ch 111, s. 27A.

Majority vote required.

Standing Vote - YES 198 NO 172 MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 15

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise Section 3300. HOME OCCUPATIONS as follows:

Under Section 3310. Home Occupation - As of Right.

Delete:

3311. is conducted solely within a dwelling and solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence;

And replace with:

3311. is conducted solely within a dwelling unit or in a building or other structure accessory thereto, and solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence;

Explanation: The as of right home occupation currently allows only for the use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation. This change would allow for as of right home occupations to utilize an accessory building or a detached garage for the purpose of the home occupation. Accessory structures are further regulated elsewhere in the bylaws.

Delete:

3314. does not utilize exterior storage of material or equipment (including the parking of commercial vehicles)

And replace with:

3314. does not utilize exterior storage of material or equipment (commercial vehicles allowed per the guidelines in Section 3234)

Explanation: As currently written (including the parking of commercial vehicles) is in contradiction of Section 3234 of the bylaws. Section 3234 has guidelines for allowing commercial vehicles by right and by special permit.

Under Section: 3320. Home Occupation - By Special Permit.

Delete:

3322. is conducted within a dwelling solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence and, in addition to the residents of the premises, by not more than two additional employees; where employees leave vehicles on the premises while conducting business elsewhere, they shall be counted as nonresident employees.

And replace with:

3322. is conducted within a dwelling or accessory structure solely by the person(s) occupying the dwelling as a primary residence and, in addition to the residents of the premises, by not more than two additional employees; where employees leave vehicles on the premises while conducting business elsewhere, they shall be counted as nonresident employees.

Explanation: This change again allows for the use of an accessory structure, and by adding it to this subsection, makes it consistent with the above change.

Add:

3325. does not include sales at retail of foods or materials unless such goods or materials are made on the premises and no more than 300 square feet shall be utilized for this purpose; unless otherwise allowed by the Table of Use Regulations.

Explanation: This addition would add a new requirement to address when permitting a home occupation. Retail sales in a residential district at a home occupation would create additional traffic and safety concerns and therefore should not be allowed for a home occupation by special permit. The allowance for a small area for retail sales, for example, a hairdresser who wants to sell hair products in her salon, would be allowed with this section.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 15 of the Warrant of this Annual Town Meeting.

The report of the Planning Board was read by the Moderator.

There was discussion on the motion and a motion was made to move the question.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION MOVED

2/3 Vote required

Standing Vote YES 126 NO 22 MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 16

By: Conservation Commission

CONSERVATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$1,750 to the Conservation Fund, established by Article 21 of the 1965 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

This is a transfer of fee receipts into the Conservation Fund, which has been an annual request to Town Meeting for many years.

Recommendation to be given at Town Meeting.

Motion made by Jeff Sauer, Conservation Commission, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to take no action on Article 16.

Majority required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous NO ACTION TAKEN

(Adjourned Session May 18, 2009)

ARTICLE 17

By: Board of Public Works

NASHUA ROAD WELL DESIGN COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of \$250,000 for engineering/design services relative to a new water well located on Nashua Road, as well as any costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and, further, that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any Federal, State, or other grants or gifts from any sources that may be available for this project; or take any other action relative thereto.

This is the next step in the ongoing process of getting the much-discussed well located on the Nashua Road site into actuality.

Under the terms of our DEP permit, we must proceed without delay. The cost of this borrowing will be borne by the Enterprise Fund, not the tax rate.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Lewis Lunn, Board of Public Works Member and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$250,000 for engineering/design services relative to a new water well located on Nashua Road, as well as any costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and, further, that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any Federal, State, or other grants or gifts from any sources that may be available for this project.

2/3 vote required

Voice vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

(Adjourned Session May 18, 2009)

ARTICLE 18

By: Board of Public Works SEWER DESIGN COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of \$150,000 for engineering/design of extended sewer lines in Brookline Street and the Indian Village area, as well as any costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and, further, that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any Federal, State, or other grants or gifts from any sources that may be available for this project; and, further, that, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, ss 15 and 18, the full cost of said services be allocated, based on a fixed uniform rate (or uniform unit method), and those amounts be assessed against and collected from the abutters; or take any other action relative thereto.

This is another element in the DPW's ongoing effort to finish up with small, "donut hole" pieces of the sewer system that have been long-planned, but never implemented. Costs of this borrowing will be borne by the Enterprise Fund, not the tax rate.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Lewis Lunn, Board of Public Works Member and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$150,000 for engineering/design of extended sewer lines in Brookline Street and the Indian Village area, as well as any costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and, further, that the Board of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any Federal, State, or other grants or gifts from any sources that may be available for this project; and, further, that, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, ss 15 and 18, the full cost of said services be allocated, based on a fixed uniform rate (or uniform unit method), and those amounts be assessed against and collected from the abutters.

Robert Lee, Town Engineer, gave a report on the subject.

2/3 vote required

Voice vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

(Adjourned Session – May 18, 2009)

ARTICLE 19

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise Section 3400. ACCESSORY APARTMENTS as follows:

Under Section 3420. Procedure. By deleting the word “on” and replacing it with the word “by” after the word “allowed” and before the words “special permit”.

Paragraph to now read:

3420. Procedure. Accessory apartments may be allowed by special permit from the Board of Appeals.....

Explanation: This is a grammatical correction.

Under Section 3432. by deleting the word “proved” and replacing it with the word “provide” before “an affidavit”.

Paragraph to now read:

3432. One of the two dwelling units shall be occupied by the owner of the property, except for bona fide temporary absence(s). At the hearing on the application for the special permit, the applicant shall provide an affidavit

Explanation: This is a spelling correction.

Under Section 3433. by adding the word “gross” before the word “floor”.

Paragraph to now read:

3433. Not more than one accessory apartment may be established on a lot. The accessory apartment shall not exceed 800 sq. ft. in gross floor space....

Explanation: No specification as to net or gross floor space was ever put into this section of the bylaw. There needed to be clarification for the size restriction and the addition now specifies the size requirement.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 19 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

MAY 4, 2009 (Adjourned Session – May 18, 2009)

ARTICLE 20

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise Section 4200. SPECIAL DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS as follows:

Under Section 4240. Residential Use in Commercial or Industrial District. By adding at the end of the section “except for dwelling units above the first floor as allowed in the Commercial District.”

Paragraph to now read:

4240. Residential Use in Commercial or Industrial District. A residential use hereafter located in a commercial or industrial district shall conform to the dimensional requirements of the nearest residential district except dwelling units above the first floor as allowed in the Commercial District.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Current zoning allows for dwelling units on the 2nd floor in the commercial districts per the Table of Use, it would be unrealistic to require these residential dwelling units to comply with residential zoning setbacks when the commercial building has less restrictive setbacks.

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 20 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

(ADJOURNED SESSION MAY 12, 2009)

ARTICLE 21

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise Section 4400. ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, 4410. Dimensional Requirements and Location as follows:

Under Section 4413. by deleting “100” square feet and replacing it with “120” square feet.

Explanation: The correct dimension is 120 square feet, as stated in Section 4412.

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 21 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 22

By: Board of Selectmen

ACCEPTANCE OF LAYOUT: JULIA LANE

To see if the Town will vote to accept and maintain as a public way the layout of Julia Lane as shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan, Lots 11-A to 19-A, Julia Lane, 17 Elliott Street,” prepared for Robert M. Hicks, Inc., 124 Main St., Westford, MA 01886, by Meisner Brem Corporation, dated 2/28/2008, and on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made by Patrick J. McNabb, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to take no action on Article 22.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous NO ACTION TAKEN ON ARTICLE 22

ARTICLE 23

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise Section 5200. LOADING AREAS, 5220. Layout and Design of Loading Facilities as follows:

Add the following section:

5224. Loading facilities shall be designed and located in areas exclusive of any customer/client parking facilities. Parking facilities designated for employee only parking may be allowed in the same general area as the loading facilities if deemed a safe location by the Planning Board.

Or take any other action relative thereto

Explanation: This is an additional requirement for the loading facilities prompted by a previous Special Permit which had several redesigns of the site. The main purpose of this additional requirement is to ensure traffic safety for all commercial and industrial buildings.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 23 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 24

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise Section 6100. SOIL REMOVAL as follows:

Under Section:

6120. Procedures. By deleting “Highway Surveyor” and replacing it with “Town Engineer”.

Explanation: This is a change due to the current structure of the Town’s government officials.

Under Section:

6160. Municipal Exemption. by deleting “Highway Surveyor” and replacing it with “Town Engineer”.

Explanation: Same as above.

Or take any other action relative thereto

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 24 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous MOTION CARRIED

ARTICLE 25

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise Section 6200. COMMON DRIVES as follows:

Under Section 6210. General. By inserting “to serve as common access to a maximum of five (5) house lots” after “common drive.”

Paragraph to now read:

6210. General. A common drive to serve as common access to a maximum of five (5) house lots may be allowed upon the grant of a special permit by the Planning Board in all districts....

Explanation: This is to clarify in the bylaw wording the limitation –which is currently in the definition but should be re-stated in the bylaw section as well.

Under Section:

6250. Name

Delete the following:

6250. Name The common drive may be named, but the name must be approved by the Planning Board either at the time of submission of the special permit application or when a petition for name and street numbering is submitted to the Board of Assessors.

And replace with:

6250. Name and Address. The common driveway shall be named as approved by the Planning Board in conjunction with the Board of Assessors. All house lots shall be addressed using the approved common driveway name and house numbering as directed by the Board of Assessors.

Explanation: This change is to address past problems, especially response of emergency services, on private common driveways and will insure that all new common drives will be named and numbered as specified by the town.

Or take any other action relative thereto

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 25 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 26

By: Department of Public Works

CHAPTER 90 FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$312,992 for resurfacing and related expenses on eligible roads, said funds having been approved for 100% reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Section 34(2)(a) of MGL Ch. 90, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent; or take any other action relative thereto.

This is an annual article, authorizing and accepting State funds for repair of qualifying roads within the Town. There is no net cost to the Town.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Frederick E. Farmer, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$312,992 for resurfacing and related expenses on eligible roads, said funds having been approved for 100% reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Section 34(2)(a) of MGL Ch. 90, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 27

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise **Section 7300. MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT** as follows:

Under Section **7320. Design Requirements:**

Delete the following:

- 7326. No multifamily development containing eight (8) or more apartment units shall have more than twenty percent (20%) of the total number of apartments with three (3) or more bedrooms.

And replace with:

- 7326. Except for detached single family dwelling units, no multifamily residential development containing eight (8) or more dwelling units shall have more than twenty percent (20%) of the total number of dwelling units with three (3) or more bedrooms.

Explanation: this change is to clarify that only apartment buildings have a restriction for 3 bedroom units. Single family homes cannot be regulated as to number of bedrooms.

Add the following subsection:

- 7329. All multifamily developments shall require signage in accordance with Section 5300 to be located at all entrances to the multifamily development and in the case of apartment buildings, each building shall be designated by street numbering as determined by the Board of Assessors, and each unit number shall be clearly marked with numerals or letters of no less than six (6) inches in height and be of a clearly visible color. In the case of multifamily developments containing single-family detached dwelling units a permanent marker of engraved granite not greater than six (6) square feet in area shall be placed at the end of the driveway entrance to the multifamily development where it meets the public way and shall contain the diagram of the addresses of the properties as designated by the Board of Assessors. A similar, but smaller, marker shall be placed where the driveway meets the individual dwelling driveway and at any location where the driveway may split to access more than one dwelling. All driveways and parking areas for the designed multifamily development shall be paved to a total thickness of three (3) inches with two courses of bituminous concrete.

Explanation: This change helps to specify requirements for addressing and marking of multi-family developments for public safety response.

Add the following Section:

7335. Affordable Housing. All multifamily developments which will result in the creation of six (6) or more detached single family dwelling units on the site designated as the multifamily development shall require at least 10% of the units, and in no case, less than one unit, be priced for qualified affordable housing purchase as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Explanation: Adding an affordable housing component for these types of developments when they create single family units helps the town comply with its recommendations in the Affordable Housing Plan to increase availability of affordable housing in the town.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 27 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

(Adjourned Session – May 18, 2009)

ARTICLE 28

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise **Section 8400. SEWER ZONING DISTRICT** as follows:

Delete the Section in its entirety and replace with the following:

8400. SEWER DISTRICT

- 8410. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to define that portion of the Town of Pepperell in which sewer service is provided or may be planned to be provided, and to regulate sewer connections and use within the Sewer District area.
- 8420. Location. The Sewer District shall consist of that area of land shown within the delineated area appearing on the Town of Pepperell Zoning Map and is additionally described and defined in a written addendum to the Official Zoning Map.
- 8430. Applicability. The Sewer District shall be construed as an overlay district, and all elements of the underlying zoning shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8440. Regulation. All habitable structures, whether residential or commercial, constructed after the effective date of this section, lying within the Sewer District and having legal access to the sewers of the Town of Pepperell, shall connect to the municipal sewer system by a sufficient drain, prior to any use or occupancy thereof. All single family residences existing at the effective date of this section shall be allowed access to the municipal sewer system. Any single family residence existing at the effective date of this section which is outside the Sewer District but directly abutting a parcel within the Sewer District may be allowed access to the municipal

sewer system through proof of demonstrated hardship circumstances and by the permission of the Board of Public Works. No other properties outside the Sewer District shall be allowed access to the municipal sewer system.

8450. Authority. The Board of Public Works shall be the enforcement authority of the Sewer District. All connections to the municipal sewer system shall be directed as defined by the Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

The referenced "written addendum" is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Office of the Town Administrator.

Explanation: This change in the bylaw is to more precisely word the bylaw so that it is consistent with other bylaws describing an overlay district. The original purpose and intent of this bylaw has not changed nor has the area of the Sewer District changed.

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board Member, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 28 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 29

By: Planning Board

ZONING AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Revise APPENDIX A TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES as follows:

D. COMMERCIAL USES

Delete:

	RR	TR	RCR	SR	UR	C	I
Restaurant, fast-food	N	N	N	N	N	PB	PB

Add:

Restaurant, fast-food	N	N	N	N	N	Y	PB
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Explanation: Will allow by right for fast-food restaurants in the commercial district such as sub shops, pizza shops without requiring a special permit. This will not allow drive-thrus.

Delete:

	RR	TR	RCR	SR	UR	C	I
Indoor facility for the rental of equipment or goods	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N

Add:

Indoor facility for the rental of equipment or goods	N	N	N	N	N	Y	PB
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Explanation: This change will allow the Planning Board to grant a special permit for this type of rental business in the industrial district if all criteria are met.

Delete:

	RR	TR	RCR	SR	UR	C	I
Nonprofit club or lodge	BOS	BOS	Y	BOS	BOS	Y	N

Add:

Nonprofit club or lodge	BOS	BOS	BOS	BOS	BOS	Y	PB
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Explanation: This change makes the type of use consistent in all of the residential zones requiring a permit from the Board of Selectmen.

E. RECREATIONAL USES

Delete:

	RR	TR	RCR	SR	UR	C	I
Retail operations on premises of recreational use set forth herein	N	N	PB	N	N	Y	N

Add:

Retail operations on premises of recreational use set forth herein	N	N	PB	N	N	Y	PB
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Explanation: This would allow for the Planning Board to grant a special permit for this use, for example a batting cage that wanted to sell baseball equipment.

F. INDUSTRIAL USES

Delete:

	RR	TR	RCR	SR	UR	C	I
Earth removal	N	N	N	N	N	N	BOS

Add:

Earth & Soil removal	N	N	N	N	N	N	BOS
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Explanation: The bylaw section regulating this is called Soil Removal and by adding the soil in the description here it will be more consistent with the controlling section.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

The Moderator read the report of the Planning Board.

Motion made by Nick Cate, Planning Board Member, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 29 of the Warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

2/3 Vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made to dissolve the Annual Town meeting and seconded.

Voice Vote – Unanimous ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DISSOLVED AT 11:17 P.M.

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of same, in said Town, seven days prior to the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings herein to the Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands this 17th day of April, A.D. 2009.
Lyndon B. Johnson, Chairman

Joseph A. Sergi, Clerk
Patrick J. McNabb
PEPPERELL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert C. Russell
CONSTABLE OF PEPPERELL
TRUE COPY ATTEST:
LOIS A. LIBBY
PEPPERELL TOWN CLERK

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Pepperell, in said county,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified according to law to vote in state, county, district and town affairs to assemble at the NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL, in said Town, on Monday, the 4th of May, A.D. 2009 at 8:00 PM to act on the following articles:

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by the Moderator, Scott N. Blackburn and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, Lois A. Libby.

The turnout for the Annual Town Meeting was so large that the voters had to go into cell phones.

There were so many voters attending the meeting, that other rooms had to be made available in the school. The Moderator expressed that he would do his best to conduct this meeting. There were televisions and speakers in the rooms and a counter would be available to count votes. Walkie-talkies and cell phones were used for communication.

It was brought to the attention of the Moderators attention that it was not fair if the voters in the cafeteria and music rooms would not get a chance to speak.

Moderator explained that voters in the auditorium would ask question first, then go into each of the other rooms and let those speak or ask question. The votes would be done the same way.

Article 1 was voted on, but Article 2 was not continued due to the confusion of vote results and unable to communicate.

Dr. Marshall said that she would have the North Middlesex Regional High School Gymnasium available to us to continue the Special and Annual Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn to the North Middlesex Regional High School on Tuesday, May 5th.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 4, 2009

ARTICLE 1

By: Board of Public Works

FY 2009 SNOW REMOVAL COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$70,000 to pay outstanding costs arising from FY 2009 snow and ice removal operations, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent; or take any other action relative thereto.

It was tough winter, and the time has come to pay the piper for the unforeseen costs.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Gregory Rice, Board of Public Works Member, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$70,000 to pay outstanding costs arising from FY 2009 snow and ice removal operations, said appropriation to be under the control of the Highway Superintendent.

Majority vote required.

Voice Vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

(Adjourned Session May 5, 2009)

ARTICLE 2

By: Board of Public Works

DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$39,475 from the Special Revenue Fund, Sale of Town Buildings, to be applied against the FY 2009 debt service cost for improvements to the Belmont Springs building; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article follows up on the action of Town Meeting, in directing the use of the proceeds from the Canal Street property to defray the costs of the renovations.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Lewis Lunn, Board of Public Works Member, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$39,475 from the Special Revenue Fund, Sale of Town Buildings, to be applied against the FY 2009 debt service cost for improvements to the Belmont Springs building.

Ned Richardson, Town Council, gave an explanation. We would be borrowing from the Enterprise Proceeds from the sale of the town building on Canal St. to pay the debt service. This would be the first installment to the debt service. All that is required to do this would have this article voted on at town meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion on this Article, asking why we could not use the sale of town buildings to help pay for the override or to take this from Free Cash.

The Finance Committee noted that this Special Revenue Fund per Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Sec. 63 can only be used on a debt service.

There was lengthy discussion on this article asking why these funds could no be given to the town to defray the cost of the override.

Motion made by John Veysey

I move we amend the main motion by deleting the use of sale of town buildings to fund FY2009 Debt Service and substitute \$39,475 from Water Enterprise Fund, Free Cash, in its place and seconded.

The discussion was lengthy and there was confusion with the voters being in different rooms and there was concern about how the town meeting was being run.

Motion made by David Priddle

I move that we take no action on the amendment to motion at this time.

Dr. Marshal said the North Middlesex Regional High School would be available Tuesday, May 5th to continue this meeting.

Motion made by Jean Theall and seconded.

I move we reconvene May 4th Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting to Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:30 at the North Middlesex Regional School gymnasium and to take no action on this article until that time.

Standing vote YES 359 No 161 MOTION CARRIED

JUNE 5, 2009 Adjourned Session Special Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, at 7:30 PM at the North Middlesex Regional School. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Checkers for the evening were: Emilie Presnall, Jane Eshleman, Patricia Sergi, Barbara Smith, Jerrilyn Bozicas, Linda Hadley, Joe Eshleman, Leeann Phoenix, Deborah Bezanson, Janet Cramb, and Cheryl Lutza and Janice Shattuck.

Counters were: Arnie Silva, Michael Hartnett, Derek Tenbroek

Scott Blackburn, the Moderator, explained parliamentary procedure to clarify how town meetings are run when motions are made and debate is held on the articles.

Scott encouraged anyone with questions about an article being acted upon, to ask and it will be explained.

The Moderator introduced Mark Boyajian to announce the film that was made in Pepperell in 2007 on the Keys conservation property. The name of the film was Bridge Crusader, and Mark was asked by the producer to thank all those involved with their help, when making the film. The public is invited to a free showing on Friday, June 5th at 7:00 PM at the Nissitissit School.

The Moderator thanked Dr. Marshall for the use of the school in such short notice, to continue our Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2 CONTINUED

Motion made by David Priddle and seconded.

I move to withdraw my motion.

Voice vote –Unanimous CARRIED

Motion made by John Veysey and seconded.

I move to withdraw my proposed amendment to the motion.

Voice Vote - Unanimous.

Motion made by Lewis Lunn and seconded.

I move to take no action on this article.

There was much confusion on this article and we should deal with this in the fall.

Voice vote – Unanimous voted in favor. NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 3

By: Board of Selectmen

PERSONNEL BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding, at the end of ARTICLE V (“Employee Benefits”), the following new Section 30:

30 EXCEPTIONS

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this By-law:

- At any Annual Town Meeting, the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may make budget recommendations for the succeeding Fiscal Year that include suspension of step increases and/or longevity payments with regard to all personnel not otherwise covered by contract;
- At any point in any Fiscal Year, the Board of Selectmen may, upon declaration of a financial emergency, direct forfeiture of payment for step increases and/or longevity not already implemented or expended, with regard to all personnel not otherwise covered by contract.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

This amendment creates a management tool for dealing with budget crises in future years.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

made by Joseph Hallisey, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding, at the end of ARTICLE V (“Employee Benefits”), a new Section 30 as printed in Article 3 of the Warrant for this Special Town Meeting.

This would affect approximately 53 employees.

Motion made by John Croteau to amend the motion and seconded.

I move to exclude “At any point in any Fiscal Year, the Board of Selectmen may, upon declaration of a financial emergency, direct forfeiture of payment for step increases and/or longevity not already implemented or expended, with regard to all personnel not otherwise covered by contract.”

There was discussion on the amendment and a motion made to move the question.

Voice Vote- Majority voted to move the question. **QUESTION MOVED**

Voice vote on the amendment to the motion –Majority voted against the motion. **AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION DID NOT CARRY**

Voice vote on the main motion. Majority voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 4

By: Board of Public Works

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sewer Department budgets by transferring the sum of \$8,000 from “Health Insurance” to “Capital Outlay – Replacement Equipment;” or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

MOTION:

Motion made by Gregory Rice, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to take no action on Article 4.

Voice vote – Unanimous **VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION**

Motion made to adjourn the Special Town Meeting and seconded.

Voice vote - Unanimous

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of same, in said Town, fourteen days prior to the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings herein to the Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands this 17th day of April, A.D. 2009.

Lyndon B. Johnson, Chairman

Joseph A. Sergi, Clerk

Patrick J. McNabb

PEPPERELL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert C. Russell

CONSTABLE OF PEPPERELL

TRUE COPY ATTEST:

LOIS A. LIBBY

PEPPERELL TOWN CLERK

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
 JUNE 29, 2009
 RESULTS
 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
 PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS
 VARNUM BROOK SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
 JUNE 29, 2009
 PRECINCTS 1, 2, & 3**

QUESTION NO. 1

Shall the Town of Pepperell be allowed to assess an additional \$646,797 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town Departments shown below in the amounts indicated for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and nine?

- Council on Aging/Senior Center \$172,640
- Lawrence Library 436,539
- Community Center 37,618

	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	PREC. 3	TOTALS
YES	688	849	685	2222
NO	291	284	293	868
TOTALS	979	1133	978	3090

Explanation:

A “yes” vote means that the subject departments will be funded to conduct their usual and accustomed operations for the upcoming fiscal year.

A “no” vote means that the subject departments and their respective buildings will be closed, and that none of their usual and accustomed operations will be conducted in the upcoming fiscal year.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	7973	TOTAL VOTED	3090
PREC. 1	2754	PREC. 1	979
PREC. 2	2622	PREC. 2	1133
PREC. 3	2597	PREC. 3	978
		PERCENTAGE	39%

COUNTING COMPETED AT 8:30 PM

TRUE COPY ATTEST:

LOIS A. LIBBY
 PEPPERELL TOWN CLERK

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss:

To either of the constables of the Town of Pepperell, in said county,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified according to law to vote in state, county, district and town affairs to assemble at the NISSITISSIT MIDDLE SCHOOL, in said Town, on Monday, the 26th of October, A.D. 2009 at 7:30 PM to act on the following articles:

Meeting was called to order by Scott N. Blackburn at 7:35 PM and the opening of the warrant was read. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 26, 2009

ARTICLE 1

By: Treasurer-Collector

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed to the Town of Pepperell of a parcel of land at 189 Brookline Street, containing approximately 1.8 acres, shown on Assessors' Map 3 as Parcel 44, which is subject to a tax taking held by the Treasurer for unpaid 1996 taxes from Kimberly Murphy and any other owner thereof in lieu of foreclosure, in compliance with MGL Chapter 60, s. 77C; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will allow the Town of Pepperell to avoid a costly land court foreclosure procedure by accepting this parcel from the owners, in lieu of foreclosure.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Michael Hartnett, Treasurer/Collector, and seconded.

I move that the Town accept the deed to the Town of Pepperell of a parcel of land at 189 Brookline Street, containing approximately 1.8 acres, shown as Assessors Map 3, Parcel 44 in lieu of foreclosure of the tax taking for unpaid 1996 taxes pursuant to MGL Chapter 60, Section 77C.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 2

By: Board of Fire Engineers

BY-LAW ADOPTION – Open Burning

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new by-Law:

OPEN BURNING

Section 1: No person shall set, maintain, or increase a fire in the open air at any time, except by permit legally issued by the Pepperell Fire Department.

Section 2: Any person acting in violation of Section 1, including any violation of any condition or restriction contained within a permit lawfully issued under said section, may be penalized by a fine of \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, and \$150 for the third and subsequent violations in any calendar year; such penalties shall be imposed as provided under the Town's Non-criminal Disposition By-law.

and, further, to amend the Non-criminal Disposition By-law, by adding, at the end of the list of violation categories therein, the following new category:

Open Burning Violation	Fire Chief or designee	\$50 first offense
		\$100 second offense
		\$150 3 rd + offense

or take any other action relative thereto.

This article allows the Town to assign financial penalties for those who violate the Open Burning Bylaw. Recommended by Finance Committee.

I move that the Town vote to adopt the Open Burning Bylaw as printed in the Official Warrant of this Special Town Meeting.

Voters said that there needed to be clarity in Section 1.

Motion made by Toby Tyler, Fire Chief, to amend the motion and seconded.

I move that Section 1 be amended to read “ No person shall burn, trash, brush or other debris in the open air at any time, except by permit legally issued by the Pepperell Fire Department.”

Voice vote – Inconclusive

Standing vote - YES 80 NO 37 AMENDMENT CARRIED

Voice vote on the amended motion - Inconclusive

Standing vote – YES 75 NO 45 **AMENDED MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 3

By: Board of Health

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$8,256 to provide for 20 hours per week secretarial coverage for the Board of Health for the balance of FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article allows the Board of Health to increase the hours of their secretary from 15 hours to 20 hours per week. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Al Buckley, Board of Health, and seconded.

I move that Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,894 to provide for 15 hours per week secretarial coverage for the Board of Health for the balance of FY 2010.

Voice vote – Majority voted against. MOTION DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 4

By: Veterans’ Agent

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of paying Veterans’ benefits for the balance of FY 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article provides necessary additional funding for the Veterans’ Service Officer in order to meet Federal and State legal requirements. The Town receives up to 75% reimbursement for veterans’ benefits. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Patrick J. McNabb, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of paying Veterans’ benefits for the balance of FY 2010.

Joseph Mazzola, Veterans Agent, explained that the Town is required to pay these benefits, and if not, the state would get money from the town at the end of the year and there would no 75% reimbursement.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 5

By: Board of Public Works

ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept temporary easements, required by the State in conjunction with the Mill Street Bridge Rehabilitation project, on the following Mill Street properties - executed full copies of said easements being on file in the office of the DPW Director/Town Engineer:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>TITLE REFERENCE</u>
1. Sarah MacLellan and Margaret Berube	Book 14188, Page 501
2. David M. and Marcia L. Newell	Book 14706, page 485
3. Richard L. Byron	Book 51575, Page 464
4. Peter A. and Nan T. Quinn	Book 14744, Page 301;

or take any other action relative thereto.

The Mill Street Bridge Replacement Project (over the Nissitissit River) is being completely paid for by Mass Highway. The Town's only responsibility is to obtain the necessary easements for the new structure. Although the new bridge is basically on the same "footprint" as the existing one, features such as guard rails, drain outfalls, relocated utilities, and side slopes extend slightly beyond those of the current structure and require easements. Each of those abutters listed above have already signed easement agreements so all that remains is for the Town to "accept" them, after which the project will be advertised for construction.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Gregory Rice, Board of Public Works, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to accept temporary easements, required by the State in conjunction with the Mill Street Bridge Rehabilitation project, on the following Mill Street properties - executed full copies of said easements being on file in the office of the DPW Director/Town Engineer:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>TITLE REFERENCE</u>
5. Sarah MacLellan and Margaret Berube	Book 14188, Page 501
6. David M. and Marcia L. Newell	Book 14706, page 485
7. Richard L. Byron	Book 51575, Page 464
8. Peter A. and Nan T. Quinn	Book 14744, Page 301;

2/3 Vote required

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 6

By: Board of Selectmen

PRIOR YEAR BILLS – ELECTRIC CHARGES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$260.22 to pay unanticipated electrical administrative charges for various departments for FY 2009; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article allows the Town to pay unanticipated electrical administrative charges. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Joseph M. Hallisey, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$112.35; from Sewer Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$35.63, and from Water Enterprise Free Cash the sum of \$112.24 to pay unanticipated electrical administrative charges for FY 2009.

9/10 vote required

Voice vote – unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 7

By: Board of Selectmen

RESCIND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS REPLACED BY OVERRIDE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind:

- the \$14,387 budget appropriation made for the Council on Aging under Part V (“Human Services”) of the 2009 ATM;
- the \$36,378 budget appropriation made for the Lawrence Library under Part VI (“Culture & Recreation”) of the 2009 ATM; and
- the \$5,000 budget appropriation made for the Community Center under Part VI (“Culture & Recreation”) of the 2009 ATM;

or take any other action relative thereto.

This article seeks to place the 1/12 funding voted at the Spring Town Meeting for the Council on Aging, Library and Community Center, back into the General Fund, since the over-ride to fund these departments was passed. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Joseph A. Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to rescind:

- the \$14,387 budget appropriation made for the Council on Aging under Part V (“Human Services”) of the 2009 ATM;
- the \$36,378 budget appropriation made for the Lawrence Library under Part VI (“Culture & Recreation”) of the 2009 ATM; and
- the \$5,000 budget appropriation made for the Community Center under Part VI (“Culture & Recreation”) of the 2009 ATM;

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 8

By: Chief of Police

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,613.60 from “Wages Hourly” to “Educational Incentive;” or take any other action relative thereto.

This is to meet a contractual obligation for a patrol officer with an Associates’ Degree. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Patrick J. McNabb, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,613.60 from Police Department “Wages Hourly” to Police Department “Educational Incentive.”

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 9

By: Board of Selectmen

STREET ACCEPTANCE – VILLAGE ROAD AND POND CIRCLE

To see if the Town will vote to accept and maintain as public ways the layouts of Village Road and Pond Circle as shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan, Village Road & Pond Circle” prepared for Albert Patenaude & Louis Berube, Pepperell, MA by Cornerstone Land Consultants, Inc., dated September 11, 2009, and on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Village Road and Pond Circle have been designed and constructed in accordance with the Town’s subdivision standards, confirmed by inspections done by the Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent, both of whom recommend acceptance.

Motion made by Joseph M. Hallisey, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to accept and maintain as public ways the layouts of Village Road and Pond Circle as shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan, Village Road & Pond Circle” prepared for Albert Patenaude & Louis Berube, Pepperell, MA by Cornerstone Land Consultants, Inc., dated September 11, 2009, and on file with the Town Clerk.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 10

By: Town Clerk

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – ELECTIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$6,700, to conduct the two additional elections required by the State in FY 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article seeks to fund Pepperell’s expenses for the State mandated Senate election in January. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Lois A. Libby, Town Clerk, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700, to conduct the two additional elections required by the State in FY 2010.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 11

By: Board of Selectmen

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$28,363 to implement a contractual agreement entered into between the Town and the Town Accountant; or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will enable the Town to fund contractual obligations between the Town Accountant and the Town of Pepperell, and increases the annual salary for FY 2010 by \$6,000. At the ATM, this salary was reduced by \$6,000. Finance Committee recommends \$22,363.

Motion made by Joseph A. Sergi, Selectman, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$21,131 from Part VIII Employee Benefits and Insurance Retirement Assessment and to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,232 to implement a contractual agreement entered into between the Town and the Town Accountant.

Motion made to amend the motion by Chris DeSimone and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$21,131 from Part VIII Employee Benefits and Insurance Retirement Assessment and to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,232 to implement a contractual agreement entered into between the Town and the Town Accountant.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous voted against AMENDMENT DID NOT CARRY

Voice vote on the original motion – Majority voted in favor **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 12

By: Board of Assessors, GIS Committee, Fire Department, Planning Board, Police Department

STREET NUMBERING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to delete Article II (“Street Numbering”) of Chapter 152 (“Streets and Sidewalks”) of the Code of Pepperell, and to adopt the following new By-law:

STREET NUMBERING

Section I: Regulation and Authority

1. The Town of Pepperell, pursuant to the authority of MGL, Ch. 40, s. 21 (10) and consistent with the requirements of MGL Ch. 148, s. 59, requires that all dwellings, public buildings and structures used a place of business or gathering shall be identified by their assigned street numbers, as determined by the Board of Assessors.
2. The Board of Assessors shall assign a number or numbers to each parcel of land abutting an accepted public way, as defined in MGL Ch.41, s. 81L. The Board shall be further authorized to direct the correction of any street number or street address being displayed or used without the approval of the Board of Assessors, or in contradiction of any term of this By-law.

- a. Private Ways and Common Drives

The Board of Assessors shall assign street numbers on a new private way or so-called common drive, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6250 of the Zoning By-law.

The Board of Assessors shall also assign street numbers on any existing private way or common drive, and direct compliance with same.

- b. Subdivisions

Any applicant under the Subdivision Control Law (MGL Ch. 61, ss 81K – 81GG) shall have the Board of Assessors assign street numbers to lots fronting on a proposed way or street.

Section II: Specifications for Numbering

1. Placement

The primary location for placement of numbers shall be in a conspicuous place on that portion of the building plainly visible from the street which abuts the main entrance to the property. In a situation wherein a building or structure is not plainly visible from such street, a number shall not only be placed on the subject building, but a number shall also be displayed in a secure manner at or near the street entrance to the subject premises, being placed at least three (3) feet above the ground, on a suitable post or object situated not more than twenty (20) feet from the edge of the travelled way. The use of trees or other vegetation, mail boxes, or light poles as posts or supports is not acceptable. Numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the supporting object, so as to be visible from either direction of travel.

In the case of buildings and dwellings situated on a private way or common drive, in addition to numbers on the structures themselves, signage shall also be provided, conformable to Section 6227 of the Zoning By-law. In Multifamily Developments, signage shall also be provided, conformable to Section 7329 of the Zoning By-law.

2. Specifications for Numbers

Numbers shall be not less than three (3) inches in height, and shall be of a contrasting color to the surface on which they are attached. Brass numbers mounted on a neutral or weathered surface are prohibited. Numbers shall be prominently displayed on the building in such a manner as to be easily seen from the street without difficulty. Street numbers spelled out in words, or posted in script are not acceptable.

Section III: Compliance

Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of each property owner to obtain their correct street number from the Board of Assessor. Under no circumstances shall a street number other than that which is properly assigned, be displayed.

It shall be the responsibility of each owner and/or occupant to maintain proper display of their assigned street number, in conformity with Section II-1.

New structures must have their assigned number properly displayed prior to occupancy of the premises.

Section IV: Enforcement

1. Time of Implementation

Enforcement of this By-law shall commence ninety (90) days from its approval by the Attorney General, and its subsequent public advertisement.

2. Enforcing Authority

This By-law may be enforced by the Fire Chief or his designee(s), the Police Chief or his designee(s), or the Building Inspector. Enforcement of the directives of the Board of Assessors, as provided in Section I-2, shall be provided by the Building Inspector.

3. Procedure and Penalties

Upon discovery of a violation of any provision of this By-law, written notice of the violation shall be given to the violator. After thirty (30) days, if the violation remains uncorrected, a ticket shall issue, inclusive of a \$25 fine; after a further thirty (30) days of non-correction of the violation, a second ticket will issue inclusive of a \$50 fine, which fine amount will carry forward for all further citations.

All citations for violations of this By-law shall be processed under the Town's Non-Criminal Disposition By-law.

And further, to amend the Town's Non-Criminal Disposition By-law by adding, at the end of the list of violations, the following new language:

Street Numbering By-law	Fire Chief or designee(s) Building Inspector Police Chief or designee(s)	1 st offense: warning 2 nd offense: \$25 3 rd + offense: \$50
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or take any other action relative thereto.

When responding to emergency calls, it can sometimes it takes several minutes to find proper addresses. This article will aid in the assignment and usage of appropriate street numbers. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Frank Quattrochi, Communications Director, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to accept the Street Numbering Bylaw as printed in the Official Warrant of this Special Town Meeting.

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 13

By: Finance Committee

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to make adjustment(s) to any FY 2010 departmental budgets voted at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other actions relative thereto.

This article seeks to transfer funds from the Nashoba Valley Technical High School Budget (savings were realized from a recent reduced reassessment) into the Legal Account; to change the funding sources for the Enterprise Funds from Estimated Revenue to available funding sources, and to reduce the budget for Other Town Buildings by \$5,000. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion made by Chris DeSimone, Finance Committee, and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to make the following adjustments to the FY 2010 departmental budgets voted at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting:

- Transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Article 5 Nashoba Valley Technical High School Assessment to Article 3 Part 1 Legal Account
- Reduce the appropriation of Article 3 Part X Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue by the sum of \$126,550 and increase the appropriation from Sewer Betterment Fund by \$100,000 and appropriate \$26,550 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Free Cash
- Reduce the appropriation of Article 3 Park XI Water Enterprise Fund Revenue by the sum of \$46,249 and increase the appropriation from Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash by the sum of \$46,249
- Reduce the appropriation of Article 3 Part XII Transfer Station Enterprise Revenue by the sum of \$40,000 and increase the appropriation from Transfer Station Free Cash by the sum of \$40,000
- Reduce the appropriation under Article 3 Other Town Buildings by \$5,000

Majority vote required.

Voice vote – Unanimous **MOTION CARRIED**

ARTICLE 14

By: Board of Selectmen

PETER FITZPATRICK SCHOOL COSTS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds for the purpose of securing, maintaining, or “mothballing” the Peter Fitzpatrick school building for the balance of FY 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

No action will be taken on this article, as the North Middlesex Regional School District will maintain control of the Peter Fitzpatrick School.

Motion made by Patrick J. McNabb and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to take no action on Article 14.

Voice vote – Unanimous NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 15

By: Board of Public Works

SUPPLEMENTAL APPRIOPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$16,695 to restore twenty-four (24) hours of service time to the Highway budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Part of the reason for this supplemental appropriation was to provide maintenance support for the Peter Fitzpatrick School. No action will be taken on this article, as the North Middlesex Regional School District will maintain control of the Peter Fitzpatrick School.

Motion made by Fred Farmer and seconded.

I move that the Town vote to take no action on Article 15.

Voice vote – Unanimous NO ACTION TAKEN.

A motion was made to adjourn the Special Town Meeting and seconded.

Voice vote – Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Checkers for the night were Jane E. Eshleman, Emily H. Presnall and Patricia Sergi.

Counters were Michael Hartnett and Derek Tenbroeck.

And you will serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy of same, in said Town, fourteen days prior to the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings herein to the Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands this 9th day of October, A.D. 2009.

Joseph A. Sergi, Chairman
Patrick J. McNabb, Clerk
Joseph M. Hallisey
PEPPERELL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert C. Russell
CONSTABLE OF PEPPERELL

TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Lois A. Libby
Pepperell Town Clerk

**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
DECEMBER 8, 2009
RESULTS**

DEMOCRAT PARTY

Vote for **ONE**

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Totals
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Michael E. Capuano	57	87	42	186
Martha Coakley	150	171	179	500
Alan A. Khazel	26	45	41	112
Stephen G. Pagliuca	50	30	35	115
Write-ins				
Scott P. Brown			1	1
Scattered				
Blanks				
TOTALS	238	333	298	914

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Vote for **ONE**

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Totals
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Scott P. Brown	123	137	128	388
Jack E. Robinson	6	17	18	41
Write-ins				
Martha Coakley			2	2
Stephen G. Pagliuca	1		1	2
Capuano	1			1
Scattered				
Blanks				
TOTALS	131	154	149	434

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Vote for **ONE**

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Totals
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Write-ins				
Scott Brown			1	1
Scattered				
Blanks				
TOTALS			1	1

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 1749

PREC. 1: 414

PREC. 2: 487

PREC. 3: 448

PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS: 22%

Counting was completed at: 9:15 PM

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 8039

PREC. 1: 2777

PREC. 2: 2646

PREC. 3 2616

PREC. 1 639 DEMOCRATS, 487 REPUBLICAN, 1629 UNENROLLED, LIBERTARIAN AND 8 OTHERS 14

PREC. 2 554 DEMOCRATS, 492 REPUBLICAN, 1583 UNENROLLED, LIBERTARIAN AND 7 OTHERS 10

PREC. 3 592 DEMOCRATS, 465 REPUBLICAN, 1555 UNENROLLED, LIBERTARIAN AND 0 OTHERS 4

TRUE COPY ATTEST:

LOIS A. LIBBY

PEPPERELL TOWN CLERK

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
One Main Street
Pepperell MA 01463

Honorable Selectmen:

The Annual Financial Report of the Town of Pepperell, Massachusetts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 is submitted herewith.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, my Assistant, Lyn Y. Sharpe, the Finance Committee, Town Boards, Department Heads, and Town Personnel for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Wilson
Town Accountant

**Town of Pepperell
Trust Fund Activity
Fiscal year 2009**

Account Number and Description	Balance Forward	Expenditures	Revenue	Remaining Balance
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS FUND				
95010 FARRAR FLAG POLE FUND	150.00	-	-	150.00
95020 BROOKS EDUCATIONAL FUND	45,000.00	-	-	45,000.00
95030 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	141,749.37	-	2,750.00	144,499.37
95040 LIBRARY FUND	62,435.95	-	-	62,435.95
95050 GERTRUDE CARTER LIBRARY FUND	13,834.48	-	-	13,834.48
95060 THURSTON LIBRARY FUND	500.00	-	-	500.00
95310 FARRAR FLAG POLE FUND	0.13	-	1.64	1.77
95320 BROOKS INCOME FUND	51.26	-	481.68	532.94
95330 CEMETERY PERP INC FUND	(32.22)	-	1,736.61	1,704.39
95340 LAWRENCE LIBRARY INCOME FUND	79.55	-	659.88	739.43
95350 GERTRUDE CARTER INCOME FUND	17.61	-	146.24	163.85
95360 THURSTON INCOME FUND	0.64	-	5.28	5.92
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS FUND	263,786.77	-	5,781.33	269,568.10
EXPENDABLE TRUSTS FUND				
96010 FARRAR FLAG POLE FUND	78.59	-	36.71	115.30
96020 BROOKS EDUCATIONAL FUND	32,228.32	1,000.00	2,300.73	33,529.05
96030 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	39,079.99	4,219.57	3,462.23	38,322.65
96040 LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	66,497.53	-	5,554.06	72,051.59
96050 GERTRUDE CARTER LIBRARY FUND	1,949.96	-	680.89	2,630.85
96060 BELLE HEALD FUND LIBRARY	14,333.03	-	618.18	14,951.21
96090 THURSTON LIBRARY FUND	272.99	-	33.32	306.31
96120 SMITH LIBRARY FUND	5,097.79	-	226.62	5,324.41
96310 FARRAR INCOME FUND	(0.32)	-	9.01	8.69
96320 BROOKS INCOME FD	(45.19)	-	451.16	405.97
96330 CEMETERY PERP CARE FUND	157.92	-	329.46	487.38
96340 LIBRARY TRUST FUND	(103.95)	-	949.56	845.61
96350 GERTRUDE CARTER LIBRARY FUND	(8.82)	-	39.25	30.43
96360 BELLE HEALD FUND	1.31	-	175.10	176.41
96390 THURSTON INCOME LIBRARY TRUST	0.33	-	3.26	3.59
96420 DEAN SMITH LIBRARY FUND	29.25	-	35.36	64.61
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUSTS FUND	159,568.73	5,219.57	14,904.90	169,254.06
OTHER TRUSTS FUND				
830-97010-59997 STABILIZATION FUND	665,700.45	12,627.31	51,982.18	705,055.32
830-97020-59997 CONSERVATION FUND	26,507.89	-	523.38	27,031.27
830-97030-59997 RETIREMENT FUND	1,024,783.62	-	53,124.59	1,077,908.21
830-97040-59997 LAND FUND	12,994.46	5,059.68	-	7,934.78
TOTAL OTHER TRUSTS FUND	1,729,986.42	17,686.99	105,630.15	1,817,929.58
GRAND TOTAL ALL TRUSTS	2,153,341.92	22,906.56	126,316.38	2,256,751.74

**TOWN OF PEPPERELL
BUDGET V/S ACTUAL
FISCAL YEAR 2009
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND**

Account Number	Description	Appropriations	Transfers/ supplements	Expenditures	Account Balance
45100	WATER DEPT-OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	853,617.00	31,703.00	722,904.48	162,415.52
45130	SECURITY FENCING A11	-	10,698.85	-	10,698.85
45210	WATER TANK CLEAN & REPAIR	-	76,508.53	15,825.47	60,683.06
45240	WATER METER REPAIR/SERVICE	-	37,508.08	15,400.00	22,108.08
45270	WELL IMPROV/JERSEY&BEMIS	-	22,676.90	2,557.34	20,119.56
45290	RELOCATE OVERHEAD	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
45291	WATER LINES NASHUA ROAD	-	217,500.00	159,595.49	57,904.51
45700	DEBT-NEW WELL/JERSEY ST	61,312.00	-	61,312.50	(0.50)
45710	DEBT - LOWELL RD WATER LINE	42,809.00	-	42,809.25	(0.25)
45720	DEBT-WATER TANK CLEANING & REPAIR	18,429.00	-	18,428.75	0.25
45810	UPGRADE METER READ DEVICES	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
45830	REPLACE WATER LINE PARKER	-	3,329.54	-	3,329.54
45850	WATER DEPT HEADQUARTERS	-	43,798.00	43,798.00	-
45960	NASHUA RD WELL SITE	-	197,376.02	130,415.04	66,960.98
46100	DEBT-BEMIS WELL IMPROVEMENT	47,175.00	-	47,175.00	-
46200	DEBT-JERSEY ST WELL	12,392.00	-	12,391.50	0.50
46300	DEBT-BEMIS JERSEY	24,286.00	-	24,285.50	0.50
46400	DEBT-WATER EXT PARKER	7,775.00	-	7,774.50	0.50
46500	DEBT-NASHUA RD WELL	39,475.00	-	39,474.50	0.50
46600	DEBT-NASHUA RD WELL	17,990.00	-	17,990.00	-
75200	INTEREST ON SHORT-TERM DEBT	15,000.00	-	56.00	14,944.00
91100	MIDDLESEX RETIREMENT	45,853.00	-	45,853.00	-
91300	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INSURANCE	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
91400	HEALTH/DISABILITY INSURANCE	60,965.00	-	39,490.94	21,474.06
91500	LIFE INSURANCE	175.00	-	49.68	125.32
91600	SOCIAL SECURITY-MEDICARE	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
94500	GENERAL INSURANCE	37,775.00	-	26,496.00	11,279.00
TOTALS WATER ENTERPRISE FUND		1,291,028.00	686,098.92	1,479,082.94	498,043.98

TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FUND

Account Number	Description	Appropriation	Transfers/ Supplements	Expenditure	Account Balance
49300	TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER	354,004.00	0.00	291,569.38	62,434.62
91400	HEALTH/DISABILITY INSURANCE	11,359.00	0	3,892.00	7,467.00
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE		365,363.00	0.00	295,461.38	69,901.62

**TOWN OF PEPPERELL
BUDGET V/S ACTUAL
FISCAL 2009
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**

Account Number	Description	Appropriation	Transfer/ supplements	Expenditures	Account Balance
44120	ENG SERVICE SEWER EXT	-	9,545.18	5,000.00	4,545.18
44130	SEWER EXT - VARIOUS	-	35,217.14	75.00	35,142.14
44140	NEW LOADER	-	12,107.01	-	12,107.01
44150	UV SYSTEM ENCLOSURE	-	75,000.00	-	75,000.00
44160	SEWER LINE CAMERA	-	45,000.00	44,826.29	173.71
44200	WWT PLANT-OPERATION & MAINT.	880,352.00	31,952.00	765,637.54	146,666.46
44210	LEASE/PURCHASE TRUCK	-	38.00	-	38.00
44220	WATER & AERATION EQUIPMENT	-	2,142.97	177.45	1,965.52
44230	ENGINEERING TOWNSEND	-	37,868.00	-	37,868.00
44310	TOWNSEND STREET SEWER	-	25,060.87	49.93	25,010.94
44320	SEWER TRUCK	-	3,518.15	644.60	2,873.55
44350	SEWER SYSTEM NASHUA RD	-	1,311,943.36	1,221,263.49	90,679.87
44500	DEBT-JEWETT ST	21,134.00	-	21,133.50	0.50
44600	DEBT - PLANT UPGRADE	30,989.00	-	30,989.00	-
44610	DEBT-WWTP UPGRADE/MWPT	315,305.00	-	309,719.12	5,585.88
44620	DEBT-ENG/TOWNSEND	27,500.00	-	27,500.00	-
44630	DEBT-CONST TOWNSEND	42,975.00	-	42,974.50	0.50
44640	DEBT-DESIGN PARKER	12,380.00	-	12,380.00	-
44650	DEBT-SEWER EXT-PARKER	49,908.00	-	49,907.50	0.50
44660	DEBT-SEWER UV ENCLOSURE	6,995.00	-	6,994.50	0.50
44670	DEBT-SEWER LOADER	30,480.00	-	30,480.00	-
44790	DEBT-SEWER EXT PARKER	24,771.00	-	24,770.75	0.25
44840	DEBT-LOWELL RD PHASE	59,270.00	-	59,270.00	-
44850	DEBT-BENNETT ST	4,927.00	-	4,927.00	-
44860	DEBT-PARK ST	45,570.00	-	45,570.00	-
44870	DEBT-RIVER RD	22,784.00	-	22,784.00	-
44880	DEBT-LOWELL RD/PHASE	23,843.00	-	23,842.50	0.50
44890	DEBT-PARK STREET II	4,889.00	-	4,888.50	0.50
44990	SEWER EXTENSION-LOWE	-	6,665.08	-	6,665.08
75200	INTEREST ON SHORT-TERM	60,000.00	-	2,788.40	57,211.60
91100	MIDDLESEX RETIREMENT	62,835.00	-	62,835.00	-
91300	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INSURANCE	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
91400	HEALTH/DISABILITY INSURANCE	65,000.00	-	56,090.37	8,909.63
91500	LIFE INSURANCE	300.00	-	186.72	113.28
91600	SOCIAL SECURITY-MEDICARE	8,750.00	-	7,425.28	1,324.72
94500	GENERAL INSURANCE	44,000.00	-	28,985.00	15,015.00
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND		1,845,957.00	1,596,057.76	2,914,115.94	527,898.82

**TOWN OF PEPPERELL
BUDGET V/S ACTUALS
FISCAL YEAR 2009
GENERAL FUND**

Account Number	Description	Appropriation	Transfer/ Supplements	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
12200	SELECTMEN	2,240.00	-	1,336.00	904.00
12230	PARKER HILL WAY	-	400.00	-	400.00
12270	BOUNDARY MARKINGS	-	463.33	-	463.33
12310	GASOLINE ACCOUNT	-	(7,376.86)	431.16	(7,808.02)
12900	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	151,668.00	-	141,827.93	9,840.07
13100	FINANCE COMMITTEE	927.00	-	-	927.00
13200	RESERVE FUND	75,000.00	(66,483.90)	-	8,516.10
13500	ACCOUNTANT	137,623.00	(27,524.00)	110,089.86	9.14
14100	ASSESSORS	146,988.00	-	141,344.22	5,643.78
14110	COMPUTER SYSTEM-ASSESSORS	-	1,398.19	-	1,398.19
14140	GIS EQUIPMENT	-	2,855.15	-	2,855.15
14200	GIS	20,074.00	-	13,517.64	6,556.36
14500	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	165,542.00	(17,135.00)	144,075.63	4,331.37
15100	LAW DEPARTMENT	38,800.00	-	29,403.61	9,396.39
15200	PERSONNEL BOARD	3,730.00	-	1,671.18	2,058.82
15500	INFORMATION SYSTEMS	94,984.00	(18,996.00)	69,777.90	6,210.10
15510	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	-	5,004.32	5,004.32	-
15540	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	-	728.62	728.62	-
15560	NEW HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	-	6,200.00	86.65	6,113.35
15700	CENTRAL TELEPHONE	29,841.00	3,122.00	32,963.00	-
15800	TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	4,990.00	-	3,990.05	999.95
15900	POSTAGE METER	25,876.00	-	25,683.43	192.57
16100	TOWN CLERK	104,221.00	-	102,768.11	1,452.89
16200	ELECTIONS	14,247.00	-	13,759.55	487.45
16300	REGISTRATION	8,817.00	-	8,414.22	402.78
17100	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	38,136.00	-	38,136.00	-
17190	ANDERSON PROPERTY	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-
17500	PLANNING BOARD	47,505.00	69.75	42,621.53	4,953.22
17600	BOARD OF APPEALS	10,764.00	-	7,980.53	2,783.47
19200	TOWN HALL	93,459.00	-	86,803.73	6,655.27
19210	PREL FUNDING-PSC/TOW	-	13,204.20	-	13,204.20
19500	TOWN REPORTS	3,000.00	-	1,720.71	1,279.29
19600	OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS	10,625.00	-	3,509.25	7,115.75
21100	POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,714,039.00	-	1,670,199.43	43,839.57
21120	PURCHASE 3 CRUISERS	28,000.00	-	28,000.00	-
21180	POLICE CRUISERS(2)	-	8,958.50	-	8,958.50
21330	REPAIRS TO PSC	-	4,589.89	-	4,589.89
22100	FIRE DEPARTMENT	242,843.00	14,625.00	247,552.44	9,915.56
22140	FIRE DEPT REEL TRUCK	-	30.72	-	30.72
22250	NEW FIRE VEHICLE	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-
22270	NEW FIREFIGHTER GEAR	30,000.00	-	29,211.39	788.61
24100	BUILDING AND ZONING	71,119.00	-	68,754.32	2,364.68
24200	GAS INSPECTOR	9,120.00	-	6,059.55	3,060.45
24300	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	11,130.00	-	6,526.75	4,603.25
24400	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	5,175.00	-	5,103.35	71.65
24500	WIRING INSPECTOR	14,500.00	-	10,600.00	3,900.00
25100	COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	321,564.00	-	292,869.51	28,694.49
25120	ALARM MONITORING SYSTEM	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
25150	RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE	-	25,410.67	-	25,410.67
25170	PUBLIC SAFETY PHONE SYSTEM	9,757.00	-	9,757.00	-
29100	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	7,390.00	3,975.00	9,316.08	2,048.92
29110	EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM	-	4,061.16	4,024.38	36.78
29200	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	60,927.00	(31,027.00)	28,576.49	1,323.51
29300	SAFETY, TRAFFIC SIGNS	4,800.00	-	3,789.60	1,010.40
29400	FOREST WARDEN	1,048.00	-	1,048.00	-
29600	CONSTABLES	350.00	-	350.00	-
31100	NASHOBA VALLEY TECH	918,704.00	-	918,704.00	-
32100	NO MIDDLESEX REG SCHOOL	10,012,926.00	-	10,012,925.51	0.49
41100	TOWN ENGINEER	62,068.00	-	61,165.42	902.58
42180	LANDTAKING-TARBELL/LOWELL	-	1.00	-	1.00
42200	HIGHWAYS-CONST & MAINT	902,671.00	83,350.15	948,237.62	37,783.53

42210	EPA COMPLIANCE A36 A	-	24,115.36	7,850.00	16,265.36	
42250	PURCHASE NEW BACKHOE	-	930.00	518.00	412.00	
42330	REPLACE PLOWS,SANDERS	-	22,416.00	19,145.20	3,270.80	
42340	VARNUM BROOK ACCESS	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	
42341	VARNUM BRK RD	5,111.00	7,489.00	10,105.74	2,494.26	
42360	VEHICLE DIAGNOSTIC	-	634.00	-	634.00	
42400	STREET LIGHTING	40,086.00	4,000.00	44,086.00	-	
42700	TREE CARE AND PLANTING	10,953.00	-	10,424.53	528.47	
49100	CEMETERY	36,186.00	-	34,688.27	1,497.73	
49150	REPAIRS TO CEMETERY	8,000.00	-	1,401.61	6,598.39	
49200	SANITARY LANDFILL	14,617.00	-	9,074.80	5,542.20	
51100	BOARD OF HEALTH	100,609.00	-	72,464.14	28,144.86	
52100	CLINICS	1,171.00	-	1,171.00	-	
52200	NURSING SERVICE	46,256.00	6,234.00	49,982.22	2,507.78	
52300	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	
54100	COUNCIL ON AGING	172,640.00	-	166,886.42	5,753.58	
54170	SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF	-	2,083.00	2,083.00	-	
54300	VETERANS' SERVICES	18,175.00	-	11,532.99	6,642.01	
54540	HANDICAP PARKING FEE	-	488.30	-	488.30	
61100	LAWRENCE LIBRARY	436,539.00	-	423,316.03	13,222.97	
61210	BOOK FINE MONEY	-	3,405.01	2,399.57	1,005.44	
61220	LIBRARY ROOF REPAIRS	-	970.12	970.12	-	
61370	BOOK FINE MONEY	-	8,866.00	432.07	8,433.93	
63100	SUMMER PLAYGROUND	9,880.00	-	9,877.00	3.00	
63200	COMMUNITY CENTER	37,618.00	-	30,177.40	7,440.60	
65100	PARKS	86,825.00	-	76,515.87	10,309.13	
65260	JERSEY ST BALLFIELDS	-	1,954.96	-	1,954.96	
69200	MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION	3,000.00	-	2,584.35	415.65	
71700	DEBT-GENERAL OBLIGATIONS	127,408.00	-	127,408.00	-	
71800	DEBT-BELMONT SPRINGS	67,484.00	-	67,483.50	0.50	
75200	INTEREST ON SHORT-TERM DEBT	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	
82000	STATE ASSESSMENTS	25,040.00	-	25,740.00	(700.00)	
91100	MIDDLESEX RETIREMENT	570,610.00	-	570,610.00	-	
91300	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP INSURANCE	10,000.00	-	1,952.68	8,047.32	
91400	HEALTH/DISABILITY INSURANCE	590,878.00	25,000.00	615,384.87	493.13	
91500	LIFE INSURANCE	2,000.00	-	1,821.80	178.20	
91600	SOCIAL SECURITY-MEDICARE	52,780.00	-	52,780.00	-	
94500	GENERAL INSURANCE	184,390.00	-	167,231.17	17,158.83	
99230	TRANSFERS TO AMBULANCE FUND	-	(60,000.00)	-	(60,000.00)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			18,420,444.00	93,490.64	18,113,514.02	400,420.62

**TOWN OF PEPPERELL
BUDGET/ACTUAL
FISCAL 2009
AMBULANCE FUND**

Account Number	Description	Appropriation	Transfer/ Supplements	Expenditures	Account Balance
23100	AMBULANCE SERVICE	227,107.00	26,495.00	245,560.52	8,041.48
23210	TABLET COMPUTER	-	179.71	179.71	-
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		227,107.00	26,674.71	245,740.23	8,041.48

**TOWN OF PEPPERELL
BUDGET V/S ACTUAL
FISCAL 2009
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

Account Number	Description	Appropriation	Transfers/ supplements	Expenditures	Account Balance
54160	SENIOR CENTER Building Fund	-	7,767.48	1,265.00	6,502.48
TOTAL SENIOR CENTER BUILDING FUNDS		-	7,767.48	1,265.00	6,502.48
49240	LANDFILL CLOSURE	-	50,000.50	-	50,000.50
TOTAL LANDFILL CLOSURE FUND		-	50,000.50	-	50,000.50
19230	TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT FUND	-	147,393.76	18,173.44	129,220.32
TOTAL TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT FUND		-	147,393.76	18,173.44	129,220.32
13530	FINANCIAL SOFTWARE&HARDEWARE	-	18,648.86	18,648.86	-
22110	NEW TANKER TRUCK	-	13,135.87	1,733.46	11,402.41
22120	RADIO CONVERSION	-	8,301.76	5,125.34	3,176.42
25110	RECORDS MANAGEMENT	-	1,732.84	1,414.39	318.45
42110	NEW DUMP TRUCK	-	1,403.00	729.80	673.20
42150	MOWER TRACTOR/RD GRADER	-	23,467.48	482.54	22,984.94
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT FUND		-	66,689.81	28,134.39	38,555.42

TOWN OF PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - ALL TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2009

					TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	OTHER TRUSTS	AGENCY	JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
ASSETS =====						
Cash	\$475	0	(\$60,000)	446,882	\$387,357	\$519,596
Investments, at cost	269,093	174,474	1,877,930		2,321,497	3,519,263
TOTAL ASSETS	269,568	174,474	1,817,930	446,882	2,708,854	4,038,859
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY =====						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable		0	0	616	616	26,330
Accrued Payroll				1,884	1,884	
Unclaimed Items - Uncashed Checks				22,983	22,983	20,115
Excess on Sales - Land of Low Value					0	0
Due to Police Officers - Off-Duty Work Details					0	0
Due to Com of Ma - Fisheries&Wildlife				28	28	(985)
Due to Com of Ma - Firearms Records				(90)	(90)	2,247
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0	0	25,421	25,421	47,708
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for Endowments	269,568				269,568	263,787
Reserve for Pr Yr Expenditures			418,563		418,563	307,757
Reserved for Expenditures		174,474	1,399,367	421,461	1,995,302	3,419,607
Unreserved:						
Designated						
Undesignated						
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	269,568	174,474	1,817,930	421,461	2,683,433	3,991,151
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$269,568	\$174,474	\$1,817,930	\$446,882	\$2,708,854	\$4,038,859
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NOTES

CITIZEN ACTIVITY APPLICATION FORM

If you are interested in serving on a Town Committee, please fill out this form and mail to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, One Main Street, Pepperell, MA 01463. The filling out of this form in no way assures appointment. All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity.

NAME: _____	DATE: _____
ADDRESS: _____	PRECINCT: _____
TELEPHONE: HOME: _____	WORK: _____
E-MAIL: _____	
PRESENT BUSINESS INTEREST OR OCCUPATION: _____	
EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL SKILLS: VOLUNTEER, SOCIAL SERVICE, BUSINESS (INCLUDE PREVIOUS TOWN EXPERIENCE, IF ANY): _____ _____ _____	
AREA(S) WHERE YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING: _____ _____ _____	
TIME AVAILABILITY: _____	NUMBER OF HOURS: _____ Weekly _____ Monthly
COMMENTS: _____ _____ _____ _____	

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Agricultural Advisory Board
Affordable Housing Committee
Board of Fire Engineers
Board of Public Works (2)
Cable TV Advisory Committee
Capital Program Committee
Conservation Commission
Council on Aging
Cultural Council
Disabilities Commission
Election Workers
Emergency Management
Finance Committee
Fire Department
GIS Committee
Historical Commission
Information Systems Technology Committee
Nashoba Valley Technical High School Committee
Pepperell Auxiliary Police Department
Personnel Board
Planning Board (Associate Member)
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