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Town of Petersham – Annual Report

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**LIST OF PETERSHAM TOWN OFFICERS
 FY11- July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

Moderator		Term Expiration Dates
Bart Wendell		2014
Selectboard		
Fredrick A. Marsh		2014
Timothy M. Clark		2013
Robert D. Legare		2012
Tax Collector		
Virginia Newman		2015
Town Clerk		
Diana Cooley		2015
Treasurer		
Dana Robinson		2014
Board of Assessors		
Fredrick A. Marsh		2014
Jean W. Robinson		2013
Dana W. Kennan		2015
Board of Health		
Fifi Scoufopoulos, Agent		2013
Robert Pasic, Agent		2015
Kaye Cousens, a 5/17/11		2014
Philip Leger, Agent		2012
Renee Wingertsman, Agent		2012
Constables		
Denis N. Legare		2013
Richard N. Bartus		2013
Larry A. Robinson		2013
Mahar Regional School Committee		
Dana W. Kennan		2013
Petersham School Committee		
Russell Fontaine		2014
Dana W. Kennan		2013
Charles Berube		2015

Planning Board

John Lawson	2014
Fraser Sinclair	2014
Barbara Hanno	2013
Stephen Herzog	2015
Robert Rocheleau	2012

Trustees of Public Library

Annette Ermini	2014
Richard Carfagna	2013
Anne Perkins	2015

APPOINTED/HIRED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**Chief of Police**

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2013 (3 year appointment)
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Sergeant

Randy Horne	2012
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Police Officers

Scott Acito	2012
Jeffrey Boyer	2012
Peter Buck	2012
Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2012
Randy Horne	2012
Daniel Kimball	2012
Robert Legare	2012
Jason Lichtenberger	2012
Jesse Berard	2012
Timothy Wright	2012

Police Officers (Special)

Richard Bartus, Petersham Police, retired	2012
Ted A. Bassett, Petersham Police, retired	2012
Joseph Camden, New Salem Police	2012
Eric Demetropoulos, Barre Police	2012
Bruce Kilhart, Petersham Police, retired	2012
Denis N. Legare, Petersham Police retired	2012
James Ayotte, Hardwick Police Chief	2012
Kevin Dodge, Phillipston Police Chief	2012

Auxiliary Police Officers (Special)

Larry Robinson, Petersham	2012
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Board of Overseers, Central Dispatch Richard D. Cooley, Jr. Petersham representative	2012
Municipal Hearings Officer (No appointment made)	
Animal Control Officer Andrew Ohlson	2012
Fire Chief Dana Robinson	2013
Assistant Fire Chief Ronald DeJackome	2012
Deputy Fire Chief Robert D. Legare	2012
Tree Warden Timothy M. Clark	2013 (3 year appointment)
Deputy Tree Warden Leslie Cooley	2012
Forest Warden Dana Robinson	2012
Deputy Forest Warden Ronald DeJackome Robert D. Legare	2012 2012
Sexton Norman L. LaPointe	2014
Superintendent of Streets Timothy Graves	
Trench Safety Officer Timothy Graves	
Town Accountant Jean Joel	2012 (3 year appointment)
Emergency Management Director Lynne Shaw	

Directors of Veterans' Services, Veterans' Agent, and Burial Agent Neil McGuirk	(Appointed through District)
Northeast Veterans' District Representative Vincent J. Purple	2014
Graves Registration Officer Gilbert M. King, Jr.	2013 (3 year appointment)
Custodian of Tax Title Possessions Dana Robinson	2012
Inspector of Animals Jeffrey Perkins	2013
Assistant Inspector of Animals Andrew Ohlson	2013
Inspector of Buildings Brianna Skowyra	2013 (3 yr appointment)
Local Building Inspector Ralph Brouillette	2012
Electrical Inspector Gary Terroy	2012
Assistant Electrical Inspector Glenn Tattan	2012
Gas Inspector Joshua Cayea,	2012
Plumbing Inspector Gerald Brousseau	2012
Alternate Plumbing Inspector John Dolan	2012
ADA Coordinator Brianna Skowyra	2012
Town Counsel Kopelman and Paige	2012

TOWN-APPOINTED COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS
(Unless noted, appointed on an annual basis)

Advisory Insurance Committee

Glenede Albertine

Ann Degnan

Timothy Graves

Christine Boyer-Thompson

Dale Bull

Kelly Garlock

Randy Horne

Gary Martinelli

Affordable Housing Plan Committee

James Ermini

Bandstand Renovation and Maintenance Committee

Emily Arnold (resident)

George Bull (Lions Club member)

Board of Registrars

Diana Cooley, Clerk

Barbara Nickless, 2012

Anne Perkins, 2012

Helen Simms, 2012

Buildings Maintenance Committee

Charles Berube

James Burke

David Davis (non-voting)

Joey LaPointe

Robert Legare

Neil Legare

Thomas Pugliese

Glenn Tattan

By-Laws Revision Committee

James Ermini

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Charles Berube (Center School)

John Lawson (Planning)

Dana Robinson (Treasurer)

(Citizens at Large to be appointed by Moderator)

Eric Mandel (AFC)

Irene Graeff (Citizen at Large)

Fran Misiuk (Citizen at Large)

Fredrik A. Marsh (Selectboard)

Cemetery Commission (3 year appointment)

Glenede Albertine

Marcia Flynn

Jan Bedau

Sandra Tomlin

Kenneth Levine

Ruth Robinson

2013

2013

2012

2012

2014

2014

Conservation Commission (3 year appointment)

Robert Clark	2013
Thomas Webber	2013
Henry Woolsey	2012
David Lockesmith	2012
John Baker	2014
Heidi Lux	2014
Ashley Gabrenas	2014
Don West, alternate	

Council on Aging (3 year appointment)

Barbara Amidon	2013
Wanda Dickson	2013
Janice Olson	2013
Richard Nickless	2013
Mary Russell	2013
Katherine M. Berry	2012
Robert M. Lane	2012
Eileen O'Grady	2012
Charlotte Kennan	2014

Council on Aging FRTA Advisory Board (1 year appointment)

Charlotte Kennan

Cultural Council (6 year appointment)

Maille Lynch-Gilbert	2016
Linda Paquet	2016
Sherry Berube	2016
Jody Bird	2015
Linda Kabo	2014
Rebekah Fraser	2014
Sandra Whaley	2012

Emergency Management Ambulance Committee

Dana Robinson

Emergency Management Planning Committee

James Burke	Dana Robinson
Brianna Skowyra	Lynne Shaw
Fredrik A. Marsh	Chief Richard D. Cooley
Timothy Graves	

Energy Committee

Kathy Ballou	Richard Matteson
Elizabeth Davis	Linda Paquet

Christine Eaton
Max Feldman

Sheila Youd
Kenneth Levine

Historic District Commission/Historical Commission (5 year appointment)

Christine Mandel	2015
Marcia L. Shaw	2015
Robert Clark	2014
Polly Pillsbury	2014
Peter George	2013
Nancy Allen	2016

Master Plan Committee (Disbanded 11/16/10)

Memorial Park and Common Committee

Emily Arnold	Rexine Barnes
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Nichewaug Inn Task Force (Disbanded a/o 6/30/11)

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Robert Clark	Emery Boose
David Lockesmith	Clinton Shaw
Henry Woosley	

Parking Committee

Brian MacEwen

Personnel Policy Review Committee

Leslie Cooley	Ann Degnan
Dana Kennan	Dana Robinson
Fredrik A. Marsh	Randy Horne
Dale S. Bull	

**Petersham Animal Control Facility Policy
And Procedures Review Committee**

Chief Dana Cooley	Randy Horne
Paul Youd	Jana Dengler
Polly Pillsbury	Robert Legare
Ann Townsend	Nancy Allen
Deb Bachrach	

Petersham Broadband Committee, a 4/26/11

George Bull	Mark Hager
Shawn Legare	Roy Nilson
Tom Webber	

SELECTBOARD REPORT- FY12

Green Community - The Petersham Energy Committee began the application process for Petersham becoming a Green Community and thereby being eligible for a \$125,000 grant for energy savings work on Town buildings.

Transfer Station – The building generously donated by Mary Anne Walker was permanently located at the Transfer Station to be used for among other things, collection of bottles, and electronics.

Glen Valley Bridge – The Town and the Highway Department continue negotiations with MassDOT regarding replacement of the Glen Valley Bridge that was closed by MassDOT in May of 2010.

Regionalization – At the fall Special Town Meeting, the voters rejected the amended Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Agreement, thereby closing possibilities of regionalization of K-12 at this time.

Solar Power Project – The Town signed a contract with North Quabbin Solar to purchase electricity when the project has been completed.

Grants – The Town continued its applying for and receiving a number of smaller, but significantly helpful grants.

Nichewaug Inn – As the Town's application for demolition of the Nichewaug Inn was not awarded, at a fall Special Town Meeting, the voters voted to borrow the sum of \$300,000 through a debt exclusion for asbestos removal and off-site disposal from the Nichewaug Inn. However, the ballot vote defeated this action.

Broadband 123 - The Broadband Committee, created last year, continued its work on bringing high-speed fiber optic cable service to the Town.

Always a work in process, the Town's website, www.townofpetersham.org is now up and running. Comments and suggestions can be left on the bandstand picture on the home page.

**Town of Petersham
Advisory Finance Committee Report
Reserve Fund Transfers
Fiscal 2012**

Balance July 1, 2011 \$ 25,000.00

Transfers:

		Account Description
10-Apr-12	28.46	Election Expense
10-Apr-12	198.02	Election / Registration Salaries
10-Apr-12	1.20	Tree Warden Expense
7-May-12	26.07	Election Expense
7-May-12	1,011.02	Selectmen's Expense
31-Jul-12	291.90	Payroll Processing Fees
31-Jul-12	536.96	Election / Registration Salaries
31-Jul-12	587.25	Town Phone
31-Jul-12	658.41	Police Department Expense

Total Transfers 3,339.29

Balance June 30, 2012 \$ 21,660.71

Respectfully Submitted:

Dr. David Davis, Chairman
 Ross France, Vice-Chairman
 Robert Bellefeuille, Clerk
 James Regan
 Eric Mandel

2012 Animal Control Officer Annual Report

The year 2012 was a good year for the Town of Petersham with only 4 dogs boarded at the Animal Control Facility, owners and new homes were located for all.

I would like to thank the Police Department for their efforts in covering my position during my absence and the residents for licensing their dogs in a timely manner.

I responded to 80 complaints, during the year and hopefully solved the problem for all.

As with any agency, Animal Control in Massachusetts is changing considerably, with new laws, statutes and requirements. I have attended trainings to update my skills in preparation for these changes.

I would like to thank the town departments which made the annual rabies clinic a success, Dr. Alan Bachrach and his wife Debra for their time providing vaccinations for all animals in attendance and the emergency care they provide for injured stray animals taken into custody by Animal Control.

Thank-you to the Petersham Animal Welfare System, for posting stray animals on their web site making it easier to locate owners and adopted homes for the stray animals.

In conclusion, it has been a busy year for Animal Control. I will continue to enforce all Massachusetts General and Town By-Laws Laws in the upcoming year. I will place as many strays as possible in new homes or with their owners. I will continue to answer complaints, questions and keep our animals and residents safe within the Community.

Respectfully Submitted.

Andrew Ohlson



PETERSHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

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ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

The Board of Health has three elected officials, Kaye Cousens RN, Robert Pasic RN, Fifi Scoufopoulos, and a part-time administrative assistant, Renee Wingertsman. Phil Leger continues to act as Health Agent. Office hours are in the Town Office Building on Mondays (except holidays) from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Board meets on the first and third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or as posted.

The responsibilities of the Board, as determined by regulations of the Commonwealth are four-fold:

1. Review and monitoring of septic system and well installation
2. Permitting and inspection of all food establishments and services
3. Adherence to Housing codes
4. Transmittable disease follow-ups and other public health issues

Memberships are with Region II Public Health Coalition, the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, Wachusett Medical Reserve Corps, and the Mass Toss Cooperative. The Board of Health assists the Selectboard with the operation of the Transfer Station. The Board of Health is responsible for the Public Health portion of the Emergency Management Program in compliance with the Department of Homeland Security.

A rabies clinic was sponsored in collaboration with the Town Clerk, Animal Control Officer, Highway Department and local veterinarian Alan Bachrach and his wife Deb. Proceeds were donated to PAWS (Petersham Animal Welfare System), the local animal welfare group. Annual participation in the regional Household Hazardous Waste collection allows residents to dispose of unwanted materials safely.

An unwanted electronics collection was held with proper disposal provided by METECH. In response to the Farmers Market, a current information packet is provided with relevant requirements.

Local Board of Health Duties

A. Septic System Regulations

Perc Tests	4
Plan Reviews	4
Repair	1
Systems Installed	2
System Haulers Permits	1
System Installers Permit	4
B. Private Well Permits	1
C. Public Water Systems	11

D. Food Operations Public & Private	14
E. Temporary Food Permits	4
F. Food Born Illness Investigations	0
G. Bacterial Illness Investigations	3
H. Tobacco Permit	1
I. Animal Bite Reports Monitored	1
J. Housing Inspections	6
K. Outdoor Wood Boiler Permits	0

The Board of Health would like to thank the other Town Boards, Department Heads and the Town's Residents for their assistance in promoting the work of the Board as it pertains to the health of our community.

Fifi Scoufopoulos ♦ Robert Pasic
Kaye Cousens

Cemetery Commission
July 2011 – June 2012

The Cemetery Commission meets at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month in the main floor office or the upstairs conference room of the Town Office building to proceed with its responsibilities of selling of cemetery lots, overseeing the maintenance of Petersham's nine cemeteries, facilitating burials, and maintaining and updating records. Gilbert King resigned as Sexton. Norman LaPointe was appointed Sexton. Sandra Tomlin completed her term on the Commission. The Cemetery Commission is seeking interested citizens to serve.

The Cemetery Commission progressed with projects to maintain and repair the town's cemeteries. Barnes Landscaping was contracted to maintain the cemetery grounds as well as brush removal. Highway Superintendent Tim Graves worked on beaver control and lowering water levels on TTOR property adjacent to the East Street Cemetery. Initially a culvert was installed and it was taken out by the beavers. Then a "beaver deceiver" was installed and that didn't work. TTOR sent an individual from a group called Beaver Solutions to assess the situation. The next step will be to install a larger cage in the beaver deceiver device. Apparently beavers are very sensitive to water movement, and the thought is that a larger cage will be more effective in achieving our goal of managing the water level via controlling the beaver activity. Grading of the driveway in the West Road Cemetery was done by the Highway Department.

TaMara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services completed an evaluation of repairs needed to stones in the Center Cemetery. Then, work progressed on the repair of the stones of Eliza and Jared Weed. Finally, a work party at Center Cemetery was organized by Ken Levine. Many enthusiastic townspeople from the Cemetery Commission and the Historical Society joined TaMara Conde and her crew to repair stones in the Center Cemetery which included the dismantling and repair of the base of the Stowell obelisk.

The maintenance, organization, and updating of records continued to be major projects for the Cemetery Commission members. Ruth Robinson worked with Bill Berry to print new maps of East Street Cemetery and West Road Cemetery. Norman LaPointe updated the center section map of East Street Cemetery and the new section of West Road Cemetery. It was decided to purchase a laptop computer for the Cemetery Commission to record and maintain records. The Selectboard approved the Change in the Town's Fee Schedule for Burials as requested by the Cemetery Commission in order to compensate the Sexton for overseeing, managing and recording each burial.

The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, which has a program to preserve information gathered from cemetery records and grave stones, has begun cataloguing the Petersham cemeteries with Petersham resident Barbara Hanno acting as liaison for the Cemetery Commission. Barbara Hanno presented her research of the West Road Cemetery which included digital photographs of gravestones.

Cemetery Commission Members June 30, 2012

Jan Bedau, Chairperson
Kenneth Levine, Vice Chairperson
Norman LaPointe, Sexton
Glenede Albertine, Clerk
Ruth Robinson
Sandra Tomlin
Marcia Flynn



PETERSHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE PETERSHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FISCAL 2012

Regular monthly meetings were held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Public Hearings and Special Meetings were scheduled to either coincide with regular monthly meetings or between monthly meetings as necessary. The Commission issued two Determinations of Applicability, three Orders of Conditions, and two Emergency Certifications.

In particular, the Petersham Highway Department filed a Notice of Intent for the replacement in kind for the failed culvert on West Road at East Branch Fever Brook. As East Branch Fever Brook is a high priority cold water perennial stream and a tributary for public water supply, the Army Corps of Engineers had to be notified. It soon became apparent that working with the Army Corps of Engineers would be a long process with considerable additional paperwork. Inspections of the failed culvert indicated continued deterioration and collapse would cause considerable environmental damage and create unacceptable public safety issues concerning prompt access for police, fire, and medical purposes. As the season for tropical storms was near and any significant sudden rainfall would cause collapse of the culvert, the Commission decided to forego the Notice of Intent and Issued an Emergency Certification allowing the Highway Department to immediately replace the culvert. The replacement and rock headwalls was completed the day before tropical storm Irene hit. It is working together to protect the environment and public good and bypassing normal procedures that prevented a serious environmental and public safety problem.

The Conservation Commission manages four properties, the Lewis and Corinne Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary and the Hallberg and Ganson Parcels and the Davenport Pond Property. Mowing open fields and reclaiming overgrown fields continued at the Sanctuary and parking area and trail improvement was conducted at the Davenport Property through a much appreciated work project with the MassLIFT AmeriCorps volunteers. Annual Conservation Restriction monitoring of the Davenport Property was conducted by Harvard Forest and Conservation Restriction monitoring of the Hallberg and Ganson Parcels was conducted by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust.

The Commission holds five Conservation Restrictions on private properties protecting 379 acres including 8 acres of agricultural land and a 200 foot zone on either side of the East Branch Swift River on Harvard Forest property. Plans were made for annual monitoring of these Conservation Restrictions.

In 1981, the Conservation Commission approved the following dedication and statement of purpose for the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary:

The Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary, established through the generosity of Corinne Howe Babbitt, December 1976, shall be preserved, managed, and controlled by the Petersham Conservation Commission as a fitting tribute to the life and work of Lewis and Corinne Babbitt. As their teaching inspired and shaped the lives of many school children from Petersham and elsewhere, the Sanctuary shall be dedicated to all school children that they may find the wisdom and peace the Babbitts knew and shared. As their devotion to natural history was evident in all their work, the Sanctuary shall be dedicated to inspiring all who visit with the joy of discovering, understanding, and learning. As the Babbitts' unselfish love of Nature which they freely shared has been a model for many, the Sanctuary shall be dedicated to imparting an appreciation for the aesthetics of Nature and a respect for all life through exemplifying the values and goals for which Lewis and Corinne lived.

In 1983, the Commission established and funded the very successful Environmental Education Program at the Petersham Center School which includes classroom work K through 6th grade and field trips to the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary. The program is currently taught by Chris Eaton and funded through the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary Trust Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Clark, Chair
John Baker, Clerk
Ashley Gabrenas
David Lockesmith
Heidi Lux
Thomas Webber
Henry Woolsey
Donald West, Associate

PETERSHAM COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT
FY JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2012

Mission Statement: Petersham's Council on Aging dedicates itself to addressing concerns of the sixty year and older population.

We are an all volunteer organization. We have no salaried positions. Funds to carry out our activities come from an annual grant of \$3,500 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and a grant of \$850 from the Town of Petersham. We are also supported by services from Franklin County Home Care Corp. (FCHCC) and Franklin Regional Transit Authority, (FRTA).

The Council on Aging Board for F/Y 11/12 has met monthly except for July and August in order to plan health and entertainment programs for Petersham's seniors, to assure the meal site meets standards and that seniors are informed via monthly newsletters of issues and programs of interest. Projects we wish to pursue are the replacement of the stove and refrigerator in the lower Town Hall. We are also looking for a volunteer to be our treasurer. Thank you to Sue Hellen for continuing to be Petersham's Representative to Franklin County Home Care Corporation. The Board welcomes volunteers both at our meal site and on the Board itself. There is strength in numbers. We meet every Second Monday of the month at 10:30 in the Lower Town Hall. All are welcome to come and share your thoughts and concerns. Please join us. Our current officers are:

Chairman: Charlotte Kennan

Vice Chairman: Katherine Berry

Secretary: Janice Olson

Treasurer: Robert Lane

The COA's Senior Transportation Program through the Franklin Regional Transit Authority consists of out of town medical rides in the Athol/Orange area as funded by the FRTA. Reservations may be made by calling 978-544-1113. As neighbors however, we are most happy to respond to another neighbor. Charlotte Kennan continues to be Petersham's representative to the FRTA.

The Monday Luncheon Club through the FCHCC's Meals-on-Wheels Program is in its 18th year. We meet every Monday at 12:00 in the Lower Town Hall. Mary Russell is our site manager and culinary miracle worker. Mary did take a hiatus in the fall for heart surgery but she had all of us so well trained that all went just like clockwork. The cadre of helpers; Barbara Amidon, Janice Olson, Kay Berry, Wanda Dickson and Bob Lane come together every Monday morning to prepare the catered meals for the seniors. This year 991 meals were served on 45 Mondays. The volunteers that provide this service comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Petersham Board of Health. All in all, we estimate that the COA volunteers have given 2,340 hours of their time wearing several different hats. Thank you for your dedication to the seniors of Petersham. Many of our volunteers have also received certification in serv-safe practices, choke saver and heart resuscitation, allergen training and sanitation. We are an approved site. A \$2 donation is recommended. To reserve a meal, please call Mary

Russell at 978-724-3233 on Thursday for a lunch on Monday. However drop-ins are always most welcome.

The COA newsletter, underwritten by the EOEA is sent to all Petersham residents 60 years and older. This past year 361 seniors received a newsletter. The newsletter has a calendar of local activities, senior program notices, monthly meal site menus, health and legal advisories. Our thanks to the Petersham Center School and Ann Degnan for their help in printing the newsletter. The editors are Charlotte Kennan and Katherine Berry.

A review of the programs and activities highlighted in this year's newsletters included:

- The Exercise Program for seniors consisted of two 10 week sessions led by YMCA instructors at the Center School on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 am
- North Quabbin Area COA's Senior Picnic on Sept. 1, 2011
- Fall Prevention Program by Tina Schryver of the GVNA, Sept. 13, 2010
- Senior Trip to the "Big E" on Sept. 22, 2011
- Volunteer Recognition Lunch at Jenkins Inn on Sept. 21, 2011
- Petersham Center School Chorus Holiday program and the Lions Senior Holiday Luncheon Dec. 19, 2011
- Community Wellness Program with GVNA on Mar. 5, 2012
- "Jerry Atric – The Older I Get" Cultural Council Program, Apr. 9, 2012
- A Visit From Quabbin Valley Health Care with Donna Debasitis, Apr. 30, 2012
- Lunch at Montachusett Regional Technical School on May 1, 2012
- Walk-A-Thon at Franklin County Tech, May 5, 2012
- Senior Medicare Alert program, May 7, 2012

The Council wishes to thank all those that helped make 2011/2012 a successful year.

- The Center School for sharing their gym and their fantastic chorus that entertained us at the Lion's Christmas lunch.
- The Center School for helping us print the newsletter
- Dick Nickless for arranging our trip to the Eastern States Exposition
- The Board of Selectmen for their support of all the COA's activities.
- Dale Bull, Administrative Coordinator for all her assistance in coordinating the use of the Town Hall and keeping us updated on needed information.
- Road Superintendent Graves for keeping the walkways clear for us.
- Neil Legare for his maintenance of the Town Hall.
- A big thank you to all those unsung volunteers who have kept us going.

Respectfully submitted,
Council on Aging Board Members

Charlotte Kennan, Chairman
Katherine Berry, Vice Chairman
Janice Olson, Secretary
Robert Lane, Treasurer

Mary Russell, Meal Site Manager
Barbara Amidon
Wanda Dickson
Eileen O'Grady

Grants Awarded in January 2012

- Nicole Wander: Fairy Tales Told with Imagination at Library
- Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary: The Cycle of Seeds from Field to Table at Petersham Center School by Chis Eaton
- United Arc: For the Birds
- Beatles for Sale – The Tribute, Concert on the Common in June
- Independence Day Parade Music, July 4th, On the Common
- Ricardo Frota: Ecology of Sound, Old Home Day, August 26, On the Common
- Orange Revitalization Partnership: Starry Starry Night
- Petersham Congregational Church: Fair Entertainment, July 14th, On the Common
- Petersham Memorial Library: Teaching Creatures Story Stars
- Petersham Memorial Library: Super Cold Science
- 1794 Meeting House: Meet the Mozarts
- Steve Henderson: Jerry Atric – The Older I Get, April Senior Luncheon
- Athol Area YMCA: YouthReach! Summer Theater Program
- Petersham Craft Center: Arts in the Classroom, Petersham Center School
- North Quabbin Community Coalition: North Quabbin Woods Artisan Festival
- Paul Bouchard: Big Band Swing Concert & Dance, at the Town Hall

Nov. 2011: The Petersham Art Show featured over 30 exhibitors and 100 pieces of work. Artists reception on Friday evening was well attended. Sales were encouraging, with support and enthusiasm very high.

Dec. 2011: A \$1000 private donation was received for support of the work of the Council and will be used for future programs.

Mar. 2012: Trashion-Refashion Ball was successfully held in March with plans to make it an annual event.

Apr. 2012: Scholarships were awarded Jessica Berube and Nicole Leblanc.

May 2012: Swing Band Dance co-sponsored by the Cultural Council, to raise funds for the Library, was held in May.

New members appointed to the Council for three-year terms were Rebekah Fraser, Jody Bird and Christine Word. Sandra Whaley resigned after serving 6 years.

Members:

Linda Kabo, Secretary
Sherry Berube, Treasurer
Rebekah Fraser
Christine Word

Linda Paquet, Chairperson
Jody Bird
Maille Lynch-Gilbert

Petersham Emergency Management Committee
Annual Report FY 2012

The Committee continues to be active in preparing for and responding to emergencies for our Town as well as being ready to assist other towns or work with them as they assist us. The committee added the building inspector to the membership.

The Town experienced two federally declared Disaster Declarations in 2011 along with other towns and the Commonwealth as a whole, for August Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene and the snowstorm in October. The Town's last event was the ice storm in 2008 and there have been many changes as to reporting and reimbursement per FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The amount of documentation, photographs and forms that must be submitted for the 75% of cost reimbursement has increased four-fold, while the eligible costs that are reimbursable has decreased drastically.

The Committee once again approved the continuation of an agreement with the Worcester County Sheriffs' Department as part of their reverse 9-1-1 system to alert Petersham residents via their home phones in case there is a need to alert them to a major hazard that is not publically known. There is speculation that this free service will end at some point depending on the Sherriff's Department budget.

The Emergency Management Director is aggressive in applying for state and federal funds as they apply to Petersham. This is a lengthy and time consuming process and requires that emergency responders, Town Government and select public officials be trained and certified in the Incident Command System, which is the response system used by the country and mandated by the federal government to be eligible for any federal funding.

The Committee is also pleased to report that the Petersham Police Department continues with their multidisciplinary training in Homeland Security (HLS) with another series of tactical drills this year and once again the officers received excellent training from the Massachusetts State Police STOP team. The exercises were part of a HLS funded grant submitted by Petersham of approximately \$75,000.00 that allowed for 11 Towns and multiple community and private partners as well as the Mass State Police to participate both tabletop and full scale exercises involving a shooter scenario with multiple victims at the Quabbin Regional High School. Additional multi-disciplinary trainings are planned as HLS and FEMA funding allows, for continued preparation for a variety of natural and manmade disasters.

Other grant awards for Petersham include a cache of GPS radios to be used regionally by emergency responders, the addition of 800 radios as required by law and the additional of MDTs-Mobile Data Terminals (computers) in the police cruisers.

Another major accomplishment for Petersham is that the Town was awarded a CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) grant to run the State's first TEEN CERT training program. This 20 hour class occurred in April/May for citizens to be trained to assist the local emergency responders under their authority. The Town has a CERT team of just 3 members and is looking to expand that in collaboration with the Town of Barre. This TEEN CERT program allows teenagers to also be trained with written parental consent and in meeting age requirements. The class graduated 4 adults and 8 teenagers, 6 who are Boy scouts and this class met the requirement for their Eagle Scout.

Additional work includes:

- Beginning work with MRPC (Montachusett Regional Planning Commission) as required to update the Town's hazard mitigation plan which is due in 2014
- The Emergency Preparedness and Response newsletter that the Committee does every 2-3 years will be updated and sent out in early Spring 2013 with helpful information and suggestions for self preparedness in a variety of small and large scale emergencies

- Applying for grants that are made available to the Town for emergency preparedness and response activities
- Planning a CERT/TEEN CERT class for 2013
- Updating the Petersham Center School Emergency Plan and providing onsite active shooter training once again with school staff involvement. The Town is fortunate that the School takes a very active interest in emergency preparedness on all levels and welcomes training to keep the children and staff safe.

The Committee wishes to thank the men and women who continue to serve as first responders in our Town.

Self preparedness is the basis for community preparedness. Visit <http://www.ready.gov/are-you-ready-guide> for individual disaster preparedness information.

Emergency Manager Lynne Shaw
Assistant Emergency Manager Chief Dana Cooley
Dana Robinson
Rick Marsh
Tim Graves
Jay Burke
Briana Skowya



PETERSHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE

FY 12 TOWN REPORT

Activities during FY 12

- Made inserts for the Library.
- Began initial work on Green Community Application; held public interest meetings in this regard.
- Collaborated with Fraser Sinclair, Planning Board Chairman, to pass Stretch Code and Solar Zoning By-Law at Annual Town Meeting.
- Collaborated with Hal Gillam, Pequoig Energy to prepare contract with North Quabbin Solar Power Project to purchase electric solar power for all Petersham's municipal buildings. Contract signed by Selectboard.
- Accepted resignation of Rich Matteson.
- Max Feldman was appointed to committee.
- Worked with North Quabbin Energy to present Energy Workshops at the Garlic and Arts Festival.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Davis, Clerk
Linda Paquet, Chairperson
Kathy Ballou
Chris Eaton
Max Feldman
Ken Levine
Sheila Youd

Report of the Petersham Fire Department Fiscal Year 2012

To the Citizens of Petersham:

Below is the report of the activity of the Petersham Fire Department for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012. During the Fiscal Year the department responded to 80 requests for service during the period. The nature of the calls for assistance are outlined below.

Structure Fires	0
Chimney Fires	1
Brush Fires	3
Automobile Accidents	4
Medical Emergencies	30
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	2
Wires Down/Arcing	2
Alarm Activation – No Fire	10
Remove Hazard	1
Public Service	4
Cellars Pumped	3
Stand-by at Station- Hurricane	1
Stand-by at Station – Snow Storm	2
Car Fires	1
Welfare Checks post Snow Storm	6
Smoke Investigation	1
False Alarms	0
Mutual Aid	<u>9</u>
Total Calls	80

Inspections and Permits Issued

Smoke and CO Detector Inspections	20
Oil Burner Permits	14
Propane Storage Permits	14
Oil Tank Truck Permits	0
Liquor License Renewal Inspections	5
Brush Burning Permits Issued	493

During Fiscal Year 2012 the department took delivery of a new Tanker to replace the 1960 International. The funding was approved in Fiscal year 2011 but the bidding process was delayed until the current year. The tanker was built by KME in Pennsylvania on an International chassis that carries 2,000 gallons of water and has a 1,250 gallon per minute pump. The vehicle was delivered on May 30 2012.

In August and October the department provided emergency assistance to the community during Tropical Storm Irene and the October Snow Storm. As part of the Town's emergency management team the needs of the residents were addressed as required.

The tires on the 1990 Tanker were replaced with funding provided by special article funding at the Annual Town Meeting. In June of 2012 the department's Rescue Truck (a 1988 former ambulance) was taken out of service due to deterioration in the structural components that attached the rear axle. The future of the vehicle was being evaluated at the end of the Fiscal year

The Fire Department meets on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 P.M. Any resident interested in joining the Fire Department is encouraged to contact the Chief. New firefighters with and without experience are welcome. Training is provided during bi-monthly meetings and free training opportunities are available nearby that are sponsored by the Mass. Fire Academy.

Again this year the department visited the Center School during Fire Prevention Week. We also sponsored a Fire Prevention Poster Contest at the Center School with the winners in each grade receiving a ride to school in a Fire Truck. Special thanks to School Secretary Ann Degnan and School Nurse Stephanie Carmiello for their help coordinating the contest and the visit to the school.

I would be remiss if I failed to thank the voters of Petersham for their continued support of the Fire Department at Town Meeting. Your continued support of our warrant article requests allow us to operate the department in a manner that best serves the needs of the community. Also thanks to the police and highway departments as well as the families of our fire fighters for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana C. Robinson,
Fire Chief

Town of Petersham

Highway Department

Annual Report

2011-2012

Chapter 90 Work

1500' of old asphalt was removed from Choate Road. The asphalt was screened and mixed with grindings that came from Route 32 and 122. Three inches of asphalt/ grindings were spread back onto Choate Road, and compacted.

Tom Swamp Road had two 12" culverts and 500' of subsurface drainage installed. 700' of road was graveled and graded with an area made to turn trucks around at the last house built on that road.

The large culvert on West Road that the East branch of Fever Brook passes through was replaced. Heavy spring rains along with a rapid snowmelt caused the bottom of the old culvert to buckle. The water rose and washed material that covered the culvert away. The pavement over the culvert eventually collapsed.

General Highway Account

Winter sand was swept of all roads and catch basins were cleaned. Dirt roads were graded and cold patch was used to fill potholes on paved roads. Trees were cut, ditches repaired, roadsides mowed, signs replaced, material build-up on the edge of roads was removed, vehicle and equipment preventive maintenance was performed and repairs were made when necessary. The house trailer that was used for storage at the transfer station was demolished and the same area was graded so that a building could be put in its place. Highway was very involved with the whole process of moving a building that was donated to the Town for use by the Transfer Station. Reclaimed asphalt was put over the gravel at the Transfer Station and rolled. This makes it easier to plow and eliminates the spring mud. The big spruce trees at the Second East Street school house were taken down so repairs could be made to the roof and building. Winter sand was made and brought to the highway barn by the Towns of Athol, Philipston, Templeton,

and Petersham. Hurricane Irene came and went with little damage. Two new insulated doors were put on the back of the highway barn.

Snow Account

The winter season started out on October 27th with a coating that brought our sanders out at 8pm. The sanders went out again at 3pm. on Saturday October 29th; the plows were put on at 6pm. By Sunday morning, the storm was over. It left 22" of wet, heavy snow, along with a countless number of trees across the roads. Highway, Fire, and Police all worked together to get as many roads open as possible. Trees that had fallen on wires had to wait for the electric crews to cut them off. Some roads were closed for days. The clean up from this storm lasted into December. The rest of the winter was much like a normal one. There was plenty of sand left over. 300.87 Tons of salt was used. Highway was down one full-time man and another was out part of the season. The Part-time help took up the slack and all came out well.



PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
and PETERSHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Annual Report, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

The Petersham Historic District Commission and Historic Commission had a productive year. The Commission met monthly through the year at Petersham Memorial Library.

The Commission compiled the HDC Bylaws and a cover letter which was sent to all District property owners to ensure that owners are aware of the Bylaws and know to contact the HDC if they are considering a project and that they are always welcome to ask questions and seek advice.

During the year the HDC reviewed possible projects at the White Pillars Building and Country Store; discussed applying for National Register of Historic Places status for the 1849 Second East Street Schoolhouse (District 5 Schoolhouse) owned by the Petersham Historical Society; explained the HDC purview and District map to the Selectboard; reviewed the demolition grant status of the Nichewaug Inn & Academy; prepared and delivered information to a consulting engineer and Massachusetts Historical Commission per a Section 108 request of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding a proposed cellular tower; continued efforts on a new updated HDC Properties Book; and reviewed and signed various business permits.

In June 2012, the Commission met and worked with Mike Nolan of G4S Technology to develop a plan for underground siting of new broadband cabling being proposed for the town center. This effort created a suitable alternative to hanging exposed wires on utility poles around the Common. The project began in late Fall 2012 and is still underway. The HDC was appreciative of the response of Mr. Nolan and G4S Technology to the requests of the Commission and the town.

Also in June 2012, some HDC members participated in the Gravestone Workshop organized by the Petersham Cemetery Commission. It was an enjoyable and productive workshop.

Commission Members, 2011–2012:

Nancy Allen, Chair; Robert Clark, Vice Chair; Christine Mandel, Clerk;
Peter George, Lynn Shaw, Polly Pillsbury, members

ABOUT THE PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Through the diligent hard work of town residents and the commitment of Petersham voters, the Petersham Historic District was established in 1967 and one of the earliest in the Commonwealth. Today, there are more than 215 Districts in 110 towns and cities across the Massachusetts. Since the 1930s, over 2,300 Historic Districts have been established across the United States and the number keeps growing as towns discover and appreciate the “quality of community” benefits brought about by preservation.

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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS REPORT
 July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Building Permits	62
Wood Stoves	4

<u>Building Permits</u>			
0	New Homes	3	Decks and Porches
3	Additions	16	Roofs and Siding
18	Remodel	2	Barns/Garages
6	Repairs	5	Other
5	Sheds	1	Solar Panel
1	Demo	1	Greenhouse
1	Pavilion		

Office hours are held every Monday (except Holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully Submitted
Brianna Skowyra
Inspector of Buildings

PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

23 Common Street
Petersham, Massachusetts, 01366

Annual Report to the Town Of Petersham
of the Petersham Memorial Library
July 01, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Vision Statement:

The Petersham Memorial Library will fulfill its vital mission to the community by providing resources, programming and an atmosphere to encourage multi-faceted intellectual growth. This will be achieved by nurturing a love of reading, encouraging the sharing of ideas and acceptance of diversity, and fostering the pursuit of life long learning in a friendly, welcoming environment making the library an important cultural hub for the Petersham community of all ages.

Mission Statement:

The Petersham Memorial Library will provide the community with a diverse and rich collection that nurtures a love of books and reading and fosters the communication of ideas and information. The Library will also be home to a special collection of materials of local and regional history and genealogy. In addition to maintaining the collection, the Library has a commitment to preserve the architectural integrity of the building, to preserve the memorials within the building, and to provide an attractive and friendly environment.

Hours:

- Tuesday 10:00A.M. to 5:00P.M.
- Wednesday 2:00P.M. to 7:00P.M.
- Friday 2:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.
- Saturday 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

Trustees:

- Barbara Hanno
- John Burk
- Lynn Herzog
- Janice Olson
- Annette Ermini
- Deni Ellis
- Nita Bates
- Robert Bellefeuille
- Jean Sinclair
- Richard Carfagna
- Anne Perkins
- Clint Shaw

Seven hundred fifty-two Petersham residents were library cardholders in Fiscal Year 2012. Petersham Memorial Library patrons checked out 6847 books, 116 print serials,

578 audio books and 1942 movies. 1981 interlibrary loans were received and 1668 were provided. 1479 on-site loans were made to patrons who do not reside in Petersham.

Our circulation numbers have increased in comparison to FY2011. Our total circulation in 2011 was 10103 as compared to 13474 in 2012.

FY2012 the library had 2 public use computers and 2 public use laptops. An average of 8 patrons per week accessed the internet using the library's computers. Many patrons log on to our wireless connection either in or outside the building. A password is necessary to log onto our connection. Patrons are asked to sign a one time release form before receiving the password. The library's web address is www.petershamlibrary.net.

Our digital library offerings included 6 data base licenses, 9754 e-book titles, 3549 audio book titles and 280 video titles. In 2012, 321 titles were downloaded from the digital catalog by our patrons.

The library was open a total of 957 hours which included 180 hours on Saturday and 104 hours after 5PM. 5453 people entered the library during open hours.

Our shelves currently hold 8171 books for adults and 4328 books for children and 932 Young Adult titles. There are 44 volumes of print periodicals, newspapers and other print serials. 1091 DVD/VHS titles were available for loan as well as 170 books in audio format.

Discount Passes to area attractions included the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Massachusetts State Parks Pass, Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

During the 2011-2012 season, the Petersham Memorial Library continued to offer story hour for children, at 10:30 on Tuesday morning. We included a story, games, music, crafts, yoga, sign language and play time for our youngest patrons.

Our program repertoire included the adult book discussion group which met on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM, three local author talks, ice cream social, Coffee House Program and Statewide Summer Reading Program.

Highlights for our 2012 year included Basic Dog Training for Humans, Museum of Science's Traveling Program on Reptiles, a Nook and Kindle Training and Swing Dance.

The Annual Library Tea was held Sunday, February 05 from 2:00 to 4:00. Invitations were mailed to all Petersham residents. The tea is the Library's *Thank You* to our community for the support we receive throughout the year.

The Library Book Sale was held October 7 & 8.

The Library handed out treat bags during the Town Halloween Trick or Treat festivities.

Petersham Cultural Council provided financial support for Solstice Lantern Workshop, Nicol Wander of Wonderful Creations Puppet Show and Eco Fashions from Trash Workshop with the library serving as venue.

Non library use of building included meetings for the Philosophy Discussion Group, Historic District Commission and Historical Society.

Over 200 volunteer hours were logged at our library in 2011/2012 and I would like to extend my gratitude to the volunteers, staff, Trustees and patrons of the Petersham Memorial Library for all they do to help make it the great place it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Arata
Director
Petersham Memorial Library

PML FISCAL - July 2011 through June 2012

Income	91796.51
Book Sale	903.00
Dog License Fund	684.75
Annual Appeal	2189.00
Other Gifts	4369.00
Building Improvement Income	8692.00
Trash Bags	4380.00
Investment Income	62400.00
State Grant	889.98
Town Appropriation	6588.00
Other	700.78
Expense	73066.67
Collection Materials	10516.76
CW Mars	1504.00
Building Improvement Capital Expense	743.40
Insurance	2054.00
Trash Bags	5040.00
Payroll Expense	39666.01
Postage	351.76
Projects and Programs	1405.37
Supplies	1001.63
Utilities	9772.45
Other	1011.29
Other Expense (Equipment, Maintenance, Accounting)	8247.07
Net Income	10482.77



PETERSHAM OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

FISCAL 2012

Regular monthly meetings were held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. A primary focus has been on a vision for a new Open Space & Recreation Plan which is required by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) for the Town to be eligible for any EOEEA grants.

This vision includes eventually linking our extensive trail system to allow hikers to circumnavigate the town and to connect with trails in adjacent towns. Work was conducted on the parking area and trail improvement at the Davenport Property through a work project with the MassLIFT AmeriCorps volunteers. Their work is greatly appreciated. The Chair also continued laying out and flagging the proposed Bob Marshall Trail which will be a little over two miles long and connect the Gould Woodlot at Harvard Forest to the Harvard Pond/Tom Swamp Tracts.

Protecting wildlife corridors, landscape values, and the variety of beautiful natural areas of Petersham is important for residents as well as visitors and provides for many forms of recreation including hunting, fishing, and hiking. Maintaining our public lands is important for access, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic values.

Protecting local agricultural land is another component of the vision. The growing interest in and demand for locally and organically grown produce makes local agricultural land a priority.

Identifying and proposing improvements in existing Town owned areas for public recreation will be another component of the new Plan. The Committee discussed potential land protection opportunities that would enhance the goals of the new Plan.

Working through the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust MassLIFT AmeriCorps Conservationist, vernal pools at Davenport Pond were certified with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Clark, Chair
Emery Boose, Clerk
David Lockesmith
Clint Shaw
Henry Woolsey

Petersham Planning Board Annual Report
FY July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

There were four plot plans reviewed and endorsed as Approval Not Required (ANR) during FY 2012. A total of fourteen lots were created but due to pending conservation restrictions it is likely only five will be potential building lots. There were no subdivision proposals.

The Planning Board assisted the Energy Committee by crafting a solar bylaw to help the town apply for Green Community status. As a Green Community, the town will be able to receive state grants to upgrade the energy efficiency of town properties. A hearing was held on April 30th and the town voted to approve the new bylaw at the town meeting on June 4th.

The Affordable Housing Plan needs to be updated. A grant from MRPC to complete the work was not available, but with help from the University of Massachusetts Regional Planning program, there will be a new Affordable Housing Plan crafted for 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Fraser Sinclair, Chair

Barbara Hanno, Clerk

Town of Petersham Police Department Annual Report

Another year has passed and before we give a brief reflection of the good, bad and the ugly of the Petersham Police Department for fiscal year 2012, I would like to express a few words of sympathy for the families, all the emergency response personnel, Police, Fire and EMS that recently went through the tragedy of Sandy Hook Elementary School in little town similar to Petersham, Newtown, Connecticut. Our hearts are heavy for the losses and terror that they all went through and will never ever be able to forget. God Bless you all.

In fiscal year 2012 the police department has continued to move forward with several accomplishments to assist the department in being a more effective as a law enforcement agency.

We have continued the practice of applying for grants, allowing us to obtain necessary equipment to function as a professional police department. Those grants include the purchase of eleven Garmin Rhino 655t handheld GPS radio devices. These GPS units will be used for events such as assisting in the search and locating of lost people, tracking criminals, assisting the fire department in calculating the acreage of fire damage in a wooded area and much more.

A grant was received to purchase and install Panasonic Tough book Computers in all of our cruisers allowing our officers to have immediate access to the criminal data base while in the field.

Our department continues with the Annual Drug Take Back program where, one Saturday in the spring people are allowed, with no questions asked, to bring in their expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications for disposal. The date for the event for 2013 will be Saturday, April 27th.

Our programs continued with the local schools focusing on bicycle, Halloween and bus evacuation safety. With the assistance of the Athol Masonic Lodge we brought forth the Child Identification Program at the Center School. Children were interviewed by videotape, tooth print impressions, fingerprints and a DNA samples are taken of each child. This free of charge program assists to identify children if they become missing. It also provides the opportunity to educate our children in safe practices, which will reduce their risk of abduction or exploitation.

Although a small town and some thinking nothing will ever happen in Petersham our department continues to be proactive and train with the area departments and State Police in the event of an active shooter situation.

Our department joined the many communities across the state by joining the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement allows our officers and other agencies, the rights, privileges and immunities of Police Officers when in the course of providing mutual aid in another community.

Once again, another big hand and thank-you to the dedication of the Crime Watch Team. These individuals put a lot of time and effort into driving around your community, keeping a watchful eye to assist in protecting your property.

Thank you to all of our residents for your patience, cooperation and support of the Police Department.

Thank you to all of my officers and their families for the support they provide to the community and this department. Great team work guys.

I want to thank my wife and family for their unconditional support and understanding of the amount of time involved in operation of the police department.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Dana Cooley Jr.
Chief of Police

Police Department Statistics
(FY - 2012)

Description	No. of Calls
E-911 Hang Up Calls	12
Abandoned MV	1
Alarms	53
Animal Calls	67
Assist Citizens	52
Assault	1
Assist other Agency	67
Burglary (B & E)	9
Building Checks	78
Computer Crimes	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	2
Complaints	15
Court	41
Disturbance	4
Disabled Motor Vehicle	27
Domestic Disturbance	13
Escort/Transport	3
Fire Alarm	13
Fire / Brush	3
Fire Chimney	1
Fire Other	4
General Info	3
Gun Shots	7
Hazardous Incident	2
Illegal Dumping	3
Investigation	14
Juvenile Offenses	1
Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting	2
Lockout	2
Medical Emergency	42
Missing Person	4
Mutual Aide Fire / Ambulance	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	17
Complaint /MV Operations	10
Motor Vehicle Investigation	107
Motor Vehicle Stops	907
Notifications	2
Officer Initiated Investigations	158
Property Damage	2
Annoying Phone Calls	1
Found/Lost Property	3
Psych Emergency	1
Records Check	4
Serve Restraining Order	1
Robbery	1

Police Department Statistics
(FY - 2012)

Safety Hazard	65
Sex Offenses	1
Serve Summons	18
Suspicious Activity	32
Tresspass	2
Truant	2
Unattended Death	1
Vandalism	2
Serve Warrant	6
Welfare Check	23
	1914

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FISCAL YEAR 2012**

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Personal Property Taxes	139,289.93
Real Estate Taxes	2,095,452.40
Tax Liens Redeemed	6,943.47
Motor Vehicle Excise	121,952.12
Interest & Penalties on Real & Personal Property	9,974.71
Interest on Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,244.62
Total Taxes and Excise	2,374,857.25
Fees - Miscellaneous	324.00
Transfer Station Fees	38,350.00
Rentals	175.00
Dept Revenue - Police	992.50
Dept Revenue - Dog Officer	134.00
Total Departmental Revenue	39,975.50
Licenses - Alcoholic	2,240.00
Permits - Miscellaneous Business	170.00
Permits - Other	335.00
Total Licenses and Permits	2,745.00
State Owned Land	74,665.00
Abatements Veterans', Etc.	8,485.00
Chapter 70	418,743.00
Lottery	96,968.00
MDC - In Lieu of Taxes	479,321.68
Court Fines	1,715.00
Registry of MV Fines	6,382.50
Total State Revenues	1,086,280.18

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Sale of Surplus	499.99
FEMA Reimbursement	125.34
Earnings on Investments	1,046.77
Miscellaneous Revenue	24,468.00
Other Fines	800.00
Fines - Dog Violations	620.00
Total Unclassified	27,560.10
Total General Fund Revenues	<u>3,531,418.03</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

July 1, 2011 was the start of my 17th year as Town Clerk in Petersham. It is such an honor to continue to serve the residents of Petersham. Ruth Bassingthwaite took me under her wing and gave me the chance to see how it all worked. I volunteered with her for about 2 years before she decided to retire. She was Town Clerk for 21 years. There are days when I feel like she is watching over my shoulder. The statement that she made to me that has always stayed with me is "I have always done things my way. I suppose I should show you the right way to do them." Anyone who knew her would totally understand this statement coming from her. I still carry her key chain with all her keys. She had a very strong commitment to the Town of Petersham. I can only imagine what she would be saying about the changes that have taken place.

We introduced new voting booths to the voters. It has been interesting. Thanks to Charlotte Kennan we had some arrows on the floor to help people find their way through the booths. The booths now have lighting in each section.

Mass Fish & Wildlife went live with their on-line licenses. The majority of Town Clerks in Massachusetts gave up selling them. I have continued to sell them. The amount that I sell is less but I still have my faithful sportsmen that come in and get them. As long as I have them I will continue to sell them.

As I always do, I want to thank Dale Bull for her continued support throughout the year. Thank you also goes to Renee Wingertsman for the help that she has provided me through the year.

To my election workers, for their hours of great work and support, I continue to say that without them, elections would not run so smoothly. The Board of Registrars, Kay Simms, Anne Perkins and Barbara Nickless, continue to be there when needed. To all a big thank you!

The biggest thanks goes to my family for understanding the hours and commitment it takes to be the Town Clerk.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as your Town Clerk.

Diana L. Cooley
Town Clerk

Town Clerk

RAFFLES

The following organizations purchased raffle licenses at \$10.00 each for a total of \$50.00, which was paid to the Treasurer.

First Congregational Unitarian Parish
Petersham Curling Club
Petersham Firefighters Association
Petersham Branch Alliance
Petersham Montessori School

DOG FUNDS

A total of 1,735.75 was collected for the library from the dog license fund. A total of \$620.00 was collected in dog fines and turned over to the Treasurer.

MARIJUANA CITATIONS

A total of \$600.00 was collected in marijuana citations and turned over to the Treasurer.

Elections

Special Town Election January 23, 2012

Shall the Town of Petersham be allowed to exempt from the Provisions of Proposition Two and One-half, so-called, the amount required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance asbestos removal and off-site disposal from all buildings and structures except the garage on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessors' Map Parcel No. 48, located at 25 Common Street, as voted under Article 9 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting held November 1, 2011?

66 Yes

78 No

Elections

Presidential Primary March 6, 2012

Republican

Presidential Preference	
Ron Paul	26
Mitt Romney	90
Rick Perry	0
Rick Santorum	42
Jon Huntsman	2
Michele Bachman	0
Newt Gingrich	5
Blanks	3

State Committee Man	
Michael J. Valanzola	26
William J. Gillmeister	66
David P. Kopacz, Sr.	31
Blanks	45

State Committee Woman	
Janet E. Garon	110
Blanks	58

Town Committee	
Alfred Berry	14
Charlotte Kennan	16
Sandra Larson	13
Nancy Baker	6
Jane Hein	12
Katharine Dodd	14
Carolyn May	13
Norman Hebert	12
Rebecca Legare	11
Barbara Nickless	15
Richard Nickless	16
Elizabeth Cummings	11
Tim Clark	7
Marsha Clark	6
Frederik Marsh	7
Blanks	2661

Democrat

Presidential Preference	
Barack Obama	42
Blanks	2

State Committee Man	
William R. Shemeth III	38
Blanks	6

State Committee Woman	
Laura L. Jette	37
Blanks	7

Town Committee	
Blanks	859

Green-Rainbow

Presidential Preference	
Kent Mesplay	0
Jill Stein	3
Harley Mikkelson	0

State Committee Man	
Blanks	3

State Committee Woman	
Blanks	3

Town Committee	
Blanks	30

Elections

Annual Town Election

March 26, 2012

939 voters – 150 voter turnout –
16%

Board of Selectmen – 3 Years

Peter F. George	106
Others	12
Blanks	32

Tax Collector – 3 Years

Virginia Newman	132
Others	2
Blanks	16

Town Clerk -3 Years

Diana L. Cooley	133
Others	3
Blanks	14

Board of Assessors – 3 Years

Dana W. Kennan	113
Others	7
Blanks	30

Board of Health – 3 Years

Robert Pasic	129
Blanks	21

Board of Health – 2 Years

Kaye Cousens	135
Blanks	15

Mahar Regional School Committee – 3 Yrs

Ann Townsend	6
Others	10
Blanks	134

Petersham School Committee – 3 Years

Charles Berube	120
Others	1
Blanks	29

Petersham School Committee – 2 Years

Russell Fontaine	10
Others	9
Blanks	131

Planning Board – 3 Years

Stephen Herzog	122
Blanks	28

Planning Board – 2 Years

Robert Rocheleau, Jr.	113
Blanks	37

Trustees of Public Library – 3 Years

Anne Perkins	135
Others	1
Blanks	14

TOWN OF PETERSHAM

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Diana L. Cooley

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At the Special Town Meeting, held on November 14, 2011, at which a quorum was present, I hereby certify that the following actions were taken:

Non-voters on the floor were: Brianna Skowyra, Dr. Patricia Martin, Rebecca Phillips, Michael Baldassare, Tim Graves, Peter Cross, Dr. Steve Hemmen, Kenneth Rocke, Attorney Russell.

The Town voted to allow the Moderator to declare a 2/3 vote.

Article 1: Reports were read by the following: Fredrik Marsh – Board of Selectmen, Dr. David Davis – Advisory Finance Committee.

Article 2: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$6,500.00 to purchase a zero-turn lawn mower for the Petersham Center School. 4 opposed

Article 3: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$9,500.00 for the purchase and related costs of 25 replacement pagers for the Petersham Fire Department. Unanimous

Article 4: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase and related costs of a generator for the Petersham Fire Department.

Article 5: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$6,000.00 to purchase tires for the Petersham Fire Department trucks. 1 opposed

Article 6: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purchase and installation of one overhead door at the Petersham Highway Barn. Unanimous

Article 7: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$500.00 to conduct a comprehensive town-wide household survey to determine the specific needs of Petersham pertaining to Broadband Internet availability, said funds to be used as the matching portion for anticipated future planning grants, or if no grants are available or awarded, for a smaller scale mail-in survey of the Town's residents to be conducted by the Petersham Broadband Committee. Unanimous

Article 8: 2/3 vote required Article failed.

Article 9: The Town voted to borrow the sum of \$300,000.00 for asbestos removal and off-site disposal from all buildings and structures except the garage on the town-owned property known as the former Nichewaugh Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessor's Map parcel number 48, located at 25 Common Street, as shown on Map Exhibit No. 1, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to issue bonds or notes therefor in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7, and any other authority; provided that this appropriation shall be contingent upon the

vote of the Town, at an election to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ , so-called, the amount required to pay for the bonds issued to meet said appropriation. 2/3 required
Article 10: The Town voted to take no action.

Article 11: The Town voted to take from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$3,293.00 to increase the gross vehicle weight of the new fire department tanker per the recommendation of the manufacturer. 2/3 required 2 opposed

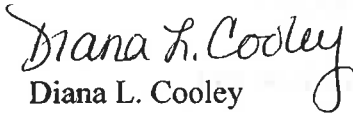
Article 12: The Town voted to take no action.

Article 13: The Town voted to take from free cash the sum of \$103,293.00 for deposit into the Stabilization Fund. 2/3 required 1 against – 119 in favor. Article Passes

Article 14: This article went to secret ballot. The final count was 67 against 64 in favor. Article fails.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 pm.

This is a True Copy Attest


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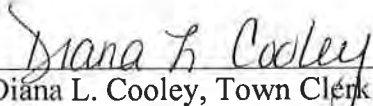
At the Special Town Meeting that was held on June 4, 2012 at which a quorum was held, I certify that the following votes took place:

Article 1: The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$642.13 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2012 Snow and Ice Account deficit.

Article 2: The Town voted to Take No Action.

Meeting Dissolved at 8:03 pm.

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At the Annual Town Meeting, held on June 4, 2012, I certify that the following votes were taken:

Non-Voters on the floor were:

- Dr. Patricia Martin, Petersham Center School
- Rebecca Phillips, Petersham Center School
- Tammy Lajoie, Monty Tech
- Tim Graves, Highway Superintendent
- Jim Barry, Dept. of Energy Resources Springfield
- Terri Thomas, Asst. Superintendent of Petersham Center School

A moment of silence was held for those residents who have passed since the last Annual Town Meeting.

The Town voted to allow the Moderator to call the 2/3 votes.

Article 1: Reports were read by the following:

- Fredrik Marsh, Petersham Selectboard
- Dr. David Davis, Advisory Finance Committee
- Max Feldman, Energy Committee
- George Bull, Petersham Broadband Committee

Article 2: The Town voted to Take No Action.

The following articles were included as Consent Articles: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21. The Moderator listed them with no comments from the voters. The Town voted to approve all the Consent Articles.

Article 22: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,103,035 for the total Selectboard Budget. Breakdown as follows:

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1.00 into the Unclassified Account – Interest.

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| • \$290,566 | General Offices and Finance |
| • \$311,459 | Protection Persons & Property |
| • \$ 60,272 | Health and Sanitation |
| • \$221,256 | Highways Budget |
| • \$ 3,186 | Charities and Veterans' Benefits |
| • \$216,296 | Unclassified |

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$894,126 for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$76,170 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational School District.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,152,757 for the Petersham Center School.

\$3,226,088 Grand Total – General Budget

Article 23: The Town voted to fix the salaries of all Elective Town Officers as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator \$-0-; Town Treasurer \$14,053.00; Town Clerk \$9,096.00; Tax Collector \$11,186.00; Selectboard, Chair \$2,387.00; two members \$2,147.00 each; Board of Assessors, Chair, \$2,773.00; Clerk, \$2,401.00, other member, \$2,260.00; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$10.01/per hour; Board of Health chair, \$173.00; other members, \$126.00 each.

Article 24: The Town voted to take \$9.33 from the Cook Cemetery Account, \$21.65 from the Pond Cemetery Account, \$631.93 from the Consolidated Cemetery I and II Account, \$81.09 from the William Smith Cemetery Fund for a total appropriation of \$744.00 to cover the balance of the Care of Cemeteries Account.

Article 25: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for six (6) Petersham Brass Band concerts at \$250.00 per concert, to be held during the summer.

Article 26: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,284.00 to pay the FY2013 principal and interest on the construction note for the Mahar School Building Project.

Article 27: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,493.00 to pay the FY13 principal and interest due on the Petersham Center School Project.

Article 28: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,796.00 to pay the FY13 principal and interest due on the Petersham Police Station Building Project.

Article 29: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00, to pay the FY13 principal and interest due on the Petersham Fire Department Fire Truck.

Article 30: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used for Council on Aging Activities.

Article 31: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for deposit into the Reserve Fund.

Article 32: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,683.00 for the Tri-Annual Reassessment of values of all real estate and personal property for Fiscal Year 2013, as required by State Law.

Article 33: The Town voted to take from the Dry Hydrant Account the sum of \$3,000.00 voted under Article 38 at the June 4, 2007, Annual Town Meeting for repair to the dry hydrant at Buell's Pond on Oliver Street, to be used for the purchase of two (2) sets of turnout gear for the Petersham Fire Department, said funds to be expended in FY13 and/or FY14, and any unspent amount thereafter to revert to the General Fund.

Article 34: The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$40,100.00 for the Roof Replacement at the Highway Garage and Storage Shed and any related work, said funds to be expended in FY13 and/or FY14, any unspent amount thereafter to revert to the General Fund. 2/3 required - Unanimous

Article 35: The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$4,595.00 to purchase a copier and any related items for the Petersham Selectboard Office, said funds to be expended in FY13 and/or FY14, and any unspent amount thereafter to revert to the General Fund. 4 opposed

Article 36: The Town voted to take \$55.86 from the Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund, and to take \$33,629.14 from Free Cash, for a total appropriation of \$33,685.00 for the purchase of a new Ford F350 4x4 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck with plow and any related equipment for the Petersham Highway Department, said funds to be expended in FY13 and/or FY14, and any unspent amount thereafter to revert to the General Fund. 2/3 required ~ unanimous

Article 37: The Town voted to close the Highway Vehicle Stabilization Account at the end of the current fiscal year and any remaining balance to revert to the General Fund. 2/3 required ~ unanimous

Article 38: The Town voted to close the Police Vehicle Stabilization Account at the end of the current fiscal year and any remaining balance to revert to the General Fund. 2/3 required ~ unanimous

Article 39: The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$70,485.86 for deposit into the Stabilization Account. Unanimous

Article 40: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,425.00 for deposit into the Stabilization Account. 21 opposed 71 in favor

Article 41: The Town voted to transfer to the Selectboard the care and custody of the Town's interest in the property located on Nelson Road, being Assessors' parcel 522.11 and shown as Lot 522.11 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Petersham, MA, Worcester County, owned by Donna M. Zanca, Deed Book 23429, Page 166" by Inland Survey, Inc. d/b/a Zanca Land Surveying, and authorize the Selectboard to convey such interest and execute a deed for such purpose, and to take all action necessary to release whatever interest the Town may have in said property.

Article 42: The Town voted to amend the Petersham By-Laws by adding a new ARTICLE XVIII, entitled STRETCH ENERGY CODE, for the purpose of regulating the design and

construction of buildings for the effective use of energy as set forth in appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR 115.AA, the Stretch Energy Code, as it may be amended from time to time, as follows, with a concurrency start date of January 1, 2013, and a sole effective date of July 1, 2013.

ARTICLE XVIII – STRETCH ENERGY CODE

Section 1 – Definitions

Section 2 – Purpose

Section 3 – Applicability

Section 4 – Stretch Code

1 – Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and local governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle.

STRETCH ENERGY CODE.

Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts Building Code, based on the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and amendments thereto to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.

2 – Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the Building Code for both new construction and existing buildings.

3 – Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51 as applicable.

4 – Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including amendments or modifications, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Town of Petersham General Bylaws.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Building Inspector.

21 opposed ~ 42 in favor

Article 43: The Town of Petersham voted to amend the Zoning Map by establishing a Solar Electric Overlay District, to include the land located off Old Hardwick Road and shown on a map titled “Petersham Solar Electric Overlay District Lot 174.6,” a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

2/3 Required 3 opposed

Article 44: The Town voted to amend 3.c. (3) by changing 10kW to 25kW. The Town then voted to amend the Zoning By-law by adding a new Subsection 5.F entitled "Solar Electric Installations," as shown below:

F. SOLAR ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to facilitate the creation of new large-scale solar electric installations by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on environmental, scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

a. Applicability

Building-mounted solar electric installations are not subject to the requirements of this section but do require a building permit.

This section applies to any large-scale ground-mounted solar electric installation (greater than 10 kW (kilowatts) in the Town of Petersham. In the Solar Electric Overlay District such facilities are allowed As-of-Right. Outside of the Solar Electric Overlay District such facilities are allowed by special permit.

This section also applies to physical modifications of large-scale solar electric installations that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of a previously approved installation.

Smaller scale (10 kW or less) ground-mounted solar electric installations need only comply with subsection F.3.

2. Definitions

As-of-Right: As-of-Right Siting shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval, provided that it complies with the requirements of this section.

Building Inspector: The person charged with the enforcement of the Zoning Bylaw.

Building Permit: A construction permit issued by the Building Inspector.

Solar Electric Overlay District: The Solar Electric Overlay District as designated by the Town of Petersham, is shown on a map titled "Petersham Solar Electric Overlay District", which map is hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw and is on file in the Office of the Petersham Town Clerk.

Large-Scale Solar Electric Installation: A solar electric generation system that has a rated nameplate capacity greater than 10 kW.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of a solar electric generation system in Alternating Current (AC) or Direct Current (DC).

3. General Requirements for all ground-mounted Solar Electric Installations

a. Compliance with Laws, Bylaws and Regulations

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

b. Building Permit and Building Inspection

No installation shall be constructed, installed or modified without first obtaining a building permit.

c. Dimensional Requirements

- (1) Setbacks to all installation structures and equipment shall be at least 50 feet from property lines.
- (2) The height of any solar electric installation structure shall not exceed 20 feet.
- (3) Installations larger than 25kW shall not be closer than 300 feet from a public way.

4. Site Plan Review

Installations larger than 10kW shall be subject to Site Plan Review by the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to construction or modification, as provided in this section. Failure of the Zoning Board of Appeals to act within 180 days from the time of the initial application shall be deemed to constitute approval of the application.

a. General

All plans and maps submitted in connection with Site Plan Review shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts. An application for site plan review shall be accompanied by a fee of \$150.

b. Required Documents

- (1) A site plan showing:
 - i. Property lines and physical features, including roads and topography, for the project site;
 - ii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, fencing and screening vegetation or structures;

- iii. Locations of wetlands and Priority Habitat Areas as defined under the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.
 - iv. Locations of Priority Heritage landscapes under the NHESP and local or National Historic Districts;
 - v. A list of any hazardous materials proposed to be located on the site in excess of household quantities and a plan to prevent their release to the environment as appropriate;
 - vi. Blueprints or drawings of the installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, showing the proposed layout of the system;
 - vii. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar electric installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
 - viii. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the electric generating components, transmission systems, mounting system, and inverter;
 - ix. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
 - x. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;
 - xi. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent.
- (2) Photographs showing views of the site from any point in the Town of Petersham where the installation would be visible. The proposed installation and the amount of land clearing required shall be superimposed on these photographs.
- (3) Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site; and
- (4) Description of financial surety that satisfies Section F.11.c.

The Zoning Board of Appeals may waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate.

5. Site Control

The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar electric installation.

6. Operation & Maintenance Plan

The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water, screening vegetation and other vegetation controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance.

7. Utility Notification

No installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is

to be located has been informed of the installation owner or operator's intent to construct. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

8. Design and Performance Standards

a. Lighting

Lighting shall be minimal and comply with local, state and federal law and shall be shielded so as to minimize spillover into abutting properties. Lighting shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

b. Signage

A sign consistent with the Town's Bylaws shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number and may include identification of the manufacturer or operator of the installation.

c. Utility Connections

Wherever possible all utility connections from the solar electric installation shall be underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

d. Roads

Access roads shall be constructed so as to minimize grading, removal of stone walls or trees and minimize impacts to environmental or historic resources.

e. Noise

Sound or noise levels may not exceed a decibel level of 50 dBA, as measured at the boundary of the property.

9. Safety and Environmental Standards

a. Emergency Services

The installation owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the Fire Chief and the Town's Emergency Management Director. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar electric installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

b. Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

10. Monitoring, Maintenance and Reporting

a. General Maintenance

The solar electric installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Fire Chief and the Town's Emergency Management Director. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar electric installation and any access road(s).

b. Modifications

All material modifications to a solar electric installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

c. Annual Reporting

The owner or operator of the installation shall submit an Annual Report which certifies compliance with the requirements of this bylaw and their approved site plan including control and maintenance of vegetation, noise standards, and adequacy of road access. The annual report shall also provide information on the maintenance completed during the course of the year and the amount of electricity generated by the facility. The report shall be submitted to the Selectboard, Zoning Board of Appeals, Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, Building Inspector, Board of Health and Conservation Commission (if a Wetlands Permit was issued) no later than 45 days after the end of the calendar year.

11. Abandonment or Decommissioning

a. Removal Requirements

Any installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Section F.11.b. of this Bylaw shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Zoning Board of Appeals by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

- (1) Physical removal of all solar electric installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
- (2) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- (3) Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Zoning Board of Appeals may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

b. Abandonment

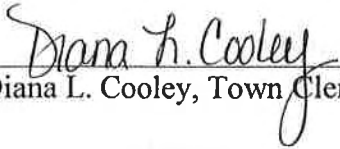
Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar electric installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Zoning Board of Appeals. If the owner or operator fails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

c. Financial Surety

Proponents of solar electric projects shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Zoning Board of Appeals, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the project proponent and the Town. Such surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

The Town meeting was dissolved at 10:35pm.

A True Copy Attest



Diana L. Cooley, Town Clerk

Vital Statistics of the Town Clerk

Births

From July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 there were 0 babies born.

From January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 there were 4 babies born – 2 girls.

Marriages

August 6, 2011	Thomas Michael Kessler	Petersham
	Pamela Ann Boudreau	Orange
September 24, 2011	Patrick Martin Draper	Petersham
	Katharine Fitzhugh Quarrier	Petersham
October 1, 2011	Jason Russel Eldredge	Petersham
	Jaimie Lynn McDonald	Petersham
January 2, 2012	Michael Robert Leslie	Petersham
	Tina Marie Griffiths	Petersham
Aril 23, 2012	Jamie Joseph Hatch	Petersham
	April Michelle Hatch	Petersham
May 5, 2012	Daniel Mark Fontaine	Petersham
	Jennifer Lynn Lozier	Petersham

Deaths

September 16, 2011	Joseph W. Hallahan	Petersham	81
December 18, 2011	Helen V. Purple	Petersham	85
January 9, 2012	Jacqueline Pelletier	Petersham	86
January 21, 2012	Beatrice Charland	Petersham	96
February 22, 2012	Arthur W. Perkins	Petersham	85
April 1, 2012	Christopher Paul Mallette	Petersham	39
April 7, 2012	Doris N. Coolidge	Petersham	83
June 1, 2012	Thomas M. Anderson	Petersham	63
June 22, 2012	Helen E. LeBlanc	Petersham	84

Of the above, 5 burials took place in Petersham. There were 4 burials brought into town.

Town of Petersham
Fiscal Year 2012

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Meeting Moderator			
Department Head Salary	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Total Town Moderator	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Board of Selectmen			
Board Members Salaries	\$6,516.00	\$6,516.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,651.02	\$3,821.99	\$829.03
Part - Time Clerk	\$5,228.00	\$5,227.78	\$0.22
Total Board of Selectmen	\$16,395.02	\$15,565.77	\$829.25
Town Admin Coordinator			
Salary	\$39,147.00	\$39,147.00	\$0.00
Admin Coordinator Overtime	\$732.00	\$588.43	\$143.57
Total Town Admin Coordinator	\$39,879.00	\$39,735.43	\$143.57
Finance Committee			
Expenses	\$505.00	\$316.00	\$189.00
Total Finance Committee	\$505.00	\$316.00	\$189.00
Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00	\$3,339.29	\$21,660.71
Town Accountant			
Salary	\$13,710.00	\$13,710.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,562.00	\$3,562.00	\$0.00
Audit	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Accounting Clerk	\$1,117.00	\$0.00	\$1,117.00
Total Town Accountant	\$30,389.00	\$17,272.00	\$13,117.00
Board of Assessors			
Board Members Salaries	\$7,251.00	\$7,251.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$12,500.00	\$12,212.30	\$287.70
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$28,349.00	\$28,349.00	\$0.00
FY 13 Revaluation	\$20,316.00	\$15,158.27	\$5,157.73
Total Board of Assessors	\$68,416.00	\$62,970.57	\$5,445.43
Treasurer			
Salary	\$13,710.00	\$13,710.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,700.00	\$3,159.57	\$540.43
Payroll Processing Fees	\$3,391.90	\$3,391.90	\$0.00
Total Treasurer	\$20,801.90	\$20,261.47	\$540.43
Tax Collector			
Salary	\$10,913.00	\$10,913.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$13,130.00	\$10,898.94	\$2,231.06
Total Tax Collector	\$24,043.00	\$21,811.94	\$2,231.06
Town Counsel			
Legal Fees	\$10,000.00	\$7,615.30	\$2,384.70
Total Town Counsel	\$10,000.00	\$7,615.30	\$2,384.70

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Clerk			
Salary	\$8,874.00	\$8,874.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,504.00	\$2,414.86	\$89.14
Vital Statistics	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Vital Records	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Part-Time Clerk	\$555.00	\$555.00	\$0.00
Total Town Clerk	\$17,008.00	\$11,918.86	\$5,089.14
Election & Registration			
Salaries	\$4,434.98	\$4,434.98	\$0.00
Expenses	\$1,404.53	\$1,404.53	\$0.00
Total Election & Registration	\$5,839.51	\$5,839.51	\$0.00
Planning Board			
Expenses	\$300.00	\$89.93	\$210.07
Broadband Survey	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Affordable Housing Consultant	\$2,118.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.00
Total Planning Board	\$2,918.00	\$89.93	\$2,828.07
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
ZBA Consultant	\$1,960.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
Total Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,460.00	\$2,460.00	\$0.00
Land Court / Tax Title Fees			
Land Court Fees	\$17,404.65	\$35.00	\$17,369.65
Tax Title Surveys / Appraisals	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$13,035.00
Total Land Court / Tax Title Fees	\$30,439.65	\$35.00	\$30,404.65
Town Hall			
Town Hall / Office Maintenance	\$4,500.00	\$2,023.20	\$2,476.80
Town Hall / Office Expenses	\$29,815.00	\$22,857.99	\$6,957.01
Town - Phone	\$10,587.25	\$10,587.25	\$0.00
Handicap Access / Town Hall / Office	\$3,027.52	\$0.00	\$3,027.52
Computer Service	\$1,900.00	\$979.99	\$920.01
Town Hall / Office Wiring	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Town Hall Windows w/ Screens	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Town Hall Alarm System	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
Total Town Hall	\$93,329.77	\$36,448.43	\$56,881.34
Printing			
Town Printing	\$1,900.00	\$923.76	\$976.24
Total Printing	\$1,900.00	\$923.76	\$976.24
Police Department			
Police Chief Salary	\$62,830.00	\$62,830.00	\$0.00
Police Wages	\$29,274.00	\$25,684.81	\$3,589.19
Full Time Officer Wages	\$44,030.00	\$44,030.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$34,483.41	\$33,108.78	\$1,374.63
4 Wheel Drive Vehicle	\$55.10	\$0.00	\$55.10
Total Police Department	\$170,672.51	\$165,653.59	\$5,018.92

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Fire Department			
Salaries/Wages	\$17,007.00	\$13,491.93	\$3,515.07
Expenses	\$20,600.00	\$20,532.80	\$67.20
Forestry Equipment	\$1,054.00	\$1,054.00	\$0.00
Dry Hydrant - Buell's Pond	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Forestry Gear	\$1,835.50	\$0.00	\$1,835.50
Fire Truck	\$204,000.00	\$204,000.00	\$0.00
Truck Tires	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Replacement Pagers	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00
Portable Generator	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00
Total Fire Department	\$271,996.50	\$239,078.73	\$32,917.77
Emergency Management			
Emergency Management	\$8,559.13	\$8,559.13	\$0.00
Total Emergency Management	\$8,559.13	\$8,559.13	\$0.00
Building Inspector			
Building Inspector Salary	\$9,046.00	\$9,046.00	\$0.00
Clerical	\$1,510.00	\$1,340.98	\$169.02
Expenses	\$2,309.00	\$2,308.80	\$0.20
Total Building Inspector	\$12,865.00	\$12,695.78	\$169.22
Dog Officer			
Salary	\$1,993.00	\$1,593.96	\$399.04
Expenses	\$3,627.78	\$3,206.41	\$421.37
Total Dog Officer	\$5,620.78	\$4,800.37	\$820.41
Tree Warden			
Salary	\$203.00	\$203.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$201.20	\$201.20	\$0.00
Town Trees	\$4,402.00	\$3,550.00	\$852.00
Total Tree Warden	\$4,806.20	\$3,954.20	\$852.00
Forest Warden			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Total Forest Warden	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Public Safety Communications			
Communication Radio Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$567.88	\$1,232.12
IMC & LEAPS	\$2,715.00	\$2,582.00	\$133.00
Total Public Safety Communications	\$4,515.00	\$3,149.88	\$1,365.12
Director of Agriculture			
Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total Director of Agriculture	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Hearing Enforcement Officer			
Salary	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Total Hearing Enforcement Officer	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Education			
Petersham Center School	\$1,127,919.00	\$1,127,488.38	\$430.62
Lawn Mower	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District	\$916,942.00	\$916,942.00	\$0.00
Montachusett Regional Vocational Tech.	\$52,367.00	\$52,367.00	\$0.00
Total Education	\$2,103,728.00	\$2,103,297.38	\$430.62

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Highway Department			
Salaries	\$112,459.00	\$112,003.82	\$455.18
Expenses	\$50,070.00	\$47,325.83	\$2,744.17
Overhead Doors	\$3,000.00	\$2,836.00	\$164.00
	<u>\$165,529.00</u>	<u>\$162,165.65</u>	<u>\$3,363.35</u>
Town Barn			
Expenses	\$8,385.00	\$6,284.01	\$2,100.99
Total Town Barn	<u>\$8,385.00</u>	<u>\$6,284.01</u>	<u>\$2,100.99</u>
Snow & Ice Removal			
Expenses	\$40,642.13	\$40,642.13	\$0.00
Total Snow & Ice Removal	<u>\$40,642.13</u>	<u>\$40,642.13</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Street Lights			
Street Lights	\$6,305.00	\$4,792.78	\$1,512.22
Total Street Lights	<u>\$6,305.00</u>	<u>\$4,792.78</u>	<u>\$1,512.22</u>
Cemetery Department			
Expenses	\$180.00	\$179.99	\$0.01
Care of Cemeteries	\$19,764.00	\$19,764.00	\$0.00
Computerizing Cemetery Records	\$1,050.00	\$155.00	\$895.00
Cemetery Repairs	\$4,528.53	\$1,270.44	\$3,258.09
Total Cemetery Department	<u>\$25,522.53</u>	<u>\$21,369.43</u>	<u>\$4,153.10</u>
Board of Health			
Board Members Salaries	\$414.00	\$414.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,100.00	\$640.48	\$1,459.52
Inspector of Animals	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
BOH - Admin Assistant	\$5,346.00	\$5,341.88	\$4.12
Total Board of Health	<u>\$7,935.00</u>	<u>\$6,471.36</u>	<u>\$1,463.64</u>
Transfer Station			
Transfer Station	\$53,572.00	\$40,617.78	\$12,954.22
Total Transfer Station	<u>\$53,572.00</u>	<u>\$40,617.78</u>	<u>\$12,954.22</u>
Council on Aging			
Expenses	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Total Council on Aging	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Veterans' Agent			
Expenses	\$3,316.00	\$3,316.00	\$0.00
Total Veterans' Agent	<u>\$3,316.00</u>	<u>\$3,316.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Library			
Operating Subsidy	\$6,588.00	\$6,588.00	\$0.00
Total Library	<u>\$6,588.00</u>	<u>\$6,588.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Concerts			
Concerts (6)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Concerts	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Bandstand			
Bandstand Lighting	\$425.00	\$128.60	\$296.40
Total Bandstand	<u>\$425.00</u>	<u>\$128.60</u>	<u>\$296.40</u>
Town Clock			
Care of Town Clock	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$0.00
Total Town Clock	<u>\$73.00</u>	<u>\$73.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Care of Common			
Expenses	\$6,495.00	\$6,495.00	\$0.00
Total Care of Common	<u>\$6,495.00</u>	<u>\$6,495.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Historical Commission			
Expenses	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Total Historical Commission	<u>\$80.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>
Historical District Commission			
Expenses	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Total Historical District Commission	<u>\$240.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$240.00</u>
Memorial Day			
Expenses	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$0.00
Total Memorial Day	<u>\$495.00</u>	<u>\$495.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Debt Service			
Interest Expense	\$3,500.00	\$486.06	\$3,013.94
Vehicles (3) Debt	\$32,519.00	\$32,519.00	\$0.00
Center School Debt	\$102,105.00	\$102,105.00	\$0.00
Police Station Debt	\$32,993.00	\$32,993.00	\$0.00
Mahar Debt	\$36,175.00	\$27,590.00	\$8,585.00
Total Debt Service	<u>\$207,292.00</u>	<u>\$195,693.06</u>	<u>\$11,598.94</u>
Assessments			
School Choice	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Air Pollution	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
Regional Transit	\$962.00	\$962.00	\$0.00
RMV Non-Renewal	\$420.00	\$700.00	(\$280.00)
Total State Assessments	<u>\$31,742.00</u>	<u>\$32,022.00</u>	<u>(\$280.00)</u>
Retirement			
Assessment	\$72,919.00	\$72,909.00	\$10.00
Total Retirement	<u>\$72,919.00</u>	<u>\$72,909.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Insurance			
Health	\$41,660.72	\$30,721.45	\$10,939.27
Retirees Health	\$33,203.12	\$30,392.06	\$2,811.06
Medicare	\$19,508.00	\$19,487.15	\$20.85
General Insurance	\$62,869.00	\$53,135.75	\$9,733.25
Total Insurance	<u>\$157,240.84</u>	<u>\$133,736.41</u>	<u>\$23,504.43</u>
Transfer To Stabilization Fund	\$107,783.00	\$107,783.00	\$0.00

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012**

General Government

Selectmen

Timothy Clark	Selectman	2,094.00	
Robert Legare	Selectman	1,570.50	
Fredrik Marsh	Selectmen	2,328.00	
Peter George	Selectman	523.50	
Dale Bull	Admin. Coordinator	39,432.75	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	5,945.17	\$ 51,893.92

Assessors

Dana Kennan	Assessor	2,705.00	
Frederick Marsh	Assessor	2,204.00	
Jean Robinson	Assessor	2,342.00	
Kelly Garlock	Asst. Assessor	28,340.79	\$ 35,591.79

Tax Collector

Virginia Newman		21,222.48	\$ 21,222.48
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Town Clerk

Diana Cooley		10,061.18	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	310.92	\$ 10,372.10

Town Treasurer

Dana Robinson		13,710.00	\$ 13,710.00
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Town Accountant

Jean Joel		13,710.00	\$ 13,710.00
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Building Inspector

Brianna Skowyra		9,046.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	2,131.20	\$ 11,177.20

Board of Health

Kaye Cousens	Health Board	123.00	
Fifi Scoufopoulos	Health Board	609.52	
Robert Pasic	Health Board	123.00	
Richard D. Cooley Jr	Water Operator	900.00	
Nathan Berry	Transfer Station	975.00	
Fredrik Marsh	Transfer Station	950.94	
Renee Wingertsman	BOH Secretary	5,225.43	\$ 8,906.89

Inspector of Animals

Jeffrey Perkins		75.00	\$ 75.00
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Town Hall & Office Custodian

Neil Legare		5,521.58	\$ 5,521.58
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Tree Warden

Timothy Clark		101.50	\$ 101.50
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Conservation Commission

Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	94.35	\$ 94.35
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Dog Officer

Andrew Ohlson		1,593.96	\$ 1,593.96
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Plumbing Inspector

Gerald Brousseau		1,360.00	\$ 1,360.00
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Electrical Inspector

Gary Terroy		2,230.00	\$ 2,230.00
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Gas Inspector

Joshua Cayea		1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00
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**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Elections & Registration

Jayne Fisher	44.94	
Ralph Hebert	96.30	
Anne Hyde-Hebert	207.58	
Charlotte Kennan	111.86	
Dana Kennan	104.86	
Mary Kenney	104.86	
Carolyn May	164.78	
Richard Nickless	104.86	
Karen O'Connor	348.50	
Grace West	96.30	\$ 1,384.84

Police Department

R. Dana Cooley Jr.	Chief	62,466.80	
	Detail Pay	6,223.00	
Scott Acito		4,893.93	
John Bartus		1,372.00	
Richard Bartus		17,546.75	
Jesse Berard		9,731.44	
Ted Bassett		20,656.75	
Jeffrey Boyer		3,135.40	
Peter Buck		840.35	
Randy Home	Salary	44,660.03	
	Detail Pay	38,235.36	
Bruce Kilhart		9,468.75	
Daniel Kimball		2,074.74	
Denis Legare		11,526.00	
Robert Legare		6,491.43	
Jason Lichtengerger		8,510.48	
Timothy Wright		2,942.00	\$ 250,775.21

Fire Department

Dana Robinson	Chief	4,481.75
	Inspection Fees	610.00
	Forest Warden	25.00
Ronald Dejackome	Asst. Chief	2,523.45
Vinnie Acito		755.75
Daniel Allinger		48.00
Cory Bourque		13.60
William Bourque		67.40
Adam Cooley		676.80
Scott Churchill		211.40
Peter Devoll		762.03
Joseph Gebo		113.48
Robert Goodfellow		906.88
Kurt Graeff		193.18
Gilbert King, Jr		709.63
Neil Legare		906.18

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Fire Department - Continued

Rebecca Legare		404.00	
Robert Legare	Deputy Chief	470.60	
Shawn Legare	Captain	579.58	
Colin O'Brien		211.00	
Ashley Reed		1,121.68	
Larry Robinson	Captain	1,232.08	
Matthew Robinson		26.70	
Kevin Shortis		26.50	
James West		172.75	
Peter West		352.18	\$ 17,601.60

Highway Department

Timothy Graves	Superintendent	49,792.90	
Leslie Cooley		49,006.98	
Gary Martinelli		15,163.23	
Brian Bassett		10,916.26	
Adam Cooley		8,523.22	
Fredrik Marsh		9,605.29	
Jeffrey Perkins		2,116.18	\$ 145,124.06

Emergency Management

Lynne Shaw		1,200.00	
Fredrik Marsh		256.95	\$ 1,456.95

School Department

Rebecca Phillips	Principal/Special Needs	75,117.64
Melanie Pallotta	Learning Specialist	60,278.92
Bridget Koetsch	Kindegarten	60,557.30
Christina Boyer- Thompson	Grade 1	31,687.57
Wendi LeBlanc	Grade 2	63,514.24
Tracy Smith	Grade 3	54,902.23
Melissa Clark	Grade 4	39,504.35
Melissa Fournier	Grade 5	31,207.57
Nicole Ruggles	Grade 6	60,020.24
Christopher Dodge	Grade 6	5,995.78
Donna Shaughnessy	Special Needs	50,282.73
Natasha Hanna	Music/Aide	19,227.44
Angela Haynes	Music/Aide	15,090.43
Kay Leonard	Art	9,505.21
Suzanne Tattan	Phys. Ed.	12,171.08
Stephanie Carmiello	School Nurse	30,344.83
Karen Varney	Nurse Sub.	70.00
Tina Duguay	Nurse Sub.	280.00
Charlotte Layton	Nurse Sub.	705.00
Katherine Arsenault	Technology/Library	42,142.83
Karen Regan	Speech Pathologist	47,715.01
David Weinberg	Guidance	42,441.67

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012**

School Department (con't)

Rebecca Boisvert	Aide	14,288.66	
Catia Boucher	Aide	5,855.85	
Brandi Cooley	Aide	11,586.98	
Jo-ann Fitzgerald	Aide	13,419.79	
Kelli Graves	Aide	12,296.16	
Cailte Kelley	Aide	5,397.34	
Kelley Mongeau	Aide	11,564.05	
Patricia Notre	Aide	12,182.73	
Kristen Ruberti	Aide	8,117.37	
Kristine Wallace	Aide	805.00	
Ann Degnan	Secretary	32,459.79	
Barbara Young	Secretary	15,884.76	
Debra Phelps	Cook	18,636.78	
James M. Burke III	Head Custodian	39,265.18	
Justin Liversidge	Custodian	27,135.14	
Pamela Chevalier	Substitute	4,635.00	
Julia Millar	Substitute	70.00	
Katrina Flamand	Substitute	2,675.00	
Lynn Peredina	Substitute	910.00	
Charlotte Kennan	Substitute	1,470.00	
Kelley Young	Substitute	700.00	
Erin Young	Substitute	2,380.00	
Helen Simms	Substitute	2,380.54	
Richard D. Cooley, Jr	Water Operator	1,125.00	
Robert Hughes	Water Operator	375.00	\$ 998,378.19

Total Payroll All Departments

\$ 1,593,706.62

1099 Vendors

Barnes Landscaping	Care of Common & Cemeteries	29,784.00
Thomas Garbett	Psychologist	12,870.96
Salvatore Ardagna Jr.	Street Sweeping	1,200.00
Phillip Ledger	Board of Health	4,200.00
Edward Wirt	Art Sales	1,006.00
Douglas Cameron	Repairs Town Hall & Office	1,850.00
Daniel Kirouac	Art Sales	600.00
Jason Benoit	Art Sales	1,087.50
Tamara Conde	Art Sales	600.00

\$ 53,198.46

Total Payroll & 1099 Vendors

\$ 1,646,905.08

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana C. Robinson
Town Treasurer

Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Summary
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012

Fund	Princ. Bal. 7/1/2011	Earnings Bal. 7/1/2011	Princ. Contrib.	Earnings Net	Cash Disb.	Princ. Bal. 6/30/2012	Earnings Bal 6/30/2012	Ending Cash Value
Cemetery Funds								
Consolidated Cemetery I & II	\$ 71,151.71	\$ 630.79	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 361.16	\$ 285.92	\$ 73,551.71	\$ 706.03	\$ 74,257.74
E.M. Cook Cemetery Fund	1,026.25	12.05		\$ 5.18	6.85	\$ 1,026.25	\$ 10.38	\$ 1,036.63
L.L. Pond Cemetery Fund I & II	2,333.33	29.05		\$ 11.81	16.84	\$ 2,333.33	\$ 24.02	\$ 2,357.35
Belle Rickey Cemetery Fund	188.97	1.72		\$ 0.96	0.79	\$ 188.97	\$ 1.89	\$ 190.86
Cemetery Bequests				\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annie Daniels Flower Fund	1,069.54	9.67		\$ 5.41	4.47	\$ 1,069.54	\$ 10.61	\$ 1,080.15
John Mudge Flower Fund	2,131.32	502.04		\$ 12.87	125.46	\$ 2,131.32	\$ 389.45	\$ 2,520.77
J & C Williams Flower Fund	544.61	4.94		\$ 2.75	2.28	\$ 544.61	\$ 5.41	\$ 550.02
William Smith Cemetery Fund	9,000.00	374.18		\$ 46.13	329.19	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 91.12	\$ 9,091.12
SubTotal	\$ 87,445.73	\$ 1,564.44	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 446.27	\$ 771.80	\$ 89,845.73	\$ 1,238.91	\$ 91,084.64
School Funds								
McCarthy School fund	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 741.81		\$ 20.33	-	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 762.14	\$ 4,073.05
Hildreth School fund	4,476.72	322.58		\$ 24.08	-	\$ 4,476.72	\$ 346.66	\$ 4,823.38
Josephine Dickman School Fund	2,926.79	71.50		\$ 15.02	-	\$ 2,926.79	\$ 86.52	\$ 3,013.31
Discovery Center School	459.22	262.37		\$ 3.64	-	\$ 459.22	\$ 266.01	\$ 725.23
Subtotal	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,398.26	\$ -	\$ 63.07	\$ -	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,461.33	\$ 12,634.97
Library Funds								
Mann Library Fund I & II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,088.96		\$ 30.56		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,119.52	\$ 6,119.52
GW Cook Library Fund	1,026.25	223.80		\$ 6.29		\$ 1,026.25	\$ 230.09	\$ 1,256.34
Spooner Library Fund I, II & III	4,659.00	42.05		\$ 23.59	22.29	\$ 4,659.00	\$ 43.35	\$ 4,702.35
Wheeler Library fund	3,000.00	653.36		\$ 18.34		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 671.70	\$ 3,671.70
Subtotal	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 2,008.17	\$ -	\$ 78.78	\$ 22.29	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 2,064.66	\$ 15,749.91
Conservation Funds								
Babbit Fund	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 13,277.49		\$ 365.25	\$ 4,192.00	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 9,450.74	\$ 69,916.29
Evelyn Murphy Conservation Fund	10,000.00	6,497.93		\$ 82.79	540.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,040.72	\$ 16,040.72
Subtotal	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 19,775.42	\$ -	\$ 448.04	\$ 4,732.00	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 15,491.46	\$ 85,957.01
Charity Funds								
Elizabeth Newton Charity Fund	\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,505.68		\$ 64.97		\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,570.65	\$ 13,012.30
E Newton Deserving Poor Fund	13,672.26	36,033.73		\$ 249.30	1,495.76	13,672.26	\$ 34,787.27	\$ 48,459.53
Subtotal	\$ 17,113.91	45,539.41	\$ -	314.27	1,495.76	17,113.91	44,357.92	61,471.83



NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
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"Putting Veterans First"

Serving the Towns of Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston and Templeton

FY12 ANNUAL REPORT

HISTORY & SERVICES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing services to its needy veterans following the Revolutionary War. At the start of the Civil War in 1861, the state legislature formalized the Commonwealth's assistance to veterans by establishing Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.), Chapter 115 and Department of Veterans' Services.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115, Department of Veterans' Services offers a significant menu of programs, benefits and services to eligible veterans, discharged from the military "under honorable conditions", with a legal residence in the Commonwealth.

Veterans' Services include but not limited to M.G.L. Chapter 115 Veterans' Benefits; annuities; Wartime, Welcome Home, Subsequent Deployment Bonuses; employment counseling; Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery applications; financial burial assistance for an indigent veteran; homeless prevention; referrals to local, state and federal government programs/agencies and area nonprofits.

DISTRICT ACTIVATION & RE-ACTIVATION

On January 1, 2006, with authorization from Secretary – Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, Northeast Quabbin District (NQD), Department of Veterans' Services, was established with Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston and Templeton as member communities.

At two year intervals, the Board must submit a renewal application to Secretary-Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services requesting approval to continue as a veterans' services district. On May 8, 2012, the Secretary granted approval to continue district operations through September 15, 2014.

NQD ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

It is the estimate of expenses required to manage operations throughout the district. A member community is assessed an apportioned share of the total Administrative Budget based on their population percentage of the district's total population as reported by Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

For the 5th consecutive fiscal year, the district under spent the Administrative Budget and is issuing a refund to the member towns based on its percentage of the budget. See chart below for details:

TOWN REFUND CHART

Town	Percent of budget	Refund Amount
Athol	48.73%	\$2,657.54
Petersham	5.19%	\$283.04
Phillipston	7.08%	\$386.11
Royalston	5.29%	\$288.49
Templeton	33.71%	\$1,838.41

M.G.L. CHAPTER 115 “VETERANS’ BENEFITS BUDGET”

It is prepared for each community as a projection of financial assistance to be paid to eligible recipients. The Commonwealth will reimburse each community the maximum of 75% of the dollars paid in benefits. See chart below for details:

FINALIZED FY12 VETERANS’ BENEFITS DATA CHART

Town	Recommended Benefits Budget	Benefits Expended	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$150,000.00	\$100,006.12	\$75,004.60	75%
Petersham	\$5,500.00	\$3,067.48	\$2,300.64	75%
Phillipston	\$2,000.00	\$3,958.26	\$2,968.72	75%
Royalston	\$7,200.00	\$1,426.09	\$1,069.61	75%
Templeton	\$22,500.00	\$37,891.37	\$28,418.54	75%

During any fiscal year, there are many unknown factors that may impact Benefits Expended including new applicants; unemployed veterans; indigent veterans; homeless veterans; relocations from another community; referrals from organizations throughout the region and Commonwealth.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

The district assists veterans with Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); Department of Defense (DoD); Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance; Department of Labor; and other departments.

Sensitive humanitarian work is performed with veterans on their initial VA application for service-connected disability and subsequent follow-up activity. VA service connected applications include: Agent Orange; Asbestos exposure; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); Sexual Assault Trauma; and other disabilities suffered during a veteran’s military service.

Additional VA activity includes the Supplemental Application process for veterans with an existing service-connected disability requesting a medical reevaluation to increase the current disability level of service-connection. Applications are processed for non-service connected disability pensions, Dependency & Indemnity Claims, death pensions, health care benefits, burial benefits, grave markers, etc.

The district has acquired military personnel records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued to the veteran. Veterans have received assistance with DoD applications to correct Military Records and formal requests to review and upgrade type of discharge.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION

1. Secretary Coleman Nee, Massachusetts Department of Veterans’ Services, presented NQD with the Commonwealth’s first-ever “*Outstanding District Award*” for its outstanding service to Northeast Quabbin District Veterans.
2. Senator Stephen Brewer, presented “*Official Citations*” from the Massachusetts State Senate to the Board of Directors and Director in recognition as the Commonwealth’s “*Outstanding District*”.
3. North Quabbin Community Coalition presented the Director with “*Bridge Builder Award*” in recognition of valuable contributions to the North Quabbin Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil P. McGuirk

Neil P. McGuirk, NQD, Director of Veterans’ Services

PETERSHAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FY2012 Annual Report

In FY2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals were Robert Paquet, Brian MacEwen, Maryanne Reynolds, Don Eaton and James Ermini. By unanimous agreement, the Board was chaired by Mr. Paquet, and then co-chaired by Mr. Ermini and Ms. Reynolds, and then chaired by Ms. Reynolds.

The Board was very active during this period. An application was made by AT&T relative to placement of a cell tower on Hall Road, which drew a large response from town residents. The required balloon tests and public meetings were held, but the application was withdrawn before the date for a vote. Board members also contributed to discussions on a proposed zoning by-law change relative to solar energy installations. In addition, there were multiple business permit requests processed by the chair, making the applicants aware of the Town's Zoning-By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Reynolds, Chair

Report of the Petersham Center School

August 31, 2011 marked the start of a great school year at the Petersham Center School. We opened our doors to 115 students in grades K – 6. Class sizes continue to average 16 students. We were again fortunate to have students attend the Center School under the School of Choice program from the towns of Athol, Templeton, Ware, Phillipston, and Gardner.

The Petersham Center School budget was \$1,414,056 for the 2011 - 2012 school year. The Town appropriated \$1,127,919 with an estimated \$286,137 in school choice funds. A total of \$1,413,625 was expended during the school year. In addition to these funds, the Center School received several grants. These grants were used for a variety of purposes; salaries, books, materials, specialized services, consultation, and professional development.

Students participated in several field trips to compliment their academic studies. These trips included the Freedom Trail, Mechanics Hall, Red Apple Farm, Theater at the Mount, and the Worcester Ecotarium.

Through the support of local community resources, students were again able to participate in Garden planting and corn harvesting, Vernal Pool Study, Babbit Wildlife Sanctuary, Harvard Pond programs, fish stocking at the Quabbin Reservoir, Monarch tagging, and Cliff Reed water program. In addition the Petersham Police Department conducted programs on bus, Halloween, bike, and fire safety programs.

Classroom teachers and Specialists worked collaboratively to review the new Common Core State Curriculum Frameworks. All grade levels were reviewed and curriculum maps were created in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted a Coordinated Program Review for Civil Rights, Special Education, and the English Language Learner program. Results of this audit indicated that Petersham continues to meet regulatory requirements in all areas audited.

Parent and community involvement continues to be an integral component of our success. The PTG continued to be a very active group for the Petersham Center School. We are proud of the many parents and community members who volunteer at the school and support us throughout the year. In addition the Parent Teacher Group worked hard to provide the students with activities and opportunities in a variety of areas. Some of these activities included Sharks Ice Hockey game, Holiday Bazaar, Movie night, Mystery Guest, Mystery Field Trip, and more.

I would like to express to all the teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members my deep appreciation for their support and a commendation for a job well done. The 2011 – 2012 school year was an exciting and successful one.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

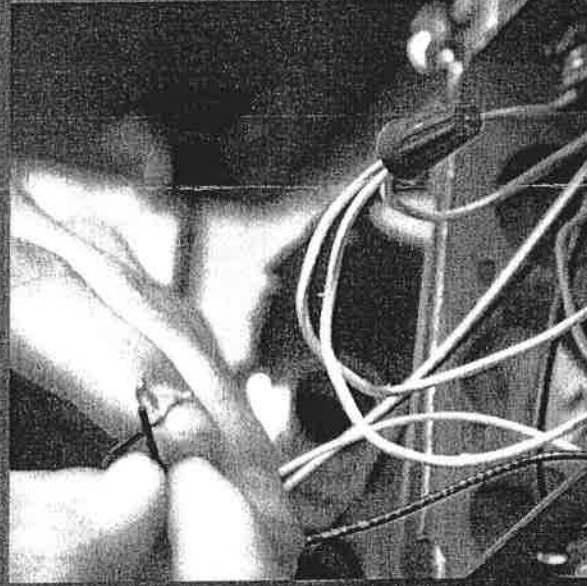
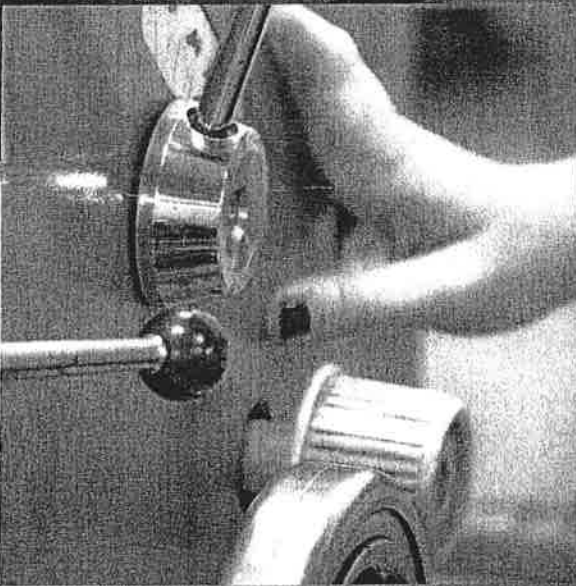
REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget	Expended	Proposed
	2011-2012	2011-2012	2012-2013
1000 ADMINISTRATION			
1131 Committee Expense	100	453	50
1132 Committee Adv. Exp	750	36	200
1133 Committee Legal Exp	500		216
1140 MASC Dues	1		1
1160 Census	175	175	175
1170 School Council	1		1
			643
1100 COMMITTEE SUBTOTAL	1527	664	643
1210 Superintendent Salary	33885	0	20019
1220 Supt. Secretary Salary	16785	16,296	17288
1230 Supt. Office Expense	500	886	791
1240 Superintendent Dues	1		1
1250 Superintendent Travel	1		1
1260 Supt. Sec. Asst. Sal	2870	3,403	2991
1200 SUPERINTENDENT SUBTOTAL	54042	20,586	41091
1000 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	55569	21,250	41734
2000 INSTRUCTION			
2100			
2210 Principal's Salary	78007	75,118	81374
2220 Principal Secretary Salary	16785	16,163	18375
2230 Office Expense	2500	4,194	6984
2241 N.E.A.S.C. Dues	1		1
2242 M.E.S.P.A Dues	1		1
2250 Principal Travel	1		1
2200 PRINCIPAL SUBTOTAL	97295	95475	106736
2301 Teacher Salaries	411441	311,787	293333
2302 Supervisor Salaries	18080	15,535	25330
2303 Substitute Salaries	5000	13,431	10000
2304 Band/Glee Club Salaries	16656	1,449	14645
2305 Discovery Salaries	2500	2,250	1
2306 Teacher Aide Salaries	1	0	1
2307 Counselor Salary	21491	16,715	1
2308 Tech/Media Specialist	40969	0	1
2300 TEACHER SALARY SUBTOTAL	516138	361,167	343312
2351 Teacher Course Credits	965	0	1
2352 Professional Development	4000	4,027	800
2353 Scholar Supplies	7000	9,320	6448
2354 Technology	3500	3,600	3995
2355 Staff Travel	200	797	200
2356 Field Trips	1	565	1850
2357 Workbooks	3000	3,964	2910
2358 Professional Materials	1	0	1
2350 MATERIALS&TRAIN. SUBTOTAL	18667	22,273	16205

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SPECIAL EDUCATION	Budget 2011-2012	Expended 2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
92000 INSTRUCTION			
92210 Spec. Needs Admin Salary	5982	0	10929
92220 Special Needs Sec. Salary	7210	7170	8000
92230 Office Expense	200	126	200
92200 SPEC.NEEDS ADMIN. SUBTL.	13392	7297	19129
92301 Special Needs Teacher Salary	52254	46,447	50376
92302 Special Needs Teacher Salary	0	0	0
92303 Spec. Needs Teacher Sub Sal.	1	0	1
92304 Special Needs Aide Salary	45079	0	10422
92305 Special Needs Tutor Salary	1	0	1
92306 Speech Therapist Salary	44603	39,944	43346
92307 Therapist (PT, OT) Salaries	9000	19,951	9000
92308 Psychologist Salary	1	0	1
92309 Counselor Salary	21491	21,594	22793
92310 Summer Program Tc r. Salary	1	0	1
92311 Inclusion Specialist	1	0	1
92300 SPEC.NEEDS SALARY SUBTL.	172432	127,937	135942
92350 Special Needs Travel	1	105	1
92351 Home/Hospital Instruction	100	0	100
92360 Cont. Servs. - Behav. Specialist	2531	17,030	12620
92365 Contr. Psychological Services	7000	14,239	7000
92370 Physician/Nurse	1	0	1
92371 Contracted Services	1	15,625	1
92375 S.N. Admin. Dues	0	0	
92380 CONTR. SERV. & EXP. SUBTL.	9634	46,999	19723
92390 SCHOOL SUPPLIES	500	686	1955
92400 TEXTBOOKS	200	0	137
92600 AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE	1	0	1
92000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	196159	182,918	176887
93000 TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	26000	31,796	13500
97390 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	1	0	1
94000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	1	0	1
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS			
99100 CAPS Collab. Assessment	500	452	500
99110 Pre-School Program	1000	0	500
99120 Tuition Out of District	27000	25000	1
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DIST.	28500	25452	1001
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGE	250661	240167	191390
REGULAR EDUC. BUDGET	1163395	887,537	961367
SPECIAL EDUC. BUDGET	250661	240167	191390
TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET:	1414056	1,127,704	1152757

**COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENT FIGURES
(October 1st)**

Grade	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
K	15	13	13	15	16	15	17	18
1	16	17	17	17	16	18	18	18
2	14	15	15	16	17	16	17	17
3	19	14	12	15	16	18	16	16
4	18	20	29	14	16	16	17	17
5	22	18	18	12	15	15	14	14
6	18	23	22	17	14	15	14	15
Pre-school		1					1	1
Out of Dist. Placement	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	
Total:	123	122	127	108	111	114	115	116



MONTY TECH

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Overview

The year 2011-2012 was an exciting one at Monty Tech, marked by student achievement, faculty and staff distinctions, and leadership development. I am honored to serve as Superintendent-Director of Monty Tech, a school that continues to transform secondary education in North Central Massachusetts, bringing to life lessons learned in a classroom, at the workplace, and in the community. This school exemplifies what I believe good education is all about.

A Monty Tech education is grounded in workforce preparedness, balanced by a rigorous academic curriculum. Our students are prepared not only to enter the workforce, but to also continue their education by enrolling in college. Each year Monty Tech conducts a *One-Year-Out Survey*, measuring “positive placements,” as defined by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. By tracking students who have enrolled in post-secondary education programs, secured employment aligned to their vocational training, or are serving our country in the United States military, we are better able to inform potential students, advise current students, and deliver vocational-technical programs that are relevant to today’s workforce trends and labor market needs. One year after leaving Monty Tech, the graduates of 2011 reported the following:

- 33% are currently employed in a field related to their Monty Tech trade
- 12% are employed in a field unrelated to their vocational education
- 45% are currently pursuing a higher education, and
- 8% have elected to serve in the United States military

Compiling information for the Annual Report has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and activities of our students, faculty and staff. I am fortunate to work closely with a talented leadership team, many of whom have contributed to this report, and given great insight into some of the more notable highlights of the 2011-2012 academic year, including:

- 95% of our students scored Advanced or Proficient in the state’s English Language Arts exam, up from 87% in 2010-2011.
- 88% of our students scored Advanced or Proficient in the state’s mathematics exam, up from 87% in 2010-2011.
- Class of 2012 graduate Victoria Holbert served as the National SkillsUSA President, traveling across the country and abroad to advocate for vocational-technical education. She participated in the “Education Nation Summit,” engaging in high-level discussions on the state of the American Education system.
- Seven students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The Monty Tech national delegation was awarded four gold medals and two bronze medals.
- For the third consecutive year, the Monty Tech Marine Corps JROTC program was awarded the distinction of “Naval Honor School,” in recognition of exemplary community service.
- One outstanding JROTC Cadet was awarded the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship, receiving full tuition, fees, books, uniforms, summer experiences, as well as monthly stipends. She is now attending Norwich University.
- Monty Tech continues to participate in the highly selective Student Spaceflight Experiment Program, representing the only vocational school in the nation to have a student science experiment launch into space, and providing students with an opportunity to study the effects of gravity on their science project.

Much like districts across the state, Monty Tech has been affected by the nationwide economic recession. Maintaining high standards of fiscal responsibility, with an eye on our over-arching mission of increasing student achievement, this school has been able to maintain our high standards of academic success, while presenting a budget that is fiscally conservative. Our FY12 Annual Budget was unanimously accepted by each of the eighteen member communities, and reflected a 2.4% increase over the 2010-2011 Educational Plan. We deeply appreciate the public’s support for Monty Tech. We recognize that we are in the midst of some of the most difficult economic times faced by residents of our member cities and towns. As a result, we will continue to strive to seek creative ways to keep down costs to our 18 member communities.

Our Mission

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

Our District

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

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

Leadership

The leadership team at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is comprised of ten talented administrators whose varied educational backgrounds, professional experiences, and areas of expertise contribute to the success of the school. Working collaboratively, and under the direction of the Superintendent and Principal, the team has been able to transform the school into one of the most sought-after high schools in North Central Massachusetts.

Nicholas DeSimone, Principal

Francine Duncan, Director of Technology

Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs

James Hachey, Dean of Admissions

Richard Ikonen, Director of Facilities

Tammy Lajoie, Business Manager

Richard Nutt, Director of Vocational Programs

Steven C. Sharek, Superintendent-Director

Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator

Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services

Enrollment

On October 1, 2011, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,435 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (58), Ashby (37), Athol (110), Barre (39), Fitchburg (376), Gardner (173), Harvard (4), Holden (60), Hubbardston (56), Lunenburg (72), Petersham (8), Phillipston (17), Princeton (14), Royalston (24), Sterling (58), Templeton (110), Westminster (70), and Winchendon (127).

Throughout 2011-2012, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2011, approximately 1,000 district eighth graders participated in the annual "Tour Day" event. Students toured our twenty vocational/technical areas and learned about the school's challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members, to further explore the facilities and talk with staff members.

Each year, the Dean of Admissions conducts school visits, student interviews, and accepts applications for admissions. 2011-2012 proved to be an exceptionally busy year for him, as the school received a record 823 applications for admission. Of those, 773 were from students hoping to enter our incoming freshman class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. Because there are only a limited number of students the school can accept each year, 380 freshmen and 24 upperclassmen were admitted.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school, and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational/technical areas. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2011-2012 school year, serving approximately 675 area students.

Class of 2012 Awards

Members of the Class of 2012 were awarded approximately \$50,000 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$21,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$100 to \$1,500. The Foundation also awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Just over 70% of the graduating class of 2012 reported plans to enroll at either a 2-year college, 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade school upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will benefit by saving both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

Financial Report

Numerous challenges were faced during the development of the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget, including rising health insurance and student transportation costs. Considerable effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration, and staff to develop a cost-effective budget. The final fiscal year 2011-2012 Educational Plan totaled \$22,744,779, which represents a 2.4% increase over the 2010-2011 Educational Plan.

The District was audited in August 2012 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and an "excellent" report is anticipated.

Grants and Contracts

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2012, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$1,407,959. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Drug Free Schools, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$20,918. For Fiscal Year 2012, Monty Tech received \$13,251 in grant funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, to support the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program. The Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium and Nypro also contributed to this ground-breaking program, by adding an additional \$7,667 in grant funds.

Grants totaled \$1,428,877 for fiscal year 2012.

Academic Achievement













Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see significant improvement in MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology. In the spring of 2012, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 99%, and Biology 98%.

English Language Arts	2010	2011	2012
Students Tested	351	358	361
Passing	99.9%	100%	100%
Advanced/Proficient	83%	87%	95%
Needs Improvement	17%	13%	5%
Failing	.0001%	0%	0%

Mathematics	2010	2011	2012
Students Tested	351	358	360
Passing	97%	98%	99%
Advanced/Proficient	80%	86%	87%
Needs Improvement	17%	12%	12%
Failing	3%	2%	1%

Biology	2010	2011	2012
Students Tested	383	362	361
Passing	95%	97%	98%
Advanced/Proficient	68%	71%	73%
Needs Improvement	27%	27%	24%
Failing	5%	3%	2%

The district continues to make progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps. Students in all subgroups have met their progress and performance targets, moving the school into a Level 1 Status.

Student Group	On Target = 75 or higher	Performance	Progress
All Students		85	Met Target
High Needs		75	Met Target
Low Income		79	Met Target
ELL and Former ELL		-	-
Students with Disabilities		76	Met Target
American Indian/Alaska Native		-	-
Asian		-	-
African/American/Black		-	-
Hispanic/Latino		84	Met Target
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic/Latino		-	-
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		-	-
White		91	Met Target

Vocational Projects in the District Communities

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

The 2011-2012 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body: Collision Repair Technology: During 2011-2012, the program was fortunate to receive equipment upgrades including new tool boards and hand tools. The program also introduced students to a virtual 3-D spray system, designed to provide students with the opportunity to practice the technique of painting without using any materials. The program's waterborne paint spray booth continues to provide students with training with more efficient waterborne paint systems. Throughout the year, the program received over one hundred requests for service and repair work, including a number of requests from local school, police and fire departments. Students and instructors refinished a Fitchburg police cruiser and two bumper covers, repaired the Fitchburg Firefighter's Association Mack fire truck, and repaired the back of a damaged Cushing Academy student bus. (Total enrollment: 63; 44 males, 19 females)

Automotive Technology: Two of our top students were asked to compete in the underclass division at the state level in the Mass Tech Competition. Juniors Hunter Manley and Mike Pauplis (Class of 2013) represented Monty Tech, and placed 2nd in the state. Hunter Manley was also recognized for receiving the highest written score in the state. The program also supported three students in the Co-Operative Education program. These students gained valuable workplace experience, applying the skills they learned in the rigorous automotive technology program, and received high praise from their employers. The program performed over four hundred services, and was fortunate to receive a new air conditioning station, providing students with an opportunity to be trained in this updated equipment/technology. Total enrollment: 63; 52 males, 11 females)

Business Technology: Students and instructors in the Business Technology continue to enjoy an increased presence in the school community, providing assistance to shops and offices throughout the school by coordinating bulk mailing, labeling, organizing, and collating jobs. Offices that receive direct support from the Business Technology program include: Monty Tech Nurses' Office, front office, and Student Support Services. Students also assist wherever there is a customer service need, as in the annual greenhouse project, directed by Mr. Dylan Hager. Students serve as customer service representatives and cashiers for this very busy seasonal operation. Students also run a successful school store, refining their skills in cash handling, customer service, organization, and marketing. (Total enrollment: 76; 17 males, 59 females)

Cabinetmaking: Cabinetmaking students spent a great deal of time building and installing cabinetry in a number of public offices throughout the Monty Tech district. During the 2011-2012 school year, students and instructors were particularly busy renovating the Gardner Mayor's office. Using quarter sewn red oak, students carefully tried to match the architectural details of the building with the new cabinetry, creating a beautiful wall unit for the office. Work continued in Gardner at the Fire Station, where solid cherry cabinetry was built and installed to update the facility. Building podiums, storage units, and all of the gifts for the annual Superintendent's Dinner kept the students and instructors extremely busy throughout the remainder of the year. Finally, the program was also fortunate to receive a dovetailing machine, capable of dovetailing a drawer box in under one minute. Monty Tech is the only vocational school in the state to provide education and training on such technology. (Total enrollment: 73; 44 males, 29 females)

Cosmetology: Providing students with educational space that closely reflects industry trends and a typical workplace environment are paramount in the cosmetology program. In September 2011, students

returned from summer vacation to find their shop space renovated to more accurately reflect industry. The clinic floor was remodeled, twenty-three stations were replaced, sound tiles were recovered, and the shop area was reconstructed to increase the visibility of the students and provide an "open concept" layout. Each of the twenty-two graduating seniors successfully obtained their cosmetology license before graduation- the largest number of licensed cosmetologists per graduating class in Monty Tech's history! In April the students gained invaluable experience, travelling with the instructors to New York City to attend the International Beauty Show. Monty Tech cosmetology instructors continued to promote community service, encouraging all students to participate in meaningful activities at the Gardner High Rise. Students provide free hair and nail services to the elderly once a month, a program that began in 1998. (Total enrollment: 91; 1 male, 90 females)

Culinary Arts: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Culinary Arts program are among the busiest in our school. In addition to operating a full-service dining room and bakery, culinary students and instructors participated in the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce "Taste of Wachusett" at Wachusett Mountain, and continue to showcase their talents at similar trade shows and events throughout the year. The program provided breakfast, luncheon and dinner, as well as support staff, for a number of events for public organizations, including the Fitchburg Rotary Club, Nashua River Watershed Association, Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the Fitchburg City Council. (Total enrollment: 100; 36 males, 64 females)

Dental Assistant: 2011-2012 proved to be a busy one for the students and instructors in the Dental Assisting program. The program supported four students who competed at the district level for SkillsUSA. One went on to compete at the state level, where she earned a silver medal. Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Through this initiative, approximately thirty-nine students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. Dental Assisting students also attended the Yankee Dental Convention, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. Finally, the program received new equipment, including a model trimmer, whip mix, an X-ray developer, and instrument cassettes. (Total enrollment: 57; 4 males, 53 females)

Drafting Technology: The Drafting program is proud to announce that out of ten seniors, seven were offered (and accepted) full-time employment in the drafting and design trade prior to high school graduation. We expect these students will be extremely successful applying skills they acquired through their vocational training at local companies, including the following: Aubuchon, Process Cooling, Nypro, Inc., and Essco Manufacturing. 2011-2012 brought new equipment and technology to the program, and students particularly enjoyed working with the new Dimension Elite Printer. The shop continued to provide countless community services in the form of banners, signage, building plans, interior design plans, and decorating for school-sponsored events. A capstone project for the 2011-2012 year came in the form of developing plans for a much-needed school reconfiguration. The Student Support Services Department was relocated, centralizing all offices the public visits frequently. Students and instructors worked closely with administration, instructors, and officials to design a more efficient and modernized space. (Total enrollment: 41; 28 males, 13 females)

Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education program at Monty Tech proudly graduated sixteen students, all college bound, from the program in June. The program continues to be a popular trade, with an emphasis on community service and continued education. During 2011-2012, Early Childhood Education students participated in the Fitchburg Public Schools: Math & Literacy Fair, operating a table, and engaging children in an activity-based scavenger hunt, based on two popular children's books. Four students from the program represented Monty Tech at the SkillsUSA National Skills and Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO. Whether the students were competing, singing the national anthem, or receiving a volunteer service award, each of these young ladies represented the school and the Early Childhood Education program very well. The Monty Tech Childcare Center continues to operate at full capacity, serves as a co-operative education site for two students, and

successfully prepares their young students for transition into Kindergarten. The Center's Director, Ms. Kelley Booth, visits with prospective parents almost daily and handles frequent calls for Fall placement. (Total enrollment: 66; 4 males, 62 females)

Electrical: The Electrical program at Monty Tech continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. During the 2011-2012 year, students and instructors completed in excess of two hundred projects that required repair or installation. Some of the more notable accomplishments from this shop include: all electrical work (including wiring and installation) at the Ashburnham Bresnahan Scouting Center, all electrical work (including wiring and installation) for the Mayor's Office in the City of Gardner, and work in Winchendon Public Schools, including installing new outside lighting, installing new hand dryers in bathrooms, installing and wiring new stage lighting, and performing a number of energy saving upgrades to benefit our local partners in education. The Electrical program is particularly proud to have trained a top student included in the Team Works competition for SkillsUSA. The Monty Tech Team Works unit won a gold medal at the state level and then travelled to Kansas City, MO to compete with other teams from across the country. There, the Monty Tech Team Works unit was awarded the gold medal, receiving the highest honor in the country for their outstanding building and teamwork skill. (Total enrollment: 86; 81 males, 5 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering program has undergone a great transformation over the course of the past four years. During the 2010-2011 exploratory process, the process was changed to attract the interest of more students, and the exploratory project was changed from a robot to an IPOD stereo amplifier. The exploratory project for 2011-2012 remained the same, and as a result, eighteen listed this program as their top choice. Seven of the eight graduating seniors report positive placements; six graduates enrolled at 2- or 4-year institutions, while one graduate is now serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. The instructors were pleased with the addition of new equipment, including scopes, signal generators, and computers, aiding students as they continue to complete numerous repairs for faculty, staff and students, including: in excess of one-hundred fifty headphones, video game systems, iPods, phones, and other electronic devices. (Total enrollment: 52; 43 males, 9 females)

Graphic Communications: The Monty Tech Graphic Communications program is pleased to have graduated twenty-two students, all of whom were accepted at a variety of colleges, including 2-year, 4-year, public, and private institutions. Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, the shop continued to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. This year, the shop produced approximately three hundred forty projects, billing in excess of \$15,000. This may be calculated as a savings of up to \$65,000. The shop also produced yearbooks for local institutions, saving each school approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000, as the billing only reflects cost of materials. In our student-operated copy center, over three million black and white copies, two hundred fifty thousand color copies, and over five hundred wide format prints were completed. The program was fortunate to receive a number of equipment upgrades and pieces of new technology, including: booklet maker, spiral binder, wide format printer, color proofing machine, folding/perforating machine, computer-to-plate system, paper cutter, shrinkwrap machine, automatic creaser, four new Macintosh computers, and new student chairs. (Total enrollment: 93; 27 males, 66 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to incorporate the EMT curriculum into the program, providing students with a wide range of medical knowledge and exposure to a variety of health-related career options. In an effort to increase opportunities for hands-on application and deeper understanding, the number of program affiliation sites has been increased. Instructors have also approached offices at Heywood Hospital, to discuss expanded opportunities for students to gain more acute care experience. The program, which boasts an enrollment of over one hundred students, continues to participate in community service programs, including the annual Red Cross Blood Drive, Pediatric Day (in conjunction with students from the Early Childhood Education program), and a "baby shower" for women living in a local battered women's shelter. The program was also instrumental in bringing a powerful guest speaker, Chris Herren, to the school to discuss drug addiction and recovery. (Total enrollment: 101; 6 males, 95 females)

House Carpentry: Most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program is done off-campus, completing renovation, building, and repair work for member communities. Some of the more notable projects from the 2011-2012 school year include: beginning work on the Bresnahan Scouting Center (Ashburnham), leading renovation efforts at the offices of the Mayor of the City of Gardner, constructing and installing kiosks for the Ashburnham Conservation Trust, constructing and installing a set of exterior stairs to train dogs to walk with blind individuals (Fitchburg), constructing, painting and installing eight flower boxes for the Fitchburg Rotary Club (Fitchburg), and building a number of sheds on location. (Total enrollment: 68; 51 males, 17 females)

Industrial Technology: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Industrial Technology program are called on for "a little bit of everything." Whether busy on campus or off, these students contribute to the educational community in countless ways. During 2011-2012, some of the more notable accomplishments include: stripping and shingling 6,000 square feet of roofing at the Princeton Light and Power Company, the installation of storage sheds at the Briggs Elementary School (Ashburnham), and working closely with the school's House Carpentry program to construct the Bresnahan Scouting Center (Ashburnham). In-house projects included the creation and construction of décor for the annual Superintendent's dinner and countless repairs, maintenance and troubleshooting efforts throughout the school. The co-operative education program continues to be a highlight for students in the Industrial Technology program, as seven students were awarded co-op placements during the year. Student experience in the program was enhanced with the purchase of two pieces of equipment, a power equipment lift and heavy-duty band saw. (Total enrollment: 58; 48 males, 10 females)

Information Technology: While 2011-2012 proved to be a year marked by many changes for the Information Technology program, including large-scale relocation efforts, curriculum and instruction remained steady. As with any school, information technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the program, students and instructors performed in excess of two hundred hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members. Thirty-one students earned Internet Computing Core (IC3) certification, and eighteen students completed the Occupational Safety & Health Administration 10-hour training and certification course. Students in Information Technology competed in the Fall and Spring Programming competition at Fitchburg State University, as well as the local, district and state levels of the SkillsUSA competitions. Eight students travelled to the Massachusetts SkillsUSA state competition to compete in three categories: Internetworking, Mobile Robotics, and 3-D Animation. Monty Tech Information Technology students were awarded bronze medals in all three categories. (Total enrollment: 68; 59 males, 9 females)

Machine Technology: The Monty Tech Machine Technology program saw several key improvements during the 2011-2012 school year. The program benefited from new technology, including: a surface grinder, three tabletop CNC simulators, and a CNC laser engraver. Two students advanced from the SkillsUSA district competition to compete at the state level, one in Precision Machining and the other in CNC Milling. The program is particularly proud of student efforts in CNC Milling at the state SkillsUSA competition, where Monty Tech students placed 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th! Three students were offered co-op employment, and were able to put their vocational education into practice at area machine shops. Students who remained at the school refined their skills by completing a number of special projects, including: manufacturing brass plaques to mark projects within the school and outside projects in Monty Tech communities, laser engraving over three hundred Superintendent's Dinner gifts, laser engraving over three hundred eighty ball markers for the school's annual golf tournament, laser engraving the town seal on a podium built by Cabinetmaking (Town of Holden), laser engraving plaques for the school's annual car show, and machining parts for the school's maintenance department including pins for the backhoe, shafts for the rooftop heating system, and rebuilding the sander unit. (Total enrollment: 60; 51 males, 9 females)

Masonry: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Masonry program were busy on our campus, as well as in many of the member communities throughout the 2011-2012 school year. Community services included: designing and installing the stone patio at Coggs Hall Park (Fitchburg), restoring a local

cemetery garage (Fitchburg), brick restoration at a local senior center (Fitchburg), tiling the bathroom in the Mayor's Office (Gardner), tiling the kitchen at the fire station (Gardner), ensuring handicap accessibility by installing ramps and new sidewalks at Lunenburg High School, repointing the brickwork on Pearl Street, Cross Street, and Ipswich Street for the Winchendon Housing Authority, and repointing the brick basement at an area senior center (Winchendon). When students weren't busy in our district communities, they were preparing for and competing in the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTTA) competition, where our students placed 1st in Hardscape, were recognized with the following distinctions: Seniors – 1st place, Juniors – 2nd place and 3rd place, Sophomores – 1st place and 3rd place. Students and instructors also worked to beautify our own campus by installing a rainwater recovery system and waterfall, constructing three planters in front of the school, and pouring concrete for the school's new MART bus station. (Total enrollment: 58; 50 males, 8 females)

Plumbing: The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like others throughout the school, is committed to community service, and as a result, during the 2011-2012 school year, students and instructors participated in the construction of a new community function center for the William T. Bresnahan Scouting and Community Center, Inc. in Ashburnham. Students and instructors also worked to complete rough plumbing, radiant floor heating, and radon mitigation systems in a new commercial building in Ashburnham. On our own campus, students worked daily on fixing leaks, cleaning drains, and repairing and maintaining the plumbing system in the school. The Plumbing program is particularly proud to have trained one student included in the Team Works competition for SkillsUSA. The Monty Tech Team Works unit won a gold medal at the state level and then travelled to Kansas City, MO to compete with other teams from across the country. There, the Monty Tech Team Works unit was awarded the gold medal, receiving the highest honor in the country for their outstanding building and teamwork skill. The Monty Tech Plumbing program proudly graduated seventeen students in the Class of 2012. Two students, in particular, received prestigious trade awards/recognitions: Jon Sweeney of Ashby won the Central Massachusetts Plumbing & Gasfitting Inspectors Association scholarship, and Vinny Acito of Petersham won the New England Plumbing, Gas, and Mechanical Inspectors Association scholarship. Several graduates of the class of 2012 have been hired as plumbing apprentices at local plumbing companies. (Total enrollment: 70; 65 males, 5 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The Welding/Metal Fabrication program is charged with successfully completing numerous projects on the Monty Tech campus, including repair work, layout, design and installation. In conjunction with other trades at the school, students and instructors in the Welding/Metal Fabrication program are instrumental in the successful completion of many of the school's capstone projects. Their contributions include: fabricating and installing one hundred twenty feet of guard rail for Barre Municipal Building, repairing an antique hand rail for Barre Municipal Building, fabricating and installing over one hundred feet of handicap railing for Lunenburg High School, and fabricating a stainless steel backsplash for the Gardner Fire House. The program benefited from the addition of new equipment, including a Millermatic® 211 Auto-Set Mig Welder and a four foot box & pan brake. The program was pleased to place three top students in Co-Operative Education work experiences across the district. (Total enrollment: 55; 52 males, 3 females)

Special Services

During the 2011-2012 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to over three hundred students – measuring progress of approximately two hundred students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and just over one hundred students adhering to individualized 504 plans. While the Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

The department includes a full-time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state-mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the special education team for a student's IEP meeting. The department is fortunate to be able to support a full-time school social worker who participates in departmental meetings and assists students who have needs concerning

finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues, and proper food and clothing. The school is fortunate to have on staff a full-time psychologist, whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full-time speech pathologist, who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers. Our students also have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and part-time school psychologist. All of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions and mental health emergency treatment, as well as crisis intervention.

The school's Director of Student Support Services oversees the district's Special Education Program, which is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. This comprehensive review and evaluation is done in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, and the results of the evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs in place at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

Technology

In the area of technology, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continues to move forward. iPads are being used by students utilizing ASSISTments, a software program designed to identify student strengths and weaknesses and to improve student achievement in mathematics. SmartBoards have been added to the Information Technology program, and computers have been replaced in accordance with the district's computer replacement plan.

Monty Tech launched a new website in January 2012. The website includes many new features designed to improve communication with Monty Tech students and parents, as well as the public. Web pages can be translated into several languages, and content has been added to provide more information about the school. School Committee and Subcommittee meeting notices and agendas have also been added to the school website.

In an effort to promote effective communication with parents of our students, school administration has encouraged the teaching staff to use the student information system online gradebook, which provides up-to-date information about student grades, attendance, and conduct. Participation on the part of staff and parents continues to increase.

SkillsUSA

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

The 2011-2012 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of SkillsUSA. The students met the challenges of district competitions, performed well at the state level, and took back to Monty Tech five national medals. Another first for the Monty Tech SkillsUSA chapter – class of 2012 graduate, Victoria Holbert, was elected National SkillsUSA President, representing the school and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respectfully at a number of high profile engagements. Serving as advisors for the 2011-2012 school year were Timothy Gately (English Instructor), Anne Marie Cataldo (Early Childhood Education Instructor), and Dan Starr (Graphic Communications Instructor).

Highlights of the year included:

- Victoria Holbert served as National SkillsUSA President.
- In the fall of 2011, the Monty Tech SkillsUSA chapter led a "Change for Children" campaign to benefit a Holiday Party for disadvantaged children. Throughout the year, the chapter continued to

focus their efforts on disadvantaged children, raising over \$500 for the Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism.

- In November, thirteen students traveled to the three-day Annual Fall State Leadership Conference where they developed leadership skills and performed community service at an area YMCA Day Camp.
- In March 2012, a total of fifty-seven medals were captured at the District Competition hosted by Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School: 20 gold medals, 15 silver medal, and 22 bronze medals. Also, two students qualified to run for the State Executive Council.
- Class of 2013 student, Russell Holbert, was selected to serve on the State Advisory Committee to aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- In April 2012, more than seventy students traveled to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School to participate in the State Leadership and Skills Conference, where seventeen students were awarded medals for their outstanding achievements. Among the medalists were seven students who earned gold medals in their competition, qualifying them for the annual National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, in late June.
- Several students were invited to participate in the National Leadership conference for outstanding personal achievements. Suzanne Sanford was recognized for winning State Pin Design Contest, Shawna Babineau was selected to sing the National Anthem at the Opening General Session and at the Kansas City Royals Game, and Jessica Shattuck was presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Six students returned from the annual National Leadership & Skills Conference with awards. *TeamWorks*: consisting of James Grenier (Carpentry), Aaron Beals (Plumbing), Max Hitchcock (Electrical), and Allen Bourgouis (Masonry), earned a gold medal. In *Power Equipment Technology*: Troy Jollimore (Industrial Technology) earned a bronze medal and in *CNC Milling Technology*: Jeremy LeBlanc (Machine Technology) earned a bronze medal.

Marine Corps Junior ROTC

The 2011-2012 school year was a strong, effective and rewarding year for the Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior ROTC program. The year started with our July 4th parades, where our Color Guard detail was in high demand. The Color Guard remained busy throughout the year, presenting Colors at more than fifty ceremonies that varied in size and location, from small town ceremonies, professional sporting events, and even within the Senate chambers at the Massachusetts State House.

In addition to leadership exercises, the Cadets were actively engaged in community service activities, raising funds for deserving charitable organizations in the area. The Cadet Corps selected "Canine's For Combat Veterans" from Princeton, Massachusetts as its primary recipient for their fundraising efforts. Efforts led by 1st Sgt. Paul Jornet, the Cadet Corps, and a few friends, resulted in a record donation of just over \$21,000 dollars to support this very worthy cause.

For the third consecutive year, the Monty Tech MCJROTC Cadet Corps was awarded the distinction of Naval Honor School, in recognition of exemplary performance. Other notable highlights for the year include:

- Ten-mile March-A-Thon to support "Canine's for Combat Veterans"
- Annual raffle to support leadership trips
- Veterans' Day Ceremonies hosted by Monty Tech
- National High School Cyber Defense Competition, 4th place overall.
- National High School Cyber Defense Competition, Best Marine Corps Team
- Military airlift to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for a seven day training package
- One deserving Cadet awarded a full National Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship
- Memorial Day Observation in five sending communities

- Five Cadets attended advance leadership training in Boswell, Pennsylvania
- Unit conducted in excess of six thousand hours of community service

Women in Technology

This year, the Women In Technology Program (WIT) observed its 10th anniversary of providing opportunities for young women from high schools located throughout the district to learn firsthand about careers in high-tech and business. Qualified applicants spent two days a month working on real-world work projects under the mentorship of company managers at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products, subsidiaries of Tyco International, a Fortune 500 company.

Students from six area high schools - Monty Tech, Leominster's Center for Technical Education, Oakmont, Quabbin, Gardner and Narragansett - participate in the program, working on a wide variety of projects. Their projects are unveiled at an annual end-of-the-year presentation held in Monty Tech's Performing Arts Center. Corporate sponsors, along with families, friends and teachers, are invited to attend and see what the students have accomplished.

This long-standing program continues to offer opportunities to young ladies interested in gaining work experience in a corporate setting. Affiliation with the program and skills acquired through participation in the Women in Technology program will open doors to career opportunities not otherwise available to high school students. Graduates of the program are also equipped with a foundation to better meet the challenges of an ever-changing and demanding work force.

A number of Monty Tech students who have completed the program have gone on to rewarding and well-paying careers, made possible by this unique experience.

Student Athletics

The Monty Tech athletic program continues expand in scope and skill each year. More students and teams compete every season. In the fall of 2011, Monty Tech was well-represented by eighteen teams. In the winter months, there were twelve teams, and wrapping up the year, spring saw nine teams come together at Monty Tech.

Last fall, the Varsity Football team was 3-8, but they lost three very close games. The team produced five Colonial Athletic League All-Stars. The Freshman Football team was 3-3 and had twenty-seven players finish the season. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 10-6-1, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Blackstone Valley Tech, 2-1, in a very tight game. They had two players named to the Colonial Athletic League All-Star team. The JV Boys Soccer team was 4-5-2, an improvement over the last year. The Varsity Golf team was 8-8 overall, playing in the Central Mass Division 3 Tournament. They also played in the State Vocational Tournament and finished 3rd in the CAL Tournament. Three Monty Tech golfers were named to the Colonial Athletic League All-Star team. The Field Hockey team was 9-5-1, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for only the third time in the program's history. There they lost to Auburn 3-1. The JV Field Hockey team finished at 4-2-1. The Boys Cross Country team was 7-3 and finished 2nd in the CAL with a 6-1 record.

The Varsity Girls Volleyball team went 4-16, but continued to play hard throughout the season. They organized their annual Bump-Set-Spike competition, to fight Breast Cancer, in October and raised a large sum of money. Two players were named to the Colonial Athletic League All-Star team. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 6-8 and the Freshman Girls team continued to improve each match. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 7-7-1, and qualified for a post-season berth. While the team lost to Oakmont High School, 4-1 to finish the season, two stand-outs were named to Colonial Athletic League All-Star team. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 5-7-1. With most of the girls moving up next fall, our girls program looks very promising.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 8-12 on the season. With only two seniors on the team, they look to improve next year. They had two players named to the Colonial Athletic League All-Star team. The JV Girls were 10-11 and the Freshmen Girls were 9-5, as they prepared to move up to the JV and Varsity programs next year. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 7-13. Two players represented Monty Tech on the Colonial Athletic League All-Star team. The JV Boys Basketball team was 14-8 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 6-10. The Co-op Wrestling team participated in many dual meets and tournaments finishing at 2-10. The Co-op Ice Hockey team did very well again as they won the Central Mass Coughlan Conference and participated in the District Tournament losing to Auburn. The JV Ice Hockey team played very well, as the younger players look to improve their skills. Monty Tech also participated in a Co-op Swim team with Leominster and North Middlesex and again it went very well. The program benefits from area facilities, swimming at the Fitchburg State University pool, one of the best in the area.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team qualified for the Central Mass Tournament with a 11-9 record, losing to Uxbridge. The JV Softball team was 4-4, due to a very wet May. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 7-10 and the new JV Boys Volleyball team was 6-6. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 7-13. The JV Baseball team was 10-5 and the Freshmen Baseball team was 1-10. Due to a wet season, the Monty Tech baseball program proved to be flexible, travelling to the Westminster Babe Ruth field for many of their home games. The Boys Track & Field team was 7-3, placing second in the Colonial Athletic League with a 5-2 record. The Girls Track & Field team finished with an overall 5-5 record, 3-3 in the Colonial Athletic League.

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2011-2012, Korey Wilson and Meredith Carrier.

Postgraduate and Continuing Studies

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

For the Fall of 2011, there were 108 postgraduate and continuing education courses offered, with approximately 954 seats sold. There were 106 courses offered during the Spring 2012 semester, with over 960 seats sold.

In March 2012 the postgraduate program successfully graduated our first class of fifteen Emergency Medical Technicians. The students took their practical exam at Monty Tech and proceeded to take their written exam at a state-designated facility. Several graduates have already found employment in their chosen field.

The Director of the Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Program actively seeks information to develop new (and expand existing) certificate and licensure programs that align with regional workforce needs and employment trends.

Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Program is a post-secondary licensure program, offered through the Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Department. The widely popular program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings.

In October 2010, Monty Tech's Practical Nursing Program was reviewed by the Massachusetts Board of Nursing and received full approval status. The program has since maintained that accreditation, and in June 2011 the program became a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Occupational Education (COE). The Practical Nursing Program is scheduled for a full review and site visit by COE in November 2012.

In June 2012, the Practical Nursing Program graduated twenty-eight students bound for the nursing profession. Upon completion of the program, the cohort achieved an initial NCLEX pass rate of 94%, up from 87.5% in 2011. The program is pleased to announce that over one third of our graduates have elected to continue their education, in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in nursing through the LPN to BSN Bridge program at Fitchburg State University.

The Monty Tech School Committee

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

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

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Looking Ahead

While the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District educational community is certainly proud of the achievements of our talented students, faculty, and staff, we remain ever-focused on improvement. As we look ahead, there are a number of programs and initiatives that we expect will have a positive impact on our school and students for years to come.

Increasing Collaboration with Area Colleges

In recent years, Monty Tech has enjoyed increased collaboration with post-secondary partner, Mount Wachusett Community College. The college has been instrumental in our efforts to ensure students are college and career ready, and our students have benefited from this partnership by participating in early college placement testing, early intervention strategies to ensure college preparedness, and dual enrollment courses for only \$30. In the coming years, we expect to expand our dual enrollment offerings, to include courses such as Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Criminal Justice, and Introduction to Biotechnology, making a college education more affordable and attainable.

Implementing the Recently Revised Curriculum Frameworks

During the summer of 2012, Monty Tech led statewide efforts to revise some thirty-four career vocational technical education frameworks. Working with educators from across the state, Monty Tech instructors were instrumental in designing curriculum frameworks that will define Chapter 74 educational programs for years to come. We look forward to implementing the new frameworks.

Collecting Data on Our Advanced Placement (AP) Pilot Program

Monty Tech launched our first Advanced Placement courses in September 2012. Today's vocational programs are rigorous, technical and complex; such programs, then, must be balanced by academic programs that are defined by rigor and relevance. Monty Tech will continue to examine best practices in academic offerings. As the first year of the AP Pilot Program comes to an end, district educators and administrators will collect and analyze achievement data to determine program effectiveness, and if/when to roll out additional Advanced Placement offerings.

Undertaking a Performance Contracting Project

In light of pending federal and state budget cuts, it is imperative that we continue to seek creative ways to pay for large capital expenses, such as the replacement of the roof and rooftop HVAC units. After a great deal of research and data collection, Monty Tech has elected to pursue performance contracting measures that would allow the school to perform much-needed updates to the school facility. After selecting an approved Energy Service Company (ESCO), the school will undergo a comprehensive audit, identifying energy and conservation projects. We are hopeful that in the coming months, performance contracting will prove to be a viable tool to fund capital improvements, minimizing up-front costs, while improving operational efficiencies.

Renovating the School's Library

In my view, a school is not truly a school without a vibrant, well-utilized library, and so the school's administration, faculty, and staff have come together to develop plans to update our existing facility. This library renovation project will be undertaken by Monty Tech students and staff, thus saving thousands of dollars for taxpayers of the district. We look forward to the library's grand re-opening in the Fall of 2013, providing the Monty Tech educational community with a library that reflects the learning and research needs of today's 21st Century vocational-technical student. Monty Tech students will have access to a wide range of electronic and audio books as the library undergoes this major transformation and renovation.

Implementing the New Educator Evaluation System

Because Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District is not a Race to the Top district, district officials have been given until the Fall of 2013 to negotiate and implement a new educator evaluation system. Throughout the 2012-2013 school year, district administrators were scheduled to

participate in workshops and professional development coursework to develop a broad understanding of the scope of the state's new model evaluation system. When an evaluation system has been agreed upon, teachers and administrators will work collaboratively to implement it. The new system will be designed to promote personal growth, improve professional practice, and increase student achievement. Implementing this new system effectively will be a huge undertaking, but I am confident that we can do it successfully, working together.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Sharek
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Town	Term Expires
Cara Deane, Chair	Orange	2015
Peter Cross, Vice-Chair	Orange	2013
Michael Yohan	New Salem	Appointed Position
Patricia Smith	Orange	2015
Robin LaCroix	Orange	Resigned
Paul Gervais	Orange	Appointed Position
Dana Kennan	Petersham	Appointed Position
Michael LeBlanc	Petersham	Did not seek Re-election
Johanna Bartlett	Wendell	Appointed Position
Chris Paul	Orange	2013
Maureen Donelan	Orange	Resigned
Rebecca Badgley	Orange	2013

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year.

Vision Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, in collaboration with families, envisions a quality learning environment which values academic excellence that enables students to reach their full potential in a rapidly changing global society.

Mission Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School community will ensure teaching and learning take place in a safe, collaborative, and inclusive environment. We commit to working with families and community members to support the personal, academic, and career growth of every student. We believe that a challenging curriculum for all students and a culture that actively welcomes all learners will contribute to a more knowledgeable community and society. We believe that all students must be prepared with 21st-century skills and an understanding of the demands and challenges of an ever changing world.

Core Values

Student Achievement:

- We believe all students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process.
- We believe education is about student growth that includes core academics, the arts, cultural awareness, and physical, social and emotional well-being.
- We believe the purpose of education is to enable students to become self-reliant learners and productive, responsible citizens.

Personal Growth:

- We believe in promoting personal responsibility in students so they may reach their full potential.

School Climate:

- We believe all decisions should be made in the best interest of students while recognizing and welcoming their individual differences.
- We believe in a safe environment built on communication and a shared decision making process that supports curiosity, creativity, respect, and positive attitudes.

Collaborative Partnerships:

- We believe in identifying and developing diverse opportunities for students to engage in active learning within their communities.
- We believe the education of a child is the shared responsibility of town, educational, family, and student communities.

Resources:

- We believe in school personnel working with family and town communities to provide ongoing information regarding student achievement, school-related activities, and annual budget and expenditures.
- We believe in utilizing fiscally responsible strategies which support teaching and learning to meet the unique needs of students.

NEASC Decennial Accreditation Visit

In October 2012, Ralph C. Mahar Regional School underwent a three day visitation by a team of thirteen evaluators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This is the accrediting organization for middle and high schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts along with the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Accreditation teams perform these evaluations of schools once every ten years. The faculty, staff, and administration have been preparing for this assessment since fall, 2009. The final report of the visiting team will be available in 2013.

**DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENATARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
GRANTS**

(As Reported on End of Year Financial Report)

The efforts of the Ralph C. Mahar Administration and Staff have resulted in the District receiving Grants totaling \$768,108.00. This has allowed for programs and services to be implemented that otherwise would not be funded. Some examples of the federal and state grants are as following:

Title II-A Improving Educator Quality: \$34,662.00

The purpose of this grant program is to increase student achievement through the reduction of class size and comprehensive district initiatives that focus on the preparation, training, recruitment, and retention of highly qualified educators. These initiatives should be aligned with Massachusetts' reform efforts and should help districts meet the NCLB goals and requirements for highly qualified teachers, instructional paraprofessionals in Title I targeted assistance and school wide programs, and high-quality professional development. The goal is to improve the overall quality of all educators, including administrators, within the district.

Federal Special Education Entitlement P.L. 94-142: \$212,805.00

The salaries of the Home/School Liaison Counselor, one Special Education Teacher, and a Special Education Paraprofessional were paid through this grant. Some classroom instructional supplies were purchased.

Title I: \$158,531.00

Title I, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, provides resources to local school districts to assist low-achieving students in high poverty schools to meet the state's challenging academic standards.

ARRA Ed Jobs Fund Program: \$206,327.00

This federal grant was created as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of this grant was to create education related jobs. Funds within this grant were allowed to be spent over a two-year period, ending on June 30, 2011. Thus the final expenditure of this grant was on June 30, 2012.

Innovation Implementation Grant: \$60,000.00

This grant was authorized by the Massachusetts Office of the Secretary of Education. The purpose of these funds was to support the Pathways Innovation School that was created in partnership with Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School and Mount Wachusett Community College. Funds were used to offset costs incurred by Mount Wachusett, to fund students earning Associates Degrees while simultaneously earning their Ralph C. Mahar high school diplomas.

274 Special Education Program Improvement Grant: \$9,664.00

Funds from this grant were authorized to support alternative programming for emotionally and behaviorally challenged middle and high school students.

Academic Support Grant Fund Code 632: \$10,600.00

Funds from this grant fund are used to provide supplemental academic services to students in need of assistance in preparing for MCAS reexaminations.

School Support Grant Fund Code 323: \$6,899.00

The purpose of this grant program is to support participation in regionally based professional development and assistance initiatives associated with the District and School Assistance Centers (DSACs). DSAC regional assistance is designed to enhance district and regional capacity to plan, implement, and sustain practices to improve student performance and is aligned with the Massachusetts District Accountability and Assistance Framework.

Race to the Top Fund Code 201: \$37,117.00

Race to the Top (RTTT), funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, is a four-year U.S. Department of Education (ED) grant awarded to state education agencies that won a national competition for committing to a set of education reforms. Massachusetts was awarded this federal funding, and is issuing this year 2 continuation grant for eligible entities.

Supplementary Support Fund Code 305-A: \$25,000.00

Title I, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), provides supplemental resources to local school districts to assist low achieving students in high poverty schools to meet the state's challenging academic standards.

Level 3 Fund Code 220-E: \$4,112.00

These Grant funds provided support for expenses for staff to participate in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) approved professional development courses and/or to access other school and district improvement assistance offered through or approved by the DSACs.

District and School Assistance Fund Code 143: \$2,391.00

This is an amendment to the FY12 District and School Assistance Grant. Resources from Federal Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality funds are being added to this grant program. The purpose of which is to support improvement in districts that were Level 3 in FY11, through participation in regionally based professional development and assistance initiatives associated with the District and School Assistance Centers (DSACs). DSAC regional assistance is designed to enhance district and regional capacity to plan, implement, and sustain practices to improve student performance and is aligned with the Massachusetts District Accountability and Assistance Framework.

PARTNERSHIPS

CAPS Educational Collaborative Programs at Mahar

Two programs, “Junior Senators” and “Senior Senators” continue to be located on the campus of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School. Students aged 13 – 22 who are challenged with multiple disabilities receive a high quality education that allows them to be included in the public school environment. These students are afforded the full complement of specialized CAPS instruction and related services such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy, but can also be seen in grade level Mathematics, English, Social Science, and unified arts classes.

The Gateway to College

This partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College and the Gateway to College (based in Portland, OR) continues to be a road to academic success for students from the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District and schools in many other central and western Massachusetts towns. Students in this program attend classes at Mount Wachusett and begin earning college credits early. A creative funding formula makes this program a win/win for Mount Wachusett Community College and the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District. Students who graduate from the Gateway to College earn the Ralph C. Mahar Regional high school diploma.

Pathways Early College Innovation School

Now in its third year of operation, this program offers students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and Associates Degree from Mount Wachusett Community College at the same time. By becoming full-time, dual enrollment students at the beginning of the junior year, students in this program will have the opportunity to attend all college classes at Mount Wachusett Community College free of charge.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AM Integrated Learning Center

This is an alternative high school program that is referred to as “A School Within a School.” Students in this program have the benefit of a school social worker, special education teacher, and full-time paraprofessional support. The focus of this program is on students’ emotional and behavioral health which has impacted their ability to learn in the mainstreamed environment. A level-system that focuses on rewards and positive behavioral intervention has proven successful for many students who might be educated at the expense of the district in placements other than Ralph C. Mahar.

PM Integrated Learning Center

This program focuses on the non-traditional learner. Students in the PM Integrated Learning Center are involved in career and/or internship placement for 20 hours per week. These students attend school from 3:00 – 5:00 PM each day during the school year and take one class each summer. There are few programs which offer students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma outside of the regular school schedule in Massachusetts.

Middle School Integrated Learning Center

This is a self-contained middle school classroom for students who are also challenged with behavioral and emotional issues. This program feeds into the high school AM Integrated Learning Center. A significant difference is the middle school utilizes a more tangible system for reinforcement for positive behavioral interactions. These students are offered the services of a school psychologist, full-time teacher, and two paraprofessionals.

After School Program Incorporating Recreation and Education (ASPIRE)

In response to a growing need for after school care for children in the elementary grades from Petersham Center School and the Orange Elementary Schools, this program offers after school care with educational supports from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on days that school is in session. As of December 31, 2012 approximately 40 children were enrolled in this program. The district is currently seeking grant funding to make this program accessible at a reduced rate for those in the community who require a sliding fee scale or free enrollment for their children.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

MCAS Performance 2012

The *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) requires an annual report card for each school as well as for each student. These report cards help parents and the community stay informed about the progress schools and students are making based upon students' performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), Teacher Qualifications and the district's accountability status based on schools' and students' performances.

On February 10, 2012, Massachusetts received a waiver of certain NCLB requirements. NCLB required Massachusetts to measure the progress schools are making toward the goal of 100 percent proficiency in reading and math by the year 2014. However, NCLB's rising targets led to an increasing number of schools deemed failing under the law: this year, approximately 80 percent of all Massachusetts schools were identified as needing improvement. As a result, NCLB made it impossible for parents to distinguish successful schools from schools that were struggling.

Massachusetts' approved NCLB waiver corrects many of the problems under NCLB. Instead of expecting all schools to reach 100 percent proficiency by the year 2014, the state will measure progress toward the goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by the year 2017, a goal that is ambitious but more achievable than the NCLB goal. Districts and schools will be placed in one of five "accountability and assistance levels" designed to support schools where students are struggling the most.

Last year the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School was moved from Level III to Level II with regard to Accountability and Assistance. The move to Level II indicated that Mahar's performance on standardized assessments had improved immensely in recent years. We are proud to state that our level of improvement has continued and is evidenced in the performance of our students on the 2012 MCAS. Unfortunately, due to a stringent rule of the new accountability system, Ralph C. Mahar has been moved back to Level III in the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year. The reason for this is although performance on 2012 Science and Technology Assessments in 2012 was exceptional; the Department of Education penalized the district because less than 95% of the 10th grade was assessed. To rectify this, all 10th grade students will take part in the Science and Technology Assessment in Spring 2013.

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