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**Town of Petersham**  
MASSACHUSETTS



**2009-2010**

# Town of Petersham – Annual Report

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**Town of Petersham  
Advisory Finance Committee Report  
Reserve Fund Transfers  
Fiscal 2010**

**Balance July 1, 2009**      \$                      25,000.00

**Transfers:**

		<b>Account Description</b>
Sep-09	102.65	Animal Shelter Account
Oct-09	1,025.25	General Insurance
Jan-10	452.00	General Insurance
Feb-10	461.68	Animal Shelter Account
Feb-10	1,030.00	Town Hall Maintenance
Mar-10	5,091.61	Police Expense - Academy Costs
Mar-10	471.40	Health Insurance - Retirees
Apr-10	2,279.26	Health Insurance - Retirees
Jun-10	56.95	Highway Barn Account
Jul-10	49.70	Highway Barn Account
Jul-10	51.87	Telephone Account
Jul-10	713.20	Administrative Coordinator
Aug-10	2.84	Telephone Account
Aug-10	173.79	Assistant Assessor Salary
Aug-10	71.12	Administrative Coordinator
Aug-10	5,264.08	Police Department Salaries
Aug-10	2,838.00	Health Insurance
Aug-10	2,279.26	Health Insurance - Retirees

**Total Transfers**                                          22,414.66

**Balance June 30, 2010**      \$                                          2,585.34

**Respectfully Submitted:**

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

# ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2010 was a good year in the Town of Petersham. We boarded seven dogs during the year and found owners and new homes for all of them.

I would like to thank the Petersham Police Department for their efforts in covering my position when it was not possible for me to do so. I would like to thank the residents of Petersham who licensed in a timely manner. This made the year run smoother.

I responded to approximately 85 complaints during the year and hopefully solved the problem at hand for all the residents involved. There were more complaints from residents this year.

Donations from the rabies clinic for the past few years have made the construction of the new animal shelter possible. I would like to thank all the Town departments which made the annual rabies clinic a great success. I would like to thank Dr. Alan Bachrach and his wife Debra for providing their time, vaccinations, expertise and donations to make this shelter project a success. I would also like to thank those who donated money, time and expertise for the project to move forward. The account has grown again this year and will continue to fund expenses needed for the new facility. The facility now has heat for the animals and is very close to completion.

In conclusion, it has been a great year as Animal Control Officer and I will continue to answer complaints and enforce the Massachusetts General Laws and Town By-laws in the upcoming year. I will strive to place as many strays as possible in new homes or back with their owners.

I am also reminding residents to vaccinate their animals and license them early to avoid the citation process in the upcoming year. Dogs are to be licensed by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

7	Dog boarded
0	Dogs humanely euthanized
75	Complaints responded to for dogs at large
30	Excessive barking complaints
1	Animals struck by automobiles
3	Dogs rescued found new homes
4	Dogs found rightful owners
4	Animal Control-related complaints for wild animals

- 10 Complaints unfounded
- 32 Citations issued for failure to license dogs
- 4 Citations issued for failure to restrain dogs
- 0 Citations pending court action, at time of report
- 17 Warnings issued for allowing dogs to run at large
- 0 Kennel inspections, at time of report
- 2 Animal bites
- 1 Legal order issued to keep dogs restrained or confined

Andrew S. Ohlson  
Petersham Animal Control Officer  
Asst. Inspector of Animals  
978-544-6441

**LIST OF PETERSHAM TOWN OFFICERS  
FY10  
ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

<b>Moderator</b>		<b>Term Expiration Dates</b>
	Bart Wendell	2011
<b>Selectboard</b>		
	Christine M. Durgin	2010
	Fredrik A. Marsh	2011
	Nancy S. Allen, r 3/8/10	2012
	Robert D. Legare, e 6/21/10	2012
	Timothy M. Clark, e 3/11/10	2013
<b>Tax Collector</b>		
	Virginia Newman	2012
<b>Town Clerk</b>		
	Diana Cooley	2012
<b>Treasurer</b>		
	Dana Robinson	2011
<b>Board of Assessors</b>		
	Fredrik A. Marsh	2011
	Dana W. Kennan	2012
	Jean W. Robinson	2013
<b>Board of Health</b>		
	Maryann Forgues, Agent	2011
	Robert Pasic, Agent	2012
	Fifi Scoufopoulos, Agent	2013
	Philip Leger, Agent	2011
	Renee Wingertsman, Agent	2011
<b>Constables</b>		
	Richard N. Bartus	2013
	Denis N. Legare	2013
	Larry A. Robinson	2013
<b>Mahar Regional School Committee</b>		
	Michael LeBlanc	2012
	Dana W. Kennan	2013
<b>Petersham School Committee</b>		
	Laura Webber	2011

Charles Berube	2012
Dana W. Kennan	2013

**Planning Board**

John Lawson	2011
Fraser Sinclair	2011
Frederick Day	2012
Stephen Herzog	2012
Barbara Hanno	2013

**Trustees of Public Library**

Annette Ermini	2011
Anne Perkins	2012
Richard Carfagna	2013

**APPOINTED/HIRED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

**Chief of Police**

Denis N. Legare, retired 4/2/10	2011 (3 year appointment)
Richard D. Cooley, Jr., a 8/3/10	2013 (3 year appointment)

**Sergeant**

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2010
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**Police Officers**

Scott Acito	2010
Jeffrey Boyer	2010
Peter Buck	2010
Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2010
Stephanie Dowd, a 12/1/09	2010
Christopher P. Harrington	2010
Robert C. Hall, Jr.	2010
Randy Horne	2010
Denis N. Legare	2011 (3 year appointment)
Robert Legare	2010
Jason Lichtenberger	2010

**Police Officers (Special)**

Joseph Camden, New Salem Police	2010
James Owens, Hardwick Police	2010
Eric Demetropoulos, Barre Police	2010
Richard Bartus, Petersham Police, retired	2010
Bruce Kilhart, Petersham Police, retired	2010
Ted A. Bassett, Petersham Police, retired	2010

**Auxiliary Police Officers (Special)**

Larry Robinson, Petersham	2010
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<b>Board of Overseers, Central Dispatch</b>		
Denis N. Legare, Petersham representative		2010
<b>Municipal Hearings Officer</b>		
No appointment made		2010
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		
Andrew Ohlson		2010
<b>Fire Chief</b>		
Dana Robinson		6/30/2010
<b>Assistant Fire Chief</b>		
Ronald DeJackome		2010
<b>Deputy Fire Chief</b>		
Robert Laford, r 7/20/09		2010
<b>Tree Warden</b>		
Michael Leonard		2011 (3 year appointment)
<b>Deputy Tree Warden</b>		
Leslie Cooley	2010	
<b>Forest Warden</b>		
Dana Robinson		2010
<b>Deputy Forest Warden</b>		
Ronald DeJackome		2010
Gilbert King, Jr.		2010
Robert Laford, r 7/20/09		2010
Robert D. Legare		2010
<b>Sexton</b>		
Gilbert King, Jr.		2010
<b>Superintendent of Streets</b>		
Norman LaPointe, r 11/30/09		2011 (3 year appointment)
Timothy Graves, a 1/5/10		
<b>Trench Safety Officer</b>		
Norman LaPointe, r 11/30/09		2010
Timothy Graves, a 1/5/10		2010
<b>Town Accountant</b>		
Jean Joel		2012 (3 year appointment)



<b>Emergency Management Director</b> Denis Legare	2010
<b>Assistant Emergency Management Director</b> Norman LaPointe, r 11/30/09	2010
Timothy Graves, a 1/5/10	2010
<b>Directors of Veterans' Services, Veterans' Agent, and Burial Agent</b> Neil McGuirk*	(Appointed through District)
<b>Graves Registration Officer</b> Gilbert M. King, Jr.	2010 (3 year appointment)
<b>Custodian of Tax Title Possessions</b> Dana Robinson*	2010
<b>Inspector of Animals</b> David Perkins	2010
<b>Assistant Inspector of Animals</b> Andrew Ohlson	2010
<b>Inspector of Buildings</b> Brianna Skowyra	6/30/2010
<b>Local Building Inspector</b> Ralph Brouillette	2010
<b>Electrical Inspector</b> Gary Terroy	2010
<b>Assistant Electrical Inspector</b> Glenn Tattan	2010
<b>Gas Inspector</b> Michael Schlosser	2010
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b> Gerald Brousseau	2010
<b>Alternate Plumbing Inspector</b> John Dolan	2010
<b>ADA Coordinator</b> Brianna Skowyra	2010
<b>Town Counsel</b>	

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

**Advisory Insurance Committee, a 2/23/2010**

Glenede Albertine	Dale Bull
Ann Degnan	Kelly Garlock
Timothy Graves	Randy Horne
Bridget Koetsch	Gary Martinelli

**Affordable Housing Plan Committee**

Ellen Anderson, r 3/29/10	James Ermini
Marcia L. Shaw	Clinton Shaw

**Bandstand Renovation and Maintenance Committee**

Nancy Allen (resident)	Emily Arnold (resident)
James Baird (Historical Society member)	John Berry (contractor), r 7/21/09
George Bull (Lions Club member)	Gilbert King, Jr. (resident)

**Board of Registrars**

Diana Cooley, Clerk	Anne Perkins, 2012
Barbara Nickless, 2012	Helen Simms, 2012

**By-Laws Revision Committee**

James Ermini	
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**Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

Nancy Allen (Selectboard), r 3/2/10	Charles Berube (Center School)
David Davis (AFC)	Eric Mandel (AFC), a 2/3/10, r 2/17/10
John Lawson (Planning), a 9/1/09	Irene Graeff (Citizen at Large), a 2/3/10
Dana Robinson (Treasurer)	James Burke (Citizen at Large), a 3/16/10
(Citizens at Large to be appointed by Moderator)	Fredrik A. Marsh (Selectboard), a 3/2/10

**Cemetery Commission (3 year appointment)**

Glenede Albertine	2010
Gilbert King, Jr.	2010
Kenneth Levine	2011
Ruth Robinson	2011
Jan Bedau	2012
Sandra Tomlin	2012
Marcia Flynn	2013

**Conservation Commission (3 year appointment)**

Robert Clark	2010
Thomas Webber	2010

John Baker	2011
Ashley Gabrenas	2011
Heidi Lux	2011
David Perkins	2012
Henry Woolsey	2012
David Lockesmith (Alternate)	
Don West ( Alternate)	

**Council on Aging (3 year appointment)**

Barbara Amidon	2010
Elizabeth Marsh	2010
Janice Olson	2010
Mary Russell	2010
Charlotte Kennan	2011
Gilbert King, Jr.	2011
Katherine M. Berry	2012
Eileen O'Grady	2012
Robert M. Lane, a 9/15/09	2012
Wanda Dickson, a 1/23/10	2013

**Council on Aging FRTA Advisory Board (1 year appointment)**

Charlotte Kennan\*

**Cultural Council (6 year appointment)**

Jane Lynch-Gilbert	2010
Donna Schlosser	2011
Kathleen Geary	2012
Linda Kabo	2012
Sandra Whaley	2012
Maille Lynch-Gilbert, a 1/5/10	2016
Linda Paquet, a 1/5/10	2016

**Emergency Management Ambulance Committee**

Gilbert King, Jr.	Denis N. Legare
Dana Robinson	

**Emergency Management Planning Committee**

James Burke	Dana Robinson
Denis N. Legare, Director	Lynne Shaw
Norman LaPointe, r 11/30/09	
Timothy Graves, a 1/5/10	

**Energy Committee**

Kathy Ballou	Kenneth Levine
Nancy Bashista, a 8/4/09	Richard Matteson
Liam Bashista, a 8/4/09 (non-voting)	Linda Paquet
Elizabeth Davis	Sheila Youd

**Historic District Commission/Historical Commission (5 year appointment)**

Christine Mandel, a 7/7/09	2010
Marcia L. Shaw	2010
Nancy Allen	2011
Douglas Cameron	2012
Peter George	2013
Robert Clark	2014
Polly Pillsbury	2014

**Master Plan Committee**

Ellen Anderson	John Lawson, a 9/1/09
Alan Bachrach	Richard McCrae
James Baird	Irene Perkins
Charles Berube	Fifi Scoufopoulos
Frederick Day	Marcia L. Shaw
Ronald DeJackome, a 7/7/09	Fraser Sinclair
Barbara Hanno	Henry Woolsey
Stephen Herzog, a 7/7/09	

**Memorial Park and Common Committee**

Emily Arnold	Rexine Barnes, a 7/7/09
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**Nichewaug Inn Task Force**

Robert Bellefeuille, r 2/22/10	Fredrik A. Marsh, r 3/2/10
Charles Berube	Anne Perkins
Timothy A. Clark, a 3/2/10	David Perkins, a 2/9/10
Frederick Day	Henry Woolsey
Ann Lewis, r 1/26/10, a 3/2/10	
Anita Lockesmith, a 2/23/10	

**Open Space and Recreation Committee**

Emery Boose, a 8/4/09	Clinton A. Shaw
Robert Clark	Henry Woolsey

**Parking Committee**

Denis N. Legare  
Brian MacEwen

**Personnel Policy Review Committee (7/7/2009 expanded to 7 members)**

Randy Horne, Police	Leslie Cooley, Highway
Christine Durgin, Selectboard, r 3/1/2010	Ann Degnan, citizen at large, a 7/7/09
Dana Robinson, Fire	Benjamin Skinner, citizen at large, a 7/7/09
George Bull, non-voting, Town Health Insurance Committee rep	

**Petersham Buildings and Sites Committee**





# PETERSHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

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## ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

The Board of Health has maintained full membership of three 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 twice a month on the first and third Thursday 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, the Worcester and the 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 staff. Dogs and cats were vaccinated and the donation of \$567.00 was given to support the new animal shelter at the Town Barn.

Annual participation in the regional Household Hazardous Waste collection allows residents to dispose of unwanted materials safely. This year Orange was the site of the collection.

Four cases of Lyme Disease were reported.

### Local Board of Health Duties

<b>A. Septic System Regulations</b>		<b>E. Food Operations</b>	
Site Work	0	Establishment Inspections	11
Plan Reviews	10	<b>F. Temporary Food Permits</b>	3
Repair	8	<b>G. Food Born Illness Investigations</b>	0
New	2	<b>H. Bacterial Illness Investigations</b>	5
		<b>I. Animal Bite Reports Monitored</b>	2
Compliances	0		
System Installer Permits	4	<b>J. Asbestos Removal Monitoring</b>	0
System Haulers Permits	1	<b>K. Tobacco Sales Reports</b>	0
<b>B. Private Well Permits</b>	4	<b>L. Housing Inspections</b>	0
<b>C. Public Well Monitoring</b>	5	<b>M. Outdoor Wood Burning Boiler Permits</b>	0
<b>D. Sanitary Code Violations</b>	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 ♦ Mary Anne Forgues  
Robert Pasic

## Cemetery Commission

July 2009 – June 2010

The Cemetery Commission meets at 7:30 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month in 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 serves as sexton. Marcia Flynn has been appointed and welcomed as a new member of the Cemetery Commission. Norman LaPointe, who recently retired as Highway Superintendent after 29 years of service, was recognized by the Cemetery Commission for his devoted service and for managing and caring for the cemeteries as well as later providing assistance to the sextons and cemetery care contractors, especially in times of crisis.

The Cemetery Commission is progressing with projects to maintain and repair the town's cemeteries. The repainting of the picket fence at East Street Cemetery was completed. Barnes Landscaping is contracted to maintain the cemetery grounds as well as brush removal. Highway Superintendent Tim Graves and Bob Clark of the Conservation Commission were contacted regarding identification of wetland boundaries and work on a plan for water and beaver control adjacent to the East Street Cemetery and its proposed annex.

The maintenance, organization, and updating of records continue to be major projects for the Cemetery Commission members during a time of budget constraints. Ruth Robinson updated East Street Cemetery maps and records. The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, which has a program to preserve information gathered from cemetery records and grave stones, will begin cataloguing the Petersham cemeteries in 2011 with Petersham resident Barbara Hanno acting as liaison between the Cemetery Commission and The Society. Member volunteers gather the information which then gets published. Although The Society holds the publishing rights, the publication may be purchased by individuals, towns, and libraries as a resource for genealogical research.

### Cemetery Commission, June 30, 2010

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

**PETERSHAM COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FY JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010**

**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. (HCHCC) and Franklin Regional Transit Authority, (FRTA).

Changes in the Council on Aging Board for F/Y 09/10 include the appointment of Wanda Dickson and the reappointment of Bob Lane to the Board. Wanda and her steadfast assistance at the meal site are most appreciated. She leaves no breadcrumbs behind and we have all been entertained by her quiet sense of humor. Bob Lane has returned to the Board as Treasurer and as Trip Coordinator. Watch for our next road trip! Welcome Bob and Wanda. We were very saddened by the loss of Ruth Bassingthwaite and her incomparable skills as Secretary and the resignation of Ann Hyde. 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 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 16<sup>th</sup> year. We meet every Monday at 12:00 in the Lower Town Hall. Mary Russell is our site manager. Mary Russell and her superb cadre of helpers; Barbara Amidon, Betty Marsh, Janice Olson, Kay Berry, Wanda Dickson and Bob Lane come together every Monday morning to prepare the catered meals for the seniors. This year 1,161 meals were served on 39 Mondays. The volunteers that provide this service comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Petersham Board of Health. We are an approved site. We recommend a donation of \$2.00 for lunch. To reserve a meal, please call Mary Russell at 978-724-3276 on Friday for a lunch on Monday. A \$2 donation is recommended. 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 373 seniors received a newsletter. The newsletter has a calendar of local activities, senior program notices, monthly meal site menus, health and



legal advisories. We have gone to a bulk mailing format to save on postage. 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. 3, 2009
- Volunteer Recognition Lunch on Sept. 9, 2009
- Senior Trip to the Eastern States Exposition on Sept. 24, 2009
- Flu Clinic on Oct. 9, 2009
- Alternative Healing for Cancer by Grant Scott on Oct. 9, 2009
- Lion's Senior Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 14, 2009
- Self Defense Course with Linda Porter on Feb. 1, 2010
- Meals on Wheels Walkathon on May 1, 2010
- "Love Letters" by Richard Clark on May 3, 2010
- Lunch at Montachusett Regional Technical School on May 11, 2010

The Council wishes to thank all those that helped make 2009/2010 a successful year.

- The Center School for sharing their gym and their fantastic chorus that entertained us at the Lion's Christmas lunch.
- Dick Nickless for arranging our trip to the Eastern States Exposition
- The Board of Selectmen for their support in all the COA's activities.
- Dale Bull, Administrative Coordinator for all her assistance in printing the newsletter and coordinating the use of the Town Hall.
- 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  
Gil King  
Elizabeth Marsh  
Eileen O'Grady

## December 8, 2009 Senatorial Primary

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### Democratic Senator in Congress

Michael E. Capuano	55
Martha Coakley	106
Alan A. Khazei	20
Stephen G. Pagliuca	9
Blanks	1

### Republican Senator in Congress

Scott P. Brown	54
Jack E. Robinson	10

## January 19, 2010 Special Election Senatorial

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### Senator in Congress

Scott P. Brown	357
Martha Coakley	306
Joseph L. Kennedy	8
Blanks	1

## June 21, 2010 Special Election

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### Board of Selectmen

Robert Legare	162
Others	14
Blanks	5

## March 1, 2010 Annual Town Election

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### Board of Selectmen – 3 years

Christine M. Durgin	143
Timothy Clark	245
Others	1
Blanks	4

### Board of Health – 3 years

Fifi Scoufopoulos	325
Blanks	68

### Petersham Center School Committee – 3 years

Dana W. Kennan	287
Others	2
Blanks	104

### Board of Assessors – 3 years

Jean W. Robinson	335
Others	1
Blanks	57

### Constables – vote for 3 – 3 years

Richard N. Bartus	329
Denis N. Legare	333
Larry A. Robinson	329
Others	1
Blanks	187

### Trustees of Public Library – 3 years

Robert Hall	9
Richard Carfagna	26
Others	18
Blanks	340

### Planning Board – 3 years

Barbara S. Hanno	308
Blanks	85



# Petersham Fire Department

Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

## Report of the Petersham Fire Department Fiscal Year 2010

To the Citizens of Petersham:

I herewith submit my report on the Activity of the Petersham Fire Department for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2010. The Fire Department responded to the following calls for assistance during the period.

Structure Fires	00
Chimney Fires	03
Brush Fires	03
Automobile Accidents	08
Medical Emergencies	18
Electric Lines Down	02
Alarms Sounding – Unintentional	10
False Alarms	06
Smoke Investigations	03
Cellars Pumped	01
Fire Watch – Nichewaug Inn	11
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	01
Hazardous Materials Call	01
Assistance – Other	02
Mutual Aid – Given	<u>08</u>
Total	65

The following permits and inspections were completed/ issued during the year.

Smoke/CO Alarm Certificates	21
Oil Burner Permits	11
Above Ground Fuel Storage	01
Propane Storage Permits	09
Burning Permits	674

During the year ended June 30, 2010 the Fire Department purchased 5 UHF portable radios primarily with state grant funding. These portable radios are compatible with the radio system installed in Franklin County and used by the Tri-State Mutual Aid District. This now provides us with the communication tools that we need when responding to mutual aid calls with our western neighbors. We also

**purchased a digital projector with these grant funds to enhance our training abilities.**

**All firefighters were recertified in CPR and passed a refresher on the use of the Automatic Defibrillator. We also began a new three year recertification program as first responders utilizing new training software that was acquired for use by both the Police and Fire Departments. Throughout the year, training was provided on the various pieces of equipment used by the department as well as driver and pump training. One firefighter attended and successfully completed a Firefighter I/II class that was hosted by the Winchendon Fire Department.**

**Fire Prevention Education in the schools was conducted in the Month of October in conjunction with Fire Safety Week. Programs were presented at both the Petersham Center School and the Petersham Montessori School. The Students in the Petersham Center School also participated in a Fire Safety Poster Contest. The student with the winning poster in each grade got a ride to school in a Fire Truck. My thanks to the teachers and staff at both schools for their continued support.**

**During the year a committee of firefighters was formed to put together a proposal to replace the aging 1960 Tanker. The committee was unable to complete its work prior to the Annual Town Meeting in June, so the presentation was postponed until a fall 2010 Town Meeting.**

**The Department became a member of the Knox Box program during the year and saw the first "Knox Box" installed at Harvard Forest. The Knox Box program allows businesses, non-profit groups and individuals to purchase a secure box in which a key to their property would be placed. Only the Fire Department has a key that will open the box. The master key is also unique to Petersham. Under the Knox Box program, the department would no longer have to maintain multiple keys for various buildings that we might need to gain access to in the event of an emergency. A single key to the Knox Box would allow the department to gain entry. Anyone interested in purchasing their own "Knox Box" should contact the Fire Chief for additional information and an order form.**

**Finally, I would again like to thank the families of the firefighters for their support and understanding over the past year. Also thanks to the police department and highway department for their continued assistance. I am grateful for the excellent working relationship that exists between the departments, as it makes our missions in support of the Town much easier.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dana C. Robinson  
Fire Chief**

# **Town of Petersham Highway Department**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2009-2010**

### **CHAPTER 90 WORK**

500' of East Street, at the end of Maple Lane, was reclaimed and paved. 3000' of Dana Road, and 2160' of Woodward Road was reclaimed and paved. A new roadside mower was purchased with Chapter 90 money.

### **GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT**

Dirt roads were graded and large stones were removed from some of the roadbeds. New culverts were installed on Philips Drive. Dead trees were cut, branches and limbs that had fallen were picked up. Streets were swept, catch basins were cleaned out, cold patch was put into pot holes, grass and brush was mowed, and leaves were blown from ditches. A bucket truck was rented to take down trees on the town common. The Highway Department cleaned up after the stumps were ground down. The ground around the new dog kennel was graded and seeded. New tires were put on the front end loader. Beavers were troublesome again this year. Trapping helped put them under control. A new building was erected to house a generator that will be used to power the highway garage in the event of a power outage. A retaining wall made out of concrete blocks was built at the transfer station. The Glen Valley Road bridge that spans the Swift River was ordered closed by Mass DOT because of severe metal deterioration. The Highway Department helped secure the Nichewaug Inn building when break-ins occurred, and assisted with pumping water out of the cellar. Winter sand was screened and stockpiled at the highway garage. Regular scheduled maintenance and repairs were made to vehicles and machinery by Highway employees. Norman LaPointe, Highway Superintendent, retired in November of 2009. Tim Graves was hired as Highway Superintendent in January of 2010.

### **SNOW ACCOUNT**

For the winter of 2009/2010 the Highway Department used 320 tons of salt and 1500 yards of sand. Part time help was used for plowing and sanding, and was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy W. Graves  
Highway Superintendent



## Town of Petersham

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### INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS REPORT

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Building Permits	56
Wood Stoves	08

<u>Building Permits</u>			
2	New Homes	2	Decks and Porches
2	Additions	17	Roofs and Siding
6	Remodel	7	Barns/Garages/Sheds
3	Repairs	7	Other

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brianna Skowyra*  
Brianna Skowyra

Inspector of Buildings

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**November 16, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

**ARTICLE 1.**

To receive the reports of Town officers and Committees and act thereon.

**RESULTS:** Selectboard, Nancy Allen; Conservation Commission, Robert Clark; Board of Assessors, Dana Kennan; Advisory Finance Committee, David Davis. Town voted to accept reports as read.

**ARTICLE 2.**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$36,094 being a portion of the amount appropriated under Article 24 of the June 1, 2009, Annual Town Meeting for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Assessment, to the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to transfer the sum of \$36,094 being a portion of the amount appropriated under Article 24 of the June 1, 2009, Annual Town Meeting for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Assessment to the Stabilization Fund.

**ARTICLE 3.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$59,000 for deposit in the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for deposit in the Stabilization Fund. 2/3 required-unanimous

**ARTICLE 4.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$6,000 to fund the December 2009 U.S. Senatorial primary and the January 2010 U.S. Senatorial election, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to fund the December 2009 U.S. Senatorial primary and the January 2010 U.S. Senatorial election.

**ARTICLE 5.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000 and, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard and subject to a positive grant award notification from the "L.A.N.D. Grant Program" of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to take said sum from a "St. Mary & St. Scholastica Church Conservation Restriction Acquisition Account" to be set up with funds to be transferred to the Town by the East Quabbin Land Trust, or its designee, for the purpose of acquiring a conservation restriction, by negotiated purchase, on a certain property known as the St. Mary & St. Scholastica Church consisting of 155 acres, more or less, and shown on Petersham Assessors' Maps as



Parcel Numbers 533, 533.1, 533.2, 532; said conservation restriction be held by the Town of Petersham under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, under the management and control of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Petersham; and to authorize the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of the Town of Petersham any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 132A, Section 11 of the General Laws and/or any other applicable provision in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to authorize the Selectboard and/or Conservation Commission and Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Petersham to effect said acquisition, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$400,000 and, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard and subject to a positive grant award notification from the "L.A.N.D. Grant Program" of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to take said sum from a "St. Mary & St. Scholastica Church Conservation Restriction Acquisition Account" to be set up with funds to be transferred to the Town by the East Quabbin Land Trust, or its designee, for the purpose of acquiring a conservation restriction, by negotiated purchase, on a certain property known as the St. Mary & St. Scholastica Church consisting of 155 acres, more or less, and shown on Petersham Assessors' Maps as Parcel Numbers 533, 533.1, 533.2, 532; said conservation restriction be held by the Town of Petersham under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, under the management and control of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Petersham; and to authorize the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of the Town of Petersham any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 132A, Section 11 of the General Laws and/or any other applicable provision in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to authorize the Selectboard and/or Conservation Commission and Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Petersham to effect said acquisition

#### **ARTICLE 6.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, transfer, or any combination thereof a certain amount for deposit into the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take no action.

#### **ARTICLE 7.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and the Treasurer to sell at public auction, or by sealed bid, or at assessed value under special circumstances, any properties which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through tax title

foreclosure proceeding and to sign, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town deeds therefor, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard and the Treasurer to sell at public auction, or by sealed bid, or at assessed value under special circumstances, any properties which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through tax title foreclosure proceeding and to sign, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town deeds.

**ARTICLE 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to submit applications for any available State, Federal, and other grants; which funds do not require a Town appropriation and which the Selectboard feels would be beneficial to the Town, and to authorize the expenditure for any money received as a result of said applications; or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to submit applications for any available State, Federal, and other grants; which funds do not require a Town appropriation and which the Selectboard feels would be beneficial to the Town, and to authorize the expenditure for any money received as a result of said applications.

**ARTICLE 9.**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Petersham, 1952, as amended, to include the revised Historic District map as shown in Exhibit A to this Warrant to reflect such changes in boundaries as were voted at the June 2, 2008 Annual Town Meeting under Article 49 to include the property now or formerly of Boose-Lewis of 19 North Street, shown as Parcel Number 552, on Petersham Assessors' Maps, on the westerly side of North Street, to be included as a part of THE TOWN OF PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Petersham, 1952, as amended, to include the revised Historic District map as shown in Exhibit A to this Warrant to reflect such changes in boundaries as were voted at the June 2, 2008 Annual Town Meeting under Article 49 to include the property now or formerly of Boose-Lewis of 19 North Street, shown as Parcel Number 552, on Petersham Assessors' Maps, on the westerly side of North Street, to be included as a part of THE TOWN OF PETERSHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT.

**ARTICLE 10.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Section 147A relative to the authority to adopt by-laws for the regulation of dogs, including imposition of fines and disposition of amounts received in payment for such fines, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Section 147A relative to the authority to adopt by-laws for the regulation of

dogs, including imposition of fines and disposition of amounts received in payment for such fines.

**ARTICLE 11.**

To see if the Town will vote to replace Article XIII – Dog By-Law of the General By-laws of the Town of Petersham, 1952, as amended, with the following, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**DOG BY-LAW**

**SECTION I - LICENSES AND TAGS**

The owner or keeper of a dog kept within the Town of Petersham, said dog being six months of age or older shall cause that dog to be licensed annually. The license year shall be from January 1 (first) to December 31 (thirty-first) inclusive.

The Town Clerk shall issue dog licenses and tags. The Clerk shall record for each license issued, the name, address and telephone number of the owner or keeper of the dog, the tag number issued, date of last rabies vaccination, breed, age, color, or other description of the dog. Each tag shall contain the tag number, the name of the Town of PETERSHAM and the year of issue. The owner or keeper shall cause said dog to wear around its neck or body, a collar or harness to which he/she shall securely attach the tag issued. In the event that any tag is lost, defaced or destroyed, the owner or keeper shall obtain substitute tags from the Town Clerk.

The owner or keeper of any such dog shall provide proof of said license upon request of the Animal Control Officer, Police Officers or other authorized officials.

There shall be a fee that is paid by the owner for each license and tag and any replacement tag issued by the Town Clerk. All fees under this section shall be determined by the Selectboard, and may be changed from time to time, as they deem appropriate. No license fee or part thereof shall be refunded because of a subsequent death, loss, spaying or neutering, or removal from the Town of such dog. Any owner or keeper of a dog who moves into the Town of Petersham, and has a valid dog license for his/her dog from another city or town in the Commonwealth, may obtain a Town of Petersham transfer license upon presentation of license documentation from said city or town. A license shall not be issued for any dog unless the owner or keeper provides the Clerk with a veterinarian's certificate verifying that the dog is currently vaccinated against rabies, or indicating that because of infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy, said vaccination is deemed inadvisable. The rabies vaccination date shall be recorded on the license record.

No fee shall be charged for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a handicapped person, provided that certification of said training is presented to the Town Clerk.

The penalty for violation of this section, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense, per dog.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any domestic charitable corporation incorporated in the Commonwealth, exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse; or stray dogs housed in a facility operated by or under contract with

the Town of Petersham for the purpose of housing stray dogs, or pet shops licensed under Chapter 129 Section 39A of the General Laws and where otherwise provided by law.

## **SECTION II-MULTI-DOG LICENSES**

Any owner or keeper of four or more dogs, six months of age or over, may elect to secure a multi-dog license in lieu of licensing such dogs under SECTION I. Such license shall be in lieu of any other license for any dog while kept at the designated location during any portion of the period for which such multi-dog license is issued. The holder of a multi-dog license shall cause each dog kept therein to wear, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag upon which shall appear the number of such multi-dog license, the year of issue, and the inscription PETERSHAM. Such tags shall be issued by the Town Clerk. Application for and receipt of a multi-dog license shall constitute consent of the holder of such a license to inspection of the premises where the dogs are kept, for purposes of enforcing the provisions of this bylaw and ensuring the health and safety of the animals kept therein, upon written or oral request by, or notice from the Animal Control Officer and/or Police Department.

Multi-dog licenses shall be issued for up to 4 dogs, up to 10 dogs and up to 25 dogs. The fees for multi-dog licenses shall be determined by the Selectboard, and may be changed from time to time, as they deem appropriate. Dogs under the age of six months shall not be counted in the number of dogs kept at the premises. The Town Clerk shall upon application, issue without charge a multi-dog license to any domestic charitable corporation incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse, and for the relief of suffering among animals.

## **SECTION III - LEASHING AND RESTRAINT OF DOGS**

No person owning or keeping a dog in the Town of Petersham shall permit such dog to run at large in the Town of Petersham. The owner or keeper of a dog in the Town of Petersham shall restrain such dog by a suitable means.

Any dog found to be at large in violation of this section may be caught and confined by an officer authorized to do so, or returned to the owner or keeper of record forthwith. The Animal Control Officer, or authorized agent, shall attempt to notify the owner/keeper of record of a confined dog. The owner/keeper of said dog shall have a period of time, not to exceed ten days, within which to recover said dog. Return of the dog to the owner/keeper of record shall be contingent upon admission of ownership or the keeping of said dog, and assumption of responsibility by the owner or keeper. If said dog is unlicensed, a current license shall be obtained and all impound fees paid prior to release of the dog. In addition to fees incurred by or charged to the Town in connection with the boarding of the dog, or provision of medical or other care, the impound fee shall be paid to the Town of Petersham. Impound fees shall be determined by the Selectboard, and may be changed from time to time, as they deem appropriate.

This section shall not be construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the hunting season, the conducting of field trials for hunting dogs or the training or use of Police K-9 units.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.

## **SECTION IV - CONTROL OF DOGS**

No person owning or having the care, custody or control of any dog shall permit such dog to soil or defile or commit any nuisance upon any sidewalk, street, thoroughfare, or beach in or upon any public property, or in or upon the property of persons other than the owner or persons having the care, custody or control of such dog, unless said person picks up any such waste and disposes of same in a sanitary manner. Disposal in a storm drain is not a sanitary manner. This section shall not apply to physically handicapped persons in sole custody or control of said dog. The penalty for violation of the section shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

#### **SECTION V-PROPERTY DAMAGE, APPRAISAL, REIMBURSEMENT**

Whoever suffers loss by the worrying, killing or maiming of his livestock, fowl or domesticated animals by dogs shall inform the Animal Control Officer, or other authorized agent, who shall forthwith proceed to the scene to view the damage and determine if the damage was, in fact, done by dogs and, if so, appraise the amount of damage if it does not exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).

If in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer or authorized agent of the Town, the damage exceeds one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars, the damage shall be appraised on oath by three persons, one of whom shall be such agent of the Town, one of whom shall be appointed by the person alleged to have suffered the loss and the third appointed by these two.

Said appraisers shall consider and include in such damages the number and kind of animals damaged, the extent of the damage and the approximate weight of the killed animals. The appraisers will also note in their report whether or not any animals were sent for medical treatment in an effort to save them, the number and kind of such animals. Such report shall be filed in the office of the Selectboard and Police Department within ten (10) days of said appraisal. The Selectboard/Police Chief may require the appraisers to provide any additional information that they deem appropriate. The appraisal will be reviewed and submitted for payment as deemed appropriate. Reimbursement may be denied or limited in accordance with Chapter 140 Section 161A of the Massachusetts General Laws, "NO REIMBURSEMENT IN CERTAIN CASES".

#### **SECTION VI - LIABILITY OF DOG OWNER**

The owner or keeper of a dog which has done damage to livestock, fowl or domesticated animals shall be liable for such damage, and the Selectboard may order the owner or keeper to pay such damages after an investigation by the Selectboard of the facts of the matter and appraisal conducted as outlined in Section V.

In the event that the owner or keeper of such dog known to have done damage to livestock, fowl or domesticated animals refuses to pay upon the order of the Selectboard, the Chief of Police shall enter or cause to be entered a complaint in district court for the enforcement of the order.

#### **SECTION VII - VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES**

The owner or keeper of a dog three months of age or older, housed or sheltered in the Town of Petersham shall cause such animal to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a vaccine approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Such owner or keeper shall procure a veterinarian's certification that such animal has been so vaccinated and setting forth the date of such vaccination and the duration of immunity, or a

notarized letter from a veterinarian that a certification was issued, or a metal rabies tag bearing an expiration date indicating that such certification is still in effect, or a veterinarian's certificate indicating that because of infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy, said vaccination is deemed inadvisable.

Vaccinated animals shall be revaccinated periodically in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The owner or keeper of a dog shall present certification of rabies vaccination upon demand of the Animal Control Officer, Police Officers or other authorized officials of the Town.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

#### **SECTION VIII - QUARANTINE OF DOGS SUSPECTED OF HAVING CONTAGIOUS DISEASE**

The Inspector of Animals/Animal Control Officer or their authorized agent may order any dog which said officer or agent has reason to believe is afflicted with a contagious disease of a serious nature, to be quarantined or isolated for at least ten (10) days upon the premises of the owner or of the person in whose charge it is found, or in such other place as the Inspector of Animals/Animal Control Officer or their authorized agent may designate. A dog which has been quarantined or isolated by order of the Inspector of Animals/Animal Control Officer or their agent shall, during the continuance of such quarantine or isolation, be deemed to be afflicted with a contagious disease. The owner or keeper shall be responsible for any fees incurred for any off premises quarantine. Whoever knowingly breaks or authorizes or causes to be broken a quarantine so imposed, or whoever contrary to such order of quarantine or isolation knowingly removes a dog or authorizes or causes it to be removed from a building, place or enclosure where it is quarantined or isolated, or whoever contrary to an order or notice of quarantine knowingly places or causes or authorizes to be placed any other animals within a building, place or enclosure where a dog is quarantined or in contact therewith, or knowingly causes or authorizes to be concealed, sold, removed or transported, a dog, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that it is afflicted with a contagious disease, or whoever knowingly authorizes or permits such dog to go at large within the Town of Petersham, shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Any such dog found at large by the Animal Control Officer, or other authorized agent of the Town, shall be captured and confined at the expense of said owner or keeper.

#### **SECTION IX - PENALTIES**

The provisions of this Bylaw may be enforced utilizing the procedures contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 21D non-criminal disposition. The penalty for violations pursued utilizing the provisions of Chapter 40 Section 21D shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense unless otherwise specified within the Bylaw.

#### **SECTION X - ADOPTION POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Town of Petersham to attempt to make available for adoption those impounded dogs which have gone unclaimed and are deemed healthy and suitable for pets. The Town may place unclaimed dogs, suitable for adoption, with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) or other breed specific rescue

organization. The Town of Petersham will not assume financial responsibility for the upkeep and boarding of said dogs beyond the initial required ten-day (10) holding period.

Any dog which has been impounded and has not been redeemed by the owner or keeper within ten (10) days and is not able to be placed through adoption shall be disposed of as provided by Chapter 140 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any amendments thereto.

#### **SECTION XI - VICIOUS, BARKING OR NUISANCE DOGS**

If any person shall make a complaint in writing to the Animal Control Officer, that a dog owned or kept in the Town of Petersham is a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance, the Animal Control Officer shall cause to be investigated such complaint, including an examination on oath of the complainant, and after holding a public hearing with the Selectboard, may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog and payment of damages as may be deemed necessary. Within ten days after such order, the owner or keeper of such dog may petition for relief from said order in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140 Section 157. Any person owning or keeping a dog subject to any order of the Animal Control Officer or Selectboard who shall fail to comply with said order of the Animal Control Officer/Selectboard shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. The owner/keeper of any dog subject to an order of the Animal Control Officer/Selectboard shall be responsible for any and all costs of carrying out said order. The act of a dog in attacking or biting another dog or other animal may be made the subject of a complaint under the provisions of this section.

#### **SECTION XII – DISPOSITION OF FUNDS**

The sums collected pursuant to the provisions of this By-law shall be accounted for and paid to the Town Treasurer; however, the Animal Control Officer shall be entitled to all fees paid to him/her for the care of impounded dogs by the owners thereof, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

#### **SECTION XIII – DEFINITIONS**

In this By-law certain terms shall have the following meanings:

**“At large”** shall mean free of physical restraint and permitted to wander on private property, public property and ways at will.

**“Dog”** shall mean all animals of canine species regardless of sex.

**“License period”** shall mean the time between January first and the following December thirty-first, both dates inclusive.

**“Livestock or fowls”** shall mean animals or fowls kept or propagated by the owner for food or as a means of livelihood; also deer, elk cottontail rabbits and northern hares, pheasants, quail, partridge and other birds and quadrupeds determined by the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement to be wild and kept by, or under a permit from said Department in proper houses or suitable enclosed yards. Such phrase shall not include dogs, cats and other pets.

**“Owner or keeper”** shall mean any person, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring, or having in their possession any dog.

**“Public nuisance”** Any dog shall be deemed a public nuisance when attacking persons or domestic animals or livestock while said dog is on property other than that of the dog owner or keeper; when destroying property; or on public ground when not under restraint; or when persistently and prolongedly barking or howling between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for more than two consecutive days. Each twenty-four (24) hour period thereafter shall constitute a separate violation. Further, any unspayed female dog, while in season, shall be deemed a public nuisance when not confined indoors by the owner or keeper thereof, or housed in a veterinary hospital or registered kennel.

#### **SECTION XIV – TABLE OF PENALTIES**

- \$25.00 FAILURE TO ABIDE BY SECTION I – LICENSES & TAGS  
(PER OFFENSE PER DOG)**
- \$50.00 FAILURE TO ABIDE BY SECTION II – LEASHING & RESTRAINT OF  
DOGS (PER OFFENSE PER DOG)**
- \$25.00 FAILURE TO ABIDE BY SECTION IV – CONTROL OF DOGS  
(PER OFFENSE PER DOG)**
- \$25.00 FAILURE TO ABIDE BY SECTION VII – VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES  
(PER OFFENSE PER DOG)**
- \$25.00 FAILURE TO ABIDE BY SECTION IX – PENALTIES  
(PER OFFENSE PER DOG)**
- \$100.00 FAILURE TO ABIDE BY SECTION XI – VICIOUS, BARKING OR NUISANCE  
DOGS (PER OFFENSE PER DOG)**

or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to pass over this article.



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**June 1, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

**ARTICLE 1.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,934.00 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2009 Snow and Ice Account Deficit, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take \$7,933.47 from Free Cash to be appropriated to the 2009 snow and ice account.

**ARTICLE 2.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, transfer, or any combination thereof, a certain amount for deposit into the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take no action.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2009  
7:30 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 1.**

To receive the reports of Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

**ARTICLE 2.**

To choose all necessary Town Officers not elected by ballot.

**ARTICLE 3. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2010, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, Section 53F, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 4. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the recommendation of its member to the Franklin Regional Transit Authority authorizing transportation service to or from or within the Town including the commitment by the Town for its share of any deficit as the result of such service, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 5. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to use the Dog Fund and also the income of the William B. Spooner Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year at the Petersham Memorial Library for Fiscal Year 2010 or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 6. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote for the Conservation Commission to use the accumulated interest from the Evelyn V. Murphy Conservation Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 7. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote for the Conservation Commission to use the accumulated interest from the Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year, to be used at the Sanctuary for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 8. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for deposits of fees collected under the Zoning Board of Appeals Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule, to be expended by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the purposes of carrying out its duties; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 not to exceed \$7,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 9. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for deposits of fees collected under the Petersham School Committee Fee Schedule for use of the Petersham School Building, to be expended by the Petersham School Committee for the purpose of repairs to the Building and replacement of equipment associated with the use of the Facility; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 not to exceed \$2,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 10. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Treasurer for fees due to the Electrical Inspector, Gas Inspector and Plumbing Inspector. The Accountant shall be authorized to effect transfers from this account as required to cover vouchers submitted for payment upon verification that the disbursement requested does not exceed receipts to date; expenditures from said Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 not to exceed \$7,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 11. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for deposits of fees collected under the Planning Board Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule, to be expended by the Planning Board for the purpose of hiring professional consultants to assist the Planning Board in carrying out its duties; expenditures from said Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 not to exceed \$1,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 12. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to which shall be deposited all receipts for grave openings and from which the Selectboard may make expenditures to pay the costs thereof, said expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 13. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Accountant to deposit income generated from property and timber sales into a "Commissions Account" for payment of commissions due as submitted for payment by the Selectboard following sale of property, pursuant to the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to pay commissions due on the sale of real and/or personal property of the Town; said fund to be established from receipts of said property, and expenditures shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 14. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Town Clerk to deposit fee income generated from certificates, DBA's, Dog Fees, Genealogy, etc. into a Commissions Account for payment of fees due as submitted for payment by the Town Clerk pursuant to the

provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income, and expenditures shall not exceed \$3,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 15. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Treasurer for fees due to the Fire Chief. The Accountant shall be authorized to effect transfers from this account as required to cover vouchers submitted for payment upon verification that the disbursement requested does not exceed receipts to date; expenditures from said Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 not to exceed \$1,500.00, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 16. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the several Town departments that process permit and license hearing applications, to pay for services and fees charged for the filing of hearing applications, to include retrieval fees, legal notices, clerical fees, postage fees, and the carrying out of duties required; said fund to be established from receipts collected by the various departments, and said expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 17. CONSENT**

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend Chapter 90 Funds from the State, said expenditures to be 100% reimbursed by the State, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 18.**

To see if the Town will vote 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, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 19.**

To see if the Town will vote to choose a Director of Agriculture for the ensuing year in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 128, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to cover program expenses, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** David Perkins was nominated as the Director of Agriculture. He was voted in unanimously. The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$25.00 to cover program expenses.

#### **ARTICLE 20.**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Inspector of Buildings to deposit fee income generated from inspections and related work into a Revolving Account for payment of fees due as submitted for payment by the Inspector of Buildings pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income and expenditures shall not exceed \$7,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to re-authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Inspector of Buildings to deposit fee income

generated from inspections and related work into a Revolving Account for payment of fees due as submitted for payment by the Inspector of Buildings pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income and expenditures shall not exceed \$3,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2010, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 21.**

To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Consolidated Cemetery Fund I and II to cover the balance of the Care of Cemeteries account costs, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take \$3,200 from the Consolidated Cemetery Fund I and II and \$2,800 from the Stabilization fund to cover the balance of the Care of Cemetery account costs.

2/3's vote required. Voted Unanimously

**ARTICLE 22.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$6,000 for the purchase of three (3) new tires for the Highway Department loader, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take the sum of \$6,000 from Free Cash for the purchase of three (3) new tires for the Highway Department loader.

**ARTICLE 23.**

To see if the Town will vote 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 \$13,113.00; Town Clerk \$8,987.00; Tax Collector \$10,437.00; Selectboard, Chair \$2,226.00; two members \$2,002.00 each; Board of Assessors, Chair, \$2,587.00; Clerk, \$2,239.00, other member, \$2,107.00; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$9.33/per hour; Board of Health co-chairs, \$160.00 each; other member, \$117.00; or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 24.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Fund, approve subject to Proposition 2 1/2 Over-ride, or any combination thereof, all necessary sums of money to pay Town Charges and Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2010 as per budgets submitted by the several Town Departments and as approved by the Advisory Finance Committee or any other amounts deemed to be sufficient, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the following necessary sums of money to pay Town charges and expenses for FY10 as per budgets submitted by the several Town departments and as approved by the Advisory Finance Committee or any other amounts deemed to be sufficient. They are as follows:

\$ 261,297	GENERAL OFFICES AND FINANCE
\$ 275,789	PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY
\$ 5,552	HEALTH AND SANITATION
\$ 202,237	HIGHWAYS BUDGET
\$ 3,211	CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS
\$ 159,494	UNCLASSIFIED

Christine Durgin moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$907,580 for the Total Selectboard Budget. Motion was seconded and passed.

**\$ 835,835 R.C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Michael LeBlanc moved to raise and appropriate \$835,835 for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District. Motion was seconded and passed.

**\$ 42,673 MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL DISTRICT**  
Ed Simms moved to raise and appropriate \$42,673 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. Motion was seconded and passed.

**\$ 1,094,350 PETERSHAM CENTER SCHOOL**  
Laura Webber moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,094,350 for the Petersham Center School. Motion was seconded and passed.

**\$ 2,880,438 GRAND TOTAL – GENERAL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 25.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof the sum of \$1,090.72 for partial payment of assessments to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District for teacher salaries, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,090.72 for partial payment of assessments to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District for teacher salaries.

**ARTICLE 26.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$37,002 to pay the FY10 principal and interest on the construction note for the Mahar Building, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,002.00 002 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the construction note for the Mahar Building.

**ARTICLE 27.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$101,730.00 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the Petersham Center School project, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,730.00 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the Petersham Center School project.

**ARTICLE 28.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$38,879.00 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the Petersham Police Station Building project, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,879.00 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the Petersham Police Station Building project.

**ARTICLE 29.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer from Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$36,606.00 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the Highway Department truck, the Fire Department truck and the Police Department cruiser as voted at the June 2, 2008, Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take \$14,606.00 from the Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund, \$12,000.00 from the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund and \$10,000.00 from Free Cash for a total appropriation of \$36,606.00 to pay the FY10 principal and interest due on the Highway Department truck, the Fire Department truck and the Police Department cruiser as voted at the November 17, 2008, Special Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 30.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund or any combination thereof, the sum of \$850.00 to be used for Council on Aging activities, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**ARTICLE 31.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$25,000.00 for deposit into the Reserve Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 and to take \$20,000.00 from Free Cash for a total appropriation of \$25,000.00 for deposit into the Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 32.**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the budget of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2010 and to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of operating the Station, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 and take \$35,000.00 from the Transfer Station Fees Account for a total appropriation of \$60,000.00 for deposit into the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget to operate the transfer station for Fiscal Year 2010, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Selectboard.

**ARTICLE 33.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$24,900.00 for the Certification of Values of all Real Estate and Personal Property for Fiscal Year 2010, as required by State law, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take \$24,900.00 from the Stabilization Fund for the Certification of Values of all Real Estate and Personal Property for Fiscal Year 2010, as required by State law.

2/3's vote required. 97 yes, 1 no

**ARTICLE 34.**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an interest-bearing account of \$25,000 from the proceeds received from the U.S. Forest Legacy Program Grant for the sale of the

property known as "the Davenport Property," at Doe Valley Road, Assessors' parcel Number 504, for conservation purposes consistent with the goals of the U.S. Forest Legacy Program, such account to be named the "Davenport Property Maintenance Fund" and such fund to be used under the direction of the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard for the long-term maintenance and care of the property known as "the Davenport Property," at Doe Valley Road, Assessors' parcel Number 504, including but not to be limited to general property care, inspections, and repair; trail maintenance; signage and general property administration; or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to establish an interest-bearing account of \$15,000.00 from the proceeds received from the U.S. Forest Legacy Program Grant for the sale of the property known as "the Davenport Property," at Doe Valley Road, Assessors' parcel Number 504, for conservation purposes consistent with the goals of the U.S. Forest Legacy Program, such account to be named the "Davenport Property Maintenance Fund" and such fund to be used under the direction of the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard for the long-term maintenance and care of the property known as "the Davenport Property," at Doe Valley Road, Assessors' parcel Number 504, including but not to be limited to general property care, inspections, and repair; trail maintenance; signage and general property administration.

#### **ARTICLE 35.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer, or any combination thereof, a certain amount for deposit into the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted to take no action.

#### **ARTICLE 36.**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 10. of the warrant for the November 17, 2008, Special Town Meeting and vote that the Town charge, for each written demand provided for by law that is issued by the Tax Collector, a fee of \$15.00 for excise tax and a fee of \$30.00 for Real Estate and Personal Property Tax to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of the date of the vote under this Article, or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 37.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the eighth paragraph of MGL 60A, Section 1, which is effective January 1, 2010, regarding the motor vehicle excise tax and which states "the excise imposed by this chapter shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a resident who is in active and full-time military service as a member in the armed forces of the United States or the national guard, army or air, of any state, and has been deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the continental United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of the exemption."

Or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

#### **ARTICLE 38.**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL 60A, Section 9, regarding the motor vehicle excise tax and which states: "In any city or town accepting the



provisions of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, any excise due under this chapter by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist or a dependent of a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist shall be deferred while that member is on active service outside the Commonwealth and for a period of up to 180 days after completion of that service. No interest or penalties shall be assessed for any period before the expiration of the 180 days.”

Or act in relation thereto.

**RESULTS:** The Town voted the article as read.

**Petersham Cultural Council  
Grants Awarded during 2010**

John Burke, Photographic History of Massachusetts Covered Bridges

Athol Area YMCA, Youth Reach Summer Theater Arts Program

Richard Clark, Love Letters

Band of Voices, Summer Solstice Concert

Petersham Energy Committee, The Science Bug Program at Petersham  
Center School

Edward Wirt, Tequila Amigos Concert

1794 Meeting House, Interface 2010, a Collaboration of Word, Image and  
Music

Petersham Memorial Library, Japanese Manga Workshop

Petersham Craft Center, New Signage Reflecting Name Change

Orange Revitalization Partnership, Starry, Starry Night

Petersham Historical Society, Historic District Catalog of Properties

**Members:**

Jane Lynch-Gilbert, Chairman

Linda Kabo

Sandra Whaley

Linda Paquet

Maille Lynch-Gilbert



FY10 Annual Report  
Petersham Energy Committee

The following activities were explored during FY10.

- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, resulting in attracting new members Nancy Bashista and junior member, Liam Bashista who were ultimately appointed to the committee.
- National Grid audit was performed at Center School. National Grid paid 70% of the cost of upgrades. The remaining 30% cost would be realized in energy savings within 18 months.
- Petersham remains in the queue for the DOER audit of all town buildings, timing tba. It was ultimately not performed during FY10.
- There were ongoing discussions & meetings about installation of a solar PV system on Center School. Committee visited a PV solar installation on the West Stockbridge Town Office/Police Complex that was completely paid for by a Power Purchase Agreement at no cost to the town. Committee paid for solar audit to be performed at PCS and although the site is perfect for a system, the roof is ultimately not big enough for a PPA. Two members attended a solar energy workshop sponsored by CET.
- Petersham has \$5651 in Clean Energy Choice Funds to be spent on renewable energy projects or education. Decided to sponsor a yearlong Energy Theme at PCS. Purchased K-6 books and science kits, and paid for several field trips and after-school Energy Club. Spring "Energy Theme Night" highlighted much of the work that the students had learned. Applied for and received a grant from Petersham Cultural Council for the "Science Bug" program presented to all classes.
- Committee discussed the guidelines required to become a Green Community under the state Green Communities Act. Several members attended CET Workshop in Hadley. The Board of Selectmen eventually turned this down.
- Liam Bashista made hand carved walking sticks, sold them at the Craft Center and purchased energy-related books for the library with the funds.
- Joint meeting of energy committee from 9 North Quabbin towns held in Athol at which Petersham reported on what they have accomplished in the past 2 years.
- Linda Paquet received training in Holyoke for MassEnergyInsight – free online software to all towns through Green Communities, to organize and customize reports on the town's electrical, oil and propane use.
- Town-wide newsletter/survey mailed to all households. There was very poor response, approximately 5%. A new direction, if any, needs to be discussed for FY 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ballou, Elizabeth Davis, Ken Levine, Rich Matteson, Linda Paquet, Sheila Youd. Nancy Bashista, Liam Bashista

**PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

23 Common Street  
Petersham, Massachusetts, 01366

Annual Report to the Town Of Petersham  
of the Petersham Memorial Library  
July 01, 2009 – June 30, 2010

**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:**

- Tally Lent
- William Littlefield
- Lynn Hertzog
- Fifi Scoufopoulos
- Annette Ermini
- Deni Ellis
- Nita Bates
- Robert Bellefeuille
- Jean Sinclair
- Richard Carfagna
- Anne Perkins
- Clint Shaw

Six hundred and twenty Petersham residents were library cardholders in Fiscal Year 2010. Petersham Memorial Library patrons checked out 6,615 books, 402 print serials, 449 audio books and 2,008 movies. 1877 interlibrary loans were received and 705 were provided. 1,360 on-site loans were made to patrons who do not reside in Petersham.

Our circulation numbers have increased in comparison to FY2009. Our total circulation in 2010 was 9724 as compared to 8986 in 2009. FY 10 Ills numbered 1877 as compared to 1387 in 09. 09 ill provided 643 compared to 705 in FY10

In house circulation increased 8.2% Ills Increase27% onsite loans to non-residents 39%increase

FY2010 the library had 2 public use computers and 2 public use laptops. Our wireless connection made it possible for patrons to access the internet 24/7 with their own devices. An average of 9 patrons per week accessed the internet using the libraries computers.

Our digital library offerings included 6 data base licenses, 1145 e-book titles, 1848 audio book titles and 249 video titles. In 2010, 219 titles were downloaded from the digital catalog by our patrons.

The library was open a total of 916 hours which included 196 hours on Saturday and 108 hours after 5PM. 5654 people entered the library during open hours.

Our shelves currently hold 9171 books for adults and 4156 books for children. There are 101 volumes of print periodicals, newspapers and other print serials. 1284 dvd/vhs titles were available for loan as well as 179 books in audio format. We held 48 print serial subscriptions. We increased our books on cd collection utilizing a \$1000 grant from CMRLS and added to our Large Print selection.

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.

Through the generous donation of the Petersham Branch Alliance the library was able to purchase a movie projector as well as an AV cart to house it. We were also able to replace the damaged projection screen. 20 padded folding chairs were also purchased with funds from the Branch Alliance donation.

The Alcove area is now home to two attractive stained glass lamps donated in memory of Dorothy Dodge, long time library volunteer. These lamps were donated by her family.

The welcome mural painted by local artist Linda Ganson was completed. It has added so much warmth to the entry of our library.

Work continued with the Planning and Design Grant awarded in 2007 by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Building Committee hired Katie Crocket of Laoreux & Pagano Associates as Project Manager. Johnson – Roberts Associates were selected as architects for the project and began work in May. The Library Building Program, written in 2008 was used by the architects to develop a Schematic Design based on the current and future needs of the library.

[www.petershamlibrary.net](http://www.petershamlibrary.net) became the new home of the library website in 2010. A facebook page was also created to add to the means by which we can communicate with our patrons.

During the 2009-2010 season, the Petersham Memorial Library continued to offer story hour for children, at 10:30 on Tuesday morning and the number of participants has grown. We have tried to make the area more attractive to our littlest patrons.

Our program repertoire included the First Friday Film, held on the first Friday of each month, the adult book discussion group which met on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM, spring and fall poetry reading events, amateur photography exhibits and winter tea. New this year was the Music Program held at the Town Hall, the Gardening Symposium and Family Game Night.

The Annual Library Tea was held Sunday, February 07 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 event included delicious food, hot tea, wonderful guitar music and good company.

The Petersham Cultural Council supported two programs with the library serving as venue. These events were A Colonial Soldier in King Phillips War in April and The History of the Blues held in January.

We offered two programs for Petersham Center School children. A brief history and walking tour of the library for Mrs. Smiths 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and a workshop on The Caldecott Medal for fifth and sixth grader students. We scheduled some of our programs around school breaks to encourage library use. Halloween Trick or Treat as well as Teen Scary

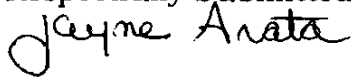
Movie Winter Break Family Game Night Spring Break Karen and Friends a puppet show for children an a Luau We also collected multiple copies of summer reading materials required by our area schools. Eighteen children participated in our Summer Reading Program.

Non library use of building included meetings for the Country Store, Historic District Commission and Local Cultural Council.

A Teen Advisory group was created and met to discuss program choices that would attract teens. They made thoughtful suggestions which we are incorporating into our programs.

Over 257 volunteer hours were logged at our library in 2010 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

**PMLFISCAL**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 July 2009 through June 2010

	Actual Jul '09 - Jun 10
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Book Sale	854.00
Collection Development Grant	1,000.00
Dog License Fund**	722.50
Fines/Photocopies/Fax	145.90
Gift Received	17,173.38
Invest Income	62,400.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Book Replacement	25.00
Trash Bags	6,565.00
Miscellaneous - Other	1,002.82
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<u>7,592.82</u>
Small Fundraising Projects	86.00
State Grant	926.61
Town Appropriation	6,068.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>96,969.21</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Petersham Branch Alliance	1,104.68
P&D Grant Expense	4,276.52
Advertisement	50.00
Bank Charge	1.00
Children's Programming	427.15
<b>Collection Materials</b>	
Audiobooks	25.31
Books	8,372.76
Subscriptions	1,896.98
Videos/DVD	1,431.12
<b>Total Collection Materials</b>	<u>11,726.17</u>
Equipment	34.90
Gifts	433.69
<b>Insurance</b>	
Auto	199.00
Liability	1,648.00
Surety	100.00
Workers Comp	-19.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<u>1,928.00</u>
<b>Misc</b>	
Trash Bags	7,125.00
<b>Total Misc</b>	<u>7,125.00</u>
<b>Payroll Expense</b>	
Salary Expense	21,578.10
<b>Tax</b>	
941	5,371.07
State	930.88



**PMLFISCAL**  
**Profit & Loss**  
July 2009 through June 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Jun 10</u>
Tax - Other	10.00
<b>Total Tax</b>	<u>6,311.95</u>
Payroll Expense - Other	6,619.72
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<u>34,509.77</u>
Postage	42.68
Projects and Programs	
Summer Reading Program	33.35
Projects and Programs - Other	892.37
<b>Total Projects and Programs</b>	<u>925.72</u>
Small Fundraising Projects Exp.	302.44
Supplies	1,900.77
Utilities	
Gas & Electric	1,045.74
Heating Fuel	5,938.79
Telephone	1,838.92
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>8,823.45</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>73,611.94</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>23,357.27</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Capital Expense	
Capital Equipment	2,001.10
Capital Maintenance	1,646.24
Computer Technology Equipment	1,374.55
<b>Total Capital Expense</b>	<u>5,021.89</u>
Corporation Expenses	
Accounting	775.00
Exterior Maintenance	2,155.00
<b>Total Corporation Expenses</b>	<u>2,930.00</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>7,951.89</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>-7,951.89</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>15,405.38</u></u>

**\*\*Note:**

\$1,308.25 was received for the Dog License Fund on June 1, 2009 for FY2010

## SELECTBOARD REPORT- FY10

Work continued throughout this fiscal year renovating the Police Station.

The Selectboard voided the contract with Warwick Carpenters Co. due to Warwick Carpenters' inability to complete the Bandstand renovation project. The Bandstand Maintenance and Renovation Committee continues its work to finish the project.

Work continues on the Petersham Animal Shelter by a group of dedicated volunteers. The Shelter is located at the Highway Barn. Donations have been accepted throughout the year and will continue to be accepted for this worthwhile project.

As part of the grant application for continuation of the Housing Rehab grant provided through the Community Development Block Grant, a second project was required. Continued education, along with child care, were selected.

The Nichewaug Inn Task Force continued its work seeking to find contractors for rehabbing the structure and then working with Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to write a grant for demolition of the Buildings. A temporary part-time Nichewaug Inn Project Coordinator was hired to assist the NITF in its endeavors.

The Selectboard nominated Mary Russell as Petersham's Unsung Heroine for her many years of dedicated service. A ceremony to honor these individuals was held at the State House.

Police Chief Denis N. Legare announced his retirement effective April 2, 2010, remaining on the job part-time until a new chief was hired.

Petersham Police Sgt. R. Dana Cooley, Jr. was hired to fill the Petersham Police Chief position upon his completion of the police academy in August.

Due to damage caused to the Lower Town Hall by a failed sump pump during the December 2008 ice storm, a new floor was installed at no cost to the Town.

Painting the Town Hall dome and steeple were completed.

The Board accepted with regret the retirement notification of Highway Superintendent Norman LaPointe. In December, Tim Graves was hired to fill the position.

In a continued effort to save money, the Upper Town Hall was closed for the winter months to all activities.



**NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**  
**584 MAIN STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS 01331**  
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## FY10 ANNUAL REPORT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 115, provides an extensive program of veterans' benefits and services to a veteran discharged from the military under honorable conditions and/or their dependent with a legal residence in the Commonwealth.

The Northeast Quabbin District, Department of Veterans' Services, in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 115, serves qualifying veterans and/or their dependents having a legal residence in Petersham. An applicant may be eligible for Chapter 115 benefits in accordance with a formula that takes into account total household income from all sources, asset liquidity, number of dependents, and other deciding requirements.

Veterans and/or dependents may have received services that include Chapter 115 benefits, counseling, annuities, wartime & welcome home bonuses, burial assistance, employment counseling, property tax exemptions, record retention, referrals to veterans' nonprofit agencies, and information & referrals to other local, state and federal assistance programs.

At the federal level, the department assisted veterans and/or their dependents with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) application process for service-connected disability claims, requests to increase current level of service-connected compensation, non-service connected disability pensions, dependency & indemnity claims, death pensions, health care benefits, burial benefits and grave markers.

The department acquired discharge documents, personnel records, medical records, medals, decorations and awards not previously presented to the veteran for his or her military service from the United States Department of Defense. In addition, veterans received assistance with Department of Defense applications to correct Military Records for incorrect and/or missing information.

The FY10 Chapter 115 Veterans' Benefits expenditure was \$229.27. Petersham will receive reimbursement of \$171.95 or 75% of the expenditure from the Commonwealth. In addition, the Northeast Quabbin District will refund Petersham \$241.90 in unspent FY10 administrative dollars.

During FY10, the department integrated Chapter 115 operations with Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services through the automated web-based Veterans' Services Management Information System. This advancement resulted in the streamlining of administrative processes and reduced district operational expenses that contributed to the administrative refund.

**Important note:** The support the Commonwealth provides to this deserving segment of our population is unlike any other in the nation and the envy of other states. All Massachusetts citizens should be proud of the programs and benefits offered by the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services because it gives back to the men and women who have sacrificed in the service of our country.

I look forward to serving the veterans and/or their dependents who reside in Petersham.

Respectfully submitted,

*Neil P. McGuirk*

Neil P. McGuirk, Director of Veterans' Services

During this fiscal year, there were four plot plans endorsed as Approval Not Required (ANR). The plot plan divisions resulted in a total of nine potential new building lots, since one property was divided into seven lots. Two of the properties were divided into two lots each. The fourth plot plan was presented to verify existing lot lines. There were no subdivision plans presented.

The Master Plan Committee, including Planning Board members, met on April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the results of a survey sent out to members by Richard McCrae, chair of the Master Plan Committee. The survey sought for prioritization of issues. The issue of first priority was zoning bylaw changes. The Planning Board has been in discussion about lot dimension changes which could allow for growth but help limit overdevelopment.

Cell tower companies have approached the Petersham Center School and some churches and private citizens about placing cell towers in Petersham. The Planning Board hosted a special meeting on cell tower issues, along with the Zoning Board of Appeals, for townspeople to voice concerns and explore the issues.

The Planning Board was asked to consider the impact of selling several town-owned lots. The Board recommended that some lots be retained for conservation and aesthetic reasons.

Kopelmann and Palge, the town counsel, have been consulted three times this year. One was a question on siting and adequacy of service for cell towers, which was explored with the Zoning Board of Appeals, whose bylaws affect cell towers. Two requests were sent to clarify issues about proposed lot divisions. One was an issue of a non-conforming lot and the other an issue about whether an abandoned road was appropriate for frontage.

There has been some preliminary discussion about wind turbines. There are no current plans in Petersham, but some nearby towns have either installed some or are in discussion about them. The Planning Board will be seeking more information.

The Planning Board has representation on the Nichewaug Inn Task Force, which has been working to find uses for the building and ways to keep it secure. The Petersham Memorial Library is considering a request for land from the town, which owns the Nichewaug property. This would involve some zoning issues.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick Day, Chair



Barbara S. Hanno, Clerk

**PETERSHAM POLICE REPORT  
FY 2010**

The Petersham Police Department would like to thank the residents of Petersham for their continued support of our Department. Our objective is "TO PROTECT AND SERVE".

All officers are committed to provide quality service. Each officer attends numerous state and local in-service training programs, service at little cost to the town. All officers are qualified on the pistol range and are First Responders, C.P.R., and Defibrillator certified. Two officers are Emergency Medical Technicians.

In an ongoing effort to provide safety, we are firmly committed to the education of our youth. The department, in conjunction with the bus company, presented two bus safety programs at the school. The department also provided a bicycle safety class at the center school. In addition, 15 protective helmets were provided for the children during the year.

After several years, the state eliminated funding of all Community Policing Grants. These grants had provided several programs for the citizens of Petersham, including funding 26 - six hour traffic enforcement patrols, providing officers at no cost to the town for events such as band concerts, fairs and Old Home Day and partial funding of the Crime Watch Program. However, the Governors Highway Safety Council bestowed a \$ 4,000.00 grant for traffic patrols, seat belt and O.U.I. enforcement.

We would like to thank the voters for their support in financing an addition to our East Street location. This funding, including a grant from the state, allowed us to construct an updated police station which shall serve the town for many years.

I wish to thank all of the dedicated volunteers for their great service to our community.

We would like to thank the voters for their continued support of the police department.

In closing, I will retire as your Police Chief on August 14, 2010. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all the Officers I've had the pleasure to work with over the years and express thanks to my family for allowing me to serve the Town of Petersham for over 40 years, as an officer and the last 25 as the chief.

Thanks also to Sgt. Richard D. Cooley Jr., for his many years of service as my Sergeant. He has earned my respect and I wish him continued success as he assumes the role of Petersham Police Chief.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Denis N. Legare**  
Chief of Police

**Town of Petersham  
Annual Payroll  
Fiscal Year 2010**

**General Government**

**Selectmen**

Nancy Allen	Selectmen	1,669.50	
Christine Durgin	Selectmen	1,334.64	
Timothy Clark	Selectman	667.36	
Robert Legare	Selectman	171.88	
Fredrik Marsh	Selectmen	2,002.00	
Dale Bull	Admin. Coordinator	38,545.43	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>4,814.81</u>	\$ 49,205.62

**Assessors**

Dana Kennan	Assessor	2,587.00	
Frederick Marsh	Assessor	2,107.00	
Jean Robinson	Assessor	2,239.00	
Kelly Garlock	Asst. Assessor	<u>27,482.60</u>	\$ 34,415.60

**Tax Collector**

Virginia Newman		<u>15,768.00</u>	\$ 15,768.00
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**Town Clerk**

Diana Cooley		12,201.34	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>113.04</u>	\$ 12,314.38

**Town Treasurer**

Dana Robinson		<u>13,113.00</u>	\$ 13,113.00
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**Town Accountant**

Jean Joel		<u>13,113.00</u>	\$ 13,113.00
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**Building Inspector**

Brianna Skowyra		8,652.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>1,469.49</u>	\$ 10,121.49

**Board of Health**

Mary Anne Forgues	Health Board	-	
Fifi Scoufopoulos	Health Board	370.80	
Doreen Frost	Health Board	-	
Richard D. Cooley Jr	Water Operator	848.60	
Michael Seitz	Sanitation Supv.	1,827.50	
Richard Riddell	Asst. Sanitation Supv.	105.00	
Fredrik Marsh	Transfer Station	360.00	
Renee Wingertsman	BOH Secretary	<u>5,506.63</u>	\$ 9,018.53

**Animal Inspector/Dir of Agriculture**

David Perkins		<u>125.00</u>	\$ 125.00
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**Town Hall & Office Custodian**

Neil Legare		<u>7,279.28</u>	\$ 7,279.28
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**Tree Warden**

Michael Leonard		<u>-</u>	\$ -
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**Conservation Commission**

Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>42.44</u>	\$ 42.44
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**Dog Officer**

Andrew Ohlson		<u>1,492.00</u>	\$ 1,492.00
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**Plumbing Inspector**

Gerald Brousseau		<u>850.00</u>	\$ 850.00
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**Electrical Inspector**

Gary Terroy		<u>4,175.00</u>	\$ 4,175.00
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Fiscal Year 2010**

**Gas Inspector**

Michael Schlosser	975.00	\$	975.00
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**Elections & Registration**

Sharon Bassett	413.18		
Anne Hyde	218.28		
Charlotte Kennan	169.92		
Dana Kennan	126.26		
Carolyn May	239.68		
Richard Nickless	166.92		
Karen O'Connor	162.64		
Ruth Robinson	104.86		
Helen Simms	100.00		
Grace West	59.92	\$	1,761.66

**Police Department**

Denis Legare	Chief - Retired 3-31-10	58,449.61		
	Detail Pay	1,040.50		
R. Dana Cooley Jr.	Sargent/ Chief 4-1-10	19,642.00		
Scott Acito		3,541.09		
Ted Bassett		6,730.00		
Jeffrey Boyer		7,520.85		
Peter Buck		841.80		
Stephanie Dowd		1,147.50		
Christopher Harrington		1,574.40		
Robert Hall, Jr.		3,478.00		
Randy Horne	Salary	40,048.80		
	Detail Pay	14,240.00		
Bruce Kilhart		3,343.70		
Robert Legare		3,841.52		
Jason Lichtengerger		3,978.40	\$	169,418.17

**Fire Department**

Dana Robinson	Chief	3,810.00		
	Inspection Fees	990.00		
	Forest Warden	25.00		
Ronald Dejackome	Asst. Chief	2,533.50		
Cory Bourque		52.00		
Trevor Bourque		102.00		
William Bourque		403.00		
Christopher Burke		153.00		
Scott Churchill		242.25		
Peter Devoll		701.25		
Robert Goodfellow		943.50		
Kurt Graeff		344.25		
Gilbert King, Jr		954.75		
Robert Laford		58.00		
Neil Legare		561.00		

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Fiscal Year 2010**

**Fire Department - Continued**

Rebecca Legare		130.00	
Robert Legare	Deputy Chief	866.25	
Shawn Legare	Captain	605.00	
David Perkins		257.50	
Jeffrey Perkins		25.50	
Larry Robinson	Captain	797.50	
Kevin Shortis		242.25	
James West		191.25	
Peter West		242.25	\$ 15,231.00

**Highway Department**

Norman LaPointe	Superintendent Retired 11/30/09	32,651.96	
Timothy Graves	Superintendent	22,159.50	
Leslie Cooley		47,025.64	
Gary Martinelli		40,708.80	
Scott Acito		460.23	
Brian Bassett		3,237.14	
Jeffrey Perkins		1,696.38	\$ 147,939.65

**School Department**

Patricia Martin	Superintendent	31,939.93
Rebecca Phillips	Principal/Special Needs	73,527.93
Melanie Pallotta	Kindergarten	59,825.06
Susan Andriski	Grade 1	55,521.02
Wendi LeBlanc	Grade 2	61,478.91
Tracy Smith	Grade 3	54,886.86
Maureen Donelan	Grade 4	4,486.59
Melissa Clark	Grade 4	33,572.97
Nicole Ruggles	Grade 5	53,328.71
Christopher Dodge	Grade 6	44,986.23
Natasha Hanna	Music/Aide	18,336.06
Jane Fitzgerald	Music/Aide	12,845.52
Kay Leonard	Art	9,333.56
Suzanne Tattan	Phys. Ed.	12,035.76
Stephanie Carmiello	School Nurse	29,791.32
Karen Varney	Nurse Sub.	994.37
Tina Duguay	Nurse Sub.	1,235.00
Angela Littlewood	Nurse Sub.	1,095.00
Bridget Koetsch	Special Needs	58,789.87
Katherine Arsenault	Technology/Library	38,861.89
Karen Regan	Speech Pathologist	36,084.87
David Weinberg	Guidance	40,359.39
Dayna Mallet	Aide	11,547.33
Margaret Cooley	Aide	4,923.92
Jo-ann Fitzgerald	Aide	12,960.38
Kelli Graves	Aide	2,903.97
Caitie Kelley	Aide	14,918.98
Kelley Mongeau	Aide	12,483.01



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**School Department (con't)**

Rebecca Noisvert	Aide	8,804.95	
Ann Degnan	Secretary	31,915.26	
Barbara Young	Secretary	14,116.21	
Patti Dodge	Cook	8,496.24	
Debra Phelps	Cook	8,091.22	
James M. Burke III	Head Custodian	37,953.00	
Justin Liversidge	Custodian	27,317.53	
Glenede Albertine	Substitute	1,735.50	
Nadine Coughlin	Substitute	1,039.97	
Danielle Morse	Substitute	100.00	
Lynn Peredina	Substitute	147.00	
Charlotte Kennan	Substitute	2,658.50	
Frederik Marsh	Substitute/Cook	488.75	
Helen Simms	Substitute	4,216.75	
Renee Wingerstsman	Substitute	60.00	
Richard D. Cooley, Jr	Water Operator	1,315.00	
Robert Hughes	Water Operator	300.00	<b>\$ 941,810.29</b>

Total Payroll All Departments

**\$ 1,448,169.11**

**1099 Vendors**

Barnes Landscaping	Care of Common & Cemeteries	31,938.99	
Thomas Garbett	Psychologist	10,753.89	
Salvatore Ardagna Jr.	Street Sweeping	1,200.00	
Phillip Ledger	Board of Health	5,750.00	
Keith Dodge	Care of Common & Cemeteries	2,245.08	
Whittier Plumbing	Plumbing Repair	761.30	

**\$ 52,649.26**

Total Payroll & 1099 Vendors

**\$ 1,500,818.37**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dana C. Robinson  
Town Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Personal Property Taxes	63,028.93
Real Estate Taxes	1,951,302.09
Tax Liens Redeemed	28,304.03
Motor Vehicle Excise	132,582.84
Interest & Penalties on Real & Personal Property	5,842.38
Interest on Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,615.35
<b>Total Taxes and Excise</b>	<b>2,182,675.62</b>
Fees - Dog	-
Fees - Miscellaneous	245.25
Rentals	550.00
Dept Revenue - Police	362.50
Dept Revenue - Dog Officer	25.00
<b>Total Departmental Revenue</b>	<b>1,182.75</b>
Licenses - Alcoholic	2,420.00
Permits - Miscellaneous Business	1,180.00
Permits - Other	150.00
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>FEMA Reimbursement</b>	<b>17,659.50</b>
State Owned Land	18,325.00
Abatements Veterans', Etc.	2,510.00
Chapter 70	442,349.00
Lottery	101,008.00
MDC - In Lieu of Taxes	439,098.75
Court Fines	395.00
Registry of MV Fines	7,817.50
<b>Total State Revenues</b>	<b>1,011,503.25</b>

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Revenue</b>
Earnings on Investments	2,985.74
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,407.69
Fines - Dog Violations	175.00
<b>Total Unclassified</b>	<b>5,568.43</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b><u>3,222,339.55</u></b>

Town of Petersham  
Fiscal Year 2010

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
<b>Town Meeting Moderator</b>			
Department Head Salary	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
<b>Total Town Moderator</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>			
Board Members Salaries	\$6,230.00	\$5,673.50	\$556.50
Expenses	\$3,605.00	\$3,605.00	\$0.00
Part - Time Clerk	\$5,000.00	\$4,976.61	\$23.39
<b>Total Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>\$14,835.00</b>	<b>\$14,255.11</b>	<b>\$579.89</b>
<b>Town Admin Coordinator</b>			
Salary	\$37,363.12	\$37,363.12	\$0.00
Admin Coordinator Overtime	\$1,413.20	\$1,413.20	\$0.00
<b>Total Town Admin Coordinator</b>	<b>\$38,776.32</b>	<b>\$38,776.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Finance Committee</b>			
Expenses	\$505.00	\$496.00	\$9.00
<b>Total Finance Committee</b>	<b>\$505.00</b>	<b>\$496.00</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,414.56</b>	<b>\$2,585.44</b>
<b>Town Accountant</b>			
Salary	\$13,113.00	\$13,113.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,060.00	\$3,058.94	\$1.06
Audit	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Accounting Clerk	\$1,100.00	\$1,008.37	\$91.63
<b>Total Town Accountant</b>	<b>\$27,273.00</b>	<b>\$17,180.31</b>	<b>\$10,092.69</b>
<b>Board of Assessors</b>			
Board Members Salaries	\$6,933.00	\$6,933.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$8,650.00	\$7,398.33	\$1,251.67
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$27,289.79	\$27,289.79	\$0.00
FY 10 Revaluation	\$24,900.00	\$24,353.00	\$547.00
<b>Total Board of Assessors</b>	<b>\$67,772.79</b>	<b>\$65,974.12</b>	<b>\$1,798.67</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>			
Salary	\$13,113.00	\$13,113.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,770.00	\$3,290.93	\$479.07
Payroll Processing Fees	\$3,100.00	\$3,006.53	\$93.47
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$19,983.00</b>	<b>\$19,410.46</b>	<b>\$572.54</b>
<b>Tax Collector</b>			
Salary	10,437.00	10,437.00	\$0.00
Expenses	12,693.00	9,694.34	\$2,998.66
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Town Counsel</b>			
Legal Fees	\$12,547.99	\$5,736.89	\$6,811.10
<b>Total Town Counsel</b>	<b>\$12,547.99</b>	<b>\$5,736.89</b>	<b>\$6,811.10</b>

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Unexpended</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>			
Salary	\$8,987.00	\$8,987.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,304.00	\$2,236.82	\$67.18
Vital Statistics	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Part-Time Clerk	\$530.00	\$529.96	\$0.04
Expenses Encumbered FY 08	\$275.07	\$75.03	\$200.04
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$12,171.07</b>	<b>\$11,903.81</b>	<b>\$267.26</b>
<b>Election &amp; Registration</b>			
Salaries	\$4,404.39	\$4,404.39	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,645.61	\$2,848.70	\$1,796.91
<b>Total Election &amp; Registration</b>	<b>\$9,050.00</b>	<b>\$7,253.09</b>	<b>\$1,796.91</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>			
Expenses	\$4,191.58	\$2,702.00	\$1,489.58
Affordable Housing Consultant	\$2,118.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.00
<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>\$6,309.58</b>	<b>\$2,702.00</b>	<b>\$3,607.58</b>
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>			
Expenses	\$2,437.72	\$0.00	\$2,437.72
ZBA Consultant	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
<b>Total Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<b>\$3,337.72</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,337.72</b>
<b>Land Court / Tax Title Fees</b>			
Land Court Fees	\$4,000.00	\$298.75	\$3,701.25
Tax Title Surveys / Appraisals	\$6,900.00	\$175.00	\$6,725.00
<b>Total Land Court / Tax Title Fees</b>	<b>\$10,900.00</b>	<b>\$473.75</b>	<b>\$10,426.25</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>			
Town Hall / Office Maintenance	\$23,996.87	\$21,809.26	\$2,187.61
Town Hall / Office Expenses	\$29,665.00	\$28,830.44	\$834.56
Town - Phone	\$9,279.71	\$9,279.71	\$0.00
Handicap Access / Town Hall / Office	\$3,404.62	\$377.10	\$3,027.52
Computer Service	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Town Hall / Office Wiring	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Town Hall Windows w/ Screens	\$26,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$21,000.00
Town Hall Alarm System	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>\$116,746.20</b>	<b>\$65,296.51</b>	<b>\$51,449.69</b>
<b>Printing</b>			
Town Printing	\$1,832.00	\$1,214.10	\$617.90
<b>Total Printing</b>	<b>\$1,832.00</b>	<b>\$1,214.10</b>	<b>\$617.90</b>
<b>Police Department</b>			
Police Chief Salary	\$101,208.41	\$101,207.91	\$0.50
Police Wages	\$23,297.69	\$23,297.69	\$0.00
Full Time Officer Wages	\$40,323.28	\$40,323.28	\$0.00
Expenses	\$27,520.51	\$27,520.51	\$0.00
<b>Total Police Department</b>	<b>\$192,349.89</b>	<b>\$192,349.39</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Unexpended</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>			
Salaries/Wages	\$16,253.00	\$13,646.75	\$2,606.25
Expenses	\$19,575.44	\$18,340.57	\$1,234.87
Forestry Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$1,088.00	\$1,412.00
Dry Hydrant - Buell's Pond	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Forestry Gear	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Overhead Doors	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
			\$0.00
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$63,328.44</b>	<b>\$33,075.32</b>	<b>\$30,253.12</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>			
Emergency Management	\$5,605.80	\$4,663.33	\$942.47
<b>Total Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$5,605.80</b>	<b>\$4,663.33</b>	<b>\$942.47</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>			
Building Inspector Salary	\$8,652.00	\$8,652.00	\$0.00
Clerical	\$1,360.00	\$689.20	\$670.60
Expenses	\$2,200.00	\$1,623.34	\$576.66
<b>Total Building Inspector</b>	<b>\$12,212.00</b>	<b>\$10,964.54</b>	<b>\$1,247.46</b>
<b>Dog Officer</b>			
Salary	\$1,492.00	\$1,492.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,831.94	\$1,450.01	\$1,381.93
<b>Total Dog Officer</b>	<b>\$4,323.94</b>	<b>\$2,942.01</b>	<b>\$1,381.93</b>
<b>Tree Warden</b>			
Salary	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$100.00	\$49.40	\$50.60
Town Trees	\$5,577.00	\$0.00	\$5,577.00
<b>Total Tree Warden</b>	<b>\$6,177.00</b>	<b>\$549.40</b>	<b>\$5,627.60</b>
<b>Forest Warden</b>			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Forest Warden</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Public Safety Communications</b>			
Communication Radio Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$1,444.25	\$355.75
Communication Radio Repairs - Encumbered	\$796.74	\$796.74	\$0.00
IMC & LEAPS	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Public Safety Communications</b>	<b>\$5,166.74</b>	<b>\$4,810.99</b>	<b>\$355.75</b>
<b>Director of Agriculture</b>			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Director of Agriculture</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Hearing Enforcement Officer</b>			
Salary	\$2,770.00	\$0.00	\$2,770.00
<b>Total Hearing Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>\$2,770.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,770.00</b>
<b>Education</b>			
Petersham Center School	\$1,094,350.00	\$1,094,345.87	\$4.13
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District	\$799,741.00	\$771,583.00	\$28,158.00
Teacher Salary Deferral	\$1,090.72	\$1,090.72	\$0.00
Montachusett Regional Vocational Tech.	\$42,673.00	\$41,901.00	\$772.00
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$1,937,854.72</b>	<b>\$1,908,920.59</b>	<b>\$28,934.13</b>
<b>Highway Department</b>			
Salaries	\$124,257.00	\$117,712.73	\$6,544.27
Expenses	\$26,408.00	\$26,408.00	\$0.00
Loader Tires	\$6,000.00	\$5,220.51	\$779.49
	\$156,665.00	\$149,341.24	\$7,323.76

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Unexpended</b>
<b>Town Barn</b>			
Expenses	\$5,781.65	\$5,781.65	\$0.00
<b>Total Town Barn</b>	<b>\$5,781.65</b>	<b>\$5,781.65</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Snow &amp; Ice Removal</b>			
Expenses	\$46,074.77	\$46,074.77	\$0.00
<b>Total Snow &amp; Ice Removal</b>	<b>\$46,074.77</b>	<b>\$46,074.77</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>			
Street Lights	\$6,305.00	\$5,714.74	\$590.26
<b>Total Street Lights</b>	<b>\$6,305.00</b>	<b>\$5,714.74</b>	<b>\$590.26</b>
<b>Cemetery Department</b>			
Expenses	\$413.05	\$110.99	\$302.06
Care of Cemeteries	\$22,375.80	\$19,764.00	\$2,611.80
Computerizing Cemetery Records	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Cemetery Repairs	\$5,531.53	\$675.00	\$4,856.53
<b>Total Cemetery Department</b>	<b>\$29,370.38</b>	<b>\$20,549.99</b>	<b>\$8,820.39</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>			
Board Members Salaries	\$437.00	\$437.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$609.46	\$2,390.54
Inspector of Animals	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
BOH - Admin Assistant	\$8,552.00	\$6,161.24	\$2,390.76
<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>\$12,064.00</b>	<b>\$7,282.70</b>	<b>\$4,781.30</b>
<b>Council on Aging</b>			
Expenses	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Council on Aging</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Veterans' Agent</b>			
Expenses	\$3,211.00	\$3,211.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Veterans' Agent</b>	<b>\$3,211.00</b>	<b>\$3,211.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Library</b>			
Operating Subsidy	\$6,068.00	\$6,068.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Library</b>	<b>\$6,068.00</b>	<b>\$6,068.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Concerts</b>			
Concerts (6)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Concerts</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Bandstand</b>			
Bandstand Lighting	\$450.00	\$276.42	\$173.58
<b>Total Bandstand</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$276.42</b>	<b>\$173.58</b>
<b>Town Clock</b>			
Care of Town Clock	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Town Clock</b>	<b>\$73.00</b>	<b>\$73.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Care of Common</b>			
Expenses	\$5,995.00	\$5,742.07	\$252.93
<b>Total Care of Common</b>	<b>\$5,995.00</b>	<b>\$5,742.07</b>	<b>\$252.93</b>
<b>Historical Commission</b>			
Expenses	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
<b>Total Historical Commission</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Historical District Commission</b>			
Expenses	\$240.00	\$47.50	\$192.50
<b>Total Historical District Commission</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$192.50</b>

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Unexpended</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>			
Expenses	\$495.00	\$427.21	\$67.79
<b>Total Memorial Day</b>	<b>\$495.00</b>	<b>\$427.21</b>	<b>\$67.79</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Interest Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Vehicles (3) Debt	\$36,606.00	\$36,606.00	\$0.00
Center School Debt	\$101,730.00	\$101,730.00	\$0.00
Police Station Debt	\$38,879.00	\$38,879.00	\$0.00
Mahar Debt	\$37,002.00	\$37,002.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$217,217.00</b>	<b>\$217,217.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Assessments</b>			
County Tax	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00
School Choice	\$84,048.00	\$51,250.00	\$32,798.00
Air Pollution	\$336.00	\$336.00	\$0.00
Regional Transit	\$916.00	\$916.00	\$0.00
RMV Non-Renewal	\$620.00	\$400.00	\$220.00
<b>Total State Assessments</b>	<b>\$87,030.00</b>	<b>\$54,012.00</b>	<b>\$33,018.00</b>
<b>Retirement</b>			
Assessment	\$71,413.00	\$35,706.50	\$35,706.50
<b>Total Retirement</b>	<b>\$71,413.00</b>	<b>\$35,706.50</b>	<b>\$35,706.50</b>
<b>Insurance</b>			
Health	\$46,956.00	\$37,926.00	\$9,030.00
Retirees Health	\$18,967.92	\$16,688.66	\$2,279.26
Medicare	\$18,936.00	\$18,051.96	\$884.04
General Insurance	\$59,988.25	\$59,988.25	\$0.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$144,848.17</b>	<b>\$132,654.87</b>	<b>\$12,193.30</b>
<b>Nichewaug Inn/Academy</b>	<b>\$4,592.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,592.97</b>
<b>Transfer To Enterprise Fund</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Transfer To Stabilization Fund</b>	<b>\$51,094.00</b>	<b>\$51,094.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Transfer To Unemployment Fund</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>





**TOWN OF PETERSHAM  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**Diana L. Cooley**

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**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

It has been a great year in the Town Clerk's Office. The residents of Petersham continue to be great to work with. Things have run smoothly and for that I am grateful. I look forward to serving the Town of Petersham in the coming year.

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 them goes a big thank you!

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

*Diana L. Cooley  
Town Clerk*

# RAFFLES

The following organizations purchased raffle licenses at \$10.00 each for a total of \$30.00, which was paid to the Treasurer.

St. Peter's Church  
First Congregational Unitarian Parish  
Petersham Curling Club

# DOG FUNDS

A total of 1,812.00 was collected for the library from the dog license fund. A total of \$175.000 was collected in dog fines and turned over to the Treasurer.

# MARIJUANA CITATIONS

A total of \$400.00 was collected in marijuana citations and turned over to the Treasurer.

Town of Petersham  
Trust Funds  
June 30, 2010

Fund	Princ. Bal. 7/1/2009	Earnings Bal. 7/1/2009	Princ. Contrib.	Earnings Net	Cash Disb.	Princ. Bal. 6/30/2010	Earnings Bal 6/30/2010	Ending Cash Value
<b>Cemetery Funds</b>								
Consolidated Cemetery I & II	\$ 68,751.71	\$ 1,154.20	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.84	\$ -	\$ 70,551.71	\$ 1,335.04	\$ 71,886.75
E.M. Cook Cemetery Fund	1,026.25	412.95		3.80	-	1,026.25	416.75	1,443.00
L.L. Pond Cemetery Fund I & II	2,333.33	1,695.29		10.66	-	2,333.33	1,705.95	4,039.28
Belle Rickey Cemetery Fund	188.97	2.58		0.51	-	188.97	3.09	192.06
Cemetery Bequests	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Annie Daniels Flower Fund	1,069.54	14.70		2.88	-	1,069.54	17.56	1,087.12
John Mudge Flower Fund	2,131.32	586.41		7.19	-	2,131.32	593.60	2,724.92
J & C Williams Flower Fund	544.61	7.50		1.47	-	544.61	8.97	553.58
William Smith Cemetery Fund	-	-	9,000.00	315.59	-	9,000.00	315.59	9,315.59
SubTotal	\$ 76,045.73	\$ 3,873.63	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 522.94	\$ -	\$ 86,845.73	\$ 4,398.57	\$ 91,242.30
<b>School Funds</b>								
McCarthy School fund	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 705.83		\$ 10.84	\$ -	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 716.47	\$ 4,027.38
Hildreth School fund	4,476.72	279.99		12.60	-	4,476.72	292.59	4,769.31
Josephine Dickman School Fund	2,926.79	44.91		7.86	-	2,926.79	52.77	2,979.56
Discovery Center School	459.22	255.98		1.86	-	459.22	257.86	717.08
Subtotal	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,286.71	\$ -	\$ 32.98	\$ -	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,319.69	\$ 12,493.33
<b>Library Funds</b>								
Mann Library Fund I & II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,034.92		\$ 15.98		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,050.90	\$ 6,050.90
GW Cook Library Fund	1,026.25	212.69		3.28		1,026.25	215.97	1,242.22
Spooner Library Fund I, II & III	4,659.00	65.10		12.66	(65.10)	4,659.00	12.66	4,671.66
Wheeler Library fund	3,000.00	620.98		9.59		3,000.00	630.55	3,630.55
Subtotal	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 1,933.67	\$ -	\$ 41.51	\$ (65.10)	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 1,910.08	\$ 15,595.33
<b>Conservation Funds</b>								
Babbit Fund	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 15,973.30		\$ 210.27	\$ (3,367.00)	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 12,816.57	\$ 73,282.12
Evelyn Murphy Conservation Fund	10,000.00	6,351.46		43.63	(140.00)	10,000.00	6,255.09	16,255.09
Subtotal	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 22,324.76	\$ -	\$ 253.90	\$ (3,507.00)	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 19,071.66	\$ 89,537.21

Town of Petersham  
Trust Funds  
June 30, 2010

<b>Charity Funds</b>										
Elizabeth Newton Charity Fund	\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,390.78	\$ 33.97	\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,424.75	\$ 12,866.40				
E Newton Deserving Poor Fund	13,672.26	36,430.96	131.28	585.00	37,147.24	50,818.50				
Subtotal	\$ 17,113.91	45,821.74	165.25	585.00	46,571.99	63,685.90				
<b>Other Funds</b>										
Flint Memorial Fund	\$ 22,967.99	\$ 10,442.05	\$ 88.45	\$ -	\$ 22,967.99	\$ 10,530.50	\$ 33,498.49			
Disaster Fund	6,849.70	19,731.09	70.64	-	6,949.70	19,801.73	26,751.43			
Stabilization Fund	126,278.97	43,523.77	361.12	(13,394.00)	163,978.97	43,884.89	207,863.86			
Energy Commission fund	184.62	161.65	1.53	(161.65)	83.59	1.53	85.12			
Petersham Village Imp. Soc	115.66	98.09	0.57	-	115.66	98.66	214.32			
Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund	15,000.00	568.80	68.33	(12,000.00)	3,000.00	638.13	3,638.13			
Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund	17,394.00	1,520.36	50.08	-	17,394.00	1,570.44	18,964.44			
Subtotal	\$188,790.94	\$ 76,045.81	\$ 641.72	\$(25,555.65)	\$214,489.91	\$ 76,525.88	\$ 291,015.79			
<b>Grand Total Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$377,275.02</b>	<b>\$ 151,286.32</b>	<b>\$ 1,658.30</b>	<b>\$(28,542.75)</b>	<b>\$413,773.99</b>	<b>\$149,795.87</b>	<b>\$ 563,569.86</b>			

Respectfully Submitted.

Dana C. Robinson  
Treasurer

## Vital Statistics of the Town Clerk

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### Births

From July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 there were 7 babies born – 4 boys and 3 girls.

From January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 there were 3 babies born – 1 boy and 2 girls.

### Marriages

July 6, 2009	Jesse Raymond Manning	Athol
	Melissa Anne Chellis	Athol
July 25, 2009	Mark David VanScoy	Petersham
	Greta Maureen Jurschak	Petersham
October 3, 2009	Jason M. Shortis	Gardner
	Kathryn N. Coombs	Gardner
December 5, 2009	Ronald James Kessler	Petersham
	Terry Lynn Miller	Petersham

### Deaths

July 7, 2009	Scott R. Coombs	Petersham
September 26, 2009	Jeanne C. Gourdeau	Petersham
October 16, 2009	Gertrude Guillet	Petersham
October 11, 2009	Ruth E. Bassingthwaite	Petersham
December 15, 2009	Jeannette Gagnon	Petersham
December 23, 2009	Luce Moreau	Petersham
January 16, 2010	Horace A. Coolidge, Jr.	Petersham
February 27, 2010	John M. Platek	Petersham
March 7, 2010	Therese Bercier	Petersham
February 12, 2010	Richard C. Sherwood	Petersham
April 7, 2010	Marie Anne Lavoie	Petersham
April 29, 2010	Loretta Monette	Petersham
June 7, 2010	Bernard Henry Barnes, Jr.	Petersham

Of the above, 7 burials took place in Petersham. There were 5 burials brought into town.

## **Report of the Petersham Center School**

**August 26, 2009 marked the start of a great school year at the Petersham Center School. We opened our doors to 107 students in grades K – 6. Class sizes continue to average just under 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, and Baldwinville, Phillipston, Gardner.**

**The Petersham Center School budget was 1,279,350 for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The Town appropriated 1,094,350 with an estimated 185,000 in school choice funds. A total of 1,279,803 was expended during the school year. In addition to this the 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 Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary, fish stocking at the Quabbin Reservoir, The Freedom Trail, Harvard Pond, and the Worcester Ecotarium.**

**In house events included programs on Wack the Flu, corn harvesting, North Pole talk, Science Fair, National Geography Bee, Chips program, Vernal Pool Study, and Cliff Reed water program. In addition the Petersham Police Department conducted programs on bus, Halloween, bike safety, and fire safety.**

**Several staffing changes occurred during the school year. Mrs. Melissa Clark was hired as the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher after Mrs. Donelan resigned. Ms. Lovely was hired to replace Mrs. Clark's paraprofessional position. Mrs. Margaret Cooley resigned in September and Mrs. Rebecca Boisvert was hired as a Paraprofessional. Mrs. Patti Dodge resigned in February and Mrs. Debbie Phelps returned as our Cafeteria Manager.**

**Parent involvement continues to be an integral component of our success. We are proud of the many parents and community members who volunteer at the school and support us throughout the year.**

**The PTG continued to be a very active group for the Petersham Center School. They sponsored several activities for the students. Some of these activities included monthly bake sales, Sharks Ice Hockey game, Holiday Bazaar, Movie night, Mystery Guest, and Mystery Field Trips.**

**The entire teaching staff was trained in level one of the Responsive Classroom program. Several in house workshops focused specifically on the Responsive Classroom Morning Meeting.**

**Once again I would like to thank parents, teachers, students and community members for a successful year. Our combined efforts created an environment that fostered a high quality educational experience.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget	Expended	Proposed
	2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011
1000 ADMINISTRATION			
1131 Committee Expense	100	0	100
1132 Committee Adv. Exp	750	482	750
1133 Committee Legal Exp	500	0	500
1140 MASC Dues	1	0	1
1160 Census	175	175	175
1170 School Council	1	0	1
1100 COMMITTEE SUBTOTAL	1527	657	1527
1210 Superintendent Salary	31940	31,940	32898
1220 Supt. Secretary Salary	15821	15,820	8148
1230 Supt. Office Expense	500	530	500
1240 Superintendent Dues	1	0	1
1250 Superintendent Travel	1	0	1
1260 Supt. Sec. Asst. Sal	1	0	2785
1200 SUPERINTENDENT SUBTOTAL	48264	48290	44333
1000 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	49791	48947	45860
2000 INSTRUCTION			
2100			
2210 Principal's Salary	64720	67,719	61752
2220 Principal Secretary Salary	15821	15,821	8148
2230 Office Expense	4000	4,265	3000
2241 N.E.A.S.C. Dues	1	0	1
2242 M.E.S.P.A Dues	1	0	1
2250 Principal Travel	1	0	1
2200 PRINCIPAL SUBTOTAL	84544	87805	72903
2301 Teacher Salaries	314862	316,112	373168
2302 Supervisor Salaries	12187	12,187	18358
2303 Substitute Salaries	5500	10,335	5000
2304 Band/Glee Club Salaries	10174	12,117	16200
2305 Discovery Salaries	3000	2,625	1
2306 Teacher Aide Salaries	1	0	1
2307 Counselor Salary	1	0	20663
2308 Tech/Media Specialist	1	0	39775
2300 TEACHER SALARY SUBTOTAL	345726	353376	473166
2351 Teacher Course Credits	1	0	2500
2352 Professional Development	3000	6,645	4000
2353 Scholar Supplies	5000	7,613	9000
2354 Technology	0	6,543	16097
2355 Staff Travel	200	108	200
2356 Field Trips	1100	1,145	1000
2357 Workbooks	5000	4,342	4000
2358 Professional Materials	1	0	1
2350 MATERIALS&TRAIN. SUBTOTAL	14302	26396	36798

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget 2009-2010	Expended 2009-2010	Proposed 2010-2011
2400 TEXTBOOK SUBTOTAL	3000	720	3000
2500 LIBRARY BOOKS SUBTOTAL	500	0	500
2600 AUDIO VISUAL SUBTOTAL	500	0	1400
2700 ACHIEVMNT. TEST SUBTOTAL	1	0	1
2000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	448,573	468,297	587,768
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
3200 School Physician(Flint Fund)	1	0	0
3210 School Nurse Salary	5676	5,676	21666
3220 Health Supplies	700	475	600
3370 Transportation	95760	95,760	95760
3380 Trans. Contingency	1	0	1
3400 Food Services	1	0	8373
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERV. TOTAL	102139	101911	126400
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
4110 Custodian Salary	24874	26,000	18258
4111 Custodial Recall	500	0	500
4112 Custodial Supplies	6750	6,993	7000
4113 Director of Bldg. & Grounds	37953	37,953	39092
4120 Heating	35032	32,746	39875
4130 Telephone	4000	3,101	4001
4140 Electricity	20588	21,543	23000
4150 Alarm Monitoring	900	303	1001
4210 Maintenance of Grounds	2200	1,158	2900
4220 Maintenance of Buildings	4490	3,833	4000
4221 Contracted Services	20000	18,001	20000
4222 Water Assoc. Dues	300	20	300
4230 Maint. Of Equipment - Bldg.	3000	3,882	4000
4232 Maint. Of Equipment - Educ.	6000	6,680	7491
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	166587	162213	171418
5000 FIXED CHARGES			
5200 Health Insurance	140064	129,750	142260
5202 Dental Insurance	1	0	0
5000 FIXED CHARGES TOTAL	140065	129750	142260
7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS			
7200 Acquis. & Imprv. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7390 Acquis. Of Equip. - Educ.	1000	812	500
7391 Acquis. Of Equip. - Bldg.	1000	0	500
7490 Replacement Equip. - Educ.	1	0	1
7491 Replacement Equip. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS	2003	812	1003
8000 DEBT SERVICE/RETIREMENT	1786	1,786	1786
REGULAR EDUCATION BUDGE	910,944	913,716	1,076,495

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



SPECIAL EDUCATION	Budget 2009-2010	Expended 2009-2010	Proposed 2010-2011
92000 INSTRUCTION			
92210 Spec. Needs Admin Salary	5809	2,585	5982
92220 Special Needs Sec. Salary	5997	5997	7000
92230 Office Expense	500	401	200
92200 SPEC.NEEDS ADMIN. SUBTL.	12306	8983	13182
92301 Special Needs Teacher Salary	51103	51,103	60598
92302 Special Needs Teacher Salary	1	0	0
92303 Spec. Needs Teacher Sub Sal.	1	0	1
92304 Special Needs Aide Salary	1	0	45344
92305 Special Needs Tutor Salary	1	0	1
92306 Speech Therapist Salary	25769	29,856	27180
92307 Therapist (PT, OT) Salaries	9000	2,173	9000
92308 Psychologist Salary	1	0	1
92309 Counselor Salary	17950	19,446	20662
92310 Summer Program Tch r. Salary	1	0	3500
92311 Inclusion Specialist	1	0	1
92300 SPEC.NEEDS SALARY SUBTL.	103829	102578	166288
92350 Special Needs Travel	1	126	1
92351 Home/Hospital Instruction	100	0	100
92360 Cont. Servs. - Behav. Specialist	14365	12,656	14000
92365 Contr. Psychological Services	7000	11,144	7000
92370 Physician/Nurse	1	0	1
92371 Contracted Services	1	0	1
92375 S.N. Admin. Dues	0	0	0
92380 CONTR. SERV. & EXP. SUBTL.	21468	23926	21103
92390 SCHOOL SUPPLIES	1500	1,845	750
92400 TEXTBOOKS	500	199	200
92600 AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE	1	0	1
92000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	139604	137531	201524
93000 TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	15300	18,949	15300
97390 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	1	0	1
94000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	1	0	1
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS			
99100 CAPS Collab. Assessment	500	400	500
99110 Pre-School Program	1000	0	500
99120 Tuition Out of District	27000	23750	27000
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DIST.	28500	24150	28000
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET	183406	180630	244826
REGULAR EDUC. BUDGET	910,944	913,716	1,076,495
SPECIAL EDUC. BUDGET	183406	180630	244826
TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET:	1,094,350	1,094,346	1,321,321

Budget originally \$1,279,350.00 - Reduced by \$185,000 taken from School Choice

**COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENT FIGURES**  
(October 1<sup>st</sup>)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>K</b>	12	12	15	13	13	15	16
<b>1</b>	19	19	16	17	17	17	16
<b>2</b>	18	18	14	15	15	16	17
<b>3</b>	21	21	19	14	12	15	16
<b>4</b>	19	19	18	20	29	14	16
<b>5</b>	19	19	22	18	18	12	15
<b>6</b>	15	15	18	23	22	17	14
<b>Pre-school</b>	2	1		1			
<b>Out of Dist. Placement</b>	1		1	1	1	2	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>111</b>

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	<u>English/Language Arts</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
Class of 2010	100%	100%
Class of 2009	100%	100%
Class of 2008	100%	100%
Class of 2007	100%	100%
Class of 2006	100%	98.3%
Class of 2005	100%	98.6%
Class of 2004	100%	94.8%

### **FACULTY AND STAFF**

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

The current staff includes 56 vocational teachers, 2 vocational teaching assistants, 44 academic teachers, 4 guidance counselors, 1 school social worker, 1 school adjustment counselor, 1 school psychologist, 1 speech and language therapist and 1 media specialist.

### **SKILLSUSA**

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

SkillsUSA Massachusetts has the second largest membership in the nation, boasting 19,300 students and 800 professional members. The state has 42 secondary schools and one post-secondary school, 34 of which are total participation SkillsUSA Chapters.

The 2009-2010 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of SkillsUSA. The students met the challenges of district competitions, performed well at state-level competitions and took back to Monty Tech five national medals and four top-ten placements. Serving as co-advisors were First Sergeant Paul Jornet, JROTC instructor, Timothy Gately, English teacher, and Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Education instructor.

Highlights of the year included:

- A total of 51 medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School – 20 gold, 17 silver and 14 bronze. Students in four contests swept the events, obtaining all three medals. These included: Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Preschool Teaching Assistant and Technical Drafting.

- Forty-five District Medalists and qualifiers, 24 local Leadership contestants, 1 state officer candidate and 14 voting delegates, for a total of 84 students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School and the Best Western Royal Plaza (Marlboro). Monty Tech finished the competition with 27 Medals of which 15 earned the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, in late June. In addition, Victoria Holbert was elected to the State Executive Council and Paula Araujo was selected as a National Voting Delegate.
- Of the nine students competing at the National Conference, five earned medals and the remaining four earned a spot in the top ten in the nation. Michelle Gosselin, Early Childhood Education, earned her second Gold Medal in a row in the Action Skills Competition. Arielle Maddocks, also from Early Childhood Education, earned a Gold Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration – Open Competition. Eunices Gonzalez, Dental Assisting, earned a Silver Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration – A Category. Matthew DiBara, Masonry, earned a Silver Medal in the Masonry Competition. Conner Bailey, Drafting Technology, earned a Silver Medal in the Extemporaneous Speech Competition.
- Victoria Holbert, state officer elect, attended leadership training over the summer. Following the training, she was elected to the position of State President by her peers on the officer team.
- Monty Tech's SkillsUSA Chapter completed the restoration of Moran Park in Fitchburg, through the generosity of a grant from Lowes, Inc.

### **WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monty Tech, with the support of Superintendent-Director James R. Culkeen, has played a pivotal role in the WIT Program the past three years by hosting three of the program's major annual events: the annual Orientation Day, the Final Projects Presentation, and the all-day rehearsal the day before.

## CURRICULUM

In addition to the house building projects, the vocational/technical programs continue to provide communities in the Monty Tech District with a range of services as a component of the curricula. The projects listed below are a sampling of services provided during the 2009-2010 school year.

### Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology

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

### Automotive Technology

Winchendon, YMCA - Repairs

### Cabinetmaking

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

### Cosmetology

Gardner High Rise - Cosmetology Services

### Culinary Arts

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

### Dental Assisting

Lunenburg, Winchendon, Westminster, Ashburnham - CHIP Program  
Westminster, Winchendon - Dental Health Fairs

### Drafting Technology

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

### Early Childhood Education

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

### Electrical

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

### Graphic Communications

Westminster, Forbush Memorial Library - posters and flyers  
Interfaith Hospitality Network - bookmarks  
Gardner, Relay for Life - posters  
North Central - tickets  
Gardner, Memorial Lights - booklets/envelopes  
Ashburnham News - postcards  
Peoples Church - Letterhead/cards/envelopes  
Ashburnham, Friends of Senior Center - logo  
Ashby, Middlesex Camp - flyers



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

#### Health Occupations

Blood Drive  
Haiti donations  
Pediatric Day

#### House Carpentry

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

### Industrial Technology

Fitchburg - Baseball shelters

Fitchburg, Historical Society - bronze markers

Phillipston - Build/fabricate offices, DPW Barn

### Machine Technology

Fitchburg, Coggshall Park - manufactured plates and columns

### Masonry

Barre - repaint steps at Town Hall

Fitchburg, High School - dugouts

Winchendon Public School - concrete sidewalk repairs

### Welding/Metal Fabrication

Fitchburg, Fire Dept. - ladder brackets

Winchendon, YMCA - modify brackets for showers

## SPECIAL SERVICES

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

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

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

we have a full-time speech pathologist that is available to service students with disabilities, assess these students and consult the teachers within the building.

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

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

### **STUDENT ATHLETICS**

The Monty Tech Athletic Program enjoyed successes again in the 2009-2010 school year. Our numbers keep increasing every year. We had sixteen teams compete in the fall of 2008, eleven in the winter of 2008-2009, and seven last spring.

Last fall, the Varsity Football team broke a long losing streak and won three games in a row during a good stretch in October. They improved every week and gave their all during practice and games. They finished the year at 3 – 8 and 2 – 4 in Division 3A. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 8 – 7 – 4, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Northbridge 3 – 1 in an exciting game. The JV Boys Soccer team was 5 – 1-1. The Golf team was 10 – 2 – 2, playing in the Central Mass Division 3 Tournament where they finished 4<sup>th</sup>. They placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the State Vocational Tournament. We had three JV Golf tournaments at the Red Farm Golf Course in Upton and played five other matches in an attempt to improve our program. The Field Hockey team was 3 – 15. The Monty Tech faculty held their annual Teacher vs. Student Field Hockey game to raise money for a scholarship for a deserving Monty Tech female athlete. It was very successful. The Boys Cross Country team was 3 – 6 and the Girls Cross Country team was 3 – 3. The Girls Volleyball team had a 5 – 15 record. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 5 – 12 and the Freshmen Girls team 5 – 6, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 7 – 9 – 2, just missing the post-season berth. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 8 – 4 – 3, with most of the girls moving up this fall. Our girls' program looks very promising.

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

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

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

Male: Chris LaPlante of Westminster

Female: Ivette Tejada of Fitchburg

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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

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

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

## **GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2010, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$1,616,244. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Drug Free Schools, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$140,990. For Fiscal Year 2010, Monty Tech received \$26,175 in grant funds to support instructional services and equipment in the Auto Body/Collision Repair Department. The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts awarded the school \$20,000 to pursue a biodiesel project (project end date June 30, 2010), while the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded competitive funds to support the construction of a renewable energy center at Monty Tech. Funds awarded for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy Center (REC) project total \$94,815.

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

### **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

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



**ANNUAL REPORT  
FIFTY- THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

	<b>Town</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Maureen Donelan, Chair	Orange	2011
Cara Deane, Vice-Chair	Orange	2012
Michael Yohan	New Salem	Appointed Position
Nadine Parsons	Orange	2013
Peter Cross	Orange	2013
Patricia Smith	Orange	2012
Robin LaCroix	Orange	2011
Paul Gervais	Orange	Appointed Position
Dana Kennan	Petersham	Appointed Position
Michael LeBlanc	Petersham	2012
Richard Baldwin	Wendell	Appointed Position

**STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Heather Hunt

Michael R. Baldassarre, Superintendent  
Gabriele Voelker, District Treasurer  
Robin Briand, Administrator of Finance and Personnel

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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, 2010 to December 31, 2010. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year.

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2011 - 2016  
APPROVED DECEMBER 2010**

In April of 2010, the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School initiated the process of updating and revising the district's Strategic Plan under the guidance of hired consultant Dr. George Ladd. To accomplish this task, a steering committee comprised of members from within

the school, the school community, and the communities-at-large was selected from a pool of applicants by Michael Baldassarre, Superintendent, and the appointed Co-chairs. The committee was charged with reviewing a number of key areas including: student achievement, personal growth, school climate, collaborations and partnerships, and resources.

Over several months, the eleven-member Strategic Plan Steering Committee met numerous times to update and revise the Strategic Plan. As part of this course of action, the committee surveyed identified stakeholder groups, their constituents, and the community as a whole, to ascertain a much broader perspective. The information collected in this survey guided the committee in updating the school's core values and the school's vision and mission statements. The ultimate purpose of this five-year Strategic Plan is to ensure that the R.C. Mahar Regional School continues to move in a direction congruent with the school's vision and mission and that the school's efforts and actions are reflective of the plan's core values.

### **Strategic Plan Steering Committee Members**

Scott Hemlin Co-Chair	Principal
Judy Curley Co-Chair	Curriculum Coordinator
Robert Andrews	Town Official
Adam Bergantino	Student
Chante Jillson	Parent
Rick Kwiatkowski	Town Official
Dr. Ed McCaul	CAPS Director
Olinto Paoletti	Business
Matt Parsons	Teacher
Chad Softic	School Resource Officer
Susan Wallace	Community
Dr. George Ladd	Facilitator

### **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.

## **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 **\$596,404.00** for the 2009-20010 school year. 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 (\$41,316)**

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.



**Title II-D - Enhancing Education Through Technology (\$1,851)**

This federal grant program is intended to help districts improve student achievement through the use of technology in their schools. Also, it is designed to assist students in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade. Lastly, it encourages high quality professional development that uses research-based instructional strategies to integrate technology effectively into the instruction.

**Federal Special Education Entitlement P.L. 94-142 (\$205,582)**

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 + Additional Title I ARRA Support (\$214,245)**

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.

**Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools (\$3,510)**

The purpose of this federal grant is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools; prevent illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; involve parents and communities; and coordinate with related federal, state, school, and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student achievement.

**ARRA IDEA Stimulus Program (\$107,600)**

The purpose of this Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Grant was to fund the Middle School Special Education Alternative Learning Model that promotes positive behavior interventions, classroom-wide behavioral supports, and enhance positive social interactions for students. This grant is scheduled to be discontinued in Fiscal Year 2012.

**Academic Supplemental Educational Services MCAS Grants (\$22,300)**

This funding was utilized to implement an innovative after school MCAS preparation program for seventy students identified based on individual needs in the Classes of 2011 and 2012 who will be taking the MCAS in the spring 2009. Other funds will be made available for students who have yet to earn a competency determination by passing the English Language Arts or Mathematics MCAS examinations.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

**CAPS Educational Collaborative Programs at Mahar**

These programs are also known as the CAPS Horizons II and Horizons III programs. Now 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) has proven 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.

### **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.

#### **Pathways Early College Innovation School**

Under new Massachusetts legislation 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 fully dually enrolled 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.

## CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

### MCAS Performance 2010

Ralph C. Mahar Regional School's MCAS performance based on the spring of 2010 results show the aggregate performance in ELA to be *high* with an *on target* improvement rating and a *No Status* designation in NCLB accountability status. Mathematics shows a performance rating of *moderate* and an improvement rating of *improvement below target* and a *Restructuring Year 1 – Subgroups* designation for the NCLB accountability status.

Data was analyzed and an action plan was developed and implemented in September to address the need for improvement in MCAS performance. PTS3, an on line assessment in reading and math, will be administered at three points during the year to inform instruction for grades 7 and 8. This data as well as formative assessments will be used to determine grouping and instructional needs. In addition, forty-five minutes of instructional time was scheduled daily for skills intervention and MCAS preparation. This time is used for additional, explicit instruction on skills needed by the students to be successful and improve their MCAS performance in ELA and mathematics and to address intervention needed for students in accessing the curriculum. The need for improved scores on open response questions is addressed with teaching reading comprehension strategies, thinking skills, and organizing ideas. The mathematics teachers are addressing instruction of mathematics and focusing on specific strategies to improve math achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Baldassarre  
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# TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCIES

AMBULANCE .....	911
FIRE .....	911
POLICE .....	911
ATHOL STATE POLICE .....	978-249-4341
POISON INFORMATION .....	1-800-682-9211
SUICIDE INFORMATION .....	1-508-791-6562

### TOWN GOVERNMENT

Administrative Coordinator .....	978-724-3353
Board of Assessors .....	724-6658
Board of Health .....	724-0057
Building Inspector .....	724-3586
Burning Permit .....	508-867-1066
Conservation Commission .....	724-3564
Council on Aging .....	(Mondays) 724-3522
Dog Officer .....	978-544-6441
Fire Station (non-emergency).....	724-3371
Gas Inspector.....	508-944-7176
Highway Department .....	724-3211
Planning Board .....	724-0057
Plumbing Inspector .....	978-544-6008
Police Department (office) .....	724-3330
Police Department (after-hours non-emergency) .....	724-3232
Selectboard .....	724-3353
Tax Collector .....	724-6620
Town Clerk .....	724-6649
Treasurer .....	724-6699
Tree Warden .....	724-3353
Veterans' Agent .....	978-249-6935
Wiring Inspector .....	978-249-4663
Zoning Board of Appeals .....	724-0057

### SCHOOLS

Mahar Regional Superintendent's Office .....	978-544-2920
Mahar Regional Main Office .....	978-544-2542
Petersham Center School .....	978-724-3363
Petersham Montessori School .....	978-724-0246

### HOSPITALS

Athol Memorial .....	978-249-3511
Henry Heywood, Gardner .....	978-632-3420