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**TOWN OF PETERSHAM
Advisory Finance Committee Report
Fiscal Year 2003**

The Town of Petersham once again faced a year of cuts in State funding, however, the Town managed to operate efficiently and successfully for the Fiscal Year 2003. The Advisory Finance Committee would like to applaud all Town Departments and the Petersham Center School Committee for diligently monitoring their costs and working together for the good of the Town of Petersham.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER

10/08/02	Maintenance to Town Buildings - balance of annual fire extinguishers inspection	\$59.47
10/15/02	Maintenance to Town Buildings - plumbing service for ladies room	\$52.00
11/12/02	Maintenance to Town Buildings - various items including repair to accessibility ramp	\$219.74
12/11/02	Maintenance to Town Buildings - no heat service call	\$67.00
12/11/02	Maintenance to Town Buildings - supplies from Home Depot	\$23.95
02/12/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - cleaning of two furnaces in Town Hall	\$246.90
02/12/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - conference room lock	\$72.25
02/25/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - supplies	\$45.87
03/03/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - supplies from Home Depot	\$25.80
04/03/03	Selectmen's Budget - Paying on a \$681.25 invoice for MGL updates	\$308.20
04/30/03	Selectmen's Budget - MGL updates	\$47.20
05/06/03	Selectmen's Budget - legal notices in Athol Daily News	\$62.70
05/27/03	Printing - 400 copies of AFC Town Report for Town Meeting 2/3 of total needed	\$697.20
05/28/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - furnace cleaning, Assessors office	\$73.47
06/02/03	Maintenance Town Buildings - supplies	\$29.92
06/03/03	Special Town Meeting Article 1: To Snow and Ice Account	\$10,000.00
06/09/03	Election Registration Salaries - Yearly stipends	\$126.83
06/11/03	Maintenance Town Buildings - cleaning supplies	\$94.70
06/11/03	Selectmen's Expense - legal notices for pole hearing and ABCC hearing	\$77.55
06/11/03	Snow Account - Salt invoices for FY 03	\$4,233.84
06/18/03	Legal Fees - paying balance of May 2003 bill	\$1,158.52
06/18/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - materials and supplies for both buildings	\$37.75
06/18/03	Maintenance to Town Buildings - no heat service call	\$50.00
06/25/03	Animal Control Officer - under budgeted verified expenses	\$84.99
06/18/03	Selectmen's Expense - law book updates	\$180.55
06/30/03	Fire Dept. Salaries - under budgeted	\$1,473.44
06/23/03	Election Reg. & Salaries for June 23rd Special Election	\$510.25
07/07/03	Salary Account	\$98.75
07/07/03	Street Lights Account	\$12.97
07/08/03	Fire Dept. Salaries - under budgeted	\$48.20
07/12/03	Dog Officer Expense	\$94.80
07/12/03	Insurance - Medicare	\$630.45
07/12/03	Legal Fees	\$259.57
07/12/03	Montachusett Regional Vocational School	\$469.31
07/12/03	Repair & Maintenance Town Hall	\$29.22
07/15/03	Secretary's Salary not covered by budget	\$98.40
07/15/03	Selectmen expense - buying MGL books & updates	\$50.20
		\$21,851.96

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Patrick, Chairman
Ron Turcotte, Vice Chairman
Lisa Richardson, Clerk

**LIST OF PETERSHAM TOWN OFFICERS
FY03
ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

Moderator

Richard Nickless Term expires 2005

Town Clerk

Diana Cooley Term expires 2006

Treasurer

John E. Beary Term expires 2005

Selectmen

Clinton A. Shaw, Chair Term expires 2004

Vincent J. Purple, Vice-chair Term expires 2006

Alfred M. Berry, Clerk Term expires 2005

Tax Collector

Virginia Newman Term expires 2006

Board of Assessors

Dana W. Kennan, Chair Term expires 2006

Jean Robinson Term expires 2005

John E. Beary Term expires 2004

Board of Health

Mary Ann Walker, Co-chair Term expires 2006

Fifi Scoufopoulos, Co-chair Term expires 2004

Marcia A. Maglione, r 10/15 Term expires 2005

Maryann Forgues, a 1/3, e 3/3 Term expires 2005

Tom Paragallo, Agent Term expires 2003

Daniel RajECKI, Agent Term expires 2003

Petersham School Committee

Michael LeBlanc, Chair Term expires 2004

Charles Berube Term expires 2006

Dana W. Kennan, r 3/3 Term expires 2005

Laura Webber Term expires 2005

Mahar Regional School Committee

Dana W. Kennan Term expires 2006

Trustees of Public Library

Conrad H. Buelow Term expires 2005

Robert C. Hall, Jr. Term expires 2006

Richard Moriarty

Term expires 2004

Constables

Richard N. Bartus

Term expires 2004

Denis N. Legare

Term expires 2004

Larry Robinson

Term expires 2004

Planning Board

Richard McCrae, Chair

Term expires 2005

James Burke

Term expires 2006

Marcia L. Shaw

Term expires 2006

Christopher Paul

Term expires 2005

Alan Bachrach, Jr.

Term expires 2004

APPOINTED LIST

Police Officers

Ted A. Basset

Peter J. Buck

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.

Jason DeJackome

Stanley Deleo

Randall Horne, a 9/1

Bruce Kilhart

Renee LeClerc

Denis N. Legare

Timothy Sherblom, r 1/1

Chief of Police

Denis N. Legare

Sergeant

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.

Auxiliary Police Officers (Special)

Randall Horne

Joseph Camden, New Salem Police

James Thompson, Barre Police

Richard Bartus

Larry Robinson

Dog Officer/Animal Control

Andrew Ohlson

Fire Chief

Dana Robinson

Assistant Fire Chief
Ronald DeJackome

Deputy Fire Chief
Gilbert M. King, Jr., a 11/12
Robert F. Laford

Tree Warden
Norman L. LaPointe

Deputy Tree Warden
Leslie Cooley

Superintendent of Streets
Norman L. LaPointe

Town Accountant
Jean Joel

Sexton
George Brunelle

Custodian
Neil Legare

Emergency Management Director
Denis N. Legare

Asst. Emergency Management Director
Norman L. LaPointe

Forest Warden
Dana Robinson

Deputy Forest Warden
Ronald DeJackome, a 6/18
Gilbert M. King, Jr., a 11/12
Robert F. Laford, a 6/18
Robert D. Legare, a 11/12

Director of Veterans' Services, Veteran's Agent, and Burial Agent
Toni Phillips

Graves Registration Officer
Roland Barnes

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ellen Anderson, Chair
Brian MacEwen
Thomas Kenney, r 3/29
Don Eaton, Associate
James Ermini, Associate

Term expires 2006
Term expires 2006
Term expires 2003
Term expires 2005
Term expires 2005

Inspector of Animals

David Perkins

Asst. Inspector of Animals

Andrew Ohlson

Inspector of Buildings

Brianna Skowyra

Alternate Inspector of Buildings

Gerald Mullaney

Local Building Inspector

Stewart M. Reed
Ralph Brouillette, a 10/15

Gas Inspector

Michael Schlosser

Electrical Inspector

Michael Peterson, r 9/17
Richard Dionne, a 9/17

Asst. Electrical Inspector

Glenn Tattan
Michael Peterson, a 9/17

Plumbing Inspector

Gerald Brousseau

Alternate Plumbing Inspector

John Dolan

ADA Coordinator

Brianna Skowyra, a 1/15

ADA Transitional Study Grant Town Representative

Brianna Skowyra, a 1/15

Transfer Station Monitor
Polly Pillsbury

Town Counsel
Kopelman and Paige

TOWN COMMITTEES

Board of Registrars

Helen E. Simms /R/
Barbara M. Nickless /R/
Ellen G. Moriarty /D/
Diana Cooley, Clerk

Historic District Commission/Historical Commission

Robert Clark	Term expires 2008
Jordan O'Connor	Term expires 2008
Robert C. Hall, Jr.	Term expires 2005
Annette Ermini	Term expires 2005
Martha Siccardi	Term expires 2004
Polly Pillsbury	Term expires 2004
Roland Barnes	Term expires 2004

Conservation Commission

Robert Clark, Chair	Term expires 2004
David Perkins	Term expires 2006
Roland Barnes	Term expires 2005
Ann Townsend, r 12/16	Term expires 2005
Peter E. Brightman, r 6/11	Term expires 2005
John Baker, a 1/22	Term expires 2005
Thomas Webber, a 1/22	Term expires 2004
Henry Woolsey	Term expires 2003

Council on Aging

John LePoer, Chair	Term expires 2005
Ann Hyde, a 4/9	Term expires 2006
Shirley Buell, a 4/9	Term expires 2006
Linda King, a 4/9	Term expires 2006
M. Kathryn Brunelle	Term expires 2005
Robert M. Lane	Term expires 2005
Hector Cameron	Term expires 2004
Barbara Amidon	Term expires 2004
Elizabeth Marsh	Term expires 2004
Mary Russell	Term expires 2004
William L. Berry, Sr.	Term expires 2003
Marilee Brunelle	Term expires 2003

Glorian Smith

Term expires 2003

FRTA Advisory Board

Robert M. Lane

Cemetery Commission

Michael Huppert, Chair

Jan Bedau

George Brunelle

John E. Beary

Harold Mullaney

Ann Hyde

Term expires 2006

Term expires 2006

Term expires 2006

Term expires 2005

Term expires 2004

Term expires 2004

Petersham Cultural Council

John Pope

Robert Clark

Van Duros

Doreen Frost

Thomas Webber

Donna Schlosser

Mark Ellis

Dale Bull

Renee Wingertsman

Jenne McGinnis

Carol Boyer

Tax-exempt Committee

V. Edward Simms, Chair, r 3/15

Dana W. Kennan

Richard Nickless, r 11/16

Martha Siccardi

Davenport Committee

James Baird

Ron DeJackome

David Perkins

Henry Woolsey

By-Laws Revision Committee

V. Edward Simms

Diana Cooley

James Ermini

Richard Nickless

Memorial Park and Common Committee

Emily Arnold

Rexine Barnes
Ruth Bassingthwaite
George Brunelle
Marilee Brunelle

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Advisory Finance Committee

James Patrick, Chair	Term expires 2006
Mark Painchaud	Term expires 2005
Sandra Dines, a 8/2, r	Term expires 2005
Mark Ellis, r 9/2	Term expires 2004
E. Ronald Turcotte	Term expires 2004
Lisa Richardson	Term expires 2004

Petersham Regional School District Planning Committee

Peter Burnham, Chair
Charles Berube
Laura Webber, a 6/2

Petersham School Building Committee

James Burke, Co-chair
Linda Kotsopoulos, Co-chair
Linda Ganson
Joey LaPointe
Gerald Mullaney
James Patrick
Wendy Scott
Glenn Tattan

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

V. Edward Simms

BOARD OF HEALTH

Calendar Year 2003 Report

The Board of Health maintained full membership and a part-time assistant, which has allowed us to carry out our responsibilities. Our main responsibility has been the application and monitoring of Title V septic management.

The board meetings have been bimonthly with office hours weekly. We continued to assist the selectmen with the operation of the transfer station. A regional hazardous materials collection day was held in collaboration with other towns. We have created posters to keep the public informed about health issues. The board continued researching the status of septic disposal systems in the center of town. A formal procedure for obtaining variances was developed. The annual rabies clinic was held in collaboration with the town clerk, animal officer, highway department and a local veterinarian. 58 animals were vaccinated and \$230 was raised to upgrade the dog pound.

Local Board of Health Duties

A. Septic System Regulations	
Site Work.....	45
Plan Reviews.....	29
Repair	2
Inspections.....	61
Compliances	16
System Installers Permits	15
System Haulers Permits	3
B. Private Well Permits	16
C. Public Well Monitoring	4
D. Sanitary Code Violations	0
E. Food Operations	
Establishment Inspections	2
Food Operation Permits.....	16
F. Temporary Food Permits	36
G. Food Born Illness Investigations...	0
H. Bacterial Illness Investigations	2
I. Animal Bite Reports Monitor.....	3
J. Rec. Camp Inspections	1
K. Asbestos Removal Monitoring.....	0
L. Tobacco Sales Reports.....	2
M. Body Art Licensed	0
N. Massage Licenses	3
O. Housing Inspections	2

We 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.

Mary Anne Walker, co-chairperson ♦ Fifi Scoufopoulos, co-chairperson
Mary Anne Forgues, member



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Fiscal Year 2003 was a year of change and progress in a number of areas.

Financial – Much of the year was dominated by news of the State's severe financial crisis, a reflection of the national recession and end of the great stock market boom. This was reflected in local aid cuts in many areas. By holding operational costs down and eliminating almost all special articles for needed capital expenditure, the Town made it through the Annual Town Meeting in June 2002 without a fiscal crisis.

Center School – Work proceeded well on the building of the new Center School and renovation of the old one. Children were expected to move in in the Fall of 2003.

Growth Management – By gathering 200 signatures concerned townspeople forced a special town meeting in December 2002 to rescind the growth management by-law passed in June 2002. Selectmen proposed several alternatives. In the end, townspeople kept the by-law (which limits permits for new home construction to six per year) but allowed people in the process to go forward. This resulted in significantly more permits to be available in calendar years 2003 and 2004.

Master Plan – A grant had been awarded by the MDC for 70% State funding of a \$50,000 project to prepare a master plan for Petersham. Daylor Consulting Group was selected and work proceeded with public meetings and a local planning committee.

Davenport Property – Problems persisted in getting a final legal resolution of the Athol/Petersham boundary line.

Speeding – The Board received a number of complaints of excessive speed on Town roads. The Board learned that if there are no signs, a 40 mile per hour speed limit is assumed. A number of speed limit signs (30mph) were installed. Police were advised to continue their patrol and ticketing.

Horses – There was some discussion of horses and horse carriages on the roads. A carriage has a right to drive on the roads provided it has a SMV (Slow Moving Vehicle) sign on the back. Cars are expected to proceed with great caution in passing horses and riders.

Grants – The Town received a \$25,000 grant to conduct a Self-Evaluation and ADA (American with Disabilities Act) Transitional Plan. This work began in FY2003.

The Town also received a grant for \$350,000 for housing rehabilitation. Homeowners who met income guidelines can have needed repairs made to electrical, septic, etc. The \$350,000 should cover ten homes.

Petersham Country Club – A conservation restriction on the bulk of the Petersham Country Club land was signed. The “CR” will be held by Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

Safe in Assessors’ Office – Selectman Bill Purple has been working on alternatives to remove this huge, useless 10,000 lb. safe.

Finally, we thank the Town officers, boards, departments, and the people of Petersham for their helpfulness and cooperation in keeping the Town in good shape for another year.

PETERSHAM SELECTBOARD

Clinton A. Shaw, Chair

Vincent J. Purple, Vice-chair

Alfred M. Berry, Clerk

Cemetery Commission

The business of the CemComm during calendar year 2003 continued to center around issues of equitable administration and recordkeeping.

The first edition of the Rules and Regulations governing the use of the Town cemeteries was published. As previously advertised, effective January 1, 2003, the fees for purchase of a deed for a single cemetery lot were increased to \$400 for residents, and \$700 for non-residents. In either case, \$100 is the charge for the lot, and the balance is deposited into the fund for perpetual care from which each year a portion of the cost of the cemetery maintenance contract is paid. The difference in cost for residents and non-residents is dictated by the fact that via property taxes every Town resident contributes toward the maintenance of the Town cemeteries.

The CemComm raised the question with the Selectmen whether the Town should be administering several funds restricted for the purchase of flowers for placement on individual graves. These individual restricted funds were established many years ago before provision was made for support of maintenance of all cemeteries through income from perpetual care funds.

Roland Barnes has been designated assistant sexton, so he may act as a legal representative of the Town in handling the sale of burial lots.

The CemComm discussed an offer by a resident to purchase a granite hitching post located in the East Street cemetery. We recommended to the Selectmen that no such Town-owned antiquities be sold now or in the future. The post was discovered to have been loosened recently, so the Highway Department was asked to reset the post firmly in its current location.

There is continuing concern about the ongoing deterioration of the Hearse House, located behind the Town Offices building adjacent to the Center Village Cemetery. There has been some discussion of rehabilitating this historic structure for some present-day use by the Town, which seems to be one condition for receiving a grant to preserve the structure.

During the year the CemComm considered presentations by two consultants re computerizing cemetery records. Roy Nilson reviewed and assessed several commercial software programs now available for recording and arranging all data related to burials. The consensus was that such software is more complex and more expensive than is needed by the Town. Consultant Val Gonzalez was authorized to work with Roland Barnes to design a customized application using Excel software to record the current and historical records of burials in Petersham's cemeteries.

Michael Huppert, Chair
Harold Mullaney, Vice-chair
John Beary, Financial Officer

George Brunelle, Sexton
Ann Hyde
Jan Bedau, Clerk

Petersham Council on Aging Annual Report
FY July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Petersham's Council on Aging dedicates itself to addressing concerns of the 60 year and older population. To accomplish this, we operate an All-Volunteer organization. Funds to promote this objective came, this year, from: an annual grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA); Franklin County Home Care Corp. (FCHCC); Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA); the Petersham Cultural Council and a \$750 warrant article voted at our Annual Town Meeting.

The Council's Senior Transportation Program provides weekly shopping trips to Athol and rides to medical, legal or other necessary appointments for the "over 60 yrs" inhabitants having no other access to transportation. This fiscal year volunteer drivers provided 81 days of service, 225 hours of their time and traveled 3,032 miles. Five regular drivers used their own vehicles. They were compensated for the use of their autos by the FRTA, but their time and service were donated. Robert Lane oversees this program.

The Monday Luncheon Club, an adjunct of the FCHCC's Meals-on-Wheels Program, has been active in Petersham for nine (9) years. Catered meals arrive at the Town Hall where volunteers reheat and present the meals. This year 1,377 meals were consumed of the 1,508 ordered. This represents a 91% attendance record, a remarkable feat in light of the fact that meals must be ordered on Fridays for Monday's consumption. On forty-four (44) Mondays a hot, nutritious meal was served. It should be noted that our volunteers who provide this service, have to comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health, Petersham Board of Health, as well as the sponsor's demands. Two (2) of these volunteers (Mary Russell and John LePoer) have had additional training regarding the responsibility of the mealsite. This year the recommended donation of Luncheon Club attendees was raised to \$1.75.

The COA Newsletter, underwritten by the EOEA, is distributed to all residents over 60 years of age. A review of some of the more significant activities highlighted in this year's newsletters were:

1. Receipt of a \$2,600 Elder Affairs grant to be used for:
 - a.) Printing/publication/distribution of our newsletter;
 - b.) Health promotions through screenings, clinics and exercise;
 - c.) Mealsite equipment and supplies;
 - d.) Recognition and appreciation of Volunteers.
2. The Exercise Program consisted of two (2), ten (10) week sessions. The sessions were one (1) hour in length and were led by YMCA instructors.
3. Bob Lane arranged for several Wilson Bus Trips:

In September, lunch was followed by a fine presentation of "I Sent a Letter to My Love" presented at the North Shore Music Theater.

In December, a trip to Worcester Mechanics Hall for the concert by the United States Air Force Band of Liberty. The concert was followed by a sumptuous meal.

In May, lunch was followed by a great presentation of the famous Broadway Production of "MAME" at the North Shore Music Theater.
4. A Flu Clinic was scheduled in October. A Cholesterol/Blood Sugar Screening Clinic was scheduled in April, included with this was a seven (7) minute video on "STROKE: WHEN MINUTES MATTER."
5. A monthly Blood Pressure Clinic was provided on the first Monday of the month by Jennifer Peddle, RN, Center School Nurse.
6. In May, Jerold Paquette in accord with The Massachusetts Bar Association presented "2003 Elder Law Education Program". The program covered "Elder Law Essentials" such as, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, Life Support Statements and Wills.

7. In July, a Panel on Senior Housing was presented by the "Friends of the Nichewaugh" and Larry Buell at our Luncheon Club meeting to inform us on the legal, financial, and social issues surrounding housing.
8. In September, the opportunity was provided for 55 and Alive, a two (2) day, four (4) hour special program created for senior drivers providing new and refreshed knowledge of highway and safety rules. This program, cosponsored by the Petersham Police Department, was led by Larry Musante of Hubbardston.
9. In October, Monty Tech Regional High School, of which Petersham is a member, played host to a luncheon for 35 paying customers of our Petersham senior population. This restaurant is for the training of their culinary arts students and everyone had a great time.
10. Annually the Petersham Lions' Club pays tribute to the town's older citizens. And again this year under the able efforts of Jeannine Legare and her reliable crew, they presented a fine meal and an appropriate program for the December holidays, including the traditional visit from Santa Claus.
11. In September of this year, the Council on Aging offered their wholehearted support to all attempts to make senior citizens better able to access means to our public buildings so they may continue to be fully active in town and other civic affairs. This was in conjunction with the MRPC's plan for a grant that would aid the Town of Petersham in making the Town Buildings more amenable to the compliance of the American Disabilities Act.
12. In April, we were made aware of the "ARE YOU OK?" program. The Petersham Police Department has made arrangements with the Barre Police Department to provide Petersham residents with a daily check-up to guarantee you are well and are not in need of emergency attention. This is a free service similar to the LIFE LINE program.
13. Members of the Council on Aging both supported and joined in the FCHCC's Meals-On-Wheels Walk-A-Thon and also the Relay for Life Walk-A-Thon.
14. This year we were saddened by the loss of two of our long term Board members – Marilee Brunelle and Kathryn Brunelle.
15. This year also brought us some new appointments:
 New Board Members are: Shirley Buell, Ann Hyde and Linda King
 FRTA Advisory Board – Shirley Buell has joined Bob Lane on this committee
16. In September, Linda King took over the responsibility of contact person for the taking of reservations for the Monday Luncheon Club.

The Council wishes to thank: The Board of Selectmen for their continued support and the use of the Town Hall; The American Legion Post #415 for the use of their fine facility to promote our programs; Dale Bull, Town Secretary, for her constant help in clearing dates and for her assistance with the printing of the COA NEWSLETTER and Norman LaPointe and his Highway Department for removal of our Luncheon Club wastes and for clearing and sanding walkways during inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted,
 Council on Aging Board Members

John P. LePoer, Chairman
 Barbara Amidon
 Linda King

Hector Cameron, Secretary
 Shirley Buell
 Elizabeth Marsh

Robert Lane, Treasurer
 Ann Hyde
 Mary Russell

DOG OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2003 was a good year in the Town of Petersham. We boarded approximately 11 dogs during the year and found owners and new homes for all of them except one dog which was abused and with his violent mannerism was put down.

I would like to thank the 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 and there were fewer blisters on my fingers from writing citations.

I responded to approximately 25 complaints during the year and hopefully solved the problem at hand for all the residents involved. The year had fewer complaints from residents which means most are abiding by the By-laws or we had a cold and lengthy winter keeping owners and their pets indoors for the majority of the year.

An account has been established for the Dog Officer to accept donations toward improvement of the kennel facility at the Town barn. Interested parties should see the Administrative Coordinator for details. The account has grown again this year due to the generous time and vaccinations provided by Dr. Alan Bachrach and his wife, Debra. I would like to thank Dr. Bachrach, his wife, the Board of Health for donating their time, the Highway Department for use of the highway garage, and residents who participated in the rabies clinic. Donations from the vaccinations went into the kennel account mentioned above.

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

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 of each year.

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

MARCH 3, 2003
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Town Clerk – 3 yrs.

Diana L. Cooley	115
Others	1
Blanks	5

Trustees of Public Library – 3 yrs.

Robert C. Hall, Jr.	109
Blanks	12

Board of Selectmen – 3 yrs.

Vincent J. Purple	92
Others	3
Blanks	26

Planning Board – 3 yrs.

Marcia L. Shaw	110
Others	1
Blanks	10

Tax Collector – 3 yrs.

Virginia Newman	111
Blanks	10

Constable – 1 yr.

Dennis Flynn	15
Larry Robinson	101
Blanks	5

Board of Assessors – 3 yrs.

Dana W. Kennan	104
Others	2
Blanks	15

Board of Health – 3 yrs.

Mary Ann S. Walker	105
Others	2
Blanks	14

Board of Health – 2 yrs.

Maryanne Forgues	109
Blanks	12

Petersham School Committee – 3 yrs.

Charles Berube	100
Others	2
Blanks	19

Petersham School Committee – 2 yrs.

Laura Webber	112
Blanks	9

Mahar Regional School Committee – 3 yrs.

Dana W. Kennan	104
Others	2
Blanks	15

JUNE 23, 2003
SPECIAL ELECTION

Question 1

Shall certain provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, except Worcester County, city, town or district to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this Town.

Yes	57
No	10
Blanks	1

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

DEMOCRAT

Senator in Congress

John F. Kerry	143
Blanks	12

Governor

Thomas F. Birmingham	24
Steven Grossman	0
Shannon P. O'Brien	37
Robert B. Reich	74
Warren E. Tolman	16
Blanks	4

Lieutenant Governor

Christopher F. Gabrieli	45
Lois G. Pines	53
John P. Slattery	36
Blanks	21

Attorney General

Thomas F. Reilly	107
Blanks	48

Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin	105
Blanks	55

Treasurer

Michael P. Cahill	17
Timothy P. Cahill	44
Stephen J. Murphy	12
James W. Segel	48
Blanks	34

Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci	102
Blanks	53

Representative in Congress

John W. Olver	131
Blanks	24

Councillor

Dennis P. McManus	93
Blanks	62

Senator in General Court

Stephen M. Brewer	134
Blanks	21

Representative in General Court

Anne M. Gobi	120
James J. Foyle	20
Blanks	15

District Attorney

John J. Conte	97
Blanks	58

Clerk of Courts

Francis A. Ford	99
Blanks	56

Register of Probate

Stephen G. Abraham	101
Blanks	54

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

REPUBLICAN

Senator in Congress

Others	1
Blanks	127

Governor

Mitt Romney	117
Blanks	11

Lieutenant Governor

Kerry Murphy Healey	94
Jim Rappaport	27
Blanks	7

Attorney General

Blanks	128
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Secretary of State

Jack E. Robinson	80
Blanks	48

Treasurer

Daniel A. Grabauskas	75
Bruce A. Herzfelder	42
Blanks	11

Auditor

Blanks	128
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Representative in Congress

Matthew W. Kinnaman	95
Blanks	33

Councillor

Blanks	128
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Senator in General Court

Blanks	128
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Representative in General Court

Ryan J. Witkos	111
Blanks	17

District Attorney

Gregory J. White	91
Blanks	37

Clerk of Courts

Blanks	128
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Register of Probate

Peter M. Lukes	99
Blanks	29

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

LIBERTARIAN

		<u>Register of Probate</u>	
<u>Senator in Congress</u>		Blanks	0
Michael E. Cloud	0		
<u>Governor</u>			
Carla A. Howell	0		
<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>			
Richard P. Aucoin	0		
<u>Attorney General</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>Secretary of State</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>Treasurer</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>Auditor</u>			
Kamal Jain	0		
<u>Representative in Congress</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>Councillor</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>Senator in General Court</u>			
Carolyn J. McMahon	0		
<u>Representative in General Court</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>District Attorney</u>			
Blanks	0		
<u>Clerk of Courts</u>			
Blanks	0		

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

GREEN

		<u>Register of Probate</u>	
<u>Senator in Congress</u>		Blanks	1
Blanks	1		
<u>Governor</u>			
Jill E. Stein	1		
<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>			
Anthony F. Lorenzen	1		
<u>Attorney General</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Secretary of State</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Treasurer</u>			
James O'Keefe	1		
<u>Auditor</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Representative in Congress</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Councillor</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Senator in General Court</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Representative in General Court</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>District Attorney</u>			
Blanks	1		
<u>Clerk of Courts</u>			
Blanks	1		

NOVEMBER 5, 2002
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Senator in Congress

John F. Kerry	402
Michael E. Cloud	122
Randall Forsberg	23
Blanks	71

Governor & Lt. Governor

Howell & Aucoin	7
O'Brien & Gabrieli	260
Romney & Healey	312
Stein & Lorenzen	29
Johnson & Schebel	3
Others	1
Blanks	6

Attorney General

Thomas F. Reilly	432
Blanks	186

Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin	380
Jack E. Robinson	198
Blanks	40

Treasurer

Timothy P. Cahill	225
Daniel A. Grabauskas	290
James O'Keefe	72
Blanks	31

Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci	342
Kamal Jain	61
John James Xenakis	102
Blanks	113

Representative in Congress

John W. Olver	363
Matthew W. Kinnaman	237
Blanks	18

Councillor

Dennis P. McManus	391
Others	2
Blanks	225

Senator in General Court

Stephen M. Brewer	500
Carolyn J. McMahan	67
Blanks	51

Representative in General Court

Anne M. Gobi	313
Ryan J. Witkos	282
Blanks	23

District Attorney

John J. Conte	325
Gregory J. White	256
Blanks	37

Register of Probate

Stephen G. Abraham	289
Peter M. Lukes	257
Others	1
Blanks	71

Clerk of Courts

Francis A. Ford	413
Others	1
Blanks	204

Question 1

Yes	232
No	350
Blanks	36

Question 2

Yes	379
No	213
Blanks	26

NOVEMBER 5, 2002
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Question 3

Yes	164
No	430
Blanks	24

Question 4

Yes	360
No	204
Blanks	54

Of 844 registered voters, 618 voted at this election. That is a 73% turnout.



Petersham Fire Department

Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Report of the Petersham Fire Department Fiscal Year 2003

To the Citizens of Petersham:

I herewith submit my report of the activity of the Petersham Fire Department during Fiscal Year 2003. During the year this department responded to the following calls for assistance.

Structure Fires	2
Brush Fires	3
Structural Collapse	1
Automobile Accidents	6
Medical Emergency/Assistance	8
Downed Wires	3
Trees on Wires	5
Illegal Burning	2
Alarm Malfunction	6
False Alarm	5
Smoke Investigation	5
Open Burning Violation	1
Propane Problem	1
Equipment Malfunction	1
Cellars Pumped	4
Public Service	4
Stand-by at Station	3
Mutual Aid Provided	<u>5</u>
Total Calls	63

During the Fiscal Year all firefighters were provided with training opportunities at the regular meetings held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. All active firefighters and police officers completed their first responder re-certification, as well as quarterly defibrillator training. Several members of the department took advantage of fire academy classes hosted by area departments.

The department received a second Firefighter safety grant through the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$15,000.00. This grant enabled the department to complete it's breathing apparatus replacement program, update three aging radio's, replaced six pagers, purchased 2 cold water rescue suites, additional rechargeable flashlights, and tools. This department also applied for funding under the federal aid to firefighters program. This program administered by the U.S. Fire Administration is in it's third year and had \$750 million in funding. Grants under this program will be announced beginning in July 2003.

This department again participated in the Fourth of July Parade, Assisted Athol Fire Department with River Rat Day, and took part in Old Home Day Activities. We also provided a fire prevention program to the students in the Center School.

In October 2003, the retirement and untimely death of longtime Deputy Chief Lawrence Costa saddened the Department. The department participated in his funeral by leading the procession to the cemetery. Larry was a devoted member of this department for many years.

In November 2003, Gilbert King, Jr. was named Deputy Chief to fill the vacancy created by Larry Costa's retirement.

As always I would like to thank the firefighters and their families for their continued support. Without it a call/volunteer department cannot be successful. In addition, the cooperative support from both the Police Department and Highway Department is greatly appreciated. To you the Townspeople, your support through donations, Town Meeting Funding and fire prevention vigilance is gratefully acknowledged.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dana C. Robinson
Fire Chief**



Petersham Highway Department

PETERSHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01366
978-724-3211 978-724-3501 (FAX)

ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2002– June 30, 2003

CHAPTER 90 WORK

A 3,000 ft. section of Monson Turnpike Road was reconstructed and paved with pugmix. The entire length of Old East Street was sealed with a chip stone seal. A section of Hardwick Road was made ready for a new surface.

GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

One hundred feet of new culvert was installed on Monson Turnpike. Six hundred yards of excavation was done on a hill on Monson Turnpike to improve visibility. Many trees were removed from the new Petersham Center School area and various jobs were done at the School for the new construction. New cement pads were poured at the recycling center for the roll-off containers. The Department spent many hours fixing beaver flooding.

SNOW ACCOUNT

Two thousand four hundred eighty yards of sand and three hundred eighty-eight tons of salt were used during the winter season.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman LaPointe
Highway Superintendent

David Perkins
45 Maple Lane, Petersham, MA 01366
phone 978-724-3417

Inspector of Animals
2003

I have inspected the animals on 43 premises in Petersham, and have found the animals well cared for and the facilities in good condition.

1. Cattle under two years of age	117
2. Horses/ Ponies	116
3. Goats	23
4. Sheep	124
5. Swine	9
6. Poultry	324
7. Llamas/ Alpacas	48
8. Rabbits	7
9. Stables	1

5 dogs were quarantined this year.

Dog bites should be reported to the Animal Inspector, and dogs will be quarantined for ten days before being released by the Animal Inspector.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS REPORT
 July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Building Permits	70	\$14,885.00
Annual Inspections	2	\$40.00
Occupancy Permits	12	\$300.00
Wood Stoves	8	\$200.00

<u>Building Permits</u>			
17	New Homes	3	Decks and Porches
6	Additions	12	Roofs and Siding
5	Remodel	15	Barns/Garages
1	Repairs	8	Other
3	Pools		

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Skowyra
 Inspector of Buildings

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 2, 2003
7:30 P.M.**

ARTICLE 1.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted to accept the reports of the Petersham Center School Building Committee, Master Plan Committee, the 250th Anniversary Committee, School Regionalization Committee, and Advisory Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2.

To choose all necessary Town Officers not elected by ballot.

RESULTS: No officers were elected.

ARTICLE 3. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2004, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, Section 53F, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

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: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 5.

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: The Town nominated and elected David Perkins as the Director of Agriculture. The Town then voted to raise and appropriate \$25.00 to cover program expenses.

ARTICLE 6. 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 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 7. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to take accumulated funds from the Sale of Lots Account as of March 31 of the current fiscal year to be used for Cemetery Improvements for Fiscal Year 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 8. 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 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 9. 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 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 10. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for six (6) concerts at \$250.00 per concert, to be held during the summer, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

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 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 2004 not to exceed \$7,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 12. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 71, Section 71E to re-authorize a Revolving Fund 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 2004 not to exceed \$2,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 13. 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 2004 not to exceed \$7,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 14. 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 2004 not to exceed \$1,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

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 Board of Health, to pay for consulting services as required by the Board of Health, said fund to be established from receipts collected by the Board of Health for fees for its services, said expenditures not to exceed \$7,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 16. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish 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 Selectmen may make expenditures to pay the costs thereof, said expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 17. 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 Board of Selectmen 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 is to be established from receipts of said property, and expenditures shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 18. 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 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 19. 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 2004 not to exceed \$1,500.00, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

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 \$11,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2004, and further vote that \$35,000.00 of the balance in the Account at the end of Fiscal Year 2003 shall revert to the General Fund, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to re-authorize the Inspect 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 53E ½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income and expenditures shall not exceed \$11,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2004, and further vote that \$35,000.00 of the balance in the Account at the end of Fiscal Year 2003 shall revert to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 21. 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: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 22. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to spend the accumulated interest from the Pond Cemetery Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year for improvements in the Center Cemetery for Fiscal Year 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Article approved as written.

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from the cemetery accounts to cover the balance of the Care of Cemeteries in the amount of \$3,500.00, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to transfer funds from the Cemetery Accounts to cover the Care of Cemeteries in the amount of \$3,500.00.

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 Override, or any combination thereof, all necessary sums of money to pay Town Charges and Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2004 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 and take from Free Cash the following amounts:

\$ 185,355	SELECTMEN'S BUDGET
\$ 159,600	PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY
\$ 5,095	HEALTH AND SANITATION
\$ 159,470	HIGHWAYS BUDGET
\$ 1,362	CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS
\$ 79,558	UNCLASSIFIED
\$ 440,000	R.C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
\$ 65,040	MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL DISTRICT
\$ 824,432	PETERSHAM CENTER SCHOOL
\$ 32,522	PETERSHAM CENTER SCHOOL (From Free Cash)
\$ 1,952,434	GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL BUDGET

ARTICLE 25.

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 \$11,000; Town Clerk \$6,143; Tax Collector \$8,916; Selectmen, Chairman \$2,017, other two members \$1,814 each; Board of Assessors, Chairman \$2,211; Clerk \$1,913, other member \$1,800; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$7.96/per

hour; Board of Health, Chairman \$172, other two members \$99 each; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to fix the salaries of all Elective Town Officers as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended at: Moderator \$-0-; Town Treasurer \$11,000; Town Clerk \$6,143; Tax Collector \$8,916; Selectmen, Chairman \$2,017, other two members \$1,814 each; Board of Assessors, Chairman \$2,211; Clerk \$1,913, other member \$1,800; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$7.96/per hour; Board of Health, Chairman \$172, other two members \$99 each.

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 \$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 \$1,090.72 for payment against a \$16,360.81 teacher salary deferral in 1993.

ARTICLE 27.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$133,902.50 for deposit in the "Ralph C. Mahar Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service Payments", or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate under a debt exclusion \$133,902.50 for deposit in the "Ralph C. Mahar Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service Payments".

ARTICLE 28.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$219,716.60 for deposit in the "Petersham Center School Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service Payments", or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate under a debt exclusion \$219,716.60 for deposit in the "Petersham Center School Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service Payments".

ARTICLE 29.

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 \$750.00 to be used for Council on Aging activities, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$750.00 to be used for Council on Aging activities.

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 \$10,000.00 for the Special Fund established for the celebration of the Town's 250th anniversary in 2004, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to defeat this article to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Interest Account for deposit in the Special Fund established for the celebration of the Town's 250th anniversary in 2004. 36 for transfer—57 against

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$147,000.00 for deposit into the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to transfer \$114,476.00 from Free Cash for deposit into the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 32.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds 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 \$25,000.00 for deposit in the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$46,914.50, being \$34,000.00 principal for the new fire truck, \$10,000.00 principal for the new Highway Department pick-up truck, and \$2,914.50 interest, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$6,914.50 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund \$40,000.00 for principal and interest on the new Fire Truck and new Highway Department Pick-up Truck.

ARTICLE 34.

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 \$21,295.00 for one (1) new combination stainless steel dump/spreader body for the Highway Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$11,295.00 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund \$10,000.00 for one new Combination Stainless Steel Dump/Spreader Body for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 35.

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 \$5,660.00 for a new full-trip, one-way snow plow for the Highway Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 36.

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 \$5,000.00 to replace, repair, maintain, paint and/or rent equipment for painting and maintaining of the Town Hall and Town Office Building, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 to replace, repair, maintain, paint, and/or rent equipment for painting and maintaining of the Town Hall and Town Office Building.

ARTICLE 37.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the budget of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2004 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 take from the Stabilization Fund \$30,000.00 and take from Transfer Station Fees \$30,000.00 for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget to operation the Transfer Station for Fiscal Year 2004.

ARTICLE 38.

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 \$6,780.00 for the purchase of spare air bottles for the Fire Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$3,390.00 to purchase spare air bottles for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 39.

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 \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new poly tank for the Fire Department forestry pick-up truck, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to purchase hoses and equipment for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 40.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any other combination thereof, the sum of \$12,500.00 to replace the Fire Station roof, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 41.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a lease of the downstairs Town Hall, currently known as the Legion Hall, to American Legion Post #415, for a period of five (5) years as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 9, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a lease of the downstairs Town Hall, currently known as the Legion Hall, to American Legion Post #415, for a period of five (5) years as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 9.

ARTICLE 42.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, appropriate subject to a debt exclusion vote, borrow, or any other combination thereof, the sum of \$30,000.00 to acquire a new 4-wheel drive cruiser and related equipment for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 43.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or any other combination thereof, the sum of \$4,000.00 to repair the 1996 Chevrolet 4-wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for expenses, maintenance, and repair for the 1996 Chevrolet 4-wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department and the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Department cruiser.

ARTICLE 44.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or any other combination thereof, the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for an appraisal of Harvard University properties, buildings, and land in the Town of Petersham, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take from the Interest Account the sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for an appraisal of Harvard University properties, buildings, and land in the Town of Petersham.

ARTICLE 45.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or any other combination thereof, the sum of \$300.00 for membership in the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$264.47 for Town membership in the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission.

ARTICLE 46.

To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8G, which authorizes the Town to enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities or towns, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to accept provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8G, which authorizes the Town to enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities or towns, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments.

ARTICLE 47.

To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-laws, ARTICLE VII, POLICE REGULATIONS, by deleting Sections 2, 3, 8, and 9; renumbering, the remaining sections as set forth below and rewording certain renumbered section as follows, or act in relation thereto:

**ARTICLE VII
POLICE REGULATIONS**

Change SECTION 19 to read:

SECTION 1. *The provisions of this Article VII shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, those specified by the laws of the Commonwealth. If a Court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision specified herein invalid, the remainder of that provision shall not be affected thereby.*

Change SECTION 1. to read:

SECTION 2. *Every person operating or in charge of an automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property in the Town shall, upon request of a police officer, forthwith move the same as directed by said officer. Failure to comply may result in removal at owner's expense coupled with a fine of \$50.00.*

Change SECTION 4 to read:

SECTION 3. *No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property, or fireworks on private property, without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the Police Chief*

or Fire Chief as applicable State regulations require; provided, however, that this By-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any discharge of firearms in accordance with law.

Change SECTION 5 by eliminating the word '**figure**' after the word 'notice' and to read:
SECTION 4. No person shall place, or cause or allow to be placed, any poster, handbill, notice, drawing, writing, or advertising matter of any nature on or otherwise deface any wall, fence, tree, pole, *telephone pole*, post, sidewalk, building or structure within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property in the Town, without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the Selectmen.

Change SECTION 6 by eliminating the words '**commercial or**' after the word 'display' and to read:

SECTION 5. No person shall distribute or display advertising matter of any nature, including in this term handbills, placards, and pamphlets within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property in the Town, without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the Selectmen.

Change SECTION 7 to read:

SECTION 6. No person shall sell, or display or advertise for sale, any *services*, articles, goods, wares, or merchandise of any description whatsoever *including tag sales* within the limits of *the Town*, without first obtaining a written permit from the Selectmen.

Change SECTION 10. to read:

SECTION 7. No person shall cut, prune, or trim any trees, shrubs, or plants within the limits of any public way, park, or other public property whether for the purpose of erecting poles and wires thereon or otherwise, without the consent in each instance of the **Superintendent of Streets**, or on any private property without the consent of the owner thereof.

Change SECTION 13. by deleting the words '**to the town**' after the word 'liable' and to read:

SECTION 8. The Superintendent of Streets *or Police Department* will have authority, for the purpose of removing or plowing snow or removing ice from any public way, to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including in such term a public garage, any vehicle interfering with such work, and the owner of such vehicle shall be liable for the cost of such removal and storage charges, if so notified.

Renumber SECTION 14. to **SECTION 9.**

Change SECTION 15 to read:

SECTION 10. No person shall obstruct the free and convenient use for travel of any public way or sidewalk without a written permit therefor from the *Superintendent of Streets or Police Chief*.

Change SECTION 16 to read:

SECTION 11. No person, except when acting under orders of the Superintendent of Streets in the lawful performance of his duties, shall break or dig up the ground in any public street or way without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the Selectmen. All persons acting under such permit shall maintain a suitable barrier or guard around the part of the street or way so broken up and shall keep suitable lights exposed every night from sunset to sunrise so long as such street or way shall remain unsafe for travelers. Upon the completion of such work the surface of such street or way shall be restored *to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets.*

Change SECTION 17. to read:

SECTION 12. *No person shall cause or suffer the water from any building owned, or cared for by him, to be discharged upon any public way or sidewalk without the approval of the Superintendent of Streets.*

Re-number SECTION 18. to **SECTION 13.**

Change SECTION 20. to read:

SECTION 14. No person shall be permitted to maintain a dump or accumulation of used metal, glass, or rubber, or of junk or rubbish of any sort, or to maintain an automobile graveyard or place for the storage of *more than one (1) unregistered or junked automobile* or automotive parts in the open air within view of a public way or of an adjoining lot, or within three hundred (300) feet of either such public way or adjoining lot unless the area so used is surrounded by a six-foot (6) high opaque fence or wall, and unless a permit therefor, to be renewed annually, is first obtained from the Board of Selectmen. For the purposes of this paragraph, the open-air storage of *more than one (1) unregistered or junked vehicle* shall constitute an automobile graveyard or place for the storage of junked automobiles or parts.

Re-number SECTION 21. to **SECTION 15.**

Change SECTION 22. to read :

SECTION 16. No person, except the holder of *a special permit granted under Article XVI, Section 5, of the By-laws of the Town of Petersham issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals, and also holder of a license granted under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 58,* shall keep or permit to be kept exposed on his premises, unused or unregistered motor vehicles within 500 feet of a public way or within 300 feet of a property line, unless authorized to do so by a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen, who before issuing any permit shall determine that the keeping of said motor vehicle will not depreciate property value in the area, will not create a hazard to the public safety, and will not become a public nuisance. *This By-law shall not apply to agricultural vehicles.*

(Eliminate the words: *Whoever is convicted of a violation of this By-law shall be liable for a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day that the violation continues.*)

This would be the same as SECTION 14, for *more than one (1) vehicle.* Motor Vehicles as per Mass Gen. Laws, Chapter 90, Section 1.

Renumber SECTION 23. to **SECTION 17.**

Renumber SECTION 24. to **SECTION 18.**

Renumber SECTION 25. to **SECTION 19.**

Change SECTION 26. to read:

SECTION 20. Pursuant to the implementation of 911 service within the Town of Petersham, every property owner shall be required to post his or her building number in a location prominent from the roadway. Failure to comply with this posting requirement by July 31, 1994, shall result in a fine of \$25.00, and subsequent fines of \$1.00 per day until compliance has been achieved. The **Building Inspector** shall have final determination of whether compliance of posting in a reasonable location has been achieved; further that such posting shall not be placed on living trees or on Town property.

Renumber SECTION 27. to **SECTION 21.**

Change SECTION 28. to read:

SECTION 22. The provisions of these By-laws shall be enforced by the **Police Department who shall give written notice to the violator notifying him of the violation and directing him to appear before the clerk of the District Court or Housing Court in Worcester County having jurisdiction, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D.** Each day in which a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense. The penalty for **violating** any provision of these By-laws, pursuant to this article, shall be **\$50.00** for the first offense; **\$75.00** for the second offense; **\$100.00** for the third and each subsequent offense.

RESULTS: The Town voted to amend the following sections:

Section 6 – Add “any public way, park or other public property “ after “limits of”...and before “the Town”.

Section 4 – Change the word “telephone” to “utility”.

Section 7 – Change the words “Superintendent of Streets” to “Tree Warden”.

Section 4 – Change “1” to “2”.

The Town voted to accept the article as amended.

ARTICLE 48.

To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-laws, **ARTICLE IX, TRAILERS OR MOBILE HOMES,** to read as follows, or act in relation thereto:

ARTICLE IX TRAILERS, TENTS, OR MOBILE HOMES

SECTION 1. *The use of trailers for the purpose of permanent housing is prohibited in the Town of Petersham.*

Change SECTION 1. to read:

SECTION 2. For the purposes hereof the words "*temporary housing*" shall mean any *tent, or* trailer, mobile home, or other vehicle, designed or used for habitation, whether on wheels, rigid supports, *or otherwise*.

Change SECTION 2. to read:

SECTION 3. No *temporary housing* shall be used in the Town of Petersham unless *first inspected and approved by the Building Inspector* and a permit therefor has been obtained from the Board of Selectmen. Any *temporary housing* used for habitation shall be considered a building and shall conform to the By-law regulations of the town of Petersham governing buildings set forth in Article XVI of the Town By-laws.

Change SECTION 3. to read:

SECTION 4. No *temporary housing* shall be located within one (1) mile of the Petersham Town Hall.

Change SECTION 4. to read:

SECTION 5. No *temporary housing* shall be located within two (2) miles of the Petersham Town Hall on a location within three hundred (300) feet of the highways now numbered thirty-two (32) and alternate thirty-two (32A), one hundred and twenty-two (122) and one hundred and one (101).

Change SECTION 5. to read:

SECTION 6. *Temporary housing* may be used temporarily for habitation, provided there is no payment for the use of such land, for a period not exceeding four (4) weeks in any calendar year. A permit must first be obtained from the Board of Selectmen for each occasion upon which *temporary housing* is to be located and used.

Change SECTION 6. to read:

SECTION 7. *Temporary housing* may be used temporarily as an office or dwelling incidental to continuous construction on a site, provided *permits have* first been obtained from the Board of Selectmen *and the Building Inspector*. No permit issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for more than *one (1)* year from the date of issuance, *but* may be renewed for a period or periods of more than six (6) months each, extending no more than three (3) years from the date of the original permit.

SECTION 8. *Temporary housing shall be removed when the purpose for which the permit was granted has lapsed or otherwise terminated.*

Re-number SECTION 7. to **SECTION 9.**

RESULTS: The Town voted to amend the following sections:

Section 2 – Delete "or" after the word "tent".

Sections 4, 5 and 6 – At the end of each section, add the words "except as provided by statute."

A motion was made to Take No Action. Defeated 35 in favor – 46 opposed

A motion was made to strike Sections 4 and 5. Motion defeated

The Town voted to accept the article as amended.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 2, 2003

7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,066.96 to provide funds for the Fiscal Year 2003 Snow and Ice Account Deficit, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$10,000.00 from the Reserve Fund and \$12,066.96 from the Stabilization Fund to be appropriated to the 2003 Snow and Ice Account. A 2/3 vote was required. 80 in favor – 1 opposed. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, take from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,789.00 to provide funds for the Fiscal Year 2003 deficit in the R.C. Mahar Regional School District funding, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$1,789.00 from the Stabilization Fund to provide funds for the Fiscal Year 2003 deficit in the R.C. Mahar Regional School District Funding. A 2/3 vote was required. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$33,000.00 from the Master Plan Expense Account to the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to transfer \$33,000.00 from the Master Plan Expense Account to the Stabilization Fund. Motion passed.

PETERSHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Petersham Local Cultural Council is part of the larger Massachusetts Cultural Council. Through MCC, we receive public funding for the arts, humanities and the interpretive sciences. Our goal is to stimulate and encourage the arts and humanities in our community. Our Council is made of up volunteers who are local residents of the Town. Each member serves a maximum of two three-year terms. We currently have 12 members. The Council continues to seek new members.

The Petersham Cultural Council distributes funds granted to us from the State and gifts from private donations and from income generated from our Council's endeavors. For Fiscal Year 2003, we received a grant from the State for \$2,000.00, private donations of \$1,000.00, and income of \$940.00 generated from a very well attended Art Show, raffle receipts from a pasta basket from Love that Basket!, here in Petersham, and sale of the Council's shirts and bags.

As State funding has been shrinking, the Council has worked hard to stretch dollars to benefit as many Petersham residents as possible. Grants were awarded to Petersham Center School, Council on Aging, Old Home Day Celebration, Hilltop New Year, and financed a band concert.

Our Annual Art Show and Sale was held the first weekend in October. We had a wonderful variety of local artists' work, selling 11 pieces with over 100 on display. An artists' reception is held each Friday evening before the weekend show and is open to the public, so please join us to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

Our scholarship fund continued in Fiscal Year 03 with Eric Kotsopoulos, Emily Schlosser, Tonya Lanpher, and Laurene Belsito each receiving a scholarship. The Council awards up to \$500.00 to be divided equally among the recipients.

The Petersham Cultural Council respectfully welcomes suggestions and comments about events and activities we have offered and programs that you would like to see offered to the community.

Respectfully yours,
Renee Wingertsman, Chair

Members:
Dale Bull
Bob Clark
Van Duros
John Pope
Tom Webber
Jenne McGinnis

Karen Helgerson, Secretary
Donna Schlosser, Treasurer
Doreen Frost
Mark Ellis, Publicity

Petersham Memorial Library

23 Common St.

Petersham, MA 01366

Ph: 978-724-3405

Fx: 978-724-0089

Annual Report to the Town of Petersham Of the Petersham Memorial Library July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Preschool Story Time was held Friday mornings from November through June. Staff and volunteers from the community worked together to provide the story, craft and snack for the children. Unfortunately, the Summer Reading could not be held due to a leaking oil tank releasing fumes into the library.

The library continued to receive Large Print, and Audio-Visual materials free of charge from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System. As of the spring, this included DVD's as well. Additionally, Jeanne Forand continued to act as a liason with the Athol Public Library who generously lend us Audio and Video tapes to expand our collection.

Many town groups made use of the library's free space, and the Hill Top New Year celebration included a Family Story hour with cookies and hot chocolate in the library.

Finally, the library was fortunate to receive many generous donations of material and time. Books, videos, audio tapes and puzzles were received throughout the year. These materials either were added to the collection or the book sale. Many volunteers contributed to the smooth running of the Petersham Memorial Library. Five-hundred and thirty seven hours were logged in by numerous volunteers. An impressive effort!

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula C. Korstvedt
Library Director

TREASURER'S REPORT
PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY
July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

FUNDS Super NOW Account and Cash on Hand July 1, 2002 \$7,599.00

RECEIPTS

Transferred from endowment		10,000.00
Securities Income		39,663.00
Town Appropriated Funds		4,209.00
Dog License Fund		1,436.00
State Appropriated Funds		1,994.00
Interest on Checking Account		56.00
Fines, Photo Copies		139.00
Gifts		540.00
Book Sales		440.00
Grant (Cultural Council)		400.00
Town Managed Funds		701.00
Misc		200.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$59,778.00

EXPENSES

Collection Materials:		11,504.00
Books	9,059.00	
Periodicals	1,386.00	
Videos	1,059.00	
Payroll		33,096.00
Insurance		2,737.00
Utilities:		4,336.00
Oil	2,423.00	
Electricity	1,169.00	
Telephone	744.00	
Maintenance		2,673.00
Postage		35.00
Supplies		1,331.00
Equipment and Furniture		90.00
Miscellaneous		209.00
C W MARS		2,375.00
Investment Service Fees		803.00
Accounting Expense		2,950.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$62,139.00

NET INCOME MINUS EXPENSES (\$2,361.00)

CASH ON HAND June 30, 2003 48.72

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS \$5,286.72

John Pope, Treasurer

PETERSHAM POLICE REPORT

The Petersham Police Department would like to thank the Petersham residents for their support. Our objective is to protect and serve the public.

Our officers are committed to provide quality service. Each officer attends numerous state and local in-service training sessions. All officers are qualified on the pistol range and are First Responders, C.P.R., and Defibrillator certified. Three officers are Emergency Medical Technicians.

In our effort to ensure Petershams' safety, we are firmly committed to the education of our youth. The department assisted with two bus safety classes. The Department conducted a bicycle safety course and a bike rodeo. A total of 23 participant's bicycles were registered and inspected. In addition, twenty-six protective bike helmets were provided to children. For the twelfth year, the department ran a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program for the fifth graders. We have conducted the D.A.R.E. program for three years, using our own instructor. It is highly successful. Unfortunately, the D.A.R.E. program funds have ceased. We intend to continue the D.A.R.E. program ourselves, as long as financially possible. The Department received a grant for community policing in the amount of \$10,000.00. The grant funds several programs for the citizens of Petersham. The grant funds 46 four-hour patrols for traffic enforcement. It enables us to provide officers at no cost to the town, for events such as band concerts, fairs and Old Home Day. The Crime Watch Program is funded by the grant. The program consists of a group of great volunteers who donate their time and use of their motor vehicles, to patrol the town twice daily. This year, Officer Peter Buck resigned his full-time position for full-time employment in the town of Athol. Peter continues to work on a part-time basis. We were fortunate to obtain the services of Jason DeJackome, as our new full time Officer.

I would like to thank the voters for all the support given to the entire Department.

In closing, I express my sincere gratitude to all my officers and their families for their unselfish commitment to public safety.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denis N. Legare
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS
(FY - 2003)

E - 911 / HANG-UPS	35	TRESPASSING COMPLAINTS	03
ABANDONED M/V'S	01	TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSIST	05
ANIMAL CALLS	43	VANDALISM	10
ARRESTS	16	WELFARE CHECKS	14
ASSIST FIRE DEPT./ALARMS	05		
BURGULAR ALARMS	39		
CITIZEN ASSISTS	52	TOTAL: 1925	
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	21		
BOMB SCARE	00		
BURGLARY	07		
BUILDING CHECKS	57		
CARBON ALARMS	00		
COMPLAINTS	83		
D.M.V.'S	41		
DISTURBANCE CALLS	45		
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES	19		
DRUG INVEST. & ARREST	13		
ESCORTS/TRANSPORTS	07		
ASSIST F.D./BRUSH FIRES	06		
ASSIST F.D./AUTO FIRE	01		
ASSIST F.D./ STRUCTURE	02		
ASSIST F.D./OTHER	17		
GENERAL INFO.	07		
GUN SHOTS	08		
HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS	04		
ILLEGAL DUMPING	11		
INSPECTIONS	10		
INVESTIGATIONS	78		
JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	17		
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	01		
LARCENY	14		
LOCK OUTS (HOUSE)	05		
LOST/STOLEN PLATES	02		
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	46		
MISSING PERSONS	04		
MUTUAL AID/MEDICAL	26		
M/V INVESTIGATION	87		
M/V STOPS	881		
OFFICER INITIATED	43		
INVESTIGATIONS	61		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	07		
LOST & FOUND PROPERTY	04		
RECORDS CHECKS	00		
FROM CRUISER	17		
RECOVERED M/V'S	02		
ASSIST REPOSSESSIONS	02		
SERVE RESTRAINING ORDER	05		
SAFETY HAZARDS	02		
STOLEN M/V	02		
SERVE COURT ORDERS	41		
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	35		
THREATS	11		

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
1		BARNES	CHRIS		245.00
1	HIGHWAY & STREET CONSTRUCTION	BASSETT	BRIAN		33522.76
1	HIGHWAY & STREET CONSTRUCTION	COOLEY	LESLIE		41794.48
1	HIGHWAY & STREET CONSTRUCTION	DEGNAN	MICHAEL		1353.50
1	HIGHWAY & STREET CONSTRUCTION	LAPOINTE	NORMAN	SUPERINTENDENT	51193.41
1	HIGHWAY & STREET CONSTRUCTION	PERKINS	JEFFREY		2455.87

Sub Total Dept 1
6 Records

130565.02

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
2	SCHOOL	ALBERTINE	GLENEDE	GRADE4	47466.28
2	SCHOOL	ANDERSON	JOHN	SCHOOL CUST.	38503.72
2	SCHOOL	ANDRISKI	SUSAN	GRADE 1	43341.24
2	SCHOOL	BEVERS	JOAN	SUBSTITUTE	17258.10
2		BOURQUE	PATRICIA	SUBSTITUTE	60.00
2	SCHOOL	BURON	ROBERT	SUBSTITUTE	620.00
2	SCHOOL	CLARK	MELISSA	SUBSTITUTE	23.07
2	SCHOOL	COOLEY	MARGARET	AIDE	11202.91
2	SCHOOL	COOLEY	MARK	SCHOOL CUST.	10705.24
2		D'ANNOLFO	SHERI	NURSE	9410.50
2	SCHOOL	DEGNAN	ANASTASIA	SECRETARY	25852.55
2	SCHOOL	FITZGERALD	JO-ANN	AIDE	8589.39
2	SCHOOL	HANNA	NATASHA	AIDE AND MUSIC	14187.79
2	SCHOOL	JACOBSON	SARA	MEDIA/LIBRARY	33948.22
2	SCHOOL	JEFFREY	GWENN	AIDE	2940.00
2	SCHOOL	KIROUSIS	LINDA	GRADE2	49029.72
2	SCHOOL	LARUE	LEE ANN	PHYS. EC.	10510.62
2	SCHOOL	LEBLANC	WENDIE	GRADE6	40261.04
2	SCHOOL	LEONARD	KAY	ART	6993.84
2	SCHOOL	MARTIN	PATRICIA	SUPERINTENDENT	26280.72
2	SCHOOL	OLINSKI	KAREN	GUIDANCE	21216.00
2	SCHOOL	PALLOTTA	MELANIE	KINDERGARTEN	43968.40
2	SCHOOL	PEDDLE	JENNIFER	NURSE	17502.54
2	SCHOOL	PHELPS	DEBRA	CAFETERIA	11777.43
2	SCHOOL	PHILLIPS	REBECCA	PRIN. SPEC.NEEDS	59614.47
2		RIFE	DEBORAH	NURSE	156.00
2	SCHOOL	RUGGLES	NICHOLE	SPEC. NEEDS SPECIALI	32540.08
2	SCHOOL	SARGENT-MURPHY	DARLENE	SUBSTITUTE	123.00
2	SCHOOL	SIMMS	HELEN	SUBSTITUTE	110.00
2	SCHOOL	SMITH	TRACY	GRADE3	33909.68
2	SCHOOL	VILLEE	CHARLES	SPEC. NEEDS SPECIALI	36108.00
2		WEINBERG	DAVID	GUIDANCE	7324.79
2	SCHOOL	WINGERTSMAN	RENEE	SUBSTITUTE	2341.32
2	SCHOOL	YOUNG	BARBARA	SECRETARY	7300.67

Sub Total Dept 2
34 Records

671177.33

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
3	EXECUTIVE OFFICES	BERRY	ALFRED	SELECTMAN	1779.02
3	EXECUTIVE OFFICES	BULL	DALE	SELECTMAN SECRETAR	29172.71
3	EXECUTIVE OFFICES	PURPLE	VINCENT	SELECTMAN	1779.02
3	EXECUTIVE OFFICES	SHAW	CLINTON	SELECTMAN	1978.00

Sub Total Dept 3
4 Records

34708.75

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	BROUSSEAU	GERALD	PLUMBING INSP.	1794.00
4		COMISKEY	TIMOTHY	SANITATION SUPERVIS.	284.00
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	DIONNE	RICHARD	ELECTRICAL INSP.	2850.00
4		FLYNN	MARCIA	BOARD HEALTH	47.50
4		FORGUES	MARY	BOARD HEALTH	47.50
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	GATAUTIS	SUSAN	BOARD HEALTH	3187.13
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	LEGARE	NEIL	TOWN CUSTODIAN	6095.80
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	OHLSON	ANDREW	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	896.48
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	PHILLIPS	TONI	VETERANS' AGENT	1194.54

Run Date 12/22/2003
Run Time 13:13
Rpt ID annual

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	PILLSBURY	POLLY	SANITATION SUPERVISC	1826.00
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	SCHLOSSER	MICHAEL	GAS INSPECT.	245.00
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	SCOUFOPOULOS	FIFI	BOARD HEALTH	130.00
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	SKOWYRA	BRIANNA	INSPECTOR BUILDINGS	6902.52
4	EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE	WALKER	MARY ANN	BOARD HEALTH	130.00

Sub Total Dept 4
14 Records

25630.47

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
5	POLICE PROTECTION	BARTUS	RICHARD	DEPUTY CHIEF	360.20
5	POLICE PROTECTION	BASSETT	TED		4881.65
5	POLICE PROTECTION	BUCK	PETER		2322.00
5	POLICE PROTECTION	COOLEY JR.	RICHARD		6679.78
5	POLICE PROTECTION	DEJACKOME	JASON		34208.53
5	POLICE PROTECTION	DELEO	STANLEY		3357.29
5	POLICE PROTECTION	HORNE	RANDY		5276.59
5	POLICE PROTECTION	KILHART	BRUCE		23946.30
5	POLICE PROTECTION	LECLERC	RENEE		3010.28
5	POLICE PROTECTION	LEGARE	DENIS	CHIEF	47484.15

Sub Total Dept 5
10 Records

131526.77

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
6	FIRE PROTECTION	ACITO	SCOTT		145.96
6	FIRE PROTECTION	ANDRISKI,III	STANLEY		319.94
6	FIRE PROTECTION	CLARK	TIM		119.02
6	FIRE PROTECTION	CLOUKEY	SHAWN		36.40
6	FIRE PROTECTION	DEJACKOME	RONALD	ASST. CHIEF	1427.58
6	FIRE PROTECTION	GOODFELLOW	ROBERT		404.00
6	FIRE PROTECTION	GRAEFF	KURT	FIRE PROTECTION	55.68
6	FIRE PROTECTION	KING JR.	GILBERT		384.00
6	FIRE PROTECTION	LAFORD	ROBERT		439.32
6	FIRE PROTECTION	LEGARE	REBECCA		110.64
6	FIRE PROTECTION	LEGARE	ROBERT		567.08
6	FIRE PROTECTION	LEGARE	SHAWN	INSPECTOR BUILDINGS	275.52
6	FIRE PROTECTION	O'LEARY	RICHARD		72.80
6	FIRE PROTECTION	PERKINS	DAVID		211.36
6	FIRE PROTECTION	ROBINSON	DANA	CHIEF	2742.56
6	FIRE PROTECTION	ROBINSON	LARRY		274.08
6	FIRE PROTECTION	SHORTIS	KEVIN		210.38
6	FIRE PROTECTION	UPSHAW	CURTIS		27.30
6	FIRE PROTECTION	WEST	JAMES		9.10
6	FIRE PROTECTION	WEST	PETER		109.56

Sub Total Dept 6
20 Records

7942.28

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	BASSETT	SHARON	ELECTION WORKERS	141.38
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	BEARY	JOHN	TREAS./ASSESSOR	11932.23
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	BRUNELLE	KATHRYN	ELECTION WORKERS	29.00
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	COOLEY	DIANA	TOWN CLERK	7666.43
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	JOEL	JEAN	ACCOUNTANT	9730.96
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	KENNAN	CHARLOTTE	ELECTION WORKERS	58.00
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	KENNAN	DANA	ASSESSORS	2168.52
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	LANDRY	MICHAEL	ASSESSORS	14819.69
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	MAY	CAROLYN	ELECTION WORKERS	105.13
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	MORIARTY	ELLEN	ELECTION WORKERS	50.00
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	MORIARTY	RICHARD	ELECTION WORKERS	79.75
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	NEWMAN	VIRGINIA	TAX COLLECTOR	14249.52
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	NICKLESS	BARBARA	ELECTION WORKERS	50.00
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	NICKLESS	RICHARD	ELECTION WORKERS	65.25
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	ROBINSON	JEAN	ASSESSORS	1883.23
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	SMITH	DOROTHY	ELECTION WORKERS	94.25
7	FINANCE, TAXATION - POLICY	WALKER	SHEILA	ELECTION WORKERS	79.75

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
Sub Total Dept 7					63203.09
17 Records					

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
M1099		ARDAGNA	SALVATORE, JR.		1100.00
M1099		BARNES LANDSCAPING	.		24897.58
M1099		BOUDREAU	LEON		9800.00
M1099		FRED'S SCHOOL BUS	.		13987.50
M1099		GARBETT	RUTH		689.70
M1099		GARBETT	THOMAS		4326.30
M1099		LANDSCAPE NURSERY	.		5522.50
M1099		LOCKESMITH	DAVID		1155.00
M1099		MAZIK	JAMES		17000.00
M1099		QUALITY HOME COMPU	,		727.00
M1099		RAJECKI	DAN		2750.00

Sub Total Dept M1099 **81955.58**
11 Records

Dept	Dept. Name	Last Name	First Name	positionCode	Curr Gross
Grand Total					1146709.29
116 Records					

Respectfully submitted John E. Boary, Town Treasurer

Run Date 12/22/2003
Run Time 13:13
Rpt ID annual

ASSETS		
Cash	759,439.45	

Subtotal Cash		759,439.45
Personal Property Tax Receivable:	3,398.30	
Real Estate Tax Receivable:	86,545.72	
Allowance for Abatements:	-29,233.07	
Tax Titles and Possessions:	81,442.69	
Allowance for Uncollected Taxes:	3,014.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable:	19,861.09	
Farm Animal Excise Receivable:	361.50	

Subtotal Taxes		165,390.63
Due from Other Funds		24,467.78

Total Assets		949,297.86
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LIABILITIES		
Warrants Payable		-71,567.84
BCBS Withheld		-10,315.38
Due to Other Funds		-2,400.00
Abandoned Prop (Tailings)		-256.36
Def Rev Real & Prop. Tax		-60,710.95
Def Rev Roll Back Taxes		-3,014.40
Def Rev Tax Liens		-81,442.69
Def Rev Motor Vehicle Ex		-19,861.09
Def Rev Farm Animal Excse		-361.50

Subtotal Liabilities		-249,930.21

FUND BALANCE		
FB Res for Encumbrances		-83,843.44
FB Undesignated		-296,980.87
FB Res O/U Assessments		100.00
FB Res Center Sch. Debt		-215,042.85
FB-Res Mahar Debt Paymts		-103,600.49

Subtotal Fund Balance		-699,367.65

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance		-949,297.86
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FUND 22 SCHOOL LUNCH

ASSETS

Cash - Unrestricted -4,301.93

Total Assets -4,301.93

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable -238.32

Subtotal Liabilities -238.32

FUND BALANCE

Fund Bal. - School Lunch 4,540.25

Subtotal Fund Balance 4,540.25

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance 4,301.93

FUND 23 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

ASSETS

Cash-Highway Improvements -2,963.30

Due Fr.State- Ch53C #0234 66,955.62

Due From State - #246234 133,911.25

Total Assets 197,903.57

LIABILITIES

Due to General Fund -24,467.78

Def.Rev.- Ch53C # 0234 -66,955.62

Def Revenue - # 246234 -133,911.25

Subtotal Liabilities -225,334.65

FUND BALANCE

FB-Hwy Improve. Fund 27,431.08

Subtotal Fund Balance 27,431.08

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance -197,903.57

FUND 24 SPECIAL REVENUE

ASSETS

Cash-Other Special Rev. 70,333.55

Total Assets 70,333.55

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable -188.10

Subtotal Liabilities -188.10

FUND BALANCE

FB DON-School Davis Tr -767.34

FB School Choice -62,585.71

FB Bus Transportation -1,064.03

FB W. Smith Cemetery -290.37

FB Indian Cemetery	-18.64
FB Flood Ins. Reimburse.	-990.62
FB 250th Anniversary	-3,338.29
FB Bandstand	-525.00
FB Dog Officer Gift Acct	-565.45

Subtotal Fund Balance	-70,145.45
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-70,333.55
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FUND 25 TOWN GRANTS

ASSETS

Cash-Town Grants	77,773.21
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Total Assets	77,773.21
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LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	-10,983.59
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Subtotal Liabilities	-10,983.59
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FUND BALANCE

FB-Town Clerk Elections	-805.00
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FB-Police DARE Grant	-1,685.99
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FB-Community Policing	-7,864.39
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FB-Police Body Armor	-800.63
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FB-Cultural Council	-5,601.26
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FB-Title V	-11,075.19
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FB-Tree Grant	-1,972.00
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FB-Cops Fast Grant	-32,652.97
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FB - Fire Equipment Grant	-152.28
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FB - Police Equipment Grt	-4,136.01
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FB - Gov.'s Hwy Safety	-43.90
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Subtotal Fund Balance	-66,789.62
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-77,773.21
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FUND 26 SCHOOL GRANTS

ASSETS

Cash-School Grants	21,070.55
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Total Assets	21,070.55
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LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	-5,000.00
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Subtotal Liabilities	-5,000.00
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FUND BALANCE

FB-Title VI	-47.12
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FB-Special Needs Idea	-3,132.61
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FB - Curriculum Study	-4,765.00
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FB - Title I	-4,341.43
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FB - Sped Corrective Act.	-363.66
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FB - Drug Free Grant	-13.84
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FB - Title II	-3,084.32
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FB - Title V	-322.57
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Subtotal Fund Balance	-16,070.55
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Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-21,070.55
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FUND 27 REVOLVING FUNDS	
ASSETS	
Cash-Revolving Funds	117,284.86

Total Assets	117,284.86
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LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	-3,613.15

Subtotal Liabilities	-3,613.15

FUND BALANCE	
FB-Timber	-24,606.53
FB-Gas Inspector Revolving	-35.00
FB-Electrical Insp. Revol	-1,452.00
FB-Plumbing Insp Revolv	-926.50
FB-Board of Health Revolv	-9,457.00
FB-Machinery Maint. Revol	-60,415.36
FB-Use Sch Facility	-450.59
FB-Graves & Burials	-5.00
FB-Town Clerk Fees	-603.39
FB-Fire Chief Fees	-640.00
FB Reserved for ZBA	-216.38
FB - Building Inspector	-14,484.96
FB - Planning Board Fees	-379.00

Subtotal Fund Balance	-113,671.71

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-117,284.86
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FUND 28 RECEIPTS RESERVED	
ASSETS	
Cash-Receipts Reserv. App	2,380.77

Total Assets	2,380.77
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FUND BALANCE	
FB-Wetlands Protection	-1,030.77
FB-Sale of Cemetery Lots	-1,350.00

Subtotal Fund Balance	-2,380.77

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-2,380.77
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FUND 30 CAPITAL PROJ-SCHOOL ADDTN	
ASSETS	
Cash-Capital Project	490,231.95

Total Assets	490,231.95
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LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	-24,905.60
BAN Payable - School Add.	-5,123,000.00

Subtotal Liabilities	-5,147,905.60

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance - School Add	4,657,673.65
Bonds Authorized	5,172,700.00
Bonds Authorized-Offset	-5,172,700.00
Subtotal Fund Balance	4,657,673.65
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-490,231.95

~~FUND 65 ENTERPRISE FUND~~

ASSETS

Cash-Transfer Station-EF	38,944.76
Total Assets	38,944.76

LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable	-2,064.99
Subtotal Liabilities	-2,064.99

FUND BALANCE

Reserve for Encumbrance	-1,723.12
Unreserved Retained Earn.	-35,156.65
Subtotal Fund Balance	-36,879.77
Total Liabilities/Fund Balance	-38,944.76

~~FUND 82 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS~~

ASSETS

Cash-NonExpendable Trust	131,284.27
Due from General Fund	2,400.00
Total Assets	133,684.27

FUND BALANCE

FB-Cook Cemetery	-1,026.25
FB-Pond Cemetery	-2,333.33
FB-Consolidated Cemetery	-51,408.68
FB-Williams Flowers	-544.61
FB-Rickey Flowers	-188.97
FB-Mudge Flowers	-2,131.32
FB-Daniels Flowers	-1,069.54
FB-Wheeler Library	-3,000.00
FB-Mann Library	-5,000.00
FB-Spooner Library	-4,659.00
FB-Cook Library	-1,026.25
FB-McCarthy School	-3,310.91
FB-Dickman School	-2,926.79
FB-Hildreth School	-4,476.72
FB-Newton Charities	-3,441.65
FB-Newton Poor	-13,672.26
FB-Evelyn Murphy Conserv.	-10,000.00
FB-Flint Fund	-22,967.99
FB-Dexter Fund	-500.00
Subtotal Fund Balance	-133,684.27

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance -133,684.27
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FUND 84 EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

ASSETS

Cash-Expendable Trusts 256,183.43

Total Assets 256,183.43
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FUND BALANCE

FB-Stabilization Fund -59,982.99

FB-Cook Cemetery -1,374.73

FB-Pond Cemetery -4,162.66

FB-Consolidated Cemetery -4,226.68

FB-Cemetery Bequests -11,140.47

FB-Williams Flowers -14.83

FB-Rickey Flowers -7.77

FB-Mudge Flowers -347.19

FB-Daniels Flowers -44.26

FB-Wheeler Library -200.74

FB-Mann Library -334.49

FB-Spooner Library -311.69

FB-Cook Library -68.65

FB-McCarthy School -392.84

FB-Dickman School -578.37

FB-Hildreth School -1,794.78

FB-Discovery -572.28

FB-Newton Charities -6,826.05

FB-Newton Poor -28,778.81

FB-Babbitt Wildlife -85,698.76

FB-Evelyn Murphy Conserv -5,552.41

FB-Flint Fund -3,810.42

FB-Dexter Fund -960.24

FB-Disaster -21,267.70

FB-Unemployment -13,883.81

FB-Energy Commission -388.14

FB-Village Improve Soc. -171.01

FB-Police Trust Fund -3,290.66

Subtotal Fund Balance -256,183.43

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance -256,183.43
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FUND 89 AGENCY

ASSETS

Cash-Agency Funds 16,851.05

Total Assets 16,851.05
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LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable -3,084.00

Police Extra Duty -1,012.95

Dog Licenses to Library -616.00

Tax Collector's Fees -2,581.00

Student Activity Funds -895.56

Media Fund -8,069.04

Firearms & Pistol Permits -592.50

Subtotal Liabilities -16,851.05

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance

-16,851.05

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FUND 90

ASSETS

Amt To Be Provided - Debt

77,000.00

Total Assets

77,000.00

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FUND BALANCE

Fire Truck Loan

-67,000.00

Highway Truck Loan

-10,000.00

Subtotal Fund Balance

-77,000.00

Total Liabilities/Fund Balance

-77,000.00

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Revenue Category / Account	Estimated Revenue	Revenue Revisions	Revised Estimated Rev.	Actual Revenue	Balance	% Rec
TAXES and EXCISES						
Personal Property Taxes (01-4-110-000)	54,076.05		54,076.05	54,132.65	(56.60)	100
Real Estate Taxes (01-4-120-000)	1,562,462.93		1,562,462.93	1,512,575.09	49,887.84	97
Rollback Tax Revenue (01-4-122-000)				7,049.76	(7,049.76)	0
Tax Liens Redeemed (01-4-142-000)				15,176.23	(15,176.23)	0
Motor Vehicle Excise (01-4-150-000)	104,500.00		104,500.00	110,095.67	(5,595.67)	105
Class. Forest Stumpage (01-4-163-000)				364.76	(364.76)	0
Penalties and int. taxes (01-4-170-000)	1,500.00		1,500.00	3,398.42	(1,898.42)	227
Interest on Motor Veh Ex (01-4-172-000)	500.00		500.00	1,118.91	(618.91)	224
Interest on Tax Liens (01-4-173-000)				1,352.18	(1,352.18)	0
In Lieu of Taxes (01-4-180-000)	318,000.00		318,000.00	323,480.83	(5,480.83)	102
TOTAL TAXES and EXCISES:	2,041,038.98	0.00	2,041,038.98	2,028,744.50	12,294.48	99
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE						
Fees - Miscellaneous (01-4-329-000)	895.00		895.00	517.69	377.31	58
Rentals (01-4-360-000)	120.00		120.00	625.00	(505.00)	521
DeptRev-Police Department (01-4-371-000)	400.00		400.00	767.50	(367.50)	192
DeptRev-Fire Department (01-4-372-000)	400.00		400.00	150.00	250.00	38
DeptRev-Dog Officer (01-4-373-000)	50.00		50.00	144.00	(94.00)	288
Licenses - Alcoholic (01-4-410-000)	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,065.00	(65.00)	102
Licenses - Misc. Business (01-4-420-000)				30.00	(30.00)	0
Permits - Police Dept. (01-4-451-000)	50.00		50.00	5.00	45.00	10
Permits - Misc. Business (01-4-458-000)	550.00		550.00	690.80	(140.80)	126
Permits - Other (01-4-459-000)	350.00		350.00	174.00	176.00	50
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:	5,815.00	0.00	5,815.00	6,168.99	(353.99)	106
STATE REVENUE						
State Owned Land (01-4-611-000)	26,535.00		26,535.00	26,535.00		100
Abatements Veterans (01-4-613-000)	2,300.00		2,300.00	4,788.00	(2,488.00)	208
Elderly Abatements (01-4-616-000)	3,255.00		3,255.00	6,480.00	(3,225.00)	199
MA-Chapter 70 (01-4-621-000)	240,233.00		240,233.00	240,233.00		100
MA-School Transportation (01-4-627-000)	10,262.00		10,262.00	9,569.00	693.00	93
MA-Lottery (01-4-671-000)	110,642.00		110,642.00	100,297.00	10,345.00	91
Veterans' Benefits (01-4-682-000)				163.38	(163.38)	0
Court Fines (01-4-695-000)	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,405.00	95.00	94
MA-Regis. Motor Vehicles (01-4-696-000)	9,100.00		9,100.00	12,383.50	(3,283.50)	136
Fines - Dog Violations (01-4-697-000)	400.00		400.00	352.00	48.00	88
TOTAL STATE REVENUE:	404,227.00	0.00	404,227.00	402,205.88	2,021.12	100
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES						
Earnings on Investments (01-4-820-000)	19,200.00		19,200.00	30,887.62	(11,687.62)	161
Miscellaneous Revenue (01-4-840-000)	400.00		400.00	1,348.61	(948.61)	337
Sale of Surplus (01-4-845-000)				260.00	(260.00)	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:	19,600.00	0.00	19,600.00	32,496.23	(12,896.23)	166
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES						
Transfer from Spec.Rev. (01-4-972-000)				1,685.20	(1,685.20)	0
Transfer from Revolving (01-4-973-000)				35,000.00	(35,000.00)	0
Transfer from Rects Resrv (01-4-974-000)				250.00	(250.00)	0

Account Category / Account	Estimated Revenue	Revenue Revisions	Revised Estimated Rev.	Actual Revenue	Balance	% Rec
Transfer From Trust Funds (01-4-975-000)				1,564.80	(1,564.80)	0
Transfer From Stabiliza. (01-4-976-000)				202,938.49	(202,938.49)	0
Transfer From FB Sch.Debt (01-4-978-000)				23,524.00	(23,524.00)	0
Transfer From Timber Acct (01-4-979-000)				11,000.00	(11,000.00)	0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:	0.00	0.00	0.00	275,962.49	(275,962.49)	0
TOTAL REVENUES as of 2003/06/30:	2,470,680.98	0.00	2,470,680.98	2,745,578.09	(274,897.11)	111

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Moderator Expenses 015114-000		58.00		58.00	58.00		100
Selectmen's Salaries 015122-000		5,427.00		5,427.00	5,427.00		100
Selectmens' Expenses 015122-001		3,045.00	726.40	3,771.40	3,771.40		100
Secretary's Salary 015129-000		25,062.00	98.40	25,160.40	25,160.40		100
Secretary's Overtime 015129-001		1,560.00		1,560.00	1,522.94	37.06	98
Advis/FINCOM Expenses 015131-000		450.00		450.00	450.00		100
Reserve Fund 015132-000		25,000.00	(21,851.96)	3,148.04		3,148.04	0
Town Accountant Salary 015135-000		9,540.00		9,540.00	9,540.00		100
Town Accountant Expens 015135-001		400.00		400.00	67.60	332.40	17
Audit Expense 015135-003		6,500.00	(6,500.00)				0
FY 03 Encumber Audit 015135-004			6,500.00	6,500.00		6,500.00	0
Assessor's Salaries 015141-000		5,696.00		5,696.00	5,696.00		100
Assessor's Expenses 015141-001		9,875.00		9,875.00	9,811.50	63.50	99
Assistant Assessor Sal 015141-003		16,380.00		16,380.00	15,117.12	1,262.88	92
FY 04 Recertification 015142-001		18,300.00		18,300.00	828.00	17,472.00	5
Treasurer's Salary 015145-000		9,261.00		9,261.00	9,261.00		100
Treasurer's Expenses 015145-001		4,345.00		4,345.00	4,201.13	143.87	97
Payroll Processing Fee 015145-003		6,000.00		6,000.00	3,403.11	2,596.89	57
Treas. - Enc. Software 015145-004	581.26			581.26		581.26	0
Treasurer Acct Bank Fe 015145-005		1.00		1.00		1.00	0
Computer & Incidentals 015145-006		1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		100
Computer & Incidentals 015145-007		7,120.00	(7,120.00)				0
Treasurer - Enc. Expen 015145-008	804.95			804.95		804.95	0
Tax Collector's Salary 015146-000		8,573.00		8,573.00	8,573.00		100
Tax Collector's Expens 015146-001		4,869.00		4,869.00	3,961.36	907.64	81
Computer/Software 015146-003	2,540.70			2,540.70		2,540.70	0
Tax Collector Bank Fee 015146-006		90.00		90.00		90.00	0
Computer & Incidentals 015146-007			7,120.00	7,120.00	7,120.00		100
Legal Fees 015151-000		6,000.00	1,418.09	7,418.09	7,418.09		100
Town Clerk's Salary 015161-000		5,907.00		5,907.00	5,907.00		100
Town Clerk's Expenses 015161-001		1,610.00	(178.25)	1,431.75	1,154.01	277.74	81
Vital Statistics 015161-002		75.00		75.00	75.00		100
Town Clerk -FY03 Encum 015161-003			178.25	178.25		178.25	0
Election/Regisis. Sala 015163-000		2,600.00	637.08	3,237.08	3,237.08		100
Election & Reg. Expens 015163-001		150.00		150.00	139.40	10.60	93
Conservation Comm Expe 015171-000		1.00		1.00		1.00	0
Master Plan Open Space 015172-000	49,542.95			49,542.95	24,895.58	24,647.37	50
Planning Board Expense 015175-000		270.00		270.00	141.06	128.94	52
zoning Bd of Appeals E 015180-000		500.00		500.00		500.00	0
ABA Consultant 015180-002		2,500.00		2,500.00		2,500.00	0
Land Court Fees 015185-000	4,574.50	6,410.00		10,984.50	7,827.15	3,157.35	71
Town Hall/Office Expen 015192-001		18,681.00		18,681.00	15,330.57	3,350.43	82
Town - Phone 015192-002		5,550.00		5,550.00	4,766.06	783.94	86
handicap Acc/Twn Hall/ 015192-003	21,534.03			21,534.03		21,534.03	0
Repair/Maint Town Hall 015192-004	4,340.35		1,128.04	5,468.39	5,468.39		100
Chair Carriers/Fold. C 015192-005	829.95			829.95	545.18	284.77	66
Town Hall Roof Renov/R 015192-009	1,400.00			1,400.00		1,400.00	0
Computer Consultant 015192-012	1,640.00			1,640.00		1,640.00	0
FY 02 Encumbered Phone 015192-014	371.42			371.42	371.42		100
Town Printing 015195-000		2,862.00	697.20	3,559.20	1,533.58	2,025.62	43
Software Maintenance 015199-000		590.00		590.00	590.00		100
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	88,160.11	223,158.00	(17,146.75)	294,171.36	195,269.13	98,902.23	66

Use Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY							
Police Chief Salary 015210-000		46,001.00		46,001.00	46,001.00		100
Police Depart. Salarie 015210-001		17,098.00	(3,175.51)	13,922.49	13,401.78	520.71	96
Full Time Officer 015210-002		21,041.00		21,041.00	21,041.00		100
Police Depart. Expense 015210-003		11,850.00	3,175.51	15,025.51	13,655.51	1,370.00	91
Enc. FY 02 Payroll 015210-007	427.00			427.00	427.00		100
Fire Dept. Salaries 015220-000		6,960.00	1,521.64	8,481.64	8,481.64		100
Fire Depart. Expenses 015220-001		11,325.00		11,325.00	10,898.17	426.83	96
Fire Dept. Water Hole 015220-002	3,796.55			3,796.55	283.26	3,513.29	7
Fire Dept. Radio Compl 015220-007	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00		100
Enc. FY 02 Payroll 015220-011	2,241.00			2,241.00	2,241.00		100
Building Inspect. Sala 015241-000		6,767.00		6,767.00	6,767.00		100
Building Inspector Exp 015241-001		1,304.00		1,304.00	278.70	1,025.30	21
Emergency/Civil Defens 015291-000		1.00		1.00		1.00	0
Dog Officer Salary 015292-000		879.00		879.00	879.00		100
Dog Officer Expenses 015292-001		1,670.00	179.79	1,849.79	1,849.79		100
Tree Warden Expenses 015294-000		303.00		303.00	39.60	263.40	13
Forest Warden Salary 015295-000		25.00		25.00	25.00		100
PS Commun. Radio Repai 015296-000		915.00		915.00	715.35	199.65	78
PS - IMC & LEAPS 015296-001		1,470.00		1,470.00	1,470.00		100
Dir. Agriculture Salar 015297-000		25.00		25.00	25.00		100
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY	7,464.55	127,634.00	1,701.43	136,799.98	129,479.80	7,320.18	95
EDUCATION							
Petersham Elem. Expens 015310-000		791,726.00	(7,000.00)	784,726.00	783,708.25	1,017.75	100
Fields & Equipment 015310-005		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		100
Additional Transportat 015310-006			7,000.00	7,000.00	6,480.00	520.00	93
RC Mahar RSD 015315-000		433,789.00		433,789.00	433,789.00		100
Teacher Salary Deferra 015315-001		1,090.72		1,090.72	1,090.72		100
Montachusett Reg Voc T 015320-000		60,623.00	469.31	61,092.31	61,092.31		100
TOTAL EDUCATION	0.00	1,289,728.72	469.31	1,290,198.03	1,288,660.28	1,537.75	100
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES							
Highway Depart. Salar 015420-000		89,234.00	98.75	89,332.75	89,332.75		100
Highway Depart. Expens 015420-001		23,500.00		23,500.00	23,340.96	159.04	99
Town Barn Expenses 015421-000		3,628.00		3,628.00	3,297.11	330.89	91
Snow Removal Expense 015423-000		32,000.00	26,300.80	58,300.80	58,300.80		100
Street Lights 015426-000		4,000.00	12.97	4,012.97	4,012.97		100
Grave Openings 015491-000		1.00		1.00		1.00	0
Care of Cemeteries 015491-003		16,000.00		16,000.00	16,000.00		100
Cemetery - Enc. Expens 015491-004	500.00			500.00	500.00		100
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	500.00	168,363.00	26,412.52	195,275.52	194,784.59	490.93	100
HUMAN SERVICES							
Bd of Health Salaries 015510-000		355.00		355.00	355.00		100
Bd Health Expenses 015510-001		1,175.00	(385.00)	790.00	166.31	623.69	21
Inspector of Animals 015510-002		75.00		75.00	75.00		100
BOH-Admin. Assistant 015510-003		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,813.53	1,186.47	70
FY 03 Encumb. BOH Xpe 015510-004			385.00	385.00		385.00	0
BOA Expenses 015541-000		750.00		750.00	750.00		100

Expense Category / Account	Previous Year's Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	% Exp
Veterans Agent Salary 015543-000		1,171.00		1,171.00	1,171.00		100
Veterans' Agent Expens 015543-001		144.00		144.00		144.00	0
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	0.00	7,670.00	0.00	7,670.00	5,330.84	2,339.16	70
CULTURE AND RECREATION							
Library-Operating Subs 015610-000		4,209.00		4,209.00	4,209.00		100
Concerts (6) 015631-000		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100
Bandstand Lighting 015632-000		275.00		275.00	255.41	19.59	93
Town Clock 015633-000		90.00		90.00	90.00		100
Care of Common 015634-000		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		100
Javenport Prop - Costs 015635-000	930.68			930.68	340.00	590.68	37
Historic Comm. Expense 015690-000		90.00		90.00		90.00	0
Historic Dist. Comm. E 015691-000		270.00		270.00		270.00	0
Memorial Day Expenses 015699-000		540.00		540.00	540.00		100
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	930.68	11,974.00	0.00	12,904.68	11,934.41	970.27	92
DEBT SERVICE							
Interest Expense 015710-000		2,000.00		2,000.00	16.35	1,983.65	1
Interest-Hwy Pickup Tr 015711-000		897.75		897.75	897.75		100
Interest-Fire Truck 015712-000		4,462.50		4,462.50	3,517.50	945.00	79
Interest - Police Cruis 015713-000		222.75		222.75	222.75		100
Center School - Intere 015715-000	120,816.25			120,816.25	26,815.25	94,001.00	22
Prin.- Police Cruiser 015721-000		9,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00		100
Prin. - Hwy Truck 015722-000		11,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00		100
Reserved Center Schl D 015725-000		219,716.60		219,716.60	98,674.75	121,041.85	45
Reserved Mahar Debt 015726-000		123,030.25		123,030.25	19,429.76	103,600.49	16
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	120,816.25	370,329.85	0.00	491,146.10	169,574.11	321,571.99	35
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES							
Assessmt-County Tax 015820-000		2,154.00		2,154.00	2,154.00		100
Assessmt-School Choice 015820-001		210,000.00		210,000.00	197,560.00	12,440.00	94
Assessmt-Air Pollution 015820-002		280.00		280.00	280.00		100
Assessmt-Regional Tran 015820-003		1,390.00		1,390.00	1,118.00	272.00	80
Assessmt-RMV Non-Renew 015820-004		220.00		220.00	320.00	(100.00)	145
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	0.00	214,044.00	0.00	214,044.00	201,432.00	12,612.00	94
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES							
Worcester County Retir 015911-000		34,761.00		34,761.00	34,761.00		100
Insurance- Health 015914-000		7,010.00		7,010.00	7,010.00		100
Insurance - Enc. Healt 015914-001	5,521.56			5,521.56	5,381.54	140.02	97
Insurance-Medicare 015915-000		10,000.00	630.45	10,630.45	10,630.45		100
Insurance-General 015916-000		51,555.00		51,555.00	50,063.88	1,491.12	97
Prior Year Invoice 015920-000		3,539.06		3,539.06	3,539.06		100
Transfr to Spec Rev Fu 015992-000		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		100
Transfer to Trust Fund 015995-000					275.07	(275.07)	0
Transfr to Unemploy. F 015996-000		1.00		1.00	1.00		100
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	5,521.56	107,866.06	630.45	114,018.07	112,662.00	1,356.07	99
TOTAL EXPENSES as of 2003/06/30:	223,393.15	2,520,767.63	12,066.96	2,756,227.74	2,309,127.16	447,100.58	84

*Report of the Town Clerk
FY 2003*

Another year has passed and as always, I thank Dale Bull for her help and phone calls, without which, a part-time office would be more difficult to manage.

Again, I thank the great election workers for their time and energy that they give to the elections. Without them it wouldn't work. Thank you to the Board of Registrars, Kay Simms, Barbara Nickless, and Ellen Moriarty for their help throughout the year.

I also thank my family for their unselfishness and their support.

Through the years you meet people that make an impression on you. M. Kathryn Brunelle was one of these people. This year was the last year to have Kathryn present at our elections. She held me up when I first began as Town Clerk and kept me going in a straight line. Her smile greeted many voters. At the end of the night she was right there ready to count. I knew that I could count on her at every election and town meeting. When she became sick the only way you would realize it was that you had heard about it. Her smile did not fade nor did her fantastic attitude and her commitment to the elections. The poll workers still got her famous cherry cobbler and her great coffee. Then came the day when she could no longer join us for elections. It has not been the same without her. I personally miss her presence each time we open the polls, count out ballots and have a town meeting. Kathryn passed away on July 2, 2003 at the age of 75 years old. She is missed and never forgotten. Thank you Kathryn for helping me when I needed it.

*Diana L. Cosley
Town Clerk*

TOWN OF PETERSHAM

Maturing debt and Interest Balances

6-30-03

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Highway Truck	10,000.00	289.50	10,289.50
Fire Truck	67,000.00	3,491.25	70,491.25
TOTAL:			80,780.75

Interest Statement

Interest earned on Town's Money Market Funds: \$31,497.54

Tax Titles

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes committed to Treasure: 81,442.69

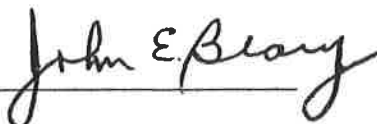
Interest due on these unpaid taxes: 53,310.10

Bond Anticipation Notes, Center School

Temporary Borrowing due 5-21-04: 5,123,000.00

Interest due on the above: 55,685.58

Balance of Loan to be borrowed: 49,700.00



Town Treasurer

TOWN OF PET SHAM
Trust Fund Report for Fiscal year 2003

July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

FUND	ENDING BAL PRINCIPAL	ENDING BAL EARNINGS	ENDING CASH VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	ENDING MARKET VALUE
CEMETERY FUNDS					
CONSOLIDATED CEMETERY FD I & II	\$49,008.68	\$4,226.68	\$53,235.36	\$4,472.60	\$57,707.96
E M COOK CEMETERY FD	\$1,026.25	\$1,374.73	\$2,400.98	\$201.72	\$2,602.70
L L POND CEMETERY FD I & II	\$2,333.33	\$4,162.66	\$6,495.99	\$545.76	\$7,041.75
BELLE RICKEY CEMETERY FD	\$188.97	\$7.77	\$196.74	\$16.53	\$213.27
CEMETERY BEQUESTS	\$7,143.03	\$3,997.44	\$11,140.47	\$935.97	\$12,076.44
ANNIE DANIELS FLOWER FD	\$1,069.54	\$44.26	\$1,113.80	\$93.58	\$1,207.38
JOHN MUDGE FLOWER FD	\$2,131.32	\$347.19	\$2,478.51	\$208.23	\$2,686.74
J & C WILLIAMS FLOWER FD	\$544.61	\$14.83	\$559.44	\$47.00	\$606.44
KATHERINE M DEXTER TRUST FD	\$500.00	\$960.24	\$1,460.24	\$122.68	\$1,582.92
SUBTOTAL	\$63,945.73	\$15,135.80	\$79,081.53	\$6,644.07	\$85,725.60
SCHOOL FUNDS					
MCCARTHY SCHOOL FD	\$3,310.91	\$392.84	\$3,703.75	\$311.17	\$4,014.92
HILDRETH SCHOOL FD	\$4,476.72	\$1,794.78	\$6,271.50	\$526.90	\$6,798.40
JOSEPHINE DICKMAN SCHOOL FD	\$2,926.79	\$578.37	\$3,505.16	\$294.49	\$3,799.65
DISCOVERY CENTER SCHOOL	\$459.22	\$113.06	\$572.28	\$48.08	\$620.36
SUBTOTAL	\$11,173.64	\$2,879.05	\$14,052.69	\$1,180.64	\$15,233.33
LIBRARY FUNDS					
MANN LIBRARY FD I & II	\$5,000.00	\$334.49	\$5,334.49	\$448.18	\$5,782.67
G W COOK LIBRARY FD	\$1,026.25	\$88.65	\$1,094.90	\$91.99	\$1,186.89
SPOONER LIBRARY FD I, II & III	\$4,659.00	\$311.69	\$4,970.69	\$417.62	\$5,388.31
WHEELER LIBRARY FD	\$3,000.00	\$200.74	\$3,200.74	\$268.91	\$3,469.65
SUBTOTAL	\$13,685.25	\$915.57	\$14,600.82	\$1,226.70	\$15,827.52
CONSERVATION FUNDS					
BABBITT FD	\$60,465.55	\$25,233.21	\$85,698.76	\$7,200.04	\$92,898.80
EVELYN MURPHY CONSERVATION FD	\$10,000.00	\$5,552.41	\$15,552.41	\$1,306.65	\$16,859.06
SUBTOTAL	\$70,465.55	\$30,785.62	\$101,251.17	\$8,506.69	\$109,757.86

FUND	ENDING BAL PRINCIPAL	ENDING BAL EARNINGS	ENDING CASH VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	ENDING MARKET VALUE
CHARITY FUNDS					
ELIZABETH NEWTON CHARITY FD	\$3,441.65	\$6,826.05	\$10,267.70	\$862.65	\$11,130.35
E NEWTON DESERVING POOR FD	\$13,672.26	\$28,778.81	\$42,451.07	\$3,566.56	\$46,017.63
SUBTOTAL	\$17,113.91	\$35,604.86	\$52,718.77	\$4,429.21	\$57,147.98
FLINT FUNDS					
FLINT MEMORIAL FD	\$22,967.99	\$3,810.42	\$26,778.41	\$2,249.81	\$29,028.22
SUBTOTAL	\$22,967.99	\$3,810.42	\$26,778.41	\$2,249.81	\$29,028.22
OTHER FUNDS					
DISASTER FD	\$6,849.70	\$14,418.00	\$21,267.70	\$1,786.82	\$23,054.52
STABILIZATION FD	\$56,946.65	\$3,036.34	\$59,982.99	\$5,039.51	\$65,022.50
ENERGY COMMISSION FD	\$184.62	\$203.52	\$388.14	\$32.61	\$420.75
PETERSHAM VILL IMP SOC -GP HOWLAND	\$115.66	\$55.35	\$171.01	\$14.37	\$185.38
POLICE DEPT DRUGS FD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$64,096.63	\$17,713.21	\$81,809.84	\$6,873.31	\$88,683.15
GRAND TOTALS	\$263,448.70	\$106,844.53	\$370,293.23	\$31,110.43	\$401,403.66
			CURRENT QUARTER ACCRUAL:		\$6,025.76
			UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS:		\$31,110.43
			QUARTER ENDING STATEMENT VALUE:		\$395,377.90

VITAL STATISTICS
JULY 1, 2002 – JUNE 30, 2003

In 2002 there were 6 babies born, 4 girls and 2 boys. In 2003 there was 1 baby born, a boy.

MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>
August 31, 2002	Geoffrey Comfort Butler, Jr. Jane Harding Gordon	Colorado Colorado
September 28, 2002	Not Public Record	
January 11, 2003	Lawrence Eldred Poulin Christine Ann Valardi	Petersham Petersham
May 31, 2003	Jamie J. Hatch April Michelle Coughlan	Petersham Petersham
June 1, 2003	Peter Ellis Brightman Leslie Joan Altman	Petersham Yarmouthport, MA
June 7, 2003	Parker Leeman Putnam Michelle Marie McHugh	Three Rivers, MA Three Rivers, MA

DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>AGE</u>
August 29, 2002	John Southard Jenkins	Petersham	55
September 5, 2002	Maxine Vivian Church	Petersham	81
September 30, 2002	Harry C. Buell	Petersham	91
October 7, 2002	Marilee Brunelle	Petersham	66
October 25, 2002	Lawrence J. Costa	Petersham	64
December 10, 2002	Bertha St. Jean	Petersham	96
February 4, 2003	Donna R. Lundquist Keegan	Petersham	48
February 15, 2003	Louise E. Thayer	Petersham	89
February 24, 2003	Marie Simoneau	Petersham	90
March 10, 2003	Robert Bernard Reid	Petersham	89
May 18, 2003	James Cope Crosson Tower	Petersham	22
June 11, 2003	Edward Thomas Wierman	Petersham	76
June 22, 2003	Muriel Alice Crosson	Athol	80
June 25, 2003	Sheila Ruth Leonard	Petersham	42

Of the above, 9 were buried in town. 4 people were brought into town for burial.

RAFFLES

The following organizations purchased raffle licenses at \$10.00 each for a total of \$60.00, which was paid to the Treasurer.

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Post 415 American Legion
Petersham Montessori School

Petersham Fire Association
Petersham Curling Club
Petersham Country Club

DOG FUNDS

A total of \$1,685.25 was collected for the library from the dog license fund. A total of \$400.00 was collected in dog fines and turned over to the Treasurer.

Diana L. Cooley
Town Clerk

Report of the Center School Committee and Administration

The 2002 – 2003 year was another busy, but successful school year. It is with great appreciation that I thank the staff and the community for their support, efforts and contributions during the past year. The voters of Petersham approved a school budget of \$884,726 for the 2002 – 2003 school year. In addition to the Town Appropriation of \$784,726, it was estimated that the school district would utilize \$100,000 in school choice funds which would be used to offset the total budget. A total of \$835,795 was expended during this school year.

A few staff changes occurred for the beginning of the school year. Dr. Raymond Grogan resigned as Superintendent and Dr. Patricia Martin was hired. Nichole Ruggles transferred from the position of Learning Specialist to classroom teacher for the fifth grade and Charles Villee was hired to fill the vacancy. LeeAnn LaRue was hired to fill the Physical Education vacancy.

The Center School welcomed 109 students on the first day of school. Under the Massachusetts School of Choice Program students from Athol, Hardwick, Orange and Phillipston attended the school.

Once again the school received several grants. These grants were used for a variety of purposes; salaries, books, materials, specialized services, consultation, and professional development. The total amount of grant monies received for 2002 – 2003 school year was \$ 43,048. One grant that was eliminated from the State budget was the Health Grant. In the past, this grant funded 40% of our nursing salaries.

The students were fortunate enough to attend several field trips to compliment their academic studies, These trips included the Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary, Stocking fish at the Quabbin Reservoir, Harvard Forrest Museum, Red Apple Farm, Quabbin Woods Restaurant, The Maple Sugar Farm and Sturbridge Village.

Many in-house events were attended by students. We had our annual visit from the tooth fairy, Mass Electric and the Ice Cat's mascot, Scratch. In addition, the Mahar Middle School band and chorus held a holiday concert; nursing coordinated the Jump-a-thon and a large number of parents, grandparents and students attended the annual parent's breakfast. The Susan B. Coolidge Memorial Fund provided the students with workshops and a concert by Tony Vacca World Ensemble.

Our fifth grade class was again able to participate in the DARE program. Officer Peter Buck ran the program with Officer Dejackome's assistance.

The school wide integrated theme was Africa. Students from all grade levels studied the African culture and contributed art projects, costumes, music, game and other activities for Theme Night.

The PTO was again very active in the school this year. This group made it possible for the students to attend the end of the year mystery trip to Sturbridge Village. This trip included small group workshops for every child. In addition they sponsored the Holiday Bazaar, Petersham Center School at the Ice Cats game, Family Swim Days, Teacher Appreciation Week and monthly classroom Bake Sales. They also provided monthly calendars, snow chain and the student directory.

In November of 2002, we transitioned from the original school building into the new classroom wing. This event was only possible because of the significant support exhibited by the community. The School Committee and Administration asked for assistance from the town and their request was answered by the help of over 30 parents and community members. It was a significant commitment for many as some volunteers spent two full days moving supplies, materials and books. Other volunteers continued to assist the teachers with unpacking and organizing their rooms for many days after. It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize these people for it truly does take a community to raise a child.

COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENT FIGURES
(October 1st)

Grade	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
K	9	10	15	15	16	14
1	14	11	15	16	16	19
2	16	18	12	18	16	18
3	11	15	16	12	17	17
4	15	10	14	19	10	14
5	14	11	14	15	22	12
6	14	14	16	16	12	16
Pre-school		2	4	2	1	1
Out of Dist.	1					1
Placement						
Total:	94	91	106	113	110	112

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget	Expended	Proposed
	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004
1000 ADMINISTRATION			
1131 Committee Expense	100	100	100
1132 Committee Adv. Exp	750	672	750
1133 Committee Legal Exp	500	48	500
1140 MASC Dues	1	0	1
1160 Census	175	175	175
1170 School Council	1	0	1
1100 COMMITTEE SUBTOTAL	1527	995	1527
1210 Superintendent Salary	26634	12,000	23650
1220 Supt. Secretary Salary	10870	11,120	11560
1230 Supt. Office Expense	500	500	550
1240 Superintendent Dues	1	0	1
1250 Superintendent Travel	1	0	1
1260 Supt. Sec. Asst. Sal	1387	1,376	1442
1200 SUPERINTENDENT SUBTOTAL	39393	24,996	37204
1000 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	40920	25,992	38731
2000 INSTRUCTION			
2100			
2210 Principal's Salary	53150	53,670	53587
2220 Principal Secretary Salary	10870	11,120	11560
2230 Office Expense	1500	1,436	1750
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	65523	66,227	66900
2301 Teacher Salaries	279000	271,059	293813
2302 Supervisor Salaries	21049	19,010	21941
2303 Substitute Salaries	3300	4,353	3300
2304 Band/Glee Club Salaries	1700	749	1300
2305 Discovery Salaries	1	0	800
2306 Teacher Aide Salaries	1	0	1
2307 Counselor Salary	16873	16,873	1
2308 Tech/Media Specialist	33540	2,742	29650
2300 TEACHER SALARY SUBTOTAL	355464	314,787	350806
2351 Teacher Course Credits	1	0	1
2352 Professional Development	13500	5,318	3000
2353 Scholar Supplies	5000	7,779	6052
2354 Technology	7000	2,338	3500
2355 Staff Travel	1	0	1
2356 Field Trips	1000	435	300
2357 Workbooks	3000	3,116	3000
2358 Professional Materials	1	0	1
2350 MATERIALS&TRAIN. SUBTOTAL	29503	18,986	15855

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget 2002-2003	Expended 2002-2003	Proposed 2003-2004
2400 TEXTBOOK SUBTOTAL	2500	91	2500
2500 LIBRARY BOOKS SUBTOTAL	1000	0	1
2600 AUDIO VISUAL SUBTOTAL	1	0	1
2700 ACHIEVMNT. TEST SUBTOTAL	1200	0	1
 2000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	 455,191	 400,091	 436,064
 3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
3200 School Physician(Flint Fund)	375	550	1
3210 School Nurse Salary	16596	16,596	24373
3220 Health Supplies	500	482	200
 3370 Transportation	 69160	 69,160	 76160
3380 Trans. Contingency	1	0	1
 3400 Food Services	 1000	 333	 500
 3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERV. TOTAL	 87632	 87,120	 101235
 4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
4110 Custodian Salary	10275	11,308	10682
4111 Custodial Recall	1	0	1
4112 Custodial Supplies	6000	5,803	6000
4113 Director of Bldg. & Grounds	19615	13,187	31200
4120 Heating	10500	13,839	18000
4130 Telephone	6200	3,902	6200
4140 Electricity	9500	9,341	20000
4150 Alarm Monitoring	1000	733	350
4210 Maintenance of Grounds	1500	1,263	1500
4220 Maintenance of Buildings	2500	2,500	1500
4221 Contracted Services	4300	4,290	4300
4222 Water Assoc. Dues	2500	2,181	2500
4230 Maint. Of Equipment - Bldg.	2500	2,472	2500
4232 Maint. Of Equipment - Educ.	5200	4,467	6520
 4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	 81,591	 75,284	 111,253
 5000 FIXED CHARGES			
5200 Health Insurance	69,436	66,776	70,000
 5000 FIXED CHARGES TOTAL	 69,436	 66,776	 70,000
 7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS			
7200 Acquis. & Imprv. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7390 Acquis. Of Equip. - Educ.	1	0	1
7391 Acquis. Of Equip. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7490 Replacement Equip. - Educ.	1	0	1
7491 Replacement Equip. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS	5	0	5
8000 DEBT SERVICE/RETIREMENT	1786	1,786	1786
 REGULAR EDUCATION BUDGE	 736,561	 657,050	 759,074

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SPECIAL EDUCATION	Budget 2002-2003	Expended 2002-2003	Proposed 2003-2004
92000 INSTRUCTION			
92210 Spec. Needs Admin Salary	4680	4,680	4867
92220 Special Needs Sec. Salary	1	0	1
92230 Office Expense	50	34	200
92200 SPEC.NEEDS ADMIN. SUBTL.	4731	4,714	5068
92301 Special Needs Teacher Salary	30,033	25,861	30,685
92302 Special Needs Teacher Salary	0	0	0
92303 Spec. Needs Teacher Sub Sal.	1	0	1
92304 Special Needs Aide Salary	1	0	9435
92305 Special Needs Tutor Salary	1	0	1
92306 Speech Therapist Salary	21000	21,051	22500
92307 Therapist (PT, OT) Salaries	5000	9,068	5000
92308 Psychologist Salary	1	0	1
92309 Counselor Salary	16872	11,831	8437
92310 Summer Program Tch r. Salary	1	0	1
92311 Inclusion Specialist	1	0	1
92300 SPEC.NEEDS SALARY SUBTL.	72,911	67,811	76,062
92350 Special Needs Travel	75	0	1
92351 Home/Hospital Instruction	200	0	200
92360 Cont. Servs. - Behav. Specialist	0	0	0
92365 Contr. Psychological Services	7000	63	7000
92370 Physician/Nurse	1	0	1
92371 Contracted Services	1000	0	1
92375 S.N. Admin. Dues	1	0	1
92380 CONTR. SERV. & EXP. SUBTL.	8,277	63	7,204
92390 SCHOOL SUPPLIES	400	413	200
92400 TEXTBOOKS	200	0	100
92600 AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE	1	0	1
92000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	86,520	73,001	88,635
93000 TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	13,000	13,570	13,000
97390 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	1	0	1
94000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	500	0	100
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS			
99100 CAPS Collab. Assessment	444	444	444
99110 Pre-School Program	4000	3,428	5700
99120 Tuition Out of District	43,700	36215	35,000
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DIST.	48,144	40,087	41,144
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET	148,165	126,658	142,880
REGULAR EDUC. BUDGET	736,561	657,050	759,074
SPECIAL EDUC. BUDGET	148,165	126,658	142,880
TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET:	884,726	783,708	901,954



The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee consists of twenty-two (22) members – four from Fitchburg represented by Sunnie Epstein, James O'Donnell, John E. Murray, Jr. and LeRoy Clark, two from Gardner represented by Helen Lepkowski and Charles R. LeBlanc and one from each of the communities of Ashburnham – represented by Diane Swenson, Ashby – represented by Warren Landry, Athol – represented by Toni L. Phillips, Barre – represented by John Scott, Harvard – represented by Dr. Henry Lefkovits, Holden – represented by Nancy Anderson, Hubbardston – represented by Jacqueline B. Kaminski, Lunenburg – represented by Dr. Charles F. Valera, Petersham – represented by Edward Simms, Phillipston – represented by Eric Olson, Princeton – represented by John Mollica, Royalston – represented by Mary C. Barclay, Sterling – represented by Dr. Kenneth I.H. Williams, Templeton – represented by David Roche, Westminster – represented by Jeffrey Schutt and Winchendon – represented by Burton Gould, Jr.

At the organizational meeting held in June, Dr. Charles F. Valera of Lunenburg was elected Chairperson, Ed Simms of Petersham was elected Vice President, Norman LeBlanc was elected Treasurer, and David LaPierre (now deceased) Superintendent-Director was elected District Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Preparing and development of the fiscal year 2004 budget was a difficult task, considering the state's financial crisis as well as the impact it was having on our member communities. With great cooperation, all member communities passed our Educational Plan. This plan reflected basically a level funded budget. The final Educational Plan totaled \$15,148,300 for fiscal year 2004.

The yearly audit of the district's books was completed in August by the accounting firm of Melanson & Heath from Greenfield, Massachusetts. An excellent report was received.

STUDENT BODY

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's enrollment as of October 1, 2003 included 1,168 students in grades 9 through 12. Students were representative of all eighteen (18) communities in the district. Enrollment from the district communities was as follows: Ashburnham (52), Ashby (44), Athol (102), Barre (19), Fitchburg (341), Gardner (128), Harvard (0), Holden (47), Hubbardston (33), Lunenburg (52), Petersham (10), Phillipston (19), Princeton (22), Royalston (19), Sterling (42), Templeton (53), Westminster (52), and Winchendon (100). In addition, there are 33 out of district students attending.

The Guidance/Admissions Department processed 741 applications for admission in September 2003. Of these, the majority were for the 350 available ninth grade openings. This was one of the highest numbers of applications in recent history. Transfer opportunities for students in grades ten and eleven continue to be where space is available.

Monty Tech continued to offer numerous opportunities for students, parents and community members to become knowledgeable about and visit the school. In October, over 1,800 eighth graders participated in Tour Days. Students toured our 21 vocational-technical areas and learned about the challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night followed Tour Days. This Open House, as well as the spring Open House, was attended by hundreds of students, parents and community members from throughout the district. The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) continued to attract large numbers of seventh and eighth graders during two separate five-week winter sessions. Participants had opportunities to attend hands-on after school sessions in a variety of vocational/technical areas.

The J.R.O.T.C. Program had its second successful year. Cadets showed their skills and our school by participating in numerous flag ceremonies. The Drill Team earned recognition in both state and regional competitions. Select cadets attended and enjoyed mock boot camp at Camp Quantico in Virginia. Student interest in this program continues to grow considerably throughout the year.

In June, the class of 2003 graduated 211 seniors. These graduates received diplomas and technical certificates. Approximately 95% of the graduates planned to continue their education at the post-secondary level or work, while another 5% planned to enter the military service. The Tech Prep Articulation Agreements with local colleges continued to play an important role in helping our graduates enter college with credits earned at Monty Tech. Nearly half of our graduates entered a two or four year college. This number has grown nearly every year.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$18,000 in scholarships to members of the class of 2003. Once again, local (Business Education Enrichment Foundation) and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the forms of grants and scholarships. The School Committee, administration, faculty and graduates themselves are grateful for this support.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The Monty Tech family was saddened last summer by the unexpected death of our Superintendent-Director David LaPierre. Although Mr. LaPierre had only been with us for two years, he was highly respected by teachers, students, staff members, administrators, School Committee members and the district communities as an educational leader and person.

There were many administrative changes this year. Monty Tech started the school year with a new acting Superintendent-Director, Principal, Assistant Director for Business Affairs, Academic Coordinator, Vocational Coordinator, Guidance Coordinator, Dean of Students, Grants and Accountability/Co-op Coordinator, Plant Supervisor and Postgraduate and Continuing Studies Coordinator.

The School Committee welcome new faculty in science, the early childhood education program, plumbing and office technology. The current staff includes fifty-four vocational teachers, forty-two academic teachers, five special needs teachers, five vocational inclusion aides, one vocational specialist, four guidance counselors, one social worker, one school adjustment counselor, two deans of students, one and one-half nurses, one part-time school psychologist, one part-time speech and language therapist, six interpreters for the deaf and one media specialist.

CURRICULUM

The class of 2003 was the first class that was required to pass the English Language Arts and Math components of MCAS in order to graduate with a high school diploma. Our scores have risen steadily over the last three (3) years. The following represents the percentage of our students who passed each component:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
English Language Arts	57.6%	71.9%	82%
Math	54%	52.4%	71%

There are many programs that contribute to these increases. Included among them are: English and Math Curriculum Work, Study Skills (grades 9 and 10), Summer MCAS Camp and other innovative strategies using on-line and print resources as well as after school programs. Grants have been secured to fund much of these activities.

Data analysis of MCAS testing data was done and remedial programs in English Language Arts and Math began for students who did not reach the minimal level of 220. A correlation was made between poor attendance and poor performance in MCAS and a new attendance policy has gone into effect for the 2003-2004 school year.

The Vocational-Technical Programs continued their tradition of house building with the completion of their 27th building project, which were three (3) first-time homebuyer affordable houses in Gardner. This was done in conjunction with the City of Gardner, the Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation and the Gardner Franco-American Credit Union.

In addition to the house-building project, the vocational-technical areas continue to provide communities in the Monty Tech District with a number of services as a component of their individual curriculums. The projects listed below are but a few of those accepted this year.

Automotive Technology

1. Repaired mechanical problems – Fitchburg Fire Department Fire Truck

Building & Grounds

1. Friends of Sholan Farms
2. Montachusett Home Care
3. Fitchburg – Art in Bloom

Cabinetmaking

1. Cabinets for the three Gardner CDC homes
2. Gardner – Sign for Elm Street School
3. Fitchburg – City Hall Podium
4. Fitchburg – Twin City Girls Basketball (Wooden Plaques)
5. Fitchburg – ARC Display Board

Cosmetology

1. Monthly visits to Gardner High Rise for Hairstyling and Manicures

Culinary Arts

1. Ashburnham/Westminster – Oakmont Regional H.S. National Honor Society Dinner
2. Fitchburg YMCA – Cake
3. Lunenburg – Eagle House Senior Center – Cake
4. Montachusett Area – NEED's Dog Graduation Cakes
5. Legislative Breakfast
6. Fitchburg Baseball Official's Dinner
7. Fitchburg – Our Father's House (leftovers from weekly menu items)
8. Gardner Elderly (leftovers from weekly menu items)
9. St. Anthony's Church in Fitchburg – food for homeless families
10. Mount Wachusett Community College – Ice Carving
11. Pastry for Salvadore's – Driver Education Program
12. Twelve Senior Citizen Luncheons for District Cities/Towns
13. Thayer Symphony Orchestra Reception
14. Volunteer Dinner for Montachusett Home Care

Dental Assistant

1. Partnering with Gardner Public Schools – Visited twenty-four 1st and 5th grade classrooms and conducted oral health classes and distributed oral health kits

Electrical

1. Electrical Wiring for the three Gardner CDC homes
2. Re-lighting of Scout Hall in Templeton
3. Community Service – Rough and Service Wiring for a New Home for a Disabled Child in Ashburnham

Electronics

1. Fitchburg – repaired camera truck

House Carpentry

1. Built three affordable housing homes in partnership with Gardner CDC
2. Built School Book Cases for Waterford Street School in Gardner

Graphic Communications

1. Town of Westminster (Note Cards for Town Manager, and Town Benefit Days Placemats and Envelopes for Westminster Police Department
2. Westminster Lions Club – Breakfast Placemats
3. Town of Hubbardston – Town Vouchers
4. City of Fitchburg – Football Program for Fitchburg High School
5. City of Gardner – Calendar for Gardner Public Schools; Score Cards for Gardner Municipal Golf Course; Public Service Announcement and Vouchers for the city; Gardner Music Boosters – raffle tickets; Gardner Public Schools, copies of “Hugs & Kisses”
6. Town of Templeton – Baldwinville Elementary PTO Raffle Tickets; Narragansett Regional School District, Business Cards and Envelopes
7. Town of Winchendon – Business Cards
8. Town of Ashburnham – Letterheads and Business Cards for Ashburnham Police Department and Pamphlets for Overlook School
9. Miscellaneous – Amvets Post 29 Newsletter; Polish Amvets Raffle Tickets; MOC Elder Services Envelopes; Montachusett Home Care Ombudsman Postcards – Business Cards – Golf Classic Invitations; LUK, Inc. Booklet; Fitchburg Access TV Cable TV Survey and Newsletter; Fitchburg Art Museum Brochures and Art in Bloom Invitations; St. Joseph’s Variety Show’s Tickets and Posters; Templeton Development Center Ticket Flyer

Machine Technology

1. Slattery’s Turkey Trot – cut rolls of caution tapes
2. City of Fitchburg – Made hydrant wrenches for Water Department

Plumbing

1. Plumbing and Heating for the three Gardner CDC homes

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, in the last calendar year, has provided special education services to 486 students. Presently, there are 263 identified eligible students who are receiving special education instruction in academic and vocational education. Our mission is to comply with Public Law 105-17, and the 1997 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (known as "IDEA-97") and Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972, MGL c.71B (603 CMR 28.00) to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.

We affirm the need for higher expectations of student performance, preparation of students for employment and independent living, more comprehensive coordination of supports with other agencies, high quality professional development, incentives for whole school educational approaches that promote inclusion of special education students in regular education classes.

The student support services at Monty Tech are available to all students. We have a full-time school nurse (R.N.) with a part-time assistant (CNN) who administers prescribed medications, performs state mandated health screening tests and provides, when necessary, health information for the student's Team meeting. We have a full-time school social worker who is able to participate on Teams and assist students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, living space, maternity issues, health issues, and food and clothing. Our students have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and a part-time school psychologist. Both of these people are available for scheduled counseling sessions and emergency treatment or crisis intervention. Additionally, there is a Director of Guidance and four other certified guidance counselors available for counseling services for students in grades 9 –12. Our speech therapist is contracted to service students per week. Two vocational resource aides work with the special needs students in their trades to make sure that the trade is appropriate to the students' capabilities and aspirations. All of our teachers with special education certification are considered in the "highly qualified" category of NCLB.

The Monty Tech Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a day program for students in grades 9 – 12 and was established in August 2001. It is providing a comprehensive vocational and academic educational program for students identified as being sensory impaired in the area of hearing. Presently, there are seven students being served by one certified teacher of the deaf with two full-time interpreter assistants and two part-time interpreter assistants and a speech pathologist. All of these students, except one, are placed in regular education classes with assistance from interpreters. The climate and culture of the Monty Tech environment have made for a very successful integration of the deaf program. The staff and students are dedicated to respectful interactions within our school and community to maintain a positive, caring and safe environment for all of our students.

The Special Education Program at Monty Tech is reviewed every May in accordance with regulatory requirements. The results of this evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs at Monty Tech. The Parent Advisory Council will participate in this review and evaluation. They will have the opportunity to give input on program needs, program implementation, and program evaluation and improvement.

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District adheres to federal and state law regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable student information. Specifically, this school adheres to Massachusetts state regulation 603 CMR 23.00.

Student records at Monty Tech are kept in a secure location in the school's Guidance Department. It is understood that parents and eligible students have the right to inspect all portions of the student record upon request, within a two-day timeline.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY: Through a partnership with Tyco Simplex/Grinnell, Leominster CTE and Oakmont Regional High School, Monty Tech enabled 8 students from 5 different vocational technical areas, to experience technology in a true business setting.

Twice a month, the students from all three schools went to Tyco Simplex/Grinnell to work with the engineers and information technology staff to solve specific problems the company was having. The engineering group was charged with solving a problem with a Nurse Call Box used in hospitals. The IT group worked to improve the company's web site and set up an effective Help Desk System. The project spanned from October 2002 through May 2003.

In May, the students gave presentations to the employees at the company as to how they solved the problems. Additionally, the presentation was given at a Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. Finally, two students and three of the adult mentors traveled to Nashville, Tennessee in October 2003 to present this project at a National Tech Prep Conference. The experience was invaluable to all involved, and we will continue this partnership/project based learning experience in this current school year.

FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM: We are entering our fourth year as participants in the FIRST Robotics Competition. During the 2002-2003 school year, there were 40 students who participated in this program to brainstorm, build, analyze, test and run the robot they built. The competition was a three-day event in March at the BAE Systems Granite State Regional in Manchester, NH. The team, which was made up of Superintendent LaPierre, Mr. Culkeen and engineers from Tyco, school advisors from Monty Tech, Fitchburg High, Oakmont Regional High, several parents and students was at 50 in number. They commuted back and forth over the three-day event.

The competition itself was much tougher than anticipated – fast paced and rough and tumble. Redesign strategies were put in place during the competition, which proved to be a good decision. The team finished an impressive 17th out of 44. All involved felt the team put forth its best effort.

SkillsUSA-VICA: We had a total of 388 students participate in the co-curricular activities included in the SkillsUSA-VICA organization. Additionally, twenty teachers were involved as advisors, mentors, coaches and/or a combination of all three. Fifteen students participated in a 3-day Student Leadership Program in the fall, and all came home with a medallion for finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd place with their teams.

In January of 2003, we held our location competition, which is a qualifying round for the district conference held in March. Each of the 21 vocational-technical trade areas held competitions within a 2-week period. We took over 130 students to the district conference in January 2003 and returned from that conference with 43 medals. Eighty students went to the state conference in May 2003 to compete in leadership skills, trade skills and state officer candidate. We returned from that conference with 22 medals and a SkillsUSA-VICA state officer. Five of the 22 medallists were gold medal winners, who went on to compete at the national conference in June of 2003. All five medallists finished their SkillsUSA-VICA experience in the top 5% of competitors in the country. We are very proud of them!

The Monty Tech Athletic Program had another successful year in 2002-2003. Again, over three hundred and fifty (350) students were involved in one or more of our teams. We ran a Freshmen Girls Basketball team for the second year in succession.

Monty Tech was hit with the budget crunch, as was the case in all schools in the area. In the accepted budget for 2003-2004, we lost Freshmen Football, JV Football Cheerleading, JV Girls Soccer, and Freshmen Girl's basketball, JV Basketball Cheerleading and the Assistant Track & Field coach. The athletes and coaches worked very hard to raise money to restore some of these programs. With the Athletic Program Ad Booklet and some donations, we were able to raise over \$10,000. We were able to run the Freshman Football program this fall and a JV girls soccer program. We plan to run the Freshmen Girls Basketball program this winter. If money holds out, we will try to run other programs in the future. We will collect ads for another Program Booklet for 2004-2005 to help future programs as well.

Last fall, the Varsity Football team finished at 4 - 7, and showed improvement over the previous year. The JV Football team was 4 - 2 - 1, while the Freshmen Football team was 4 - 2. Our Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 5 - 6 - 5 and missed the post-season tournament by 1 point. The JV Boys Soccer team was 4 - 6. The Golf team won 6 and lost 12 but showed promise for the future with no seniors on the squad. The Field Hockey team was 1 - 15 - 1 as they won their last game of the year to get into the win column. Dee Pananos, along with the Fitchburg Police, held the annual Police vs. Student Field Hockey game to raise money for a scholarship. It was very successful. The Cross Country team was 8 and 5 and finished 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League meet. The Girls Volleyball team slipped to 3 - 14 and had only 1 senior on the team as the girls look to improve next year. The varsity Girls Soccer team was 8 - 8 - 3 and qualified for the District Tournament, where they lost to a tough Bromfield squad, 3 - 0. The Varsity Cheerleaders finished 4th in the fall CAL Competition held at Monty Tech.

The winter season saw our Varsity Boys Basketball and Girls Varsity Basketball teams qualify for the District Tournament with some fine play throughout the year. The Varsity Boys were 13 - 8 and played Maynard in the first round, where they lost 64 - 51. The Varsity Girls were 16 - 4 and won the Colonial Athletic League Championship. They lost in the first round of the State Vocational Tournament and the District Tournament as well. The JV Boys Basketball team was 11 - 6 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 4-16. On the girl's side, the JV Girls Basketball team was 18-2 and enjoyed many easy victories. The Freshmen Girls team went 3 - 3, as they prepared to move up this year. The Wrestling team was 3 - 4 in dual meets and participated in many tournaments. Travis Pelletier and Bill Sawin moved on in the State Tournament, as they wrestled very well. The Co-op Ice Hockey team did very well, with a young group of talent and look to improve this year. With the number of students participating, we were able to have a JV Ice Hockey team as well.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team enjoyed another fine season. They finished at 14 - 7 and finished 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League. Coach Dave Reid won his 400th career game as Monty Tech's coach in the last regular season game. They participated in the State Vocational Tournament, where they lost to Tri-County 7 - 5. They played Douglas in the District Tournament and lost 5 - 2 in a well-played contest. The JV Softball team was 9 - 3 and Coach Reid is looking forward to the arrival of these younger players this year. The Boys Volleyball team was 3 - 11, and the Varsity Baseball team finished at 4 - 16. The JV Baseball team was 3 - 8 - 1. The Boys Track & Field team was 10 - 2 and finished 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League while the Girls Track & Field team was 4 - 8 and tied for 3rd.

The Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2002 - 2003 were:

Male:	Tom Landry and Nick Gallotto
Female:	Sheena Silvia

TECHNOLOGY

The Technology facilities provided to the staff and students of Monty Tech remain among the best in the commonwealth. The number of computer workstations, Local Area Network structure, Internet access and applications available rival those of many large corporations. With this growth has also evolved an increased recruitment for support of the services we deliver. In addition to routine tasks such as workstation setups and upgrades, the monitoring of network performance, eliminating virus infections and maintaining servers have all contributed to a marked increase in the demands placed on the Technology Office.

Electronic communication has also been expanded. The morning bulletin is now delivered via the web and the Student Information System is entirely web based allowing access from any Internet connected computer at school or home.

Wireless Technology has expanded to include not only the Media Center but also a mobile laptop lab. About one third of the building is now configured with wireless access points. The TV Studio continues to produce daily morning exercises. Technology, in this area, has been upgraded to include high quality digital non-linear video editing and DVD production.

As reported last year, we are very proud of our Technology Help Desk, which is manned by students from the Information Technology Program. Response time to related problems is usually less than four (4) hours.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Monty Tech continues to aggressively pursue grant funding to assist the school in providing a comprehensive array of educational and social services for its students. Money from a variety of state and federal sources totaled \$904,988 for fiscal year 2003. These state and federal sources include: Academic Support Services, Class Size Reduction, Eisenhower Professional Development, High Schools That Work, PALMS, Professional Development, Perkins, Perkins: New Technology, Tech Prep, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Safe Schools for Gay/Lesbian Students, Special Education, Special Education Professional Development, Title I, Title V, Title IIa, and Title IIb.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee, administration, faculty and staff are truly proud of the accomplishments achieved by the students and staff of Monty Tech during the past school year.

As you may or may not know, this year, the Monty Tech family suffered two significant losses. In April, we lost Sally Spry, one of our Early Childhood Education instructors, and in August, David LaPierre, our Superintendent-Director passed away. Both of these individuals are missed by all of us at the school.

Monty Tech remains committed to continued improvement in the high stakes testing and academic accountability requirements of the commonwealth as well as providing comprehensive educational opportunities to assist our students with the vocational skills and knowledge necessary to be productive members of society.

We look forward to continued growth and are committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities to the students of our member communities.

Annual Report
Forty ninth Annual Report of the
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School
District Committee

Year Ending December 31, 2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

		Term Expires
Joseph Camden	New Salem	2004
Anne Colturi	Orange	2004
Peter Cross	Orange	2004
Cara Deane	Orange	2006
Maureen Donelan	Orange	2005
Clifford Fournier	Orange	2006
Marcia Larocque	Orange	2004
Dennis Velard	Orange	2005
Dana Kennan	Petersham	2006
Michael LeBlanc	Petersham	2004
Jean Forward	Wendell	2004

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Leann Barnes	Avery Childs
Hannah Coache	Ryan Holmgren
Robert O'Connor	

Eileen M. Perkins, Superintendent

Carolyn U. Manley, District Treasurer

Robin L. Hurt, Assistant Treasurer

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AT A MEETING OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2004, IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ADOPT IT AS THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I herewith submit my Annual Report as Superintendent.

The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Committee covers the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2002-2003 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year.

GRANTS

The efforts of staff members and Grant Writer Mark Miville have resulted in the District receiving Grants totaling \$414,440 for the 2003-2004 school year. This has allowed for programs and services to be implemented that otherwise would not be funded.

Academic Support Services (\$31,048)

These funds were used to provide services to students in grades 8-12 who did not pass the math and/or English MCAS tests. Additional classes were provided after school and in the summer.

Federal Special Education Entitlement, P.L. 94-142, (\$158,874)

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

Special Education Program Improvement (\$6,000)

This grant sponsored professional development training for 8 staff members, English teachers and Special Education Teachers, to address differentiated instruction, curricular modifications within ELA framework, alternative assessment strategies, co-teaching issues and use of technological supports to facilitate inclusive teaching. Staff also received in-service training to address behavioral management practices, positive behavioral supports and de-escalation strategies for use within the school and classroom environment. Several students in the Middle School received peer leadership and mediation training.

Title I (\$166,575)

This paid the salaries of two Title I English teachers and two Title I Math Aides. It purchased classroom supplies for the Title I program and provided high quality professional development training and workshops for the staff and for parents of Title I students.

Title II – Improving Educator Quality (\$39,565)

These funds paid the salary of one Social Studies Teacher, thus reducing class sizes in that department, and also provided highly qualified consultants for professional development for our math program.

Title II – Enhancing Education Through Technology (\$3,913)

These funds provided stipends for staff and consultants to review the use of technology and to plan areas of instruction and professional development to update hardware and to improve student instruction and use of technology.

Title IV – Safe and Drug Free Schools (\$4,072)

Funding under this grant provided instructors from Quabbin Mediation to train student mediators. Violence Prevention and anti-tobacco and drug use instruction was included. Instructional videos, software and booklets were purchased for student use.

Title V – Innovative Programs (\$4,393)

The Instructional Media Center/Library staff purchased a digital camera. New dvds, compatible with new technology, will be purchased to replace all existing video movies.

PERSONNEL

Four long-time staff members retired in 2003. G. Allen Mexcur, Social Studies Department Coordinator and teacher for more than 35 years, and his wife Dorothy Mexcur, General Aide, both retired. Barbara Emond retired from teaching English after 32 years service to the District. Nancy Aiken, Business Teacher retired after providing more than 14 years of service. Five and one-half teacher positions, one counselor, and six non-teaching positions were eliminated because of fiscal constraints.

Sandra Rehler was appointed Social Studies Coordinator in addition to her duties as Middle School Coordinator, and Mark Pellegrino, grade 12 counselor, was appointed Student Services Director. New hires include Sarah King, Middle School English; John Speek, High School English; Caleb Wetherbee, Choral Music (1/2 time); and Amy Permenter, Special Education School Psychologist/Transition Counselor.

BUILDING/RENOVATION PROJECT

The Project moves forward most satisfactorily with the excellent working relationship between all parties involved continuing. Phase II has nearly been completed and grades 9-12 are enjoying their new classrooms. Also occupied are the new administrative offices, the new gymnasium, and the cafeteria and dining hall. The newly renovated Kermit W. Cook Auditorium is in use although some stage work is yet to be completed.

Again the entire staff and student body must be commended for their patience and endurance. Physical working conditions have been far less than ideal for many staff during the twenty four months that this project has been in progress and it is through their professionalism and dedication that the high quality education which Mahar offers its students has been maintained.

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Professional Development time was allocated to Curriculum Design and the use of Technology in teaching. The State has determined that Adequate Yearly Progress was made in grade 8 in both the area of Math and English. Grade 10 results showed continued growth in that Adequate Yearly Progress was attained in both subject areas.

CONCLUSION

The 2003-2004 year has been most challenging for faculty, staff, and students. It is discouraging to see staff and student activities lost because of the lack of adequate funding. While all employees; teachers, aides, secretaries, food service workers, maintenance/custodial staff, and administrators have put forth the extra effort needed to compensate for losses and maintain a high quality educational system in all its facets, their time and energy is not infinite. We need every citizen of the region to

make known to government officials at both the State and Federal level that education must be adequately funded.

On the positive side, the ever evolving physical plant including the technology up-grades allowing for the practice of new and improved teaching methodologies is very exciting and heartwarming to students, parents, and staff alike. As the final year of the Building/Renovation Project begins, I wish to say thank you to the School Committee, the Building Committee, the Build A Better Mahar Committee, and the voters of New Salem, Orange, Petersham, and Wendell.

A very special Thank You to the late Charlotte Ryan who devoted much of her life to the betterment of education for all children and who, as the original chair of the Building Committee, was a driving force in making the project a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen M. Perkins
Superintendent

RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
 June 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type Internal Service	Fiduciary Fund Type Trust and Agency	Account Group General Long-Term Obligations	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue				
ASSETS						
Pooled cash and equivalents	\$ 1,056,515	\$ 364,184	\$ 162,017	\$ 83,427	\$	\$ 7,580,745
Investments	17,946			63,421		81,567
Cash on deposit with fiscal agent				40,173		40,173
Due from other governments		36,693				36,693
Deposit receivable			95,400			95,400
Other debits:						
Amount to be raised by future appropriations						
Total Assets	\$ 1,074,461	\$ 400,877	\$ 257,417	\$ 187,021	\$ 284,618	\$ 8,118,996
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Bond anticipation notes	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 25,000,000
Warrants payable and accruals	596,383	71,538	43,186			1,326,693
Withholdings and other liabilities	5,363		9,056	108,713	77,118	123,132
Long-term debt					207,500	77,118
Longevity pay obligation					284,618	207,500
Total Liabilities	601,946	71,538	52,242	108,713	284,618	2,673,443
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for expenditures		329,339		42,870		372,209
Reserved for employment				35,438		35,438
Reserved for school renovation (deficit)						(19,700,784)
Unreserved:						
Designated for authorized deferral of teacher's pay	(93,721)					(93,721)
Designated for payment of future claims liabilities			205,175			205,175
Designated for subsequent year's assessment reduction	540,000					540,000
Undesignated	26,236					26,236
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	472,515	329,339	205,175	78,308		(18,615,447)
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,074,461	\$ 400,877	\$ 257,417	\$ 187,021	\$ 284,618	\$ 8,118,996

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Governmental and Fiduciary Fund Types
Year Ended June 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Trust Funds	(Memorandum Only)
REVENUES					
Assessments from member towns	3,755,834		\$ 197,859		\$ 3,953,693
Intergovernmental aid	4,218,904	1,470,941			5,689,845
Charges for services:					
School lunch - local		198,825			198,825
Tuition	8,500			1,021	8,500
Interest income	26,446		226,654		254,121
Other	8,892	28,432	23,414		60,739
	8,018,577	1,698,198	447,227	1,021	10,165,723
Total Revenues					
	3,401,096	28,868			3,429,964
EXPENDITURES					
Education:					
Instruction	359,890				359,890
Administration	561,489				561,489
Pupil transportation	1,195	285,627			286,822
Food services	205,546	3,199			208,745
Athletics	73,378	2,166			75,544
Other school services	511,256				511,256
Operations and maintenance	207,799	641,092			848,891
Employee benefits and insurance	589,103				589,103
School choice assessments	2,165,603				2,203,804
Special education		38,201			38,201
Expenditures from Federal and State grants		461,726			461,726
Debt service:					
Principal	9,000				9,000
Interest on temporary notes			197,859		197,859
School construction			12,072,192		12,072,192
Scholarships	8,085,355			1,000	8,086,355
	(66,778)		12,270,051	1,000	12,270,051
Total Expenditures					
	1,460,879	237,319	(11,822,124)	21	(11,651,562)
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES					
					377,612
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers in:					
Operating transfers out	377,612				377,612
Transfers to proprietary funds	(684,000)				(684,000)
Premiums on temporary notes			229,650		229,650
Reimbursement of teacher pay deferral:					
				(56,000)	(56,000)
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES:					
Fund Equity, Beginning of Year	(360,186)	(84,293)	(11,592,474)	(55,979)	(12,092,932)
Fund Equity, End of Year	832,701	413,632	(8,108,310)	134,287	(6,722,690)
	472,515	329,339	\$ (19,700,784)	\$ 78,308	\$ (18,820,622)

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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	724-3353
Board of Assessors	724-6658
Board of Health	724-0057
Building Inspector	978-355-2918
Board of Selectmen	724-3353
Burning Permit	508-867-1066
Conservation Commission	724-3353
Council on Aging	(Mondays) 724-3522
Dog Officer	978-544-6441
Fire Station (non-emergency)	724-3371
Highway Department	724-3211
Planning Board	724-3353
Plumbing Inspector	978-544-6008
Police Department (office)	724-3330
Police Department (after-hours non-emergency)	724-3232
Tax Collector	724-6620
Town Clerk	724-6649
Treasurer	724-6699
Tree Warden	724-3211
Veterans' Agent	978-249-6935
Wiring Inspector	978-544-1105
Zoning Board of Appeals	724-3353

SCHOOLS

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

HOSPITALS

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

THE HISTORY OF THE

REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the Republic of the United States is a story of growth, struggle, and achievement. From the first European settlements to the present day, the nation has evolved through a series of challenges and triumphs. The early years were marked by the search for a common identity and the establishment of a government that would serve the interests of all its citizens. The American Revolution was a pivotal moment in this history, as the colonies declared their independence from Great Britain and established a new nation based on the principles of liberty and justice for all.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The American Revolution was a period of intense conflict and political change. It began in 1775 with the battles of Lexington and Concord, and ended in 1783 with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. The revolution was fought for the principle of self-determination and the right to govern oneself. The Declaration of Independence, adopted in 1776, was a landmark document that set forth the basic principles of the new nation. The Constitution, adopted in 1787, established the framework of the federal government and the rights of the states.

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