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Town of Petersham – Annual Report

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**LIST OF PETERSHAM TOWN OFFICERS
FY09
July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009**

ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Moderator		Term Expires:
	Bart Wendell	2011
Town Clerk		
	Diana Cooley	2012
Treasurer		
	Dana Robinson	2011
Selectboard		
	Christine M. Durgin, Vice Chair	2010
	Fredrik A. Marsh, Clerk	2011
	Nancy S. Allen, Chair	2012
Tax Collector		
	Virginia Newman	2012
Board of Assessors		
	Jean Robinson	2010
	Fredrik A. Marsh	2011
	Dana W. Kennan, Chair	2012
Board of Health		
	Fifi Scoufopoulos, Chair	2010
	Maryann Forgues, Agent	2011
	Robert Pasic, Agent	2012
	Philip Leger, Agent	2010
	Renee Wingertsman, Agent, a 9/9/08	2010
	Susan Gatautis, Agent, r 9/08	
Constables		
	Richard N. Bartus	2010
	Denis N. Legare	2010
	Larry Robinson	2010
Mahar Regional School Committee		
	Dana W. Kennan	2010
	Michael LeBlanc	2012
Petersham Center School Committee		
	Dana W. Kennan	2010

Laura Webber, Chair	2011
Charles Berube	2012
Planning Board	
Barbara Hanno	2010
John Lawson	2011
Fraser Sinclair	2011
Fredrick Day	2012
Stephen Herzog, chair	2012
Trustees of Public Library	
Richard Carfagna	2010
Annette Ermini	2011
Anne Perkins	2012

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Term Expires:

Police Officers

Scott Acito
 Jeffrey R. Boyer
 Peter J. Buck
 Richard D. Cooley, Jr.
 Robert C. Hall, Jr., a 12/2/08
 Christopher P. Harrington
 Randy Horne
 Denis N. Legare
 Robert Legare
 Jason Lichtenberger

Chief of Police

Denis N. Legare

Sergeant

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.

Auxiliary Police Officers (Special)

Larry Robinson

Police Officers (Special)

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

Municipal Hearings Officer
No appointment made

Dog Officer/Animal Control
Andrew Ohlson

Fire Chief
Dana Robinson 6/30/2009

Assistant Fire Chief
Ronald DeJackome

Deputy Fire Chief
Gilbert M. King, Jr.
Robert F. Laford

Tree Warden
Michael Leonard 6/30/2011

Deputy Tree Warden
Leslie Cooley

Superintendent of Streets
Norman LaPointe 6/30/2010

Town Accountant
Jean Joel 6/30/2009

Sexton
Gilbert M. King, Jr.

Custodian
Neil Legare

Emergency Management Director
Denis N. Legare

Asst. Emergency Management Director
Norman L. LaPointe

Forest Warden
Dana Robinson

Deputy Forest Warden
Gilbert M. King, Jr.
Robert D. Legare
Robert F. Laford
Ronald DeJackome

Director of Veterans' Services, Veteran's Agent, and Burial Agent
Neil McGuirk Appt. through District Board

Graves Registration Officer
Gilbert M. King, Jr. 6/30/2010

Custodian of Tax Title Possessions
Dana Robinson 6/30/2009

Inspector of Animals
David Perkins

Asst. Inspector of Animals
Andrew Ohlson

Inspector of Buildings
Brianna Skowyra 6/30/2009

Local Building Inspector
Ralph Brouillette

Electrical Inspector
Gary Terroy

Asst. Electrical Inspector
Glenn Tattan

Gas Inspector
Michael Schlosser

Plumbing Inspector
Gerald Brousseau

Alternate Plumbing Inspector
John Dolan

ADA Coordinator
Brianna Skowyra

Transfer Station Monitor
Tim Comisky, r 9/08
John Platek, a 9/08, r 1/24/09
Michael Seitz, a 2/14/09
Richard Riddell, a 2/14/09

Town Counsel
Kopelman and Paige

TOWN COMMITTEES

Affordable Housing Plan Committee	1 year term
Ellen Anderson	
James Ermini	
Marcia L. Shaw	
Clinton A. Shaw	
Bandstand Decoration Committee	1 year term
Melissa Sault	
Kate Tattan	
Glenn Tattan	
Bandstand Renovation and Maintenance Committee	1 year term
Nancy Allen (resident)	
Emily Arnold (resident)	
James Baird (resident and Petersham Historical Society President)	
John Berry (resident and contractor)	
George Bull (resident and Petersham Lions Club member)	
Gilbert M. King, Jr. (resident)	
Board of Registrars	
Diana Cooley, Clerk	Barbara M. Nickless /R/ 2012
Anne Perkins /D/ 2012	Helen E. Simms /R/ 2012
Buildings and Sites Committee	1 year term
No appointments to date	
By-laws Revision Committee	1 year term
James Ermini	
Richard Nickless	
Capital Improvement Planning Committee	
Nancy S. Allen (Selectboard)	
John Anderson (Citizen at large appointed by Moderator)	
Charles Berube (Petersham Center School Committee)	
David Davis (Advisory Finance Committee)	
John Lawson (Planning)	
Rebecca Legare (Citizen at large appointed by Moderator)	
Dana Robinson (Treasurer)	
Cemetery Commission	3 year term
Jan Bedau, Chair	2009
Michael Huppert	2009
Samantha Tomlin	2009
Glenede Albertine	2010

Gilbert M. King, Jr.	2010
Kenneth Levine	2011
Ruth Robinson	2011
Conservation Commission	3 year term
David Perkins	2009
Henry Woolsey	2009
Robert Clark, Chair	2010
Thomas Webber	2010
John Baker	2011
Ashley Gabrenas	2011
Heidi Lux	2011
Council on Aging	3 year term
Anne Hyde, 6/28/09	2009
Barbara Amidon	2010
Elizabeth Marsh	2010
Janice Olson	2010
Mary Russell	2010
Charlotte Kennan, Treasurer	2011
Gilbert M. King, Jr.	2011
Katherine Berry, a 1/13/09	2012
Eileen O'Grady, a 1/13/09	2012
Council on Aging FRTA Advisory Board	1 year term
Charlotte Kennan	
Emergency Management Ambulance Committee	1 year term
Gilbert M. King Jr.	
Denis Legare	
Dana Robinson	
Emergency Management Planning Committee	1 year term
James Burke, a 1/20/09	
Norman LaPointe, Asst. Director	
Denis Legare, Director	
Dana Robinson	
Lynne Shaw, Consultant	
Energy Committee	1 year term
Kathy Ballou	
Elizabeth Davis	
Julian Hadley	
Kenneth Levine	
Richard Matteson	
Linda Paquet, Chair	
Sheila Youd, a 9/16/08	

Forest and Shade Tree Committee 1 year term
James Baird
Stephen Herzog
Melissa Levangie
Michael Leonard, non-voting
Thomas Webber
Sheila Youd

Health/Town Insurance Committee 1 year term
George Bull
Peter Richardson

Historic District Commission/Historical Commission 5 year term
Robert Clark, Chair 2009
Polly Pillsbury 2009
Annette Ermini, r 6/30/09 2010
Marcia L. Shaw 2010
Nancy S. Allen, Vice-chair 2011
Douglas Cameron 2012
Peter George 2013

Master Plan Committee 1 year term
Ellen Anderson
Alan Bachrach
James Baird
Alfred M. Berry
Charles Berube
Larry Buell
Stephen Herzog
Ronald DeJackome
John Lawson
Richard McCrae
Irene Perkins
Fifi Scoufopoulos
Lynn Shaw
Fraser Sinclair
Henry Woolsey

Memorial Park and Common Committee 1 year term
Emily Arnold
Rexine Barnes
Ruth Bassingthwaite

Nichewaung Inn Task Force 1 year term
Ellen Anderson, r 2/26/09
Robert Bellefeuille
Gus Block, r 2/26/09
Alfred M. Berry

Charles Berube
Larry Buell, r 2/26/09
Frederick Day, a 5/12/09
Christine Durgin, r 2/26/09
James Ermini
Ann Lewis, Chair
William Littlefield, r 8/28/08
William Mahoney, r 2/26/09
Fredrik A. Marsh
Richard McCrae, r 2/26/09
Robert Paquet
Anne Perkins
Ann Townsend, r 2/26/09
Henry Woolsey

Open Space and Recreation Committee

1 year term

Emery Boose
Robert Clark
David Davis
Clinton Shaw
Henry Woolsey

Parking Committee

1 year term

Denis N. Legare
Michael Lundquist
Brian MacEwen
Larry Robinson

Personnel Policy Review Committee

1 year term

Richard D. Cooley, Jr., Police
Leslie Cooley, Highway
Ann Degnan, Citizen at large
Christine Durgin, Selectboard
Dana Robinson, Fire

Petersham Cultural Council

6 year term

Jane Lynch-Gilbert	2010
Donna Schlosser	2011
Kathleen Geary	2012
Linda Kabo	2012
Lisa Payne	2012
Sandra Whaley	2012

Police Building Committee

1 year term

Richard D. Cooley, Jr.
Denis N. Legare
James Patrick

Rt. 122 Scenic By-way Steering Committee

1 year term

Alfred M. Berry
Anne Perkins

Zoning Board of Appeals

Don Eaton, Alternate	2009
James Ermini, Alternate	2009
Brian MacEwen	2010
Robert Paquet	2011
Ellen Anderson, Chair	2012

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Advisory Finance Committee

Ross France	7/31/2010
Frederick Richards	7/31/2010
Robert Bellefeuille	7/31/2011
David Davis, Chair	7/31/2011
James Regan	7/31/2012

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

V. Edward Simms

Petersham Regional School District Planning Committee

Charles Berube
Michael LeBlanc
Gary Orcutt, Chair



Petersham Board of Health

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ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

The Board of Health has maintained full membership of three and a part-time administrative assistant, Renee Wingertsman. Phil Leger continues to act as Health Agent. Office hours are in the Town Office Building on Mondays (except holidays) from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Board meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

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

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

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

A rabies clinic was sponsored in collaboration with the Town Clerk, Animal Control Officer, Highway Department and local veterinarian Alan Bachrach and his staff. Dogs and cats were vaccinated and the donations given to support the new animal shelter at the Town Barn.

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

Local Board of Health Duties

A. Septic System Regulations		E. Food Operations	
Site Work	0	Establishment Inspections	11
Plan Reviews	7	F. Temporary Food Permits	5
Repair	8	G. Food Born Illness Investigations	0
New	1	H. Bacterial Illness Investigations	3
Inspections	18	I. Animal Bite Reports Monitored	3
Compliances	0	J. Asbestos Removal Monitoring	0
System Installer Permits	7	K. Tobacco Sales Reports	0
System Haulers Permits	3	L. Housing Inspections	0
B. Private Well Permits	0	M. Outdoor Wood Burning Boiler Permits	3
C. Public Well Monitoring	5		
D. Sanitary Code Violations	0		

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

Fifi Scoufopoulos ♦ Mary Anne Forgues
Robert Pasic

Cemetery Commission

July 2008 – June 2009

The Cemetery Commission meets at 7:30 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month in the upstairs conference room of the Town Office building to proceed with its responsibilities of selling of cemetery lots, overseeing the maintenance of Petersham's nine cemeteries, facilitating burials, and maintaining and updating records. Gilbert King serves as sexton. Due to the resignation of Michael Huppert, the Cemetery Commission needs a new member.

The Cemetery Commission is progressing with projects to maintain and repair the town's cemeteries. Athol Granite Works repaired gravestones (Bosworth and Farrar) at the East Street Cemetery and should continue with the estimates for repairs of stones in the Center Cemetery. The Wilder family (Anne Borg) reimbursed the Cemetery repairs account for the repair to the Farrar stone. The repainting of the picket fence at East Street Cemetery continues with volunteers. Barnes Landscaping is contracted to maintain the cemetery grounds as well as brush removal. As a result of the December ice storm, large limbs and brush needed to be removed from the cemeteries. Harvard Forest removed a large tree from the Mann Cemetery. The restoration of the Hearse House requires much support to preserve this historic structure, so the Cemetery Commission released the Hearse House project to the Historic District Commission.

The maintenance, organization, and updating of records continue to be major projects for the Cemetery Commission members during a time of budget constraints. Much time is spent by Ruth Robinson and Gil King researching to fulfill requests for genealogical information. Ruth Robinson, Glenede Albertine, and Gil King updated East Street Cemetery maps and records. Sandra Tomlin and Jan Bedau organized storage of maps and files.

Cemetery Commission, June 30, 2009

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

PETERSHAM COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT
FY JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009

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

We are an all volunteer organization. Funds to promote this objective came from an annual grant of \$3,500 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, a grant of \$850 from the Town of Petersham and services from Franklin County Home Care Corp. (HCHCC) and Franklin Regional Transit Authority, (FRTA).

Changes in the Council on Aging Board for F/Y 08 09 include the resignation of Ann Hyde. Ann has been a mainstay of the COA for many years. She continues to volunteer at our mealsite. Her upbeat personality and sense of humor are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ann for your energy and dedication to the seniors of Petersham. The Council on Aging Board welcomes Eileen O'Grady and Katherine Berry as new members to the Board. They bring new energy and ideas to the Board. Thank you, Eileen and Kay. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are still looking for a Chairman. We meet every second Monday of the month at 10:30 in the Lower Town Hall. Please join us. Our current officers are:

Chairman:
Vice Chairman: Janice Olson
Secretary: Ruth Bassingthwaite
Treasurer: Charlotte Kennan

The COA's Senior Transportation Program has provided an on-call or on-demand program through the Franklin Regional Transit Authority using Petersham senior volunteer drivers. Since there were only 7 requests for 2007-2008, the COA Board decided to discontinue participation in this program. Paper work, individual insurance, CORI checks and restrictive guidelines for interaction with clients was deemed excessive by our volunteer drivers. As neighbors, we are most happy to respond to another neighbor. Charlotte Kennan continues to be Petersham's representative to the FRTA.

The Monday Luncheon Club through the FCHCC's Meals-on-Wheels Program is in its 15th year. We meet every Monday at 12:00 in the Lower Town Hall. Mary Russell is our site manager. Mary Russell is also a superb chef. Catered meals arrive at the Town Hall site and are reheated and presented to the seniors. Mary, Ann Hyde, Barbara Amidon, Betty Marsh and Janice Olson come together every Monday morning to prepare and serve the meals. This year 967 meals were served on 38 Mondays. The volunteers that provide this service comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Petersham Board of Health. Mary Russell and Gil King have participated in the Serv-Safe Programs and Gil King and Charlotte Kennan have received CPR training. We are an approved site. We recommend a donation of \$2.00 for lunch. To reserve a meal, please call Gill King at 978-724-3276 on Friday for a lunch on Monday. However drop-ins are always most welcome.

The COA newsletter, underwritten by the EOEA is sent to all Petersham residents 60 years and older. The newsletter has a calendar of local activities, senior program notices, monthly meal site menus, health and legal advisories. It is published on a 10 month basis.

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

- The Exercise Program for seniors consisted of two 10 week sessions led by YMCA instructors at the Center School on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Blood Pressure Clinic held on the first Monday of the month in the Lower town Hall at 11:45 am as the School Nurse is available
- Senior Trip trip the Eastern States Exposition on Sept. 24, 2008
- Volunteer Recognition Lunch on Sept. 17, 2008
- North Quabbin Area COAs' Senior Picnic Sept. 18, 2008
- Emergency Preparedness Update by Lynn Shaw and Chief Legare, Mar. 23, 2008
- Lion's Senior Christmas Luncheon on April 27, 2009
- Meals on Wheels Walkathon on May 2, 2009
- Lunch at Montachusett Regional Technical School on May 6, 2009
- Richard Clark presented Mark Twain on June 15, 2009

We did not have a Flu Clinic due to lack of interest and we had to cancel Athol Memorial Hospital Wellness clinics due to weather.

The Council wishes to thank all those that helped make 2008/2009 a successful year.

- The Center School for sharing their gym and their fantastic chorus that entertained us at the Lion's Christmas lunch.
- Dick Nickless for arranging our trip to the Eastern States Exposition
- The Board of Selectmen for their support in all the COA's activities.
- Dale Bull, Administrative Coordinator for all her assistance in printing the newsletter and coordinating the use of the Town Hall.
- Norman LaPointe for keeping the walkway clear for us and for trash removal.
- A big thank you to all those unsung volunteers who have kept us going.

Respectfully submitted,
Council on Aging Board Members

Janice Olson, Vice Chairman
Ruth Bassingthwaite, Secretary
Charlotte Kennan, Treasurer
Mary Russell, Site Manager
Barbara Amidon

Ann Hyde
Gil King
Eileen O'Grady
Katherine Berry
Betty Marsh

DOG OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2009 was a good year in the Town of Petersham. We boarded 9 dogs during the year and found owners and new homes for all of them.

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.

I responded to approximately 75 complaints during the year and hopefully solved the problem at hand for all the residents involved. There were more complaints from residents this year.

Construction of a new kennel facility is underway from an account set up for the Dog Officer from donations given. The donations from the rabies clinic for the past few years have made the construction of the new dog kennel possible. I would like to thank all the Town departments which made the annual rabies clinic a great success. I would like to thank Dr. Alan Bachrach and his wife Debra for providing their time, vaccinations, expertise and donations to make this kennel project a success. I would also like to thank those who donated money, time and expertise for the project to move forward. The new account has grown again this year and will continue to fund expenses needed for the new facility. The facility still needs electrical work.

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.

- 9 Dog boarded
- 0 Dogs humanely euthanized
- 50 Complaints responded to for dogs at large
- 20 Excessive barking complaints
- 1 Animals struck by automobiles
- 0 Dogs rescued found new homes
- 9 Dogs found rightful owners

- 4 Animal Control-related complaints for wild animals
- 10 Complaints unfounded
- 23 Citations issued for failure to license dogs
- 4 Citations issued for failure to restrain dogs
- 7 Citations pending court action
- 12 Warnings issued for allowing dogs to run at large
- 2 Kennel inspections
- 1 Animal bites
- 1 Legal order issued to keep dogs restrained or confined

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

Special Election August 4, 2008

Question 1: Shall the Town of Petersham be allowed to assess an additional \$21,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of repairing and painting the exterior of the Town Hall Building, including the steeple and dome, for the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and Eight?

Yes – 85

No – 50

STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
130 VOTES WERE CAST

DEMOCRAT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

JOHN F KERRY 98
EDWARD J O'REILLY 31

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

JOHN W OLVER 100
ROBERT A FEUER 27

COUNCILLOR

THOMAS J FOLEY 97

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

STEPHEN M BREWER 119

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT

ANNE M GOBI 115

REGISTER OF PROBATE

STEPHEN G ABRAHAM 100

GREEN RAINBOW

NO VOTES WERE CAST

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

JEFFREY K BEATTY 36

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NATHAN A BECH 35

COUNCILLOR

NO NOMINATION

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

NO NOMINATION

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT

STEPHEN J COMTOIS II 36

REGISTER OF PROBATE

NO NOMINATION

WORKING FAMILIES

NO VOTES WERE CAST

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008
823 VOTES WERE CAST

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

BALDWIN AND CASTLE	3
BARR AND ROOT	3
MCCAIN AND PALIN	331
MCKINNEY AND CLEMENTE	6
NADER AND GONZALEZ	10
OBAMA AND BIDEN	466

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

JOHN F KERRY	455
JEFFREY K BEATTY	324
ROBERT J UNDERWOOD	31

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

JOHN W OLVER	508
NATHAN A BECH	276

COUNCILLOR

THOMAS J FOLEY	596
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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

STEPHEN M BREWER	696
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REGISTER OF PROBATE

STEPHEN G ABRAHAM	592
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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

ANNE M GOBI	566
STEPHEN J COMTOIS II	232

QUESTION 1 – END INCOME TAX

YES 213	NO 598
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QUESTION 2 – SENSIBLE MARIHUANA POLICY

YES 558	NO 250
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QUESTION 3 – PROTECT GREYHOUNDS 2010

YES 507	NO 298
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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MARCH 2, 2009
180 VOTES WERE CAST

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS

NANCY S ALLEN	97
TIM CLARK	64
DANA KENNAN	9

TOWN CLERK – 3 YEARS

DIANA L COOLEY	169
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TAX COLLECTOR – 3 YEARS

VIRGINIA NEWMAN	157
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS – 3 YEARS

DANA W KENNAN	124
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BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YEARS

ROBERT PASIC	66
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PETERSHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 3 YEARS

CHARLES BERUBE	124
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MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 3 YEARS

MICHAEL LEBLANC	149
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TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY – 3 YEARS

ROBERT HALL	21
ANNE PERKINS	56

PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS (VOTE FOR 2)

STEPHEN HERZOG	132
FRED DAY	66

PLANNING BOARD – 1 YEAR

BARBARA HANNO	73
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Petersham Fire Department

Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Report of the Petersham Fire Department Fiscal Year 2009

To the Citizens of Petersham:

The Petersham Fire Department responded to the following calls for assistance during the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009.

Chimney Fires		5
Brush Fires		2
Motor Vehicle Accidents		11
Dryer Fire		1
Wires Down/Arcing		6
Fire Watch – Nichewaug Inn		6
Assist Police at Nichewaug Inn	2	
Medical Emergencies		20
Lift Assist		3
Illegal Burning	2	
Campfire Investigations	2	
Alarm Activations/Malfunction	10	
Cellars Pumped	20	
Delayed Ignition Oil Burners		2
Smoke in a Building		1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms		1
False Alarms		2
Public Service Calls		4
Standby at the Station		1
Mutual Aid		4
Total		105

Inspections and Permits Issued

Smoke/CO Inspections	21	
Liquor License Inspections		5
Oil Burner Permits		10
Tank Removal Permit		1
Propane Storage		16
Tank Truck Permits		2
Burning Permits Issued	925	

As noted above the Fire Department responded to a record number of calls for assistance during Fiscal Year 2009. However, to put the increase in perspective, 21 of the calls listed above were directly related to the ice storm of December 2008. Due to the lack of power several residents and public facilities experienced water problems that required pumping of cellars. During the state of emergency the Fire Department committed 483 man hours of documented time to the community.

As the economy in the state worsened and the extent of cuts in local aid were uncertain, the replacement of the Overhead Doors at the Fire Station and the replacement of forestry gear that were approved at the Annual Town Meeting were placed on hold by the Board of Selectmen. However, the Department was allowed to purchase the replacement pickup truck that was approved through bonding. The new pickup, a 2009 Ford F-250 4X4, was placed in service in March 2009. This vehicle replaced a 1991 pickup that was handed down by the Highway Department and had over 250,000 miles, was rusting out badly from winter exposure and was requiring constant repair.

The Department was the recipient of a \$3,900 grant from the State Firefighters Equipment Grant Program. This year the funds were used to purchase a digital projector for use during department training and five portable radios that will enable us to communicate on mutual aid calls to communities west of Petersham that are members of the Tri-State Mutual Aid System.

Once again the Department sponsored a Fire Safety Poster contest at the Center School in conjunction with Fire Safety Week. The winners in each grade were given a ride to school in a fire engine on the day that we presented our annual fire safety program. Many thanks to the school nurse and the school administration for their help with this important program.

Most firefighters were recertified in CPR and in the use of the Automatic Defibrillators. In addition the Police and Fire Departments completed the second year of our three year cycle of First Responder Recertification. Several firefighters took advantage of classes offered locally by the Mass. Fire Academy.

Sadly, two of my officers stepped down on June 30th after many years of dedicated service to the department. Deputy Chief Robert Laford retired and Deputy Chief Gilbert King stepped down as an officer. Bob has been a key contributor and coordinator of the department training program for many years. Gil's years of experience and knowledge have been a tremendous asset since he retired and moved back to his "home" department.

As always I want to thank the families of all the firefighters for their understanding and support. Having to change plans on a moments notice is never easy. Thank you to all of my firefighters for all the time committed to training and your response during the ice storm.

Finally I would like to invite any individual who is interested in serving their community as a member of the fire department, to come and attend a few meetings to see if it is something you would like to do. The need for volunteers is great. The Department meets on the First and Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., at the fire station. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana C. Robinson
Fire Chief

**Town of Petersham Highway Department
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CHAPTER 90 WORK

Popple Camp Road, Sunset Lane, Common Road, West Street, Spring Street, Oliver Street, Maple Lane, Shaw road, and Hardwick Road from Rte. 122 to West Street were crack sealed. A 60 ft. long by 54 inch high culvert was installed on Hardwick Road (Rte. 32A). A new dump truck was purchased for the Town with Chapter 90 money.

General Highway Account

Many washouts around Town were repaired. Many dead trees were removed, along with fallen branches. Road side vegetation was mowed, sand was swept up, ditches were cleaned, several culverts we replaced, catch basins were cleaned, pot holes were filled with cold patch, and dirt roads were graded. Beavers are still causing flooding problems that costs the Town time and money. Winter sand was made and stockpiled. Crushed gravel for dirt roads was also made. The Highway Dept. did all the site work involved for the addition to the new Police Station. The winter season kept everyone busy with plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking areas. All vehicles and equipment were kept in good working order by a regularly scheduled maintenance program. Unexpected repairs were quickly taken care of.

Snow Account

This past winter 273 tons of road salt and 1,500 yards of sand were used to treat Town roads. Part time help was used as needed and greatly appreciated.

Ice Storm

280 man hours were needed to clean up fallen debris from the December Ice Storm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman LaPointe
Highway Superintendent

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

Inspector of Animals
2009

I have inspected the animals on 48 premises in Petersham, and have found the animals well cared for and the facilities in good condition.

Cattle, dairy	40
Cattle, beef	91
Horses, ponies	123
Goats	39
Sheep	106
Swine	1
Poultry	292
Llamas, alpacas	96
Stables	1

Four dogs were quarantined this year.

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



Town of Petersham

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Inspector of Buildings Report FY09 July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Building Permits	49
Wood/pellet stoves/sheds	9

Building Permits

1 New Home	4 Decks & Porches
5 Additions	15 Roofs & Siding
4 Barns/Garages/Sheds	3 Remodels
4 Repairs	2 Pools
11 Other	

Office Hours are held every Monday (except Holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building at 3 South Main Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brianna Skowyra
Inspector of Buildings

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 17, 2008

7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1.

To receive the reports of Town Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Consultant Account as was established by vote under Article 39 of the Warrant for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting; \$5,000.00 from the Handicap Access Account; and \$5,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2009 Legal Expenses Account; the sum total of \$13,000.00 for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Consultant Account as was established by vote under Article 39 of the Warrant for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting; \$5,000.00 from the Handicap Access Account; and \$5,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2009 Legal Expenses Account; the sum total of \$13,000.00 for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget for the Department of the Building Inspector by the sum of \$11,000.00, said Department's Fiscal Year 2009 expenses to be paid from the Revolving Account authorized by the vote under Article 21 Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to reduce the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget for the Department of the Building Inspector by the sum of \$11,000.00, said Department's Fiscal Year 2009 expenses to be paid from the Revolving Account authorized by the vote under Article 21 Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the sum of money authorized to be raised and appropriated by the vote under Article 25 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for support of the Petersham Center School for Fiscal Year 2009 by an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to reduce the sum of money authorized to be raised and appropriated by the vote under Article 25 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for support of the Petersham Center School for Fiscal Year 2009 by an amount not to exceed **\$30,000.00**, for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy.

70 for / 35 against

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 36 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the three-year lease of a Pick-up Truck for the Fire Department, transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 to reduce the Fiscal Year 2009 Property Tax Levy and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a Pick-up Truck for the Fire Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to rescind the vote taken under Article 36 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the three-year lease of a Pick-up Truck for the Fire Department, transfer the sum of \$9,000.00 to reduce the Fiscal Year 2009 Property Tax Levy and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a Pick-up Truck for the Fire Department.

2/3's vote required. Voted Unanimously

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 35 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the three-year lease of a Police Cruiser, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$36,000.00 for the purchase of a Cruiser for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to rescind the vote taken under Article 35 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the three-year lease of a Police Cruiser, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$36,000.00 for the purchase of a Cruiser for the Police Department.

2/3's vote required. Voted Unanimously

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 37 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the three-year lease of a Pick-up Truck for the Highway Department, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$31,000.00 for the purchase of a Pick-up Truck for the Highway Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to rescind the vote taken under Article 37 of the Warrant for the June 2008 Annual Town Meeting for the three-year lease of a Pick-up Truck for the Highway Department, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$31,000.00 for the purchase of a Pick-up Truck for the Highway Department.

2/3's vote required. Voted Unanimously

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$127,000.00 to for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to transfer **\$93,000.00** from Free Cash for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy.

ARTICLE 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, take from the Stabilization Fund, or from amounts appropriated for other purposes, appropriate from available funds, borrow, or any combination thereof, a sum of money for the purpose of affecting the Tax Rate for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and reducing the Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Levy, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to charge, for each written Demand provided for by law that is issued by the Tax Collector, a fee of \$30.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of the date of the vote under this Article.

RESULTS: The Town voted to charge for each written Demand provided for by law that is issued by the Tax Collector, a fee of \$30.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of the date of the vote under this Article.

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,700 to update the existing Long-Term Forest Management Plan for the property known as the Davenport Property, Parcel no. 504.01, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take **\$500.00 from the Gould Woodlot Interest Account** to update the existing Long-Term Forest Management Plan for the property known as the Davenport Property.

ARTICLE 12.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-laws, **ARTICLE XIV, BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS, SECTION 6. RECYCLING BY-LAW**, to read as follows:

SECTION 6. RECYCLING. *All users of the Transfer Station shall separate waste materials into the following categories and shall recycle said waste material, in accordance with any State law requirements at the Transfer Station or through a Town-approved collector:*

- A. Recyclables
1. Glass – clear, green, amber
 2. Aluminum, *steel and tin cans, and scrap metal*
 3. *All numbered plastics*
 4. Newsprint, *cardboard, and other acceptable paper*
 5. Other recyclable materials approved by the *Selectboard and the Board of Health*
- B. *The Transfer Station Monitor will clarify the acceptability of specific or questionable recyclable items.*
- C. *All separated recycling materials deposited at the Transfer Station shall become the sole property of the Town of Petersham.*
- D. All separated recycling material being brought to the *Transfer Station* shall be brought at hours designated for the Transfer Station.
- E. The *Transfer Station Monitor* shall be responsible for the oversight of the recycling program and shall make recommendations for amendments to the *Selectboard* and the Board of Health.

Or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as written.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 1, 2009

7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1.

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

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

ARTICLE 2.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

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

ARTICLE 1.

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

ARTICLE 2.

To choose all necessary Town Officers not elected by ballot.

ARTICLE 3. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 4. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 5. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 6. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 7. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 8. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 9. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 10. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 11. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 12. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 13. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 14. CONSENT

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

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 15. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 16. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 17. CONSENT

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 18.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 19.

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

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

ARTICLE 20.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 21.

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

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

2/3's vote required. Voted Unanimously

ARTICLE 22.

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

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

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all Elective Town Officers as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator \$-0-; Town Treasurer \$13,113.00; Town Clerk \$8,987.00; Tax Collector \$10,437.00; Selectboard, Chair \$2,226.00; two members \$2,002.00 each; Board of Assessors, Chair, \$2,587.00; Clerk, \$2,239.00, other member, \$2,107.00; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$9.33/per hour; Board of Health co-chairs, \$160.00 each; other member, \$117.00; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 24.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 25.

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

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

ARTICLE 26.

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

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

ARTICLE 27.

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

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

ARTICLE 28.

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

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

ARTICLE 29.

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

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

ARTICLE 30.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 31.

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

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

ARTICLE 32.

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

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

ARTICLE 33.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 34.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 35.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 36.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 37.

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

Or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.

ARTICLE 38.

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

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

Or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read.



FY09 Annual Report
Petersham Energy Committee

The following activities were explored during FY09, some successfully, some unsuccessfully...

- National Grid lighting audit was performed at the Town Office and Highway Barn. Upgrades were completed; payment was 70% by National Grid and 30% by the town. There was an estimated annual savings of \$419 in electric charges and 3768 KWH.
- The committee worked with the library to start an "energy section". Approximately 20 books and dvd's are available, as well as two kilowatt meters which allow you to measure energy used by various appliances in your home.
- Created a card with energy-saving tips that was placed in library, town offices and Petersham store.
- Featured the film, "Kilowatt Ours", at the library.
- Had a tent and display at Old Home Days.
- Mailed a town-wide newsletter.
- Attended a "thermal window" workshop, learning to make indoor window inserts.
- Attended workshop "Greening Your Community – Leading by Example", hosted by Center for Ecological Technology.
- Joined North Quabbin Energy and participated in their booth at the Athol Home Show.
- Promoted "GreenStart" program through National Grid, whereby customers can purchase green power where a portion of the cost is matched and returned to the town as a grant to purchase renewable energy products.
- Presented a grant for solar lighting of flagpole on the Common; turned down by Selectboard.
- Participated in a regional RFQ for performance contracting – a tool for capital (energy) improvements without up-front costs; turned down by Selectboard.
- Decided to change our direction to educating local school children about energy conservation and renewables, and offered to spend a portion of the "GreenStart" funds on educational books and science kits. Proposed an "Energy Theme" for FY10 at Petersham Center School.
- Accepted resignation of Julian Hadley from committee.
- Made great plans to march in the 4th of July parade!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ballou, Elizabeth Davis, Ken Levine, Rich Matteson, Linda Paquet, Sheila Youd

PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY
23 Common Street
Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Annual Report to the Town Of Petersham
of the Petersham Memorial Library
July 01, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Mission Statement:

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

Hours:

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

Trustees:

- Tally Lent
- William Littlefield
- Lynn Herzog
- Fifi Scoufopoulos
- Annette Ermini
- Deni Ellis
- Nita Bates
- Thomas Anderson
- Jean Sinclair
- Richard Carfagna
- Anne Perkins

Report of the Director:

This year, the 647 cardholders at the Petersham Memorial Library checked out 5,994 books, 397 magazines, 347 audio books, and 2,157 movies. 1,387 interlibrary loans were received, and 643 were provided. Six data base licenses were available online as well as 1,810 downloadable audio books, 236 downloadable movies and 974 e-books. Of these, 46 items were downloaded by Petersham residents. These

figures demonstrate that the overall circulation and interlibrary loan requests have gone up since last year.

Our library shelves currently hold 8,790 books for adults and 3,952 for children. There are 77 volumes of print periodicals, newspapers and other print serials for adults and 4 for children. 1,171 DVD/VHS movie titles are available for loan as well as 132 books in audio format.

The leadership of the library changed on November 1, 2008 when I was hired as the new Director by the Board of Trustees to replace outgoing Director Paula Korstvedt. Petersham is so warm and welcoming and I am very excited to be involved with such a vital library.

Work continued with the Planning and Design Grant received last year from the MBLC (Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners). The Building Committee hired consultant Mary Braine, to develop the Library Building Program, a document necessary for the planning of our anticipated renovation. Most of the work on this was completed and the process of hiring a Project Manager was started.

Maintaining our 125 year old building continues to be a challenge.

The library's visitors continue to access our wireless internet connection. If they don't have a laptop, the library has 2 PCs and 2 laptops available for use during library hours.

During the year, the Petersham Memorial Library continued to offer story hour for children, at 10:30 on Tuesday mornings. Also notable, were the First Friday and First Saturday film programs, where popular and classic movie titles attracted both a tween and an adult audience. Patrons also attended the Winter Tea, and the Spring Fling Poetry events.

The staff and Trustees continued to strive to improve services and programming throughout the year. A Book Discussion group now meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M. The Gay 90's Sing-A-Long, Murder Mystery Fundraiser, and Spring and Summer Photography exhibit were all popular offerings.

For the 2009 Statewide Summer Reading Program, the library offered a "Starship Adventure." As well as encouraging activity in the library, this program had children reading for a cause. The total combined number of hours the children read determined how much the library would donate to a local charity. This year, that charity was the Heifer Project, which helps needy communities gain food and resources.

The summer reading program included a program on space, offered by the Aldrich Astronomical Society. The summer readers learned about the past, present, and future of the space program, and enjoyed scale models, space rocks and a slide presentation. The reading program concluded with a Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae party on the library front lawn.

The Annual Plant and Bake Sale run by the Petersham Branch Alliance is a highly anticipated event in Petersham with offerings of beautiful plants and delicious baked goods. Our much improved Alcove area now includes two comfortable lounge chairs and an area rug purchased along with 20 padded folding chairs, using the generous and much-appreciated donation of the Petersham Branch Alliance. Another recent addition, purchased by the library, is a sign board. This helps to better publicize library activities to the community.

Over 288 volunteer hours were logged at our library during the year and I would like to extend my gratitude to the volunteers, staff, Trustees and patrons of the Petersham Memorial Library for all they do to help make it the great place it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Arata
Director
Petersham Memorial Library

**Petersham Memorial Library
Treasurer's Report
FY 2009 - (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)**

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$94,019.50	\$72,488.00
IB&T (incl. FY 06 rollover for P & D Grant)	\$72,300.00	\$60,300.00
State Grant	\$2,488.47	\$2,000.00
Town Appropriation	\$5,688.53	\$5,283.00
Dog Fund	\$2,078.75	\$1,750.00
Town Managed Funds	\$502.82	\$525.00
Book Sales	\$2,166.25	\$600.00
Fines & Photo Copies	\$110.00	\$300.00
BSB Interest	\$66.82	\$30.00
Gifts	\$7,302.78	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$722.00	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$468.08	\$0.00
Transfer from SMC Fund	\$125.00	\$500.00
Total Expense	\$69,459.22	\$73,535.00
Library Operating Expense	\$63,464.55	\$66,335.00
Collection Materials	\$11,691.60	\$11,100.00
Payroll (incl. custodian)	\$31,614.29	\$35,620.00
CWMars	\$4,369.00	\$4,400.00
Insurance	\$3,056.57	\$2,500.00
Maintenance	\$31.94	\$150.00
Equipment & Furniture	\$159.96	\$150.00
Oil	\$7,127.69	\$7,440.00
Electricity	\$1,887.93	\$1,700.00
Telephone	\$915.99	\$875.00
Supplies	\$1,217.25	\$1,200.00
Projects & Programs	\$530.74	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$861.59	\$200.00
Corporate Operating Expense	\$2,372.00	\$2,700.00
Accountant	\$825.00	\$1,000.00
Maintenance	\$1,547.00	\$1,700.00
Capital Maintenance	\$1,280.17	\$3,500.00
Capital Equipment	\$2,342.50	\$1,000.00

SELECTBOARD REPORT- FY09

Police Station – The Selectboard signed a notice to proceed on the new addition to the East Street Police Station.

Town Hall – Painting of the Town Hall was completed by Alpha Contracting from Dedham. A rainy season delayed completion of the steeple and dome. Repairs were made on windows and new kitchen sinks were installed in the Lower Town Hall per the Board of Health

The Bandstand – Bids were reviewed and the Selectboard voted to sign a contract with Warwick Carpenters Co. A grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation was received to help with restoration costs.

Davenport Property – An appraisal of the property was completed by Landvest, Inc. The 1999 Long-term Forest Management Plan for the property was updated.

The Petersham Energy Committee created this year began working to saving energy in Town buildings and Petersham Center School and obtaining grants. The Town was involved in National Grid's energy audit by replacing certain ballasts and lighting equipment at the Highway Barn and the Town Office Building.

Transfer Station – The Department of Environmental Protection well monitoring was completed showing no problem with ground water.

Animal Shelter – Located at the Highway Barn, work continues by a group of dedicated volunteers. Donations have been accepted throughout the year and will continue to be accepted for this worthwhile project.

Grants – the Town continued its involvement with the North Quabbin Loan Fund which offers loans to small businesses in the area. As part of the grant application for continuation of the Housing Rehab grant provided through the Community Development Block Grant, a second project was required. Surveys were distributed throughout the four towns in the regional grant, Athol, Phillipston, Royalston and Petersham.

Nichewaug Inn Task Force – The newly formed Task Force worked with several planning consultants regarding different possible uses for the Nichewaug Inn.

Unsung Heroine – The Selectboard nominated Ruth Bassingthwaite as Petersham's Unsung Heroine at the State House ceremony for her many years of dedicated service.

December 2008 Ice Storm – The Selectboard gratefully acknowledged the help of police, fire, highway, office staff, and unknown numbers of volunteer residents during this unprecedented disaster. The Center School served as the Town's emergency shelter with hot meals served from Friday morning, December 12 through Tuesday morning, December 16. Cots and blankets were also available for those needing overnight shelter.



NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
584 MAIN STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS 01331
PHONE: 978/249-6935 FAX: 978/575-0269
email: vetagnt@townofathol.org

"Putting Veterans First"

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

FY09 ANNUAL REPORT

The Commonwealth, under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 115, provides a uniform program of veterans' benefits and services to a qualifying veteran or dependent of a veteran residing in the commonwealth.

The Northeast Quabbin District (NQD), Department of Veterans' Services, in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 115, serves qualifying veterans or their dependents residing in Petersham. An applicant may be eligible for benefits in accordance with a formula that takes into account household income, number of dependents, and other deciding factors.

Through the NQD Director of Veterans' Services, veterans or dependents have received M.G.L. Chapter 115 Benefits, assistance, counseling, annuities, veterans bonuses, burial information, employment, grave flags, property & excise tax exemptions, record retention, information & referrals to other assistance programs, transitional housing, soldiers homes, and other veterans' services.

The Director has assisted veterans or their dependents with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) application process for service-connected disability compensation, non-service connected disability pensions, health benefits, certificates of eligibility, burial benefits, grave markers, and requests for increases in existing service-connected disability compensation.

The Director has acquired discharge documents, corrected discharge documents, personnel records, medical records, medals, decorations, and awards due the veteran for their military service from the United States Department of Defense.

The FY09 expenditure for Chapter 115 Veterans' Benefits to authorized recipients was \$3,347.92. The Town of Petersham will receive reimbursement for 75% of the expenditure from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The District will refund \$519.66 to Petersham in unspent FY09 administrative dollars because the purchase of new office equipment did not materialize as compatibility and technology requirements were not announced for the new statewide web-based Veterans' Services Management Information System due to the delay in its implementation to FY10.

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

I look forward to serving the veterans and/or their dependents who reside in Petersham. I can be contacted at (978) 249-6935.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil P. McGuirk

Neil P. McGuirk

Director of Veterans' Services

**Petersham Planning Board Annual Report
June 2008-June 2009**

The Planning Board endorsed four lot plans as Approval Not Required in this fiscal year. These were smaller lots divided off larger parcels, resulting in one nonbuildable lot (1.172 acres) and one lot that encompasses a house that has already been built. The other two lot divisions resulted in two new potential housing lots in Petersham for the time period. There were no subdivision applications.

The Board met with the Master Plan Committee from August through September 2008. Zoning bylaw changes are still under consideration and were discussed at the Planning Board monthly meetings through June 2009.

Discussion was also held on discontinued roads and what roads legally exist in Petersham. The lower end of Leighton Road, toward Athol, had been discussed for discontinuance, but the Planning Board found discontinuance unnecessary at this time.

Two proposals were brought to the Fall 2008 town meeting. One was a suggestion by the Historic District Commission to expand the historic district to include the Lewis/Bose house on North Street. The other was to extend the growth limitation bylaw for 6 building permits a year until 2015. Both proposals were approved.

The Planning Board was involved in two joint informational meetings in April 2009 with the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning commercial and residential uses in the town center. Mixed use and parking bylaws were discussed at the first meeting, then a professional planning consultant attended the second meeting to stimulate discussion about possible solutions for town center utilization.

The Nichewaug Inn Task Force meetings were attended by Planning Board member Fred Day. The Rt. 122 Committee also forwarded their report to the Planning Board for informational consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen Herzog, Chair



Barbara S. Hanno, Clerk

PETERSHAM POLICE REPORT
FY 2009

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

All officers are committed to provide quality service. Each officer attends numerous state and local in-service training programs at little or no cost to the town. All officers are qualified on the pistol range and are First Responders, C.P.R., and Defibrillator certified. Two officers are Emergency Medical Technicians.

In our on going effort to provide safety, we are firmly committed to the education of our youth. The department, in conjunction with the bus company, presented two bus safety programs at the school. The department also provided a bicycle safety program at the Center School. A total of 41 protective helmets were given to children at the program and others were provided during the year.


Once again, we received a community policing grant from the state for \$8,609.84. This grant provides several programs for the citizens of Petersham. The grant funds 22 - six 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 in part by this grant. We also received a grant from The Governors Highway Safety Council for \$ 4,000.00 for traffic patrols, seat belt and O.U.I. enforcement.

I wish to express gratitude to all of the volunteers for their great service to our community.

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

In closing, I express my sincere gratitude to Sgt. Richard D. Cooley Jr. and to the officers and their families for their unselfish commitment to our town and for public safety.

Respectfully Submitted,


Denis N. Legare
Chief of Police

Police Department Statistics
(FY -2009)

E-911/HANG UPS	24	SEXUAL ASSAULTS	01
ABANDONED M/V'S	02	STOLEN M/V'S	02
ANIMAL CALLS	80	SNOW BAN	02
ARRESTS	11	SERVE COURT ORDERS	13
ASSIST F.D. ALARMS	14	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	20
" " AUTO	00	THREATS	01
" " BRUSH	03	TRESPASSING COMPLAINTS	04
" " STRUCTURE	01	TRAFFIC ASSISTS	04
		UATTENDED DEATH	01
" " OTHER	12	VANDALISM	02
" OTHER AGENCIES	27	WELFARE CHECKS	23
BUILDING CHECKS	32		
BURGLAR ALARMS	39	-----	
BURGLARY B/E'S	12	TOTAL:	1525
CARBON ALARMS	02		
CITIZEN ASSISTS	49		
COMPAINTS	20		
DMV'S	34		
DISTURBANCE CALLS	07		
DOMESTIC DISTUBANCES	04		
DRUG INVEST & ARRESTS	09		
ESCORTS/TRANSPORTS	02		
GENERAL INFORMATION	03		
GUN SHOT COMPLANTS	03		
HAZARDOUS INCIDENTS	09		
ILLEGAL DUMPING	06		
INVESTIGATIONS	16		
JUVENILE COMP'S	16		
LARCENY	20		
LOCK OUTS (HOUSE)	03		
LOST/STOLEN PLATES	10		
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	58		
M/V ACCIDENTS	20		
M/V INVESTIGATIONS	89		
M/V STOPS	732		
OFFICER INITIATED	69		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	03		
PROPERTY (LOST&FOUND)	02		
RECORDS CHECKS	03		
RECOVERED M/V'S	01		
REPOSSESSION ASSIST'S	01		
RESTRAINING ORDERS	04		
SAFETY HAZARDS	79		

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year 2009**

<u>General Government</u>			
<u>Selectmen</u>			
Nancy Allen	Selectmen	2,226.00	
Christine Durgin	Selectmen	2,002.00	
Fredrik Marsh	Selectmen	2,002.00	
Dale Bull	Admin. Coordinator	37,844.31	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>5,383.60</u>	\$ 49,457.91
<u>Assessors</u>			
Dana Kennan	Assessor	2,587.00	
Frederick Marsh	Assessor	2,107.00	
Jean Robinson	Assessor	2,239.00	
Kelly Garlock	Asst. Assessor	<u>27,092.50</u>	\$ 34,025.50
<u>Tax Collector</u>			
Virginia Newman		<u>18,132.00</u>	\$ 18,132.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>			
Diana Cooley		12,044.73	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>461.51</u>	\$ 12,506.24
<u>Town Treasurer</u>			
Dana Robinson		<u>13,113.00</u>	\$ 13,113.00
<u>Town Accountant</u>			
Jean Joel		<u>13,113.00</u>	\$ 13,113.00
<u>Building Inspector</u>			
Brianna Skowyra		8,652.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>1,948.10</u>	\$ 10,600.10
<u>Board of Health</u>			
Mary Anne Forgues	Health Board	117.00	
Fifi Scoufopoulos	Health Board	160.00	
Doreen Frost	Health Board	160.00	
Richard D. Cooley Jr	Water Operator	225.00	
Michael Seitz	Sanitation Supv.	792.50	
Timothy Comiskey	Sanitation Supv.	387.90	
John Platek	Sanitation Supv.	1,910.00	
Richard Riddell	Asst. Sanitation Supv.	160.00	
Michael Gatautis	Asst. Sanitation Supv.	150.00	
Susan Gatautis	BOH Secretary	1,335.07	
Renee Wingertsman	BOH Secretary	2,713.49	
Timothy Gatautis	Asst. Sanitation Supv.	<u>100.00</u>	\$ 8,210.96
<u>Animal Inspector/Dir of Agriculture</u>			
David Perkins		<u>125.00</u>	\$ 125.00
<u>Town Hall & Office Custodian</u>			
Neil Legare		<u>8,165.74</u>	\$ 8,165.74
<u>Tree Warden</u>			
Michael Leonard		<u>500.00</u>	\$ 500.00
<u>Conservation Commission</u>			
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	<u>143.25</u>	\$ 143.25
<u>Dog Officer</u>			
Andrew Ohlson		<u>1,092.00</u>	\$ 1,092.00
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>			
Gerald Brousseau		<u>745.00</u>	\$ 745.00

**Town of Petersham
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Electrical Inspector

Gary Terroy	4,025.00	\$	4,025.00
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Gas Inspector

Michael Schlosser	980.00	\$	980.00
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Elections & Registration

Michelle Bartus	81.40		
Sharon Bassett	636.56		
Adam Cooley	21.40		
Anne Hyde	268.56		
Charlotte Kennan	226.12		
Dana Kennan	89.88		
Linda Kenney	51.36		
Carolyn May	323.48		
Ellen Moriarty	100.00		
Richard Moriarty	47.08		
Barbara Nickless	200.00		
Richard Nickless	218.28		
Karen O'Connor	59.92		
Jean Robinson	21.40		
Ruth Robinson	149.80		
Helen Simms	100.00		
Grace West	192.60		
Rene Wingertsman	47.08	\$	2,834.92

Police Department

Denis Legare	Chief	62,969.30	
	Detail Pay	6,644.00	
R. Dana Cooley Jr.	Sargent	11,644.70	
Scott Acito		5,611.48	
Ted Bassett		17,591.74	
Jeffrey Boyer		5,975.50	
Christopher Harrington		6,766.28	
Robert Hall. Jr.		1,741.50	
Randy Horne	Salary	42,592.65	
	Detail Pay	23,121.94	
Bruce Kilhart		5,097.20	
Robert Legare		5,844.70	
Jason Lichtengerger		6,874.68	
James Pollard		280.00	\$ 202,755.67

Fire Department

Dana Robinson	Chief	5,341.50	
	Forest Warden	25.00	
Ronald Dejackome	Asst. Chief	2,913.25	
Stanley Andriski III		38.00	
Cory Bourque		110.00	
William Bourque		631.00	

**Town of Petersham
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Fire Department (continued)

Shawn Bush		87.25	
Scott Churchill		410.75	
Nathan Davis		161.75	
Peter Devoll		394.25	
Robert Goodfellow		1,466.75	
Kurt Graeff		790.25	
Robert Hall, Jr		38.25	
Gilbert King, Jr	Deputy Chief	1,804.00	
Robert Laford	Deputy Chief	329.50	
Nathan LeBlanc		267.75	
Neil Legare		457.75	
Rebecca Legare		568.00	
Robert Legare	Captain	456.50	
Shawn Legare	Captain	910.25	
David Perkins		438.75	
Jeffrey Perkins		11.75	
Larry Robinson	Captain	867.00	
Matthew Robinson		267.75	
Kevin Shortis		361.75	
James West		254.00	
Peter West		508.75	\$ 19,911.50

Highway Department

Norman LaPointe	Superintendent	63,014.06	
Leslie Cooley		48,085.76	
Gary Martinelli		42,617.68	
Scott Acito		1,606.29	
Brian Bassett		4,367.96	
Jeffrey Perkins		3,241.60	\$ 162,933.35

School Department

Patricia Martin	Superintendent	31,325.68
Rebecca Phillips	Principal/Special Needs	73,007.01
Melanie Pallotta	Kindergarten	58,069.37
Susan Andriski	Grade 1	54,206.80
Wendi LeBlanc	Grade 2	59,623.25
Tracy Smith	Grade 3	52,286.69
Maureen Donelan	Grade 4	38,232.92
Nicole Ruggles	Grade 5	48,699.83
Christopher Dodge	Grade 6	41,152.66
Natasha Hanna	Music/Aide	17,901.95
Angela Haynes	Music/Aide	1,838.52
Kay Leonard	Art	8,560.00
Suzanne Tattan	Phys. Ed.	9,990.00
Stephanie Carmiello	School Nurse	14,555.22

School Department (con't)

**Town of Petersham
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Sheri D'Annolfo	School Nurse	18,616.08	
Karen Varney	Nurse Sub.	1,000.50	
Tina Duguay	Nurse Sub.	735.00	
Angela Littlewood	Nurse Sub.	1,270.00	
Katrina Wheeler	Nurse Sub.	70.00	
Bridget Koetsch	Special Needs	54,272.37	
Katherine Arsenault	Technology/Library	33,066.91	
Glenn Goodale	Technology/Library	5,938.14	
Karen Regan	Speech Pathologist	35,690.41	
David Weinberg	Guidance	38,303.85	
Melissa Clark	Aide	19,473.56	
Margaret Cooley	Aide	13,524.41	
Jane Fitzgerald	Aide	11,184.16	
Jo-ann Fitzgerald	Aide	8,637.25	
Cailte Kelley	Aide	8,892.03	
Kelley Mongeau	Aide	11,862.13	
Ann Degnan	Secretary	31,398.04	
Barbara Young	Secretary	13,877.06	
Patti Dodge	Cook	15,777.93	
Debra Phelps	Cook	4,860.37	
James M. Burke III	Head Custodian	32,135.42	
John Anderson	Head Custodian	4,671.22	
Justin Liversidge	Custodian	18,212.38	
Mark Cooley	Custodian	5,654.40	
Michael Degnan	Substitute Custodian	876.00	
Glenede Albertine	Substitute	1,298.75	
Kate E. Dodge	Substitute	152.38	
Sarah Burks	Substitute	1,235.00	
Jessica Coughlin	Substitute	180.00	
Tracy Murphy	Substitute	95.00	
Lynn Peredina	Substitute	60.00	
Charlotte Kennan	Substitute	3,852.22	
Elizabeth Pennypacker	Substitute	120.00	
Helen Simms	Substitute	10,790.12	
Renee Wingerstsman	Substitute	240.00	
Richard D. Cooley, Jr	Water Operator	775.00	
Robert Hughes	Water Operator	300.00	\$ 918,547.99

Total Payroll All Departments

\$ 1,481,918.13

1099 Vendors

Barnes Landscaping	Care of Common & Cemeteries	31,676.79
Thomas Garbett	Psychologist	7,200.62
Phillip Ledger	Board of Health	5,600.00
John Mc Laughlin Paving	Paving Contractor	7,500.00
David Locke-Smith	Cons Comm	2,535.00
Whittier Plumbing	Plumbing Repair	11,853.01

\$ 66,365.42

Total Payroll & 1099 Vendors

\$ 1,548,283.55

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana C. Robinson
Town Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Personal Property Taxes	58,293.97
Real Estate Taxes	1,851,987.93
Tax Liens Redeemed	23,385.98
Motor Vehicle Excise	133,568.11
Interest & Penalties on Real & Personal Property	9,136.53
Interest on Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,257.76
Total Taxes and Excise	2,077,630.28
Fees - Dog	53.00
Fees - Miscellaneous	298.00
Rentals	375.00
Dept Revenue - Police	506.25
Dept Revenue - Dog Officer	185.00
Total Departmental Revenue	1,417.25
Licenses - Alcoholic	2,875.00
Licenses - Dog	453.50
Permits - Miscellaneous Business	570.00
Permits - Other	310.00
Total Licenses and Permits	4,208.50
FEMA Reimbursement	55,504.97
State Owned Land	51,506.00
Abatements Veterans', Etc.	7,760.00
Chapter 70	403,908.00
Lottery	128,779.00
MDC - In Lieu of Taxes	411,023.75
Veterans' Benefits	333.00
Court Fines	1,360.00
Registry of MV Fines	4,817.50
Total State Revenues	1,009,487.25

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Sale of Fixed Assets	2,656.00
Earnings on Investments	4,820.86
Miscellaneous Revenue	4,985.80
Davenport Property	195,425.00
Fines - Dog Violations	260.00
Total Unclassified	208,147.66
Total General Fund Revenues	<u><u>3,356,395.91</u></u>

Town of Petersham
Fiscal Year 2009

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Meeting Moderator			
Department Head Salary	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Total Town Moderator	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Board of Selectmen			
Board Members Salaries	\$6,230.00	\$6,230.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,557.56	\$4,557.53	\$0.03
Part - Time Clerk	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Total Board of Selectmen	\$15,787.56	\$15,787.53	\$0.03
Town Admin Coordinator			
Salary	\$37,292.00	\$37,292.00	\$0.00
Admin Coordinator Overtime	\$700.00	\$643.00	\$57.00
Total Town Admin Coordinator	\$37,992.00	\$37,935.00	\$57.00
Finance Committee			
Expenses	\$725.00	\$306.00	\$419.00
Total Finance Committee	\$725.00	\$306.00	\$419.00
Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00	\$1,537.79	\$23,462.21
Town Accountant			
Salary	\$13,113.00	\$13,113.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,450.00	\$1,022.68	\$1,427.32
Audit	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Software	\$8,503.36	\$8,503.36	\$0.00
Accounting Clerk	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Total Town Accountant	\$35,166.36	\$32,639.04	\$2,527.32
Board of Assessors			
Board Members Salaries	\$6,933.00	\$6,933.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$11,000.00	\$9,449.85	\$1,550.15
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$27,116.00	\$27,116.00	\$0.00
Cyclical Data	\$21,086.00	\$21,086.00	\$0.00
Total Board of Assessors	\$66,135.00	\$64,584.85	\$1,550.15
Treasurer			
Salary	\$13,113.00	\$13,113.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,795.00	\$2,077.73	\$1,717.27
Payroll Processing Fees	\$2,923.40	\$2,923.40	\$0.00
Treasurer Acct Bank Fees	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Total Treasurer	\$19,832.40	\$18,114.13	\$1,718.27
Tax Collector			
Salary	10,437.00	10,437.00	\$0.00
Expenses	13,003.00	9,934.03	\$3,068.97
Total Tax Collector	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Counsel			
Legal Fees	\$13,321.42	\$4,773.43	\$8,547.99
Total Town Counsel	\$13,321.42	\$4,773.43	\$8,547.99

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Clerk			
Salary	\$8,987.00	\$8,987.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,623.33	\$2,539.83	\$83.50
Vital Statistics	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Part-Time Clerk	\$530.00	\$525.20	\$4.80
Expenses Encumbered FY 08	\$400.00	\$124.93	\$275.07
Total Town Clerk	\$12,615.33	\$12,251.96	\$363.37
Election & Registration			
Salaries	\$4,974.88	\$4,974.88	\$0.00
Expenses	\$1,350.00	\$1,234.32	\$115.68
Total Election & Registration	\$6,324.88	\$6,209.20	\$115.68
Open Space			
Expenses - Encumbered FY 2005	\$1,228.57	\$0.00	\$1,228.57
Total Open Space	\$1,228.57	\$0.00	\$1,228.57
Planning Board			
Expenses	\$3,891.58	\$0.00	\$3,891.58
Affordable Housing Consultant	\$2,118.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.00
Total Planning Board	\$6,009.58	\$0.00	\$6,009.58
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$22.28	\$1,477.72
ZBA Consultant	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Total Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,100.00	\$22.28	\$2,077.72
Land Court / Tax Title Fees			
Land Court Fees	\$4,114.88	\$3,893.14	\$221.74
Tax Title Surveys / Appraisals	\$2,970.98	\$2,970.98	\$0.00
Total Land Court / Tax Title Fees	\$7,085.86	\$6,864.12	\$221.74
Town Hall			
Town Hall / Office Maintenance	\$40,596.94	\$22,130.07	\$18,466.87
Town Hall / Office Expenses	\$33,476.00	\$28,021.66	\$5,454.34
Town - Phone	\$10,250.00	\$8,574.18	\$1,675.82
Handicap Access / Town Hall / Office	\$3,404.62	\$0.00	\$3,404.62
Computer Service	\$2,556.52	\$65.00	\$2,491.52
Town Hall / Office Wiring	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Town Hall Windows w/ Screens	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
Town Hall Alarm System	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
Town Hall Painting	\$43,719.00	\$43,719.00	\$0.00
Total Town Hall	\$182,503.08	\$102,509.91	\$79,993.17
Printing			
Town Printing	\$2,480.00	\$604.55	\$1,875.45
Total Printing	\$2,480.00	\$604.55	\$1,875.45
Police Department			
Police Chief Salary	\$63,096.00	\$63,096.00	\$0.00
Police Wages	\$23,000.00	\$22,193.68	\$806.32
Full Time Officer Wages	\$41,160.00	\$40,435.16	\$724.84
Expenses	\$27,440.00	\$27,406.29	\$33.71
Cruiser	\$36,000.00	\$33,036.00	\$2,964.00
Total Police Department	\$190,696.00	\$186,167.13	\$4,528.87

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Fire Department			
Salaries/Wages	\$16,253.00	\$14,211.50	\$2,041.50
Expenses	\$19,414.00	\$18,713.35	\$700.65
Forestry Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Dry Hydrant - Buell's Pond	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Forestry Gear	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Overhead Doors	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Pickup Truck	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00
Total Fire Department	\$90,167.00	\$59,924.85	\$30,242.15
Emergency Management			
Emergency Management	\$4,700.00	\$3,734.20	\$965.80
Auto Defibrillators (3)	\$3,410.00	\$3,390.00	\$20.00
Total Emergency Management	\$8,110.00	\$7,124.20	\$985.80
Building Inspector			
Expenses	\$1,467.00	\$846.82	\$620.18
Total Building Inspector	\$1,467.00	\$846.82	\$620.18
Dog Officer			
Salary	\$1,092.00	\$1,092.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$1,870.00	\$1,285.39	\$584.61
Assistant Dog Officer	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Total Dog Officer	\$3,362.00	\$2,377.39	\$984.61
Tree Warden			
Salary	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$200.00	\$20.90	\$179.10
Town Trees	\$5,577.00	\$0.00	\$5,577.00
Total Tree Warden	\$6,277.00	\$520.90	\$5,756.10
Forest Warden			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Total Forest Warden	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Public Safety Communications			
Communication Radio Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
IMC & LEAPS	\$2,570.00	\$1,773.26	\$796.74
Total Public Safety Communications	\$4,570.00	\$3,773.26	\$796.74
Director of Agriculture			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Total Director of Agriculture	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Hearing Enforcement Officer			
Salary	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Total Hearing Enforcement Officer	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Education			
Petersham Center School	\$1,146,477.00	\$1,092,827.06	\$53,649.94
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District	\$776,600.00	\$771,267.00	\$5,333.00
Teacher Salary Deferral	\$1,090.72	\$1,090.72	\$0.00
Montachusett Regional Vocational Tech.	\$32,796.00	\$32,795.75	\$0.25
Total Education	\$1,956,963.72	\$1,897,980.53	\$58,983.19
Town Barn			
Expenses	\$6,244.00	\$6,047.82	\$196.18
Total Town Barn	\$6,244.00	\$6,047.82	\$196.18
Snow & Ice Removal			
Expenses	\$47,933.47	\$47,933.47	\$0.00
Total Snow & Ice Removal	\$47,933.47	\$47,933.47	\$0.00

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Street Lights			
Street Lights	\$6,305.00	\$6,037.43	\$267.57
Total Street Lights	\$6,305.00	\$6,037.43	\$267.57
Cemetery Department			
Expenses	\$323.05	\$90.00	\$233.05
Care of Cemeteries	\$22,375.80	\$19,764.00	\$2,611.80
Computerizing Cemetery Records	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Cemetery Repairs	\$6,485.63	\$954.10	\$5,531.53
Total Cemetery Department	\$30,234.48	\$20,808.10	\$9,426.38
Board of Health			
Board Members Salaries	\$437.00	\$437.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$9,373.37	\$742.96	\$8,630.41
Inspector of Animals	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
BOH - Admin Assistant	\$5,090.00	\$4,660.47	\$429.53
Total Board of Health	\$14,975.37	\$5,915.43	\$9,059.94
Council on Aging			
Expenses	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Total Council on Aging	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Veterans' Agent			
Expenses	\$3,312.00	\$3,312.00	\$0.00
Total Veterans' Agent	\$3,312.00	\$3,312.00	\$0.00
Library			
Operating Subsidy	\$5,777.00	\$5,777.00	\$0.00
Total Library	\$5,777.00	\$5,777.00	\$0.00
Concerts			
Concerts (6)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Concerts	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Bandstand			
Bandstand Lighting	\$500.00	\$214.95	\$285.05
Bandstand Renovations	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Total Bandstand	\$15,500.00	\$15,214.95	\$285.05
Town Clock			
Care of Town Clock	\$81.00	\$81.00	\$0.00
Total Town Clock	\$81.00	\$81.00	\$0.00
Care of Common			
Expenses	\$7,095.41	\$6,290.84	\$804.57
Total Care of Common	\$7,095.41	\$6,290.84	\$804.57
Historical Commission			
Expenses	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Total Historical Commission	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Historical District Commission			
Expenses	\$270.00	\$34.20	\$235.80
Total Historical District Commission	\$270.00	\$34.20	\$235.80

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Memorial Day			
Expenses	\$550.00	\$476.87	\$73.13
Total Memorial Day	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$476.87</u>	<u>\$73.13</u>
Debt Service			
Interest Expense	\$3,000.00	\$2,867.80	\$132.20
Center School Debt	\$103,980.00	\$103,980.00	\$0.00
Mahar Debt	\$35,069.00	\$35,069.00	\$0.00
Total Debt Service	<u>\$142,049.00</u>	<u>\$141,916.80</u>	<u>\$132.20</u>
Assessments			
County Tax	\$2,154.00	\$2,154.00	\$0.00
School Choice	\$88,664.00	\$84,048.00	\$4,616.00
Air Pollution	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$0.00
Regional Transit	\$556.00	\$556.00	\$0.00
RMV Non-Renewal	\$380.00	\$620.00	(\$240.00)
Total State Assessments	<u>\$92,084.00</u>	<u>\$87,708.00</u>	<u>\$4,376.00</u>
Retirement			
Assessment	\$65,415.00	\$65,415.00	\$0.00
Total Retirement	<u>\$65,415.00</u>	<u>\$65,415.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Insurance			
Health	\$43,212.00	\$43,211.52	\$0.48
Retirees Health	\$13,445.00	\$13,444.80	\$0.20
Medicare	\$19,184.00	\$17,075.46	\$2,108.54
General Insurance	\$71,776.56	\$54,508.46	\$17,268.10
Total Insurance	<u>\$147,617.56</u>	<u>\$128,240.24</u>	<u>\$19,377.32</u>
Nichewaug Inn/Academy	\$6,876.02	\$2,283.05	\$4,592.97
Transfer To Enterprise Fund	\$53,177.00	\$53,177.00	\$0.00

Town of Petersham
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

General Fund

Assets

Cash	695,393.97
2009 Personal Property Receivable	151.65
2009 Real Estate Taxes Receivable	79,832.52
Abatement/Exemptions 2009	(23,043.44)
Tax Lien Receivables	30,571.98
Motor Vehicle Receivable Prior Years	10,810.78
Motor Vehicle Receivable 2006	1,701.88
Motor Vehicle Receivable 2007	1,169.50
Motor Vehicle Receivable 2008	4,319.50
Motor Vehicle Receivable 2009	6,146.46
Tax Foreclosures	55,696.18

Total Assets \$862,750.98

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	22,720.16
Federal Withholdings	3,705.17
Medicare Withholdings	555.26
State Withholdings	2,272.61
Retirement Withholdings	3,709.07
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	557.58
BC/BS Withholdings	23,620.71
Annuity Withholdings	325.00
MTA Withholdings	(132.50)
AFLAC	96.12
Child Support Withholdings	625.00

Town of Petersham
General Fund

Abandoned/Unclaimed Property	311.36
Deferred Revenue - Real/Pers Prop	56,940.73
Deferred Revenue - Tax Liens	30,571.98
Deferred Revenue - Tax Foreclosures	55,696.18
Deferred Revenue - Motor Vehicle	<u>24,148.12</u>

Total Liabilities 225,722.55

Fund Equity

Undesignated Fund Balance	458,303.08
F/B- Reserved For Expenses	38,000.00
F/B- Reserved For Encumbrances	<u>140,725.35</u>

Total Fund Equity 637,028.43

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 862,750.98

Town of Petersham
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June 30, 2009

Revolving Funds

Assets

Cash	<u>47,100.14</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>47,100.14</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>3,623.67</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>3,623.67</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Timber	2,819.86
F/B - Gas Inspector	445.00
F/B - Electrical Inspector	(633.00)
F/B - Plumbing Inspector	2,706.50
F/B - Board of Health Revolving	5,036.03
F/B - Machinery Maintenance	21,313.74
F/B - Use of School Facilities	366.66
F/B - Graves & Burials	180.00
F/B - Town Clerk Fees	1,659.65
F/B - Fire Chief Fees	3,865.00
F/B - ZBA Fees	1,108.67
F/B - Building Inspector	3,328.03
F/B - Planning Board Fees	560.00
F/B - Hearing Fees	<u>720.33</u>

Total Fund Equity 43,476.47

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 47,100.14

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School Lunch Program

Assets

Cash	<u>10.30</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>10.30</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>10.30</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>10.30</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B Reserved For School Lunch	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>-</u></u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>10.30</u></u>
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Town of Petersham
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June 30, 2009

Transfer Station

Assets

Cash	<u>11,628.02</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>11,628.02</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>1,846.50</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,846.50</u></u>

Fund Equity

Reserved For Encumbrances	5,056.88
Unreserved Retained Earnings	<u>4,724.64</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>9,781.52</u></u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>11,628.02</u></u>
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Special Revenue Funds

Assets

Cash	<u>154,489.59</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>154,489.59</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>-</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Wetland Protection	3,099.96
F/B - Donation - School Davis	767.34
F/B - School Choice	66,968.19
F/B - Bus Transportation	1,064.03
F/B - W. Smith Cemetery	51.77
F/B - Indian Cemetery	18.64
F/B - Bandstand	13,094.74
F/B - Dog Officer Gift	1,967.33
F/B - Dome Restorations	4,807.24
F/B - Sped Reimbursement	6.39
F/B - Gould Woodlot	21.62
F/B - Nichewaug Inn	47,622.34
F/B - Davenport Property Maintenance	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>154,489.59</u></u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>154,489.59</u></u>
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Town Grants

Assets

Cash	<u>71,519.10</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>71,519.10</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>1,572.77</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,572.77</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Town Clerk Elections	1,130.32
F/B - Cultural Council	13,288.41
F/B - Police DARE Grant	74.08
F/B - Tree Grant	943.00
F/B - Fire Equipment Grant	1,729.00
F/B - Governor's Highway Safety Grant	643.77
F/B - CDBG - Town Hall	18.17
F/B - Homeland Security	334.35
F/B - Board of Health	2,410.85
F/B - Library Plan & Design Grant	40,000.00
F/B - Community Policing 2008	564.54
F/B - Environment Affairs Self Help	200.00
F/B - Community Policing 2009	<u>8,609.84</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>69,946.33</u></u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>71,519.10</u></u>
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School Grants

Assets

Cash	<u>6,308.70</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>6,308.70</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>-</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Sped Entitlement 08	1,412.77
F/B - Title IV Drug Free	236.00
F/B - REAP	(981.37)
F/B - Sped Entitlement 09	(882.45)
F/B - Title IIA 2009	1,985.75
F/B - Sped Improvement 2009	4,042.00
F/B - Early Child Sped 2009	<u>496.00</u>

Total Fund Equity 6,308.70

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity \$6,308.70

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Receipts Reserved For Appropriation

Assets

Cash 3,620.58

Total Assets 3,620.58

Fund Equity

F/B - Cemetery - Sale of Lots 3,620.58

Total Fund Equity 3,620.58

Agency Fund

Assets

Cash 18,544.44

Total Assets 18,544.44

Liabilities

Warrants Payable 921.00

Total Liabilities 921.00

Fund Equity

F/B - Reserved For Police Extra
Duty 9,591.03

F/B - Tax Collector Fees 4,344.31

Town of Sturbridge
Agency Funds

F/B - Student Activity Account	1,679.12
F/B - Media Fund	28.98
F/B - Firearms & Pistol Permits	<u>1,980.00</u>

Total Fund Equity 17,623.44

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 18,544.44

Town of Petersham
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June 30, 2009

Capital Projects

Assets

Cash	<u>2,362.49</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>2,362.49</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>11.03</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>11.03</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Reserved for Police Addition	<u>2,351.46</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>2,351.46</u></u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>2,362.49</u></u>
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Town of Petersham
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Highway Projects

Assets

Cash & Investments	(0.05)
Due From State	<u>342,216.22</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>342,216.17</u></u>
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Liabilities

Highway Anticipation Note Payable	63,706.00
Deferred Revenue - State Contracts	<u>342,216.22</u>

Total Liabilities	<u><u>405,922.22</u></u>
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Fund Equity

F/B - Highway Improvement	<u>(63,706.05)</u>
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Total Fund Equity	<u><u>(63,706.05)</u></u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u><u>342,216.17</u></u>
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Town of Petersham
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Long Term Debt

Assets

Amount To Be Provided - For Bonds 1,404,000.00

Total Assets 1,404,000.00

Liabilities

School Addition Bond 1,160,000.00

Police Station Addition 150,000.00

Vehicles - Fire/Police/Highway 94,000.00

Total Liabilities 1,404,000.00

Town of Petersham
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June 30, 2009

Expendable Trusts

Assets

Cash & Investments	<u>421,208.43</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>421,208.43</u></u>

Liabilities

Warrants Payable	<u>1,066.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,066.00</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Stabilization Fund	181,651.32
F/B - Police Stabilization	15,433.41
F/B - Highway Stabilization	33,228.33
F/B - Cook Cemetery	400.44
F/B - Pond Cemetery	1,660.27
F/B - Consolidated Cemetery	3,725.55
F/B - Williams Flowers	2.59
F/B - Rickey Flowers	0.89
F/B - Mudge Flowers	562.40
F/B - Daniels Flowers	5.08
F/B - Wheeler Library	589.48
F/B - Mann Library	982.43
F/B - Spooner Library	24.01
F/B - Cook Library	201.91
F/B - McCarthy Library	670.90
F/B - Dickman School	19.06
F/B - Hildreth School	238.62
F/B - Discovery	708.98
F/B - Newton Charities	9,279.18
F/B - Newton Poor	34,269.69
F/B - Babbitt Wildlife	81,676.84
F/B - Evelyn Murphy Conservation	6,348.54
F/B - Flint Fund	10,151.51
F/B - Disaster	26,448.76
F/B - Unemployment	8,016.42

**Town of Petersham
Expendable Trust Funds**

F/B - Energy Commission	343.25
F/B - Village Improvement Society	211.91
F/B - Police Trust Fund	<u>3,290.66</u>

Total Fund Equity 420,142.43

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 421,208.43

Town of Petersham
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

Non-Expendable Trusts

Assets

Cash & Investments	<u>149,327.30</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>149,327.30</u></u>

Fund Equity

F/B - Cook Cemetery	1,026.25
F/B - Pond Cemetery	2,333.33
F/B - Consolidated Cemetery	67,551.71
F/B - Williams Flowers	544.61
F/B - Rickey Flowers	188.97
F/B - Mudge Flowers	2,131.32
F/B - Daniels Flowers	1,069.54
F/B - Wheeler Library	3,000.00
F/B - Mann Library	5,000.00
F/B - Spooner Library	4,659.00
F/B - Cook Library	1,026.25
F/B - McCarthy School	3,310.91
F/B - Dickman School	2,926.79
F/B - Hildreth School	4,476.72
F/B - Newton Charities	3,441.65
F/B - Newton Poor	13,672.26
F/B - Evelyn Murphy Conservation	10,000.00
F/B - Flint Fund	<u>22,967.99</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>149,327.30</u></u>



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

Diana L. Cooley
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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

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

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

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

*Diana L. Cooley
Town Clerk*

**Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Report
Fiscal Year 2009
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

Fund	Princ. Bal. 7/1/2008	Earnings Bal. 7/1/2008	Princ. Contrib.	Earnings Net	Cash Disb.	Princ. Bal. 6/30/2009	Earnings Bal 6/30/2009	Ending Cash Value
Cemetery Funds								
Consolidated Cemetery I & II	\$ 64,451.71	\$ 9,817.16	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 1,908.39	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 67,551.71	\$ 3,725.55	\$ 71,277.26
E.M. Cook Cemetery Fund	1,026.25	361.50		38.94	-	1,026.25	400.44	1,426.69
L.L. Pond Cemetery Fund I & II	2,333.33	1,551.27		109.00	-	2,333.33	1,660.27	3,993.60
Belle Rickey Cemetery Fund	188.97	9.62		5.41	(7.64)	188.97	7.39	196.36
Cemetery Bequests	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Annie Daniels Flower Fund	1,069.54	54.83		30.63	(43.54)	1,069.54	41.92	1,111.46
John Mudge Flower Fund	2,131.32	621.13		75.96	(61.79)	2,131.32	635.30	2,766.62
J & C Williams Flower Fund	544.61	27.77		15.61	(22.03)	544.61	21.35	565.96
SubTotal	\$ 71,745.73	\$ 12,443.28	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,183.94	\$ (8,135.00)	\$ 74,845.73	\$ 6,492.22	\$ 81,337.95
School Funds								
McCarthy School fund	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 562.24		\$ 108.66	-	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 670.90	\$ 3,981.81
Hildreth School fund	4,476.72	3,081.15		220.23	(3,062.76)	4,476.72	238.62	4,715.34
Josephine Dickman School Fund	2,926.79	687.92		103.47	(772.33)	2,926.79	19.06	2,945.85
Discovery Center School	459.22	230.40		19.36	-	459.22	249.76	708.98
Subtotal	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 4,561.71	\$ -	\$ 451.72	\$ (3,835.09)	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,178.34	\$ 12,351.98
Library Funds								
Mann Library Fund I & II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 819.17		\$ 163.26	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 982.43	\$ 5,982.43
GW Cook Library Fund	1,026.25	168.38		33.53	-	1,026.25	201.91	1,228.16
Spooner Library Fund I, II & III	4,659.00	243.87		138.51	(358.37)	4,659.00	24.01	4,683.01
Wheeler Library fund	3,000.00	491.52		97.96	-	3,000.00	589.48	3,589.48
Subtotal	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 1,722.94	\$ -	\$ 433.26	\$ (358.37)	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 1,797.83	\$ 15,483.08
Conservation Funds								
Babbit Fund	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 21,959.63		\$ 2,309.66	\$ (3,170.00)	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 21,099.29	\$ 81,564.84
Evelyn Murphy Conservation Fund	10,000.00	6,482.36		461.18	(595.00)	10,000.00	6,348.54	16,348.54
Subtotal	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 28,441.99	\$ -	\$ 2,770.84	\$ (3,765.00)	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 27,447.83	\$ 97,913.38

**Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Report
Fiscal Year 2009
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

Charity Funds												
Elizabeth Newton Charity Fund	\$	3,441.65	\$	8,932.04	\$	347.14	\$	3,441.65	\$	9,279.18	\$	12,720.83
E Newton Deserving Poor Fund		13,672.26		33,208.28		1,288.41	(3,172.00)	13,672.26		31,324.69		44,996.95
Subtotal	\$	17,113.91		42,140.32		1,635.55	(3,172.00)	17,113.91		40,603.87		57,717.78
Other Funds												
Flint Memorial Fund	\$	22,967.99	\$	9,302.97	\$	905.52	(56.98)	22,967.99	\$	10,151.51	\$	33,119.50
Disaster Fund		6,849.70		18,780.26		718.80		6,849.70		19,499.06		26,448.76
Stabilization Fund		139,672.97		37,021.11	100.00	4,957.24		139,672.97		41,978.35		181,651.32
Energy Commission fund		184.62		283.17		13.49	(138.03)	184.62		158.63		343.25
Petersham Village Imp. Soc - GP Howl		115.66		90.48		5.77		115.66		96.25		211.91
Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund		15,000.00		287.07	12,000.00	146.34	(12,000.00)	15,000.00		433.41		15,433.41
Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund		32,000.00		612.43	12,700.00	615.90	(12,700.00)	32,000.00		1,228.33		33,228.33
Subtotal	\$	216,790.94	\$	66,377.49	\$	24,800.00	(24,895.01)	216,890.94	\$	73,545.54	\$	290,436.48
Grand Total Trust Funds	\$	400,975.02	\$	155,687.73	\$	27,900.00	(44,160.47)	404,175.02	\$	151,065.63	\$	555,240.65

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana C. Robinson
Town Treasurer

VITAL STATISTICS BIRTHS

In 2008, there were 9 babies born, 2 boys and 7 girls. In 2009, there were 4 babies born, 1 boy and 3 girls.

MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>
July 19, 2008	Michael Bernard Stange Stephanie Kay Perkins	Petersham Petersham
September 13, 2008	Douglas Alexander MacLeod Saundra Jean Lehtola	Petersham Petersham
September 27, 2008	David A. Holland Alana L. Dudley	Petersham Petersham

DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>AGE</u>
July 14, 2008	Robert R. Minty	Petersham	77
July 22, 2008	Anna H. Lane	Petersham	86
September 7, 2008	George J. Recos	Petersham	75
September 7, 2008	Judith M. Davis	Petersham	87
August 8, 2008	Vibeke Holm	Petersham	80
August 31, 2008	Vernice M. Bates	Petersham	74
October 9, 2008	Edgar G. Hinton, Jr.	Petersham	86
July 18, 2008	Bruce Wyatt Clements	Petersham	72
September 20, 2008	Richard W. Moriarty	Petersham	84
January 28, 2009	Thomas N. Derrick	Petersham	45
March 11, 2009	Anita Fafard	Petersham	96
May 12, 2009	Germaine Duchesneau	Petersham	88
May 4, 2009	Dorothy G. Dodge	Petersham	95
May 31, 2009	Bruce Michael Quartulli	Petersham	57

Of the above, 8 were buried out of town. 4 people were brought into town for burial.

RAFFLES

The following organizations purchased raffle licenses at \$50.00 each for a total of \$60.00, which was paid to the Treasurer.

St. Peter's Church
Petersham Branch Alliance
First Congregational Unitarian Parish
Petersham Fire Association
Petersham Curling Club

DOG FUNDS

A total of \$1,886.25 was collected for the library from the dog license fund. A total of \$260.00 was collected in dog fines and turned over to the Treasurer.

Diana L. Cooley
Town Clerk

Report of the Petersham Center School

I am pleased to report that the 2008 – 2009 school year was another exciting and successful year. Students and staff took full advantage of the educational activities available to them. The Petersham Center School had 108 students enrolled in grades K – 6. Class sizes continue to average just under 16 students. We were fortunate to have students attending under the School of Choice program from the towns of Athol, Orange, Gardner, Phillipston, and Leominster.

The voters of Petersham approved a school budget of \$ 1,293,477 for the 2008 - 2009 school year. The Town Appropriation was \$ 1,117,577 with an estimated \$117,000 in school choice funds. A total of \$ 1,142,476 was expended during this school year.

The Center school again 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 the 2008 - 2009 school year was \$ 34,683. In addition, Federal Emergency Recovery funds in the amount of \$47,469 were received to offset the states reduction in Chapter 70 funds.

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, Red Apple Farm, Plimouth Plantation, and the Big E.

In house events included our annual visit from the Tooth Fairy, Mass. Electric and Cliff Reed. In addition, The Petersham Police Department conducted programs on bus, Halloween, and bike safety. In addition, the National Theater for Children group held a performance at the school during National Drinking Water Week.

Several staffing changes occurred during the school year. Mr. James Burke joined our staff as the Director of Building and Grounds after John Anderson resigned. Mr. Justin Liversidge was hired as Custodian in the fall and Mrs. Patti Dodge was hired as Cafeteria Manager in September after the resignation of Debbie Phelps. Mrs. Kate Arsenualt was hired as our Tech/Media director following the resignation of Glenn Goodale.

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

The PTG continued to be a very active group for the Petersham Center School. They sponsored several activities for the students. Some of these activities included

monthly bake sales, Ice Cats game, Holiday Bazaar, Mystery Guest, and Mystery Field Trips.

We are proud of the combined efforts of the parents, teachers, students and community members. The success of the school is truly a team effort.

In closing, I would like to recognize the effort of the many individuals who stepped up and made a difference during the devastating ice storm. The foresight of the Town Managers and the School Building Committee during the School construction project made it possible to provide emergency shelter during this crisis. The school building was used to provide water, heat, and hot meals to many community members who would have otherwise had to have done without.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Patricia Martin
Superintendent

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

Grade	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
K	18	12	12	15	13	13	15
1	15	19	19	16	17	17	17
2	19	18	18	14	15	15	16
3	20	21	21	19	14	12	15
4	17	19	19	18	20	29	14
5	14	19	19	22	18	18	12
6	14	15	15	18	23	22	17
Pre-school	2	2	1		1		
Out of Dist. Placement	1	1		1	1	1	2
Total:	120	126	124	123	122	127	108

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town meeting voted to reduce
the budget by \$30,000.00

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget 2008-2009	Expended 2008-2009	Proposed 2009-2010
1000 ADMINISTRATION			
1131 Committee Expense	100	75	100
1132 Committee Adv. Exp	750	2451	750
1133 Committee Legal Exp	500	0	500
1140 MASC Dues	1	0	1
1160 Census	175	175	175
1170 School Council	1	0	1
1100 COMMITTEE SUBTOTAL	1527	2701	1527
1210 Superintendent Salary	31940	31,326	31940
1220 Supt. Secretary Salary	15821	15,675	15821
1230 Supt. Office Expense	500	500	500
1240 Superintendent Dues	1	0	1
1250 Superintendent Travel	1	0	1
1260 Supt. Sec. Asst. Sal	2704	3,247	1
1200 SUPERINTENDENT SUBTOTAL	50967	50748	48264
1000 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	52494	53449	49791
2000 INSTRUCTION			
2100			
2210 Principal's Salary	67720	64,652	64720
2220 Principal Secretary Salary	15821	15,723	15821
2230 Office Expense	3500	1,689	4000
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	87044	82064	84544
2301 Teacher Salaries	313154	319,355	314862
2302 Supervisor Salaries	21595	21,398	12187
2303 Substitute Salaries	5000	12,045	5500
2304 Band/Glee Club Salaries	7417	7,394	10174
2305 Discovery Salaries	3000	0	3000
2306 Teacher Aide Salaries	1	0	1
2307 Counselor Salary	0	0	1
2308 Tech/Media Specialist	0	1,697	1
2300 TEACHER SALARY SUBTOTAL	350167	361889	345726
2351 Teacher Course Credits	1	0	1
2352 Professional Development	4000	3,183	3000
2353 Scholar Supplies	10000	8,080	5000
2354 Technology	5829	4,790	0
2355 Staff Travel	200	60	200
2356 Field Trips	700	195	1100
2357 Workbooks	6500	2,248	5000
2358 Professional Materials	1	0	1
2350 MATERIALS&TRAIN. SUBTOTAL	27231	18556	14302

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget 2008-2009	Expended 2008-2009	Proposed 2009-2010
2400 TEXTBOOK SUBTOTAL	4000	2,573	3000
2500 LIBRARY BOOKS SUBTOTAL	500	0	500
2600 AUDIO VISUAL SUBTOTAL	60	0	500
2700 ACHIEVMNT. TEST SUBTOTAL	1	0	1
 2000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	 469,003	 465,082	 448,573
 3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
3200 School Physician(Flint Fund)	650	0	1
3210 School Nurse Salary	10191	10,351	5676
3220 Health Supplies	1	182	700
 3370 Transportation	 95760	 96,240	 95760
3380 Trans. Contingency	1	0	1
 3400 Food Services	 1	 0	 1
 3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERV. TOTAL	 106604	 106773	 102139
 4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
4110 Custodian Salary	24502	25,002	24874
4111 Custodial Recall	500	0	500
4112 Custodial Supplies	6843	2,735	6750
4113 Director of Bldg. & Grounds	37953	36,807	37953
4120 Heating	63000	67,223	35032
4130 Telephone	5000	3,063	4000
4140 Electricity	30000	24,241	20588
4150 Alarm Monitoring	900	515	900
4210 Maintenance of Grounds	2600	3,224	2200
4220 Maintenance of Buildings	2800	2,012	4490
4221 Contracted Services	18722	16,006	20000
4222 Water Assoc. Dues	300	175	300
4230 Maint. Of Equipment - Bldg.	3100	6,389	3000
4232 Maint. Of Equipment - Educ.	6100	6,147	6000
 4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	 202320	 193539	 166587
 5000 FIXED CHARGES			
5200 Health Insurance	129635	128,371	140064
5202 Dental Insurance	0	0	1
 5000 FIXED CHARGES TOTAL	 129635	 128371	 140065
 7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS			
7200 Acquis. & Imprv. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7390 Acquis. Of Equip. - Educ.	1200	0	1000
7391 Acquis. Of Equip. - Bldg.	650	329	1000
7490 Replacement Equip. - Educ.	1	0	1
7491 Replacement Equip. - Bldg.	1	0	1
 7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS	 1853	 329	 2003
8000 DEBT SERVICE/RETIREMENT	1786	1,786	1786
 REGULAR EDUCATION BUDGE	 963,695	 949,329	 910,944

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SPECIAL EDUCATION	Budget 2008-2009	Expended 2008-2009	Proposed 2009-2010
92000 INSTRUCTION			
92210 Spec. Needs Admin Salary	3637	3,637	5809
92220 Special Needs Sec. Salary	5997	5400	5997
92230 Office Expense	350	0	500
92200 SPEC.NEEDS ADMIN. SUBTL.	9984	9037	12306
92301 Special Needs Teacher Salary	48683	48,498	51103
92302 Special Needs Teacher Salary	0	0	1
92303 Spec. Needs Teacher Sub Sal.	1	0	1
92304 Special Needs Aide Salary	24305	19,350	1
92305 Special Needs Tutor Salary	1	0	1
92306 Speech Therapist Salary	29753	29,854	25769
92307 Therapist (PT, OT) Salaries	9000	7,900	9000
92308 Psychologist Salary	1	0	1
92309 Counselor Salary	19446	19,446	17950
92310 Summer Program Tch r. Salary	1	0	1
92311 Inclusion Specialist	1	0	1
92300 SPEC.NEEDS SALARY SUBTL.	131192	125048	103829
92350 Special Needs Travel	1	0	1
92351 Home/Hospital Instruction	100	0	100
92360 Cont. Servs. - Behav. Specialist	12000	6,375	14365
92365 Contr. Psychological Services	7000	7,502	7000
92370 Physician/Nurse	1	0	1
92371 Contracted Services	1	0	1
92375 S.N. Admin. Dues	0	0	0
92380 CONTR. SERV. & EXP. SUBTL.	19103	13877	21468
92390 SCHOOL SUPPLIES	1500	1,977	1500
92400 TEXTBOOKS	500	0	500
92600 AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE	1	0	1
92000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	162280	149939	139604
93000 TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	17000	17,829	15300
97390 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	1	0	1
94000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	1	0	1
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS			
99100 CAPS Collab. Assessment	500	480	500
99110 Pre-School Program	1000	0	1000
99120 Tuition Out of District	28000	24900	27000
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DIST.	29500	25380	28500
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET	208782	193148	183406
REGULAR EDUC. BUDGET	963,695	949,329	910,944
SPECIAL EDUC. BUDGET	208782	193148	183406
TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET:	1,172,477	1,142,477	1,094,350

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

Annual Report – 2009

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee consists of twenty-two members – four from Fitchburg, represented by LeRoy Cark, Mark Louney, Robert Campbell and Brian Walker, two from Gardner, represented by Helen Lepkowski and Alice Anderson 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 Sue Tokay, Holden – represented by James Cournoyer, Hubbardston – represented by Jacqueline B. Kaminski, Lunenburg – represented by Barbara Reynolds, Petersham – represented by Ed Simms, Phillipston – represented by Eric Olson, Princeton – represented by John Mollica, Royalston – represented by Mary Barclay, Sterling – represented by Dr. Kenneth I.H. Williams, Templeton – represented by James M. Gilbert, Westminster – represented by Jeff Schutt and Winchendon – represented by Burton E. Gould, Jr.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Numerous challenges were faced during the development of the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget, including significant cuts to Chapter 70 state aid and transportation aid, along with the continually rising costs of healthcare and an aging infrastructure and the need to update and modernize our technology and vocational/technical offerings.

Considerable effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff to develop a cost-effective budget. The final fiscal year 2009-2010 Educational Plan totaled \$22,104,281.

The District was audited in August 2009 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath & Company from Greenfield, MA and an “excellent” report is anticipated.

STUDENT BODY

Monty Tech’s October 1, 2009 enrollment included 1,355 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district as follows: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (39), Athol (130), Barre (39), Fitchburg (391), Gardner (166), Harvard (4), Holden (47), Hubbardston (50), Lunenburg (64), Petersham (7), Phillipston (15), Princeton (17), Royalston (18), Sterling (50), Templeton (89), Westminster (54), and Winchendon (114).

The Guidance Department/Admissions Department received 784 applications for admission in September 2009. Of these, 706 were for the available-ninth-grade openings. Due to the retention rate of our upper classes, we were only able to admit 22 students to the tenth and eleventh grades.

Monty Tech continued to offer a variety of opportunities for students, parents and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October, 1,620 district eighth graders participated in our Tour Days. Students toured many of our twenty vocational/technical

areas and learned about the challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return at night, with their family members, to explore the facilities and talk with staff members. Career Awareness Night, as well as last spring's Open House, were attended by an estimated 1,000 individuals per event, comprised of students, parents, and community members from throughout the district.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) continued to attract large numbers of seventh and eighth grade students during the 2008-2009 school year. Due to the high enrollment, a third five-week session was implemented. Participants had opportunities to attend hands-on after school sessions in a variety of vocational/technical areas. A satisfaction survey rated this program 4.8 out of 5. The 2008-2009 enrollment is the highest ever at 748 seventh and eighth graders. The survey also indicates that 719/748 students surveyed intend to, or have applied to Monty Tech.

In June of 2009, the class of 2009 graduated 293 seniors. These graduates received diplomas and technical certificates. Approximately 95% of the graduates planned to continue their education at the post-secondary level or employment, while another 5% planned to enter military service.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$31,850 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2009. In addition, they awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. 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 form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves are grateful for this support.

The Articulation Agreements with local colleges continued to play an important role in helping our graduates enter college through credits earned at Monty Tech. Approximately 65% of our graduates entered a two or four year college. This number has continued to grow over the years.

ACHIEVEMENT

Based on tenth grade MCAS scores, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see an improvement during the 2008-2009 school year in student achievement in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In the spring of 2009, Monty Tech's passing rate on the mathematics portion of the test climbed from 98% to 99% while the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and advance categories in math went from 79% to 77%. The school's passing rate on the English portion of the test was 100% in 2008 and 99% in 2009, while the students scoring in proficient and advanced categories in English went from 73% to 80%.

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

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

FACULTY AND STAFF

In the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Monty Tech was affected by the slowing economy. Our Chapter 70 aid was reduced by 10%, as were all schools in the Commonwealth. As a result of this, our staff was reduced by 22 positions, which included 6 retirements, 1 resignation and 15 layoffs. We did hire or transfer additional staff to cover a few of these positions.

The current staff includes 55 vocational teachers, 4 vocational teaching assistants, 45 academic teachers, 4 guidance counselors, 1 school psychologist, 1 speech and language therapist and 1 media specialist.

SKILLS USA

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

Skills USA Massachusetts has the second largest membership in the nation boasting 19,300 student and 800 professional members. The state has 42 secondary schools and 1 post secondary school, 34 of which are total participation Skills USA Chapters.

The 2008-2009 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of Skills USA. Due to the growing membership in the state chapters, it became necessary to restructure the state from five districts to six. Monty Tech's chapter found the new structuring both challenging and refreshing. Our chapter was able to deliver productive, rewarding and educational experience for all our students. Serving as co-advisors were First Sergeant Paul Jornet, JROTC Instructor, Kim Curry, Cosmetology Instructor and James Hachey, Admissions Specialist.

Highlights of the year included:

- A total of 42 medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School.
- Fifty-two students made up of medal winners and district qualifiers earned the opportunity to compete at the State Leadership & Skills Conference held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School. Monty Tech finished the competition

with 21 medals and 5 students earning the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri during June.

- Of the five students competing at nationals, three earned medals. Michelle Gosselin won gold in Action Skills, Jessica Lopez won silver in Pin Design and John Perkins won silver in Power Equipment Technology. Ben O'Conner, Culinary Arts and Paul Leslie, Carpentry, finished in the top half of their competitions.
- Monty Tech's Skills USA chapter was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Lowes, Inc. for the restoration of Moran Park in Fitchburg. In June, the chapter performed 250 man hours of work removing overgrown trees and brush and then our Masonry Program poured a concrete slab for the construction of a storage shed. The final stage of the project, which is building a shed and installing a fence around the playground, will be completed in early November 2009.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

A total of eight Monty Tech females successfully completed the 2008-2009 session (the seventh year of the program) of the North Central Massachusetts Women in Technology Program, also known as Project WATCH (Women Achieving Technical Career Heights).

The students included five from Office Technology, two from Drafting Technology-CAD, and one from Graphic Communications. Two additional students started the program, but dropped out due to co-op positions. One student, who emigrated from Vietnam seven years ago, spent three years in the program. The experience was invaluable in helping her acclimate to her new country, as well as aiding her in improving her English. She did so well that she was accepted at three excellent colleges and universities. She is now studying business administration at Fitchburg State College.

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

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

Under the mentorship of company engineers, IT specialists and other professionals, participating students have the opportunity to experience firsthand life in corporate America. They are exposed to careers in high-tech fields working on "real world" projects, acquiring skills in teamwork, problem-solving and critical thinking.

Project presentations were held at the end of the year to showcase the student's work for company executives, school personnel and families and friends.

CURRICULUM

In addition to the house building projects, the vocational/technical programs continue to provide communities in the Monty Tech District with a range of services as a component of the curricula. The projects listed below are a sampling of services accepted during the 2008-2009 school year.

Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology

Gardner – Athletic Department – pole vault stop
Sterling Police Department – push bar for cruiser
Winchendon Highway Department – repair rust and refinish vehicles

Automotive Technology

Fitchburg Boys & Girls Clubs – repaired bus

Cabinetmaking

Hubbardston – made signs for town
Barre Library – bookcases
Templeton – Narragansett School District – made a rolling cabinet

Cosmetology

Gardner High Rise – senior citizen services
Gardner – Father/Daughter Dance services
Gardner – Dunn's Park – community service – clean up

Culinary Arts

Taste of Wachusett
Taste of North Central

Dental Assisting

Lunenburg & Winchendon – CHIP Program
Ashburnham Health Fair
Westminster Elementary Schools – Dental Education

Drafting Technology

Banners for Gardner Air Jet Rally
Westminster Conservation Trust – made signs and posters
Athol – press booth
Barre Library plans
Hubbardston – CNC files for signs

Early Childhood Education

Fitchburg Community Partnership – Math/Literacy Fair

Electrical

Winchendon Housing Authority Garage
Westminster – wiring for holiday tree

Engineering Technology

Gardner – fixed PA system for Monument Park Bandstand

Graphic Communications

Templeton School Handbook
Templeton Development Center Big Ticket
Winchendon Pop Warner Yearbook
Westminster VFW Menus
Fitchburg High School Football Program
Gardner CAD stationary
Baldwinville PTO Tickets
Ashburnham-Westminster Raffle Tickets
NEADS Postcard
Habitat for Humanity stationary
Winchendon AHIMSA Animal Rescue
Gardner Middle School Yearbooks
Westminster's 250th Flyer
North Central Charter School Prom Tickets
Lunenburg Annual Report
Fitchburg Yearbook
Westminster Placemat
Ashburnham Boy Scouts
Gardner High School Illumination Book

Health Occupations

Annual Blood Drives
Shop Angel Christmas Charity Collection

Industrial Technology

Barre Bandstand – repaired railings
Gardner Municipal Golf Course – rain shelters
Westminster – cannon wheels
Fitchburg – plaques
Phillipston – library ramp

Information Technology

Gardner – Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center Web Design

Machine Technology

Fitchburg Police Department – key chains

Masonry

Winchendon Elementary School – formed and poured sidewalks
Winchendon Housing Authority – chimney
Fitchburg – Moran Park – formed and poured pad for shed

SPECIAL SERVICES

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special education services to over two hundred students.

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

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

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

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

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

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

Last fall, the Varsity Football Team, under first year coach Matt Sallila, did not win a game, but played with a lot of heart and enthusiasm, improving every week and giving their all during practice and games. They finished the year with 35 players (9 seniors) and worked very hard in the off-season to get ready for 2009. The Freshman Football Team was 1 – 6 and had 33 players complete the year. The Varsity Boys Soccer Team finished at 4 – 9 – 5 and played hard throughout the year. The JV Boys Soccer Team was 9 – 5. The Golf Team was 5 – 6 – 1 and missed the District Tournament by one match. We had three JV Golf Tournaments at The Red Farm Golf Course in Upton and played five other matches in an attempt to improve our program. The Field Hockey Team was 2 – 16. The Monty Tech faculty held the annual Teacher vs. Student Field Hockey Game to raise money for a scholarship for a deserving Monty Tech female athlete. It was very successful. The Boys Cross Country Team was 6 – 8 and the Girls Cross Country Team was 3 – 3. The Girls Volleyball Team had an 8 – 12 record. The JV Girls Volleyball Team was 5 – 12 and the Freshmen Girls Team was 4 – 11, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer Team was 7 – 7 – 4, qualifying them for the District Tournament where they lost to Blackstone Valley Tech in the first round. The JV Girls Soccer Team finished at 7 – 7, with most of the girls moving up this fall. Our girls program looks very promising. The varsity cheerleaders participated in the CAL Championships held at Westford Academy in October.

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team missed the District Tournament for the first time in many years, as they finished at 9 – 11. They finished the year with four straight victories to show promise for next year. The JV Girls were 9 – 8 and the Freshmen Girls were 8 – 6, as they prepared to move up to the JV Program this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished at 4 – 16. The JV Boys Basketball Team was 6 – 13 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 6 – 9 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling Team was 3 – 11 in dual meets and participated in many tournaments. Bobby Monks, a senior from Athol, became the first wrestler to win over 100 career matches, as he finished with 116. We ran a co-op team with Fitchburg High School and Oakmont. Monty Tech was the host school. The Co-op Ice Hockey Team did very well again, as they participated in the District Tournament, losing in the Semi-Finals. The JV Ice Hockey Team played very well, as the younger players look to improve their skills. We participated in a co-op Swim Team with Leominster and had seven girls complete the season. We are looking forward to this venture again this year.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball Team again gave Monty Tech a lot to be proud of, as they won the Central Mass. Division III Tournament for the second time in five years. They won the Colonial Athletic League Championship for the twentieth time in twenty-four years and finished second in the State Vocational Tournament. They beat Turners Falls in the state semi-finals to advance to the state championship game at Worcester State. They played a strong game, but fell to St. Mary's of Lynn, 8 – 5. They finished the year at 24 – 3 and Coach Reid picked up his 500th career win and stands at 516 victories for Monty Tech. The JV Softball Team

was 4 – 9 – 1. The Freshmen Softball Team was 2 – 6. The Boys Volleyball Team was 3 – 16. The Varsity Baseball Team finished at 4 – 16. The JV Baseball Team was 7 – 6, and the Freshmen Baseball Team was 2 – 9. The Boys Track & Field Team was 6 – 6, while the Girls Track & Field Team was 7 – 5.

The Outstanding male and female athletes for 2008 – 2009 were:

Male: Robert Cruz

Female: Ivette Tejada

TECHNOLOGY

Monty Tech is very fortunate to have the support of a School Committee and an administrative team that is committed to meeting the technology needs of our students and staff. Monty Tech's computer inventory includes workstations using both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. Wireless access points are available in several areas of the school.

Many of our vocational programs rely heavily on computerized applications. Our academic departments have also integrated technology into the educational experience of our students through the use of interactive whiteboards. Monty Tech's students are well prepared to enter the workforce, military or college with exposure to computer software and hardware that they will encounter once leaving the school.

Monty Tech's Electrical Department has made improvements to the infrastructure of the building by adding electrical circuits in the Technology Office Server Room. They also began replacing old network wiring in the original academic wing of the building.

Data continues to be an important tool for administrative decisions. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Data Warehouse is being utilized to analyze MCAS scores and related data.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2009, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$2,121,608. Programs funded by these grants include: Improving Teacher Quality, Enhanced Education Through Technology, Special Education Allocation and Program Improvement, Title I, Drug Free Schools, Occupational Education – Vocational Skills, Emergency Recovery, Safe Schools and Summer Academic Support. (NOTE: The Emergency Recovery Program grant for \$1,293,561 was a result of federal stimulus funding and the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund [SFSF], offsetting the reduction in state aid for Chapter 70.)

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private grant awards totaling \$23,190. Monty Tech received \$10,490 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a reimbursement for ice storm expenses. The New England Dairy Council awarded Monty Tech a grant for \$2,700 for refrigeration equipment, and Lowe's awarded the Monty Tech Skills USA Program with a \$10,000 grant to support community service and outreach efforts. Total grant awards for fiscal year 2009 was \$2,144,798.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee and administration are extremely proud of the staff and students of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District and their accomplishments. The school continues to work with the business community, local educational institutions, higher education and its vocational technical counterparts to develop common sense plans and responses to the educational challenges we all face.

Monty Tech's School Committee, administration and staff look forward to continued growth and we are committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within our District, and to that end, respectfully invites and encourages the continued support of town officials, parents and citizens in each of it's member communities.



**ANNUAL REPORT
FIFTY- THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Town	Term Expires
Maureen Donelan, Chair	Orange	2011
Cara Deane, Vice-Chair	Orange	2012
Michael Yohan	New Salem	2010
Nadine Parsons	Orange	2010
Peter Cross	Orange	2010
Patricia Smith	Orange	2012
Robin LaCroix	Orange	2011
Paul Gervais	Orange	2010
Dana Kennan	Petersham	2010
Michael LeBlanc	Petersham	2012
Richard Baldwin	Wendell	2010

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathryn Ray
Bejamin Simon

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

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Office Telephone: 978-544 2920
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To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.

**VISION 2015 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS
APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 2, 2010**

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee voted to approve the consultancy of *The Data Analysis and Strategic Planning Project (DASPP)* on January 5, 2010. The next

phase of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional District Strategic Plan will be facilitated by this organization under the direction of Dr. George T. Ladd, Professor Emeritus from the Lynch School of Education at Boston College.

The next phase of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District Strategic Plan is expected to be reflective of the revalidation of the District Mission, Guiding Principles, and Vision established in 2006. Under the guidance of the DASPP and the Strategic Planning Co-Chairs, Vision 2015 will spotlight the many partnerships that the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District has built in the implementation of Vision 2009 and will be equally as inclusive of all community stakeholders as was the creation of the previous Strategic Planning Process.

VISION 2009 STRATEGIC PLAN
VOTED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON JUNE 9, 2006

Mission Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District prepares all students to be responsible participants in a changing society. In a safe and supportive learning environment, we provide all students with the challenging experiences necessary to reach their potential.

Guiding Principles

We believe:

- All students do best when actively engaged in the learning process.
- All students should learn in a safe, secure, and healthy environment that respects diversity and values life-long learning.
- The education of a child is the shared responsibility of school, community, and the family.
- Student assessment and program evaluation are essential for continuous improvement.
- All decisions should be made in the best interest of the students.
- High quality and relevant professional development is essential for the growth and the success of the education process.
- In setting high academic standards and being committed to proficiency for all students.
- In providing an opportunity for students to reach their full potential.
- In fostering personal responsibility in students.
- In maintaining a high level of technological education for students and staff.
- In a culture of shared decision making.
- In promoting business, school, and community partnerships.

Vision Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, in partnership with the community, offers a nurturing atmosphere in a modern facility. This environment fosters creativity and critical thinking in its students, staff, and administration – the Mahar Community.

All members of the Mahar Community are continually encouraged to reach their optimal development and to be committed to social good. Our success is demonstrated by the achievement of our students and their ability to face the challenges of the future.

Goals and Objectives

I. Teaching and Learning

To engage all students in challenging programs that will meet their individual needs.

- Developed and implemented an induction and mentoring program for all teachers in their first three years of employment.
- Designed and implemented a professional development program that builds on teachers' recommendations to develop relevant and useful programs and affiliations.
- Implemented a student-centered course selection system that incorporates teacher and parent recommendations.
- Developed and implemented a long-range budget plan for providing adequate educational resources equitably divided among all subject areas.
- Developed and implemented a plan to recruit and hire top quality candidates in a timely manner.
- Allocated adequate funds to form a teacher-based team that met in the summer of 2007. This team investigated, planned, and reported to the regional school committee on alternative student-based learning programs for all levels of students, especially at-risk and advanced students.

II. District Climate and Culture

To create and sustain an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation within the entire school community.

- Provided a safe and respectful environment that welcomes diversity.
- Encouraged student input in developing and implementing programs that teach relevant and effective ways of dealing with peer relations.
- Enabled staff to be responsive to the evolving needs of students through appropriate professional development.
- Established and supported a professional community where ideas are exchanged and decisions are made in a collegial and collaborative manner.

III. Community Partnerships

To develop and nurture dynamic partnerships with the greater community.

- Identified and established mutually – beneficial community partnerships on an annual basis.
- Established partnerships with community groups interested in promoting the civic involvement of our students.
- Created a school district capital planning committee to project future financial needs and engaged in an open and ongoing dialogue with member towns.

IV. School and District Organization

To build organizational structures which support effective teaching and learning at all developmental levels while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

- Submitted to the Mahar Regional School District an organizational structure for administrative supervision at grades 7-12 which defined and delineated clear lines of responsibility and authority for staffing and programs.

- Produced a recognizable and distinct identity for middle school governance by making changes in the current school district organizational structure.
- Established a study committee that investigated and issued a final report with recommendations to the Mahar Regional School District Committee on alternative scheduling methods to accommodate the needs of students at all developmental levels.
- Developed and implemented a structure of ongoing communication with K-6 feeder schools which allowed our district to focus on articulation and coordination of curriculum, transition issues, and programming needs.

GRANTS

The efforts of the Ralph C. Mahar Administration and Staff have resulted in the District receiving Grants totaling **\$1,012,430** for the 2008-2009 school year. This has allowed for programs and services to be implemented that otherwise would not be funded. Some examples of the federal and state grants are as following:

Title II-A Improving Educator Quality (\$41,794)

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

Title II-D - Enhancing Education Through Technology (\$1,948)

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

Federal Special Education Entitlement P.L. 94-142 (\$197,444)

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

Title I (\$181,303)

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

Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools (\$4,153)

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

Special Education Program Improvement Grant (\$2,700)

The purpose of this Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Grant was to fund Special Education Professional Development Activities that promote positive behavior interventions, classroom-wide behavioral supports, and enhance positive social interactions for students. This funding was used to support Mahar's Alternative Education Program (*The Integrated Learning Center*). This grant was discontinued by the DESE at the end of Fiscal Year 2010.

Emergency Recovery Program – SFSF (\$565,688)

This one time federal grant was authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to offset reductions in the fourth quarter Chapter 70 allocation.

Academic Supplemental Educational Services MCAS Grants (\$17,400)

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

PARTNERSHIPS

CAPS Educational Collaborative Programs at Mahar

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

Communities Collaborative

The Communities Collaborative, Inc. is a local support agency that has provided specialized services to students in the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District. This agency provides "Wrap Around" support for students who are involved with multiple outside public service supports such as the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), and the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

The Gateway to College

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AM Integrated Learning Center

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

PM Integrated Learning Center

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

Middle School Integrated Learning Center

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

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

MCAS Performance 2009

Ralph C. Mahar Regional School’s MCAS performance based on the spring of 2009 results show the aggregate performance in ELA to be *high* with an *on target* improvement rating and an *improvement year 1 – subgroups* designation in NCLB accountability status. Mathematics shows a performance rating of *low* and an improvement rating of *no change* and a *corrective action – subgroups* designation for the NCLB accountability status. ELA achieved *yes* in all four categories of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and mathematics received *no* in the four AYP categories. The disaggregated results show grade 10 performance to be on target and the grade 8 and grade 7 performance to be lower than the target.

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

comprehension strategies, thinking skills, and organizing ideas. The mathematics teachers are participating in workshops to address instruction of mathematics and specific strategies to improve math achievement.

CONCLUSION

Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School's recent commendation as one of America's top 500 high schools by US News & World Report did not happen by accident. The recognition provided to Mahar was the result of years of exceptional work by the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee, the school's administration, staff, students and community. There are more than 20,000 public high schools in the United States, so being named by a national organization as one of the top 2.5% of those schools is a recognition that shouldn't be taken lightly.

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee in conjunction with the whole school community created a strategic plan that once implemented brought serious dividends to our four-town regional school. The plan allowed the school district to move in a positive direction - taking what was already strong, and supplementing it with programming that not only meets the needs of Orange, Petersham, New Salem, and Wendell adolescents - it actually calls upon these students to excel. Even more important, the plan requires the allocation of resources to help Mahar's students reach their full potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Baldassarre
Superintendent

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY EMERGENCIES

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Administrative Coordinator	978-724-3353
Board of Assessors	724-6658
Board of Health	724-0057
Building Inspector	724-3586
Burning Permit	508-867-1066
Conservation Commission	724-3564
Council on Aging	(Mondays) 724-3522
Dog Officer	978-544-6441
Fire Station (non-emergency).....	724-3371
Gas Inspector	508-249-6175
Highway Department	724-3211
Planning Board	724-0057
Plumbing Inspector	978-544-6008
Police Department (office)	724-3330
Police Department (after-hours non-emergency)	724-3232
Selectboard	724-3353
Tax Collector	724-6620
Town Clerk	724-6649
Treasurer	724-6699
Tree Warden	724-8822
Veterans' Agent	978-249-6935
Wiring Inspector	978-249-4663
Zoning Board of Appeals	724-0057

SCHOOLS

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

HOSPITALS

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

