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2010-2011

Town of Petersham – Annual Report

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2011 was a good year in the Town of Petersham. The Town boarded nine dogs during the year and found owners and new homes for all of them.

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

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

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, and expertise. I would also like to thank those who donated money. The account has grown again this year and will continue to fund expenses needed for the operation of the Animal Control Facility.

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

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

9	Dog boarded
0	Dogs humanely euthanized
50	Complaints responded to for dogs at large
20	Excessive barking complaints
0	Animals struck by automobiles
1	Dogs rescued found new homes
6	Dogs found rightful owners
4	Animal Control-related complaints for wild animals
10	Complaints unfounded
0	Citations issued for failure to license dogs
4	Citations issued for failure to restrain dogs
0	Citations pending court action, at time of report

- 12 Warnings issued for allowing dogs to run at large
- 2 Kennel inspections, at time of report
- 3 Animal bites
- 1 Legal order issued to keep dogs restrained or confined

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

LIST OF PETERSHAM TOWN OFFICERS
FY11- July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Moderator		Term Expiration Dates
	Bart Wendell	2014
Selectboard		
	Fredrick A. Marsh	2014
	Timothy M. Clark	2013
	Robert D. Legare	2012
Tax Collector		
	Virginia Newman	2012
Town Clerk		
	Diana Cooley	2012
Treasurer		
	Dana Robinson	2014
Board of Assessors		
	Fredrick A. Marsh	2014
	Jean W. Robinson	2013
	Dana W. Kennan	2012
Board of Health		
	Maryann Forgues, Chair, Agent, r 5/6/11	2014
	Fifi Scoufopoulos, Agent	2013
	Robert Pasic, Agent	2012
	Kaye Cousens, a 5/17/11	2012
	Philip Leger, Agent	2012
	Renee Wingertsman, Agent	2012
Constables		
	Denis N. Legare	2013
	Richard N. Bartus	2013
	Larry A. Robinson	2013
Mahar Regional School Committee		
	Dana W. Kennan	2013
	Michael LeBlanc	2012
Petersham School Committee		
	Laura Webber, Chair	2014

Dana W. Kennan	2013
Charles Berube	2012

Planning Board

John Lawson	2014
Fraser Sinclair	2014
Barbara Hanno	2013
Frederick Day, r 12/16/10	2012
Stephen Herzog	2012
Richard Rocheleau	2012

Trustees of Public Library

Annette Ermini	2014
Richard Carfagna	2013
Anne Perkins	2012

APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Chief of Police

Denis Legare, r 8/14/10	2011
Richard D. Cooley, a 8/14/10	2013

Sergeant

Richard Cooley, Jr., r 8/14/10	2011
Randy Horne, a 8/2/11	2011

Police Officers

Scott Acito	2011
Jeffrey Boyer	2011
Peter Buck	2011
Richard D. Cooley, Jr.	2011
Stephanie Dowd, a 12/1/09, r 1/10/11	2011
Robert C. Hall, Jr.	2011
Randy Horne	2011
Denis N. Legare, r 8/14/10	2011
Robert Legare	2011
Jason Lichtenberger	2011

Police Officers (Special)

Richard Bartus, Petersham Police, retired	2011
Ted A. Bassett, Petersham Police, retired	2011
Joseph Camden, New Salem Police	2011
Eric Demetropoulos, Barre Police	2011
Bruce Kilhart, Petersham Police, retired	2011
Denis N. Legare, Petersham Police retired a/o 8/14/10	2011
James Owens, Hardwick Police, r 2/11	2011

James Ayotte, Hardwick Police, a 6/2/11	2011
Kevin Dodge, Phillipston Police	2011
Auxiliary Police Officers (Special)	
Larry Robinson, Petersham	2011
Board of Overseers, Central Dispatch	
Denis N. Legare, representative	2011
Municipal Hearings Officer	
Denis N. Legare	2011
Richard D. Cooley	2011
Dog Officer/Animal Control	
Andrew Ohlson	2011
Fire Chief	
Dana Robinson	2013 (3 yr appointment)
Assistant Fire Chief	
Ronald DeJackome	2011
Deputy Fire Chief	
Robert D. Legare	2011
Tree Warden	
Timothy M. Clark	2013 (3 year appointment)
Deputy Tree Warden	
Leslie Cooley	2011
Forest Warden	
Dana Robinson	2011
Deputy Forest Warden	
Ronald DeJackome	2011
Robert D. Legare	2011
Sexton	
Gilbert King, Jr.	2011
Superintendent of Streets	
Timothy Graves	
Trench Safety Officer	
Timothy Graves	2011

Town Accountant Jean Joel	2012 (3 year appointment)
Emergency Management Director Denis Legare	2011
Assistant Emergency Management Director Fredrik A. Marsh	2011
Directors of Veterans' Services, Veterans' Agent, and Burial Agent Neil McGuirk	(Appointed through District)
Northeast Veterans' District Representative Vincent J. Purple	2011
Graves Registration Officer Gilbert M. King, Jr.	2013 (3 year appointment)
Custodian of Tax Title Possessions Dana Robinson	2011
Inspector of Animals David Perkins, passed 11/15/10 Jeffrey Perkins, a 4/20/11	2011
Assistant Inspector of Animals Andrew Ohlson	2011
Inspector of Buildings Brianna Skowyr	2013 (3 yr appointment)
Local Building Inspector Ralph Brouillette	2011
Electrical Inspector Gary Terroy	2011
Assistant Electrical Inspector Glenn Tattan	2011
Gas Inspector Michael Schlosser, r 5/1/11 Joshua Cayea, a 5/3/11	2011 2011
Plumbing Inspector	

Gerald Brousseau	2011
Alternate Plumbing Inspector John Dolan	2011
ADA Coordinator Brianna Skowyra	2011
Town Counsel Kopelman and Paige	2011

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

Advisory Insurance Committee

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

Affordable Housing Plan Committee

Marcia L. Shaw

Bandstand Renovation and Maintenance Committee

Emily Arnold (resident)
James Baird (Historical Society member)
George Bull (Lions Club member)

Board of Registrars

Diana Cooley, Clerk	Anne Perkins, /D/ 2012
Barbara Nickless, /R/ 2012	Helen Simms, /R/ 2012

Buildings Maintenance Committee, a 9-28-10

Charles Berube, a 11/9/10	Robert Legare, a 11/9/10
James Burke, a 11/9/10	Neil Legare, a 11/9/10
David Davis, a 11/9/10 (non-voting)	Thomas Pugliese, a 11/9/10
Joey LaPointe, a 11/9/10	Glenn Tattan, a 11/9/10

By-Laws Revision Committee

No appointments made

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Charles Berube (Center School)	Eric Mandel (AFC), a 12/14/10
John Lawson (Planning)	Irene Graeff (Citizen at Large)
Dana Robinson (Treasurer)	James Burke (Citizen at Large)
(Citizens at Large to be appointed by Moderator)	Fredrik A. Marsh (Selectboard)

Cemetery Commission (3 year appointment)

Glenede Albertine	2013
Marcia Flynn	2013
Jan Bedau	2012
Sandra Tomlin	2012
Kenneth Levine	2011
Ruth Robinson	2011

Conservation Commission (3 year appointment)

Robert Clark	2013
Thomas Webber	2013
David Perkins, passed 11/15/10	2012
Henry Woolsey	2012
David Lockesmith a 11/10/10	2012
John Baker	2011
Heidi Lux	2011
Ashley Gabrenas	2011
Don West, alternate	

Council on Aging (3 year appointment)

Barbara Amidon	2013
Wanda Dickson	2013
Janice Olson	2013
Richard Nickless, a 9/29/10	2013
Mary Russell	2013
Katherine M. Berry	2012
Robert M. Lane	2012
Eileen O'Grady	2012
Charlotte Kennan, Treasurer	2011
Gilbert King, Jr.	2011

Council on Aging FRTA Advisory Board (1 year appointment)

Charlotte Kennan

Cultural Council (6 year appointment)

Maille Lynch-Gilbert	2016
Linda Paquet	2016
Jane Lynch-Gilbert	2016
Sherry Berube, a 11/9/10	2016
Linda Kabo	2014
Sandra Whaley	2012

Emergency Management Ambulance Committee

Denis N. Legare
Dana Robinson

Emergency Management Planning Committee

James Burke
Denis N. Legare
Fredrik A. Marsh, a 9/14/10
Timothy Graves

Dana Robinson
Lynne Shaw
Richard D. Cooley

Energy Committee

Kathy Ballou
Elizabeth Davis
Christine Eaton, a 9/14/10
Kenneth Levine

Richard Matteson
Linda Paquet
Sheila Youd

Historic District Commission/Historical Commission (5 year appointment)

Christine Mandel	2015
Marcia L. Shaw	2015
Robert Clark	2014
Polly Pillsbury	2014
Peter George	2013
Douglas Cameron, r 11/29/10	2012
Nancy Allen	2011

Master Plan Committee (Disbanded 11/16/10)

Ellen Anderson
Alan Bachrach
James Baird
Charles Berube
Frederick Day
Barbara Hanno
Stephen Herzog

John Lawson
Richard McCrae
Irene Perkins
Fifi Scoufopoulos
Marcia L. Shaw
Fraser Sinclair
Henry Woolsey

Memorial Park and Common Committee

Emily Arnold

Nichewaug Inn Task Force (Disbanded a/o 6/30/11)

Charles Berube
Timothy A. Clark
Frederick Day
Ann Lewis
Anita Lockesmith

Anne Perkins
David Perkins, passed 11/15/10
Henry Woolsey
Robert Legare

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Robert Clark
Sara Wells, a 11/30/10

Parking Committee

Denis N. Legare

Personnel Policy Review Committee

Leslie Cooley, Highway, 1/4/11
Dana Kennan, citizen at large, a 11/30/10
Fredrik A. Marsh, Selectboard, a 11/30/10
Dale S. Bull, citizen at large, 1/4/11

Ann Degnan, citizen at large
Dana Robinson, Fire
Randy Horne, Police

Petersham Broadband Committee, a 4/26/11

George Bull
Mark Hager
Shawn Legare
Roy Nilson
Tom Webber

Petersham Forest and Shade Tree Committee

James Baird

Rt. 122 Scenic By-way Steering Committee

Anne Perkins

Tax-exempt Committee

No appointments to date

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term)

Brian MacEwen	2013
Open	2012 (next year 3 years)
Don Eaton, Alternate	2011 (next year 2 years)
James Ermini, Alternate	2011 (next year 2 years)
Robert Paquet	2011 (next year 2 years)

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Advisory Finance Committee (3 year appointment as of August 1)

Ross France	7/31/2013
Eric Mandel	7/31/2013
James Regan	7/31/2012
Robert Bellefeuille	7/31/2011
David Davis	7/31/2011

Petersham Regional School District Planning Committee

Charles Berube

Michael LeBlanc

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

V. Edward Simms

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Irene Graeff, Citizen at large

James Burke, Citizen at large



PETERSHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

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ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

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

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

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

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

A rabies clinic was sponsored in collaboration with the Town Clerk, Animal Control Officer, Highway Department and local veterinarian Alan Bachrach and his wife Deb. Donations were used for 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.

An unwanted electronics collection was held with proper disposal provided by METECH.

In response to the Farmers Market, a current information packet was provided with relevant requirements.

Local Board of Health Duties

A. Septic System Regulations		D. Food Operations Public & Private	
Site Work	4	Establishment Inspections	16
Plan Reviews	4	E. Temporary Food Permits	6
Repair	2	F. Food Born Illness Investigations	0
Systems Installed	3	G. Bacterial Illness Investigations	3
System Haulers Permits	1	H. Animal Bite Reports Monitored	1
B. Private Well Permits	4	K. Housing Inspections	0
C. Public Water Systems	11	L. Outdoor Wood Boiler Permits	0

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

Fifi Scoufopoulos ♦ Robert Pasic
Kaye Cousens

Cemetery Commission

July 2010 – June 2011

The Cemetery Commission meets at 7:00 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 served as Sexton.

The Cemetery Commission progressed with projects to maintain and repair the town's cemeteries. The maintenance of the picket fence at East Street Cemetery required touch up painting. Barnes Landscaping was contracted to maintain the cemetery grounds as well as brush removal. With help from the Conservation Commission, Highway Superintendent Tim Graves worked on beaver control and lowering water levels on TTOR property adjacent to the East Street Cemetery and its proposed annex after the Cemetery Commission received Emergency Certification from the Board of Health. TaMara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services will be consulted regarding repair of stones.

The maintenance, organization, and updating of records continued to be major projects for the Cemetery Commission members. The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, which has a program to preserve information gathered from cemetery records and grave stones, has begun cataloguing the Petersham cemeteries in 2011 with Petersham resident Barbara Hanno acting as liaison between the Cemetery Commission and The Society. On April 30, 2011, The Association of Gravestone Studies toured the Center Cemetery in Petersham.

Cemetery Commission Members June 30, 2011

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

PETERSHAM COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT
FY JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011

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

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

Changes in the Council on Aging Board for F/Y 10/11 include the resignation of one of our original members, Elizabeth Marsh. She has been a loyal and faithful member of the Board and a hard working volunteer at the meal site. We will miss her. We also will be accepting the resignation of Gil King. Gil has volunteered his time and efforts to not only the Council on Aging and the meal site but to all of Petersham's citizens in many capacities. Thank you, Gil, for your years of dedication to all things Petersham. The Board welcomes volunteers both at our meal site and on the Board itself. There is strength in numbers. We meet every Second Monday of the month at 10:30 in the Lower Town Hall. All are welcome to come and share your thoughts and concerns. Please join us. Our current officers are:

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

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

The Monday Luncheon Club through the FCHCC's Meals-on-Wheels Program is in its 17th year. We meet every Monday at 12:00 in the Lower Town Hall. Mary Russell is our site manager and culinary miracle worker. Mary Russell and her superb cadre of helpers; Barbara Amidon, Janice Olson, Kay Berry, Wanda Dickson and Bob Lane come together every Monday morning to prepare the catered meals for the seniors. This year 1,154 meals were served on 40 Mondays. The volunteers that provide this service comply with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Petersham Board of Health. We are an approved site. A \$2 donation is recommended. To reserve a meal, please call Mary Russell at 978-724-3233 on Thursday for a lunch on Monday. However drop-ins are always most welcome.

The COA newsletter, underwritten by the EOEA is sent to all Petersham residents 60 years and older. This past year 374 seniors received a newsletter. The newsletter has a

calendar of local activities, senior program notices, monthly meal site menus, health and legal advisories. The bulk mailing format has saved on postage. The editors are Charlotte Kennan and Katherine Berry.

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

- The Exercise Program for seniors consisted of two 10 week sessions led by YMCA instructors at the Center School on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 am
- North Quabbin Area COA's Senior Picnic on Sept. 2, 2010
- Fall Prevention Program by Tina Schryver of the GVNA, Sept. 13, 2010
- Senior Trip to the "Big E" on Sept. 23, 2010
- Volunteer Recognition Lunch on Oct. 13, 2010
- Flu Clinic on Nov. 15, 2010
- Petersham Center School Chorus Holiday program, Dec.13, 2010
- Belltones from the Templeton Campus, Dec. 20, 2010
- Winter Tracking Program, Feb7, 2011
- "Music for Seniors" by John Root, Mar. 21, 2011
- Spring Fling with the Lions Club, Apr. 25, 2011
- Lunch at Montachusett Regional Technical School on May 10, 2011
- "Office Visits" by Tina Schryver of GVNA, May 23, 2011
- Nancy Robinson as Betsy Ross for Flag Day, June 13, 2011

The Council wishes to thank all those that helped make 2010/2011 a successful year.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Council on Aging Board Members

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS
495 VOTERS OUT OF 944 = 52% TURNOUT

Moderator – 3 Years

Bart R. Wendell – 153 East Street 404
Candidate for Re-election

Board of Selectmen – 3 Years

Fredrik A. Marsh – 16 West Street 277
Candidate for Re-Election

James M. Ermini – 16 North Main Street 217

Treasurer – 3 Years

Dana C. Robinson – 42 West Street 393
Candidate for Re-Election

Board of Assessors – 3 Years – 3 Years

Fredrik A. Marsh – 16 West Street 276
Candidate for Re-Election

Ellen H. Anderson – 20 Dana Road 211

Board of Health – 3 Years

Maryanne Forgues – 193 Nichewaug Road 415
Candidate for Re-Election

Petersham Center School Committee – 3 Years

Laura B. Webber – 21 South Main Street 366
Candidate for Re-Election

Planning Board – 3 Years

John R. Lawson – 200 Popple Camp Road 383
Candidate for Re-Election

Planning Board – 3 Years

D. Fraser Sinclair – 95 Loring Hill Road 388
Candidate for Re-Election

Planning Board – 1 Year

Robert Rocheleau – 93 Glasheen Road 67 (write – in)

Trustees of Public Library – 3 Years

Annette S. Ermini – 16 North Main Street 377
Candidate for Re-Election

Petersham Emergency Management Committee
Annual Report FY 2011

The Committee continues to be active in preparing for and responding to emergencies for our Town as well as being ready to assist other towns or work with them as they assist us. With the retirement of Chief Denis Legare, Lynne Shaw was appointed Emergency Management Director for the Town as of August 1, 2011.

The Committee is also pleased to report that the Petersham Police Department continues with their multidisciplinary training in Homeland Security (HLS) and applications have been submitted for several grant funded training programs.

All reimbursements from the 2008 ice storm were received and the committee recognized the amount of paperwork, correspondence and data entry that is needed to potentially receive reimbursement funds when a federal disaster is declared.

The Town will be receiving grant-funded mobile data terminals (laptop computers) for the police cruisers in the coming year as part of a long-term State and federal funded program for Central Mass that will eventually place data terminals in the fire trucks and ambulances for every town to enhance interoperability among the towns as well as enhance responder safety.

The Committee continues to be responsive to grant notifications to identify those that fit the needs of the Town as well as those that are fiscally achievable.

The Committee wishes to thank the emergency responders for their continued dedication to the safety and security of the residents of Petersham.

The Emergency Management Committee
Lynne Shaw Emergency Management Director
Chief Cooley – Assistant Emergency Manager
Chief Dana Robinson
HW Superintendent Tim Graves
Jay Burke
Rick Marsh



Petersham Fire Department

Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Report of the Petersham Fire Department Fiscal Year 2011

To the Citizens of Petersham:

Below is the report of the activity of the Petersham Fire Department for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011. During the Fiscal Year the department responded to 95 requests for service during the period. The nature of the calls for assistance are outlined below.

Structure Fires	1
Chimney Fires	2
Brush Fires	1
Automobile Accidents	9
Medical Emergencies	30
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	3
Wires Down/Arcing	4
Alarm Activation – No Fire	10
Illegal Burn	1
Hazardous Materials Investigation	1
Public Service	3
Cellars Pumped	12
Stand-by at Station	1
Assist Police	2
Oil Burner Malfunction	1
Lost Person	1
Smoke Investigation	1
False Alarms	2
Mutual Aid	<u>10</u>
Total Calls	95

Inspections and Permits Issued

Smoke and CO Detector Inspections	12
Oil Burner Permits	14
Propane Storage Permits	12
Oil Tank Truck Permits	4
Liquor License Renewal Inspections	5
Brush Burning Permits Issued	495

During Fiscal Year 2011 the department acquired a 1987 Chevrolet pickup through the Federal Excess Property Program that the Athol Fire Department no longer had a use for. This vehicle will replace a 1977 Dodge that was also acquired through the Excess Property program. Members of the Department have transformed this truck into a brush fire unit at minimal cost to the Town.

In October 2010 the Town approved \$200,000.00 to purchase a new Tanker to replace the 1960 International currently in use by the department. Following the Town meeting we discovered several errors that were made in the development of the specifications and our original cost estimates that required a major revision of our specifications, which delayed the advertisement of bids for the new tanker until after the close of the Fiscal Year.

We also received delivery of new forestry gear that was funded by the Town meeting. These new two piece garments replace one piece overalls that were purchased 15 years ago and were no longer serviceable. This forestry gear is lighter weight than regular turnout gear and allows the firefighters greater mobility with less fatigue at brush fires.

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

Firefighter Neil Legare, completed the Fire Fighter I Training class that was hosted in Winchendon He is to be commended for the time he invested in receiving this valuable training. Most department members were recertified in CPR and the use of Automatic Defibrillators.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana C. Robinson, Fire Chief

**Town of Petersham
Highway Department
Annual Report
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Chapter 90 Work

620' of subsurface drainage was installed on a part of South Street. 2250' of hot asphalt surface was overlaid over the same area on South Street. 1800' of Carter Pond Road and 800' of Woodward Road was resurfaced with hot asphalt. Reclamation of these two roads was done by the Highway Department. Crack sealing was applied to parts of West Road, South Street, Nichewaug Road, and Tom Swamp Road. Gravel was crushed and placed on Glasheen Road, Birch Drive, and Monson Turnpike.

General Highway Account

The Highway Department had all the winter sanding swept off the roads by the Middle of April. The center of Town and the School were swept right afterwards. New stop lines and cross walks were painted on streets. Heavy spring rains caused several washouts on road shoulders. The culvert on West road that Fever Brook flows through was damaged by high water and large pieces of ice. The gravel around the culvert washed away and the pavement over the culvert collapsed. Large steel plates were put over the collapsed area to keep the road open until the culvert could be replaced. Sand build-up under the guard rails was removed on Hardwick Road near Woodward Road area. Several culverts were replaced. Road sides were mowed, dead trees were cut in several areas of Town, catch basins were cleaned, dirt roads were graded, large rocks in some of the dirt roads were removed before grading, several street signs were replaced, winter sand was screened and stockpiled at the Highway Barn, ditches were cleaned out, cold patch and gravel were put into pot holes, trucks and machinery were maintained and repaired as needed, beaver problems on Town property were addressed.

Snow Account

The first snow of the season was on November 8, 2010. December had a few storms. January- February went in the record books for snowfall. The wing plow was put on the grader to push back snow banks. 444 tons of salt and 1500 yards of sand was used to treat the roads. Part-time help was used and greatly appreciated.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy W. Graves
Highway Superintendent**

Town of Petersham

Brianna Skowyra - Inspector of Buildings

3 South Main Street

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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS REPORT July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Building Permits	55
Wood Stoves	6

<u>Building Permits</u>	
3	New Homes
2	Additions
3	Remodel
4	Repairs
3	Decks and Porches
22	Roofs and Siding
2	Barns/Garages
23	Other

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

Respectfully Submitted
Brianna Skowyra
Inspector of Buildings

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 4, 2010

7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1.

To receive reports of various committees.

RESULTS: Reports were presented by the Selectboard, the Advisory Finance Committee, the Nichewaug Inn Task Force, and the Board of Assessors.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, and/or authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to issue bonds or notes for the sum of \$250,000 to purchase a new Fire Engine for the Petersham Fire Department, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(9), and any other enabling authority; provided that any such appropriation by borrowing shall be contingent upon the vote of the Town, at an election, to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, the amount required to pay for the bonds issued to meet said appropriation or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take up to \$100,000 from the Stabilization Fund and to borrow \$100,000 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(9), and any other enabling authority; provided that any such appropriation by borrowing shall be contingent upon the vote of the Town, at an election, to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, the amount required to pay for the bonds issued to meet said appropriation, for a total appropriation of \$200,000, to purchase a new fire engine for the Petersham Fire Department. 2 opposed

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the demolition, deconstruction, and removal of all buildings and structures except the garage on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessors' Map Parcel Number 48, located at 25 Common Street, as shown on Map Exhibit No. 1, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, as may be possible with funding provided for the purpose, over a period of one or more years, as determined by the Town of Petersham, said removal to include site clearance, filling, soil restoration, grading, and seeding of the land upon completion of demolition; and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Petersham to effect said demolition, deconstruction and removal; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read. 2 opposed

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to approve submission of an application by the Town for one or more Community Development Block Grants from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of complete or phased-

in demolition, deconstruction, and removal of all buildings and structures except the garage on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessors' Map Parcel Number 48, located at 25 Common Street as shown on Map Exhibit No. 1, copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said removal to include site clearance, filling, soil restoration, grading, and seeding of the land upon completion of demolition, and to fund housing rehabilitation projects as necessary to satisfy the requirements of any such grant; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read. Unanimous

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Account, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$25,000 as the Town's "in earnest" contribution toward the cost of removal of all buildings and structures except the garage on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessors' Map Parcel Number 48, located at 25 Common Street as shown on Map Exhibit No. 1, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said removal to include site clearance, filling, soil restoration, grading, and seeding of the land upon completion of demolition and for any other costs incidental and related thereto provided that expenditure of said appropriation shall be subject to and in combination with a grant award for a Community Development Block Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$25,000 from the Nichewaug Inn Special Revenue Account as the Town's "in earnest" contribution toward the cost of removal of all buildings and structures except the garage on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy. Unanimous

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Account, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$74,000 as contingency funding for the CDBG funded demolition for removal of all buildings and structures except the garage on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessors' Map Parcel Number 48, located at 25 Common Street as shown on Map Exhibit No. 1. a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said removal to include site clearance, filling, soil restoration, grading, and seeding of the land upon completion of demolition; and for any other costs incidental and related thereto provided that expenditure of said appropriation shall be subject to and in combination with a grant award for a Community Development Block Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action. Unanimous

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to approve submission of application for all future available grant funding for removal of all buildings and structures on the Town-owned property known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy, Assessors'

Map Parcel Number 48, located at 25 Common Street, said removal to include site clearance, filling, soil restoration, grading, and seeding of the land upon completion of demolition and any other costs incidental and related thereto; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted the article as read. Unanimous

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 7, 2010

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 \$6,074.77 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2010 Snow and Ice Account Deficit, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take the sum of \$6,074.77 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2010 Snow and Ice Account Deficit from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, transfer, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$27,661.20 for employee contractual obligations incurred in FY2010, but not paid, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take the sum of \$27,661.20 to pay employee contractual obligations incurred in FY2010 from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 3.

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 7, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

ARTICLE 1.

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

RESULTS: Reports read by: Fredrik Marsh, Petersham Selectboard; Ann Lewis, Nichewaug Inn Task Force; Deni Ellis, Petersham Memorial Library; Dr. David Davis, Advisory Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2.

To choose all necessary Town Officers not elected by ballot.

RESULTS: Voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 3. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2011, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, Section 53F, or act in relation thereto.

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.

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 2011 or act in relation thereto.

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 2011, or act in relation thereto.

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 2011, or act in relation thereto

ARTICLE 8. 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 2011, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. 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 2011 not to exceed \$7,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

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 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 2011, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. 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 2011, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. 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 2011 not to exceed \$2,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. 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 2011 not to exceed \$1,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

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 2011, or act in relation thereto.

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 2011 not to exceed \$1,500.00, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. 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 2011 not to exceed \$7,000.00, or act in relation thereto.

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: Consent articles listed by Moderator with no comments from the voters. The Town voted to approve all the Consent Articles.

ARTICLE 18.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Inspector of Buildings to deposit fee income generated from inspections and related work into a Revolving Account, to be expended by the Inspector of Buildings, for the purposes of carrying out department duties, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2011; and further vote that \$4,000 of the balance in the Account at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 shall revert to the General Fund, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Voted as read.

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a Revolving Fund, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be expended by the Board of Health, to pay for consulting services as required by the Board of Health, said fund to be established from receipts collected by the Board of Health for fees for its services; said expenditures not to exceed \$7,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2011; and further vote that \$4,000 of the balance in the Account at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 shall revert to the General Fund, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Voted as read.

ARTICLE 20.

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: Voted as read.

ARTICLE 21.

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

RESULTS: The Town voted 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. David Perkins was nominated and voted as Director of Agriculture.

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$3,261 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 \$412 from the Cook Cemetery Account, \$1,695 from the Pond Cemetery Account, and \$1,154 from the Consolidated I and II account for a total appropriation of \$3,261 to cover the balance of the Care of Cemeteries Account.

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 \$13,507.00; Town Clerk \$9,242.00; Tax Collector \$10,751.00; Selectboard, Chair \$2,293.00; two members \$2,063.00 each; Board of Assessors, Chair, \$2,665.00; Clerk, \$2,307.00, other member, \$2,171.00; Trustee of Public Library FREE; Constables \$9.61/per hour; Board of Health chair, \$165.00; other members, \$121.00 each; or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Voted as read.

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, respecting the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund, originally accepted for establishment of said Fund under Article 11 of the warrant for the June 19, 1995, Annual Town Meeting, thereby ceasing operation of the Transfer Station on an Enterprise Fund basis effective Fiscal Year 2011; and further vote that the balance in said Enterprise Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 shall revert to the General Fund, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: Voted as read.

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the budget of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2011 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: Voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 26.

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 2011 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 sum of \$960,146 and take from Free Cash the sum of \$58,877, for a total Selectboard Budget appropriation of \$1,019,023.

\$ 275,783	GENERAL OFFICES AND FINANCE
\$ 284,371	PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY
\$ 76,565	HEALTH AND SANITATION
\$ 200,858	HIGHWAYS BUDGET
\$ 3,316	CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS
\$ 178,130	UNCLASSIFIED

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$890,770 for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$58,233 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational School District.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,096,187 for the Petersham Center School, for a Grand Total of General Budget of \$3,064,213, voted unanimously.

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 \$1,090.73 for the final 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 \$1,090.73 for the final payment against a \$16,360.81 Teacher Salary Deferral in 1993.

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 \$37,895 to pay the FY2011 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 \$37,895 to pay the FY2011 principal and interest on the construction note for the Mahar School Building project.

ARTICLE 29.

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 \$99,480.00 to pay the FY2011 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 \$99,480 to pay the FY2011 principal and interest due on the Petersham Center School project.

ARTICLE 30.

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

\$34,190.00 to pay the FY11 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 \$34,190.00 to pay the FY11 principal and interest due on the Petersham Police Station Building project.

ARTICLE 31.

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 \$34,038.00 to pay the FY2011 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, Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$18,503.13, take \$12,000 from the Highway Department Vehicle Stabilization Fund, and take \$3,534.87 from the Police Department Vehicle Stabilization Fund, for a total appropriation of \$34,038.00 to pay the FY2011 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, Annual Town Meeting. 2/3 required-unanimous

ARTICLE 32.

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 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used for Council on Aging activities.

ARTICLE 33.

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 25,000.00 for deposit into the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 34.

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 \$9,633 for the Certification of Values of all Real Estate and Personal Property for Fiscal Year 2013, as required by State law, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$9,633 for the Certification of Values of all Real Estate and Personal Property for Fiscal Year 2013, as required by State law.

ARTICLE 35.

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 \$4,000 for the Reassessment of Values of all Personal Property for Fiscal Year 2011, as required by State law, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to move the question. The Town voted to take from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 for the reassessment of values of all personal property for Fiscal Year 2011.

ARTICLE 36.

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 move this article to follow Article 52.

ARTICLE 37.

To see if the Town will vote to grant permission for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District to incur debt for the purpose of removing the dam on the Mahar property, the total cost not to exceed \$200,000, and said amount shall be reduced by any grant that might be received that can be used to reduce the principal, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to grant permission for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District to incur debt for the purpose of removing the dam on the Mahar property, the total cost not to exceed \$200,000, and said amount shall be reduced by any grant that might be received that can be used to reduce the principal.

ARTICLE 38.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$27,500 for purchase of Science Textbooks for the Petersham Center School, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 39.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$22,500 for purchase of replacement gutters on the Petersham Center School Building, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take the sum of \$22,500 from Free Cash for the purchase of replacement gutters on the Petersham Center School Building.

ARTICLE 40.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$18,000 for work to be completed on the chimneys at the Petersham Center School Building to include but not be limited to re-pointing and repair, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take the sum of \$18,000 from Free Cash for work to be completed on the chimneys at the Petersham Center School, to include but not be limited to re-pointing and repair.

ARTICLE 41.

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 \$34,000 to purchase a new 4-wheel drive vehicle and related equipment for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$31,500 from the Stabilization fund to purchase a new 4-wheel drive vehicle and related equipment for the Police Department. 2/3 vote required. 4 opposed

ARTICLE 42.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker truck for the Petersham Fire Department, to include but not be limited to any costs of radio and/or equipment installation related thereto, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to issue bonds or notes therefor in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(9), and any other authority; provided, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon the vote of the Town, at an election, to exempt from the provision of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amount required to pay for the bonds issued to meet said appropriation, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 43.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$5,000 to investigate the best method of conserving the Town's Vital Records and for the conservation of Vital Records for the Town of Petersham, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$5,000 from Free Cash to start the process of conserving the Town's Vital Records for the Town of Petersham.

ARTICLE 44.

To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-laws, **ARTICLE XIV, BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS, SECTION 3** by adding a second paragraph to read:

Soil Stabilization. Soil stabilization shall be accomplished immediately following construction or repair of a sanitary sewage system on the area that has been disturbed. Stabilization during the growing season shall be by seeding, and after October 1 by heavy mulching. Other methods must be approved by the Petersham Board of Health. No "Certificate of Compliance" shall be issued until this work is satisfactorily completed and inspected

or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to amend (4 opposed) its By-laws, **ARTICLE XIV, BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS, SECTION 3** by adding a second paragraph to read: **Soil Stabilization. Soil stabilization shall be accomplished immediately following construction or repair of a sanitary sewage system on the area that has been disturbed. Stabilization during the growing season shall be by seeding, and after October 1 by heavy mulching. Other methods must be approved by the Petersham Board of Health. No "Certificate of Compliance" shall be issued until this work is satisfactorily completed and inspected.**

ARTICLE 45.

To see if the Town will authorize the sale or gift of a portion of the Town-owned land adjacent to the land owned by the Petersham Memorial Library, not including any road frontage, identified as parcel 48, on the west side of the Common Street to the Petersham Memorial Library for nominal consideration upon such terms and conditions as the Selectboard and the Trustees of the Petersham Memorial Library shall jointly determine to be appropriate. This land is for the enhancement of library facilities, including but not limited to a new septic system.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 46.

To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the Board of Selectmen, their agents, or any other Board, commission or official of the Town of Petersham to cause the expenditure of any funds from any source without the approval of an Annual or Special Town Meeting for salaries, goods, and services for the so-called Nichewaug Inn, land, buildings, and infrastructure, Petersham Assessors Map parcel #48 or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The motion was made to prohibit the Board of Selectmen, their agents, or any other Board, commission or official of the Town of Petersham to cause the expenditure of any funds from any source without the approval of an Annual or Special Town Meeting for salaries, goods, and services for the so-called Nichewaug Inn, land, buildings, and infrastructure, Petersham Assessors Map parcel #48. **Motion was defeated.**

ARTICLE 47.

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 \$15,000 to be deposited into a Nichewaug Inn Maintenance Account, to be expended by the Petersham Selectboard, to provide for public safety services for the Nichewaug Inn, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 48.

To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-laws, **ARTICLE III, TOWN FINANCES, SECTION 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, by adding the following words to the first sentence; 'except as provided for by the By-laws of the Town of Petersham' so that the Section will read:

SECTION 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There shall be an Advisory Committee for the Town consisting of five (5) qualified voters of the Town who shall hold no other Town office, *except as provided for by the By-laws of the Town of Petersham*. The members of the Committee shall be initially appointed by the Moderator for terms not exceeding three years from the date of the appointment. Thereafter the Moderator shall appoint one or two members as needed to fill the terms expiring in that year. Each term shall commence on August 1 and expire on July 31. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in this Committee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Moderator. The members of the Advisory Committee shall serve without pay.

Or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to amend its By-laws, **ARTICLE III, TOWN FINANCES, SECTION 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, by adding the following words to the first sentence; 'except as provided for by the By-laws of the Town of Petersham' so that the Section will read:

SECTION 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There shall be an Advisory Committee for the Town consisting of five (5) qualified voters of the Town who shall hold no other Town office, *except as provided for by the By-laws of the Town of Petersham*. The members of the Committee shall be initially appointed by the Moderator for terms not exceeding three years from the date of the appointment. Thereafter the Moderator shall appoint one or two members as needed to fill the terms expiring in that year. Each term shall commence on August 1 and expire on July 31. Whenever a vacancy

shall occur in this Committee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Moderator. The members of the Advisory Committee shall serve without pay.

ARTICLE 49.

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108P. which provides for an additional annual stipend for treasurers and collectors who complete the necessary course of study to become certified by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The motion was made to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108P. which provides for an additional annual stipend for treasurers and collectors who complete the necessary course of study to become certified by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. **Motion was defeated.**

ARTICLE 50.

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 \$3,400 to purchase and install a 300 gallon double-walled gasoline tank for the Highway Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$3,400 from Free Cash for the purchase and installation of a 300-gallon double walled gasoline tank at the Highway Barn.

ARTICLE 51.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$5,000 to purchase related equipment and electrical work needed to operate a portable generator at the Petersham Fire Station at 16 East Street, to be used as a backup electrical system for the Fire Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$5,000 from Free Cash to purchase related equipment and electrical work needed to operate a portable generator at the Petersham Fire Station at 16 East Street to be used as a backup electrical system for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 52.

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 \$10,000 to purchase a new 12 kw propane generator and related equipment to be installed at the Petersham Police Station at 15 East Street, to be used as a backup electrical system for the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take \$10,000 from Free Cash to purchase a new 12 kw propane generator and related equipment to be installed at the Petersham Police Station at 15 East Street, to be used as a backup electrical system for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 36.

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 \$246,437.00 from Free Cash for deposit into the Stabilization Fund. 2/3's required – unanimous

ARTICLE 53.

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to Odette Marianne Hinton a non-exclusive drainage easement together with the right to installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of an underground pipe for drainage purposes from 15 Common Street, Petersham as shown on Plan of Drainage Easement in Petersham prepared by Berry Engineering, or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

ARTICLE 54.

To see if the Town will vote to continue to spend funds in the existing Account No. 24-5-638-000 and titled "Nichewaug Inn", containing \$47,010.40 on April 17, 2010, at 6:14 p.m. for services, goods, contracts, and salaries specifically related to the property known as the Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy located at 25 Common Street, Assessors' Parcel No. 48 as deemed appropriate by and with the oversight and approval of both the Nichewaug Inn Task Force and the Petersham Selectboard and with the understanding that private donations may add additional funds to this account for expenditure; this account has been booked and accounted for by the Petersham Town Accountant in the "All Departments Expenditure Report", or act in relation thereto.

RESULTS: The Town voted to take no action.

FY2011

Petersham Cultural Council / Town Report

Grants Awarded during 2011

- Beatles for Sale: The Tribute ~ Concert on the Common
- Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary: Heirloom Corn – From Field to Table (for all classes at PCS)
- Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church: Summer Fair Entertainment
- Petersham Memorial Library: Coffee House Series
- Orange Revitalization Partners: Starry Starry Night
- Ellen Clegg: Beat Stress: Together in Rhythm – At Unitarian Universalist Church
- Petersham Center School: Ellis Island Getaway – For PCS 4th and 5th grades
- Elizabeth Cummings: 4th of July Musical Entertainment
- Davis Bates: Storyteller – at Petersham Country Store
- Athol Area YMCA: YouthReach - Summer Theater Program for Teens
- Renee Malowitz: Solstice Lantern Project - at the Library
- Band of Voices: Summer Solstice Program
- John Root: Musical Program for Seniors – at COA luncheon
- North Quabbin Energy: Local Food Brochure – distributed all over the North Quabbin area
- 1794 Meetinghouse Inc: Quabbin Valley Pro Musica String Quartet Concert

Scholarships were awarded to Maille Lynch-Gilbert, Nathan Berry and Stephanie Clark.

The Petersham Art Show was re-instituted after a year off, with more than 30 exhibitors, almost 100 pieces of work and a great Artists' Reception on Friday evening. Success was shown by numerous sales.

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

Jane Lynch-Gilbert resigned in January after serving a maximum 6 years. Sherry Berube was appointed to replace Jane on the Council.

Members:

Jane Lynch-Gilbert
Linda Kabo, Secretary
Sandra Whaley
Linda Paquet, Chairperson
Maille Lynch-Gilbert
Sherry Berube, Treasurer

Activities during FY 11

- Participated in 4th of July Parade.
- Made 4 winserts for Library
- Hosted a Solar Hot water workshop at Library in November, led by the Greenfield Solar Store. There were approximately 25 attendees; Wayne Fisher won a \$75 site analysis.
- Hosted a Winsert Workshop in Lower Town Hall in December for approximately 12 attendees.
- Began discussion of the town's involvement in North Quabbin Solar Power Project.
- Received training on MassEnergy Insight program.
- Accepted resignation of Nancy and Liam Bashista
- Chris Eaton appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ballou, Elizabeth Davis, Ken Levine, Rich Matteson, Linda Paquet, Sheila Youd, Chris Eaton

PETERSHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

23 Common Street
Petersham, Massachusetts, 01366

Annual Report to the Town Of Petersham
of the Petersham Memorial Library
July 01, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

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

Hours:

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

Trustees:

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

Six hundred and eighty two Petersham residents were library cardholders in Fiscal Year 2011. Petersham Memorial Library patrons checked out 6121 books, 126 print serials, 565 audio books and 3111 movies. 1827 interlibrary loans were received and 699 were provided. 1264 on-site loans were made to patrons who do not reside in Petersham.

Our circulation numbers have increased in comparison to FY2010. Our total circulation in 2010 was 9724 as compared to 10103 in 2011. FY 10 inter-library loans numbered 1877 as compared to 1827 in FY11. FY11 inter-library loans provided 699 compared to 705 in FY10.

FY2011 the library had 2 public use computers and 2 public use laptops. An average of 9 patrons per week accessed the internet using the library's computers. Many patrons log on to our wireless connection either in or outside the building. A password is necessary to log onto our connection. Patrons are asked to sign a one time release form before receiving the password. The library's web address is www.petershamlibrary.net.

Our digital library offerings included 6 data base licenses, 4318 e-book titles, 2460 audio book titles and 249 video titles. In 2011, 138 titles were downloaded from the digital catalog by our patrons.

The library was open a total of 950 hours which included 200 hours on Saturday and 100 hours after 5PM. 5268 people entered the library during open hours.

Our shelves currently hold 8354 books for adults and 4436 books for children and 1000 Young Adult titles. There are 48 volumes of print periodicals, newspapers and other print serials. 1183 DVD/VHS titles were available for loan as well as 149 books in audio format.

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

During the 2010-2011 season, the Petersham Memorial Library continued to offer story hour for children, at 10:30 on Tuesday morning and the number of participants has grown. We shifted our collection to provide more room for our youngest patrons.

Our program repertoire included the First Friday Film, held on the first Friday of each month, the adult book discussion group which met on the

third Wednesday of each month at 7PM, spring and fall poetry reading events, Family Game Night and Statewide Summer Reading Program.

Highlights for the 2011 year included recycled crafts, ice cream social, POP ART self-portraits, Manga workshop for teens, Keeping Bees with Roland Sevigny, Learn to Compost with Karen DiFranza, origami the art of folding paper, sumi-E the art of Japanese brush painting and Native Plants lecture symposium.

The Annual Library Tea was held Sunday, February 06 from 2:00 to 4:00. Invitations were mailed to all Petersham residents. The tea is the Library's *Thank You* to our community for the support we receive throughout the year.

The Library Book Sale was held October 14 & 15.

The Library handed out well over 150 treat bags during the Town Halloween Trick or Treat festivities.

The Library purchased a Keurig Coffeemaker and began offering coffee to the public on Saturdays as the Country Store was closed.

Petersham Cultural Council provided financial support for John Porcino storyteller.

Petersham Energy Committee co-sponsored a Solar Hot Water heating workshop.

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

Over 225 volunteer hours were logged at our library in 2010/2011 and I would like to extend my gratitude to the volunteers, staff, Trustees and patrons of the Petersham Memorial Library for all they do to help make it the great place it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Arata
Director
Petersham Memorial Library

PML FISCAL

July 2010 through June 2011

Income	92213.90	
Book Sale		1275.35
Dog License Fund		2352.25
Annual Appeal		8705.00
Other Gifts		1441.50
Trash Bags		6520.00
Investment Income		62400.00
State Grant		2764.72
Town Appropriation		6371.00
Other		384.08
Expense	75154.55	
Collection Materials		9905.87
CW Mars		1635.00
Grant and Fundraising Support		3624.05
Insurance		2362.00
Trash Bags		5700.00
Payroll Expense		37047.35
Postage		980.73
Projects and Programs		1502.47
Supplies		1326.92
Utilities		10612.16
Other		458.00
Other Expense (Equipment, Maintenance, Accounting)	6097.42	
Net Income	10961.93	

SELECTBOARD REPORT- FY11

In August, at the well-attended Police Station Open House and reception, outgoing Petersham Police Chief Denis N. Legare was honored for his forty plus years of service to the Town and former Petersham Police Sgt. R. Dana Cooley was welcomed as the Town's new Police Chief.

Davenport Property – The Conservation Commission discussed with the Selectboard the possible timbering at the property.

The Petersham Energy Committee began work with Hal Gillam of Pequoig Energy to bring lower-priced electricity to the Town through the use of solar power.

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

Nichewaug Inn – After an active marketing attempt which resulted in no sale of the Nichewaug Inn, at a fall Special Town Meeting, the voters overwhelmingly voted to demolish the Nichewaug Inn and to apply for a grant to help with the cost. Through the support and leadership of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC), a demolition bid for \$738,000 was received and in December, MRPC, on behalf of the Town, applied for a demolition grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development. As part of the grant application, a second project was required and Petersham chose to include its active Housing Rehabilitation program.

Animal Control Facility – Located at the Highway Barn, work continued by a group of dedicated volunteers. Donations have been accepted throughout the year and will continue to be accepted for this worthwhile project. An Open House was held in May and a plaque was presented to show appreciation to those who worked so long and hard on this project.

A Buildings Maintenance Committee was created this year to monitor problems large and small in the Town buildings and to recommend projects to the Selectboard and then to review work upon project completion.

In conjunction with the Mass Broadband Institute building its fiber-optic network throughout western and north central Massachusetts, a Broadband Committee was created this year with a charge “to review all reasonable options including investigative discussions with potential commercial as well as non-profit wired or wireless ‘last mile’ service providers. This Committee would regularly report back to the Selectboard

A new Town website is in the process of being created. All departments, boards, committees, and commissions have been asked to submit information to be included on their respective pages.

As the Town Common Christmas tree has reached heights that no longer make it possible to be decorated, the Petersham Lions Club volunteered to decorate a 7 ½ foot Christmas Tree donated by Rev. Arthur and Anne Perkins in memory of their great-grandson Joshua. The Tree will be on the bandstand.

Through a debt exclusion, the Town voted at the fall Special Town Meeting to purchase a new fire engine and supported that vote at a December ballot election.

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

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

In the spring, the Worcester County Conservation District donated a tree to be planted in memory of David Perkins. The new tree was planted on the South Common replacing an unhealthy tree that was cut down.

A building for storage use at the Transfer Station was donated by Mary Anne Walker, replacing the old trailer. Plans for moving the building were underway at the end of the fiscal year.



NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
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email: vetagnt@townofathol.org

"Putting Veterans First"

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

FY11 ANNUAL REPORT

NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115, established in 1861, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides an extensive program of veterans' benefits and services available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States Government to veterans discharged from the military "under honorable conditions" having a legal residence in the Commonwealth.

Northeast Quabbin District, Department of Veterans' Services, established on January 1, 2006, serves veterans discharged from the military "under honorable conditions" with a legal residence in one of the District communities that include Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston and Templeton.

Northeast Quabbin District Board of Directors, an appointed representative from each community, is the governing body for District. The Director of Veterans' Services is responsible for District operations and ensures compliance with Chapter 115.

The District's Administrative/Operations Budget is the estimate of costs and expenses required to manage all operations throughout the District. Each community is assessed a respective share of the total Budget based on their population percentage of the District's total population of 24,292 residents.

The Chapter 115 Veterans' Benefits Budget is prepared for each community as a projection of financial assistance to be paid in benefits to eligible recipients. Benefits paid to a recipient and authorized will be reimbursed at the maximum 75% of the expenditure by the state.

The District's offering of Veterans' Services may include Chapter 115 Benefits; annuities; wartime bonuses; employment counseling; Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery burial applications; burial assistance for indigent veteran; military record retention; homeless prevention; referrals to nonprofit, local, state and federal government programs and agencies.

Eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits is determined by military service; legal residence; income; asset liquidity; number of dependents; housing expense; and other determining factors. In addition, a homeless veteran may be eligible for assistance through the Institutional Resident Program or the Transitional Housing Resident Program.

The department finalized Chapter 115 systemic operations with Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services through the automated web-based Veterans' Services Management Information System (web-VSMIS). This automation advancement has resulted in the streamlining of administrative processes through electronic submission thereby reducing the district's operational expenses.

The District's Chapter 115 Veterans' Benefits recommended FY11 Budget, Benefits Paid, and state reimbursement (maximum 75%) to each town:

Town	Recommended Benefits Budget	Benefits Expended	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$150,000.00	\$110,413.13	\$82,810.39	75%
Petersham	\$5,500.00	\$1,615.30	\$120.76	75%
Phillipston	\$2,000.00	\$1,030.00	\$772.51	75%
Royalston	\$5,500.00	\$181.44	\$136.08	75%
Templeton	\$17,500.00	\$22,477.44	\$16,858.09	75%

Benefits note: In reference to the recommended benefits budget, there are many unknowns that may cause an increase or decrease in benefits expended by a community during a fiscal year. Unknowns may include new applicants; unemployed veterans meeting eligibility criteria; indigent veterans; homeless veterans; recipients of benefits from another community relocating to the district; referrals from organizations that include Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs, home care corporations, nonprofit agencies, medical facilities, law offices, etc.

At the Federal level, the department assists veterans with the Department of Veterans Affairs; Department of Defense; Social Security Administration including Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance; Department of Labor and other departments.

A considerable amount of work is performed on behalf of veterans with Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) application process for service-connected disability claims that include Agent Orange exposure; Asbestos exposure; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); Sexual Assault Trauma; and other disabilities suffered during ones military service.

Veterans with deteriorating health caused by an existing service-connected disability, the VA Supplemental Application is processed requesting a medical evaluation and rating review to increase service-connected compensation for that disability. In addition, the department processes applications for non-service connected disabilities, Dependency & Indemnity Claims, death pensions, health care benefits, burial benefits, grave markers, etc.

The department has acquired certified discharge documents; personnel records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously presented to the veteran. Veterans have received assistance with DOD applications to correct Military Records and requests to review and upgrade type of discharge with Department of Defense (DOD).

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Neil P. McGuirk

Neil P. McGuirk, Director of Veterans' Services

Petersham Planning Board FY Annual Report
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

There were three applicants for land divisions for Approval Not required (ANR) endorsements in the fiscal year 2010-2011. They were all endorsed as ANR. One lot was divided into 4 buildable lots. Of the other two plot plans, one resulted in a nonbuildable lot division and the other resulted in one landlocked outlot that will be conveyed to DCR. There were no proposed subdivisions.

The Master Plan Committee met with the Planning Board to discuss potential bylaw revisions for parking, special permits, nonconforming lots, and home business uses. It was decided to wait for clarification of the status of the Nichewaug Inn and its potential demolition before pursuing any changes to the bylaws.

The Affordable Housing Plan is in need of updating. The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission offered to help do this through grants available in January 2012. It was decided to wait until then to determine if their assistance is required.

The Planning Board has been considering fee changes for plot plan reviews. The fee schedule has not been revised since 1996. One change suggested is to charge applicants if legal counsel is needed to review their application. Another suggested change is to charge a fee for every new lot created, rather than allowing four free lots per year. The Board is considering these options.

There was further discussion about a possible bylaw to cover wind turbines. Templates from the State and other towns were reviewed but contain guidelines for very large turbines which may not be necessary for Petersham. The board is considering guidelines for smaller scale installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Fraser Sinclair, Acting Chair

Barbara S. Hanno, Clerk

A little over a year ago the Petersham Police Department transitioned from my predecessor former Chief Denis N. Legare to me, Chief Dana Cooley. I would like to take this time to reflect and say thank you Chief Legare for your several years of service and dedication to the Town of Petersham. Nobody can know what you do until you walk in a man's shoes. I personally know the amount of time you and your family dedicated to this community and the many nights and days you were kept from being home with the ones you love dearest. I was handed the reins of a professional dedicated department and a new building to go with it.

Over the past year, the Police Department has continued to move forward with several accomplishments. An automatic generator was installed at the police station capable of operating the entire building in the event of a power outage. This has allowed the police and emergency management operations to use this building as the central command post in the event of emergency situation.

We have been able to secure several no cost grants with the assistance of Emergency Management Director Lynne Shaw. With these grants we have been able replace the radio in one of the cruisers at a price of \$13,535.00, now allowing efficient communication between all of our cruisers and dispatch center. Petersham's radios are unique due to the terrain and the cost is considerably higher than a regular radio.

A grant has been applied for the installation of computers in our cruisers.

A recent grant of \$6224.89 has been applied for the purchase of GPS units to be used in the event of a lost person.

A regional grant was recently secured and carried out with one of the largest police training events in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Petersham Police Department was able to participate in the large scale Active Shooter Program at the Quabbin Regional School better preparing our department if an event like this occurs within our town. Our department has trained in events such as this, but on a much smaller scale.

Our department has gotten involved with the annual Drug Take Back program where annually residents have a place to bring their old prescription medications for disposal. This prevents prescription medications from getting into the wrong hands for abuse and also protects the ground water supplies when they are flushed down the toilets.

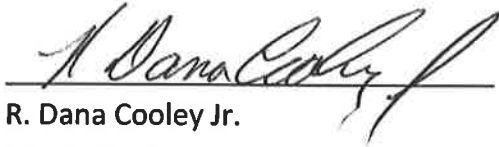
Our programs continue at the Center School focusing on safety with such events as Halloween safety, Bicycle safety and bus evacuation. The department was able to secure a grant for enough bicycle helmets to provide the entire kindergarten class. The remaining helmets are provided at the request of residents until supplies are depleted.

Mr. Richard Nickless and his staff of crime patrol need a big round of applause. He and several others donate their time to drive the roads of Petersham daily to make sure resident's properties are protected.

I want to take this time and thank all of residents who support the Police Department and pledge to you we will continue to be professional and act in the best interest of the entire town.

I want to especially thank my officers and their families for their courage, unselfish dedication to the community, to the department and to me. The career of a police officer is not easy; outcomes are not always good, as much as you like to please everyone you won't. Nobody knows what kind of heart it takes to be a good police officer. I know for a fact you all have heart or you wouldn't be here. God Bless you all, thank-you and be safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Dana Cooley Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

R. Dana Cooley Jr.
Chief of Police

**Police Department Statistics
(FY - 2011)**

Description	No. of Calls
E-911 Hang Up Calls	28
Abandoned MV	3
Alarms	46
Animal Calls	104
Assist Citizens	68
Assault	2
Assist other Agency	45
Building Issues	2
Burglary (B & E)	10
Building Checks	54
Computer Crimes	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	2
Complaints	16
Court	45
Disturbance	1
Disabled Motor Vehicle	40
Domestic Disturbance	2
Escort/Transport	5
Fire Alarm	15
Fire / Brush	2
Fire Illegal Burn/Permit	2
Fire Auto	1
Fire Chimney	1
Fire Structure	2
Fire Other	11
Forgery / Fraud	2
General Info	7
Gun Shots	9
Hazardous Incident	4
Illegal Dumping	3
Inspections	1
Investigation	17
Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting	4
Lockout	1
Medical Emergency	58
Missing Person	4
Mutual Aide Fire / Ambulance	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	18
Complaint /MV Operations	10
Motor Vehicle Investigation	103
Motor Vehicle Stops	856
Notifications	5
Officer Initiated Investigations	169
Property Damage	2
Annoying Phone Calls	1

Police Department Statistics

(FY - 2011)

Found/Lost Property	5
Psych Emergency	3
Records Check	2
Repossession	1
Serve Restraining Order	2
Robbery	1
Safety Hazard	93
Sex Offenses	1
Snow Ban	1
Serve Summons	11
Suspicious Activity	32
Threat	2
Trespass	2
Traffic Control	1
Unattended Death	1
Vandalism	4
Serve Warrant	2
Welfare Check	32
Total	1979

Town of Petersham
Fiscal Year 2011

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	\$6,419.00	\$6,419.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,540.00	\$3,102.65	\$437.35
Part - Time Clerk	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00	\$0.00
Total Board of Selectmen	\$15,109.00	\$14,671.65	\$437.35
Town Admin Coordinator			
Salary	\$38,420.00	\$38,420.00	\$0.00
Admin Coordinator Overtime	\$723.70	\$723.70	\$0.00
Total Town Admin Coordinator	\$39,143.70	\$39,143.70	\$0.00
Finance Committee			
Expenses	\$505.00	\$316.00	\$189.00
Total Finance Committee	\$505.00	\$316.00	\$189.00
Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00	\$5,350.96	\$19,649.04
Town Accountant			
Salary	\$13,507.00	\$13,507.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,353.00	\$3,353.00	\$0.00
Audit	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Accounting Clerk	\$1,100.00	\$967.50	\$132.50
Total Town Accountant	\$29,960.00	\$17,827.50	\$12,132.50
Board of Assessors			
Board Members Salaries	\$7,143.00	\$7,143.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$12,066.00	\$12,066.00	\$0.00
Assistant Assessor Salary	\$27,930.00	\$27,706.06	\$223.94
FY 13 Revaluation	\$9,633.00	\$0.00	\$9,633.00
FY 11 Reassess PP Values	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Total Board of Assessors	\$60,772.00	\$50,915.06	\$9,856.94
Treasurer			
Salary	\$13,507.00	\$13,507.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,747.89	\$3,747.89	\$0.00
Payroll Processing Fees	\$3,100.00	\$2,989.89	\$110.11
Total Treasurer	\$20,354.89	\$20,244.78	\$110.11
Tax Collector			
Salary	\$10,751.00	\$10,751.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$13,080.00	\$8,825.84	\$4,254.16
Total Tax Collector	\$23,831.00	\$19,576.84	\$4,254.16
Town Counsel			
Legal Fees	\$9,983.10	\$9,782.53	\$200.57
Total Town Counsel	\$9,983.10	\$9,782.53	\$200.57

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Town Clerk			
Salary	\$9,242.00	\$9,242.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2,311.88	\$2,311.88	\$0.00
Vital Statistics	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Vital Records	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Part-Time Clerk	\$546.00	\$546.00	\$0.00
Total Town Clerk	\$17,174.88	\$12,174.88	\$5,000.00
Election & Registration			
Salaries	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$1,350.00	\$1,270.70	\$79.30
Total Election & Registration	\$6,850.00	\$6,770.70	\$79.30
Planning Board			
Expenses	\$1,789.58	\$1,789.58	\$0.00
Affordable Housing Consultant	\$2,118.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.00
Total Planning Board	\$3,907.58	\$1,789.58	\$2,118.00
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Expenses	\$960.00	\$0.00	\$960.00
ZBA Consultant	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Total Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$2,160.00
Land Court / Tax Title Fees			
Land Court Fees	\$7,701.25	\$296.60	\$7,404.65
Tax Title Surveys / Appraisals	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$13,035.00
Total Land Court / Tax Title Fees	\$20,736.25	\$296.60	\$20,439.65
Town Hall			
Town Hall / Office Maintenance	\$4,500.00	\$4,238.20	\$261.80
Town Hall / Office Expenses	\$33,000.00	\$27,016.12	\$5,983.88
Town - Phone	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00
Handicap Access / Town Hall / Office	\$3,027.52	\$0.00	\$3,027.52
Computer Service	\$2,800.00	\$2,103.76	\$696.24
Town Hall / Office Wiring	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Town Hall Windows w/ Screens	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Town Hall Alarm System	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
Total Town Hall	\$96,427.52	\$42,958.08	\$53,469.44
Printing			
Town Printing	\$1,850.00	\$1,314.00	\$536.00
Total Printing	\$1,850.00	\$1,314.00	\$536.00
Police Department			
Police Chief Salary	\$63,350.00	\$63,350.00	\$0.00
Police Wages	\$25,400.00	\$18,269.88	\$7,130.12
Full Time Officer Wages	\$42,394.00	\$41,551.20	\$842.80
Expenses	\$27,078.00	\$27,053.60	\$24.40
4 Wheel Drive Vehicle	\$31,500.00	\$31,444.90	\$55.10
Propane Generator	\$10,000.00	\$9,168.44	\$831.56
Total Police Department	\$199,722.00	\$190,838.02	\$8,883.98

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Fire Department			
Salaries/Wages	\$19,189.60	\$17,466.75	\$1,722.85
Expenses	\$19,100.00	\$17,108.73	\$1,991.27
Forestry Equipment	\$1,412.00	\$358.00	\$1,054.00
Dry Hydrant - Buell's Pond	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Forestry Gear	\$10,000.00	\$8,164.50	\$1,835.50
Overhead Doors	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Portable Generator	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total Fire Department	\$69,701.60	\$55,097.98	\$14,603.62
Emergency Management			
Emergency Management	\$5,582.47	\$3,073.34	\$2,509.13
Total Emergency Management	\$5,582.47	\$3,073.34	\$2,509.13
Building Inspector			
Building Inspector Salary	\$8,912.00	\$8,912.00	\$0.00
Clerical	\$2,274.00	\$2,114.96	\$159.04
Expenses	\$1,360.00	\$971.05	\$388.95
Total Building Inspector	\$12,546.00	\$11,998.01	\$547.99
Dog Officer			
Salary	\$1,970.00	\$1,970.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$3,056.93	\$1,204.15	\$1,852.78
Total Dog Officer	\$5,026.93	\$3,174.15	\$1,852.78
Tree Warden			
Salary	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$100.00	\$41.80	\$58.20
Town Trees	\$5,577.00	\$1,175.00	\$4,402.00
Total Tree Warden	\$5,877.00	\$1,416.80	\$4,460.20
Forest Warden			
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Total Forest Warden	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Public Safety Communications			
Communication Radio Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$1,430.52	\$369.48
IMC & LEAPS	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00	\$0.00
Total Public Safety Communications	\$4,370.00	\$4,000.52	\$369.48
Director of Agriculture			
Salary	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total Director of Agriculture	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Hearing Enforcement Officer			
Salary	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Total Hearing Enforcement Officer	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Education			
Petersham Center School	\$1,096,187.00	\$1,096,187.00	\$0.00
Replacement Gutters	\$22,500.00	\$21,571.00	\$929.00
Chimney Repairs	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District	\$890,770.00	\$889,799.01	\$970.99
Teacher Salary Deferral	\$1,090.73	\$1,090.72	\$0.01
Montachusett Regional Vocational Tech.	\$58,233.00	\$57,954.00	\$279.00
Total Education	\$2,086,780.73	\$2,084,601.73	\$2,179.00

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Highway Department			
Salaries	\$115,878.00	\$112,459.86	\$3,418.14
Expenses	\$33,000.00	\$27,016.66	\$5,983.34
Loader Tires	\$3,400.00	\$3,080.98	\$319.02
	<u>\$152,278.00</u>	<u>\$142,557.50</u>	<u>\$9,720.50</u>
Town Barn			
Expenses	\$5,675.00	\$4,915.29	\$759.71
Total Town Barn	<u>\$5,675.00</u>	<u>\$4,915.29</u>	<u>\$759.71</u>
Snow & Ice Removal			
Expenses	\$63,373.97	\$63,373.97	\$0.00
Total Snow & Ice Removal	<u>\$63,373.97</u>	<u>\$63,373.97</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Street Lights			
Street Lights	\$6,305.00	\$5,844.58	\$460.42
Total Street Lights	<u>\$6,305.00</u>	<u>\$5,844.58</u>	<u>\$460.42</u>
Cemetery Department			
Expenses	\$280.00	\$90.00	\$190.00
Care of Cemeteries	\$19,764.00	\$19,764.00	\$0.00
Computerizing Cemetery Records	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Cemetery Repairs	\$4,856.53	\$328.00	\$4,528.53
Total Cemetery Department	<u>\$25,950.53</u>	<u>\$20,182.00</u>	<u>\$5,768.53</u>
Board of Health			
Board Members Salaries	\$407.00	\$407.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$4,410.54	\$813.70	\$3,596.84
Inspector of Animals	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
BOH - Admin Assistant	\$5,191.00	\$5,090.66	\$100.34
Total Board of Health	<u>\$10,083.54</u>	<u>\$6,386.36</u>	<u>\$3,697.18</u>
Transfer Station			
Transfer Station	\$60,072.00	\$44,521.25	\$15,550.75
Landfill Closure	\$8,800.00	\$7,863.00	\$937.00
Total Transfer Station	<u>\$68,872.00</u>	<u>\$52,384.25</u>	<u>\$16,487.75</u>
Council on Aging			
Expenses	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Total Council on Aging	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Veterans' Agent			
Expenses	\$3,316.00	\$3,316.00	\$0.00
Total Veterans' Agent	<u>\$3,316.00</u>	<u>\$3,316.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Library			
Operating Subsidy	\$6,371.00	\$6,371.00	\$0.00
Total Library	<u>\$6,371.00</u>	<u>\$6,371.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Concerts			
Concerts (6)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Concerts	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Bandstand			
Bandstand Lighting	\$450.00	\$141.82	\$308.18
Total Bandstand	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$141.82</u>	<u>\$308.18</u>
Town Clock			
Care of Town Clock	\$73.00	\$73.00	\$0.00
Total Town Clock	<u>\$73.00</u>	<u>\$73.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

Department:	Budget	Expended	Unexpended
Care of Common			
Expenses	\$6,495.00	\$6,495.00	\$0.00
Total Care of Common	\$6,495.00	\$6,495.00	\$0.00
Historical Commission			
Expenses	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Total Historical Commission	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Historical District Commission			
Expenses	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Total Historical District Commission	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Memorial Day			
Expenses	\$495.00	\$349.95	\$145.05
Total Memorial Day	\$495.00	\$349.95	\$145.05
Debt Service			
Interest Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Vehicles (3) Debt	\$34,038.00	\$34,038.00	\$0.00
Center School Debt	\$99,480.00	\$99,480.00	\$0.00
Police Station Debt	\$34,190.00	\$34,189.50	\$0.50
Mahar Debt	\$37,895.00	\$37,895.00	\$0.00
Total Debt Service	\$209,103.00	\$209,102.50	\$0.50
Assessments			
School Choice	\$51,250.00	\$30,000.00	\$21,250.00
Air Pollution	\$343.00	\$343.00	\$0.00
Regional Transit	\$939.00	\$939.00	\$0.00
RMV Non-Renewal	\$400.00	\$420.00	(\$20.00)
Total State Assessments	\$52,932.00	\$31,702.00	\$21,230.00
Retirement			
Assessment	\$114,442.50	\$114,442.50	\$0.00
Total Retirement	\$114,442.50	\$114,442.50	\$0.00
Insurance			
Health	\$42,830.92	\$39,064.20	\$3,766.72
Retirees Health	\$33,805.34	\$31,380.22	\$2,425.12
Medicare	\$20,119.00	\$20,017.56	\$101.44
General Insurance	\$62,268.00	\$60,471.20	\$1,796.80
Total Insurance	\$159,023.26	\$150,933.18	\$8,090.08
Transfer To Stabilization Fund	\$246,437.00	\$246,437.00	\$0.00
Transfer To Unemployment Fund	\$1,984.00	\$1,984.00	\$0.00

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Personal Property Taxes	84,929.35
Real Estate Taxes	1,986,068.57
Tax Liens Redeemed	2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	128,963.12
Interest & Penalties on Real & Personal Property	5,961.55
Interest on Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,357.68
	2,209,780.27
Total Taxes and Excise	
Fees - Miscellaneous	607.40
Transfer Station Fees	37,520.44
Rentals	729.97
Dept Revenue - Police	708.75
Dept Revenue - Dog Officer	-
	39,566.56
Total Departmental Revenue	
Licenses - Alcoholic	2,240.00
Permits - Miscellaneous Business	665.50
Permits - Other	135.00
	3,040.50
Total Licenses and Permits	
State Owned Land	72,086.00
Abatements Veterans', Etc.	15,138.00
Chapter 70	416,507.00
Lottery	96,968.00
MDC - In Lieu of Taxes	437,910.26
Court Fines	380.00
Registry of MV Fines	8,790.00
	1,047,779.26
Total State Revenues	

Account Name	Year-To-Date Revenue
Earnings on Investments	1,501.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,720.57
Fines - Dog Violations	<u>190.00</u>
Total Unclassified	10,411.57
Total General Fund Revenues	<u><u>3,310,578.16</u></u>



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

Diana L. Cooley

PO Box 486 * 3 South Main St. * Petersham, MA 01366 * (978) 724-6649

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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

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

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

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

*Diana L. Cooley
Town Clerk*

**Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Summary
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**

Fund	Princ. Bal.	Earnings Bal.	Princ.	Earnings	Cash	Princ. Bal.	Earnings Bal	Ending Cash
	7/1/2010	7/1/2010	Contrib.	Net	Disb.	6/30/2011	6/30/2011	Value
<u>Cemetery Funds</u>								
Consolidated Cemetery I & II	\$ 70,551.71	\$ 1,335.04	\$ 600.00	\$ 449.75	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 71,151.71	\$ 630.79	\$ 71,782.50
E.M. Cook Cemetery Fund	1,026.25	416.75		7.30	412.00	1,026.25	12.05	1,038.30
L.L. Pond Cemetery Fund I & II	2,333.33	1,705.95		18.10	1,695.00	2,333.33	29.05	2,362.38
Belle Rickey Cemetery Fund	188.97	3.09		1.21	2.58	188.97	1.72	190.69
Cemetery Bequests	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Annie Daniels Flower Fund	1,069.54	17.58		6.79	14.70	1,069.54	9.67	1,079.21
John Mudge Flower Fund	2,131.32	593.60		16.66	106.22	2,131.32	502.04	2,633.36
J & C Williams Flower Fund	544.61	8.97		3.47	7.50	544.61	4.94	549.55
William Smith Cemetery Fund	9,000.00	315.59		58.59		9,000.00	374.18	9,374.18
SubTotal	\$ 86,845.73	\$ 4,396.57	\$ 600.00	\$ 561.87	\$ 3,394.00	\$ 87,445.73	\$ 1,564.44	\$ 89,010.17
<u>School Funds</u>								
McCarthy School fund	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 716.47		\$ 25.34	\$ -	\$ 3,310.91	\$ 741.81	\$ 4,052.72
Hildreth School fund	4,476.72	292.59		29.99	-	4,476.72	322.58	4,799.30
Josephine Dickman School Fund	2,926.79	52.77		18.73	-	2,926.79	71.50	2,998.29
Discovery Center School	459.22	257.86		4.51	-	459.22	262.37	721.59
Subtotal	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,319.69	\$ -	\$ 78.57	\$ -	\$ 11,173.64	\$ 1,398.26	\$ 12,571.90
<u>Library Funds</u>								
Mann Library Fund I & II	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,050.90		\$ 38.06		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,088.96	\$ 6,088.96
GW Cook Library Fund	1,026.25	215.87		7.83		1,026.25	223.80	1,250.05
Spooner Library Fund I, II & III	4,659.00	12.66		29.39		4,659.00	42.05	4,701.05
Wheeler Library fund	3,000.00	630.55		22.81		3,000.00	653.36	3,653.36
Subtotal	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 1,910.08	\$ -	\$ 98.09	\$ -	\$ 13,685.25	\$ 2,008.17	\$ 15,693.42
<u>Conservation Funds</u>								
Babbitt Fund	\$ 60,465.55	\$ 12,816.57		\$ 460.92		\$ 60,465.55	\$ 13,277.49	\$ 73,743.04
Evelyn Murphy Conservation Fund	10,000.00	6,255.09		102.84	140.00	10,000.00	6,497.93	16,497.93
Subtotal	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 19,071.66	\$ -	\$ 563.76	\$ 140.00	\$ 70,465.55	\$ 19,775.42	\$ 90,240.97
<u>Charity Funds</u>								
Elizabeth Newton Charity Fund	\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,424.75		\$ 80.93		\$ 3,441.65	\$ 9,505.68	\$ 12,947.33
E Newton Deserving Poor Fund	13,672.26	37,147.26		319.43	(1,432.96)	13,672.26	36,033.73	49,705.99
Subtotal	\$ 17,113.91	46,572.01	\$ -	400.36	(1,432.96)	17,113.91	45,539.41	62,653.32

Town of Petersham
Trust Fund Summary
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

Fund	Princ. Bal. 7/1/2010	Earnings Bal. 7/1/2010	Princ. Contrib.	Earnings Net	Cash Disb.	Princ. Bal. 6/30/2011	Earnings Bal 6/30/2011	Ending Cash Value
Other Funds								
Flint Memorial Fund	\$ 22,967.99	\$ 10,530.50		\$ 210.68	\$ -	\$ 22,967.99	\$ 10,741.18	\$ 33,709.17
Disaster Fund	6,849.70	19,801.73	-	\$ 168.24		6,849.70	\$ 19,969.97	\$ 26,919.67
Stabilization Fund	163,978.97	43,884.89	246,437.00	\$ 2,171.32	(45,806.00)	364,609.97	\$ 48,056.21	\$ 410,666.18
Energy Commission fund	83.59	1.53		\$ 0.54		83.59	\$ 2.07	\$ 85.66
Petersham Village Imp. Soc	115.66	98.66		\$ 1.33		115.66	\$ 99.99	\$ 215.65
Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund	3,000.00	638.13		\$ 7.65	(3,000.00)	-	\$ 111.21	\$ 111.21
Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund	17,394.00	1,570.44	-	\$ 67.69	(12,000.00)	5,394.00	\$ 1,638.13	\$ 7,032.13
Subtotal	\$214,389.91	\$ 76,525.88	\$246,437.00	\$2,627.45	\$(60,806.00)	\$400,120.91	\$ 78,618.76	\$ 478,739.67
Grand Total Trust Funds	\$413,673.99	\$149,795.89	\$247,037.00	\$4,330.10	\$(58,704.96)	\$600,004.99	\$148,904.46	\$748,909.45

Respectfully Submitted.

Dana C. Robinson
Treasurer

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**

General Government

Selectmen

Timothy Clark	Selectman	2,063.00	
Robert Legare	Selectman	2,063.00	
Fredrik Marsh	Selectmen	2,293.00	
Dale Bull	Admin. Coordinator	40,528.80	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	5,010.17	\$ 51,957.97

Assessors

Dana Kennan	Assessor	2,641.00	
Frederick Marsh	Assessor	2,171.00	
Jean Robinson	Assessor	2,307.00	
Kelly Garlock	Asst. Assessor	30,342.57	\$ 37,461.57

Tax Collector

Virginia Newman		20,620.22	\$ 20,620.22
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Town Clerk

Diana Cooley		15,257.70	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	545.50	\$ 15,803.20

Town Treasurer

Dana Robinson		13,507.00	\$ 13,507.00
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Town Accountant

Jean Joel		13,507.00	\$ 13,507.00
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Building Inspector

Brianna Skowrya		8,912.00	
Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	1,983.80	\$ 10,895.80

Board of Health

Mary Anne Forgues	Health Board	325.00	
Fifi Scoufopoulos	Health Board	1,488.69	
Robert Pasic	Health Board	238.00	
Richard D. Cooley Jr	Water Operator	325.00	
Fredrik Marsh	Transfer Station	1,229.17	
Renee Wingertsman	BOH Secretary	6,178.38	\$ 9,784.24

Inspector of Animals

Jeffrey Perkins		75.00	\$ 125.00
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Town Hall & Office Custodian

Neil Legare		7,926.45	\$ 7,926.45
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Tree Warden

Timothy Clark		200.00	
Michael Leonard		500.00	\$ 700.00

Conservation Commission

Renee Wingertsman	Secretary	70.05	\$ 70.05
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Dog Officer

Andrew Ohlson		2,239.20	\$ 2,239.20
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Plumbing Inspector

Gerald Brousseau		2,140.00	\$ 2,140.00
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Electrical Inspector

Gary Terroy		3,805.00	\$ 3,805.00
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Gas Inspector

Joshua Cayea		155.00	
Michael Schlosser		500.00	\$ 655.00

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**

Elections & Registration

Sharon Bassett		713.10	
Ralph Hebert		62.06	
Anne Hyde		273.92	
Charlotte Kennan		299.56	
Dana Kennan		270.10	
Carolyn May		389.48	
Barbara Nickless		100.00	
Richard Nickless		356.80	
Karen O'Connor		372.36	
Anne Perkins		200.00	
Ruth Robinson		44.94	
Helen Simms		100.00	
Grace West		57.78	\$ 3,240.10

Police Department

R. Dana Cooley Jr.	Chief	65,225.00	
	Detail Pay	916.00	
Scott Acito		3,977.69	
Richard Bartus		69.22	
Ted Bassett		4,001.00	
Jeffrey Boyer		7,585.67	
Peter Buck		3,678.01	
Stephanie Dowd		4,384.13	
Robert Hall, Jr.		3,108.25	
Randy Home	Salary	43,042.64	
	Detail Pay	18,146.46	
Bruce Kilhart		1,639.00	
Denis Legare		36,597.86	
Robert Legare		7,131.50	
Jason Lichtengerger		8,599.50	\$ 208,101.93

Fire Department

Dana Robinson	Chief	4,424.60	
	Inspection Fees	925.00	
	Forest Warden	25.00	
Ronald Dejackome	Asst. Chief	2,687.95	
Vinnie Acito		552.30	
Cory Bourque		93.80	
Trevor Bourque		512.45	
William Bourque		628.20	
Scott Churchill		534.35	
Peter Devoll		1,254.80	
Joseph Gebo		118.35	
Robert Goodfellow		1,509.83	
Kurt Graeff		301.63	
Gilbert King, Jr		1,121.10	
Neil Legare		721.45	

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**

Fire Department - Continued

Rebecca Legare		407.40	
Robert Legare	Deputy Chief	966.50	
Shawn Legare	Captain	748.75	
Colin O'Brien		486.55	
Joshua Patriquin		13.15	
David Perkins		453.03	
Jeffrey Perkins		117.15	
Ashley Reed		420.80	
Larry Robinson	Captain	1,634.27	
Kevin Shortis		117.15	
James West		498.50	
Peter West		429.55	\$ 21,703.61

Highway Department

Norman LaPointe		225.00	
Timothy Graves	Superintendent	55,025.20	
Leslie Cooley		50,452.21	
Gary Martinelli		44,539.39	
Scott Acito		346.04	
Brian Bassett		4,194.68	
Fredrik Marsh		455.76	
Jeffrey Perkins		2,675.48	\$ 157,913.76

School Department

Patricia Martin	Superintendent	32,898.12
Rebecca Phillips	Principal/Special Needs	80,624.25
Melanie Pallotta	Kindergarten/Learning Specialist	64,335.48
Christina Boyer- Thompson	Kindergarten-Aide	14,302.49
Susan Andriski	Grade 1	70,919.90
Wendi LeBlanc	Grade 2	66,139.58
Tracy Smith	Grade 3	58,517.50
Melissa Clark	Grade 4	40,142.05
Nicole Ruggles	Grade 5	58,408.83
Christopher Dodge	Grade 6	49,176.74
Donna Shaughnessy	Special Needs	30,684.80
Natasha Hanna	Music/Aide	20,201.21
Jane Fitzgerald	Music/Aide	1,964.32
Angela Haynes	Music/Aide	13,446.17
Kay Leonard	Art	9,596.42
Suzanne Tattan	Phys. Ed.	12,625.93
Stephanie Carmiello	School Nurse	31,307.87
Karen Vamey	Nurse Sub.	95.00
Tina Duguay	Nurse Sub.	670.00
Bridget Koetsch	Special Needs/Kindergarten	65,137.45
Katherine Arsenault	Technology/Library	42,907.16
Karen Regan	Speech Pathologist	55,886.83
David Weinberg	Guidance	44,258.04
Dayna Mallet	Aide	17,496.87

**Town of Petersham
Annual Payroll
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011**

School Department (con't)

Rebecca Boisvert	Aide	14,881.16	
Jo-ann Fitzgerald	Aide	14,070.83	
Kelli Graves	Aide	12,051.06	
Cailte Kelley	Aide	15,017.40	
Kelley Mongeau	Aide	13,143.75	
Ann Degnan	Secretary	35,112.57	
Barbara Young	Secretary	16,160.16	
Debra Phelps	Cook	17,652.95	
James M. Burke III	Head Custodian	40,873.05	
Justin Liversidge	Custodian	28,194.66	
Glenede Albertine	Substitute	140.00	
Sandra Ackerman	Substitute	130.00	
Matthew Degnan	Substitute	310.00	
Kate Dodge	Substitute	980.00	
Jacqueline Flamand	Substitute	350.00	
Lynn Peredina	Substitute	520.00	
Charlotte Kennan	Substitute	3,435.00	
Kathleen Kulakusky	Substitute	360.00	
Kelley Young	Substitute	700.00	
Tracy Murphy	Substitute	70.00	
Helen Simms	Substitute	3,438.24	
Richard D. Cooley, Jr	Water Operator	550.00	
Robert Hughes	Water Operator	375.00	\$ 1,100,258.84

Total Payroll All Departments

\$ 1,682,415.94

1099 Vendors

Barnes Landscaping	Care of Common & Cemeteries	30,745.92
Thomas Garbett	Psychologist	9,573.59
Salvatore Ardagna Jr.	Street Sweeping	1,200.00
Phillip Ledger	Board of Health	4,350.00
Whittier Plumbing	Plumbing Repair	952.80

\$ 46,822.31

Total Payroll & 1099 Vendors

\$ 1,729,238.25

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana C. Robinson
Town Treasurer

Vital Statistics of the Town Clerk

Births

From July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 there were 7 babies born – 3 boys and 4 girls.

From January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 there were 2 babies born – 2 boys.

Marriages

July 10, 2010	Erick Ivar Jarvenpaa Amy Lynn Clukey	Templeton Templeton
September 25, 2010	Jana Elizabeth Dengler Maryanne Reynolds	Petersham Petersham
December 13, 2010	Brandon Ross Lopez Cory Ann Bourque	Winchendon Winchendon
June 4, 2011	Dennis Paul Flynn Marcia Maglione Flynn	Petersham Petersham
June 18, 2011	Joshua Thomas Stone Jennifer Nicole Kiberd	Athol Athol
June 25, 2011	Ralph Norman Hebert Josephine Ann Hyde	Petersham Petersham

Deaths

July 25, 2010	John Thomas Shanahan	Petersham
August 15, 2010	Dora T. Paradis	Dracut
August 30, 2010	James E. Johnson	Petersham
September 18, 2010	Richard Chandler	Hudson
October 21, 2010	Scott J. Lajoie	Petersham
November 15, 2010	David L. Perkins	Petersham
December 26, 2010	Frances E. O'Brien	Petersham
January 15, 2011	Elliott P. Joslin	Petersham
February 2, 2011	Marie Dorothy Paradis	Petersham
March 8, 2011	Samuel Adams Green	Petersham
April 22, 2011	Clare Tardiff	Petersham
May 9, 2011	Cecile LeFrancois	Petersham

Of the above, 5 burials took place in Petersham. There were 8 burials brought into town.

Town Clerk

RAFFLES

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

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

DOG FUNDS

A total of 1,718.25 was collected for the library from the dog license fund. A total of \$190.00 was collected in dog fines and turned over to the Treasurer.

MARIJUANA CITATIONS

A total of \$300.00 was collected in marijuana citations and turned over to the Treasurer.

**Zoning Board of Appeals
FY2011 Annual Report**

In FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011), the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals were Robert Paquet, Brian MacEwen, Don Eaton and James Ermini. Mr. Paquet served as chair. Mr. MacEwen served as clerk. Chairman Paquet processed multiple business permit requests, making the applicants aware of the Town's Zoning By-Laws. No formal matters were presented to the Board during this time period.

A cell tower application was received and withdrawn in FY2012. The Board's composition also underwent some changes. These matters can be more fully reported in the forthcoming FY2012 report.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne Reynolds, co-chair
James Ermini, co-chair
Brian MacEwen, clerk
Robert Paquet
Don Eaton

Report of the Petersham Center School

The Petersham Center School continues to flourish as a place of teaching, learning, and growing. The 2010 – 2011 school year was filled with opportunities for our students to flourish with a sound curriculum and quality teaching.

We welcomed 115 students to the new school year. Class sizes ranged from 14 to 18 students. We were again fortunate to welcome students to the Center School through the school of choice program from the towns of Athol, Templeton, Ware, Baldwinville, New Salem, and Orange.

The town approved a budget of \$1,321,321 for the 2010 – 2011 school year. The town appropriated \$1,096,187 with an estimated \$225,134 in school choice funds and \$47,353 in grants. Grant monies were spent to support teaching and learning through funding of salaries, books, materials, professional development, and consultation services.

Through the support of local community resources students were able to participate in a Vernal Pool study, Babbitt Sanctuary program, Harvard Forest Pond program, planting and harvesting, and Cliff Reed water program. The Petersham Police Department conducted programs for Halloween, bike , and bus safety. The Petersham Fire Department sponsored a fire safety program.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted a nutrition audit in the fall and began the first half of a Coordinated Program Review for Special Education, Civil Rights, and English Language Learning in the Spring. The second half of this audit will be completed in March of 2012.

The start of the school year had all of our teaching staff trained in the Responsive Classroom I program. It was implemented school wide. In addition, the Kindergarten Teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, and Kindergarten Paraprofessional were trained in the Tools of the Mind program. These programs provide training and support throughout the school year. We are pleased with the outcomes from both the Responsive Classroom and Tools of the Mind program. We anticipate even more success as we move into year two!

Parent involvement and support continues to be an integral component of our success. We are proud of the many parents and community members who volunteer at the school and support us throughout the year. In addition, our very active and committed Parent Teacher Group has worked hard to provide the students with activities and opportunities in a variety of areas.

We look forward to the collaboration that will come with the consolidation of the Administrative Offices of Orange, R.C. Mahar, and Petersham. Some of the work that was completed as a result of the consolidation process was the development of a strategic plan, review of the new state curriculum, curriculum mapping and alignment, and collaborative professional development.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget	Expended	Proposed
	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012
1000 ADMINISTRATION			
1131 Committee Expense	100	0	100
1132 Committee Adv. Exp	750	1093	750
1133 Committee Legal Exp	500	650	500
1140 MASC Dues	1	0	1
1160 Census	175	0	175
1170 School Council	1	0	1
1100 COMMITTEE SUBTOTAL	1527	1742	1527
1210 Superintendent Salary	32898	32,898	33885
1220 Supt. Secretary Salary	8148	8,148	16785
1230 Supt. Office Expense	500	444	500
1240 Superintendent Dues	1	0	1
1250 Superintendent Travel	1	0	1
1260 Supt. Sec. Asst. Sal	2785	2,785	2870
1200 SUPERINTENDENT SUBTOTAL	44333	44,175	54042
1000 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	45860	46,017	55569
2000 INSTRUCTION			
2100			
2210 Principal's Salary	61752	61,704	78007
2220 Principal Secretary Salary	8148	8,148	16785
2230 Office Expense	3000	3,330	2500
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	72903	73182	97295
2301 Teacher Salaries	373168	344,027	411441
2302 Supervisor Salaries	18358	18,359	18080
2303 Substitute Salaries	5000	10,305	5000
2304 Band/Glee Club Salaries	16200	225	16656
2305 Discovery Salaries	1	0	2500
2306 Teacher Aide Salaries	1	0	1
2307 Counselor Salary	20663	0	21491
2308 Tech/Media Specialist	39775	0	40969
2300 TEACHER SALARY SUBTOTAL	473166	372916	516138
2351 Teacher Course Credits	2500	0	965
2352 Professional Development	4000	3,869	4000
2353 Scholar Supplies	9000	14,077	7000
2354 Technology	16097	9,011	3500
2355 Staff Travel	200	374	200
2356 Field Trips	1000	1,697	1
2357 Workbooks	4000	5,599	3000
2358 Professional Materials	1	0	1
2350 MATERIALS&TRAIN. SUBTOTA	36798	34627	18667

REGULAR EDUCATION	Budget 2010-2011	Expended 2010-2011	Proposed 2011-2012
2400 TEXTBOOK SUBTOTAL	3000	1,800	3000
2500 LIBRARY BOOKS SUBTOTAL	500	0	500
2600 AUDIO VISUAL SUBTOTAL	1400	0	200
2700 ACHIEVMNT. TEST SUBTOTAL	1	0	1
2000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	587,768	482,525	635801
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
3200 School Physician(Flint Fund)	0	0	1
3210 School Nurse Salary	21666	22,828	30621
3220 Health Supplies	600	802	600
3370 Transportation	95760	86184	100055
3380 Trans. Contingency	1	0	1
3400 Food Services	8373	0	1
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERV. TOTAL	126400	109815	131279
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
4110 Custodian Salary	18258	0	27583
4111 Custodial Recall	500	0	500
4112 Custodial Supplies	7000	7,131	6000
4113 Director of Bldg. & Grounds	39092	39,092	40265
4120 Heating	39875	26,401	51925
4130 Telephone	4001	3,162	4000
4140 Electricity	23000	20,758	23000
4150 Alarm Monitoring	1001	543	1000
4210 Maintenance of Grounds	2900	1,956	2900
4220 Maintenance of Buildings	4000	3,768	4400
4221 Contracted Services	20000	8,891	20001
4222 Water Assoc. Dues	300	175	300
4230 Maint. Of Equipment - Bldg.	4000	701	4000
4232 Maint. Of Equipment - Educ.	7491	6,822	7400
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	171418	119400	193274
5000 FIXED CHARGES			
5200 Health Insurance	142260	141,680	144683
5202 Dental Insurance	0	0	0
5000 FIXED CHARGES TOTAL	142260	141680	144683
7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS			
7200 Acquis. & Imprv. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7390 Acquis. Of Equip. - Educ.	500	0	500
7391 Acquis. Of Equip. - Bldg.	500	264	500
7490 Replacement Equip. - Educ.	1	0	1
7491 Replacement Equip. - Bldg.	1	0	1
7000 ACQUIS. - FIXED ASSETS	1003	264	1003
8000 DEBT SERVICE/RETIREMENT	1786	0	1786
REGULAR EDUCATION BUDGE	1,076,495	899,701	1163395

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SPECIAL EDUCATION	Budget 2010-2011	Expended 2010-2011	Proposed 2011-2012
92000 INSTRUCTION			
92210 Spec. Needs Admin Salary	5982	5,293	5982
92220 Special Needs Sec. Salary	7000	7000	7210
92230 Office Expense	200	272	200
92200 SPEC.NEEDS ADMIN. SUBTL.	13182	12565	13392
92301 Special Needs Teacher Salary	60598	49,712	52254
92302 Special Needs Teacher Salary	0	0	0
92303 Spec. Needs Teacher Sub Sal.	1	0	1
92304 Special Needs Aide Salary	45344	12,287	45079
92305 Special Needs Tutor Salary	1	0	1
92306 Speech Therapist Salary	27180	26,375	44603
92307 Therapist (PT, OT) Salaries	9000	4,961	9000
92308 Psychologist Salary	1	0	1
92309 Counselor Salary	20662	19,574	21491
92310 Summer Program Tchr. Salary	3500	0	1
92311 Inclusion Specialist	1	0	1
92300 SPEC.NEEDS SALARY SUBTL.	166288	112909	172432
92350 Special Needs Travel	1	0	1
92351 Home/Hospital Instruction	100	0	100
92360 Cont. Servs. - Behav. Specialist	14000	14,375	2531
92365 Contr. Psychological Services	7000	9,517	7000
92370 Physician/Nurse	1	0	1
92371 Contracted Services	1	5,678	1
92375 S.N. Admin. Dues	0	0	0
92380 CONTR. SERV. & EXP. SUBTL.	21103	29570	9634
92390 SCHOOL SUPPLIES	750	1,797	500
92400 TEXTBOOKS	200	101	200
92600 AUDIO VISUAL SERVICE	1	0	1
92000 INSTRUCTION TOTAL	201524	156942	196159
93000 TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	15300	17,824	26000
97390 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT	1	0	1
94000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	1	0	1
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTRICTS			
99100 CAPS Collab. Assessment	500	0	500
99110 Pre-School Program	500	0	1000
99120 Tuition Out of District	27000	25000	27000
99000 PROGRAMS W/OTHER DIST.	28000	25000	28500
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET	244826	199766	250661
REGULAR EDUC. BUDGET	1,076,495	899,701	1163395
SPECIAL EDUC. BUDGET	244826	199766	250661
TOTAL EDUCATION BUDGET:	1,321,321	1,099,467	1414056

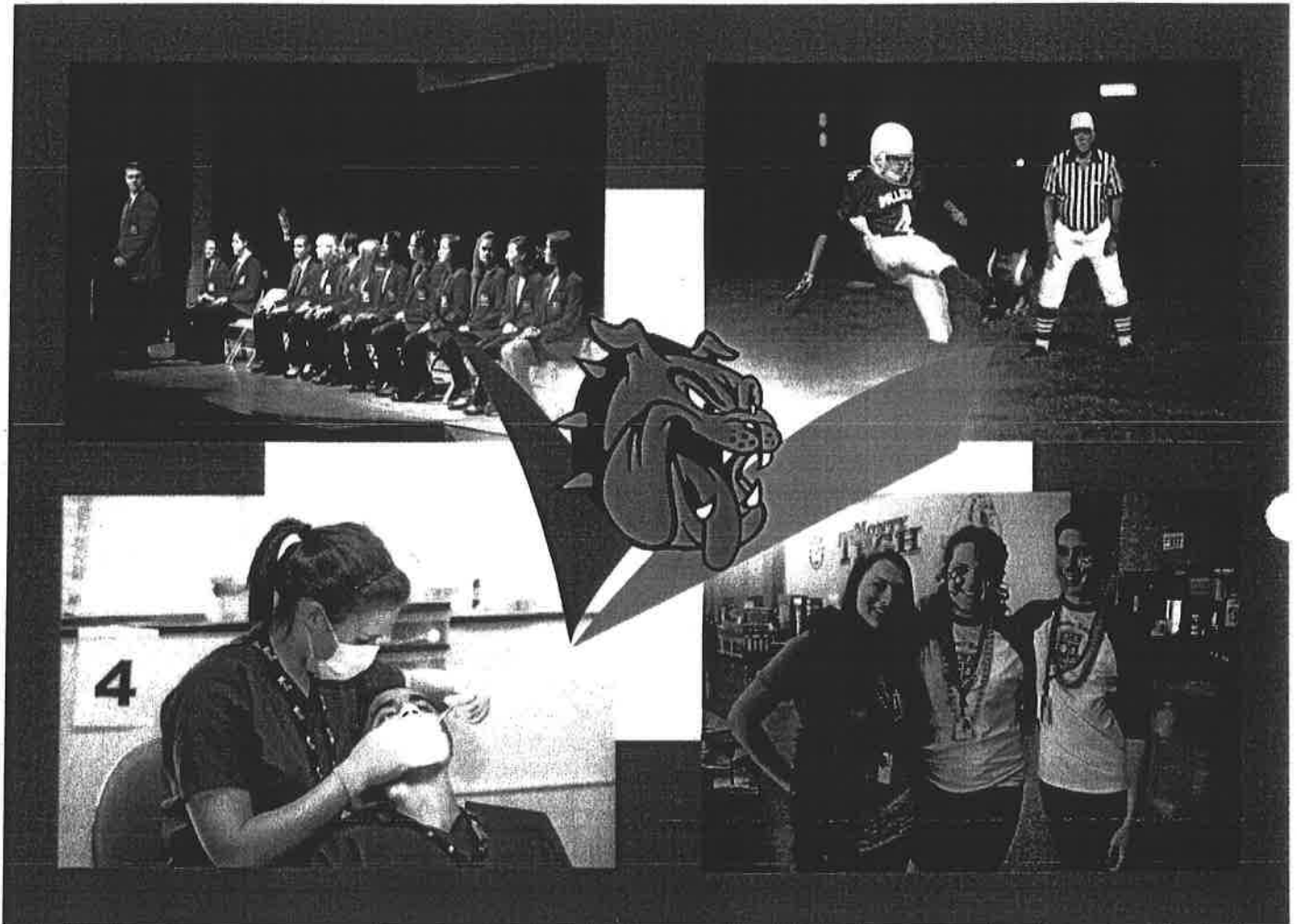
**COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENT FIGURES
(October 1st)**

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



Monty Tech

2011



Annual Report

A Letter from the Superintendent-Director

I am honored to serve as Superintendent-Director of Monty Tech, a school that has transformed secondary education in North Central Massachusetts, bringing to life lessons learned in a classroom, at the workplace, and in the community. This school exemplifies what I believe education is all about – a commitment to excellence and the provision of a relevant learning experience.

A Monty Tech education is grounded on workforce trends and labor markets, balanced by a rigorous academic curriculum. Our students are prepared not only to enter the workforce, but to also continue their education by enrolling in college. In fact, while 44% of the Class of 2011 is currently employed in a field related to their Monty Tech trade, 43% of 2011 graduates are currently seeking higher education.

Compiling information for the 2011 Annual Report has been an exercise of great value for me. As a new administrator, it has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and activities of our students, faculty and staff. It has afforded me the opportunity to visit with thoughtful partners in vocational education, and has given me great insight into the achievements of the 2010-2011 academic year. Some of the more notable highlights include:

- 100% of the Class of 2011 successfully passed the state-required MCAS exam in English, Math and Biology.
- The Class of 2011 earned a 93% placement rate: 62% college acceptance or advanced technical training, 13% career bound in field, 9% career bound out of field, and 7% military.
- Seventy-eight members (25%) of the Class of 2011 were awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for outstanding performance on the MCAS examination.
- 100% of Dental Assisting graduates passed the Dental Assisting National Board exams in both Radiation Health and Safety and Infection Control.
- 2011 graduate Alicia McKean was the first student in the school's history to be named a National Achievement Scholar, and was the first to receive the coveted Presidential Scholar Award, providing a "full-ride" to attend Boston College.
- Eleven students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The Monty Tech delegate was awarded four silver medals and one bronze medal.
- Victoria Holbert was elected to the office of National SkillsUSA President.
- Two cadets in the Class of 2011 were awarded Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarships—a first for the Monty Tech MJROTC unit and the school. Selected students were awarded full tuition, fees, books, uniforms, summer experiences, as well as monthly stipends.
- Monty Tech was selected as one of only sixteen schools in the country and the only vocational school in the nation to have a student science experiment launch into space aboard the last shuttle flight of the U.S. Space Program, STS-135.

Much like districts across the state, Monty Tech has been affected by the nationwide economic recession. Maintaining high standards of fiscal responsibility, with an eye on our over-arching mission of increasing student achievement and understanding, this school has been able to maintain our high standards of academic success, while presenting a budget that is fiscally conservative. Our FY11 Annual Budget was unanimously accepted by each of the eighteen member communities, and reflected less than a 1% increase over the 2009-2010 Educational Plan. We recognize that we are in the midst of some of the most difficult economic times faced by public education and, as a result, we will continue to strive to seek creative ways to reduce member town assessments.

Thank you for your interest in our 2011 Annual Report, your continued support of vocational education in North Central Massachusetts, and for providing our students – your students – with the resources that enable them to become successful, contributing members of our communities.

Steven C. Sharek
Superintendent-Director

Our Mission

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

Our District

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

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

Leadership

There were major changes in the school's leadership during the 2010-2011 school year.

James R. Culkeen, who served as Superintendent-Director at Monty Tech for eight years, resigned in December of 2010. Francine K. Duncan, the school's Director of Technology, was named Acting Superintendent-Director, a position she held for just over two months. Dr. Frank R. Llamas, retired Superintendent-Director of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School in Northampton, became interim Superintendent-Director on February 14. I was appointed Superintendent-Director during the summer and began work on July 18.

Katy Whitaker was promoted to the position of Development Coordinator.

Enrollment

Monty Tech's October 1, 2010, enrollment included 1,400 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (42), Athol (122), Barre (37), Fitchburg (393), Gardner (193), Harvard (3), Holden (46), Hubbardston (53), Lunenburg (63), Petersham (6), Phillipston (20), Princeton (14), Royalston (21), Sterling (53), Templeton (104), Westminster (57), and Winchendon (115). The remaining twelve students were from out-of-district towns, including Clinton, Lancaster, Leominster, Orange and Townsend.

The Guidance/Admissions Department received 736 applications for admission to the school. Of those, 636 were from students hoping to enter our incoming ninth-grade class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. There were only a limited number of slots for students applying in either category. We admitted 382 freshmen. We admitted 28 students to the tenth- and eleventh-grade classes.

Monty Tech continued to offer a variety of opportunities for students, parents and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2010, 1,110 district eighth graders participated in 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, was attended by an estimated one thousand 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 2010-2011 school year. Due to the high enrollment, a third five-week session was implemented and this is our second year doing all three sessions. Participants had opportunities to attend hands-on after-school sessions in a variety of vocational/technical areas. A satisfaction survey rated this program 4.75 out of 5. Enrollment was 725, among the highest ever.

Class of 2011 Awards

Members of the Class of 2011 were awarded at least \$52,225 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation provided \$21,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$100 to \$1,500. The Foundation also awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges continue 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.

Financial Report

Numerous challenges were faced during the development of the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget including rising health insurance, student transportation, and utility costs. Considerable effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff to develop a cost-effective budget. The final fiscal year 2010-2011 Educational Plan totaled \$22,225,324, which represents less than a 1% increase over the 2009-2010 Educational Plan.

The District was audited in August 2011 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and an "excellent" report is anticipated.

Grants and Contracts

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2011, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$1,236,639. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Drug Free Schools, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$22,084. For Fiscal Year 2011, Monty Tech received \$13,334 in grant funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, to support the Student Spaceflight Experiment Program. The Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium and the North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board also contributed to this ground-breaking program, by adding an additional \$6,873 in grant funds. Finally, the school received I-Car grant funds (to be used toward instructional equipment) and a Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant, totaling just under \$2,000.

Grants totaled \$1,258,723 for fiscal year 2011.

Academic Achievement

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see significant improvement in MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology. In the spring of 2011, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 97%. More specifically, students achieving proficiency or advanced status on MCAS exams also increased, satisfying all AYP requirements for each subgroup within the school.

English Language Arts Students tested:	2009 (318)	2010 (351)	2011 (358)
Passing	99%	99.9%	100%
Adv/Prof	80%	83%	87%
Needs Improvement	19%	17%	13%
Failing	1%	.0001%	0%

Mathematics Students tested:	2009 (318)	2010 (351)	2011 (358)
Passing	99%	97%	98%
Adv/Prof	78%	80%	86%
Needs Improvement	21%	17%	12%
Failing	1%	3%	2%

Biology Students tested:	2009 (353)	2010 (383)	2011 (362)
Passing	95%	95%	97%
Adv/Prof	65%	68%	71%
Needs Improvement	29%	27%	27%
Failing	5%	5%	3%

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

	<u>English Language Arts</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Biology</u>
Class of 2011	100%	100%	100%
Class of 2010	100%	100%	100%
Class of 2009	100%	100%	
Class of 2008	100%	100%	
Class of 2007	100%	100%	
Class of 2006	100%	98.3%	
Class of 2005	100%	98.6%	
Class of 2004	100%	94.8%	

Vocational Projects In Your Community

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

The 2010-2011 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body: Collision Repair Technology: During 2010-2011, the program had eight students participate in SkillsUSA, all of whom finished in the top ten of their competition. There were two seniors accepted into the co-operative educational program, completing their work at local collision shops. The shop continued to repair many vehicles and equipment for staff, the school and district communities. The shop is pleased to have a new spray booth being installed, providing students with training in more efficient water borne paint systems. The shop is in the process of re-certifying NATEF certification. (Total enrollment: 59; 40 males, 19 females)

Automotive Technology: Two of our top students were asked to compete at the state level in the Mass Tech Competition. Alex Gay and Jonathan Erickson (Class of 2011) represented Monty Tech as Team Audi. Four students attended the SkillsUSA district competition- Alex Gay, Jonathan Erickson, Robin Murray and Daniel Mugure (Class of 2011). The automotive program was fortunate to receive numerous equipment upgrades throughout the year, including: a new Coates tire changer, new shop benches with drawers for the freshmen tools, a new Brannik strut compressor, and a new fluid exchange machine. An updated scan tool was added to the new Snap On Verdict, providing a new graphing system operation and wireless communication capabilities, and the Hunter alignment machine was updated to be compatible with the new electronic steering systems and wireless communication. (Total enrollment: 63; 54 males, 9 females)

Business Technology: The Business Technology program has been enhanced by the addition of new software and technology, a new exploratory process and curriculum, and an increased presence in the school community. Students and instructors in the Business Technology program assist shops and offices throughout the school by coordinating bulk mailing, labeling, and organizing collating jobs. Offices that receive direct support from the Business Technology program include: Monty Tech Nurses Office, front office, and Student Support Services. Students also assist wherever there is a customer service need, as in the annual greenhouse project, directed by Mr. Dylan Hagar. Students serve as customer service representatives and cashiers for this very busy seasonal operation. Students also run a successful school store, refining their skills in cash handling, customer service, organization, and marketing. During 2010-2011, the shop received new software programs that have had a direct impact on the students' employability: WinWay Resume Deluxe and QuickBooks Pro 2011. (Total enrollment: 60; 11 males, 49 females)

Cabinetmaking: Cabinetmaking students spent a great deal of time building and installing over forty custom bookcases in the Barre children's library, a project with an estimated value exceeding \$40,000. Students also made and installed all of the architectural millwork inside the Stone House at Fitchburg's Coggshall Park, made over eighty feet of railings for the outside of the Stone House, crafted numerous gift sets for the Annual Monty Tech Golf Tournament and the Annual Superintendent's Dinner, and built and installed custom solid cherry kitchen cabinets, vanities, and solid surface counters in the house built by Monty Tech students (located in Gardner). Five student projects traveled from Monty Tech to the annual New England Student Wood Design Competition, held at Marlborough High School. There were forty-six student projects submitted from all over New England and Monty Tech students placed 12th, 5th, 3rd, and 1st. First place went to Leighton Noel from Barre (Class of 2012), who entered a solid cherry gun cabinet, and received the top award \$500. Finally, the program also purchased an OMGA cross cut saw

and a new Powermatic wood lathe, and is training students to use this new technology safely and efficiently. (Total enrollment: 71; 38 males, 33 females)

Cosmetology: Over the course of the 2010-2011 school year, twelve Seniors took and passed the Massachusetts State Board exam. The program continues to run a full-service clinic, servicing many outside clients as well as staff and students that walk-in. Two cosmetology students qualified for the SkillsUSA State competition. Allison Soucy (Class of 2011) placed 2nd, and was awarded a silver medal, selected from over five hundred entrants, and Kaitlyn Thibault (Class of 2011) placed 1st in the nail competition, and traveled to the national SkillsUSA competition. Senior students continue to take great pride and satisfaction in the community services activities, including providing monthly cosmetology services to the residents of the Gardner High Rise. (Total enrollment: 92; 1 male, 91 females)

Culinary Arts: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Culinary Arts program are among the busiest in our school. In addition to operating a full-service dining room and bakery, culinary students and instructors participated in the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce "Taste of Wachusett" at Wachusett Mountain, and continue to showcase their talents at similar trade shows and events throughout the year. The program was fortunate to receive new equipment this year, including a walk-in cooler and freezer and a bread slicer for the bakery. (Total enrollment: 101; 43 males, 58 females)

Dental Assisting: 2010-2011 proved to be a busy one for the students and instructors in the Dental Assisting program. The program supported four students who competed at the district level for SkillsUSA. Two went on to compete at the state level, and one, Sarah Marshall (Class of 2011), attended the national competition during the summer. Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Approximately thirty-five students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. Dental Assisting students also attended the Yankee Dental Convention, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. Finally, the Class of 2011 was the first graduating class to have all students take and pass the Dental Assisting National Board exams, becoming certified in Infection Control and Radiology on their first attempt. (Total enrollment: 58; 3 males, 55 females)

Drafting Technology: The Drafting program began with some new additions to the program, both in the form of equipment/technology and faculty. Genevieve Castillo was hired to replace long-time Drafting Technology teacher, George Tignor. Ms. Castillo has previous educational experience, as a former instructor at Assabet Regional Vocational Technical School where she taught Architectural Design, as well as industry experience, specializing in Architectural Design. The shop has benefited from the addition of nineteen new Dell Optiplex computers, one 32" LCD monitor, a SMARTBoard with overhead monitor, and the AutoCad educational bundle 2011 (including AutoCad, Inventor, Architectural, and 3D studioMax). Every Drafting Technology student competed in the SkillsUSA local competition, where two students advanced to the state level. The shop continued to provide countless community services in the form of banners, signage, building plans, interior design plans, and decorating for school-sponsored events. A capstone project for the 2010-2011 year came in the form of developing plans for a much-needed nurse's station renovation. Students and instructors worked closely with nurses, facility director and building personnel to design a more efficient and modernized space that will provide students with increased confidentiality, cleanliness, and access to efficient medical care. (Total enrollment: 45; 33 males, 12 females)

Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education program at Monty Tech proudly graduated sixteen students, all females, all college bound, from the program in June. The program continues to be a popular trade, with an emphasis on community service and continued education. During 2010-2011, Early Childhood education students participated in the Fitchburg Public Schools: Math & Literacy Fair, operating a table, and engaging children in an activity-based scavenger hunt, based on two popular children's books. The Monty Tech Childcare Center continues to operate at full capacity, and serves as a co-operative education site for one student (Class of 2012). The Childcare Center graduated seventeen

children, and prepared them for transition into Kindergarten. The Center's Director, Ms. Amanda Kelly, visits with prospective parents almost daily and handles frequent calls for Fall placement. (Total enrollment: 66; 2 males, 64 females)

Electrical: The Electrical program at Monty Tech continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. During the 2010-2011 year, students and instructors completed in excess of two hundred projects that required repair or installation. Some of the more notable accomplishments from this shop include: all electrical work (including wiring and installation) at the Coggs Hall Park Stone House project (Fitchburg), all electrical work (including wiring and installation) for Monty Tech House project (Gardner), work in Toy Town Elementary School (Winchendon) to replace fixtures in gymnasium and install motion sensors and hand dryers in restrooms, installation of energy efficient lighting fixtures in the Monty Tech warehouse, installment of all wiring for residential wind turbine and photovoltaic array for on-site training center, and installation of new lighting fixtures in MJROTC. (Total enrollment: 84; 78 males, 6 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering program has undergone a great transformation over the course of the past three years. During the 2010-2011 exploratory process, the project was changed to attract the interest of more students, and the exploratory project was changed from a robot to an IPOD stereo amplifier. As a result, sixteen freshmen listed this program as their top choice. We are pleased to report 100% placement for our graduating class (all but one going to college in the Fall, with the remaining student employed). Our graduates are attending Wentworth Institute of Technology, UMASS Lowell, Fitchburg State University, and Mount Wachusett Community College. The shop continues to complete numerous repairs for faculty, staff and students, including: in excess of one-hundred fifty headphones, video game systems, IPods, phones, hair driers, and other electronic devices. (Total enrollment: 43; 35 males, 8 females)

Graphic Communications: The Monty Tech Graphic Communications program is pleased to announce 100% placement for the Class of 2011. In June, the program graduated twenty students: eighteen were accepted to colleges, one entered the workforce, and one enlisted in the military. The shop continues to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. This year, the shop produced over four hundred projects, billing in excess of \$15,000. This may be calculated as a savings of up to \$50,000. The shop also produces yearbooks for local institutions, saving each school approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000, as the billing only reflects cost of materials. In our student-operated copy center, over three million black and white copies and one hundred fifty thousand color copies were completed. The program developed an innovative partnership with Boutwell Owens (Fitchburg), where two students were placed on co-op, and received an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned in the shop. (Total enrollment: 89; 31 males, 58 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to incorporate the EMT curriculum into the program, providing students with a wide range of medical knowledge and exposure to a variety of health related career options. In an effort to increase opportunities for hands-on application and deeper understanding, the number of program affiliation sites has been increased. Due to rising numbers of students in this popular program, an additional LPN was also hired. The program also benefited by the addition of new technology and equipment, including a new EKG machine, hodoscopes, ophthalmoscopes, books, a SMARTBoard, and printer. The program, which boasts an enrollment of ninety-eight students, continues to participate in community service programs, including the annual Red Cross Blood Drives and Pediatric Day, in conjunction with students from the Early Childhood Education program. (Total enrollment: 98; 5 males, 93 females)

House Carpentry: Most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program is done off-campus, completing renovation, building, and repair work for member communities. Some of the more notable projects from the 2010-2011 school year include: the successful completion of the Stone House project at Coggs Hall Park (Fitchburg), building a single family home for the Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation, constructing and installing the Ashby Town Hall kiosk, framing, shingling, and adding a new roof to the Baldwinville Cemetery building,

constructing a new shed in Ashburnham, building several utility sheds for the Winchendon Housing Authority, building a shed for Crocker Pond in Westminster, constructing and installing benches for the Gardner Housing Authority, constructing and installing new flower boxes for Fitchburg Rotary, and designing, constructing and installing a sonotube foundation for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy Center. (Total enrollment: 66; 56 males, 10 females)

Industrial Technology: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Industrial Technology program are called on for “a little but of everything.” Whether busy on campus or off, these students contribute to the educational community in countless ways. During 2010-2011, some of the more notable accomplishments include: the installation of building markers for the Fitchburg Historic Commission, the installation of three sheds for the Winchendon Housing Authority, the continued construction of office space in the old Department of Public Works building in Phillipston, the installation of a 10’ x 12’ shed for the Westminster town beach, and the design, construction and installation of three information kiosks for the Massachusetts Land Trust Association. In-house projects included: the form construction for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy Center, the creation and construction of décor for the annual Superintendents dinner, and countless repairs, maintenance and troubleshooting efforts throughout the school. The co-operative education program continues to be a highlight for students in the Industrial Technology program, as seven students were awarded co-op placements during the year. (Total enrollment: 57; 52 males, 5 females)

Information Technology: As with any school, information technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the Information Technology program, students and instructors performed in excess of two hundred sixty-six hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members. Thirteen students earned Internet Computing Core (IC3) certification, and eighteen students completed the Occupational Safety & Health Administration 10-hour training and certification course. Students in Information Technology competed in the Fall Programming competition at Fitchburg State University, as well as the local, district and state levels of the SkillUSA competitions. Two students were awarded gold medals at the state level (in Computer Maintenance and Programming) and were sent to the national competition in June. The program also benefited from the addition of new books and software, as twenty new Adobe Creative Studio 5 books were purchased to accommodate the updated Dreamweaver, Flash, and Fireworks software and to support the incorporation of CS5 into the 10th grade course. (Total enrollment: 65; 55 males, 10 females)

Machine Technology: The Monty Tech Machine Technology program saw several key improvements during the 2010-2011 school year. The program benefited from new technology, including: a Haas CNC Lathe, a table top CNC simulator, a Rollin band saw, a new laser engraver and cutter, and updated computers and software. Two students advanced from the SkillsUSA local competition to compete at the district level. From there, they advanced to the state competition, where a silver medal was earned in CNC milling. Students in the Machine shop have consistently earned co-operative education placements, and 2010-2011 proved to be no different. Five students were offered co-op employment, and were able to put their vocational education into practice at area machine shops. Students who remained at the school refined their skills by completing a number of special projects, including: manufacturing key chains for the Fitchburg Police Department, manufacturing flag spreaders for the Korean War Veterans, manufacturing in excess of forty parts for the school’s first Robotics Club, manufacturing brass pins for the Adirondack chair gifts, and manufacturing a branding die for the golf tournament. Students also manufactured numerous engraved brass plaques used to mark projects completed by Monty Tech students, and performed routine maintenance and troubleshooting of equipment and tools for other trades within the school. (Total enrollment: 56; 48 males, 8 females)

Masonry: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Masonry program were busy on our campus, as well as in many of the member communities throughout the 2010-2011 school year. Community services included: repairing the steps at the Barre Town Hall, installing the block walls, block in windows, and tile in the restrooms at the Stone House project at Coggs Hall Park (Fitchburg), repairing concrete walkways, porches, foundation, and remodeling bathrooms for the Gardner Elderly Housing, installing the tile floors,

brick stairs, concrete walkways, and sauna tubes at the Gardner Community Development Corporation house-building project, ensuring handicap accessibility by installing ramps and new sidewalks at Lunenburg High School, designing and completing Kevin's Gate (Lunenburg), and installing all block work for the Templeton Cemetery Garage addition. When students weren't busy in our district communities, they were busy hosting the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTTA) competition, where our students placed 1st in Hardscape, and working on our own campus. Students installed non-slip stair treads throughout the school, worked with Electrical and Industrial Technology students to erect a small residential wind turbine and install photovoltaic array to be used for training purposes, and complete a new concrete foundation for additional outdoor storage. (Total enrollment: 55; 45 males, 10 females)

Plumbing: The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like others throughout the school, is committed to community service, and as a result, during the 2010-2011 school year, students and instructors renovated an apartment for the Gardner Housing Authority. Students replaced the piping and fixtures to make the housing unit accessible for a disabled resident. The Plumbing program also participated in the annual house-building project, installing plumbing, heating, and air exchange system in a single-family home in Gardner for the Greater Gardner Community Development Corporation. On our own campus, students worked daily on fixing leaks, cleaning drains, and repairing and maintaining the plumbing system in the school. The Monty Tech Plumbing program proudly graduated fourteen students in the Class of 2011. Two students, in particular, received prestigious trade awards/recognitions: Casey Phillips of Athol was named a Voc-Tech All Star by the Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association of Mass, and Mark Gokey of Fitchburg won the Central Massachusetts Plumbing & Gasfitting Inspectors Association scholarship. (Total enrollment: 66; 63 males, 3 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The Welding/Metal Fabrication program is charged with successfully completing numerous projects on the Monty Tech campus, including repair work, layout, design and installation. In conjunction with other trades at the school, students and instructors in the Welding/Metal Fabrication program are instrumental in the successful completion of many of the school's capstone projects. Their contributions include: building and installing railings for the Stone House project at Coggshall Park (Fitchburg), building and installing railings for town offices in Barre, constructing and installing all structural supports for the Stone House project at Coggshall Park (Fitchburg), designing, manufacturing and installing the original ornamental copper work for the Stone House project at Coggshall Park (Fitchburg). (Total enrollment: 48; 46 males, 2 females)

Special Services

During the 2010-2011 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special education services to over two hundred students. In September 2010, the Student Support Services Department was actively providing services to approximately three hundred students identified with disabilities, both on 504 plans and Individual Education Programs (IEP's).

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

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

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

Technology

Monty Tech is very fortunate to have the support of a school committee and administrative team that is committed to meeting the technology needs of our students and staff. All of our classrooms and shops have Internet access, each academic classroom has a SMARTboard and projector, and there is at least one computer in each room. Monty Tech's computer inventory includes workstations using both Windows and Apple operating systems, with a computer to student ratio of 1:1.5.

In recent years Monty Tech's technology spending has been supplemented by funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Recent purchases include SMARTboards for several classrooms and a mobile computer lab. Monty Tech's technology spending is also supplemented by funds received through the federal E-Rate program, which provides discounts for Internet service, email, and telephone services.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is developing a new teaching and learning system with resources aligned to the 2011 Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for English Language Arts and Literacy as well as Mathematics. The Mathematics framework stresses technology as an essential tool to be used strategically in mathematics education. Monty Tech math teachers are leaders in using ASSISTments software as part of their instruction. ASSISTments is a computer-based program designed to identify student strengths and weaknesses and to improve student achievement in math.

SkillsUSA

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

The 2010-2011 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of SkillsUSA. The students met the challenges of districts, performed well at states and took back to Monty Tech 5 national medals and a first for Monty Tech as well as the State of Massachusetts- a National President! Co-advisors for the program were Timothy Gately (English Instructor), Anne Marie Cataldo (Early Childhood Education Instructor), and Dan Starr (Graphic Communications Instructor).

Highlights of the year included:

- In November, 13 students attended the three-day Annual Fall Leadership Conference, developing leadership skills and performing community service at an area YMCA Day Camp.
- Forty-six medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School: 12 gold, 22 silver and 13 bronze medals.
- Yolanda Bosworth (Cosmetology) and Sadie Caron (Early Childhood Education) served on the State Advisory Committee to help aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- Seventy-one students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School and the Best Western Royal Plaza (Marlborough). Monty Tech finished the competition with twenty-three medals.
- Eleven students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at

- the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Monty Tech delegate to the National Conference was awarded four silver medals and one bronze medal. Sarah Marshall, Dental Assisting- Bronze; James Grenier, TeamWorks/Carpenter- Silver; Aaron Beals, TeamWorks/Plumber- Silver; Alan Bourgouis, TeamWorks/Mason- Silver; Max Hitchcock, Teamworks/Electrician- Silver
- Victoria Holbert was elected to the office of National SkillsUSA President.

Marine Corps JROTC

The 2010-2011 school year was a strong, effective and rewarding year for the Monty Tech MCJROTC program. The year started with our July 4th parades, where our Mounted Color Guard detail was in high demand. The unit marched in four parades, supporting four of the eighteen communities that make up the school district. Five Cadets attended the Region One Leadership Camp.

Over the summer our Color Guard performed several details for the Boston Red Sox. Cadets continued to meet two days a week for team building activities. The summer was also spent working on the unit's new vehicle, a 1974 Swiss Army Pinzgauer.

The unit's mounted color guard team was also busy over the summer, spending many hours riding, training and caring for the horses.

The school year started after the unit conducted a New Cadet Leadership Camp, where enrollment exceeded two hundred participants. The highlights for the year include:

- Conducted a ten mile "March-a-Thon", raising \$12,500 dollars for the Boston Fisher House
- Full school assembly to celebrate Veterans Day / Marine Corps Birthday
- Annual Raffle drive, raising \$25,000 dollars for Cadet Leadership Trip
- Attended Region One Drill Meet
- Participated in Cyber Patriot III, won honors as best team in the Marine Corps.
- Conducted Annual Leadership Trip at Naval Training Base Gulfport, Mississippi. Military airlift was provided to and from Gulfport. Trip highlights:
 - 75 Cadets attended
 - Visit to National WWII Museum, New Orleans
 - Visit to NASA
- Conducted Memorial Day observation in five sending communities
- Two Cadets awarded NROTC scholarships- a first for our unit!
- Unit purchased a Marksmanship training simulator
- Conducted over 4000 hours of community service

On September 9, 2011 the Commanding General named Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School a *Naval Honor School* for the 2010-2011 school year. This distinction is bestowed upon our MCJROTC program in recognition of exemplary performance over the past 12 months.

Women in Technology

The ninth year of the North Central Massachusetts Women in Technology (WIT) program was a transition period for the program. Due to company downsizing, a number of employees at the Westminster site of the program's sponsors--SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products-- were laid off or relocated. This resulted in fewer hands-on projects for the students to work on and in larger groups for those projects that did run. In addition, the program was expanded to include two additional schools: Oakmont Regional and Quabbin Regional high schools.

Consequently, participating schools were required to enroll fewer students this year. However, this did not adversely affect the program. The five young ladies from Monty Tech who were accepted did an outstanding job and were a credit to their school. All juniors, the students were Business Technology, Graphic Communications and Drafting Technology majors. All students said they enjoyed the experience, felt they learned a lot and wanted to participate the following year.

Through the program, qualified females have the opportunity to acquire hands-on experience, working on real world business and industry projects, under the mentorship of company personnel. The students spend two days a month at the industry site, where they get firsthand experience working in a corporate setting. Students interested in participating in the program must first pass a pre-screening process at their sending schools, and then attend an all-day Orientation Program, where they are interviewed by company personnel. Not all candidates are accepted.

A final projects presentation is held each year in May to showcase the students' completed projects for company executives, school officials, parents and classmates. This event, and an all-day rehearsal, are held each year in Monty Tech's Performing Arts Center.

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

Student Athletics

The Monty Tech Athletic program enjoyed success again in the 2010-2011 school year, and we continue to see a rise in participation each year. Eighteen teams competed in the Fall of 2010, twelve in the Winter of 2010-2011 and nine in the Spring of 2011.

Last Fall, the Varsity Football team won only two games, but they improved every week and gave their all during practice and games. They finished the year at 2-9 and 1-5 in Division 3A. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 13-3-2, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Groton-Dunstable, 6-1, at the new Leominster turf field. The JV Boys Soccer team was 5-8-2. The Varsity Golf team was 10-8, playing in the Central Mass Division 3 Tournament, where they finished 7th. They placed 5th in the State Vocational Tournament and 3rd in the Colonial Athletic League (CAL) Tournament. We had three JV Golf tournaments at the Red Farm Golf Course in Upton and finished the season 3-4. The Field Hockey team was 11-2-5, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for only the second time in the programs existence. They lost to Nipmuc. The Boys Cross Country team was 6-5 and finished 2nd in the CAL. The Girls Cross County team was 1-2. The Girls Volleyball team went 0-20, but continued to play hard throughout the season. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 5-12 and the Freshmen Girls team, 2-10, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 9-8 and qualified for a post-season berth. They lost to Leicester High School, 3-0. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 11-4-1, with most of the girls moving up this fall, our girls program looks very promising.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 7-13 and won 3 of their last 5 games. The JV Girls were 13-7 and the Freshmen Girls were 6-7 as they prepared to move up to the JV and Varsity programs this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished 8-12. The JV Boys Basketball team was 10-10 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 9-5 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling team participated in many dual meets and tournaments finishing at 2-13. The Co-Op Ice Hockey team did very well again as they won the Central Mass Coughlan Conference and participated in the District Tournament, losing in the Finals to Groton-Dunstable, 2-1. 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 North Middlesex and again, it went very well. They swam at the Fitchburg State University pool, one of the best in the area.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team qualified for the Central Mass Tournament with a 10-10 record, losing to West Boylston, 15-2. The JV Softball team was 1-8. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 4-

13 and the new JV Boys Volleyball team was 4-12. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 9-11. The JV Baseball team was 7-6 and the Freshman Baseball team was 1-5. The Boys Track & Field team was 10-2, 2nd in the CAL with a 5-1 record. The Girls Track & Field team was 8-4 and 3-3 in the CAL.

The Outstanding Male and Female athletes for the 2010-2011 were Kevin Duong and Kelsie Twombly.

Postgraduate and Continuing Studies

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

For Fall 2010, there were 112 post-graduate and continuing education courses offered, with approximately 875 seats sold. There were 105 courses offered during Spring 2011, with over 930 seats sold.

Most recently we have added online courses and online certificate programs to our offerings. This gives individuals the versatility to take a course when it is convenient for them in the comfort of their own home.

In August 2010, the program was honored to receive a three-year full accreditation from the Office of Emergency Medical Services for an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program, a program that is expected to generate a great deal of interest and address workforce shortages in the region.

Practical Nursing Program

In October 2010, the Practical Nursing Program was reviewed and received full approval status from the Massachusetts Board of Nursing. In May 2011, the program received full accreditation from the Council on Occupational Education.

In June 2011, thirty-four students graduated from the Practical Nursing Program and entered the nursing profession.

An Experienced Advisory Council – the Monty Tech School Committee

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

Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experience and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2010-2011 School Committee for their outstanding service.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Town	Term Expires
Maureen Donelan, Chair	Orange	2014
Cara Deane, Vice-Chair	Orange	2012
Michael Yohan	New Salem	Appointed Position
Nadine Parsons	Orange	Resigned
Peter Cross	Orange	2013
Patricia Smith	Orange	2012
Robin LaCroix	Orange	2014
Paul Gervais	Orange	Appointed Position
Dana Kennan	Petersham	Appointed Position
Michael LeBlanc	Petersham	2012
Johanna Bartlett	Wendell	Appointed Position

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

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

Core Values

Student Achievement:

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

Personal Growth:

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

School Climate:

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

Collaborative Partnerships:

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

Resources:

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

NEASC Decennial Accreditation Visit

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENATARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
GRANTS**

(As Reported on End of Year Financial Report)

The efforts of the Ralph C. Mahar Administration and Staff have resulted in the District receiving Grants totaling more than \$600,000.00 for the 2010-2011 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 (\$34,662.00)

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

Title II-D - Enhancing Education Through Technology (\$1,528.00)

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 (\$212,805)

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

Title I (\$158,531)

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

ARRA Ed Jobs Fund Program (\$206,327.00)

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

Innovation Implementation Grant (\$60,000.00)

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

274 Special Education Program Improvement Grant (\$9,664.00)

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

PARTNERSHIPS

CAPS Educational Collaborative Programs at Mahar

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

The Gateway to College

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

Pathways Early College Innovation School

Now in its second year of operation, this program offers students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and Associates Degree from Mount Wachusett Community College at the same time. By becoming full-time, dual enrollment students at the beginning of the junior year, students in this program will have the opportunity to attend all college classes at Mount Wachusett Community College free of charge. In May 2012, more than 15 students will simultaneously receive their associates degrees and high school diplomas.

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 2011

Ralph C. Mahar Regional School’s MCAS performance based on the spring of 2011 results show the aggregate performance in ELA to be *high* with an 88.2 CPI, an SGP of 47.5 in the aggregate, an SGP of 85 for grade 10, an *on target* improvement rating and a *No Status* designation in NCLB accountability status. Mathematics shows an aggregate performance rating of *moderate* with a 72.8 CPI, an SGP of 49 in the aggregate, an SGP of 68.5 for grade 10, and an improvement rating of *improvement below target* and a *Restructuring Year 2 – Subgroups* designation for the NCLB accountability status.

This year, Mahar’s Level 3 status as determined by the Framework for District Accountability and Assistance was raised to Level 2.

The MCAS 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 other formative assessments, the universal screenings, and probes will be used to determine grouping and instructional needs. In addition, forty-five minutes of instructional time was scheduled daily for Response To Intervention/Tiered Instruction for skills support and MCAS preparation.

This time is used for additional, explicit instruction on skills needed by the students to be successful and improve their performance and to address intervention needed for students in accessing the curriculum. The need for improved scores on open response questions is addressed with teaching reading comprehension strategies, thinking skills, and organizing ideas. The mathematics teachers are addressing instruction of mathematics and focusing on specific strategies to improve math achievement.

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
Cemetery Sexton	724-6694
Conservation Commission	724-3564
Council on Aging	(Mondays) 724-3522
Dog Officer	978-544-6441
Fire Station (non-emergency).....	724-3371
Gas Inspector.....	508-468-0324
Highway Department	724-3211
Planning Board	724-3345
Plumbing Inspector	978-544-6008
Police Department (office)	724-3330
Police Department (after-hours non-emergency)	724-3232
Selectboard	724-3353
Selectboard Office Fax	724-3501
Tax Collector	724-6620
Town Clerk	724-6649
Treasurer	724-6699
Tree Warden	724-3211
Veterans' Agent	978-249-6935
Wiring Inspector	978-249-4663
Zoning Board of Appeals	

SCHOOLS

Mahar Regional Superintendent's Office	978-544-2920
Mahar Regional Main Office	978-544-2542
Montachusett Regional Vocational/Technical School Supt's Office	978-343-2506
Petersham Center School	978-724-3363
Petersham Montessori School	978-724-0246

HOSPITALS

Athol Memorial	978-249-3511
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