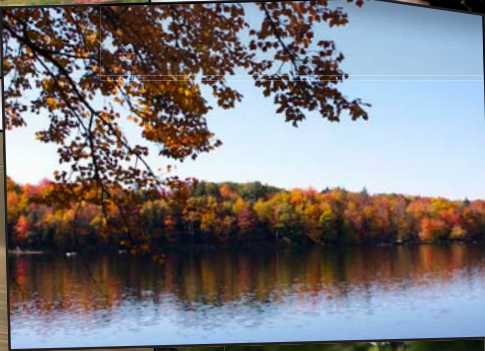


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Pictured on the cover are scenes taken on the 122-acre natural great pond known as Norwich Pond, and commonly referred to as Norwich Lake.

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STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855
Area: 26.90 square miles
Miles of Town Paved Road: 25.105
Miles of Town Dirt Road: 11.90
Miles of State Highway: 11.75
Population: 2180

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IN MEMORIAM DEDICATION



PAMELA GAIL DONOVAN-HALL

1947 — 2010

A skilled LPN, Pam met her future husband Bill while training to become an EMT. Pam eventually gave up her nursing career to care for and educate their children, Chad and Morgan.

With more time at home, Pam became immersed in the history of Huntington, formerly known as Norwich, and its residents. She started collecting stories, researching libraries and deeds, and wandering through cemeteries with her family.

Pam's contributions to Stone Walls Magazine brought local history to life, literally! As president of the Huntington Historical Society, she wrote and directed "Natives of Norwich", a production taking place at the gravesides of 19th century men, women, and children, telling their stories of disease, afflictions and hardships. This play continued to be a successful fundraiser long after Pam left the Historical Society.

Pam volunteered her time and energy to many other projects in town. As a trustee of the Norwich Bridge Cemetery, Pam worked to ensure that all veterans' grave markers were sandblasted and painted and on Memorial Day, all received American flags. When the Littleville Dam construction began, gravesites were moved from the Littleville basin to the Norwich Bridge Cemetery. Pam arranged for a commemorative marker noting their new resting place. Along with her sister Mary, Pam would instruct students from Gateway Regional on how to rub headstones and taught them the significance of genealogy.

Pam's love for history eventually brought her to the Town Hall, where Pam organized files and decades-old documents stashed away in the vault and attic. In due course, she became the Assistant Town Clerk, and Town Clerk in 2002. She served in this capacity until her passing in 2010. Pam took her job very seriously and enjoyed contributing personal touches to her responsibilities. As her health began failing, Pam made sure that her responsibilities did not fall short. With the help of her family and her assistant, Andrea, every facet of her job was performed flawlessly.

Pam Donovan-Hall was many things as a resident of Huntington, but above all else, she loved the town for its history and for the countless opportunities she was given to show her love and determination to honor the people of the Town, both past and present. Besides her family and her treasured granddaughter Gwen, there is nothing Pam enjoyed more. Pam has joined the people of the Norwich Bridge Cemetery, but as her gravestone reads, she is an "Historian, gone for the answers".

IN MEMORIAM



PETER E. WEBB

1940 — 2011

In February of 2011, we mourned the loss of Peter “Pa” Webb.

Pete was only five years old when his family moved to Huntington. He attended local schools, graduated from Smith Vocational High School, and was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force, serving as a C-130 engineer during the Vietnam conflict. He returned home and spent the next forty years protecting and serving the Town of Huntington.

Pete was truly dedicated to public safety. In 1965, he joined the Huntington Fire Department and was appointed Fire Chief in 1979, a position he held until his retirement in 2004. He also served as Town Constable from 1974–1979 and was a full-time employee of the Huntington Highway Department from 1986–2004. He retired as Fire Chief and resigned as Highway Superintendent in 2004. From protecting individual and public property to keeping our roads safe, Pete was always first on call.

Pete will truly be missed for his many years of service to the Town of Huntington, and for his cool manner and dry sense of humor—he was a “hilltown” original.

Town of Huntington Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Board of Selectmen:</i>		<i>Water/Sewer Commissioners:</i>	
Ernest Smith	2011	Charles Dazelle, Chair	2011
Aimee Burnham	2012	Henry Dubay (appt. to 2011)	2012
Charles Bushor	2013	Denise Keay	2013
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Andrea McKittrick (appt. to 2011)	2012	Sharon Jones	2011
		Paul Hurley (appt. to 2011)	2012
<i>Town Collector:</i>		Sue Fopiano	2013
Anne Marie Knox	2013		
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Anne Marie Knox	2012	Rick Dugre	2011
		Karen Wittshirk	2012
		Wendy Long	2013
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Linda Hamlin	2011	Walt Wittshirk	2011
Sue Fopiano	2012		
Ed Renauld	2013	<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
<i>Board of Health:</i>		Lois Smith (appt. to 2011)	2012
Jean Jackman (appt. to 2011)	2011		
Sharon Jones (appt. to 2011)	2012	<i>Moderator:</i>	
Thomas Hart	2013	Pete Jacques	2011
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Scott Tillinghast	2011	Judith Guyette	2011
Ronald (Ron) Damon	2012	Karen Wittshirk	2012
Gerard D'Amour	2013	Sue Fopiano	2013
		<i>Constables:</i>	
		Tim Doherty	2011
		Charles Dazelle	2012
		Earl G. Heath	2013

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (3-Year):

Richard Buley 2011

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

VACANCY 2012

Admin. Assistant (Yearly):

Helen Speckels 2011

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2013

Bonnie McKinney 2012

Gerald Manley, Alt. 2012

Janet Mollison 2012

John Mollison, Alt. 2012

Gordon Richardson 2012

Lorraine Wickland 2011

Animal Control Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2011

Broadband Representative (Yearly)

Scott Tillinghast 2011

Fred Fopiano, Alt. 2011

Building Inspector (Yearly):

Paul Tacy 2011

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2011

Steve Hamlin 2011

Eric Jensen 2011

R. Buley (Ex-Officio) 2011

VACANCY 2011

VACANCY 2011

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2011

Bonnie Kubacki 2011

John Knox 2011

Lisa Lansing 2011

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2011

Ken Rachmaciej 2011

VACANCY 2011

VACANCY 2011

VACANCY 2011

Conservation Commission (3-Year)

Helena Alves 2011

Debra Deane 2012

Mary Gerken 2011

Ross Hackerson 2011

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2013

Erik Steins 2013

Michael Vorwerk 2013

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Joan Astaferrero 2011

Ella Balchunas 2011

Priscilla Bishop, Ch. 2012

May Diemer 2012

Louise Hurley 2012

May Parker 2012

Jean Rude 2012

Winifred Smith, Ch. 2012

Betty Waite 2011

Crossing Guard (Yearly):

Sue Ellinger 2011

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Ella Balchunas 2011

Jane Beane 2012

Jodi Simmons 2013

Linda Siska 2011

Peri Sossaman 2013

Gary Winsor, Ch. 2013

Dog Officer (Yearly)

Rebecca Cormier	2011
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Election Workers (3-Year):

James Arnold	2011
Nancy Arnold	2011
Sue Boistelle	2011
Lori Cady	2011
Alyce Cinelli	2011
Louis C. Cinelli	2011
Becky Cortis	2011
Debra Dame	2011
Jack Eisenstadt	2011
Tania Eisenstadt	2011
Michelle Graton	2011
Linda Hamlin	2011
Steve Hamlin	2011
Louise Hurley	2011
Paul Hurley	2011
Sharon Jones	2011
Kenneth Jordan	2011
Susan McIntosh	2011
Jeff McKittrick	2011
Shavon Marshall	2011
Nancy Merrill	2011
Margaret Nareau	2011
Jan Nettler	2011
Nancy Petrucci	2011
Rebecca Pignature	2011
Maggie Rybczyk	2011
Winnifred Smith	2011
Kathy Thomas	2011
Scott Tillinghast	2011

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Palazzi	2011
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Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Andy Girouard	2011
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Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Melissa Nazzaro	2011
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Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2011
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Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Rodney LaFond	2011
Wayne McKinney	2011
VACANCY	2011

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Kirk Birrell	2011
Alicia Hackerson	2011
Anna Horkun	2011
Eric Jensen	2011
Erik Steins	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

Fire Chief (Yearly):

Gary Dahill	2011
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FRTA Coordinator (3-Year)

Aimee Burnham	2012
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FRTA Representative (3-Year):

George Reichert	2012
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Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2011
Peter Anderson, Alt.	2011

Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):

Charles Bushor	2012
Denise Keay	2012
Susan McIntosh	2012
Jeff Penn	2012
Erik Steins	2012

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Robert Garriepy	2011
Melissa Nazzaro	2011
VACANCY	2011

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle	2011
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Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (3-Year):

Tom Hart	2011
VACANCY	2011

Historical Commission (3-Year):

Dominic Nett	2013
Elizabeth Nett	2013
David Norton	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2013

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):

Richard Buley	2011
Todd Michon	2011
Ken Rachmaciej	2011
Ernie Smith	2011
VACANCY	2011

Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):

Steve Hamlin	2011
Jeff Penn	2011

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2011
Melissa Nazzaro	2011

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

Sonny LaFond	2011
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Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois	2011
Lori Belhumeur	2011
Toby Quirk	2011

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Darlene Horne	2011
Jackie Kimsey	2012
David Pardoe	2012
Ruth Pardoe	2013
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2013

Open Space Committee (3-Year):

Jeffrey Penn	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):

Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2011
Scott Tillinghast	2011

Planning Board (3-Year):

Michael Brisebois	2011
Linda Hamlin	2012
Steve Hamlin, Alt.	2013
Earl Heath	2013
Scott Tillinghast	2012
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2013

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2011
Peter Anderson, Alt.	2011

Police Chief (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2011
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Police Officers (Yearly):

Michael Girard	2011
Aaren Hawley	2011
William Kaleta	2011
Todd Michon	2011
VACANCY	2011
VACANCY	2011

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Ernie Smith	2011
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Public Weigher (3-Year):

Gaylon Donovan	2011
Michael Donovan	2011
Matt Donovan	2011

*RACES (Radio Amateur Communication
Emergency Services) (3 Year):*

Stephen Luchini 2012

Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Vicki Mayhew 2011
Michelle Oliveira, Ch. 2011
Ed Renauld 2011
Hollie St. Onge 2011
Kathy Sullivan 2011
Amy Williams 2011
VACANCY 2011

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

Andrea McKittrick *Indefinite*
Suzanne Kellam 2011
Anne Marie Knox 2011
Helen Speckels 2011

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2011

Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin 2012
Susan McIntosh 2012
Jeffrey Penn 2012

Stanton Hall Committee (3-Year):

Helen Speckels 2011
VACANCY 2011
VACANCY 2011

Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3-Year):

Walter Wittshirk 2011

Town Counsel (Yearly):

Kopelman & Paige *Indefinite*

Veterans' Agent (3-Year):

Robert Messier 2011

Water Safety Committee

Frank Antonucci 2011
Robert Garriepy 2011
Al LaFrance 2011
Rachel Lepine 2011
Paul Nowak 2011
Kathleen O'Connor 2011
Frederick Speckels 2011
Derek Panaia, Alt. 2011
Jason Szafranski, Alt. 2011

Westfield River Watershed (5-Year):

Waino Tuominen 2011
VACANCY 2011

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):

Jeff Penn 2012
Karen Vorwerk, Alt. 2012

Zoning Board (3-Year):

Ron Craig 2013
Mary Lou Spaulding 2011
George Webb, Ch. 2012
Don Bartley, Alt. 2012
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2013
Steve Hamlin, Alt. 2011

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly)

Paul Tacy 2011

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Department Telephone List and Schedule

Main Telephone Number: (413) 667-3500
Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507 **Town Website:** www.huntingtonma.us

Board of Assessors: Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Hours: Monday & Wednesday - 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Telephone: (413) 667-3501 huntingtonboa@comcast.net

Board of Health: Members meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Secretary hours: Wednesday evenings - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511
Title V Agent Brian Slayton available by telephone - (413) 562-7286
Dump stickers may be obtained Wednesday evenings in the Board of Health office between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.
"H" stickers may be purchased at B&D Variety and Moltenbrey's Market.
Stickers may be purchased for \$1.00 ea. and are to be placed on your trash bags (1 sticker/30 gallons or less & 2 stickers/over 30 gallons).

Board of Selectmen: Meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., and every other Wednesday evening during the summer.
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 - 2 , Friday: 9 -12 noon
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant to schedule an appointment.
Telephone: (413) 667-3500 huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Building Inspector: Paul Tacy
Telephone: (413) 296-0127 Fax: (413) 296-0147
Office: 422 Main St., Chesterfield, MA - Open Mon.-Wed., 8:45-12:30
Building permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours.

Conservation Commission: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Telephone: (413) 667-8893
Susan McIntosh, Chair

Council on Aging Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall.
Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine available)

Electrical Inspector: Brian Palazzi
Telephone: (413) 348-9307 or (413) 667-0295
Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on town website: www.huntingtonma.us.

Alt. Electrical Inspector: Andy Girourd:
Telephone: (413) 667-8812

Fire Department: Gary Dahill, Fire Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency) Emergency: Dial 911
Fax: (413) 667-0133

Gas Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on town website: www.huntingtonma.us.

Highway Department: Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent
Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3507

Planning Board: Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., unless posted otherwise
Telephone: (413) 667-3500

Plumbing Inspector: Thomas Broga
Telephone: (413) 354-6307
Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on town website: www.huntingtonma.us.

Police Department: Robert Garriepy, Chief
Telephone: (413) 667-8868
Hours: Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Library Director: Margaret Nareau
Telephone: (413) 667-3506 Fax: (413) 667-0088
web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org huntingtonlib@comcast.net

Public Library Trustees: Rick Dugre (413) 667-3601
Wendy Long (413) 667-3324
Karen Wittshirk (413) 667-5515

Town Accountant: Richard Buley
Telephone: (413) 667-3502
Hours: Wednesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Telephone: (413) 667-3186 huntingtonclerk@comcast.net
Hours: Monday 9:00 - Noon, 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Town Collector: Anne Marie Knox
Telephone: (413) 667-3509
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. huntingontreas@comcast.net

Town Treasurer: Anne Marie Knox
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Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Veterans' Agent: Robert Messier
Telephone: (413) 323-5992 or (413) 265-4473

Water/Sewer Department: Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the basement of the Town Hall.
Telephone: (413) 667-3356

Zoning Board: Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
in Stanton Hall.
Telephone: (413) 667-3428
George Webb, Chair

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FY 2011 has found the Town in difficult financial times that will not improve for several years. It is the goal of the Selectboard, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, to present the Town a budget for FY 2012 to preserve our town's most vital services as well as be fiscally conservative. It will not be easy and some decisions will not be popular.

New Faces: We welcome Charles "Chuck" Bushor to the Board of Selectmen. Chuck was elected in 2010 and is rapidly becoming an integral part of our board. Chuck is on the Green Committee and has been working with our Highway Superintendent to further improve highway efficiencies, among a long list of other projects.

On July 1, 2010, the Selectboard advertised the Highway Superintendent position. After many interviews and careful consideration, Charles "Chipper" Dazelle was appointed to the position, a promotion from employee to supervisor. The Selectboard unanimously agreed that this change in roles has been a smooth transition and would like to thank Chipper for his many years of dedication and service to the Town in his many roles, as well as wish him success in his new position. And it seems he is off to a good start, as Chipper has received many accolades for maintaining safe roadways in what was a very difficult and long winter season.

As a result of Chipper's promotion, his position as Highway employee was advertised and filled by Dave Igel, who was hired on September 1st. Dave quickly became acclimated to working on our Town Highway Department and has already proved himself to be a team player, willing to learn new skills and work long hours when required.

Another new face at Town Hall is Theodore "Ted" Gloss, our new Assessors' Clerk. Ted brings over 20 years of Assessor experience to the table. He has already proved to be an invaluable asset and, along with our Assessors, all are doing a remarkable job updating procedures in our Assessors' office, performing timelier cyclical inspections and being accessible to Huntington residents with answers to their questions.

Faces We Will Miss: Our town has lost two incredible town government servants, Pamela Donovan-Hall and Peter Webb.

Pam served as Town Clerk for many years, performing her duties professionally and respectfully. Pam was passionate about hilltown history. Her love, research and writings of Huntington, Knightville and Norwich Hill history enriched all who enjoyed her findings. Pam passed away in July of 2010. She will be missed by all who knew her and all her colleagues at Town Hall.

Pete, another longstanding Town servant, passed away in February of 2011. Pete joined the Fire Department in 1965, being appointed Fire Chief in 1979 until his retirement in 2004. He was Highway Superintendent from about 1996 – 2004, and ambulance driver in his early days years. Pete's character was large and he knew our town so very well. He will be missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

Over the past year, the Selectboard has worked on the following projects:

Town Hall Information Technology (IT) Improvements: At ATM FY2011, \$10,000 was appropriated to further update the Town Hall's IT. Most Town offices are now connected to a server with automatic daily backups, and work is progressing towards WI-FI access for Stanton Hall. A closed WI-FI network was set up and is now accessible in Town Hall.

Stanton Hall Steeple: This project, started in 2009, was completed in the early summer of 2010 with the re-painting and re-shingling of the steeple being awarded to Yankee Steeplejacks. Spotlights were added which shine on the steeple at night. One of the trees near Stanton Hall was cut down this spring, making the building more visible from the road.

Town Hall/Stanton Hall Maintenance: By contracting out this service to a commercial firm, the Town cut its maintenance costs by half.

North Hall: The roof on the North Hall was replaced with a new steel roof.

Town Lawn and Grass Maintenance: The Selectboard revised the RFP requirements to reduce the frequency of mowing over the summer months, resulting in a savings of several hundred dollars per year.

Downtown Street Renovation/Parking: This project was started in 2009 and was finished in early summer 2010. More parking spaces were created, a failing catch basin was replaced and trees that were interfering with power lines were removed. These improvements also allow for more efficient snow removal by our Highway Department.

Norwich Lake Safety: In the fall of 2010, an accident on Norwich Lake resulted in the tragic death of a young boy. Our Police and Fire Departments responded and performed heroically at the scene; their professionalism did not go unnoticed by the Town. With all the publicity that followed, many residents felt the need to have water safety regulations on Norwich Lake reviewed for possible revision. The Selectboard held a public meeting and recommended that a volunteer Water Safety Committee be formed. The Committee's mission, to review water safety regulations and state laws, was outlined and seven volunteers were appointed. They are working on recommendations which will be presented to the Selectboard.

Norwich Lake Boat Ramp: Research has revealed that the access road and the boat ramp belong to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) attorneys are currently researching what can be done to resolve inadequate parking and run-off water drainage into the lake that plagues that area. Although the Right of Way Road belongs to the State, the Town has been maintaining it for years.

Norwich Lake Dam: The Town hired a Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) attorney to identify who legally owned the lake dam. Research revealed that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation of Dam Safety may have responsibility for the dam.

DCR is disputing the PVPC findings and is currently doing its own research into the ownership issue. Whoever the owners are determined to be will be responsible for repairing a collapsing drainage pipe on the site.

Pettis Field: The Pettis Field playscape was accidentally hit by a car in winter of 2010. Fortunately, no children were playing on the structure at the time. The playscape, originally funded by the Pettis Fund about 20 years ago, was professionally inspected and deemed as unsafe for children. The Selectboard appointed volunteers to a Pettis Field Playground Committee to help take down the old and damaged playscape. The Town received a settlement from the accident and purchased a new playscape for ages 2 - 5. The committee is still raising money to further expand the play area at Pettis Field. Thanks goes out to Bob Garriepy, Chuck Bushor and Ernie Smith who worked tirelessly in helping the committee take down and dispose of the old equipment.

Town Hall: This past year, if you have visited the Town Hall, you might have noticed the paintings along our hallways. These paintings are loaned to the Selectboard for display to the public by a group of local artists. They will be rotated from time to time, so please take a stroll through the hallways and enjoy our local talent. And, if you haven't noticed yet, the clock on the outside of Town Hall is finally functioning after decades of being motionless.

Land Acquisitions: A small parcel of land on Blandford Hill that belonged to the late Floyd & Marion Graves has been gifted to the Town of Huntington. It will be auctioned at a future date.

Road Safety: The Selectboard, in conjunction with the Highway Superintendent, has continued to study ways to upgrade and improve the safety on County Road. The Highway Superintendent is meeting with Massachusetts State engineers, Massachusetts Highway representatives and the PVPC to research sources of available State funding. The Huntington Police Department has records of numerous accidents on this road and a 2010 traffic study revealed that approximately 1,400 daily vehicles utilize this road on weekdays.

The Small Town Road Assistance Program (STRAP) grant that the Town applied for in 2010 was turned down due to a State funding shortage. The Selectmen are planning to re-submit this grant for the purpose of upgrading Weeks Hill on Goss Hill Road.

In closing, the Selectboard would like to acknowledge the many volunteers who work without compensation to improve our community, and to express our gratitude for the support, understanding and encouragement we have received from residents, taxpayers, board members and Town departments. Working together and cooperatively, our town can endure and survive the current economic downturn.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Burnham-Renauld, Chair
Ernest Smith
Charles Bushor

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month except during the budget preparation period, when more meetings are sometimes needed. The committee's tasks include preparing a budget for the town, monitoring expenses and making recommendations to the Selectboard, and managing the Stanton Fund.

Developing a budget for 2011 repeated the difficult process from 2010. Meeting our levy limit again required passing of an override. Federal stimulus funds helped prop up the State budget enough to minimize the impacts to local aid, although further reductions did occur. We will be challenged again in 2012. Further reductions in local aid are expected, as we begin developing a budget.

These are tough fiscal times, but we are optimistic for our town's future. The Finance Committee is committed to helping develop a sound budget that the taxpayers can live with.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jensen, Chair
Anna Horkun

Erik Steins, Vice Chair
Kirk Birrell

Alicia Hackerson, Secretary

MODERATOR

I would like to thank all of you who have made the effort to attend the Annual Town Meeting or any of the Special Town Meetings over the last 12 months. I am happy to see that we have not been challenged to obtain a quorum for holding any of these meetings.

The most encouraging note, from the perspective of Moderator, is that you are taking advantage of our form of town government to voice your opinion and letting yourself be heard both through your voice and your vote. Our open town meeting is a form of government that has become rare in our country. Seen primarily in New England, and in fewer and fewer towns, open meetings allow individuals like yourselves to directly impact the direction and decisions of the town. I encourage you to continue to attend. Bring your neighbors and your children so they all can see how one person can make a difference.

It would be difficult to have missed the news coming from the Middle East and Northern Africa; the news of individuals and citizens rising up against an oppressive form of government to demand a voice and an opportunity to guide the direction of their country. I implore all of you to take advantage of that form of government that already exists for you by attending town meetings to listen, speak and vote.

We will continue to be challenged financially requiring careful consideration of the annual budget. Other issues will invariably arise, as well. All will require input from you, the town residents. Let me hear what you have to say.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Jacques

TOWN CLERK

This year was a year of local and national changes. Locally, the Town Clerk, Pamela Donovan-Hall and I started 2010 off with a bang. Pam assigned me the lengthy duty of preparing the Town Census, and we worked on other projects to help get me up to speed as her assistant. We enjoyed our office hours together and became fast friends. Pam encouraged me to ask a lot of questions (which I did) and we spoke on the phone often. Needless to say, I was deeply saddened when I learned in July that my new friend and mentor had passed away. I am so grateful for the knowledge she passed on to me. She was very special and I will always be glad to have known her.

In late July, I was appointed Town Clerk by the Selectboard. I welcomed the challenge, and have enjoyed serving our wonderful community. I also have enjoyed meeting people in town and seeing familiar faces that I have come to know through the schools and sporting events.

The Election Calendar was busy this year as we saw more change. A special election was held due to the passing of Senator Ted Kennedy. We also held our Annual Town Elections, the Mid-Term Primary and Mid-Term Election. In addition to our “veteran” election worker team, we welcomed some new faces at the polls. I would like to thank Bing Cinelli, Paul Hurley and Cricket Heath for their tireless hard work during election time, and all of the workers for supporting me as I made my way as a new Town Clerk. Thank you also to Scott Tillinghast and Sharon Jones who served as election clerks while enduring the long polling hours.

Issued this year were the following:

24	Business Certificates
3	Flammable Storage Permits
390	Dog Licenses
3	Kennel Licenses

My hours are Mondays, 9:00am to noon and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and by appointment. I may be reached at the Town Hall at 667-3186 or by e-mail at huntingtonclerk@comcast.net.

Dog tags for 2011 will be available June 1st.

Please remember to return your census forms by May 15.

The Vital Records and the rest of my report follow.

Respectfully submitted: Andrea McKittrick

TOWN CLERK

Vital Records 2010

BIRTHS:

March 19	Samuel Oliver Mathews Son of Jason J. Mathews & nee Nadine S. Sterste
March 20	Sarah Brennan LaPorte Daughter of David E. LaPorte & nee Kate B. Brennan
March 23	Drake Anthony Martine Son of Alton F. Martine, III & nee Melissa A. Dean
April 1	Clairys Rosaria Fitzgerald Daughter of Michael R. Fitzgerald & nee Elizabeth A. Jones
April 28	Toni Belle Goding Daughter of Frank D. Goding & nee Lisa D. Berman
May 2	Andie Goretskiy Son of Igor Goretskiy & nee Angela V. Kosyachenko
May 30	Faith Victoria Robare Daughter of Dennis M. Robare & nee Ruth A. Schwab
May 30	Felina Elizabeth Knachel Daughter of Steven J. Knachel & nee Jennifer E. Avery
July 13	Matthew Sean Lord Son of Lucas W. Lord & nee Alicia A. Henrichon
July 19	Leif Alexander Pauli Son of Gregory R. Pauli & nee Lisa A. Kelly
July 20	Brandon Delore Peloquin Son of Robert D. Peloquin, Jr. & nee Jennifer L. Canning
July 29	Tricia Anne Thieme Daughter of Daniel J. Thieme & nee Ramona C. D. Denis
August 14	Emily Elizabeth Ross Daughter of Robert E. Ross & nee Laura C. Nehring
August 16	Noah Deane Bennett Son of Seth A. Bennett & nee Rebecca L. Raymond

Births 2010 (continued)

- August 26 Otis Thelonious Puffer
 Son of Richard T. Puffer & nee Kathleen J. Mahoney
- September 22 Jacob Donald Fisette
 Son of Rene E. Fisette & nee Nicole D. Redmond
- December 5 Eleanor Lu Brady
 Daughter of Sean M. Brady & nee Beth W. Warren
- December 13 Noelle Grace Ethier
 Daughter of Craig S. Ethier & nee Kelly E. Wickland

MARRIAGES:

- February 13 Trevor David Hovland & Leigh Kristin Desclos @ Huntington
- March 14 Jason John Mathews & Nadine Sarah Sterste @ Westfield
- June 30 William Henry Hathaway III & Karon Lee Nason @ Huntington
- July 17 John Edward Deane & Debra Jane Sullivan @ Huntington
- July 24 Marion Russell Friedman & Brian Mach Young @ Huntington

DEATHS:

- January 3 William S. Treadwell, age 87, husband of Frances J. Pugliano
- January 7 Janna Weimann, age 74, widow of Franz Weimann
- January 10 Geraldine M. Estelle, age 87, widow of Arnold Estelle
- January 15 Marian Grace Pero, age 90, widow of Simeon E. Pero
- January 23 William F. Mandeville, age 61
- February 2 Henry Jan Igel, age 82, husband of Edith Hoppe
- February 20 Joseph Richard St. Martin, age 67

Deaths 2010 (continued)

February 22 John H. Miller, Jr. age 52

May 12 Michael Francis Rybczyk, age 63, husband of Margaret Campbell

May 17 Carl A. Wolfram, age 64

May 21 Leone Natress Roberts, age 88, widow of Calvin B. Roberts

June 12 Emanuel Harry Lionarkis, age 81, widow of Margaret Dipalto

July 9 Pamela Gail Donovan-Hall, age 62, wife of William R. Hall

November 26 Robert W. Breyette, age 59

December 29 Mary Ann Brown, age 53, wife of James A. Brown

**RESULTS ~ SPECIAL ELECTION
SENATOR IN CONGRESS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
JANUARY 19, 2010**

Party Voting: DEMOCRAT

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Michael E. Capuano	56
Martha Coakley	84
Alan A. Khazei	17
Stephen G. Pagliuca	22
Scott P. Brown	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	179

Party Voting: LIBERTARIAN

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Martha Coakley	0
Michael E. Capuano	0
Scott P. Brown	0
Stephen G. Pagliuca	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

Party Voting: REPUBLICAN

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Scott P. Brown	37
Jack E. Robinson	10
Martha Coakley	0
Michael E. Capuano	0
Stephen G. Pagliuca	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	47

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; February 17, 2010

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington, on Wednesday, the 17th day of February, 2010 at 7:08 p.m. then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Peter Jacques
Assistant Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick was elected temporary Town Clerk
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,700.00 to Assessors' Revaluation Expenses (015137.005) for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to Legal Expenses (015151.000) for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (244034.000) to Highway Road Maintenance (015422.007) the sum of \$6,000 for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2000.00 to Street Lights account (015424.000) for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to Veterans' Relief Benefits (015543.001) for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$3,000.00 to Water Wages (015450.001) for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$18,000.00 to Water Improvements (015450.016) for on going expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried, unanimous.

***A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.
Meeting dissolved at 7:23 p.m. There was a quorum of 30 voters present.***

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Temporary Town Clerk

RESULTS ~ TOWN ELECTION

Saturday, May 15, 2010

TOWN COLLECTOR - 3 Yrs.

Anne-Marie Knox	230
Blank	

ASSESSOR OF TAXES - 3 Yrs.

Ed Renault	210
Blank	45

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 3 Yrs.

Charles Bushor	40
Tim Doherty	27
16 Others	20
Blank	168

BOARD OF HEALTH - 2 Yrs.

Marge Craven	2
Charles Dazelle	2
9 Others	9
Blank	242

BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 Yrs.

Thomas Hart	202
2 Others	2
Blank	51

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 2 Yrs.

Denise Keay	3
Henry Dubay	3
Michelle Oliveira	1
Charles Dazelle	1
Blank	247

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 3 Yrs.

Denise Keay	22
2 Others	4
4 Others	4
Blank	225

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 Yrs.

Gerard D'Amour	187
Linda Ray	16
Others	1
Blank	51

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 1 Yr.

Richard Dugre	221
Blank	34

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 Yrs.

Wendy Long	210
Others	4
Blank	41

PETTIS FUND TRUSTEE - 3 Yrs.

Sue Fopiano	11
9 Others	10
Blank	234

CONSTABLE - 3 Yrs.

Earl Heath, Jr.	225
Blank	30

WHITING STREET TRUSTEE - 3 Yrs.

Sue Fopiano	2
6 Others	6
Blank	247

TREE WARDEN - 1 Yr.

Walter Wittshirk	232
Blank	23

MODERATOR - 1 Yr.

Pierre Jacques	208
Blank	47

RESULTS ~ TOWN ELECTION

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Question # 1:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$62,500.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of fully funding the operating budget of the Huntington Library for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010?

Yes	154
No	101

Question # 2:

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay the principal and interest on the 2011 Highway truck loan?

Yes	141
No	105
Blank	9

255 residents cast their votes out of 1381 Registered Voters.
18%

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Assistant Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

Special Town Meeting

Monday; June 7, 2010

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Assistant Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	George Webb
	Susan McIntosh
	Steve Hamlin

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, and the Selectboard. He called for the appointment of Andrea McKittrick as temporary Town Clerk in the absence of the Town Clerk. The vote passed unanimously and she was sworn in by the Moderator.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$33,700.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015151.000	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00
015300.004	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 6,200.00
015422.005	HIGHWAY SAND & SALT	\$25,500.00

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$3,100.00 for the following Operational Account; or take any other action relative thereto:

015450.001	WATER WAGES	\$ 3,100.00
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Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:39 p.m.

A quorum of 30 was present.

A true copy attest:
Andrea McKittrick, Temporary Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday; June 7, 2010

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Assistant Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	George Webb
	Susan McIntosh
	Steve Hamlin

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee and the Selectboard. Andrea McKittrick was accepted and sworn in as temporary Town Clerk in the absence of the Town Clerk.

The Moderator announced that he was including Articles 2-7 on the consent calendar and asked those interested in discussing a particular article on the consent calendar to place a 'hold' on said article when he finished the brief overview. The articles not held as a block will be voted on. The body agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., unless it was possible to complete a warrant or article under discussion shortly after 10:00 p.m. The body voted to reconvene, if necessary to Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The Moderator also announced that with Article 17, he would read the total amounts for various departments that are in bold. If any 'hold' is made, he would read line by line under that category.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To empower the Selectboard to choose such Town Officers as are not required by law or vote of the Town to be chosen by ballot; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To accept the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectboard, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund, Finance Committee, Trustees of the Alphonse P. Pettis Fund, Assessor of Taxes, Town Accountant, and any other Town Officers or Committees to report and act thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to prosecute and defend matters in which the Town has an interest, or to appear in favor or opposed to matters involving the Town's interest and employ counsel; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to sell and convey by public auction in accordance with Section 77B of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, all parcels of real estate which the Town has acquired or may acquire, either by foreclosure of Tax Title in Land Court or by the procedure under Section 80 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws pertaining to lands of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application following public hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2011 and further authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to replace the Highway Department's 1999 International truck by purchasing a new truck, not to exceed \$130,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried by 2/3 vote for Free Cash funding. 2 opposed.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from account #243341-000 a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a Police cruiser to replace the 2006 Dodge Intrepid; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article amended to 2003 Dodge Intrepid.
Motion carried. Majority vote. 1 opposed.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 from account #243341-000 and add it to the previously appropriated \$5,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority vote. 1 opposed.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to Computer Purchase account #015122-008 the sum of \$10,000.00 to continue upgrading the Town's computer system; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash to account #015192-006 the sum of \$6,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a sign to be used for announcing events on Town Common; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to account #015422-004 the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new gas tank and metered pumping system; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to account #015210-006 the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing Police radio equipment to be used on the Verizon cell tower to be built off Basket Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for the Fiscal Years 2011 to 2014 with a reduction in fees to \$1,533.00 per year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Reserves to the Sewer Maintenance account #015440-014 the sum of \$30,000.00 for replacement of the original Comminutor (shreds sewage solids) for the Fiscal Year 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2010. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,280,050.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, or accept a lesser amount than \$1,280,050.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Majority. 1 opposed.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$473,681.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to amend the \$473,681.00 to "version 2" of the budget which is \$429,378.00.

Amendment passed by majority vote. Main motion carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$438,922.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to amend the \$438,922.00 to \$492,681.00 in order to give a balanced budget, plus add \$23,313.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$515,994.00.

Amendment passed by 31 to 30 vote.

Main motion passed (33 to 29 vote).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$447,682.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve at 10:08 p.m. and resume Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. Unanimous. A quorum of 75 was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$45,000.00 for Huntington's share in the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer of the deed for land on Blandford Hill Road (Map #H1, Lot #91) belonging to the estate of Rose Carmel, pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 77C, of Mass. General Laws, with the ultimate custodian being the Selectboard, for the purpose of selling said land under Chapter 60 of Mass. General Laws at a tax title auction, or by Request For Proposal, or to retain the land; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected position of Treasurer become an appointed position; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected position of Collector become an appointed position; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to enter into immediate discussions with other Western Massachusetts municipalities with the intent of entering an inter-municipal agreement, by and through the Selectboard, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open access, financially self-sustaining communication system for the provision of broadband service, including high-speed internet access, telephone and cable television to the residents, businesses and institutions of these municipalities; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 11, *Site Development Review*, of the General By-Laws and Acts of the Town of Huntington; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

*A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.
Meeting dissolved at 7:55 p.m. A quorum of 42 was present.*

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Temporary Town Clerk

**RESULTS ~ STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

DEMOCRAT

GOVERNOR

1. Deval Patrick	106
All Others	0
Blanks	36
Total Votes Cast	142

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

1. Timothy P. Murray	113
All Others	0
Blanks	29
Total Votes Cast	142

ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. Martha Coakley	106
All Others	2
Blanks	34
Total Votes Cast	142

SECRETARY OF STATE

1. William Francis Galvin	114
All Others	0
Blanks	28
Total Votes Cast	142

TREASURER

1. Steven Grossman	86
2. Stephen J. Murphy	41
All Others	0
Blanks	15
Total Votes Cast	142

AUDITOR

1. Suzanne M. Bump	92
2. Guy William Glodis	24
3. Mike Lake	15
All Others	0
Blanks	11
Total Votes Cast	142

RESULTS ~ STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

1. John W. Olver	119
All Others	0
Blanks	23
Total Votes Cast	142

COUNCILLOR

1. Thomas T. Merrigan	108
All Others	0
Blanks	34
Total Votes Cast	142

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

1. Benjamin Brackett Downing	112
All Others	0
Blanks	30
Total Votes Cast	142

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

1. Stephen Kulik	118
All Others	0
Blanks	24
Total Votes Cast	142

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

1. Michael Cahillane	65
2. David E. Sullivan	74
Blanks	3
Total Votes Cast	142

SHERIFF

1. Robert J. Garvey	114
All Others	0
Blanks	28
Total Votes Cast	142

RESULTS ~ STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

REPUBLICAN

GOVERNOR

1. Charles D. Baker	74
All others	2
Blanks	5
Total Votes Cast	81

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

1. Richard R. Tisei	69
All others	3
Blanks	9
Total Votes Cast	81

ATTORNEY GENERAL

McKenna	7
Others	4
Blanks	70
Total Votes Cast	81

SECRETARY OF STATE

1. William C. Campbell	70
Blanks	11
Total Votes Cast	81

TREASURER

1. Karyn E. Polito	74
Blanks	7
Total Votes Cast	81

AUDITOR

1. Mary Z. Connaughton	61
2. Kamal Jain	16
Blanks	4
Total Votes Cast	81

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

1. William L. Gunn, Jr.	76
Blanks	5
Total Votes Cast	81

**RESULTS ~ STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

COUNCILLOR

1. Michael Franco	72
Blanks	9
Total Votes Cast	81

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	81
Total Votes Cast	81

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	81
Total Votes Cast	81

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Cahill	2
All Others	5
Blanks	74
Total Votes Cast	81

SHERIFF

1. Stephen Anthony Chojnacki	68
Blanks	13
Total Votes Cast	81

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Selectboard:	Ernie Smith, Charles Bushor
Finance Committee:	Eric Jensen, Erik Steins

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, Selectboard and the Town Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds to purchase a 2011 International dump truck not to exceed \$130,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to Highway Building/Equipment Maintenance (Account #015422-004) the additional sum of \$4,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new gas tank and metered pumping system; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made to change “Free Cash” to “Stabilization Account”.
Motion carried. Vote on amendment passed unanimously.

A motion was made vote on the amended article.
Motion carried. Article 2 passed unanimously with the amendment.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,110.00 for the following operational accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

015421-000	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$ 9,410.00
015422-005	HIGHWAY SAND AND SALT	\$15,000.00
015541-000	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 500.00
015300-004	VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTION	\$11,850.00
015300-006	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$13,350.00

A motion was made to change “available funds” to “Stabilization Account” and to zero-out all items except the Highway Superintendent salary.

Motion carried. Vote on amendment passed unanimously.

A motion was made to vote on the amended article.

Motion carried. Article 3 passed unanimously with the amendment.

A motion was made and seconded to move the question. Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Meeting dissolved at 7:52 p.m. A quorum of 44 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

RESULTS ~ STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2, 2010

<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>PARTY</u>
Governor and Lieutenant Governor		
Patrick and Murray	329	Democrat
Baker and Tisei	359	Republican
Cahill and Loscocco	108	Unenrolled
Stein and Purcell	37	Green Rainbow
All Others	1	
Blank	3	
Attorney General		
Martha Coakley	437	Democrat
James P. McKenna	387	Republican
All Others	1	
Blank	12	
Secretary of State		
William Francis Galvin	431	Democrat
William C. Campbell	327	Republican
James D. Henderson	45	Unenrolled
All Others	0	
Blank	34	
Treasurer		
Steven Grossman	386	Democrat
Karyn E. Polito	428	Republican
All Others	0	
Blank	23	
Auditor		
Suzanne M. Bump	364	Democrat
Mary Z. Connaughton	355	Republican
Nathanael Alexander	82	Green Rainbow
All Others	0	
Blank	36	

RESULTS ~ STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2, 2010

<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>PARTY</u>
Representative in Congress		
John W. Olver	446	Democrat
William L. Gunn, Jr.	328	Republican
Michael Engel	55	Unenrolled
All Others	0	
Blank	8	
Councillor		
Thomas T. Merrigan	398	Democrat
Michael Franco	394	Republican
All Others	0	
Blank	45	
Senator in General Court		
Benjamin Brackett Downing	570	Democrat
All Others	19	
Blank	248	
Representative in General Court		
Stephen Kulik	615	Democrat
All Others	3	
Blank	219	
District Attorney		
David E. Sullivan	585	Democrat
Michael A. Cahillane	5	Democrat
All Others	4	
Blank	243	
Sheriff		
Robert J. Garvey	484	Democrat
Stephen Anthony Chojnacki	322	Republican
All Others	0	
Blank	31	

QUESTIONS RESULTS NOVEMBER 2, 2010

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Blank</u>	<u>Total</u>
Question 1				
Repeal Sales Tax on Alcohol	464	368	5	837
Question 2				
Comprehensive Permits	320	488	29	837
Question 3				
Reduce Sales Tax to 3%	383	450	4	837
Question 4 (non-binding)				
Health Care Human Right	478	307	52	837
Question 5 (non-binding)				
Regulate and Tax Marijuana	507	284	46	837

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Wednesday; December 15, 2010

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Town Clerk, Finance Committee and the Selectboard.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will transfer from the Sewer Fund Reserve the amount of \$44,662.51 to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year 2008 Sewer loss; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the new Huntington Public Library building; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees to apply for any state funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the Library Project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees* to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

*A motion was made to amend the article as follows:**

“to return to town for acceptance or rejection of any funding proposal available to the town for construction of a new proposed library”.

Motion carried. Vote on amendment passed unanimously.

A motion was made to move the question and vote on the amended article. Motion carried.

Article 2, with amendment, was not passed.

A motion was made and seconded:

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 33B: “The local licensing authority of any city or town which accepts this section may authorize licensees under section twelve to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 9:00 p.m.

A quorum of 92 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2010

	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor Governmental	Total Governmental
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	422,411	898,985	157,448	114,183	172,982	1,766,009
Investments			0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	136,790	0	0	0	0	136,790
User Charges	0 S	0	20,377	25,580	0	45,956
Tax liens	29,320	0	0	0	0	29,320
Excise Taxes and other taxes	37,353	0	0	0	0	37,353
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	625,874	898,985	177,825	139,763	172,982	2,015,429
<u>Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable		0				0
Accrued Payroll		0				0
Employee Withholdings		0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						0
Property Taxes	166,109	0	0	0	0	166,109
Other	37,153	0	20,377	25,580	0	83,109
Total Liabilities	203,262	0	20,377	25,580	0	249,219
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	11,496	0	0	0	0	11,496
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0					
General Fund	411,115	0	0	0	0	411,115
Special Revenue	0	858,985	157,448	114,183	172,983	1,303,599
Permanent Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	422,611	858,985	157,448	114,183	172,983	1,726,210
<u>Total Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>	625,874	858,985	177,825	139,763	172,983	1,975,429

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Non Major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Taxes	2,798,369	0	0	0	0	2,798,369
State Receipts	526,942	0	0	0	0	526,942
Excise and Other Taxes	202,682	0	0	0	0	202,682
User Charges	0	0	117,645	164,920	0	282,565
Licenses, Permits and Fees	80,698	0	0	0	0	80,698
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	20,874	0	0	0	0	20,874
Interest on Investments	7,150	9,919	0	0	12,271	29,340
Grants, Fees, Fines and Other	22,842	0	0	0	202,146	224,988
Total Revenues	3,659,557	9,919	117,645	164,920	214,417	4,166,458
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	302,404	0	0	0	122,220	424,624
Public Safety	193,914	0	0	0	8,172	202,086
Public Works and Facilities	387,191	0	0	0	107,488	494,679
Water and Sewer	0	0	94,903	179,056	0	273,959
Education	2,678,651	0	0	0	0	2,678,651
Health and Human Services	34,361	0	0	0	132,275	166,636
Culture and Recreation	62,410	0	0	0	42,035	104,445
Employee Benefits and Insurance	58,885	0	0	0	0	58,885
State Assessments	90,111	0	0	0	0	90,111
Debt service:						
Principal	25,000	0	10,000	0	0	35,000
Interest	814	0	3,750	0	0	4,564
Total Expenditures	3,833,743	0	108,653	179,056	412,190	4,533,642
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(174,186)	9,919	8,992	(14,136)	(197,773)	(367,184)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	143,467	92,914	0	0	0	236,381
Operating Transfers Out	4,988	(59,000)	0	0	(139,397)	(193,409)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	148,455	33,914	0	0	(139,397)	42,972
Net Change in Fund Balances	(25,732)	43,833	8,992	(14,136)	(337,170)	(324,213)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	436,847	815,152	148,456	128,319	510,153	2,038,927
Fund Balances, End of Year	411,115	858,985	157,448	114,183	172,983	1,714,714

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

EXPENDITURES:	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	212	212	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	6,000	6,000	0
Admin Asst Wages	26,116	26,116	0
Expenses	2,272	2,272	0
Admin Asst Exp	368	368	0
Legal Ads Expense	817	817	0
General Office Supplies	1,822	1,522	300
Copy Machine Expenses	1,556	1,555	0
TOTAL	38,951	38,651	300
<u>COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	19,000	9,283	9,717
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	180	126	54
Reserve Fund	40	0	40
TOTAL	220	126	94
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	11,661	11,661	0
Expenses	500	143	357
Software Suppt	1,905	1,724	181
Audit Expense	7,000	0	7,000
TOTAL	21,066	13,529	7,537
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	5,472	5,320	152
Expenses	1,583	1,583	0
Clerk Wages	9,964	6,712	3,252
Mapping Expenses	800	800	0
Software Support	3,100	3,100	0
Revaluation	6,200	6,200	0
TOTAL	27,119	23,715	3,404
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	14,085	14,085	0
Cert Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	2,979	2,979	0
Bank Service Chgs	55	55	0
Tax Title Expenses	3,237	3,237	0
Software Support	1,725	1,724	1
TOTAL	23,081	23,080	1
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	17,103	17,103	0
Asst Coll Wages	3,920	3,920	0
Expenses	5,260	5,260	0
Tax Taking	416	416	0
Collector Software Support	4,925	4,925	0
TOTAL	31,624	31,624	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

EXPENDITURES:	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	23,474	23,474	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	23,474	23,474	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	12,058	12,058	0
Dog License Exp	420	420	0
Expenses	1,550	1,550	0
Census Superintendent	1,235	1,235	0
Census Expenses	461	461	0
Asst clerk salary	1,275	1,275	0
Election Workers Wages	2,284	2,284	0
Elect & Reg Expenses	711	481	230
TOTAL	19,994	19,764	230
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	800	736	64
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	800	397	403
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	450	228	222
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	0	200
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	10,616	8,588	2,028
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	16,123	16,123	0
North Hall Utilities	763	763	0
Stanton Hall Utilities	8,230	8,230	0
Town Mowing	6,157	6,158	(1)
Maintenance	11,801	11,801	0
North Hall Maintenance	10,247	10,247	0
GIS Mapping	800	0	800
TOTAL	64,738	61,910	2,827
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	7,875	7,845	30
Unemployment Insurance	552	462	90
Medicare	7,484	7,484	0
Town Buildings Insurance	24,270	23,702	568
Town Vehicle Insurance	13,609	13,609	0
TOTAL	53,790	53,102	688
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,573	2,573	0
<u>197-PARKING CLERK</u>			
Parking Clerk Expense	0	0	0
Total General Government	328,093	302,404	25,689

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

EXPENDITURES:	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	48,545	48,545	0
Training Exps & Wages	22,221	22,221	0
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	3,480	1,452	2,028
Administration/Training	4,149	4,149	0
Vehicle Maintenance	7,730	7,730	0
Equipment	2,340	2,340	0
TOTAL	88,464	86,436	2,028
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	3,724	3,724	0
Hourly Wages	12,823	11,640	1,183
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,329	3,250	79
Training Wages	6,048	3,640	2,408
Building/Equipment Exps	15,848	14,925	922
Admin/Training Expenses	2,600	2,594	6
Utilities	6,000	4,862	1,138
Truck Maintenance	10,000	9,561	439
Fire Defense Association	500	0	500
TOTAL	60,872	54,196	6,676
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	22,134	22,134	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	19,711	19,711	0
Gas Inspector Fees	1,000	597	403
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1,261	709	552
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,738	2,738	0
TOTAL	24,711	23,755	955
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	1,000	600	400
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	500	425	75
TOTAL	1,500	1,425	75
<u>294-TREE SERVICES</u>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	4,350	4,350	0
TOTAL	5,153	5,150	3
Constable Expense	218	218	0
Total Public Safety	204,052	193,914	10,137
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,285,529	1,285,529	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	551,710	551,710	0
Transportation/Debt	450,003	438,825	11,178
Ch 70 Voc Trans	51,244	51,244	0
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	360,590	351,343	9,247
Total Education	2,699,076	2,678,651	20,425

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

EXPENDITURES:	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	55,885	55,884	1
Hourly Wages	71,212	69,678	1,534
Overtime/Extra Help	11,891	5,676	6,215
Utilities	8,925	8,925	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	23,256	23,256	0
Sand & Salt	60,500	59,345	1,155
Gas & Diesel Fuel	17,507	16,234	1,273
Road Maintenance	26,622	26,622	0
Uniforms	2,001	2,001	0
Admin/Training Expenses	297	83	214
Drug Testing	400	165	235
Equipment replacement	1,000	0	1,000
Street Lights	10,578	10,578	0
TOTAL	290,074	278,446	11,628
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	14,459	14,248	211
Hauling & Disposal	80,850	80,850	0
Misc/Maint	800	310	490
Utilities	800	572	228
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,375	7,006	369
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	1,800	927	874
Basket Str Landfill Monit	5,830	4,654	1,176
TOTAL	111,914	108,567	3,347
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,488	2,616	872
Wages	53,961	47,654	6,307
Workers Compensation	3,548	2,782	766
Unemployment	211	37	174
Health Insurance	8,514	8,185	329
Property Insurance	1,357	1,212	145
Vehicle Insurance	1,212	1,212	0
Utilities	15,260	15,083	177
Building/Equipment Maint	40,006	23,879	16,127
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	2,826	174
Engineering Consultant	92,802	61,343	31,459
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Sewer Vehicle Replacement	1	0	1
Chemical Purchase	4,189	3,189	1,000
Waste Removal	5,423	5,423	0
Improvements	6,000	1,499	4,501
Software support	1,824	366	1,458
Septic Tank Pumping	1,750	1,750	0
TOTAL	242,547	179,055	63,492

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

EXPENDITURES:	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,488	2,616	872
Wages	28,262	28,262	0
Workers Compensation	1,200	962	238
Unemployment	119	24	95
Health Insurance	4,092	4,092	0
Property Insurance	2,236	2,233	3
Utilities	14,791	10,375	4,416
Vehicle Insurance	850	806	44
Analysis Tests	9,835	8,189	1,646
Analysis Chemicals	3,000	885	2,115
Contractors	1	0	1
Engineer Service	74	74	0
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Cross Connection Project	250	0	250
Materials/Equipment	16,121	12,824	3,297
Improvements	22,000	19,691	2,309
Software Support	3,574	3,574	0
Meters	1,000	0	1,000
Water Overtime	295	295	0
TOTAL	111,190	94,903	16,287
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	180	120
TOTAL	300	180	120
Total Public Works	756,025	661,151	94,874
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	3,429	2,852	577
Secretary Salary	4,673	4,631	42
Agent Wages	3,000	3,000	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,593	1,593	0
Health Nursing Fee	107	0	107
Animal Control Officer Salary	721	721	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	2,105	2,105	0
TOTAL	15,628	14,902	726
Council on Aging	1,500	1,500	0
<u>543-VETERAN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,664	1,664	0
Relief Benefits	16,295	16,295	0
TOTAL	17,959	17,959	0
Total Human Services	35,087	34,361	726

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BUDGET and ACTUAL-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

EXPENDITURES:	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	29,147	25,378	3,769
Maintenance Wages	4,000	2,501	1,499
Maint/Repair/Supplies	8,522	8,522	0
Utilities	4,300	3,464	836
Books/Periodicals	12,183	12,183	0
Software Tech Support	1,018	931	87
TOTAL	59,170	52,980	6,190
<u>620-RECREATION COMMITTEE</u>			
Wages	4,824	4,774	50
Expenses	3,176	2,176	1,000
TOTAL	8,000	6,950	1,050
Historical Commission	34	0	34
Memorial Day Parade	416	416	0
Community Events	1,065	1,065	0
TOTAL	1,481	1,481	0
Total Culture & Rec	68,685	61,410	7,274
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Water Meter Loan	10,000	10,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Hwy Truck Interst	826	814	12
Water Meter Interest	3,750	3,750	0
TOTAL	39,576	39,564	12
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,400	2,400	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	496	496	0
CS Regional Transit	7,268	7,267	1
Council of Govts Assmt	2,044	2,044	0
Hampshire Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	75,897	75,897	0
TOTAL	90,112	90,111	1
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	8,289	8,185	104
Police Health Ins	4,294	4,289	5
Highway Health Insurance	22,687	22,658	29
Police & Fire Disability Ins	15,677	15,176	501
Admin Health Ins	8,589	8,578	11
TOTAL	59,536	58,885	651
Total Misc Expenses	189,224	188,560	664
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization			0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,280,241	4,120,453	159,788

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1,2009</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30,2010</u>
Special Revenue Funds:				
Wildlife Inhabitat Incent	0	6,000	6,000	0
Conservation Wetlands Fees	3,946	1,093	0	5,038
Community Policing	1,320	0	3,209	(1,889)
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,144	0	0	4,144
EDSA Program Exps	0	0	0	0
Agricultural Commitssion	20	0	0	20
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	728	2,731	2,750	709
Emergency Management	8,722	0	0	8,722
Library Building	54,248	727	11,314	43,661
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	0	315
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	66,430	0	66,430	0
GIS Mapping	0	0	0	0
FF Public Safety Equip	3,053	0	2,315	738
Public Safety Educ Grant	2,125	0	648	1,476
Capital Expenditures	109,840	0	63,368	46,472
FEMA Grant	28,389	7,012	35,401	0
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,251	120	0	1,371
Cultural Council	3,180	4,010	3,704	3,487
BOH Spec Proj	2,000	1,300	2,000	1,300
Library	6,437	2,768	3,383	5,823
Council on Aging-High Valley	1,120	0	650	470
Council on Aging-Formula	1	3,500	3,501	0
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	31,630	33,793	65,424	0
Stanton Rehab	29,256	7	21,882	7,380
Playscape Damage	0	5,113	5,113	0
Total-Non-Major Funds	359,790	68,174	297,091	130,873

Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,743	47	0	10,790
Stanton Income Fund	181,726	12,071	132,100	61,697
Whiting Street Fund	6,658	29	175	6,511
Cemetary Perpetual Care	3,264	48	0	3,313
Stabilization Fund	815,152	102,833	59,000	858,985
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	900	13	0	913
Recreation	108	0	0	108
Civic Welfare	3,934	64	0	3,998
Total-Trust Funds	1,022,485	115,106	191,275	946,316

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Balance as of July 1, 2009	1,123,812.38
Receipts	4,569,914.79
Disbursements	4,830,353.85
Balance as of June 30, 2010	863,373.32
Total General Fund Cash	863,373.32

Allocation of Trust & Special Accounts by Fund

Conservation Fund	10,790.03
Stabilization Fund	768,005.97
Stanton Fund	69,104.86
Whiting Street Fund	6,511.39
Cemetery	3,312.14
Post War Rehabil.	913.36
Civic Welfare	3,998.17
Total Trust & Special Cash	862,635.92
Total Interest Earned on General Funds	5,622.26
Total Interest Earned on Trust Funds	22,365.87

Tax Title Account

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Amount owed as of June 30, 2010
Begin, Victor	12/4/2008	3,994.84
Courtney, Dennis	12/6/2007	431.85
Florence, Cecilia	12/6/2007	14,059.19
Nadeau	12/3/2009	10,186.14
Total Tax Title		28,672.02
Tax Title Collections for FY10		8,249.90

	Borrowing	
	Loan	Interest Pd.
Highway Truck	25,000.00	826.00
Installation of Water Meters	10,000.00	3,750.00
Total Loans Paid	35,000.00	4,576.00

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Marie Knox, Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2010</u>
<u>Real Estate</u>							
Levy of							
2007	48.58					48.58	-
2008	31,353.00				2,647.12	28,370.58	335.30
2009	104,192.53				4,741.20	66,281.87	33,169.46
2010		2,736,696.54	13,048.08	15,583.21	7,886.17	2,594,625.60	131,649.64
Totals	135,594.11	2,736,696.54	13,048.08	15,583.21	15,274.49	2,689,326.63	165,154.40

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2010</u>
<u>W/S Liened</u>							
2007-2008	5,736.33					5,736.33	-
2009		30,567.78			1,239.57	28,132.79	1,195.42
Totals	5,736.33	30,567.78	-	-	1,239.57	33,869.12	1,195.42

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2010</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>							
Levy of							
2007	71.40					62.99	8.41
2008	643.26			36.64		490.82	115.80
2009	935.92			37.01		699.88	199.03
2010		62,263.19		64.39		61,775.90	422.90
Totals	1,650.58	62,263.19	-	138.04	-	63,029.59	746.14

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2010</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>							
Levy of							
2002	1,330.62					52.50	1,278.12
2003	1,001.98					134.58	867.40
2004	1,434.29					147.50	1,286.79
2005	2,022.00					250.11	1,771.89
2006	1,450.48		8.50			336.37	1,122.61
2007	3,160.22		5.00			457.30	2,707.92
2008	4,973.78	15.21	168.44	168.44		2,276.70	2,712.29
2009	14,296.08	29,032.83	954.85	3,653.20		36,040.43	4,590.13
2010		198,044.14	937.09	17,140.32		160,820.72	21,020.19
Totals	29,669.45	227,092.18	2,073.88	20,961.96	-	200,516.21	37,357.34

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Exempted and/or Abated</u>	<u>Liened on the R. E.</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2010</u>
<u>Water/Sewer</u>							
Levy of							
2009	47,180.51		169.43		30,567.78	16,782.16	-
2010		270,936.07		6,508.05		216,956.43	47,471.59
Totals	47,180.51	270,936.07	169.43	6,508.05	30,567.78	233,738.59	47,471.59

Summary

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2010</u>
Real Estate	2,689,326.63	165,154.40
Water/Sewer Liened	33,869.12	1,195.42
Personal Property	63,029.59	746.14
Water/Sewer	233,738.59	47,471.59
Motor Vehicle	200,516.21	37,357.34
	3,220,480.14	251,924.89

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, Collector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Linda Hamlin, Assessor; Sue Fopiano, Assessor; Ed Renauld, Assessor; Ted Gloss, Assessors' Clerk

2010 was a transformational year for the Huntington Board of Assessors.

In the spring, our longtime Clerk resigned for personal reasons. Ted Gloss was hired for the new fiscal year in the summer. Ted has been an Assessor in Russell for many years, so it was very opportune that we were able to hire someone so well qualified.

The office hours have changed to Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and most Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Board of Assessors meeting hours have also changed: the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Should you need to speak to Ted or the Assessors, it would be prudent to call 667-3501 and let us know when it would be convenient.

Between Ted's arrival and December 31, the office has processed 66 real estate transfers (21 of which were qualified sales), 78 Motor Vehicle abatements, 32 Veteran, Blind, and Elderly Exemptions, 39 Form CL1 and CL2 for Chapter 61A and 61B classified properties, and collected receipts for sales for FY2012 filings. Also, the office recorded 47 building permits during that time. Sue Fopiano completed the required Assessor 101 training during the summer.

The office is now operating off the Town server enabling the Assessors to directly post abatements and exemptions to Real and Personal Property Tax Records, as well as Motor Vehicle Excise abatements, to the Collector's database. We now also connect with the Accountant via the server on the State Tax RECAP.

New Growth for FY2011 was \$30,057.00 as applied to the Levy Limit. The growth was mainly in the Personal Property of cable and telecom assets reported to the Board.

The Annual Classification Hearing was conducted December 1, 2010, where a tax rate of \$14.66 was adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

The Assessors are continuing the required cyclical inspection of properties in town for CY2011. We are taking digital pictures of reviewed properties and attaching them electronically to our property record cards for easy viewing. Some of the inspections completed were on: Brookside Glen, Emerson Gorham Road, Goss Avenue, Goss Hill Road, Grandview Street, Kimball Road, Knightville Road, Montgomery Road, Nagler Cross Road, Norwich Lake area, Pisgah Road, Searle Road, Stage Road, Summit Avenue, Tucker Road, Upper Russell Road, and Worthington Rd. (northern section). Currently, we have surpassed our required annual number of inspections, and we plan to continue that standard into CY2012. Our goals are to catch up and surpass all mandated requirements, and then convert as many products as possible to electronic media for posting on the Town website(www.huntingtonma.us) for the convenience of town residents. We will resume our cyclical inspections in spring 2011, and continue as late in the fall as weather conditions allow.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year the Huntington Police Department was the recipient of two major purchases. The first was a new 2011 all-wheel drive Ford Taurus Cruiser that replaced the 2003 Dodge Intrepid, and the second was a new automated fuel distribution system that replaced the old “Farmers’ System”. This new fuel system will be utilized by all Town departments and will help to conserve fuel and eliminate waste.

The Department had a large volume of calls and incidents averaging 45.5 per month. Some of the incidents logged were: 7 domestic disturbances, 48 motor vehicle accidents, 30 motor vehicle complaints/violations, 34 alarm calls, 49 medical calls, 28 officer wanted calls, 18 arrest, 4 assaults, 5 vandalisms, 9 animal complaints, 27 traffic hazards and 17 suspicious person/vehicles.

The Police Department is still an active member of the District Crisis Team. School-wide evacuation drills and numerous lock-down and shelter in place drills were conducted throughout the year. Working with Gateway Regional School District’s administrative staff and faculty, the Police Department has continued to take a proactive approach in dealing with youthful offenders by working collaboratively to help identify at risk behaviors and to help identify potential problem situations before they occur.

After the 2009 pandemic crisis, the Department regionalized with the seven hilltown communities, the Gateway Regional School District and the Hilltown Community Health Center in establishing a crisis response team to address the health and safety needs of the surrounding communities.

Funding for the Community Policing Grant was once again eliminated from the State budget. However, the Department continues its commitment to community policing by providing officer visibility, speed enforcement, critical patrol hours, and the reduction of traffic hazards.

The year 2010 saw the faces of law enforcement change within the hilltown communities. Lieutenant Dan Kennedy retired from his duties as Commander of the Russell State Police Barracks, and Elizabeth Scheibel completed her years of service as District Attorney for Hampshire County. Both individuals were extremely supportive of the Huntington Police Department and they will truly be missed.

I would like to extend my appreciation to my fellow officers for their commitment to providing the highest level of professionalism and service to the citizens of the Town of Huntington, to the citizens for their continued support and to those who serve our town in all capacities.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Garriepy
Chief of Police

911 CALLS AND INCIDENTS FOR 2010

40	911 hang ups and misdials
48	motor vehicle accidents
34	alarm calls
49	medical calls
11	animal/dog complaints
18	arrests
7	assist other agencies
4	assaults
6	breaking and entering
1	cell phone trace
8	welfare checks
1	death unattended
14	disturbances
2	disorderly persons
10	disabled motor vehicles
7	domestic disturbances
1	drunken offense
2	drug offenses
20	assist Fire Department
3	harassments
5	investigations
3	juvenile offenses
2	larcenies
4	miscellaneous
30	motor vehicle complaints/violations
1	stolen motor vehicle
6	noise complaints
28	officers wanted
4	paperwork service
7	psychological
1	repossession
7	safety hazards
1	search
3	shots fired
1	suicide attempt
5	suspicious persons
12	suspicious vehicles
2	threats
27	traffic hazards
2	trespasses
7	unwanted persons
18	unclassified
10	wires down
5	vandalisms

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the people of Huntington for their continuing support during these tough times. It is my goal to insure the safety of this town and its residents, while trying to keep the cost of doing so as low as possible. We are continuing to upgrade and replace equipment, plus train for any possible issues that may pose a threat to public safety.

The Huntington Fire Department is fortunate to have 18 dedicated members who are motivated and willing to do what it takes to assure your well-being and safety. As I have said before, they are a great group and I am proud to be their Chief.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Dahill, Fire Chief

SUMMARY OF CALLS:

8	structural fires
10	chimney fires
10	brush fires
7	vehicle fires
3	outside fires
3	cooking fires
1	rubbish fire
1	railroad equipment fire
2	unauthorized burning
109	medical calls
17	medical assists
5	rescues
1	extrication/rescue
1	watercraft rescue
25	motor vehicle accidents
1	motor vehicle/pedestrian accident
12	smoke detector activations
4	carbon monoxide detector activation
3	hazardous material incidents
2	hazardous conditions
11	power lines down
1	lock out call
12	false alarms
3	public service calls
2	heating equipment malfunctions
4	smoke problems
8	electrical problems
1	water problems
2	cancelled in route
7	mutual aid

276 Total Calls

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

First of all I would like to thank the citizens of Huntington and the Selectboard for their support of the Highway Department. I also would like to thank Wayne McKinney for his years served as Highway Superintendent, and in welcoming Dave Igel as our new employee.

We have completed the improvements to the downtown business district. We have submitted for a grant to do some side street drainage, sidewalks and black topping. Work on Bromley Road should be completed this summer. We will be taking advantage of the Mass DOT salt contract next winter. This will save the Town approximately \$24 a ton for four years. We hope to apply for a grant to reconstruct County Road. The new gas and diesel fuel system has been installed, bringing the Town up to code.

Telephone numbers to reach the Highway Department are 413/667-3504 (garage) and 413/977-2434 (cell).

Respectfully submitted:
Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent

SEWER DEPARTMENT

This year the Sewer department completed two major projects:

- We purchased and installed a new Comminutor (grinder) for the Waste Water Treatment plant. The old one, that was 20 years old, failed in early winter of last year. The installation was completed in October this year. The cost of this project was \$30,000.00
- The State-mandated Inflow & Infiltration Study Report was completed, and corrective actions have been taken. We are now in compliance with DEP. The cost of this project was \$65,000.

Sewer line from Maple Street to Basket Street has also been repaired. Since the funding for these projects came from reserves, these funds are quite low at this point. The Board is trying to build in a reserve fund into their budget, as there are many capital improvements that are needed.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department has outfitted the old Fire rescue truck to be our emergency repair truck. Thanks to all that helped get this vehicle ready. This truck will allow the department to store all our tools in one place and transport them to the work site.

We would like to welcome Henry Dubay to the Commission, and thank Chip Dazelle and Denise Keay for their ongoing service to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Water and Sewer Department

BOARD OF HEALTH

P.O. Box 433 - 24 Russell Road – Town Hall – Huntington MA 01050
Phone 413-667-3511 Fax 413-667-3511

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January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Thomas Hart, Member '13
Sharon Jones, Member '11
Jean Jackman, Member '11
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

Joseph Rouse, Health Agent
Brian Slayton, Title V Agent
Robert Jackman, Animal Control Officer;
Barn Inspector

Transfer Station Stickers sold	578
Tires Disposed of	51
Installers Permits	3
Haulers Permits	4
Food Service Permits	10
Temporary Food Permits	5
Perc Tests Conducted	5
Well Permits	8
Disposal Works Applications	7
Propane & Water Tanks	20

Accounts Receivable:	\$ 56,999.75
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Transfer Station Stickers	\$ 13,570.00
“H” bags	\$ 35,276.75
Trash	\$ 1,801.00
Tires	\$ 276.00
Furniture	\$ 625.00
Metal	\$ 375.00
Electronics	\$ 665.00
Propane & Water Tanks	\$ 170.00
Mattresses	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 176.00
Disposal Works Permit	\$ 825.00
Well Permits	\$ 675.00
Perc Tests	\$ 475.00
Installer Permits	\$ 225.00
System Repair	\$.00
Food Service Permits	\$ 715.00
Hauling Permits	\$ 325.00
Frozen Dessert Permit	\$ 25.00
Frig/Air Conditioners	\$ 600.00

PLANNING BOARD

2010 Annual Town Report

2010 has been a challenging year for the Planning Board. It seems to have been the "year of the telecommunications tower". A tower designed as a "diminimus branch taper" monopine was approved for Verizon on a parcel off Westwood Drive, and since April, we've been working with AT&T on another tower proposal on Blandford Hill Road.

As usual, we've had some ANRs, and this year, we've been working with some folks to update an old subdivision plan so that it meets current zoning regulations.

We have been short members all year, and at the end of the year, our Chair, Michael Brisebois, resigned due to personal reasons. He will remain on the Board until we have completed the AT&T Public Hearing process and the Board has taken a vote, but those are the only meetings he will be attending in 2011. We will all miss Michael's insights as we're muddling along. Thank you, Michael, for your many years of Planning Board service.

Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board, please notify Helen in the Board of Selectmen's Office and she will tell you when our next meeting will be held so that you can attend. State training is available as our budget allows.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hamlin

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year the Agricultural Commission has been contacting resources regarding various pests which could represent a serious danger to our local forest lands. We will continue to follow agricultural changes and build informational resources as appropriate.

Plans for the new year include a meeting in 2011 to present information to the local land owners on various State programs available to them to preserve forest land. At this meeting information about some of the various pests and their potential danger to our woodlands will be presented.

Through our on going effort to collect information, members have attended the Western Mass. Agricultural Commission Conference and the State Farm Bureau workshops at their own expense.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wickland, Chair
Janet Mollison
Gerald Manley, Alternate

Anne Marie Knox
Gordon Richardson
John Mollison, Alternate

Bonnie McKinney

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

This past calendar year for the ZBA was punctuated by the loss of one of our members, Donald Bartley. Don was an active and conscientious member on the Board and leaves a proud legacy of public service to our town. To Don's credit he has agreed to fill one of the alternate positions on the Board. We dedicate this report to Don.

We are pleased to announce that Mary Lou Spaulding and Ron Craig have stepped forward and volunteered to fill the two active vacancies on the Board. We applaud their decision to come forward and volunteer their services on behalf of the Town. The Board now consists of three (3) active members, Mary Lou Spaulding, Ron Craig and George Webb. We also have three (3) Alternate Members, Donald Bartley, Ed Grabowski and Stephen Hamlin.

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A (THE ZONING ACT), Section 14, states that a board of appeals shall have the following powers:

- (1) To hear and decide appeals in accordance with section eight.
- (2) To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the board is empowered to act in Section 9.
- (3) To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in section ten.
- (4) To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a zoning enforcement officer (Building Inspector), if any, in accordance with section thirteen.

The purpose of our Zoning By-law is stated in our by-law as follows, "... to regulate the dimensions and uses of buildings, structures, and land within the Town of Huntington in a manner appropriate to the character of the Town and its various areas and activities, in order to provide for the general welfare, conserve, protect, and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Town and the health and safety of its inhabitants, insure an adequate supply of light and air, and protect against the hazards of fire and flood."

Special permits may be issued only for uses that are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Huntington Zoning By-law, and shall be subject to general or specific provisions set forth therein; and such permits may also impose conditions, safeguards and limitations on time or use. Special permits are issued to authorize specifically itemized uses after weighing the benefit or detriment of a proposal.

The variance is used to authorize an otherwise prohibited use, or to loosen dimensional requirements otherwise applicable to structures. A variance is to be issued sparingly and only if all the statutory prerequisites have been met.

A Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 6, Finding allows the Board of Appeals *some* subjective leeway in their decision making process. A special permit or a variance may be granted to non-conforming uses, structures, and lots that otherwise may not meet specific provisions for the granting of a special permit or variance if there is a finding by the permit granting authority that such change, extension or alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood. After the issuance of a special permit, variance or Chapter 6 Finding, the successful applicant must obtain a building

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

permit from the building inspector, if construction is contemplated. When making a decision the ZBA must find:

1. The proposed use will not be more detrimental to the neighborhood.
2. The proposed use is not in conflict with surrounding land uses.
3. The proposed use is in the interest of the common good.

Aside from public hearings the ZBA meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Stanton Hall.

This past calendar year from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 the ZBA held public hearings to gather public input on four (4) special permit applications and one (1) variance application. In addition to our other duties, the Board made annual inspections of the four gravel pits in town. We are currently actively updating the ZBA Rules and Regulations for conduct of our business in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 40A.

The Board would like to express its gratefulness for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Craig, Member
Mary Lou Spaulding, Member
George Webb, Chairman
Donald Bartley, Alternate
Stephen Hamlin, Alternate
Edward Grabowski, Alternate

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee has been inactive since its last meeting on May 16, 2009. The Committee was responsible for maintaining the Town's Open Space Plan and implementing the Plan's goals, objectives and plan of action. The Committee also monitors potential projects, recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat and community character for comment or action.

Huntington's 2002 Open Space Plan has expired. People interested in joining the Open Space Committee to take up the task of updating the Open Space Plan should please contact the Town through the Selectboard Office at 667-3500.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is the Town board responsible for ensuring local compliance with the state Wetlands Protection Act. Under that law, anyone proposing to work in or near wetlands (including lakes, ponds, streams and their bordering vegetated wetlands, as well as the riverfront area) must file plans with the Commission.

We acted on six applications during 2010. The projects included construction of two common driveways in the riverfront area, construction of a wireless communication tower adjacent to wetlands off Westwood Drive, culvert repairs by the Huntington Highway Department, and a determination of wetland boundaries along the CSX railroad right of way. Those projects were able to proceed after public hearings

The Commission issued an enforcement order to a property owner who cut down several trees in the riverfront area, despite having been advised that such work required a permit from the Conservation Commission. The enforcement action is continuing, with assistance from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Commission members performed some thirty site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as to respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed several Forest Cutting Plans and consulted with the state forester to assure that wetlands are protected during timber harvests. We worked with the Building Inspector on the site review process, to assist people to understand the requirements of the Wetlands Act before they begin construction. We gave input about wetland concerns to hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as participating in the annual inspection of gravel pits in town.

We worked with Mass DOT to reestablish a pathway for canoeists near the Highway yard on the Westfield River. There is now a well-defined wood chip path to the river. And we continued to contract with Beaver Solutions to maintain the fence that prevents beavers from blocking the culvert on Cullen Road.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conferences of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) and the Westfield River Watershed Association, which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. We were sorry that Kate Emery had to resign from the Commission, and we thank her for all her good work with us. We welcome public participation in any of our meetings, which take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves
Mary Gerken
Ross Hackerson
Susan McIntosh (Chairperson)
Erik Steins
Michael Vorwerk

DOG OFFICER

As the Dog Officer there have been some good times and some difficult times. It is always a joy to return a lost dog to its owner, and it saddens me when I have to surrender one to a shelter.

One of the best ways to ensure the return of your dog if by chance (s)he should get loose and lost is to have a Town license tag on the collar or harness, and a rabies' tag. These are both wonderful forms of identification; it is also a State law that dogs be licensed and current with their rabies' vaccinations every year.

In our town, all dogs over the age of three months must be licensed with the Town Clerk by July 1st. Having a recent picture of your pet is also helpful whether it be for a lost poster, going door to door asking for help, or just another form of identification for your dog if the need arises. Acting quickly if your dog should get loose is very helpful and will increase the likelihood that (s)he will be returned, and in a timely manner .

I would like to thank everyone for all their continuing support and encouragement.

Dogs picked up, looked for, returned:	18
Dogs surrendered:	0
Dog complaints responded to:	47

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Cormier

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our year began in July 2009 with the Huntington Summer Music Series held on the Town Green. There were eight (8) weeks of music performed every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in front of the gazebo, or inside Stanton Hall with inclement weather. The Music Series was also supported by our local Cultural Council. Weekly bake sales were provided by local community groups. The Town Picnic was enjoyed by a large crowd of people during one of the performances in August with hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies being offered.

Fall brought us to our annual Pumpkin Carving and Painting also held on the Town Green. Winter started with a Gingerbread House Decorating at Stanton Hall. Participants decorated buildings of the Town with candy, and left them on display in Stanton Hall. The spring began with a Gardening Workshop held at Stanton Hall with a guest speaker and demonstrator with hands on activities for adults and children. All events were offered free to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris
Lisa Lansing

Bonnie Kubacki
Vicki Mayhew, Chair

John Knox
Ken Rachmaciej

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2010 cycle:

Blandford Fair Art Show - \$236; Chester Theatre Company – THE NIBROC TRILOGY \$250; Gateway Regional Middle School Band – Performers/Clinicians - \$300; Richard Hamelin – Pied Potter Hamelin - \$350; Hilltown Choral Society – Choral Concerts in the Hilltowns - \$200; Huntington Community Events Committee – Music Series on the Town Common - \$700; Huntington Council on Aging – Glenshane Irish Folk Music - \$399; Jacob’s Ladder Trail Scenic Byway – Centennial Celebration - \$310; Littleville Elementary School – Musical Concert by Electric Junkyard Gamelan - \$750; Ruth Pardoe – A Season of Music and Theatre at North Hall - \$400; Sevenars Concerts – Sevenars Music Festival - \$500.

Total Recipients: 11 Total Dollars Granted: \$4,395.00 All performances completed by 12/31/10.

Grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org, at the Town Hall, or by contacting Lynn Winsor 413/667-5563. Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beane Jodi Simmons Linda Siska Peri Sossaman Gary Winsor, Chair.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Summer 2009 started with camp being held at Littleville Elementary School. Camp was shortened this year due to non-availability of the school. Participants took part in structured learning, arts and crafts, and physical activity during camp, as well as a field trip to the Majestic Theater to coincide with the camp theme.

The Rag Shag Parade was held in October. Arts and crafts with holiday music and refreshments were enjoyed at Stanton Hall while waiting for Santa to arrive by fire truck before his tour through town. During school vacations the Committee sponsored a showing at the movies and family bowling at nearby establishments. Springfield Falcons hockey vouchers were purchased and offered to the public at a discounted price for all home games.

An event that always brings smiles and excitement is the Easter Egg Hunt held at Pettis Field in the spring.

A Teen Dance was held for teens with a DJ and refreshments at Stanton Hall. In May 2010, a dance with a live band was also held at Stanton Hall for adults. A donation was made to the newly formed Playground Committee assisting with the planned playground at Pettis Field. A swing set was also purchased to add to the project.

In May, the Committee enjoyed participating in the Huntington Memorial Day Parade.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Mayhew
Hollie St. Onge

Michelle Oliveira, Chair
Kathy Sullivan

Ed Renauld
Amy Williams

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 2010 – December 2010

The Library has 1969 patrons, 1449 residents and 520 non-residents.

Calendar Year Library Statistics are (these are actual counts not estimates):

- Circulation: 8,505 materials
- Interlibrary Loan: 732
- Attendance in Library: 7,915
- Reference Transactions: 929
- Children's Programs: 38
- Adult/Young Adult Programs: 59
- Attendance at Children's Programs: 231
- Attendance at Adult/Young Adult Programs: 433
- Public use of computers: 2,134

Changing and reducing the open hours in the middle of the year resulted in some patrons not being able to use the Library as often as they wanted. This resulted in a lower number of materials being borrowed. However, the computer use by adults increased. Changing of the hours and days yielded some utility savings. The Trustees are continuing to discuss the changing of Library hours and days that would better benefit the patrons.

We conducted a Summer Reading Program called "*Go Green at Your Library*" with 30 children, seven (7) adults. Twelve teens participated in the "*tnk grEn*" part of the Summer Reading Program. The Library Staff made two raffle baskets as adult prizes. The baskets were a Reading Basket with a couple of books, chocolate and other munchies to enjoy while reading; and a Writing Basket with a set of calligraphy pens, writing paper, regular pens, a journal, word puzzle books, as well as some munchies. The Library Staff and Trustees would like to thank Moltenbrey's Market and the O'Brien Hilltown Funeral Home for their donations to the Summer Reading Program.

The Library Building Needs Assessment Committee hired an Owner's Project Manager who helped the Committee and Trustees engage an architect to do a schematic design and cost estimates of a renovation/expansion and new building. After bi-weekly meetings that were open to the public and a community meeting at Stanton Hall to review and critique the architect's schematic design, it was presented at a Special Town Meeting in December. The Library warrant article requested permission to apply for a state grant and for approval of the schematic design. After much discussion concerning the economy, the voters rejected the article.

The Trustees are in the process of establishing a foundation with 501c3 status. The Trustees are working with an attorney to help with the process. The trust funds that the Library presently has would be used to create this the foundation.

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Due to the financial crisis, The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners decided to dissolve the seven regional library systems and create the Massachusetts Library System with the main headquarters in the eastern part of the State and a temporary sub-headquarters in the western part of the State.

When the Western Mass. Regional Library System (WMRLS) was dissolved, it had a trust fund called the Rena Durkan Fund which was used primarily to stock the bookmobile. The fund was transferred to the Friends of WMRLS who voted to give the monies to libraries with a population of less than 3,000 and who used the bookmobile. The Library received \$2,100 from this fund which is being used to purchase large print books and audio books.

Funds from the Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carmel Trust Fund and the Huntington Public Library Memorial and Benefactors' Fund were used to purchase two computers for the public, video games, and DVDs.

The following items were purchased and funded:

- PC Warehouse (computer memory)
- Best Buy (computer and mice)
- Staples (computer and computer desk)
- Mary Jo Maichack (storyteller)
- Game Spot (video games)
- Blockbuster (video games & DVDs)
- Computer Work
- Wal-Mart (video games and DVDs)

Library Hours:	Wednesday	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Thursday	2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
	Friday	2:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Saturday	10:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

Telephone:	413/667-3506	Fax:	413/667-0088
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Email:	huntingtonlib@comcast.net	Web:	thehuntingtonlibrary.org
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View us on Facebook at Huntington Public Library.

The Library is also sending their newsletter via email to interested people.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend. COA volunteers are always needed. They do not have to be seniors.

ON GOING ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERS IN HUNTINGTON:

- Highland Valley Elder Services lunches at Stanton Hall, 11:30 a.m. Monday – Friday for seniors 60 years and older, donation requested; call Dale Hoppe at 667-3505 for info and reservations. Delivered meals are also available for those in need.
- Transportation to the meal site, shopping and medical appointments by the Huntington COA/Franklin Regional Transit Authority van Monday – Friday, for elders 60+, and for disabled of any age by approval of the FRTA; call George Webb, Van Driver at 667-3428
- Brown Bag Program providing staple groceries on the 3rd Friday each month for income eligible seniors, small donation requested. Call Dale Hoppe at 667-355 or Food Bank of Western Mass. at 800/247-9632.
- HOPE (Health Outreach Program Nurse) is available in Stanton Hall at 11:15 a.m. 3rd Friday each month for health screenings, consultation, and blood pressure checks.
- Gentle Yoga classes offered each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in Stanton Hall, small donation is requested. Persons of any age welcome. Call COA Coordinator, George Reichert at 413/348-9909 or Sally Barber, Westfield Yoga Center at 413/568-8989.
- Low Vision Support Group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with lunch following. Call George Reichert at 413/348-9909.

SPECIAL 2010 ACTIVITIES:

- March: Over 50 seniors enjoyed The Glenshane Irish Folk Duo. Volunteer Senior Appreciation Luncheon was held at Four Main Street on March 27.
- April: A speaker from Griswald Special Care gave a talk. Dancers of the Floralia Children's Company performed "*The Music Stealer*" and with the scouts, prepared and served a delicious dinner. On April 18, several COA members visited and toured the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield.
- May: Huntington Lions' Club held their annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon. A large group car pooled to a Lobster Fest at the Log Cabin and enjoyed "*It's All About The 50's*".
- June: Bus trip to the Mystic Playhouse followed by a buffet at Mohegan Sun proved to be lots of fun. Eighteen (18) people drove to a picnic at Strathmore Park sponsored by the Russell COA.
- July: Fifty-six (56) seniors boarded the largest motor coach available and enjoyed a Maine Lighthouse Cruise, shopping and buffet luncheon at the Dunstan School Restaurant.
- September: The entire COA Board attended the Special Town Meeting on September 15th hoping to receive \$500 which was mistakenly cut from the COA budget. This was put on hold.

COUNCIL ON AGING

- October: A large group traveled to the Log Cabin for a luncheon followed by “*Tony Bennett and Friends*”.
- December: Gateway’s 19th Annual Senior Brunch, held on December 1st was a delight. On December 12th, a luncheon was catered by Tickled Pink followed by The Small Planet Dancers. The final trip of the year found a group at Bright Nights in Springfield December 28th.

Wheelchairs, walkers and portable commodes are available to borrow for short terms. Please call Priscilla Bishop at 667-3626 for more information.

Mrs. Marilyn Madru is the new COA Representative to the Highland Valley Elder Services Advisory Board.

We would like to honor and remember Elsie LaFond, who passed away on December 23, 2010. She had been a vital member of the COA since it began many years ago. She will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Bishop, Co-Chair
Ella Balchunas
May Parker
Ruth LePage, Honorary Member

Winnie Smith, Co-Chair
May Diemer
Jean Rude

Joan Astaferrero
Louise “Cookie” Hurley
Betty Waite

STANTON HALL USE COMMITTEE

The function of the Stanton Hall Use Committee is to act on requests to use Stanton Hall for special meetings and events. These include, but are not limited to: Town meetings; public meetings and hearings; committee and board meetings; private functions such as birthday parties, weddings, showers, craft fairs, etc. If you are interested in using Stanton Hall for your special event, please contact Stanton Hall Use Committee Member and Administrative Assistant, Helen Speckels, at 413/ 667-3500.

On a daily basis, Stanton Hall is open for lunch to all elderly hilltown residents over the age of sixty. Reservations must be made in advance, and transportation is available. For more information regarding the Huntington Dining Center, please contact Dale Hoppe of Highland Valley Elder Services at 413/ 667-3505. A voice message service is available.

Some of the groups which used Stanton Hall during calendar year 2010 are as follows:

Town Hall Committees and Boards
Highland Valley Elder Services
Town Dance
Huntington Dance Centre
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Little League
Flu Clinic
HOPE Nurse
Elder Law Seminar
Red Cross Blood Drive
Cub Scouts
Girl Scouts
Octoberfest Celebration
Santa Claus
Friends of the Library
Historical Society

Westfield River Wild and Scenic
Holy Family Parish Bazaar
Jacobs' Ladder Business Association
Route 112 Scenic Byway
Littleville Fair Penny Social
Open Mic Music Sessions
Highland Grange
Serve Program
Brown Bag Program
Yoga Classes
Belly Dance Classes
Drivers' Ed Classes
Pumpkin Carving
GatewayBooster Club
Low Vision Workshop
Congregational Church
Federal Census Recruitment

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Hall Committee

NORTH HALL

With a new metal roof and the mold removed from the ceiling, we were primed for a spectacular season. Our expanded board put together nine programs from a children's program to a sold out jazz show, not to mention a new play by Mitch Giannunzio: "*Lizzie Borden at Eight O'Clock*", that premiered at North Hall and has gone on to New York this spring.

Thanks to our Marketing Director, Jan Sadler, and the work of our board members, we drew much larger crowds to all events this year but particularly to our Sunday afternoon programs, in addition to *Charles Neville's Jazz Trio* and *Lizzie Borden*". We had to turn people away from the September program with the *Old Country Road* music band.

One of our goals was to provide a richer variety of shows, and to draw more town residents and people living in the hilltowns. Another goal was to keep the admission prices reasonable. We added two music jams and a poetry reading that were free and well attended. We continued the reading, the opera showcase and added a four-hand piano concert. Judging from the response from our recent letter for support, we are getting more donations from the townspeople.

In the fall, we cleaned the closets and found all kinds of saved treasures from many years of activities at the hall. We advertised a giveaway and we were able to clear out a lot of things. We had begun needed electrical work, replacing the old fuse boxes with new panels in the kitchen closet and the upstairs closet. We had more work to be done, upgrading our exit lighting and providing lights for the art displays.

We are busy planning the 2011 summer program, and expect another stellar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Kimsey

David Pardoe

Ruth Pardoe

WHITING STREET FUND

Mr. Whiting Street was a frugal businessman who lived in Northampton. When he died in August of 1878, his will stipulated that, after the last of his family members died, some money from his estate was to be distributed to 22 cities and towns. The Town of Huntington received \$1,000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street's desire to use the money for those who needed a little help. If they were already receiving public assistance, they would not qualify.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or from any of the Board Members. During this past year we were able to approve two applications.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees:

Sharon Jones

Paul Hurley

Sue Fopiano

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Two hundred and nine building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2010. Of these, twelve permits were for new homes.

The breakdown of permit activity for the member towns is as follows:

<u>Town collected</u>	<u>Total permits</u>	<u>New homes</u>	<u>Total permit fees</u>
Chesterfield	63	5	\$ 18,083.39
Goshen	49	3	\$ 10,953.92
Huntington	47	1	\$ 11,146.22
Middlefield	17	3	\$ 6,016.95

Due to the seemingly endless recession, permit activity has been slow for the past two years; therefore permit fees collected by all towns were lower than normal. Understanding that our members rely on permit fees to offset the cost of our program, our payroll has been cut drastically, and overhead reduced to the minimum in an effort to keep costs under control. While there seems to be no end in sight at this time, we remain hopeful. It is our goal in the coming year to bring more towns into the program in an effort to help share expenses and keep the program affordable.

A new Executive Director has been hired for the Hampshire Council of Governments, and a strategic plan for future guidance has been endorsed. We feel these measures will assist not only the Hampshire Inspection Program, but also the Hampshire Council of Governments as a whole in furthering its role as a provider of essential services to member towns. With new leadership and clear goals established, it is our hope that the Hampshire Inspection Program will soon be able to fulfill its potential.

I would once again like to express my sincere thanks to Tara Ussailis, my Administrative Assistant.

Our office is located at the Davenport School Building, 422 Main Road in Chesterfield, and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to serve residents of all member towns. Residents may phone anytime at 413/296-0127. Permit applications are available at our Chesterfield office, Huntington town offices and Goshen town offices. Please call Tara for town websites where applications can be downloaded.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tacy, Building Commissioner

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE
19-Jan-10	16 Bromley Rd	N4	25	Charles	Dorsey	310	Replacement Windows	\$4,980.00	\$50.00
01-Feb-10	2 Pleasant St	H2	38	Toby	Quirk	610	Insulation/Siding/Reroof/ Deck/Repl.Windows	\$64,000.00	\$400.00
16-Feb-10	73 Russell Rd	H4	9	Hilltown Community	Health Ctrs, Inc	1010	Interior Renovations (eye clinic)	\$163,300.00	\$979.80
18-Mar-10	33 Church Rd			Jack	Peterson	M10-8	Wood stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$50.00
29-Mar-10	40 Searle Rd	442	55	Town of	Huntington	2710	Reroof (metal)	\$6,000.00	\$100.00
29-Mar-10	42 Worthington Rd	N4	4	Fred	Kirby	2610	Demolition	\$0.00	\$50.00
01-Apr-10	26 Russell Rd			Stanton	Hall	M10-6	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
22-Apr-10	23 Russell Rd			Evangelical Church	Fellowship Hall	M10-12	Periodic Inspection	\$0.00	\$40.00
26-Apr-10	4 Bromley Rd	N4	20	Christopher	Sarafin	3510	Siding/Repl.Windows/ Insulation	\$15,000.00	\$96.00
26-Apr-10	24 Basket St	H1	84	Carolyn	Caputo	3610	Repl.Windows/Doors	\$10,000.00	\$60.00
26-Apr-10	74 Goss Hill Rd	326	36-B	Bruce	Kelso	4110	Single Family Residence	\$170,000.00	\$2,922.30
28-Apr-10	44 Basket St	255	34	Betty	Seymour	4310	Reroof/Door/Add Roof over Deck	\$2,500.00	\$150.00
03-May-10	1 Right of Way to the Lake	L2	1	Hampshire Reg.	YMCA	4810	Cabin Repairs	\$0.00	\$50.00
11-May-10	155 Norwich Lake	L5	24	John	Ohlson	5110	Rebuild Deck 12x14	\$1,900.00	\$50.00
11-May-10	8 Searle Rd	442	13	John	Knox	5210	Reroof	\$2,800.00	\$50.00
17-May-10	134 Goss Hill Rd	326	45	Jill	Dube	5710	Barn 22x32	\$3,000.00	\$167.04
09-Jun-10	222 Worthington Rd			Carol	Kidrick	M10-23	Wood stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$50.00
09-Jun-10	11 Harlow Clark Rd	444	75	David	Slowick	8110	Reroof	\$6,000.00	\$50.00
14-Jun-10	38 Montgomery Rd	446	4	James	Lucey	8310	Addition 16x18/Mudrm 8x16/Porch 12x18	\$78,000.00	\$346.92
15-Jun-10	26 Russell Rd	H1	59	Town of	Huntington	8410	Steeple Renovations	\$40,300.00	\$241.80
23-Jun-10	263 Goss Hill Rd	330	2B	Jesse	Chamberlain	9810	Addition 20x17/Deck	\$6,500.00	\$49.68
07-Jul-10	3 Harlow Clark Rd			Sean	Ritter	10710	Addition to deck	\$3,000.00	\$57.60
14-Jul-10	14 Laurel Rd	H1	23	Donald	Wright	10910	Renovations	\$3,735.00	\$50.00
19-Jul-10	25 Kennedy Dr	444	54A	Shawn	Sullivan	11310	Addition	\$75,000.00	\$864.00
23-Jul-10	58 Worthington Rd	N4	13	James	Mayhew	11610	Reroof	\$9,450.00	\$50.00
27-Jul-10	1 Laurel Rd	H1	13	Edward	Renauld	12010	Above ground pool	\$2,000.00	\$100.00
04-Aug-10	58 Worthington Rd	N4	13	James	Mayhew	12710	Porch, renovations	\$55,890.00	\$335.34

DATE OF ISSUE	LOCATION	MAP	PARCEL	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	COST	FEE
09-Aug-10	51 Searle Rd	508	59	Thomas	Gralinski	13010	Chimney Repair, new chimney	\$5,600.00	\$50.00
09-Aug-10	51 Searle Rd	508	59	Thomas	Gralinski	12910	Demo shed	\$0.00	\$50.00
11-Aug-10	111 Couthy Rd	444	69	George	Peterson	13210	Addition	\$10,000.00	\$730.80
31-Aug-10	62 Old Chester Rd	255	10	Jamie	Desormier	13810	Vinyl Siding	\$1,500.00	\$50.00
07-Sep-10	29 Harlow Clark Rd	444	95	Wayne	Brown	13910	Garage 28x28	\$0.00	\$141.12
13-Sep-10	17 Maple St			Bruce	Stipek	M10-28	Additional work to permit #10404	\$0.00	\$716.70
21-Sep-10	140 Norwich Lake	L5	41	Francis	Mochak	15010	Deck/Addition	\$0.00	\$227.52
27-Sep-10	11 Cullen Rd			Ronald	Finnessey	M10-31	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$50.00
06-Oct-10	113 County Rd	444	68	Ralph	Slater	15710	Insulation	\$4,617.00	\$50.00
13-Oct-10	8 Pine St	H2	69	Donald	Bartley	16210	Repair Exterior Stairs	\$500.00	\$50.00
13-Oct-10	10 Pisgah Rd	508	36D	Phillip	Kessler	16110	Reroof	\$2,500.00	\$50.00
13-Oct-10	87 Searle Rd	440	7	Wayne	McKinney	16010	Reroof/Siding/Windows/Door/Sill	\$10,000.00	\$150.00
20-Oct-10	33 Goss Hill Rd	324	35	Andrew	LaPointe	17010	Addition	\$57,444.00	\$622.00
25-Oct-10	2 Thomas Rd	H3	1	John	Penn	17110	Renovations	\$0.00	\$100.00
27-Oct-10	35 Basket St	N4	38	Amy	Ellinger	17410	Insulation/Door	\$5,959.88	\$50.00
01-Nov-10	61 Searle Rd	440	11	Joseph	Bergeron	17610	Reroof	\$6,000.00	\$50.00
01-Nov-10	61 Goss Hill Rd	324	32-A	Bill	Hull	17710	Shed 16x20	\$22,000.00	\$57.60
08-Nov-10	13 Knightville Dam Rd	326	19	Eric	Jensen	18110	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$50.00
09-Nov-10	58 Worthington Rd	N4	13	James	Mayhew	18610	Siding	\$0.00	\$50.00
12-Nov-10	64 Harlow Clark Rd			Michael	Henderson	M10-37	Wood Stove Inspection	\$0.00	\$50.00
15-Nov-10	25 Kennedy Dr	444	54A	Shawn	Sullivan	18810	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-Nov-10	130 Worthington Rd	324	60	Teresa	Greenwood	19210	Demo (sheds)	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-Nov-10	24 Worthington Rd	H2	102	Rebecca	Cormier	19410	Install Pellet Stove	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-Nov-10	11 Pleasant St	H2	62	Joyce	Hildebrandt	19510	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$50.00
23-Nov-10	9 Old Chester Rd	H1	73	Jason	Smith	19710	Install Wood Stove	\$0.00	\$50.00
29-Nov-10	6 County Rd	444	3	Nadine	Mathews	19910	Install Insulation	\$5,919.47	\$50.00
13-Dec-10	2 Crescent St	H2	80	Jeffrey	Jorritsma	20610	Install Wood stove	\$0.00	\$50.00

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Hampshire Council of Governments is a membership-based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2010 were \$37,206. Dues for all member towns have been reduced to ease the financial burden to municipalities while increasing the stability of the Council membership. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the reduced assessment and to expand services.

The Council achieved some key goals in 2010:

- A strategic planning process was completed, with input from all towns in our service area. The Council will continue to refine this planning process and will work with our membership to create specific services and programs to meet the most pressing needs of the towns.
- Hampshire Power continues its impressive expansion. It now serves the electricity needs of towns, schools, and businesses in the five Western Counties of Massachusetts.
- Hampshire Power is aggressively pursuing Municipal Aggregation, which will eventually strive to serve residential customers, expanding the benefit of our electricity cost saving model.
- Hampshire Care and the Hampshire Park properties were sold to the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts.
- The Council Cooperative Purchasing Program saved the participants in this program approximately \$718,110.
- The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust held down costs once again, keeping to single digit health care increases in a climate of double digit increases.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provided 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$2.58 million.
- The Councilors established a scholarship fund to help support high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement

Regional Services

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. The department secured surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities.

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Hampshire Inspection Program

Now in its sixteenth year, the Hampshire Inspection Program is a fee for service building inspection and zoning enforcement program serving Chesterfield, Goshen, Huntington, and Middlefield. Annual assessments are based on building permit and zoning activity. Two hundred and ninety-eight building permits were issued in FY2010, of which twenty-five permits were for new homes. Annual assessments to member towns are based on hours spent on building permit and zoning activity. All administrative, clerical, and travel expenses are shared equally by member towns. The program offers a fully certified inspector who regularly attends training and educational seminars.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program working with 70 municipal units to identify the needs and interests of subscribers and to provide information, education and programs promoting healthier choices. The Wellness Initiative launched several new programs including: Being a Wise Health Care Consumer; Mediterranean Diet Nutrition class and sampling; and walking challenges in several communities. The Initiative also piloted four wellness teams to assess the health risks, needs and interests of employees in their work place and identify programs and strategies to meet these health needs.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership conducts compliance checks to monitor the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors, and provides education on the health and economic effects of tobacco. In addition, the program sponsors a Western Mass. smoke free website for both landlords and tenants. Landlords can list their smoke free apartments for free. The website can be found at www.smokefree.hampshirecog.org,

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampshire Council of Governments

JACOB'S LADDER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Jacob's Ladder Business Association adopted its bylaws October 20, 1992. Since that time, we have been working for the businesses located in the Gateway Regional School District and beyond.

In 2010, the JLBA held two networking events, but we had no applicants for our annual business scholarship, normally awarded to a deserving Gateway senior who will be a business major or attending a business school after high school.

In November, we launched a membership drive, with prizes, and were rewarded with several enthusiastic new members who are helping plan events for 2011.

We are always looking for new members and ideas to help promote business in the hilltowns. Our meeting schedule is usually the second Tuesday of each month, often in Stanton Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to contact Mountain Laurel Designs, 667-3346, or check our website, for further information. One thing to remember – it's necessary for the health of our towns to have small businesses right here in our backyards, so please always patronize them first. You'll save gas and time by supporting your local businesses.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Hamlin, JLBA Board of Directors

ROUTE 112 SCENIC BYWAY

In consultation with the Route 112 Scenic Byway Advisory Committee, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission undertook the following work in the past year:

- Printed and distributed the Route 112 Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan throughout byway communities in Hampshire County and to key state agencies.
- Prepared grant applications to the National Scenic Byways Program for three projects for the Route 112 and Jacob Ladder Trail Scenic Byways (to promote trail linkages in the region; to develop a recreational guidebook and companion interpretive materials for the region; and to ascertain the feasibility of attracting a recreational outfitter to the region)
- Consolidated the budgets and scopes of seven pending scenic byways marketing projects in Western Massachusetts. The project, now known as the "*Scenic Byways of Western Massachusetts Marketing Campaign*", is expected to begin sometime in 2011.
- Began initial marketing work for the Route 112 Scenic Byway by identifying top resources in the region and developing some accompanying narrative. This initial marketing work was paid for by a federal grant that came thanks to Congressman John Olver through the Massachusetts Regional Traveler Information Center at the University of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Gambarini, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Huntington Board Members: Linda Hamlin Susan McIntosh Jeff Penn

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

2010 was the Centennial Anniversary of the Jacob's Ladder Trail. The road, which opened with great fanfare on September 25th, 1910, was hailed as the first of the great mountain crossovers in the country and designed specifically for the increasingly popular automobile. The climb, with its twists and turns, challenged the mettle of the early auto enthusiasts, and the road quickly became a tourist destination.

On September 25, 2010, the Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc. Advisory Committee held a Centennial Celebration at the Summit in Becket. Our event paid homage to the original celebration held 100 years before. George M. Westinghouse, great-grandson of Marguerite and George Westinghouse, traveled from his home in British Columbia, Canada to open the ceremony, just as his great-grandmother did 100 years ago. Actor/director Vincent Dowling read a passage from Walt Whitman's *The Open Road*, and the Becket Praise Team brought music to the event. Historic Commissions from the towns along the Trail had display tables filled with information and photographs. Approximately two dozen antique cars provided the backdrop of the event, with autos spanning the decades, from several notable models from the early auto era 1912-1920's, up through the 1950-60's. More than 150 people attended the celebration.

Also, as part of the Centennial Celebration, two new stones were added to the Cairn, a historic monument that has adorned the Summit for more than 80 years. We proudly brought the first stone to the Cairn, generously donated by Chester Granite and inscribed with the centennial date, and George M. Westinghouse and his wife Marrianna, brought the second stone from western Canada.

During the past year the Committee also achieved the following:

- Updated the Corridor Management Plan, a copy of which is located in your local library.
- Completed landscape improvements along various areas along the byway, including vista pruning and decorative plantings.
- Completed an improvement project in Hampden Park in Chester.
- Submitted five grant applications for continued work along the Trail.
- Created a colorful and informative Centennial Souvenir Booklet, which includes a series of articles about Jacob's Ladder Trail and the towns through which it travels, along with a listing of local businesses and residents who helped to sponsor the Anniversary Celebration.

Thank you to all the people who attended our Centennial Celebration and made the day such a success. We hope you enjoyed the event and learned a little bit about the history of the Jacob's Ladder Trail.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc.

WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee (WRWSAC) works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities.

Surrounded by the peaceful setting of the historic Warner Farm in Cummington, WRWSAC conducted a two-day retreat to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan. The plan outlines the key strategies and actions the Committee will take over the next five years to fulfill its mission.

Shortly after the retreat was held, 119 acres of Warner Farm were protected under a Conservation Restriction held by the Hilltown Land Trust, and achieved with funding assistance from the WRWSAC's Riparian Conservation Grant program. Funds from this important grant program support transaction costs associated with land protection projects, including surveys, deed research, monitoring funds, and appraisals. In order for landowners to donate a Conservation Restriction, several thousand dollars in funds are needed. This grant program helps offset some of these costs to make donations like these possible.

In 2010, over 68 volunteers contributed over 330 volunteer hours on the “*One Step at a Time*” campaign at Glendale Falls in Middlefield to establish a designated trail and staircase to the base of the falls. In addition, 13 new volunteers adopted 23 miles of the 78 designated Wild & Scenic miles. As stewards of these river segments, these volunteers will assist in recording observations, including the location of invasive species, habitat features, and water quality indicators.

The engineering study to survey 42 miles of roads along the Westfield River to identify locations of contaminated run-off and erosion was completed and the report is being distributed to the participating communities. The study developed conceptual designs and cost estimates on ways to improve water quality entering the river. Communities taking part in the study included Becket, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Washington, Windsor and Worthington.

WRWSAC hosted an intern this past summer as part of the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership's (WISP) project to survey invasive species in the watershed. The intern collected 1804 waypoints representing 24 different types of invasive species in two of the Wild & Scenic towns – Worthington and Chester. This information will be used to prioritize early-detection and eradication efforts in the watershed.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our website at www.westfieldriverwildscenic.org.

For more information, contact coordinator@westfieldriverwildscenic.org or (413) 579-3015.

The volunteer position of Town Alternate is vacant. Anyone wishing to be involved in this remarkable committee, is encouraged to contact the Selectboard Office or above Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted by Town Representative: Jeff Penn

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, Inc. is proud to be celebrating ten years of providing Emergency Medical Care to the citizens of the hilltowns.

This past year has been one of achievement and improvement for the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association. Providing Emergency Medical Services to almost 9,000 citizens in six communities, we were requested to a service record 570 emergency calls this past year. It is during this time that we were also able to improve both our level of care, and on-duty staffing.

Established in 2001, we provided on-duty coverage with two EMT's only eight hours a day, five days a week. In 2011, ten years later, we have increased our on-duty staffing almost 300%. In addition, as we complete this report, we are prepared to begin providing Paramedic Level Care. The highest possible level of pre-hospital care, Paramedic Level Care will allow us to improve our service offered to the citizens of the hilltowns. This increased level of care has a strong likelihood to save lives, and reduce the time it takes to provide necessary medications to patients in distress.

One of the most important points I wish to share with the citizens is that, in making these significant improvements in services provided, we have been able to maintain an operating budget based on small annual assessment increases to the communities. This has been achieved through good financial and operational management, with a continuous emphasis on fiscal responsibility.

These achievements would not have been possible without the unheralded efforts of the EMT's within your communities. These EMT's have given extraordinary efforts, day and night, in heat and cold, to see that the patients receive care. A handful of EMT's have been with the organization since day one, giving to the communities for ten years.

As we move forward, it shall be our continuous goal to provide the best possible Emergency Medical Service to the citizens of the hilltowns and make our communities a better place to live.

We thank the citizens and communities for supporting us in these efforts.

We may be reached at hilltown@comcast.net or 667-3277.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Gaughan, Director

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The HRMC is a unique, regional municipally-funded organization which was created in 1989 by concerned residents in the Towns of Ashfield, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington.

Since 1989 the HRMC has assisted its member towns with the following efforts:

- Local and regional recycling and solid waste management programs
- Promote waste reduction and green house gas reduction programs
- Promote recycling, waste reduction and sustainability outreach programs
- Support development of potential wind and solar power projects
- Assist towns with reducing their municipal carbon footprints

Last year, the HRMC helped all its member towns recycle 2,070 tons of materials, saving 6,514 tons of green house gas emissions, creating \$165,938 in indirect disposal costs savings and earning the towns over \$42,800 in recycling revenue.

Currently the HRMC directly assists the Town of Huntington in the following ways:

- Management of the Town's waste management, recycling and sustainability programs
- Operation of the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Paint, Electronics Recycling and Mercury Collection Programs
- Obtains grants to assist with recycling and sustainability
- Sustainability issues (such as wind and solar power), including the Massachusetts "*Green Communities Program*"

We look forward to continuing to help you and your town to protect the environment, become more sustainable, and save money. Please call us at 413/ 268-3845, or email us any time at hrmc@crocker.com with your questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Administrator

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to *“improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area.”*

Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years its small business assistance program has expanded to serve 20 hilltowns. Hilltown CDC’s four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community facilities development. Hilltown CDC also writes applications for and manages Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on behalf of hilltown communities. In Fiscal Year 2010, Hilltown CDC helped the eight towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Peru, Plainfield, Westhampton, Worthington and Williamsburg secure \$2.035 million in CDBG funds to support the programs highlighted below.

Social Services: Hilltown CDC’s Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) Program delivered 7,000 hours of in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to over 120 low-income hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided 20,000 miles of transportation for medical visits and other purposes, and \$10,000 in snow removal help. Hilltown CDC also secured CDBG funding for three locally-based social service programs:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to nearly 250 eligible homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed 63,000 pounds of food to 287 eligible hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall. Call 586-6564 or 268-7578 for information.
- **Families Together**, another HCHC program, offered training and peer support activities focused on family issues such as parenting, family dynamics, and family health education to 52 hilltown households.

Economic Development: Hilltown CDC, from July 2009 to June 2010:

- Provided individualized consulting and/or training workshops to 176 small businesses
- Published the 2010 Hilltown Business Directory
- Organized the 4th Annual Hilltown Spring Festival at the Cummington Fairgrounds

Affordable Housing: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income hilltown residents.

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC conducted a feasibility study to expand this senior rental housing complex we built in 2005 from seven to fifteen units.
- **Chesterfield Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC worked with the Chesterfield Senior Housing Committee to identify a site and obtain funds for a small senior housing project.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC improved management of its 30 units of scarce affordable rental housing in Williamsburg, Huntington, Westhampton and Chesterfield.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC investigated a number of other potential sites in an ongoing effort to develop additional rental housing for seniors and families in the region.

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First-time Homebuyer Program: Hilltown CDC provided individual homebuyer counseling and workshops to 118 households to help them prepare for the purchase of homes. In addition, CDBG funding enabled 5 income-eligible households to secure grants and deferred payment loans to help them buy homes in the hilltowns.

Housing Rehabilitation Program: provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year round employment for area contractors.

Community Facilities: Hilltown CDC works with municipalities and a wide range of community groups in the public and private sector. The Community Facilities Program provides project management services for development and the construction of buildings or infrastructure projects, large or small. We provide guidance to building committees and town officials. We also assist by researching and completing applications for project funding. Below is a list of FY 2010 Accomplishments in the Community Facilities Program:

Community Planning: We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During FY10 HCDC:

- Provided planning assistance to the Northern Hilltowns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington for preparing and updating their Community Development Strategies. A number of new community needs were identified, along with projects to be included in future CDBG funding applications.
- Secured a second \$15,000 grant from the Mass. Service Alliance to engage three part-time Commonwealth Corps volunteers who provided planning and logistical support to expand the Elder Small Home Repair program and to create a new youth pilot project.

In FY 2010, Hilltown CDC generated over \$1.6 million in revenue to support the above projects and its members elected five new Board Representatives: Bill Adams (Plainfield), Michele Morris (Williamsburg), Andy Myers (Chester), Laura Porter (Haydenville), Cathy Roth (Middlefield). We also bid farewell to two members retiring from Board service: Bob Heath, (Huntington) and Marjorie Snyder (Williamsburg). Thanks to you all for your dedicated service to the hilltowns!

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Roegge, Executive Director

VETERANS' AGENT

Our veterans and their dependents were consulted and continually given assistance in filing claims for their benefits under the provision of Mass. General Law Chapter 115, 108 CMR, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; VA claims; and Social Security.

In the year 2010, the Veterans' Agent has put tremendous efforts in providing immediate care for veterans that may have Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

I am on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as always, to help our deserving veterans and their families with their needs. Please call me at 413/265-4473 or 413/323-5992.

God Bless America!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Messier
Veterans' Services Officer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Huntington needs you! Please contact the Selectboard Office at 667-3500, or mail to: **Selectboard Office, P. O. Box 430, Huntington, MA 01050**, if you would like to volunteer for any of these boards:

- ☐ Community Events Committee
- ☐ Conservation Commission
- ☐ Cultural Council
- ☐ Finance Committee
- ☐ Green Initiatives Committee
- ☐ Hilltown Recycling Representative
- ☐ Historical Commission
- ☐ Information Technology Advisory Committee
- ☐ Memorial Day Parade Committee
- ☐ Library
- ☐ North Hall Advisory Committee
- ☐ Open Space Committee
- ☐ Planning Board
- ☐ Playground Committee
- ☐ Recreation Committee
- ☐ Stanton Hall Committee
- ☐ Veterans' Memorial Committee
- ☐ Westfield River Watershed Steering Committee
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals

Meetings range from infrequent to monthly or bi-weekly for 1 – 2 hours.

- ☐ *I am interested in serving in the capacity as noted above, or in a different capacity/committee (specify) _____*
- ☐ *I am interested in becoming an alternate member.*
- ☐ *I would like to know more about the position.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to reach you: _____

Email: (optional) _____