

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

MASSACHUSETTS



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REPORT
2011



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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: 11.75
2010 US Census Count: 2,180

AREA: 26.90 square miles

U. S. Senators: Scott Brown
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Boston, MA 02133	So. Deerfield, MA 01373
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State Government Info: (800) 392-6090 or (617) 727-3676

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DEDICATION



ANNE MARIE KNOX

We dedicate Huntington's 2011 Town Report to Anne Marie Knox. Anne Marie has served as Town Treasurer since 1984, and Collector since 2001. She is a Member of the Agricultural Commission and former Assessor. Anne is retiring as of June 30, 2012.

Our deepest gratitude to Anne Marie Knox for her many years of dedication and service to our community. We wish her all the best in the future.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

HIGHWAY, POLICE, FIRE, AND WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS



(LEFT TO RIGHT)

KEN WICKLAND, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BOB GARRIPEY, POLICE CHIEF

CHIP DAZELLE, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

GARY DAHILL, FIRE CHIEF

DAVE IGEL, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

JIM GOBEILLE, WATER & SEWER TECHNICIAN

The Selectboard would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Highway, Police, Fire, and Water & Sewer Departments for their teamwork and perseverance over the four major emergency events that occurred over the past year.

During these events, each department and its members worked together tirelessly to get the job done. The time and commitment over and above any job descriptions that these departments put in did not go unnoticed by the Selectboard or many residents of Huntington. Thank you!

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>	
Aimee Burnham	2012	Henry Dubay	2012
Charles Bushor	2013	Denise Keay	2013
Jeffrey McKittrick	2014	Charles Dazelle	2014
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Andrea McKittrick	2012	Andrea McKittrick (appt. to 2012)	2012
		Sue Fopiano	2013
<i>Town Collector:</i>		VACANCY	2014
Anne Marie Knox	2013		
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Anne Marie Knox	2012	Karen Wittshirk	2012
		Wendy Long	2013
		Rick Dugre	2014
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Sue Fopiano	2012	Walt Wittshirk	2012
Ed Renauld	2013		
Linda Hamlin	2014		
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
George Peterson (appt. to 2012)	2012	VACANCY	2012
Thomas Hart	2013		
Jean Jackman	2014	<i>Moderator:</i>	
		Pete Jacques	2012
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Roland (Ron) Damon	2012	Karen Wittshirk	2012
William Hathaway (appt. to 2012)	2013	Sue Fopiano	2013
Shelley Wilton (appt. to 2012)	2014	Judith Guyette	2014
		<i>Constables:</i>	
		Charles Dazelle	2012
		Earl G. Heath	2013
		Henry Dubay	2014

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (1-Year):

Richard Buley 2012

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

VACANCY 2012

Admin. Assistant (Yearly):

Helen Speckels 2012

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2014

Bonnie McKinney 2014

Gerald Manley, Alt. 2012

Janet Mollison 2012

John Mollison, Alt. 2012

Gordon Richardson 2012

Lorraine Wickland 2013

Animal Control Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2012

Broadband Representative (Yearly)

VACANCY 2012

VACANCY 2012

Building Commissioner (Yearly)

Gerry Garner 2012

Interim Building Inspector (Yearly):

George Peterson 2012

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2014

Steve Hamlin 2014

Eric Jensen 2014

R. Buley (Ex-Officio) 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2014

John Knox 2014

Lisa Lansing 2014

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

VACANCY 2014

Conservation Commission (3-Year)

Helena Alves 2014

Debra Deane 2012

Ross Hackerson 2014

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2013

Erik Steins 2013

Michael Vorwerk 2013

VACANCY 2014

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Joan Astaferrero 2012

Ella Balchunas 2012

Priscilla Bishop 2012

May Diemer 2012

Louise Hurley 2012

May Parker 2012

Jean Rude 2012

Winifred Smith 2012

Betty Waite 2012

Crossing Guard (Yearly):

Sue Ellinger 2012

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Jane Beane 2012

Jodi Simmons 2013

Peri Sossaman 2013

Lynn Winsor 2014

VACANCY 2014

Dog Officer (Yearly)

Rebecca Cormier	2012
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Election Workers (3-Year):

James Arnold	2014
Nancy Arnold	2014
Judy Borden	2014
Lori Cady	2014
Alyce Cinelli	2014
Louis C. Cinelli	2014
Becky Cortis	2014
Debra Dame	2014
Michelle Graton	2014
Linda Hamlin	2014
Steve Hamlin	2014
Louise Hurley	2014
Paul Hurley	2014
Kenneth Jordan	2014
Margaret Nareau	2014
Maggie Rybczyk	2014
Winnifred Smith	2014
Kathy Thomas	2014

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Palazzi	2012
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Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Andy Girouard	2012
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Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Melissa Nazzaro	2014
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Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2014
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Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Rodney LaFond	2014
Wayne McKinney	2014
VACANCY	2014

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Kirk Birrell	2012
Alicia Hackerson	2012
Anna Horkun	2012
Eric Jensen	2012
VACANCY	2012
VACANCY	2012
VACANCY	2012

Fire Chief (Yearly):

Gary Dahill	2012
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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	2012
Peter Anderson, Alt.	2012

Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):

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

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle	2014
Robert Garriepy	2014
Melissa Nazzaro	2014

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle	2014
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Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (3-Year):

Tom Hart	2014
VACANCY	2014

Historical Commission (3-Year):

Kathleen Dubay	2014
Dominic Nett	2013
Elizabeth Nett	2013
David Norton	2014
Daniel Sikop	2013

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):

Richard Buley	2014
Todd Michon	2014
Ernie Smith	2014
VACANCY	2014
VACANCY	2014

Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):

Steve Hamlin	2013
Jeff Penn	2013

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2012
Melissa Nazzaro	2012

*Local Historic District Study
Committee (3-Yr):*

Daniel Bugli	2014
David Norton	2014
Jeff Penn	2014
Victoria Minella-Sena	2014
Helen Speckels	2014

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

Sonny LaFond	2014
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Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Lori Belhumeur	2014
Toby Quirk	2014
VACANCY	2014

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Darlene Horne	2014
Nancy Kaminski	2014
Jackie Kimsey	2012
Ruth Pardoe	2013
VACANCY	2012
VACANCY	2013
VACANCY	2014

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

Karon Hathaway	2014
VACANCY	2014

Planning Board (3-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2012
Karon Hathaway	2014
Earl Heath	2013
VACANCY	2012
VACANCY	2013
VACANCY	2013
VACANCY	2014

Playground Committee (2-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2012
Robin Doherty	2012
Kelly Hawley	2012
Vicki Mayhew	2012
Ed Renauld	2012

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2012
Peter Anderson, Alt.	2012

Police Chief (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2012
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Police Officers (Yearly):

Michael Girard	2012
Aaren Hawley	2012
William Kaleta	2012
Todd Michon	2012
Brandon Owen	2012
VACANCY	2012

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Jeff McKittrick	2014
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Public Weigher (3-Year):

Daniel Donovan	2014
Gaylon Donovan	2014
Michael Donovan	2014
Matt Donovan	2014

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

Stephen Luchini 2012

Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Beth Brady 2014
Fawn Busby 2014
Tricia Hess 2014
Vicki Mayhew 2014
Michelle Oliveira, Ch. 2014
Ed Renauld 2014
Kathy Sullivan 2014
Amy Williams 2014

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

Andrea McKittrick *Indefinite*
Anne Marie Knox 2014
Helen Speckels 2014
Kathleen Thomas 2014

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2014

Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin 2012
Susan McIntosh 2012
Jeffrey Penn 2012

Stanton Hall Committee (3-Year):

Helen Speckels 2014
VACANCY 2014
VACANCY 2014

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

Walter Wittshirk 2014

Town Counsel (Yearly):

Kopelman & Paige *Indefinite*

Veterans' Agent (3-Year):

Robert Messier 2014

Water Safety Committee

Frank Antonucci 2012
Robert Garriepy 2012
Al LaFrance 2012
Rachel Lepine 2012
Paul Nowak 2012
Kathleen O'Connor 2012
Frederick Speckels 2012
Derek Panaia, Alt. 2012
Jason Szafranski, Alt. 2012

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):

Jeff Penn 2012
Karen Vorwerk, Alt. 2012

Zoning Board (3-Year):

Ron Craig 2012
Mary Lou Spaulding 2014
George Webb, Ch. 2012
Don Bartley, Alt. 2012
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2013
Steve Hamlin, Alt. 2014

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly)

George Peterson 2012

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 - 8:00 - 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.
Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 - 2
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant.
Telephone: (413) 667-3500 huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Interim Building Insp.: George Peterson **Building Commissioner:** Gerry Garner
Telephone: (413) 667-5763
Hours: Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm.
Building permit applications may be obtained during Town Hall business hours and on town website: www.huntingtonma.us

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
Judy Borden, Administrative Assistant
Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3507

Planning Board: Meets 2nd & 4th 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 Emergency: Dial 911
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
Assistant Town Clerk: Kathleen Sullivan
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
Telephone: (413) 667-3509
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 and Sewer:

Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 p.m.
in the basement of the Town Hall.
Jim Gobeille, Water and Sewer Operator
Telephone: (413) 667-3356 Office is open Monday - Friday.

Zoning Board:

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

Thomas. J. Scanlon & Associates

Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report

April 29, 2011

To the Honorable Selectboard
Town of Huntington, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America .

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, appearing on pages 3 through 8, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' financial statements as a whole. The Supplementary Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The Supplementary Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2010**

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 242,697	\$ 540,026	\$ 156,867	\$ 115,560	\$ 174,974	\$ 1,230,124
Investments	149,978	336,472	-	-	14,177	500,627
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	163,112	-	-	-	-	163,112
User Charges	-	-	20,728	26,094	-	46,822
Tax Liens	28,672	-	-	-	-	28,672
Excise Taxes	32,459	-	-	-	-	32,459
Due from Other Governments	9,277	-	-	-	124,898	134,175
Total Assets	\$ 626,195	\$ 876,498	\$ 177,595	\$ 141,654	\$ 314,049	\$ 2,135,991
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	\$ 37,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 918	\$ 41,826	\$ 79,929
Accrued Payroll	8,680	-	-	631	959	10,270
Employee Withholdings	722	-	-	-	-	722
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	138,112	-	-	-	-	138,112
Other	61,131	-	20,728	26,094	124,898	232,851
Total Liabilities	245,830	-	20,728	27,643	167,683	461,884
Fund Balance:						
Reserved For:						
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	7,705	-	3,265	526	-	11,496
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	46,313	4,500	-	30,000	27,000	107,813
Undesignated, reported in:						
General Fund	326,347	-	-	-	-	326,347
Special Revenue	-	871,998	153,602	83,485	116,054	1,225,139
Permanent Funds	-	-	-	-	3,312	3,312
Total Fund Balance	380,365	876,498	156,867	114,011	146,366	1,674,107
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 626,195	\$ 876,498	\$ 177,595	\$ 141,654	\$ 314,049	\$ 2,135,991

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

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

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 2,758,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,758,790
Intergovernmental	564,687	-	-	-	143,857	708,544
Excise and Other Taxes	218,149	-	-	-	-	218,149
Charges for Services	-	-	116,197	163,244	125,512	404,953
Licenses, Permits, Fees	105,091	-	-	-	-	105,091
Interest on Taxes	23,306	-	1,448	1,676	-	26,430
Interest on Investments	7,150	9,918	-	-	853	17,921
Other	-	-	-	-	5,113	5,113
Total Revenues	3,677,173	9,918	117,645	164,920	275,335	4,244,991
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	288,657	-	-	-	157,425	446,082
Public Safety	195,922	-	-	-	83,000	278,922
Public Works	387,193	-	-	-	119,340	506,533
Water and Sewer	-	-	94,903	179,055	-	273,958
Education	2,678,652	-	-	-	-	2,678,652
Health and Human Services	34,361	-	-	-	34,677	69,038
Culture and Recreation	68,410	-	-	-	23,514	91,924
Employee Benefits and Insurance	150,573	-	-	-	-	150,573
State Assessments	10,163	-	-	-	-	10,163
Debt Service:						
Principal	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000
Interest	4,565	-	-	-	-	4,565
Total Expenditures	3,853,496	-	94,903	179,055	417,956	4,545,410
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(176,323)	9,918	22,742	(14,135)	(142,621)	(300,419)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	117,383	155,000	-	-	50,000	322,383
Operating Transfers Out	(155,000)	(68,410)	(13,750)	-	(85,223)	(322,383)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(37,617)	86,590	(13,750)	-	(35,223)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(213,940)	96,508	8,992	(14,135)	(177,844)	(300,419)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	594,305	779,990	147,875	128,146	324,210	1,974,526
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 380,365	\$ 876,498	\$ 156,867	\$ 114,011	\$ 146,366	\$ 1,674,107

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) ·
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Carried	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget	Basis	Forward	Positive
				to Next Year	(Negative)
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 2,843,299	\$ 2,783,692	\$ 2,748,190	\$ -	\$ (35,502)
Intergovernmental	565,195	565,195	564,687	-	(508)
Excise and Other Taxes	241,000	241,000	218,149	-	(22,851)
Licenses, Permits, Fees	109,500	109,500	105,091	-	(4,409)
Interest on Taxes	22,000	22,000	23,306	-	1,306
Interest on Investments	15,000	15,000	7,150	-	(7,850)
Total Revenues	3,795,994	3,736,387	3,666,573	-	(69,814)
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	275,062	314,226	288,657	7,090	18,479
Public Safety	206,041	206,059	195,922	-	10,137
Public Works	367,045	402,288	387,193	615	14,480
Education	2,746,261	2,682,898	2,678,652	-	4,246
Health and Human Services	20,292	35,087	34,361	-	726
Culture and Recreation	41,695	74,685	68,410	-	6,275
Employee Benefits and Insurance	151,063	151,344	150,573	-	771
State Assessments	10,723	10,723	10,163	-	560
Debt Service:					
Principal	70,000	70,000	35,000	-	35,000
Interest	9,152	9,152	4,565	-	4,587
Total Expenditures	3,897,334	3,956,462	3,853,496	7,705	95,261
Excess of Revenues Over					
(Under) Expenditures	(101,340)	(220,075)	(186,923)	(7,705)	25,447
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	(104,273)	(79,863)	(37,617)	-	42,246
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(104,273)	(79,863)	(37,617)	-	42,246
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other					
Financing Sources Over Expenditures and					
Other Financing Uses	(205,613)	(299,938)	(224,540)	(7,705)	67,693
Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	579,905	579,905	579,905	-	-
Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 374,292	\$ 279,967	\$ 355,365	\$ (7,705)	\$ 67,693

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

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

	Fund Balances July 1, 2009	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2010
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Arts Lottery Council Grants	\$ 3,180	\$ 4,011	\$ 3,704	\$ -	\$ 3,487
Conservation Grants	2	6,000	-	(6,000)	2
Council on Aging Grants	1,120	3,500	4,151	-	469
Emergency Management Grants	46,437	7,012	5,151	(39,576)	8,722
Health Grants	2,000	1,300	2,000	-	1,300
Highway Grants	63	119,276	119,339	-	-
Library Grants	60,685	3,496	14,697	-	49,484
Public Safety Grants	6,812	-	6,171	-	641
Well Head Protection Grants	768	-	-	-	768
Other:					
Administrative Assistant Fees	-	510	510	-	-
Agriculture Committee Revolving	20	-	-	-	20
Capital Improvement Fund	109,840	-	63,368	-	46,472
Community Development Loans Income Reuse	29,256	6	79,262	50,000	-
Conservation Wetlands Fees	3,946	1,367	275	-	5,038
Council on Aging Transportation	31,630	33,794	25,777	(39,647)	-
Deputy Collector Fees	4	6,899	6,903	-	-
Insurance Reimbursement	-	5,114	5,114	-	-
Murrayfield Old Tank	4,144	-	-	-	4,144
Police Extra Duty	(269)	71,946	71,677	-	-
Recreation Fund	108	-	-	-	108
Recycling Grant	866	-	-	-	866
Sara Gillette Services Council on Aging	728	2,731	2,750	-	709
Town Clerk Fees	338	2,080	2,307	-	111
Town Collector Fees	6,374	6,065	4,800	-	7,639
Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Funds	1,251	120	-	-	1,371
Conservation Fund	900	13	-	-	913
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	10,743	47	-	-	10,790
Total Special Revenue Funds	320,946	275,287	417,956	(35,223)	143,054
Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,264	48	-	-	3,312
Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ 324,210	\$ 275,335	\$ 417,956	\$ (35,223)	\$ 146,366

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2009	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2010	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2010
Real Estate Taxes:						
Levy of 2010	\$ -	\$ 2,735,948	\$ 23,469	\$ 2,583,130	\$ 129,349	\$ 129,349
Levy of 2009	104,193	-	4,741	66,282	33,170	33,170
Levy of 2008	31,353	-	4,408	26,945	-	-
Levy of 2007	49	-	-	49	-	-
	<u>135,595</u>	<u>2,735,948</u>	<u>32,618</u>	<u>2,676,406</u>	<u>162,519</u>	<u>162,519</u>
Personal Property Taxes:						
Levy of 2010	-	62,263	64	61,776	423	423
Levy of 2009	936	-	37	700	199	199
Levy of 2008	643	-	37	490	116	116
Levy of 2007	136	-	-	31	105	105
	<u>1,715</u>	<u>62,263</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>62,997</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>843</u>
Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	<u>\$ 137,310</u>	<u>\$ 2,798,211</u>	<u>\$ 32,756</u>	<u>\$ 2,739,403</u>	<u>\$ 163,362</u>	<u>\$ 163,362</u>

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2009	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2010	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2010
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 2010	\$ -	\$ 198,044	\$ 17,140	\$ 159,884	\$ 21,020	\$ 21,020
Levy of 2009	14,296	29,033	3,654	35,085	4,590	4,590
Levy of 2008	4,974	15	168	2,109	2,712	2,712
Levy of 2007	3,160	-	-	457	2,703	2,703
Levy of 2006	1,450	-	-	327	1,123	1,123
Prior Years	5,895	-	-	584	5,311	5,311
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 29,775	\$ 227,092	\$ 20,962	\$ 198,446	\$ 37,459	\$ 37,459



SELECTBOARD

FY 2012 continues to find our Town dealing with difficult times due to the current economic downturn. The Selectboard strives in conjunction with the Finance Committee to present a FY 2013 budget that will allow the Town to keep important services in the community. Decisions will be difficult, but will be conservative in nature without losing what is necessary for the Town.

New Faces: Jeff McKittrick was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 2011, replacing outgoing member Ernie Smith. Jeff was immediately appointed as Procurement Officer.

George Peterson joins the Board of Health as Chairperson to fill a vacant position. He is also appointed as interim Building Inspector.

Gerry Garner has been appointed Building Commissioner. He oversees George Peterson and is training him in proper procedures and guidelines so that George will be able to gain state certification as a Local Inspector.

HCOG Building Inspector Program: Due to the resignation of Mr. Paul Tacy as Hampshire Council of Governments' Building Commissioner, the Selectboard chose to separate the Town from the Program and focus on hiring a Building Commissioner, and interim Inspector with Town Hall office hours, to better meet the needs of our residents. George Peterson is available by phone and Wednesday evenings at Town Hall. Permit applications can also be found on-line.

Thank you: The Selectboard would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ernie Smith for his years of hard work on the behalf of the Town and its citizens.

In addition, the Selectboard would also like to extend our gratitude to Police Chief Bob Garriepy, Fire Chief Gary Dahill, Highway Superintendent Chipper Dazelle, and their collective teams, for all of the efforts that went into the local emergencies we experienced in 2011. Their quick response times, commitment to the community and leadership skills served the Town well in ensuring that resident services were restored as promptly and smoothly as possible.

In his first year as Highway Superintendent, Chipper Dazelle has faced many challenges, and handled them very well. The unusual weather presented opportunities for reviewing emergency procedures throughout the Town. During the hurricane and subsequent flooding, Mr. Dazelle worked closely with other Town officials and employees to pinpoint areas of improvement. The October snowstorm put the Highway Department to the test, keeping up with the snowfall totals.

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

Gateway School Budget: For the first time in years, the Selectboard did not approve the Gateway Regional School District budget. At the June 6th Annual Town Meeting, voters rejected the school budget. Three Town Meetings later, on October 5, 2011, the over-minimum amount was finally approved.

Stanton Hall Maintenance: Last year at Annual Town Meeting, the Selectboard drafted an article to fund the Stanton Hall account with \$15,000 taken from Free Cash to be spent on needed upgrades as well as a savings account for future upgrades. A new exhaust fan was installed in Stanton Hall, for the purpose of keeping the temperature tolerable inside on hot days. Also, a roof leak was repaired and damaged ceiling tiles replaced. The electric panel box in the basement had been damaged by the water and had to be replaced as well. A new coded entry system was installed on the door, replacing a much worn older one. There are plans to restore the wood floors and front doors, as well as making the entrance handicap accessible.

SELECTBOARD

Town Hall Information Technology update: A system for backing up information has been put in place, and wi-fi has been installed with usage limited to Town Hall staff as well as Stanton Hall for public use. Also, some of the office equipment was upgraded.

Treasurer and Collector position changes: The Selectboard called a public meeting to make voters aware of ballot questions involving the positions of Treasurer and Collector. These positions have always been elected, so questions 1 & 2 asked voters to consider changing them to appointed, giving the Selectboard the opportunity to interview prospective applicants and determining their qualifications for the job. The vote resulted in a split decision, making the Collector position appointed, while keeping the Treasurer position elected. It is hoped that the ballot question for changing the Treasurer position to appointed will pass at the Local Elections on May 19, 2012.

Road and sidewalk safety: At the repeated request of residents, the Selectboard continued to attempt to communicate with MassDOT in regards to clearing snow on the sidewalks of the Rt. 112 bridge. The Selectboard has approved Town plows to wing the sidewalks on Worthington Road to provide a safer place for school children to walk to school.

Grant money: The Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded the regional Community Development Block Grant to the Town. Huntington is to again be the lead Town for the regional grant.

Skating Rink: The Selectboard, together with the Recreation Committee, started the process of planning for a skating rink. The suggestion to install the rink on the Town Common was well received. Volunteers were at the ready to give of their time, and local businesses and individuals made offerings of supplies and money. Unfortunately, the weather would not cooperate and the building of the rink could not begin before the holidays. The Selectboard would like to give thanks to Fire Chief Gary Dahill who went above and beyond with his help on this project. It was decided that the Recreation Committee will be responsible for planning the rink next year.

Pettis Field: A concrete pad that was poured for the foundation of a new pavilion at Pettis Field was vandalized. Profanities were written in the wet cement, as well as spray painted on the floor of the baseball field dugouts. There was also some damage to the small playscape purchased about two years ago. The police identified six individuals, and charges were filed. The concrete was restored, and the suggestion was made to post a notice that Pettis Field closes at dark. The Selectboard after much consideration voted to press charges against the youths and the outcome was that each will pay restitution in the amount of \$350 to the Town. Once paid this money will go into a special revenue account that can be used for other projects located in Pettis Field.

Cub Scout troop visits with Selectboard: In March, a Cub Scout troop visited with the Selectboard to gain a better understanding of how municipal government works. They asked excellent questions pertaining to the operation of the Board, and learned about how our Town is governed. The troop helped out the Recreation Committee to beautify the Town Common during flower planting time. The group is available for other community service projects.

In closing, the Selectboard would like to express sincere gratitude to all residents, taxpayers, Town departments and volunteers for their support throughout the past year. Our community, like many across the state and country, is battling to survive in the current economic climate, and has to make difficult decisions in order to do so. Knowing there is cooperation and encouragement from others in Town makes all the difference in how well we succeed at our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Burnham, Chair
Chuck Bushor
Jeff McKittrick

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.

Preparing the 2011 budget, as in the last two years was challenging. Declining State Aid and very limited new growth in Town, along with rising fuel, utilities, insurance, and other non-discretionary costs has made budget planning a tough challenge. With the school district also facing similar fiscal pressures we will need to work closely to find ways to get budgets through that meet our levy ceiling.

Despite these challenges, we are optimistic about our fiscal future. We also are paying attention to our Town physical facilities and capital equipment. Working with the Selectboard, we are continuing to make purchases and repairs as needed.

Like many boards in Town, we could use some more members. If you would like to make a difference in your Town's future, please consider offering your services.



Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jensen, Chair

Alicia Hackerson, Secretary

Anna Horkun

Kirk Birrell

MODERATOR

I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the Annual Town Meeting or any of the Special Town Meetings over the last 12 months. The passage of the 2012 Town and Gateway budgets stretched across several meetings and I appreciate everyone who returned for the numerous continuations to reach a final budget. This perseverance exemplifies the strength of our Town and our open-meeting form of government.

I encourage all of you to continue to stay involved with the Town. There are numerous ways to be involved that you may find do not require an extensive commitment. Several committees, including the Finance Committee, are in need of volunteers to offer a couple of hours of their time each month. These committees are the backbone of the community and help ensure the Town operates in the best interest of its citizens.

Attending informational sessions provide you an opportunity to stay informed and make educated decisions that influence the direction of the Town. Build your knowledge and be an influencer. Talk and listen to your neighbors. Encourage them to attend as well.

Finally, continue to attend Town meetings to put that knowledge into action and vote on matters that directly impact the Town, your taxes, and your quality of life. Bring your neighbors and your children so that they all can see how one person can make a difference.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Jacques



TOWN CLERK

Aside from the wild weather we had, 2011 was a pretty quiet year. No nation-wide elections this year, however the Town did welcome Jeff McKittrick as a new Selectman to take the place of Selectman Ernie Smith on our Town Officials list. The full results of the Town Election follow in the rest of this report.

Our Annual Town Meeting kept us busy as it took three separate sessions to complete. The biggest struggle was agreeing on the school budget. As we persevered through most of June, a version was finally accepted through the use of paper ballots.

Resident voters who are available and interested in working the elections are encouraged to do so. I greatly enjoy welcoming new faces at the polls. As always I would like to thank Bing Cinelli and Paul Hurley for their hard work in setting up and breaking down the election equipment, and Cricket Heath, of course, for ringing our ballot box for hours on end.

I am happy to announce that in June, I brought in Kathleen Thomas to our mix as the new Assistant Town Clerk. Many are familiar with her from her work at Gateway Schools. She has been working very diligently to learn her new job and all its many facets, and has proven to be a great asset to the Town Clerk Office. Thank you Kathy!

Issued this year were the following:

22	Business Certificates
392	Dog Licenses
2	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 2012 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 2011

BIRTHS:

December 1	Abigail Gladys Macrae Daughter of Ryan William Macrae & nee Heidi Elizabeth Waite
January 3	Jordan Kelly Chamberlain Daughter of Jesse David Chamberlain & nee Hailey Anne Patras
January 28	Landon Jack McCaul Son of Andrew Barry McCaul & nee Melissa Ann Albano
January 29	Dawson Lee Noga Son of Peter Edward Noga, Sr. & nee Erica Lee Champiney
February 12	Julia Lisa Bertera Daughter of Anthony Joseph Bertera & nee Anna Bella Sousa Zina
April 15	Maddison Rylee Muise Daughter of Paul Edward Muise, Jr. & nee Brittney Lyn Dufresne
April 29	Lillian Micah Fitzgerald Daughter of Michael Robert Fitzgerald & nee Elizabeth Anne Jones
May 7	David Jarrell Glick Son of Raymond Lee Glick & nee Susanna Joy Lapp
August 3	Caleigh Maria Poudrier Daughter of Michael William Poudrier & nee Caitlin Jean Bedor
August 5	Colton William Paul McVeigh Son of John Edward McVeigh & nee Jacqueline Elise Beaulieu
August 30	Coleton Clay Duda Son of Clay Duda & nee Debra Lee Bristol
September 13	Callaghan John Carter Son of Sean Anthony Carter & nee Amy Jean Savoy
September 15	John Henry York Son of Matthew David York & nee Julie Marie Dukette
September 27	Haley Rose Klein Daughter of Lawrence Arthur Klein II & nee Jamie Rhondell Satterfield
November 9	Alessandra Marsella Knachel Daughter of Steven James Knachel & nee Jennifer Elizabeth Avery
November 21	Oliver Edward Renauld Son of Edward Joseph Renauld, Jr. & nee Aimee Elizabeth Burnham

MARRIAGES:

March 30	Jason Richard Charbonneau & Kathryn Mae McGinn @ Huntington
June 11	James Phillip Roberts & Krista Michelle Pazik @ Russell
August 13	Christine Barbara Ducharme & Paul Raymond Maynard @ Huntington
September 25	John Edward Steins & Sharon Louise Whitmore @ Huntington
October 1	Jason George Paquette & Elizabeth Ann LeBlanc @ Westfield

DEATHS:

January 6	Felix J. Kiarsis, age 89, widow of Lucy Diaz
January 23	Arthur Page, age 77, husband of Debra Snape
January 23	Elia A. Bates, age 85, widow of Clarence F. Bates
March 23	Joseph P. Dazelle, age 45, husband of Tina M. Avery
May 18	Clarice T. Lavery, age 82, widow of James R. Lavery, Jr.
June 5	Linda Jane Smith, age 71
June 29	Richard Owen Jordan, age 62, husband of Margaret Fogarty
September 30	Nina Barbara Bailey, age 86, widow of Howard R. Bailey
September 18	Michelle Marie Dawley, age 43, wife of James Dawley
September 13	Edith J. Igel, age 85, widow of Henry J. Igel
August 20	Jeffrey Paul St. Jean, age 63
September 12	Raymond J. Derminio, age 62, widow of Catherine Grover
August 28	Virginia L. Stewart, age 64
November 17	Lois LaFond, age 94, widow of Chester A. LaFond

RESULTS ~ TOWN ELECTION

SATURDAY May 21, 2011

TOWN CLERK - 1 Yr.

Andrea McKittrick	199
2 Others	3
Blank	36

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 3 Yrs.

Linda Hamlin	157
Erik Steins	43
Other	1
Blank	37

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 3 Yrs.

Henry Dubay	87
Jeffrey D. McKittrick	138
Steven Knachel	4
Blank	9

BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 Yrs.

Jean Garriepy	2
Henry Dubay	2
Steven Knachel	2
Marge Craven	2
5 Others	5
Blank	225

BOARD OF HEALTH - 1 Yr.

Jean Jackman	161
4 Others	4
Blank	73

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 3 Yrs.

Charles Dazelle	156
Henry Dubay	55
Steven Knachel	2
Blank	25

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 Yrs.

Scott Tillinghast	7
Roland Damon	3
Henry Dubay	3
10 Others	14
Blank	211

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - 1 Yr.

Steven Knachel	1
Sue Fopiano	1
Denise Keay	1
Henry Dubay	1
Judith Guyette	1
Blank	233

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 2 Yrs.

John McVeigh	5
William Hathaway	4
12 Others	17
Blank	212

TRUSTEE, WHITING ST. - 3 Yrs.

Steven Knachel	2
Judith Guyette	2
2 Others	2
Blank	232

TRUSTEE, WHITING ST. - 1 Yr.

Steven Knachel	2
Paul Hurley	2
1 Other	1
Blank	233

TRUSTEE, ALPHONSO PETTIS - 3 Yrs.

Judith Guyette	19
5 Others	6
Blank	213

CONSTABLE - 3 Yrs.

Henry Dubay	15
Tim Doherty	3
Steven Knachel	3
7 Others	7
Blank	210

TRUSTEE, HUNTINGTON LIBRARY - 3 Yrs.

Richard Dugre	207
2 Others	2
Blank	29

TREE WARDEN - 1 Yr.

Walter Wittshirk	205
2 Others	3
Blank	30

MODERATOR - 1 Yr.

Pierre Jacques	190
2 Others	2
Blank	46

WATER/SEWER COMMISSION - 1 Yr.

Henry Dubay	13
Steven Knachel	3
3 Others	3
Blank	219

Question # 1:

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer?

Yes	111
No	111
Blank	16

Question # 2

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Collector become an appointed Collector?

Yes	112
No	111
Blank	15

Question #3

Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$65,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Vocational Tuition for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand eleven?

Yes	85
No	148
Blank	5

238 residents cast their votes out of 1397 Registered Voters.
17%

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington

Special Town Meeting

Monday; June 6, 2011
6:30 P.M.

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 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,170.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015139.002	COLLECTOR EXPENSES	\$ 300.00
015151.000	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,600.00
015192.002	TOWN HALL UTILITIES	\$ 3,100.00
015192.004	STANTON HALL UTILITIES	\$ 2,400.00
015192.006	BLDG. & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,200.00
015422.003	HIGHWAY UTILITIES	\$ 4,100.00
015422.005	HIGHWAY SAND & SALT	\$20,270.00
015422.006	HIGHWAY GAS & DIESEL	\$ 3,000.00
015424.000	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 1,700.00
015541.000	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 500.00
015543.001	VETERANS' RELIEF BENEFITS	\$13,000.00

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

Motion carried, unanimous to transfer from Free Cash \$54,170.00 to the Operational Accounts as listed above.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Vocational Tuition Account #015300.005 to the depleted Vocational Transportation Account #015300.004 the sum of \$11,848.00 for FY2011 Vocational Transportation costs; or take any other action relative thereto:

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

Motion carried, unanimous to transfer \$11,848.00 from Account #015300.005 to Account #015300.004.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Extra & Unforeseen Reserve Account #013220.000, to Assessors' Mapping Expense Account #015137.003, the sum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand) dollars for the purpose of contracting complete mapping services for the Town of Huntington; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

Motion carried, majority vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from Account #013220.000 to Account #015137.003.

*A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:40 p.m.
A quorum of 58 was present.*

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday; June 6, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

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 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

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

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, the Selectboard and 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 Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The Moderator also announced that with Article 8, 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:

<u>ARTICLE 2:</u>	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.
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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 of 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 Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2012 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 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, 2011. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

A motion was made and seconded to move to Article 10 in regards to payment of the Highway truck loan principal and interest and re-visit Article 8. Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Highway Truck Loan and Highway Truck Interest line items to zero. Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the total FY2012 budget to \$1,375,790 to exclude the Education line items (to be addressed separately), and the Highway truck principal and interest. Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to a new account to be designated by the Town Accountant for the purpose of the upkeep of Stanton Hall, such as roof and insulation replacement; exterior painting of building, and the like; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$26,228.00 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Highway truck loan; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a metal shed to enclose the new gas and diesel pumps; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash Police Equipment Account #015210.006 the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing three bullet proof vests; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the IT Tech Support Account #015122.009 the sum of \$5,000.00 to continue upgrading the Town's computer system; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Motion carried. Unanimous.**

A motion was made and seconded:

***To postpone Articles 14, 15 and 16 until after the School Committee Meeting. This would result in an adjournment of this ATM until June 15, 2011 at 7:30 when the meeting would reconvene.
Motion carried. Unanimous.***

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$537,390.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition, Account #015300.005, for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 20, 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

Motion carried by majority Vote to transfer from Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$537,390.00 to Account #015300.005.

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 \$58,269.00 for Huntington's share in the cost of Vocational Transportation, Account #015300.004, for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

Motion carried unanimously to transfer from Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$58,269.00 to Account #015300.004.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$85,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2012 tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Selectboard moved to amend the motion from \$85,000 to \$75,000 which was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was then made to move the entire article to the June 15, 2011 meeting. Motion carried. Majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account #013220.000 the sum of \$11,000.000 for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2012 tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Vote: Yes.

Motion carried. Majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59 S5 (54), and will establish a minimum fair cash value of \$2,000.00 required for personal property accounts to be taxed beginning in Fiscal Year 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Section 9 of the Huntington General Bylaws: *Residence Requirement for Elected Positions:*

“No person shall be elected or appointed to an Elected position in Town government unless their name is on the registered voters’ list at least nine (9) months as of January 1st of the year of the election”

And replace it with the following:

Special legislation applicable to the Town, Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2002, establishes the residency requirement for elected positions in the Town. A copy of Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2002 is attached to these General Bylaws.

Motion Carried by 2/3 vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to enact the following Demolition Delay Bylaw to be included in the Town of Huntington General By-Laws; or take any other action relative thereto:

Title of Bylaw

The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings.

Intent and Purpose

This bylaw is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting significant buildings within the Town which constitute or reflect distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the town and to limit the detrimental effect of demolition on the character of the town. Through this bylaw, owners of preferable preserved buildings are encouraged to seek out alternative

options that will preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings and residents of the town are alerted to impending demolitions of significant buildings, streetscapes and

neighborhoods, this bylaw promotes the public welfare by making the town a more attractive and desirable place in which to live and work. To achieve these purposes the Historical Commission is authorized to advise the Building Inspector with respect to demolition permit applications. The issuance of demolition permits is regulated as provided by this by-law.

Definitions

APPLICANT-Any person or entity who files an application for a demolition permit. If the applicant is not the owner of the premises upon which the building is situated, the owner must indicate on or with the application his/her assent to the filing of the application.

APPLICATION-An application for the demolition of a building.

BUILDING-Any combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals, or property.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER-The person occupying the office of Building Commissioner or otherwise authorized to issue demolition permits.

COMMISSION – The Huntington Historical Commission or its designee.

DEMOLITION-Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing, dismantling or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.

DEMOLITION PERMIT – The building permit issued by the Building Inspector for a demolition of a building, excluding a building permit issued solely for the demolition of the interior of a building.

PREFERABLE PRESERVED – Any significant building which the Commission determines, following a public hearing, that it is in the public interest to be preserved rather than demolished. A preferably preserved building is subject to the six-month demolition delay period of this bylaw.

SIGNIFICANT BUILDING – Any building within the town (city) which is in whole or in part one hundred years or more old and which has been determined by the Commission or its designee to be significant based on any of the following criteria:

- The Building is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places; or
- The Building has been found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; or
- The Building is importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the Town or the Commonwealth; or

The Building is historically or architecturally important (in terms of period, style, method of building construction or association with a recognized architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.

Procedure

No demolition permit for a building which is in whole or in part one hundred years or more old shall be issued without following the provisions of this bylaw. If a building is of unknown age, it shall be assumed that the building is one hundred years old for the purposes of this bylaw.

An applicant proposing to demolish a building subject to this bylaw shall file with the Building Commissioner an application containing the following information:

- The address of the building to be demolished.
- The owner's name, address and telephone number.
- A description of the building.
- The reason for requesting a demolition permit.
- A brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement.
- A photograph or photograph(s) of the Building.

The Building Commissioner shall within seven days forward a copy of the application to the Commission. The Commission shall within fifteen days after receipt of the application, make a written determination of whether the building is significant.

Upon determination by the Commission that the building is not significant, the Commission shall so notify the Building Commissioner and applicant in writing. The Building Commissioner may then issue the demolition permit.

If the Commission finds that the building is significant, it shall hold a public hearing within thirty days of the written notification to the Building Commissioner. Public notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or on Town Hall, the Post Office, Moltenbrey's Market, Knightville Package Store, and the Fire Station(s), as well as the town's website, for a period of not less than seven days prior to the date of said hearing and the applicant and the building inspector shall be notified in writing of the meeting time and place.

The Commission shall decide within fourteen days after the public hearing whether the building should be preferably preserved. If agreed to in writing, signed and dated by the applicant the determination of the Commission may be postponed.

If the Commission determines that the building is not to be preferably preserved, the Commission shall so notify the Building Commissioner and applicant in writing. The Building Commissioner may then issue the demolition permit.

If the Commission determines that the building is to be preferably preserved, the Commission shall notify the Building Commissioner and applicant in writing. No demolition permit may then be issued for a period of six months from the date of the determination unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission. If the Commission does not so notify the Building Commissioner in writing within twenty-one days of the public hearing, the Building Commissioner may issue the demolition permit.

Upon a determination by the Commission that any building, which is the subject of an application, is a preferably preserved building, no building permit for new construction, or alterations on the premises, shall be issued for a period of six months from the date of the determination, unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission. No permit for demolition of a building determined to be a preferably preserved building shall be granted until all plans for future use and development of the site have been filed with the Building Commissioner, and

have been found to comply with all laws pertaining to the issuance of a building permit, or if for a parking lot, a certificate of occupancy for that site. All approvals necessary for the issuance of such building permit or certificate of occupancy, including without limitation any necessary zoning variances or special permits, must be granted and all appeals from the granting of such approvals must be concluded, prior to the issuance of a demolition permit under this section.

The Building Commissioner may issue a demolition permit or a building permit for a preferably preserved building within the six months if the Commission notifies the Building Commissioner in writing that the Commission finds that the intent and purpose of this bylaw is served even with the issuance of the demolition permit or the building permit.

Following the six-month delay period, the Building Commissioner may issue the demolition permit.

Administration

The Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the terms of this bylaw.

The Commission is authorized to adopt a schedule of reasonable fees to cover the costs associated with the administration of this bylaw.

The Commission may delegate authority to make initial determinations of significance to one or more members of the Commission or to a specified municipal employee.

The Commission may pro-actively develop a list of significant buildings that will be subject to this bylaw. Buildings proposed for the significant building list shall be added following a public hearing.

Emergency Demolition

If after an inspection, the Building Commissioner finds that a building subject to this bylaw is found to pose an immediate threat to public health or safety due to its deteriorated condition and that there is no reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the building or structure, then the Building Commissioner may issue an emergency demolition permit to the owner of the building or structure. The Building Commissioner shall then prepare a report explaining the condition of the building and the basis for his decision which shall be forwarded to the Commission.

Enforcement and Remedies

The Commission and/or the Building Commissioner are each specifically authorized to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this by-law or to prevent a threatened violation thereof.

Any owner of a building subject to this bylaw that demolished the building without first obtaining a demolition permit in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars per offense. The Town may enforce this bylaw by the noncriminal procedure authorized by General Laws Chapter 40, section 21-D and included in Section 43 of the Town Bylaws, in which case the penalty shall be three hundred dollars per offense. If a building subject to this bylaw is demolished without first obtaining a demolition permit, no building permit shall be issued for a period of two years from the date of the demolition on the subject parcel of land, or any adjoining parcels of land under common

ownership and control, unless the building permit is for the faithful restoration referred to above, or unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission.

Historic District Act

Following a determination that the building is significant and preferably preserved, the Commission may recommend to town meeting that the building be protected through the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C shall be followed prior to the establishment of a local historic district. Nothing in this by-law shall be deemed to conflict with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C. If any of the provisions of this by-law do so conflict, that act shall prevail.

Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph, and part shall continue in full force and effect.

***Motion made to table article and move it to a future Town Meeting.
Article is tabled by majority vote.***

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by including the following “*Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy*”; or take any other action relative thereto:

Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy:

1. Residents on property or owners of property, in front of which, between the property lines and the traveled way, there is a sidewalk constructed of concrete, brick cement, stone, wood or other hard material upon streets or sections of streets designed by Selectmen under Town control, shall clear said walks of ice and snow within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall. Should said walks become covered with ice that cannot be readily removed, the said abutters or residents shall be required to place sand or ashes or other material thereupon to tender the walks safe for pedestrians.
2. The Town shall not go out looking for violators, but shall send representative (Constable, Police Officer, Selectmen or Member of Town Highway Department) to investigate promptly (within six hours) of complaint.
3. Any Resident or Property Owner who does not take action after being notified that they are in violation of the above by a Constable, Police Officer, Town Highway Department, or the Selectmen shall be punished by a fine.

4. Fine Schedule:

First Offense:	\$ 10.00
Second Offense:	\$ 25.00
Third Offense:	\$ 50.00
Fourth Offense:	\$100.00
Maximum Fine	\$100.00

5. Each day snow is not removed shall be deemed a separate violation.
6. If, in the opinion of the Board of Selectmen, a violation of this policy constitutes a hazard to persons using such sidewalks, the Board of Selectmen shall cause the snow or ice to be removed and the violator shall be liable for the cost incurred by the Town. Any action taken by the Town under this section shall not absolve the individual responsible for the clearing of a sidewalk from the maximum fine each instance of the Town having to remove snow and ice from violators walk.
7. Town should maintain a list of persons who are willing to remove snow from individuals who cannot maintain their own walkways. Payment of these individuals shall be negotiated between the persons involved, not by the Town.
8. In regards to the 'Green Bridge' which is the property of the State, the Town shall obtain a list of persons required to perform Community Service and arrange with those individuals to maintain that sidewalk.

Motion needs 2/3 vote to pass. Motion does not pass.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. and resume Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried. Unanimous. A quorum of 86 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
CONTINUATION**

**Wednesday; June 15, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. The Moderator announced that the meeting was a continuation of the June 6, 2011 meeting and that there was a quorum. He also announced that the continuation meeting was for the purpose of addressing Articles 14, 15, 16 and 19 from the original warrant.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,273,401.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, or accept a lesser amount the 1,273,401.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Motion passed by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

The Selectboard and Finance Committee moved to table articles 15, 16, & 19 in order to allow for closer examination of the Version 3 budget that had just become available for distribution to voters and adjourn until Wednesday; June 29, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried: 34 in favor, 25 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. A quorum of 65 was present.

A true copy attest: Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
CONTINUATION**

**Wednesday; June 29, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	David Norton John Marriott

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator announced that the meeting was a continuation of the June 6, 2011 meeting and that a quorum was present. He also announced that the continuation meeting was for the purpose of addressing Articles 15, 16, and 19 from the original warrant.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$444,277.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Committee Vote: Yes.

*A motion was then made and seconded by the Selectboard to amend the article to \$443,629.00. Finance Committee Vote: Yes.
Amendment passes by majority vote.*

Article then passed as amended by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$509,030.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Selectboard suggested voting on the Article by paper ballot. The Moderator explained the paper ballot procedure and the Town voted in favor of the paper ballot by majority show of hands.

The Selectboard then made a motion which was seconded to amend the Article amount to \$434,293.00 in order to balance the budget. The Finance Committee did not recommend the amendment.

The Town then voted on whether to amend the Article which passed by majority vote. The Town then used paper ballots to vote on the Article as amended. The Article did not pass by majority vote: 40 against, 31 in favor.

The Town will hold a Special Town Meeting to address a new budget.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$85,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2012 tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to remove Article 19 from the warrant. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried. Unanimous. A quorum of 81 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Huntington**

Special Town Meeting

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator:	Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Earl Heath, Jr.
Counters:	Perri Sossaman Jeff Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk and explained that Articles 1 and 2 must pass by majority vote. Article 3 must pass by 2/3 majority.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$446,762.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the Period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Finance Committee Vote: Yes. Selectboard Vote: Yes.
Motion carried by majority vote with 2 opposed.
The sum of \$446,762.00 will come from Raise and Appropriate.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989, which would authorize the Town to assess new buildings, structures, or other improvements added to real property through June 30th of the assessment year in lieu of the January 1, as presently authorized; 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 authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carried with 56 yes votes to 5 no votes.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 7:20 p.m.

A quorum of 62 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2011

	<u>General</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental</u>	<u>Total Governmental</u>
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	463,992	877,702	164,543	74,380	108,935	1,689,552
Investments			0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	173,740	0	0	0	0	173,740
User Charges	0	0	25,413	33,064	0	58,477
Tax liens	34,058	0	1,190	358	0	35,606
Excise Taxes and other taxes	46,719	0	0	0	0	46,719
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	11,715	0	0	0	0	11,715
Total Assets	730,224	877,702	191,145	107,802	108,935	2,015,809
<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	173,740	0	0	0	0	173,740
Other	89,863	0	26,603	33,422	0	149,888
Total Liabilities	263,603	0	26,603	33,422	0	323,628
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	99,453	0	0	0	0	99,453
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0					
General Fund	367,168	0	0	0	0	367,168
Special Revenue	0	877,702	164,542	74,380	108,935	1,225,559
Permanent Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	466,621	877,702	164,542	74,380	108,935	1,692,180
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	730,224	877,702	191,145	107,802	108,935	2,015,808

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	<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:						
Property Taxes	2,889,427	0	0	0	0	2,889,427
Intergovernmental	565,626	0	0	0	0	565,626
Excise and Other Taxes	201,362	0	0	0	0	201,362
Charges for Services	65,864	0	103,837	149,737	0	319,438
Licenses, Permits and Fees	15,599	0	0	0	0	15,599
Interest Taxes	24,698	0	0	0	0	24,698
Interest on Investments	4,013	5,705	0	0	12,271	21,989
Other	21,856	0	1,172	4,558	202,146	229,732
Total Revenues	3,788,445	5,705	105,009	154,295	214,417	4,267,871
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	292,226	0	0	0	122,220	414,446
Public Safety	196,376	0	0	0	8,172	204,548
Public Works and Facilities	379,816	0	0	0	107,488	487,304
Water and Sewer	0	0	81,298	150,058	0	231,356
Education	2,594,006	0	0	0	0	2,594,006
Health and Human Services	35,473	0	0	0	132,275	167,748
Culture and Recreation	60,831	0	0	0	42,035	102,866
Employee Benefits and Insurance	58,571	0	0	0	0	58,571
State Assessments	92,778	0	0	0	0	92,778
Debt service:						
Principal	12,877	0	10,000	0	0	22,877
Interest	173	0	3,750	0	0	3,923
Total Expenditures	3,723,127	0	95,048	150,058	412,190	4,380,424
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	65,318	5,705	9,961	4,237	(197,773)	(112,553)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	49,163	0	0	0	0	49,163
Operating Transfers Out	0	(4,500)	0	(44,663)	(139,397)	(188,560)
Audit Adjustments	0	0	(2,866)	623		
Other	(87,956)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(38,794)	(4,500)	(2,866)	(44,039)	(139,397)	(139,397)
Net Change in Fund Balances	26,524	1,205	7,095	(39,803)	(337,170)	(342,149)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	340,644	876,497	157,438	114,183	446,105	1,934,867
Fund Balances, End of Year	367,168	877,702	164,533	74,380	108,935	1,592,718

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	218	218	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	6,168	6,168	0
Admin Asst Wages	26,548	26,548	0
Expenses	1,961	1,961	0
Admin Asst Exp	534	534	0
Legal Ads Expense	814	814	0
General Office Supplies	1,096	1,096	0
Copy Machine Expenses	1,690	1,690	0
TOTAL	38,811	38,811	0
<u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	2,861	2,861	0
IT Tech Support	8,524	8,524	0
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	126	74
Reserve Fund	31	0	31
TOTAL	231	126	105
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	11,988	11,988	0
Expenses	320	171	149
Software Suppt	2,039	2,039	0
Audit Expense	7,000	7,000	0
TOTAL	21,347	21,198	149
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	5,576	5,469	108
Expenses	2,729	2,729	0
Clerk Wages	11,330	11,330	0
Mapping Expenses	10,800	9,150	1,650
Software Support	3,400	3,400	0
Revaluation	1,350	1,350	0
TOTAL	35,186	33,428	1,758
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	14,479	14,479	0
Cert Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	2,914	2,914	0
Bank Service Chgs	90	49	41
Tax Title Expenses	3,541	3,541	0
Software support	1,859	1,859	0
TOTAL	23,883	23,842	41
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	17,582	17,582	0
Asst Coll Wages	4,117	4,117	0
Expenses	6,222	6,222	0
Tax Taking	87	87	0
Collector Software support	5,309	5,309	0
TOTAL	33,317	33,317	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	11,069	11,069	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	11,069	11,069	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	11,668	11,442	226
Dog License Exp	400	341	59
Expenses	1,500	1,067	433
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	1,000	432	568
Asst Clerk Salary	1,271	885	386
Election Workers Wages	2,800	2,614	187
Elect & Reg Expenses	1,100	177	923
TOTAL	21,239	18,458	2,781
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	800	774	26
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	800	752	48
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	450	123	327
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	0	200
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	3,000	2,553	447
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	18,020	18,020	0
North Hall Utilities	748	748	0
Stanton Hall Utilities	10,095	10,095	0
Town Mowing	4,144	4,144	0
Maintenance	14,998	14,998	0
North Hall Maintenance	462	462	0
GIS Mapping	1,500	1,500	0
TOTAL	52,967	52,520	447
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	4,950	4,950	0
Unemployment Insurance	2,084	2,084	0
Medicare	6,479	6,479	0
Town Buildings Insurance	31,591	31,591	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	14,800	14,800	0
TOTAL	59,904	59,904	0
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,520	2,520	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>197-PARKING CLERK</u>			
Parking Clerk Expense	200	200	0
Total General Government	314,529	308,647	5,881
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	49,904	49,904	0
Training Exps & Wages	19,733	18,997	736
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	1,500	1,492	8
Administration/Training	5,435	5,435	0
Vehicle Maintenance	9,982	9,982	0
Equipment	5,500	4,662	838
TOTAL	92,055	90,473	1,582
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	3,828	3,828	0
Hourly Wages	13,182	10,618	2,564
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,422	3,250	172
Training Wages	3,129	3,129	0
Building/Equipment Exps	14,359	14,359	0
Admin/Training Expenses	3,218	3,218	0
Utilities	7,392	7,392	0
Truck Maintenance	8,213	8,110	103
Fire Defense Assoc.	500	0	500
TOTAL	57,243	53,904	3,339
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	23,241	23,240	1
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	19,996	19,995	1
Gas Inspector Fees	1,000	570	430
Plumbing Inspector Fees	2,000	635	1,365
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,000	1,750	250
TOTAL	24,996	22,950	2,046
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	821	600	221
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,028	1,028	0
Expenses	543	543	0
TOTAL	1,571	1,571	0
<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	3,000	3,000	0
TOTAL	3,803	3,800	3
Constable Expense	157	138	19
Total Public Safety	203,888	196,676	7,212

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,280,050	1,280,050	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	515,994	515,994	1
Transportation/Debt	416,682	298,850	117,833
Ch 70 Voc Trans	56,848	56,848	0
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	447,682	442,265	5,417
Total Education	2,717,256	2,594,006	123,251
<u>422/424-HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	57,186	41,538	15,648
Hourly Wages	69,942	67,617	2,325
Overtime/Extra Help	11,000	11,000	0
Utilities	14,100	13,951	149
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	41,605	39,184	2,421
Sand & Salt	55,270	55,270	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel	20,042	20,042	0
Road Maintenance	28,447	28,348	99
Uniforms	1,872	1,697	175
Admin/Training Expenses	536	536	0
Drug Testing	400	135	265
Equipment replacement	1,000	997	3
Street Lights	10,700	10,553	147
TOTAL	312,101	290,869	21,232
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	14,864	14,764	100
Hauling & Disposal	68,544	59,157	9,387
Misc/Maint	2,244	2,244	0
Utilities	812	812	0
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,375	6,656	719
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	1,800	1,732	68
Basket Str Landfill Monit	9,000	4,296	4,704
TOTAL	104,639	89,661	14,978
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,586	3,586	0
Wages	46,066	46,066	0
Workers Compensation	3,882	2,235	1,647
Unemployment	271	271	0
Health Insurance	9,004	9,003	1
Property Insurance	1,573	1,532	41
Vehicle Insurance	1,532	1,532	0
Utilities	17,000	14,103	2,897
Contractors	10,000	9,185	815
Building/Equipment Maint	59,000	50,929	8,071
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	0	3,000
Engineering Consultant	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Sewer Vehicle Replacement	1	0	1
Chemical Purchase	3,000	2,894	106
Waste Removal	11,000	5,134	5,866
Improvements	2,868	1,555	1,313
Software Support	2,124	2,124	0
Septic Tank Pumping	1	0	1
Other Support Employees	4,000	0	4,000
TOTAL	177,909	150,147	27,762

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,586	3,586	0
Wages	30,901	30,901	0
Workers Compensation	1,313	798	515
Unemployment	137	137	0
Health Insurance	4,502	4,501	1
Property Insurance	3,062	3,062	0
Utilities	12,967	12,718	250
Vehicle Insurance	1,019	1,019	0
Analysis Tests	7,570	7,570	0
Analysis Chemicals	3,000	2,999	1
Contractors	5,000	2,876	2,124
Engineer Service	1	0	1
Gateway Extension	1	0	1
Cross Connection Project	1	0	1
Materials/Equipment	14,000	9,353	4,647
Improvements	4,000	0	4,000
Software support	3,574	2,124	1,450
Meters	1,000	0	1,000
Water Overtime	2,500	211	2,289
TOTAL	98,134	81,854	16,280
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	300	0
TOTAL	300	300	0
Total Public Works	693,083	612,831	80,252
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	2,976	2,538	438
Secretary Salary	4,912	4,715	197
Agent Wages	3,084	3,000	84
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,374	1,374	0
Health Nursing Fee	200	0	200
Animal Control Officer Salary	741	741	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	1,675	1,675	0
TOTAL	14,962	14,043	919
Council on Aging	1,500	1,500	0
Hilltown Youth Coal	1	0	1
<u>543-VETERAN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,711	1,711	0
Relief Benefits	18,219	18,219	0
TOTAL	19,930	19,930	0
Total Human Services	36,393	35,473	920
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	30,619	30,387	232
Maintenance Wages	4,431	3,749	682
Maint/Repair/Supplies	4,790	4,159	631
Utilities	4,374	4,374	0
Books/Periodicals	12,586	12,586	0
Software Tech Support	1,200	0	1,200
TOTAL	58,000	55,256	2,744

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>620-RECREATION COMMITTEE</u>			
Wages	4,540	4,539	1
Expenses	3,684	3,684	0
TOTAL	8,224	8,223	1
Historical Commission	100	0	100
Memorial Day Parade	350	263	87
Community Events	1,628	1,628	0
TOTAL	2,078	1,891	187
Total Culture & Rec	68,302	65,370	2,932
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Water Meter Loan	10,000	10,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	12,877	12,877	0
Hwy Truck Interst	280	173	107
Water Meter Interest	3,250	3,250	0
TOTAL	26,407	26,300	107
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,460	2,460	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	510	510	0
CS Regional Transit	7,449	7,449	0
Hampdon Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Council of Govts Assmt	1,533	1,533	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	78,819	78,819	0
TOTAL	92,778	92,778	0
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	9,003	9,003	0
Police Health Ins	4,718	4,718	0
Highway Health Insurance	19,922	15,487	4,435
Library Health Ins	4,501	4,501	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	15,427	15,427	0
Admin Health Ins	9,435	9,435	0
TOTAL	63,007	58,571	4,436
Total Misc Expenses	182,192	177,649	4,542
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,215,643	3,990,652	224,991

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1,2010</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30,2011</u>
Chapter 90	0	22,714	41,455	(18,742)
Special Revenue Funds:				
Conservation Wetlands Fees	5,038	0	190	4,848
Community Policing	(1,889)	0	0	(1,889)
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,144	0	0	4,144
Wildlife Inhabitat Incent	0	5,738	0	5,738
Agricultural Commission	20	0	0	20
Well Head Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	709	2,910	2,850	769
Emergency Management	8,722	0	0	8,722
Library Building	43,661	325	34,988	8,998
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	0	315
Conservation	2	0	0	2
FEMA Flood Reimb	0	0	0	0
FF Public Safety Equip	738	0	365	373
Public Safety Educ Grant	1,476	0	0	1,476
Capital Expenditures	46,472	0	32,000	14,472
FEMA Grant	0	10,736	0	10,736
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,371	2,000	0	3,371
Cultural Council	3,487	3,892	4,063	3,316
BOH Spec Proj	1,300	6,686	500	7,486
Library	5,823	2,662	1,916	6,569
Council on Aging-Formula	0	3,575	3,575	0
Council on Aging-High Valley	470	0	0	470
Recycling	866	0	0	866
Council on Aging-FRTA	0	39,910	29,176	10,734
Total-Non-Major Funds	123,493	78,433	109,623	92,303
Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,790	33	0	10,823
Stanton Income Fund	69,105	12,957	0	82,061
Whiting Street Fund	6,511	164	537	6,139
Cemetary Perpetual Care	3,313	31	0	3,344
Stabilization Fund	876,497	5,705	4,500	877,702
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	913	0	0	913
Recreation	108	9	0	117
Civic Welfare	3,998	41	0	4,039
Total-Trust Funds	971,236	18,939	5,037	985,138
Agency Funds:				
Due to Admin Asst-Fees	0	405	120	285
Extra Duty Police	0	47,676	47,676	0
Due to Collector-Fees	7,639	6,695	5,200	9,134
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	6,042	4,500	2,118	8,423
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	0	807	45	763
Due to Deputy	0	7,016	7,016	0
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	111	1,025	827	309
W/H-Federal	(27)	42,842	42,842	(27)
W/H-Medicare	0	7,015	7,015	0
W/H-State	0	25,828	25,828	0
W/H-Retirement	0	34,781	34,781	0
W/H-Grp Ins	(3,959)	32,354	26,882	1,513
W/H-Life Ins	41	173	178	35
W/H OBRA	0	7,498	7,498	0
W/H-Other Payroll	0	3,840	3,840	0
W/H-Dental	(195)	2,700	2,700	(195)
Total-Agency Funds	9,652	225,154	214,565	20,241

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley, Accountant

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Balance as of July 1, 2010	863,373.32
Receipts	4,512,601.84
Disbursements	4,577,799.27
Balance as of June 30, 2010	798,175.89
Total General Fund Cash	798,175.89

Allocation of Trust & Special Accounts by Fund

Conservation Fund	10,822.97
Stabilization Fund	876,497.75
Stanton Fund	82,061.37
Whiting Street Fund	5,992.91
Cemetery	3,343.27
Post War Rehabil.	921.96
Civic Welfare	4,039.54
Total Trust & Special Cash	983,679.77
Total Interest Earned on General Funds	3,018.69
Total Interest Earned on Trust Funds	33,240.64

Tax Title Account

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Amount owed as of June 30, 2011
Courtney, Dennis	12/6/2007	541.42
Florence, Cecilia	12/6/2007	17,951.05
Guyette, Gary	12/10/2010	1,864.22
Nadeau	12/3/2009	13,701.68
Total Tax Title		34,058.37
Tax Title Collections for FY10		2,503.33

Borrowing

	Loan	Interest Pd.
Highway Truck	12,877.00	173.36
Installation of Water Meters	10,000.00	3,250.00
Total Loans Paid	22,877.00	3,423.36

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Marie Knox, Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN COLLECTOR

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

	<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 6/30/2011</u>
<u>Real Estate</u>							
Levy of							
2008	335.30					335.30	-
2009	33,169.46				1,553.94	25,353.46	6,262.06
2010	131,649.64		441.02	441.02	2,751.77	75,193.02	53,704.85
2011		2,861,595.32	8,937.90	16,582.50	8,822.39	2,710,011.49	135,116.84
Totals	165,154.40	2,861,595.32	9,378.92	17,023.52	13,128.10	2,810,893.27	195,083.75

	<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 6/30/2011</u>
<u>N/S Liened</u>							
2009		34,461.44				33,266.02	1,195.42
2010		38,720.29				37,172.23	1,548.06
Totals	-	73,181.73	-	-		70,438.25	2,743.48

	<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 6/30/2011</u>
<u>Personal Property</u>							
Levy of							
2007	105.67						105.67
2008	115.80						115.80
2009	199.03					118.53	80.50
2010	422.90					299.92	122.98
2011		75,777.58	108.71	241.43		74,284.00	1,360.86
Totals	843.40	75,777.58	108.71	241.43	-	74,702.45	1,785.81

	<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 6/30/2011</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>							
Levy of							
2002	1,278.12			41.25			1,236.87
2003	867.40			41.25			826.15
2004	1,286.79			240.00		31.25	1,015.54
2005	1,771.89					14.06	1,757.83
2006	1,122.61					137.39	985.22
2007	2,702.92					631.46	2,071.46
2008	2,712.29		111.46	136.46		552.92	2,134.37
2009	4,590.13	176.77	171.25	171.25		2,807.19	1,959.71
2010	21,020.19	25,521.43	1,430.40	4,501.46		38,093.13	5,377.43
2011		205,034.10	1,304.92	18,728.32		158,256.60	29,354.10
Totals	37,352.34	230,732.30	3,018.03	23,859.99	-	200,524.00	46,718.68

	<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 6/30/2011</u>
<u>Water/Sewer</u>							
Levy of							
2010	47,471.59				35,390.41	12,081.18	-
2011		268,102.77		2,096.49		207,529.61	58,476.67
Totals	47,471.59	268,102.77	-	2,096.49	35,390.41	219,610.79	58,476.67

Summary

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding as of 6/30/2011</u>
Real Estate	2,810,893.27	195,083.75
Water/Sewer Liened	70,438.25	2,743.48
Personal Property	74,702.45	1,785.81
Water/Sewer	219,610.79	58,476.67
Motor Vehicle	200,524.00	46,718.68
	3,376,168.76	304,808.39

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox, Collector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

2011 proved to be a challenging year. We updated all of the Town maps, a painstaking process. The office processed 57 real estate transfers, 227 motor vehicle abatements, 24 building permits, and developed 11 new personal property accounts. We also managed to change the annual assessment date to match the fiscal year and set a new minimum value for personal property tax assessments to \$2,000.

The office operates 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 also connect with the Accountant and Treasurer via the server on the State Tax Recap.

At the Annual Classification Hearing, conducted on October 26, 2011, the tax rate of \$15.12 was adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

New Growth for FY2012 was \$25,289 as applied to the Levy Limit. The growth was in the Personal Property area.

The Assessors continue with the required cyclical inspection of properties in Town. We are once again taking digital pictures of reviewed properties and attaching them electronically to our property record cards for easy viewing. Currently, we have surpassed our required annual number of inspections, and we plan to continue that standard. Our goals are to continue to 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 residents. We resumed our inspections in spring 2012, and continue as directed by the Department of Revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors:

Sue Fopiano
Linda Hamlin
Ed Renauld

Assessor's Clerk:

Ted Gloss





POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year the Department was challenged by four major weather situations - the winter ice storm, the June windstorm, Irene in August and the unexpected snowstorm in October. Each situation presented a different set of challenges and obstacles that needed to be addressed. At this time, the Department would like to thank the community for their continued support and patience during less than ideal times.

The Huntington Police Department continued its commitment to community policing and public safety by participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back IV Program. This program was sponsored by TRIAD; senior citizens, supportive/protective services and law enforcement working together to provide safer communities.

The Department continued its collaborations with the Gateway Regional School District by serving as a member of its crisis team. In addition, the Southern Hilltowns Domestic Violence Task Force and the area Boards of Health in Pandemic team planning and implementation.

The Department saw a change in personnel with the appointment of Police Officer Brandon Owen. There are now 5 part-time Officers and one full time Police Chief.

I would like to extend my appreciation to my fellow officers for their professionalism and commitment to the citizens of the Town of Huntington and to the residents of the community. Through their continued support and input the Police Department continues to evolve to provide a higher standard of service to the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy, Police Chief

911 Calls and Incidents for the Calendar Year 2011

48	911 Hang Ups and Misdials
36	Motor Vehicle Accidents
43	Alarm Calls
80	Medical Calls
15	Animal/Dog Complaints
16	Arrests
14	Assist Other Agencies
3	Assaults
1	Bomb Threat
7	Breaking and Entering
1	Building Check
4	Welfare Checks
1	Death Unattended
12	Disturbances
1	Disorderly Person
13	Disabled Motor Vehicles
13	Domestic Disturbances
1	209A Violation
1	Drunk
11	Assist Fire Department
1	Harassment
10	Investigations
2	Juvenile Offenses
1	Larcenies
2	Lost Article
14	Miscellaneous
3	Missing Persons
71	Motor Vehicle Complaints/Violations
2	Neighbor Dispute
2	Stolen Motor Vehicle
1	Recovered Motor Vehicle
1	Noise Complaint
32	Officer Wanted
2	Paperwork Service
3	Psychological
1	Recovered Article
1	Repossession
23	Safety Hazards
1	Shots Fired
1	Suicide Attempt
5	Suspicious Persons
18	Suspicious Vehicles
3	Threats
44	Traffic Hazards
2	Trespasses
12	Unwanted Persons
15	Unclassified
6	Wires Down
15	Vandalisms

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 the town license tag on the dog's collar or harness, and its rabies tag. These are both wonderful forms of identification; it is also a state law that dogs are licensed every year and must be current on their rabies' vaccination. 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 if the need arises. Acting quickly if your dog should get loose is very helpful in 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the citizens of Huntington for their continuing support. I would also like to thank the Members of the Huntington Fire Department for their dedication to serving this Town. They are a great group and I am proud of them all.

The last year was still a busy one with the call volume of 280 calls in 2011.

With the increasing number of natural and manmade events, the Huntington Fire Department has stepped up to the task. We are continuing to improve our response to these types of events, working closely with the Police and Highway Departments, MEMA, and the Massachusetts State Police to provide needed services in times of trouble. We have our fire station open during events, and provide well-being checks for the elderly and others with concerns. We are striving to aid the citizens of Huntington at times that are ever more severe and more frequent while still providing the services that are expected from this department.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Dahill, Fire Chief



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

It's certainly been a challenging year! I would like to thank the citizens of Huntington, the Selectboard and my crew: Ken Wickland and Dave Igel. We, in turn, would like to thank Police Chief Robert Garriepy, Fire Chief Gary Dahill, and their personnel for assistance with plowing and rain storms; Ernie Smith for photos of the rain damage; the townspeople for assistance during the power outage and Betty Waite for all the stews and goodies she brings to the shop.

Our busy year started with a record snowfall in January. We reclaimed Bromley Road and Harlo Clark Road with better drainage and black top. On August 27th Hurricane Irene was upon us with 6.45 inches of rain, causing approximately \$130,000 worth of damage, mainly on Goss Hill Road. On September 29th we had 4.7 inches of rain in a four-hour period, lasting through October 17th, that washed out roads we had repaired the day before. On October 29th and 30th the blizzard hit us with between 20 – 27 inches of snow in 24 hours, creating a three-day power outage; the worst since 1978. WMECO utilized our Highway Department garage as a command post and storage yard while helping us restore power.

WMECO has also assisted the Town of Huntington with a program that helped us purchase a 2011 John Deere 6330 tractor with an over-the-rail mower to keep our roadsides clear of overgrowth. This piece of equipment is valued at \$115,995.25. We will be sharing it with the neighboring Towns of Montgomery, Easthampton, Westhampton and Southamptton for the next five years. As the sponsoring town, Huntington will be able to purchase the mower for \$1.00 at the end of the five- year period.

Some of our other accomplishments have been combining three of the Highway Department buildings for a savings of approximately \$100.00 per month in electric bills. We've also saved \$12.02 per ton on road salt this year by getting on board with MassDOT at \$51.98 per ton, as opposed to Hampshire Council of Government's price of \$64.00 per ton; we have successfully filed three FEMA claims and, after the countless hours of paperwork, we have hired part time Administrative Assistant, Judy Borden, who is doing a tremendous job wading through all the paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle
Highway Superintendent

 <u>Rainfall Dates</u>	<u>Inches of Rain</u>
August 28 - 29	6.45
September	14.09
October	6.97
November	3.18

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Health Board has been working on several issues relating to the transfer station. Converting to stickers from H bags has conserved the Town's resources while offsetting the fuel charge increase on trucking the trash. Ensuring that users of the transfer station have permits has also resulted in everyone paying their fair share of the costs.

In 2012 the Northampton landfill is tentatively scheduled to close. Huntington has joined with several other towns to put out bids for trash hauling to Springfield as an alternative. This will most likely result in an increase in expenses for townspeople. The Board is looking at ways to invest any surplus from this year's budget into equipment which will reduce future hauling expenses.

This spring is a good time to clean up properties. The Board reminds landowners that any collection of materials that can harbor pests is unlawful. It will be less expensive to remove these collections sooner rather than later. When complaints are received the Board is responsible for making sure properties are cleaned up at the owner's expense.

Respectfully submitted,
George Peterson, Member
Thomas Hart, Member
Jean Jackman, Member
Kathie Morrison, Secretary

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



<i>Transfer Station Stickers sold</i>	697	<i>Mattress Disposal</i>	11
<i>Tires Disposed of</i>	29	<i>Perc Tests Conducted</i>	8
<i>Installers Permits</i>	7	<i>Well Permits</i>	4
<i>Haulers Permits</i>	4	<i>Disposal Works Applications</i>	6
<i>Food Service Permits</i>	15	<i>Propane & Water Tank</i>	12

<i>Accounts Receivable:</i>	<i>\$53,962.00</i>
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<i>Transfer Station Stickers</i>	\$ 15,180.00
<i>"H" bags/stickers</i>	28,199.40
<i>Trash</i>	1,960.00
<i>Tires</i>	225.00
<i>Furniture</i>	556.00
<i>Metal</i>	410.00
<i>Electronics</i>	570.00
<i>Propane & Water Tanks</i>	75.00
<i>Mattresses</i>	440.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	2,436.60
<i>Disposal Works Permit</i>	600.00
<i>Well Permits</i>	300.00
<i>Perc Tests</i>	1,000.00
<i>Installer Permits</i>	385.00
<i>System Repair</i>	.00
<i>Food Service Permits</i>	1,070.00
<i>Hauling Permits</i>	385.00
<i>Frozen Dessert Permit</i>	20.00
<i>Frig/Air Conditioners</i>	150.00

PLANNING BOARD

2011 has been another challenging year for the Planning Board. It again has been the "year of the telecommunications tower". Since April, when we approved the AT&T tower on Blandford Hill Road, we have dealt with issues from their attorneys attempting to overturn the conditions placed on the Special Permit. The litigation was finally settled in November.

As usual, we've had an ANR or two, but there has been less activity than usual for them, probably due to the poor economy.

We have been short members all year, and numerous meetings had to be cancelled, due to lack of a quorum. Michael Brisebois attended throughout the AT&T Public Hearing process and was part of the litigation, but those were the only meetings he attended in 2011, as he had said would be the case when he resigned in 2010. Scott Tillinghast resigned in 2011. He had missed a number of meetings throughout the year, due to being on the School Committee, which often met the same night as Planning Board, and also because of the demands of new twin boys at home. Thank you for your service, Scott! If Steve Hamlin had not attended as an alternate, we would not have been able to conduct any business the majority of the year, until Karon Hathaway came on board. We are still short several members, and are still not always able to get a quorum, so would appreciate inquiries.

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, Chair

Cricket Heath

Karon Hathaway



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year the Agricultural Commission hosted an informational night for the public regarding Woodland property stewardship. Updates were presented on some of the more dangerous insects to our local forests. Several options available to landowners to preserve and/or pass properties on to the next generation in their families were explained. Also, many examples of forest management types and the related management plans were discussed. This was very well attended and equally well received. Plans for the future include a follow up meeting about Woodland strategies, addressing some of the questions which have come up since the last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wickland, Chair

Anne Marie Knox
Janet Mollison

Gerald Manley
John Mollison

Bonnie McKinney
Gordon Richardson





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 three applications during 2011. The proposals all involved septic systems, one for installation of a new system and two for upgrade and repair of existing systems. The projects were able to proceed after public hearings. We also issued a Certificate of Compliance to allow the sale of a house that had been constructed with a Conservation Commission permit. The Certificate showed the new owner that all work had been completed properly.

The Commission brought two enforcement orders to successful conclusion. In the first case, a property owner had cut down several trees in the riverfront area, despite having been advised that such work required a permit from the Conservation Commission. He has now planted replacement trees and marked off the riverfront area so he knows the limit of construction work on his property. In the second case, a property owner constructed a road with several new culverts as part of a forestry operation. Since the construction went beyond that allowed under the forest cutting plan, it was necessary to have permission from the Conservation Commission. The matter was resolved after site inspections and wetland delineations.

Commission members performed some twenty site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as to respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed 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.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conferences of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and the Westfield River Watershed Association, which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. We were sorry that Mary Gerken had to resign from the Commission, and we thank her for all her good work with us. We are happy that Debra Deane has now joined 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 pm in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves
Susan McIntosh (Chairperson)

Debra Deane
Erik Steins

Ross Hackerson,
Michael Vorwerk

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Mass. Historical Commission recently approved a Preliminary Study Report submitted by the Local Historic District Study Committee in Huntington to form a Local Historic District. The Local Historic District would be a single property protecting the St. Thomas Church site. The building is a local landmark and prominent structure in Town but has been closed and up for sale since February 14, 2010.

Charming and scenic downtown Huntington is already on the National Register of Historic Places, but this designation is symbolic and does not actually protect the beautiful historic structures from destruction. Our committee was formed by the Huntington Selectboard in March 2011 following guidelines established by the Mass. Historical Commission to consider if further protection of this important abandoned building was warranted, and we have determined that it is critically important to the character and value of the town to maintain this treasure.

If approved at Annual Town Meeting, renovations to the exterior of the building would be reviewed by a Local Historic District Commission appointed by the Huntington Selectboard. Renovations would be required to maintain key exterior aspects of the beautiful architecture, but interior work would be excluded. This is similar to a Zoning bylaw.

We as a community can preserve a landmark building, help shepherd it into reuse and protect a small piece of American History for years to come.

The proposed bylaw to form the St. Thomas Church Local Historic District will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on June 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena, Chair
Daniel Bugli
David Norton
Jeff Penn
Helen Speckels



COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

(FY11 July 2010 - June 2011)



Our year began in July 2010 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 pm in front of the gazebo or inside Stanton Hall with inclement weather. The Music Series was also supported by the local Cultural Council. Weekly bake sales were provided by local community groups. A Town Picnic was enjoyed by hundreds of people during one of the last performances in August with hamburgers and hot dogs.

Fall brought us to a Mum Sale and our annual Pumpkin Carving and Painting also held on the Town Green. Winter started with a Gingerbread House Decorating in Stanton Hall. Participants decorated buildings of the Town with candy and left them on display at Stanton Hall. The spring of 2011 began with two plant sales for Easter and Mothers' Day. The Committee also helped with a spring clean up around the gazebo and downtown area with plants. All events were offered free to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew, Chair



RECREATION COMMITTEE

(FY11 July 2010 - June 2011)

Summer camp unfortunately was unable to be held at the Littleville Elementary School during the summer of 2010 due to the transitioning of the hilltown schools. Weekly activities were scheduled for the summer at either no cost to residents or at a reduced rate. There was a kick ball and ice cream party held at Pettis Field, an opportunity to go to Six Flags with an all you could eat picnic, Friday entertainment and picnic held at a reserved pavilion at Stanley Park, boat ride along the Connecticut River courtesy of Brunelle's Marina, James and the Giant Peach showing at The Majestic Theater, skating at Interskate 91, picnic at Look Park, and a bike ride along the Norwottuck Rail Trail in Northampton.

The Rag Shag parade was held in October. Santa arrived by fire truck courtesy of the Huntington Fire Department before his tour through Town. Arts and crafts with holiday music and refreshments were enjoyed at Stanton Hall while waiting for Santa to arrive. During school vacations the Committee sponsored a Family Bowling Day. Springfield Falcons hockey vouchers were purchased and offered to the public at a discount price for all home games throughout the season. An event that always brings smiles and excitement is the Easter Egg Hunt with over a thousand toy/candy filled eggs held at Pettis Field in the spring 2011.

Our Annual Dance for adults was held May 2011 with the band Shut Up and Dance. A donation was made to the Playground Committee assisting with their plans at Pettis Field. A swing set was assembled and installed adding to the project.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Brady
Ed Renauld

Vicki Mayhew
Kathy Sullivan

Michelle Oliveira, Chair
Amy Williams

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2011 cycle:

▪ Arts Alive in the Hilltowns	\$ 100
▪ Blandford Fair Art Show	\$ 334
▪ Chester Theatre Company	\$ 300
▪ Janice Doubleday-Basket Workshop	\$ 200
▪ Gateway Regional High School Chorus	
UMASS Multibands Concert	\$ 80
▪ Gateway Show Choir	\$ 50
▪ Richard Hamelin-Pottery Demonstration	\$ 375
▪ Huntington Community Events Committee	
Summer Music Series	\$ 700
▪ Huntington Public Library	
Round the World Folk Tales	\$ 425
▪ Littleville Elementary	
GatorRoo Music Festival-2011	\$ 400
▪ North Hall	
A Season of Music and Theatre	\$ 500
▪ Sevenars-Sevenars Music Festival	<u>\$ 400</u>

Total Recipients: 12 Total Dollars Granted: \$ 3,864

Eleven (11) performances were completed by December 31, 2011.

The Gateway Regional High School Chorus grant request for UMASS Multibands was cancelled by Gateway.

Grant applications are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org

For questions or information contact Lynn Winsor at (413) 667-5563.

Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Beane
Jodi Simmons
Peri Sossaman
Gary Winsor
Lynn Winsor, Chair



HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 2011 – December 2011



The Library has 2005 patrons, 1454 residents and 551 non-residents.

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

- Circulation: 8,227 materials
- Interlibrary Loan: 1,131
- Attendance in Library: 7,915
- Reference Transactions: 929
- Children's Programs: 41
- Adult/Young Adult Programs: 85
- Attendance at Children's Programs: 276
- Attendance at Adult/Young Adult Programs: 551
- Public Use of Computers: 2,231

Changing and reducing of the hours open has resulted in some patrons not being able to use the Library as often as they wanted. This resulted in the 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. A survey was done this year on the computer as well as by paper and the main request was for the Library to be open more hours.

We conducted a Summer Reading Program called "*One World Many Stories*" with 38 children, 567 adults. Nineteen (19) teens participated in the Summer Reading Program. There were 27 raffle basket prizes for the adults. The Library Staff and Trustees would like to thank Moltenbrey's Market, O'Brien Hilltown Funeral Home, Crow's Nest Primitive Shoppe, The Huntington Country Store, Russell Inn, B&D's, Coca-Cola of Greenfield, Pilgrim Candles, Robin Knowlton, Amelia Park, Eric Carle Museum, Berkshire Museum, Magic wings, Friends of the Huntington Public Library, Whip City Brew, United Bank (Huntington), Springfield Museums, Westfield Wal-Mart, and Westfield Big Y for their donations to the Summer Reading Program.

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

Library hours:	Wednesday: 4:00 – 8:00	Thursday: 2:00 – 8:00
	Friday: 2:00 – 8:00	Saturday: 10:00 – 3:00

Telephone number:	413/667-3506	Fax: 413/667/0088
E-mail:	huntingtonlib@comcast.net	Web page: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org
Facebook:	Huntington Public Library.	

We are also sending newsletters 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 pm at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend. COA volunteers are always needed. They do not have to be seniors.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES FOR ELDERS IN HUNTINGTON:

Highland Valley Elder Services offer lunches at Stanton Hall – Monday - Friday, 11:30 am for seniors 60 years+, donation requested; call Dale Hoppe @ 667-3505 for information and reservations. Delivered meals are also available for those in need.

Transportation to meal site, shopping and medical appointments by the Huntington COA/Franklin Regional Transit Authority Van for elders 60years+ and disabled any age by approval of FRTA; call George Webb, Van Driver @ 667-3428 or Ann Daley @ 354-6365.

Brown Bag Program providing staple groceries on the 3rd Friday each month for income eligible seniors. Small donation requested. Call Dale Hoppe @ 667-3505 or the Food Bank of Western Mass. @ 800-247-9632.

HOPE Nurse at Stanton Hall 11:15 am for health screenings, consultation and blood pressure checks on the 3rd Friday each month.

Gentle Yoga: Wednesdays at 9:00 am in Stanton Hall. A Sarah Gillett grant helps with the cost, \$5 donation requested. All ages welcome. Call George Reichert @ 413/348-9909 or Sally Barber @ 413/568-8989.

ZUMBA: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 pm, \$5 drop in rate. Call 413/667-3500.

Wheelchairs, walkers, portable commodes and other donated items are available to borrow. Call Priscilla Bishop @ 667-3626.

Regional Low Vision Support Group meets 4th Tuesday each month at 10:00 am in Stanton Hall, with lunch following. Call George Reichert @ 413/348-9909.



SPECIAL 2011 ACTIVITIES:

March: Twelve (12) seniors traveled to the Smith Bulb Show; fourteen (14) seniors enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Russell COA Senior Center. Kathy Jones, RN demonstrated how to use the defibrillator located in Stanton Hall.

April: Seventeen (17) seniors enjoyed a Volunteer Recognition luncheon at the Rapids. All nine (9) Board members attended a regional board-training course in Chesterfield; twenty-five (25) guests enjoyed the bus trip to Sturbridge Cabaret Lulu Theater show and dinner; for Senior Appreciation, Floralia Children's Company Dancers from the Huntington Dance Centre performed while local scouts served a delicious meal. Thank you Amy and Donna Parks!

COUNCIL ON AGING

- May: Huntington Lions Club held their annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon followed by a demonstration of “Singing Bowls” by Delling DeDanaan; Attorney Al Gordon gave a talk on the 2011 Elder Law Programs.
- June: Twenty-three (23) seniors attended a regional picnic at Strathmore Park.
- July: Twenty-five (25) people took a bus trip to Lake George for dinner and “Skin Deep” show; CISA program offering a ten-week program of fresh vegetables.
- August: Lobster Dinner and Cabaret at the Log Cabin.
- October: Huntington and Becket seniors attended October Fest in upper NY State; flu clinic held in Stanton Hall for 62 seniors.
- November: Lunch and show at the Log Cabin.
- December: Gala Christmas luncheon and Jim Harris musical program in Stanton Hall; Gateway’s 20th Annual Senior Brunch and concert was a delight; seniors attended Bright Nights at Forest Park as the final trip for 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Bishop, Co-Chair	Winnie Smith, Co-Chair	Joan Astaferrero, Secretary
May Parker, Treasurer	Jean Rude, Member	Ella Balchunas, Yoga Volunteer
Cookie Hurley, Member	May Diemer, Member	Betty Waite, Member
Marilyn Madru, Highland Valley Rep.		Ruth LePage, Honorary Member

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 the past year we were able to review one application.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees,

Sue Fopiano

Andrea McKittrick



ALPHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

Financial Overview

ASSET ALLOCATION – Current Investments as of January 31, 2012

Cash/Money Funds & FDIC Deposits	\$ 14,740.10	11 %
Fixed Income	24,986.25	18%
Equities	11,674.00	8%
Mutual Funds	<u>\$ 88,832.60</u>	63%
Total Investment Value:	\$140,232.95	100%

SUMMARY THIS PERIOD

Beginning Account Value	\$ 138,527.15
Dividends/Interest	312.78
Change in Acct Value	<u>1,393.02</u>
Investment Value:	\$ 140,232.95

While these funds continue to grow, albeit slowly, the Pettis Fund Trustees, over the years, have invested and continue to grow Mr. Pettis' initial gift to the Town of \$17,000 worth of Railroad Stock.

The only funds on which the Trustees may draw are currently dividends in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository and represent a very small segment of the investment capital.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Guyette, Chair & Trustee
Karen Wittshirk, Trustee
Sue Fopiano, Trustee

STANTON HALL

Stanton Hall is widely used throughout the year by a number of Town and private groups.

The hall is available to rent for special functions and events, such as parties, weddings, showers, receptions, craft fairs, fashion shows, fundraisers, etc. Anyone interested in using Stanton Hall is asked to contact Helen Speckels in the Selectboard Office at (413) 667-3500.

On a daily basis, Stanton Hall is open for lunch to all 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 and events at Stanton Hall during calendar year 2011 were:

Town Hall Committees and Boards
Senior Lunch Program
Town Dance
Summer Music Series
Huntington Dance Centre
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Little League
Flu Clinic
HOPE Nurse
Elder Law Seminar
Red Cross Blood Drive
Cub Scouts
Fall Festival
Santa Claus
Friends of the Library
Historical Society
Westfield River Wild & Scenic
Jacobs' Ladder Business Association

Penny Social
Open Mic
Highland Grange
Brown Bag
Gentle Yoga Classes
Driver's Ed Classes
Pumpkin Carving
Gateway Booster Club
Low Vision Workshop
Congregational Church
Zumba
Floralia Dance Company
Basket Weaving Classes
Historical Society
Gingerbread House Work Shop
Weddings
Baby Showers
Route 112 Scenic Byway

NORTH HALL

The North Hall Board along with the North Hall Association remains committed to helping the Town in the restoration, maintenance and upgrading of one of the two oldest buildings in Huntington that has had continuous use for over 200 years as a schoolhouse and community building. This we do through grants, fundraising and ticket sales. And there is never an audience that is not asked to help with the constant endeavors to raise the money needed to maintain the oldest public building in Huntington.

This year we worked on improving the interior of the hall. The Advisory Board and the Association sought and received a Community Foundation Grant that allowed us to improve the electrical system including: moving and replacing the old fuse system in the basement with two new panels, one in the kitchen and one upstairs for the stage; replacing the EXIT lights to bring them up to code and improving the lighting for art exhibitions.

Our downstairs art gallery area has been enhanced by new lighting and hangers to allow full appreciation of original art works. Twenty-seven hilltown artists including seven Gateway High School students exhibited their creative work in various media. We also cleaned out the closets and had them refinished.

In 2011 we hosted 13 programs, six of which were **free** to the public. Arts Council grants from Blandford, Chester, Russell and Worthington along with our Huntington Arts Council helped us bring these performances to the community. These included opera, dance, poetry, staged readings and music, music, music – jazz, country, rock and roll, blues and more.

We have put Huntington on the map as an arts destination. Our audience comes from the hilltowns and beyond - from Southern Vermont, Boston to Pittsfield, and northern Connecticut. Many of these people ask us where they can go for lunch and/or dinner and we direct them to local restaurants. And they often stop at local businesses, like the Country Store for a little shopping. Our audience is varied because our season program is designed to meet a large variety of interests. We have even seen one of our plays produced on the stage in New York. Many of our performers are from the local area as are the local visual artists who are displayed in our schoolroom gallery.

Part of the attraction of this historic Town building is its history, a history we are protecting along with service to the local community through the activities of the North Hall Association.

Respectfully submitted,

North Hall Advisory Board:

Ruth Pardoe
Jacqueline Kimsey
Nancy Kaminski
Darlene Horne

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 19, Huntington, MA 01050

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. As our bylaws state: "The purpose of the Jacob's Ladder Business Association, Inc. is to promote higher business standards, improve business methods and conditions and to enhance the character and general welfare of its member communities."

In 2011, although we didn't have a full Board of Directors, we held seven networking events, including meetings and networking events held at member businesses: Alpine Solar, Azure Green, Baird Tavern, Four Main Street, Montgomery Professional Center, and Moss Hill Farm. Thank you all!

We were also able to award our annual Business Scholarship to two deserving Gateway seniors, who are either business majors, or attending business schools after graduation. This year, the applicants were Huntington residents Monica Gusek and Tyler Pease. Congratulations!

In November, we again launched our membership drive, with prizes, and were rewarded with several enthusiastic new members who are helping plan events for 2012. The 2011 winner of the \$100 gift certificate from another JLBA member was Derrick Mason, owner of Sign-Grafx, who selected the gift certificate from Four Main Street Bar & Grill. Congratulations!

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 pm, although sometimes the meetings and events move around. 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





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.

In 2011, over 80 volunteers contributed over 480 volunteer hours. In addition, new volunteers adopted 36 miles of the 78 designated Wild & Scenic miles. As stewards of these river segments, these volunteers will continue to assist in recording observations, including the location of invasive species, habitat features, and water quality indicators.

The Committee co-sponsored 7 performances and workshops of the Watershed Waltz Puppet show for elementary school-children. The performances were recorded and will be available on DVD for teachers, families and others to enjoy.

Imagine 35,000 basketballs going by you every second – this was the flow recorded on the West Branch of the Westfield River during Tropical Storm Irene. Following the historic flooding, the Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee consulted and served as a resource for several communities, landowners and agencies on flood recovery efforts. In the upcoming year, the Committee hopes to collect the communities' stories and images during and post-flood to use in future educational and interpretative exhibits.

The severe and widespread flooding from Tropical Storm Irene effectively precluded a “normal” sampling year for our volunteer macroinvertebrate monitoring program, in which the data are used for assessing waterbody conditions and trending these conditions over time. Rather, this year presented a rare opportunity to assess the effect of an historic flood event on watershed resources and monitor post-flood recovery. From mid-September through mid-November, 15 samples were collected from 3 historic monitoring sites. These data will be compared with similar data being collected by volunteers in the Deerfield River watershed to determine the effect of the flooding on macroinvertebrate communities, as well as how long does the recovery post-flood conditions take.

Our partnership with Westfield State University was bolstered this year by the involvement of several interns, particularly along the East Branch Trail. Interns helped create several informative and interpretative brochures, including an historic and tracking guide for the trail which will accompany newly installed informational kiosks. Over 8 days this past summer, another intern conducted 30 extensive trail user surveys and documented 125 additional trail users along the East Branch Trail. This information will help us determine how best to tap into the skills of our trail stewards to address the concerns and needs of the trail users.

WRWSAC hosted an intern this past summer as part of the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership's (WISP) project to educate river users about the Didymo – aka Rock Snot, the Asian Longhorned Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer. These invasive forest pests and aquatic algae have been found in surrounding watersheds and/or communities. As part of early-detection and education efforts, the intern distributed handouts and materials to over 20 recreational businesses in the watershed, interacted with 125 river users and attended several events in the Hilltowns and Westfield River valley.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Penn, Vice Chair and Huntington Town Representative

We need a Town Alternate Representative – if you have interest, please contact the Selectboard.



HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

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The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 23 years ago and includes the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC was created by a group of dedicated volunteers from each member town who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards that had a desire to protect the environment, become more sustainable and deal with the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs. In that time the HRMC has created important environmentally beneficial cost-saving recycling programs and develop long term regional and town-based sustainability based programs.

The past year has seen a significant change in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) are now working closely together on sustainability and green energy issues. In fact the HRMC Administrator now splits his time, spending one-half of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and one-half of each week being the Sustainability Director for the HCOG.

WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE HRMC HELP WITH?

The HRMC helps the Town of Huntington manage disposal, recycling and sustainability related programs:

- ✓ Solid waste disposal, hauling and contracting
- ✓ MRF household recycling, hauling and contracting
- ✓ Electronics, paint, propane tank, tire, and clothes recycling programs
- ✓ Organize and manage the Annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- ✓ Provide sustainability and recycling outreach and education efforts
- ✓ Assisting local boards with DEP and compliance-related issues
- ✓ Assisting with monitoring transfer station efforts costs and activities
- ✓ Advocating on behalf of the Town
- ✓ Explore new green energy and sustainability programs and grants
- ✓ Is assisting the Town in becoming a Massachusetts designated "Green Community"
- ✓ Coordinate sustainability activities and green energy programs in cooperation with the HCOG
- ✓ Explore zero waste issues

HOW DOES THE HRMC HELP THE TOWN SAVE MONEY?

The HRMC works closely with local officials in the Town providing information and important technical assistance. We also help obtain access to the resources needed for the management of successful solid waste, recycling, sustainability and new solar/wind/green energy programs.

Last fiscal year the HRMC helped member towns:

- ❖ Recycle over 1,129 tons of material
- ❖ Save \$73,415.50 in disposal costs
- ❖ Save 6,254 tons of greenhouse gas emissions
- ❖ Earn over \$47,322 in recycling revenues

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Administrator & HCOG Sustainability Director

VETERANS' AGENT

This past year we were able to assist a good number of veterans and their dependents. Under the provision of Mass. General Law Chapter 115, 108 CMR, Social Security and VA benefits, help was given to enable veterans eligible for assistance to retain a much better quality of life.

To remind everyone, I am on call "24-7". Please call me at 413/527-1715 or 413/265-4473.

God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Messier
Veterans' Services Officer



Town of Huntington Telephone Directory

Ambulance	667-3277
Animal Control Officer	667-5635
Assessors' Office	667-3501
Board of Health	667-3511
Board of Health Agent	413/572-6212
Board of Selectmen	667-3500
Building Commissioner	413/652-2011
Building Inspector	667-5763
Conservation Commission	667-8893
Council on Aging	413/348-9909
Cultural Council	667-5563
Dog Officer	667-3412
Electrical Inspector	413/348-9307
Fire Department	667-3368
Gas Inspector	354-6307
Gateway Regional School District	685-1000
Hamblin Court	413/634-5000
High School	685-1103
Highway Department	667-3504
Historical Commission	667-3453
Library	667-3506
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
Meal Site	667-3505
Middle School	685-1202
North Hall	667-2251
Planning Department	667-3346
Plumbing Inspector	354-6307
Police Department	667-8868
Title V Agent	413/562-7286
Town Accountant	667-3502
Town Clerk	667-3186
Town Collector	667-3509
Town Treasurer	667-3509
Veterans' Agent	413/265-4473
Water & Sewer	667-3356
Zoning Board	667-3428
Zoning Enforcement Officer	667-5763

TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Huntington. This Talent Bank Form has been established to compile a list of interested citizens who are voluntarily willing to serve on Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Some groups meet often, others require less time, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year.

If you are interested in serving, please check your preference(s) below and return the completed form to the Selectboard Office at the address listed below. The form can also be faxed or emailed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic District Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> North Hall Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology
Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanton Hall Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Memorial
Construction Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: _____

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: _____

Return form to: Selectboard Office, P. O. Box 430/24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050

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