

Town of
Williamsburg
Massachusetts



2007
Annual Report

In Gratitude to Lois Scott, Gertrude Ronk and Evelyn Kmit

We'd like to think that everyone who lives in our town loves our town and will always remember it.

Over the past two years, three committed long-time residents of Williamsburg passed away, and in their final thoughts, through their wills, each remembered her hometown with a wonderful gift to the trust funds of Williamsburg.



Lois Scott, of Adams Road in Haydenville, passed away in June of 2005, and left \$25,000 to the Arthur King Beautification Fund, established in the name of a former Selectman. Mrs. Scott remembered this fund and wanted to add to it, increasing the amount of money that would be available each year for beautification projects. Funds from this trust have been used for the beautiful plantings along Route 9 and plantings around the Town Offices, and will continue to be used for plantings and other such projects around the Williamsburg town centers.

Gertrude Ronk, of Old Goshen Road, passed away in July 2005, and in her final will left a bequest of over \$30,000 to be used for the trust fund that helps maintain and operate the two town clocks in the Haydenville and Williamsburg Congregational Churches. She also left funds directly to those churches and many other organizations. Already some of her bequest has been used to restore the Haydenville clock thoroughly, fixing all four clock faces and restoring the beautiful bells.





Mrs. Evelyn Kmit, who passed away last November, was a former physical education teacher in the Williamsburg school system and a long-time resident. Before moving to Arizona in her later years, she established two scholarship trusts in the names of her children, Chester Jon Kmit and Sandra Kmit Bernier. These trusts are administered by the Hampshire Regional School District, which gives out the scholarships each year. Jon served in Vietnam and was the only Williamsburg resident to perish in that war. In her will, Mrs. Kmit left \$300,000 to the Trust Commission to create a new trust in the memory of her husband and daughter. Interest earned from this gift is to be used for children's programs at the town libraries.

These gifts will be invested by the Williamsburg Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission with the town's other trust funds in order to maximize our return and so increase the funds available for these and other projects.

The Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission administers a number of funds; more information about the activities of the Commission and how you can help can be found in their report.

The residents of the Town of Williamsburg are grateful for the bequests of these three fine ladies and as a token of our thanks, dedicate this year's annual report to them.

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Town of Williamsburg
Incorporated 1771

Select Board

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Jeffrey S. Ciuffreda, Clerk
David Mathers

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Town Office Hours

	Town Offices, 141 Main Street
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Steven Herzberg, (413) 268-8418	Monday through Thursday 9:00-3:00
ADMIN. ASST. TO SELECT BOARD Eleanor Warnock, (413) 268-8400	Monday through Wednesday 10:00-2:00
TOWN COLLECTOR Bonnie Roberge, (413) 268-8401	Monday through Thursday 8:30-3:00
TOWN CLERK Brenda Lessard, (413) 268-8402	Monday 9:00-2:00, Tuesday 9:00-12:00, Thursday 9:00-2:00, Thursday evening 6:00-8:00
ASSESSORS (413) 268-8403	Tuesday 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday evening 7:00-8:00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT Joyce Muka, (413) 268-8412	Wednesday 8:00-11:00 a.m., Thursday 8:00-3:00
TOWN TREASURER Peter Mahieu, (413) 268-8415	By appointment
FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT Jackie Duda, (413) 268-8404	By appointment
REGIONAL SENIOR CENTER Director Mary Wheelan, (413) 268-8407 Program Director Fran Goebel	Monday through Thursday 8:30-1:30
REGIONAL MEAL SITE Director Sandra Liimatainen (413) 268-9326	Meals served Wednesday and Thursday at 11:45 a.m.
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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT Bill Turner, (413) 268-8405	24 Main St., Williamsburg Monday through Friday 7:00-3:30
POLICE CHIEF John Cotton, (413) 268-7237	16 South Main Street, Haydenville
HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Administrator Eric Weiss, (413) 268-3845	P.O. Box 630, Williamsburg
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER (413) 268-8408	Mountain Street, Haydenville Wednesday and Saturday 9:00-4:00
REGIONAL BUILDING INSPECTOR Paul Tacy, (413) 296-0127 Office Assistant Tara Ussailis	Chesterfield Town Offices, P.O. Box 175, Chesterfield 01012 Monday through Wednesday 8:00-12:00

Please note that these times are subject to change.

Board Meeting Schedules

Agricultural Commission	Monthly, 2 nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Assessors	Weekly, Tuesday 10:00-11:30 a.m., 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Brassworks ReUse Committee	Monthly, 2 nd Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Twice a month, 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays, 7:00 pm Site visits as needed
Council on Aging	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
Finance Committee	Monthly, 3 rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. (changing to 3 rd Thursday)
Board of Health	Twice a month, every other Wednesday
Hilltown Resource Management	Monthly, 1 st Thursday, 7 p.m.
Library Trustees	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, at Meekins Library
Open Space Committee	Monthly, 4 th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Board	Twice a month, 1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Commission	Monthly, 1 st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Williamsburg School Committee	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Anne T. Dunphy School
Hampshire Regional School Committee	Monthly, 1 st Monday, 7:00 p.m. Hampshire Regional School
Select Board	Every other Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (warrant weeks)
Shade Tree Committee	Monthly, 3 rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Trust Fund Commission	Twice a month, 1 st and 2 nd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Water/Sewer Commission	Every other Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (warrant weeks)
Woodland Trails	Monthly, 2 nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Per application

Please note that some changes are made in scheduling to accommodate summer/winter scheduling. Many boards hold additional meetings as necessary. All meetings are posted by the Town Clerk on the bulletin board in the Town Office. They are also posted on cable television channel 15 in Williamsburg. Meetings are not held on state or federal holidays.

2007 Appointed Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Administrative Assistant		
Eleanor Warnock	1 year	2008
Christopher Morris	2 months	2007
Agricultural Council		
Paul Zononi (alternate)	1 year	2008
Diane Merritt (alternate)	1 year	2008
Barbara Webb (alternate)	1 year	2008
Alden Bacon	3 years	2010
Henry Warner	3 years	2009
Jacqueline Dufresne	3 years	2009
Allan Everett	2 years	2008
Lincoln Fish	2 years	2008
Americans with Disabilities Act Committee		
Vacancy	1 year	2005
Vacancy	1 year	2004
Angel Park Committee		
Henry Warner	Completion	Completion
Marion Warner	Completion	Completion
Donna Baldwin	Completion	Completion
DeAun Corbett	Completion	Completion
Sandra Magdalenski	Completion	Completion
Animal Inspector		
Donald Lawton	1 year	2008
Assistant to Collector		
Vacancy	1 year	2006
Board of Appeals		
Donald Turner (alternate)	1 year	2008
Osa Flory (alternate)	1 year	2008
Martin Mahoney	2 years	2009
Lisa Berkman	3 years	2010
Gerald Mann	3 years	2008
David Mathers	3 years	2009 resigned 06/30/2007

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Brassworks Reuse Committee			
Peter Mahieu	1 year	2008	appointed by Finance
Martin Mahoney	1 year	2008	appointed by Planning Board
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2008	
Building Inspector			
Paul Tacy	1 year	2008	
Cable Advisory Committee			
Tom Adams	1 year	2007	
Dave Nardi	1 year	2007	
Peter Pelland	1 year	2007	
Arthur Silver	1 year	2007	
* Disbanded with Thanks for completion of contract discussions, spring 2007			
Capital Planning Committee			
Robert Buchele	1 year	2008	
Kit Smith	1 year	2008	
Bill Sayre	3 years	2008	
George Mathers	3 years	2010	
Peter Mahieu - Advisory	1 year	2010	
Lloyd Warriner	3 years	2007	
* 3 year appointments by Selectboard * 1 year appointments by Finance Committee			
Conservation Commission			
Philip Skwira	3 years	2009	
Robert Stinson	3 years	2010	
Gordon Luce	3 years	2010	
Tom Hodgkins – alternate	1 year	2008	
Jim Wilson, Chair	3 years	2008	
Wilbur Loomis	3 years	2008	
Constables			
Jeffrey Cranston	3 years	2009	
Wilbur Loomis	3 years	2009	
Paul Sanderson, Asst Chief	3 years	2009	
John Svoboda, Chief	3 years	2009	

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Council on Aging		
Carl Beach	3 years	2010
Dorothy Backer	3 years	2010
Eric Backer	3 years	2010
Philip Reid –Associate	3 years	2010
Connie Young – Associate	3 years	2010
Donna Baldwin	3 years	2008
Ira Gabrielson	3 years	2008
Kerstin Liander	3 years	2008
Gerald Mann	3 years	2009
Janet Nurczyk	3 years	2009
Lenore Gervais	3 years	2009
Sandy Liimatainen – Associate	3 years	2009
Emma Hall – Associate	3 years	2009
Glen Goebel – Associate	3 years	2009
Frances Goebel, Program Director	1 year	2008
Mary Wheelan, Director	1 year	2008
Athena Warren	Emeritus	Lifetime
Dorothea Mosher	Emeritus	Lifetime
Sandy Liimatainen, Coordinator of Mealsite		
Cultural Council		
Mary Kay Hannon	3 years	2010
Linda Gibbon	3 years	2008
Nan Fleming	3 years	2008
Sarah Palmer	3 years	2008
Freda Brackley	3 years	2009
Director Civil Defense		
Donald Lawton	1 year	2008
Dog Officer		
William Turner	1 year	2008
Debra Turner	1 year	2008
Field Driver		
Donald Lawton	1 year	2008
Vacancy	1 year	2004
Emergency Management Director		
Robert Cayo	1 year	2007
Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden		
Donald Lawton	1 year	2008

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
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Fire Fighters

Donald Turner – Deputy Chief
 Eric Cerreta – Deputy Chief
 James Ferron - Captain
 Jason Connell – Captain
 Paul Sanderson – Lieutenant
 Matt Bruso – Lieutenant
 Cory McGill – Lieutenant

1 year

2008

Fire Fighters

Peter Banister	Roger Bisbee	Alan Everett	Glen Everett
Heather Heinz	Richard Karowski	Lawrence Lashway	John Pope
Gilman Smith	Brian McGill	Kenneth Taylor	
Jeremiah Pelkey	Robert Parker	Robert Cayo III	
Daniel Banister	Mark Curtin	Tim McQueston	Daryl Springman

* Firefighters are appointed by the Fire Chief

Gas Inspector

Donald Lawton

1 year

2008

Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority

Vacancy

4 years

2006

Highway Superintendent

William Turner

1 year

2008

Hilltown Community Development Corporation

Vacancy

1 year

1997

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Krzysztof Sakrejda-Leavitt

1 year

2008

Eric Cerreta

1 year

2008

resigned 10/25/07

Donna Gibson

1 year

2008

Historical Commission

Mary Bisbee

3 years

2010

Ralmon Black

3 years

2010

Sarah Palmer

2 years

2009

Dave Majercik

3 years

2008

Eric Weber

3 years

2010

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
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Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board

Eric Weiss	1 year	2008
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Measurer Gravel/Soil and Manure

Wilbur Loomis	1 year	2008
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Open Space and Recreation Committee

Kate Dollard	1 year	2008
Melissa Adams	1 year	2008
Charlie Heath	1 year	2008
Roz Driscoll	1 year	2008
Sally Loomis	1 year	2008
Wilbur Loomis	1 year	2008

* Representatives to the Five Town Initiative Committee are Sally Loomis and Kate Dollard

Parking Clerk

Bonnie Roberge	1 year	2008
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Pioneer Valley Region Joint Transportation

Linda Rowley	1 year	2008
William Turner – alternate	1 year	2008

Planning Board

Neal Anderson	4 years	2011
Jim Locke	5 years	2012
Roger Bisbee	5 years	2012
James Lawrence	5 years	2009
Timothy McQueston	5 years	2010
Andy Soles	5 years	2010
Steven Snow	5 years	2011

Plumbing Inspector

Donald Lawton	1 year	2008
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Police and Fire Chaplain

Joshua Davis	1 year	2008
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Police Chief

John Cotton	1 year	2008
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<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Police Officers		
Denise Wickland, Sergeant	1 year	2008
Jeffrey Brooks	1 year	2008
Michael Wayne	1 year	2008
Aimee Wallace	1 year	2008
Tyler Moore	1 year	2008
William Chapman	1 year	2008
Josh Harris	1 year	2008
Sabrina Willard	1 year	2008
Michael A Romano	1 year	2008
Procurement Officer		
Walter (Sam) Kellogg	1 year	2008
PVTA Representative		
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2008
Registrar of Voters		
Jean York	3 years	2010
Charlene Nardi	3 years	2010
Linda Rowley	3 years	2008
Diane O'Sullivan	3 years	2009
School Building Committee		
Alan Everett	1 year	2007
Alice Walker	1 year	2007
Donna McGill	1 year	2007
George Childs	1 year	2007
Jeffrey Gelbard	1 year	2007
John Pohanka	1 year	2007
Michele Morris	1 year	2007
Sherrie Marti	1 year	2007
Eric Cerreta	1 year	2007
* School Principal is advisory member		
Senior Center Feasibility Committee		
Mary Wheelan	1 year	Disbanded 2007
Carl Beach	1 year	Disbanded 2007
Emma Hall	1 year	Disbanded 2007
Sandra Liimatainen	1 year	Disbanded 2007
Bonnie Roberge	1 year	Disbanded 2007
Candy Smith	1 year	Disbanded 2007
* Disbanded on April 26, 2007		

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Shade Tree Committee		
Osa Flory	1 year	2008
Anne Bussler	1 year	2008
Michael Beattie	1 year	2008
John Kuzeja, Jr.	1 year	2008
Paul Jahnige	1 year	2008
Surveyor Wood/Lumber		
Alden Bacon	1 year	2008
Town Accountant		
Franklin Council of Governments		
Joyce Muka	1 year	2008
Town Collector		
Bonnie Roberge	3 years	20010
Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent		
Shade Tree Committee	1 year	2008
Veterans' Agent		
Henry Warner	1 year	2007
City of Northampton		resigned 7/19/07
Steven Connor		
Whiting Street Fund		
Donna Gibson	1 year	2008
George Shaheen	1 year	2008
Eileen Stewart	1 year	2008
Williamsburg School Council (The School Council is not appointed by Town Government)		
Alfred J. Venne, Principal	Principal	2008
Kate Dollard, Parent	3 years	2009
Laurie Cote, Parent	3 years	2007
Lisa Peloquin, Teacher	2 years	2007
Karen Schweitzer	2 years	2007
David Sprague	2 years	2007
Jeff Gelbard, SC liaison	1 year	2008
Vacancy, Community Member	1 year	2008
* 2 parents (3 years), 3 teachers (2 years), 1 community member (3 years)		

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
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Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Diane Merritt	1 year	2007
Eileen Keegan	1 year	2007
Dean Acheson	1 year	2007
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2007
Paul Jahnige	1 year	2007
Mary Serreze	1 year	2007
Kathaleen Emerson	1 year	2007
Gwen Blodgett	1 year	2007
Michael Reed	1 year	2007
Susan Milsom	1 year	2008

Wiring Inspector

Paul Lyons	1 year	2008
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Town Employees/Election Workers

Williamsburg Libraries

Lisa Wenner – Library Director
 Rochelle Wildfong
 Bobbin Young
 All the wonderful volunteers

Health Agent

Jackie Duda

Highway Department

Kenneth Taylor Donald Turner Peter Banister

Pollworkers

Dot Lucey	Ira Gabrielson	Janet Nurczyk	Mary Koenig
Candy Smith	Bernardine Magdalenski		
Don Owens	Pat Casterline	John Pohanka	Robert Acheson
Mary Ann Ciuffreda	Maureen Mathers	Sheila Dufresne	Claudia Downey
Diane Merritt	Gary Kuntz	Alden Bacon	Louise Bacon
Thomas Hodgkins	Susan Hodgkins	Kathy Davidheiser	Louise Henry
Lucille Clark	Ruth Loomis		

Election Wardens

Bess Lojko Kathleen Luce

Town Office Custodian

Russell Richardson

Transfer Station Manager

Thomas Poudrier

Transfer Station Staff

George Newman Henry Warner

2007 Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
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Assessors

Marjorie Dunphy	3 years	2010
Peter Shumway	1 year	2008
Denise Banister	3 years	2009

Board of Health

Donna Gibson	3 years	2010
Ira Gabrielson	3 years	2009
Donald Lawton	3 years	2008

Board of Library Trustees

Anne Haxo	3 years	2010
Mary Gabrielson	3 years	2010
Patricia Billingsley	3 years	2008
Connie Fitzgerald	2 years	2008
Christopher B. Loring	3 years	2009
James Locke	3 years	2009

Elector – Oliver Smith Will

Eric Cerreta	1 year	2008
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Finance Committee

Charles Heath	3 years	2010
Christopher Smith	3 years	2010
Gordon Allen	3 years	2010
Peter Mahieu	3 years	2008
Christopher Morris	2 years	2008
John Pepi	3 years	2008 resigned 8/9/07
Robert Buchele	3 years	2009
Karen DeSalvio	3 years	2009
Walter (Kim) Boas	3 years	2009
Michael Beattie	1 year	2007 appointed until 2007 election
Eric Ceretta	1 year	2008 appointed until 2008 election

Hampshire Council of Government Councilors

Eileen Stewart	2 years	2008
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* Position was placed on 2007 Caucus but not on the May 2007 ballot, only incumbent was nominated at Caucus and remains in position until the 2008 Annual Election*

Local School Committee

Diane Bishop	3 years	2010
Jeff Gelbard	3 years	2010
Duncan Laird	3 years	2008
Michael Beattie	3 years	2008
Charlene Nardi	3 years	2009

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Moderator			
Joseph Larkin	1 year	2008	
Recreation			
Alan Golash	3 years	2010	
Robert Bihler	3 years	2010	
Gary Benoit	3 years	2008	
John O'Sullivan	3 years	2008	
Dennis Bishop	3 years	2009	
Regional School Committee			
Sherrie Marti	3 years	2010	
David P. Nardi	3 years	2008	
Kate Smith	3 years	2009	
Board of Selectmen			
David Mathers	3 years	2010	
Denise Banister	3 years	2008	
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	3 years	2009	
Eric Cerreta	3 years	2007	
Town Clerk			
Brenda Lessard	1 year	2008	should run 3 years in 08
Charlene Nardi	3 years	2010	resigned 9/21/07
Treasurer			
Peter Mahieu	3 years	2010	
Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission			
Peter Siersma	3 years	2010	
John Pohanka	3 years	2008	
James DiDonato	3 years	2009	
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	3 years	2007	
Water/Sewer Commission			
Walter (Sam) Kellogg	3 years	2010	
Howard Sanderson	3 years	2008	
Kenneth Taylor	2 years	2008	
William Turner	3 years	2009	
James Hyslip	3 years	2010	

Annual Report of the Town Clerk

The year 2007 brought some changes to the Williamsburg Town Offices. We have many new faces, including myself after Charlene Nardi resigned as Town Clerk.

The following Town Meetings and Elections were held in Williamsburg from January 2007 to December 2007.

Annual Caucus – Monday, March 5, 2007

Annual Election – Monday, May 7, 2007

Annual Town Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2007

Special Election – Monday, July 30, 2007

Special Town Meeting – Monday, December 10, 2007

As of December 31, 2007 there were 1,790 registered voters. The breakdown of registered voters:

632 active registered Democrats

160 active registered Republicans

974 active registered Unenrolled (formerly called Independent)

18 registered Green-Rainbow

5 registered Libertarian

1 registered Green Party USA

Thank you to the Registrar of Voters – Diane O’Sullivan, Linda Rowley and Jean York, the Wardens – Bess Lojko, Winona Lockwood and Kathleen Luce, and the dedicated and efficient election workers – Dot Lucey, Janet Nurczyk, Pat Casterline, Sheila Dufresne, Bernardine Magdalenski, Donald Owens, John Pohanka, Mary Ann Ciuffreda, Claudia Downey, Kathy Davidheiser, Tom Hodgkins and Gary Kuntz.

As always, I appreciate the support and flexibility of the School Administration and hard work of head custodian Mike O’Brien in the setup for all our town events. Thank you, Mike!

Many thanks to our dedicated Constables: John Svoboda, Paul Sanderson, Jeff Cranston, and Wilbur Loomis, for all their efforts and support of the election process.

As always, dog licenses were issued, records were updated, filings made, in addition to providing residents and families with copies of vital records and genealogy searches.

The following numbers and licenses were recorded as of December 31, 2007:

The total population – 2447

Residents 18 and over – 2033

The Dog Officers and Town Clerk licensed 485 dogs (including kennel licenses).

Fishing and Hunting Licenses were issued from the Town Clerks office as listed below:

41 Sporting and Hunting Licenses

23 Fishing Licenses

It is with great joy that the Town of Williamsburg recorded 27 births. May each of those children and their families be blessed with a lifetime of health and happiness.

It is always exciting to see couples take the step of committing to one another through marriage. The Town of Williamsburg issued and recorded 14 marriages. Congratulations to all the couples.

The Town of Williamsburg recorded 24 deaths in the year 2007. Our deepest condolences to all the families that lost a loved one.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda M. Lessard
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION – TOWN CAUCUS 2007

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters (quorum 40) of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Anne T. Dunphy School on the fifth day of March 2007, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Charlene Nardi, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Eileen Stewart

Secretary: Diane O'Sullivan

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	RESIDENCE	SIGNATURE
ASSESSOR	1	Peter Shumway	185 Ashfield Rd	Signed by Same
ASSESSOR	3	Marjorie Dunphy	16 North Main St	Accepted by Letter
BOARD OF HEALTH				
	3	Donna Gibson	110 Nash Hill Rd	Away – not signed
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES				
	3	Mary Gabrielson	85 Old Goshen Rd.	Accepted by Letter
	3	Anne Tumblin-Haxo	11 High St.	Signed by same
ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL				
	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main St.	Signed by same
FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	3	Charlie Heath	83 Mountain St	Signed by same
	3	Christopher Smith	1 Valley View	Signed by same
	3	Gordon Allen	48 Nash Hill Rd.	Signed by same
	3	Michael Beattie	81 South St	Signed by same
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT COUNCILOR				
	2	Eileen Stewart	7 Petticoat Hill Rd	Signed by same
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE				
	3	Diane Bishop	179 Main St.	Signed by same
	3	Jeffrey Gelbard	6 O'Neil Rd.	Signed by same
MODERATOR				
	1	William Sayre	51 Conway Rd.	Declined
RECREATION COMMISSION				
	3	Alan Golash	28 Kingsley Ave	Signed by same
	3	Robert Bihler	80 South St.	Signed by same
	3	Duncan Laird	104 Petticoat Hill Rd.	Declined

REGIONAL SCHOOL
COMMITTEE

3	Sherrie Marti	121 Nash Hill Rd.	Signed by same
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3	Walter "Sam" Kellogg	82 Mountain St.	Signed by same
3	David Mathers	7 Eastern Ave	Signed by same

3	Charlene Nardi	67 Nash Hill Rd	Signed by same
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3	Peter Mahieu	89 Nash Hill Rd.	Signed by same
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TRUST FUND/CEMETERY

3	Peter Siersma	22 Hemenway Rd	Away – not signed
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WATER/SEWER

3	Walter "Sam" Kellogg	82 Mountain St.	Signed by same
3	James Hyslip	29 Petticoat Hill Rd	Signed by same

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg participated and voted therein. Due to the fact that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that the caucus voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or in-eligibility of the candidate or candidates so nominated, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the following: a committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Caucus and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

S/ Eileen Stewart, Presiding Officer S/ Diane O'Sullivan, Secretary to Caucus

Filed March 13, 2007

A TRUE COPY ATTEST CHARLENE L. NARDI, TOWN CLERK

Annual Election May 7, 2007

Warrant signed March 29, 2007 and posted on April 04, 2007

Selectmen: Eric Cerreta, Denise Banister and Jeffrey Ciuffreda

Last day to register to vote – April 17, 2007

Constables: Paul Sanderson and John Svoboda at Polls, Wilbur Loomis - posting.

Seventeen (17) ballots were used to test the AutoMARK and Accu-vote machine.

Seventeen (17) absentee ballots delivered at beginning of Polls, 5 additional brought during day – total twenty-two (22)

Delivered 8 sealed packages (est 200/pkg) and 47 loose regular ballots – total 1,647 ballots.

The polls opened at 10 a.m. in the Anne T. Dunphy School cafeteria and balloting begun.

The polls closed at 7 p.m., the machine tape was printed. The following are the Election Results recorded by Wardens Bess Lojko, Kathleen Luce and Town Clerk, Charlene Nardi. All Elected individuals take office July 1, 2007 per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Votes Cast – 490 Number of Eligible Voters – 1754

Assessor – 1 year – vote for 1

Blanks – 61

Peter Shumway – 428 E

Write-ins – 1

Assessor – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 91

Marjorie Dunphy – 398 E

Write-ins – 1

Board of Health – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 77

Donna Gibson – 412 E

Write-ins – 1

Board of Library Trustees – 3 years – vote for 2

Blanks – 263

Mary Gabrielson – 354 E

Anne Tumblin-Haxo – 362 E

Write-ins – 1

Elector Oliver Smith Will – 1 year - vote for 1

Blanks – 149

Eric Cerreta – 337 E

Write-ins – 4

Finance Committee – 3 years – vote for 3

Blanks – 195

Gordon Allen – 387 E

Christopher Smith – 355 E

Michael Beattie – 205

Charles Heath – 328 E

Write-ins – 0

Local School Committee – 3 years vote for 2

Blanks – 230

Diane Bishop – 387 E

Jeffrey Gelbard – 361 E

Write-ins – 2

Moderator – 1 year – vote for 1

Blanks – 115

Joseph Larkin – 375 E

Write-ins – 0

Recreation Commission – 3 years – vote for 2

Blanks – 240

Alan Golash – 390 E

Robert Bihler – 350 E

Write-ins – 0

Selectmen – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 8

Walter Kellogg – 68

David Mathers – 412 E

Write-ins – 2

Treasurer – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 96

Peter Mahieu – 392 E

Write-ins – 2

Water/Sewer Commission – 3 years – vote for 2

Blanks – 264

Walter Kellogg – 356 E

James Hyslip – 358 E

Write-ins – 2

Ballot Question

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

Blanks – 106

Yes – 151

No – 233 Question FAILED

Filed May 14, 2007

A True Copy Attest:

Charlene L. Nardi, Town Clerk

** In error, the Hampshire Council of Governments Councilor position was not placed on the ballot. Incumbent, Eileen Stewart was the only nominee at the March 5, 2007 Caucus. She will remain in the position per MGL 40, Section 107 and MGL 34B, section 20. The position will be addressed at the 2008 Caucus and on the 2008 ballot.**

Annual Town Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2007

The Warrant was signed and posted on May 24, 2007.

Moderator: Eileen Stewart

Town Clerk: Charlene Nardi

Selectboard members present: Eric Cerreta, Denise Banister and Jeffrey Ciuffreda

Constables: John Svoboda, Wilbur Loomis and Paul Sanderson

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The Town Clerk read the greeting.

Planning Board Chairman, Roger Bisbee discussed briefly age restricted housing, informational pamphlet at front table, as this issue will be coming before Town Meeting in the near future.

Eileen Stewart, stated that this evening was her last Town Meeting as Moderator after 20 years and as such it has been her honor, privilege and 98% of the time her pleasure to serve the Town of Williamsburg. Town Meeting gave Ms. Stewart a standing ovation in recognition and acknowledgement.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town empower the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, and the Trustees of Libraries to appoint their own members to town departments at such salaries or wage rates as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the Town transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from FY07 Water Reserves to FY07 Water Labor and Expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded to authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Whiting Street is the gentlemen that left the money. This small amount of money (est. \$200) is used at the holidays for gifts to children and the like type needs.

Passed unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$221,915.00 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the town's water system, including the laying of mains in fiscal 2008, and take said sum from Water Income fund.

Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Expenses	\$ 66,250.00
Debt Service	<u>\$ 152,865.00</u>
Total	\$ 221,915.00

Passed unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate \$147,037.50 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the town sewer system for fiscal year 2008, and take said sum from Sewer Income.

Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Sewer Construction	\$ 30,000.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 81,800.00
Debt Service	\$ 32,437.50
Total	\$ 147,037.50

Passed unanimously

Article 6 Moved the budget section by section.

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate, and transfer from available funds the sum of **\$404,861**, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of **"General Government"**, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise **\$374,861** from taxation and appropriate **\$30,000 from free cash**.

Amendment: Moved and seconded to amend the motion so that the money for a town administrator is contingent on an override. * Town Administrator position - Discussion on pros and cons of the position.

Amendment defeated

Original Motion - passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	From Taxes or Free Cash	From an override
General Government (100 series accounts)			
Moderator Labor	270	270	0
Selectboard Salaries	7,543	7,543	0
Selectboard Expenses	3,000	3,000	0
Town Administrator	32,500	32,500	0
Administrative Asst. (Town Sec.) Salary	12,000	12,000	0
Capital Planning Labor	298	298	0
Capital Planning Expenses	125	125	0
Finance Committee Stipends	3,409	3,409	0
Finance Committee Chairman's Stipend	154	154	0
Finance Committee Secretary	800	800	0
Finance Committee Expenses	600	600	0
Reserve Fund (20,000 from taxation/\$30,000 from Free cash)	50,000	50,000	0
Accountant's Labor	24,728	24,728	0
Accountant Assistants Labor	0	0	0
Accountant's Expenses	1,110	1,110	0
Accountant's Software	1,000	1,000	0
(Independent) Audit Services	17,000	17,000	0
Assessors' Salaries	7,543	7,543	0
Assessors' Labor	6,822	6,822	0
Assessor's Expenses	2,942	2,942	0

Assessor's CAMA Fee	1,250 ^l	1,250 ^l	0
Assessors Revaluation	4,000 ^l	4,000 ^l	0
Treasurer's Salary	16,974 ^l	16,974 ^l	0
Treasurer's Certification Stipend	0 ^l	0 ^l	0
Treasurer's Labor	2,774 ^l	2,774 ^l	0
Treasurer's Expenses	4,600 ^l	4,600 ^l	0
Treasurer's Software	1,580 ^l	1,580 ^l	0
Collector's Salary	24,728 ^l	24,728 ^l	0
Collector's Certification Stipend	0 ^l	0 ^l	0
Collector's Expenses	9,630 ^l	9,630 ^l	0
Elector Oliver Smith Will	27 ^l	27 ^l	0
Town Counsel	17,000 ^l	17,000 ^l	0
Advertising	1,000 ^l	1,000 ^l	0
Constable's Salary	270 ^l	270 ^l	0
Constable Elections	200 ^l	200 ^l	0
Clerk's Salary	12,063 ^l	12,063 ^l	0
Clerk's labor	5,337 ^l	5,337 ^l	0
Town Clerk's Expenses	1,000 ^l	1,000 ^l	0
Town Clerk's Software	500 ^l	500 ^l	0
Elections / Registration	6,570 ^l	6,570 ^l	0
Town Meeting Expense	0 ^l	0 ^l	0
Street Listing	960 ^l	960 ^l	0
Conservation Commission Labor	270 ^l	270 ^l	0
Conservation Commission Expenses	3,100 ^l	3,100 ^l	0
Planning Board Expenses	1,500 ^l	1,500 ^l	0
Zoning Board of Appeals Expenses	500 ^l	500 ^l	0
Custodial Services	9,407 ^l	9,407 ^l	0
Town Buildings / Grounds	33,000 ^l	33,000 ^l	0
Town Office Expense	4,000 ^l	4,000 ^l	0
Town Telephones	6,300 ^l	6,300 ^l	0
Technical (web site, etc.)	2,000 ^l	2,000 ^l	0
Copier Maintenance	4,700 ^l	4,700 ^l	0
Comprehensive Insurance	55,267 ^l	55,267 ^l	0
Town Reports	2,250 ^l	2,250 ^l	0
First Call for Help	260 ^l	260 ^l	0
Subtotal General Government	\$404,861^l	\$404,861^l	\$0

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$277,998, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of “Protection, Persons & Property”, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$ 270,877 from taxation and the column captioned “from an override” in the amount \$7,121 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	From Taxes or Free Cash	From an override
Protection, Persons & Property (200 series acc'ts)			
Police Chief's Salary	18,500	18,500	0
Police Department Labor	120,000	112,879	7,121
Police Department Expenses	35,000	35,000	0
Police Department records software	5,500	5,500	0
subtotal Police Department	179,000	171,879	7,121
Fire Chief's Salary	18,500	18,500	0
Fire Department Labor	23,750	23,750	0
Fire Department Expenses	25,000	25,000	0
subtotal Fire Department	67,250	67,250	0
Ambulance Service	27,653	27,653	0
Emergency Management Director's Salary	325	325	0
Parking Clerk Labor	270	270	0
Parking Clerk Expenses	0	0	0
Shade Tree Committee	3,500	3,500	0
Subtotal Protection, Persons & Property	\$277,998	\$270,877	\$7,121

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,352, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "School Committee Stipends", and to raise said sum from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,466,975, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Local School Expenses", and to raise said sum from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,392,221, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Hampshire Regional School Assessment", and to raise \$1,362,321 from taxation and the column captioned "from an override" in the amount \$29,900 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Presentation by Hampshire Regional School Administration
Williamsburg is the 4th town to vote the HRHS budget.

Passed majority

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,868, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Hampshire Regional Capital Assessments", and to raise \$99,868 from taxation

Passed unanimously

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$236,793**, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of **"Vocational School"**, and to raise **\$236,793** from taxation.

Passed unanimously

	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
Education			
School Committee Stipends	1,352	1,352	0
Local School Expenses	1,466,975	1,466,975	0
Hampshire Regional School Assessment	1,392,221	1,362,321	29,900
Hampshire Regional Capital Assessment	99,868	99,868	0
Vocational School	236,793	236,793	0
Subtotal Educational Operating Budget	\$3,197,209	\$3,167,309	\$29,900

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$465,278**, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of **"Public Works and Facilities"**, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise **\$436,976** from taxation and the column captioned **"from an override"** in the amount **\$28,302** to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
Public Works and Facilities			
Highway Labor	179,013	150,711	28,302
Highway Maintenance Expenses	72,000	72,000	0
Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenance	36,625	36,625	0
Highway Surplus Equipment	2,000	2,000	0
Highway Winter Overtime	9,708	9,708	0
Highway Winter Expenses	63,876	63,876	0
subtotal Highway Department	363,222	334,920	28,302
Vehicle Fuel (Police, Fire, Highway)	100	100	0
Street Lighting	10,300	10,300	0
Transfer Station Labor - (B of Health)	18,356	18,356	0
Transfer Station Expense- (B of Health)	72,300	72,300	0
Cemetery Commission	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal Public Works and Facilities	\$465,278	\$436,976	\$28,302

Christopher Morris, Finance Committee member and Interim Administrative Assistant to the Select Board spoke in acknowledgement of Chairman, Eric Cerreta's six (6) years on the Select Board. Town Meeting stood and applauded in recognition of Mr. Cerreta.

Moved and seconded that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,003, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Human Services", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$49,003 from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
<u>Human Services</u>			
Animal Inspector	1,648	1,648	0
Board of Health Salaries	3,328	3,328	0
Board Of Health Expenses	300	300	0
Public Health Nurse	2,274	2,274	0
Council on Aging Director	10,539	10,539	0
Council on Aging Director assistant	14,638	14,638	0
Meal Site Staffing	2,501	2,501	0
Council on Aging expenses	2,800	2,800	0
COA HEN Program	4,000	4,000	0
<u>Veterans' Agent Salary</u>	1,500	1,500	0
Veteran's Agent Expenses	400	400	0
Veterans' Benefits	4,675	4,675	0
American's w/disabilities expenses	400	400	0
<u>Subtotal Human Services</u>	\$49,003	\$49,003	\$0

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,637, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Culture and Recreation", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$109,319 from taxation and the column captioned "from an override" in the amount \$5,318 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
Culture and Recreation			
Library salaries & labor	70,826	65,508	5,318
Library books & supplies	13,399	13,399	0
Library maintenance	8,955	8,955	0
Library utilities	12,120	12,120	0
subtotal Libraries	105,300	99,982	5,318
Recreation Labor/Expenses	4,437	4,437	0
Athletic Fields	4,000	4,000	0
Historical Commission Expense	500	500	0
Veterans Recognition	400	400	0
Subtotal Culture and Recreation	\$114,637	\$109,319	\$5,318

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$201,145, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Debt Service", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$201,145 from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
Debt Service			
Local School Loan Payment	0	0	0
Wood Waste Capping principal	20,000	20,000	0
Fire Truck principal	19,000	19,000	0
2nd Fire Truck principal	23,500	23,500	0
Grader principal	0	0	0
Library Principal	42,000	42,000	0
Highway Sander principal	0	0	0
Town office Heating System principal	0	0	0
Highway Truck principal	17,000	17,000	0
Fire/Police Station Roof principal	10,000	10,000	0
Highway Loader principal	20,000	20,000	0
Police 4X4 principal	15,000	15,000	0
Local School Loan interest	0	0	0
Wood Waste Capping interest	2,750	2,750	0
Fire Truck interest	1,785	1,785	0
2nd Fire Truck interest	9,588	9,588	0
Grader interest	0	0	0

Library interest	13,075 ¹	13,075 ¹	0
Highway Sander interest	0 ¹	0 ¹	0
Town office Heating System Interest	0 ¹	0 ¹	0
Highway Truck interest	1,439 ¹	1,439 ¹	0
Fire/Police Station Roof interest	816 ¹	816 ¹	0
Highway Loader interest	3,979 ¹	3,979 ¹	0
Police 4X4 interest	1,213 ¹	1,213 ¹	0
Short Term Borrowing interest	0 ¹	0 ¹	0
Subtotal Debt Service	\$201,145¹	\$201,145¹	\$0

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$59,171**, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of **“Intergovernmental Expenses”**, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise **\$59,171** from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Eric Weiss, from the HRMC, thanked Donna Gibson, Chairwoman of the Board of Health, for her pioneer spirit and dedication to recycling in the Town of Williamsburg.

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
<u>Intergovernmental Expenses</u>			
State Air Pollution (sub. from cherry sheet)	604 ¹	604 ¹	0
State RMV non-renewal (from cherry sheet)	960 ¹	960 ¹	0
Hampshire Council of Governments	3,338 ¹	3,338 ¹	0
Regional Transit Charge	26,022¹	26,022¹	0
Hilltown Resource Management (B.H.)	8,658 ¹	8,658 ¹	0
Foothills Health District (Board Health)	21,740 ¹	21,740 ¹	0
Building Inspection	23,196 ¹	23,196 ¹	0
Hampshire County Regional Lockup	2,239¹	2,239¹	0
Subtotal Intergov'mental Expenses	\$59,171¹	\$59,171¹	\$0

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$528,107**, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of **“Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses”**, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise **\$528,107** from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Category	FY2008 Budget		
	Total	from Taxes or Free Cash	from an override
<u>Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses</u>			
County Retirement	108,986	108,986	0
Workers Compensation	17,121	17,121	0
Unemployment Insurance	5,000	5,000	0
Health Insurance	370,000	370,000	0
Social Security/Medicare	27,000	27,000	0
Subtotal Fixed Misc. Exp.	\$528,107	\$528,107	\$0

Moved and seconded that we approved the entire budget as moved section by section.

Passed unanimously

Article 7 Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization.

Moved and seconded that the town authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

Passed Unanimously

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY08 Spending Limit
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	Gas Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$1,500.00
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	Electrical Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$7,500.00
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	Plumbing Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$3,500.00
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Fees and charges for services related to the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	Disposal costs of the open box and management of the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	\$18,000.00
Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board	Fees charged specific to proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and new construction	Expenses associated with proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and other related expenses associated with new buildings	\$30,000.00
Dog Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees specific to dogs	Expenses associated with licensing and controlling dogs and to pay the Dog Officer salary.	\$5,000.00

Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission	Fees specific to recreation programs	Pay cost of operating recreation programs.	\$30,000.00
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	Council on Aging Executive Director	Fees specific to advertising in the newsletter	Pay for printing and distribution of the Council on Aging newsletter	\$2,000.00
Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Conservation Commission	Fees specific to NOI/WPA Filing fees.	Pay expenses associated with WPA filing fees for administration and Enforcement of Wetlands Protection Act.	\$5,000.00
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	Board of Appeals	Fees specific to applications	Pay expenses associated with processing of applications, purchase of laptop computer and software for record keeping	\$3,000.00
Fire Dept Revolving Fund	Fire Chief	Fees specific to inspections (smoke, CO, etc.)	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$3,000.00
Total Spending Limit				\$108,500.00

Article 8

Moved and seconded that the town approve the following home rule petition to permit the Town of Williamsburg to adopt its own speeding ordinance as described in the warrant.

Whereas the Town of Williamsburg is concerned with the safety and well-being of the citizens of Williamsburg; and

Whereas, the speed of motor vehicles on city ways and the use of said ways by certain types of motor vehicles seriously impacts on that safety and well-being; and

Whereas, under the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, control over speed limits and use of ways by certain types of vehicles is controlled by agencies of the Commonwealth and not by the town; and

Whereas, Town Meeting desires to vest control of these matters which so affect its citizens in local and not state hands;

Now, therefore, Town Meeting hereby petitions the Great and general Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a home rule petition substantially as attached hereto, said petition allowing speed limits and prohibitions on the use of ways under control of the Town Meeting to be enacted by local ordinance. The General Court may make only such clerical or editorial changes to the form of the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to the enactment

by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general objectives of this petition.

AN ACT RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section eighteen of chapter ninety and any other general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Police Department and the Highway Department in said town on ways within their control, may make such special regulations as to the speed of motor vehicles ; provided however, that prior to the change of the speed limit, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing to hear testimony on the proposed change. Notice of the public hearing shall be advertised at least one week prior to the hearing in one or more newspapers circulated in the Hampshire County area. Said Board of Selectmen shall notify the Massachusetts Highway Department and the Registry of Motor Vehicles of all proposed changes.

Passed by a majority

Article 9

Moved and seconded that the Town accept the following provisions of Chapter 39 Section 23D which provide:

Section 23D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section.

Passed by a majority

Article 10

Moved and seconded to take no action on Article 10.

Passed unanimously

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund and determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, taken from available funds, or take any other action thereon.

*Balance in stabilization is \$147,838.

Article 11

Moved and seconded that the town adopt a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and, whose budget has been accepted by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years.

Passed unanimously

Article 12

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the following sums;

\$1,500.00 for tree removal and planting under the direction of the Shade Tree Committee;

\$4,000.00 for computer/telephone, technology upgrades in the Town Offices

\$5,500.00 for cement sidewalk construction

\$4,000.00 for repairs to the boilers/heating systems in the town office building and/or the police/fire department buildings.

\$15,000.00 for the siding and/or painting of the Town Office Building in Haydenville and to meet such appropriation by a transfer from the Brassworks Small Business Loan Fund.

Passed - unanimously

Article 13

Moved and seconded that the Town borrow the sum of \$30,960.00 and to appropriate that sum to purchase a 2007 or 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor.

2/3rd required – hand count with tellers.

	Left &	Right	Total
Aye –	36	51	87
	18	15	33

Passed by 2/3rd vote – 72%

Article 14

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of upgrading the flushometers and sinks of the Anne T. Dunphy School lavatories and to take said sum from stabilization.

Passed unanimously

Article 15

Moved and seconded that the town appropriate the sum of \$13,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installation of phase one of a Fire Protection system for the Anne T. Dunphy School building and to take said sum from stabilization.

Passed unanimously

Article 16 Moved and seconded that the town approve the following resolution.
Passed by a majority

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney deliberately misled the public and Congress about the threat from Iraq in order to justify a war in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371;and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush has admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of American civilians without seeking warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, and in violation of Title 50 United States Code, Section 1805;and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired to commit the torture of prisoners in violation of the “federal Torture act” and the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the Supreme Law of the Land; and

WHEREAS, In all of this George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney have acted in a manner contrary to their trust as President and Vice president, subversive of constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of Williamsburg and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Petitions from the country at large may be presented by the Speaker of the House according to Clause 3 of House Rule XII;

Therefore be it resolved that George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, by such conduct, warrant impeachment and trial, and removal from office;

Be it resolved further that our senators and representative in the United States Congress be hereby requested to institute in the Congress of the United States, proceedings for the investigation of the activities of the George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, to the end that they be impeached and removed from office.

Be it resolved further, That the Clerk of the Town of Williamsburg is hereby instructed to certify to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under the seal of the Town of Williamsburg, a copy of this resolution and its adoption by the Town of Williamsburg, as a petition, and request that this petition be delivered to the Office of the Clerk and entered in the United States Congressional Journal. The copies shall be marked with the word “Petition” at the top of the document and contain the original authorizing signature of the Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Filed: June 6, 2007

A true copy attest: Charlene L. Nardi, Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Bond Council, Finance Cmte, Select Board, Treasurer, HRHS, Local School Cmte

**Special Town Election
Williamsburg, Massachusetts
July 30, 2007**

Warrant signed on July 15, 2007 and posted on July 16, 2007
SelectBoard: Denise Banister, Jeffrey Ciuffreda, and David Mathers
Constable: Wilbur Loomis

The polls were open at 10:00 a.m. in the Anne T. Dunphy School hallway. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. and the machine tape was printed. A total of 439 ballots were cast.

Wardens: Bess Lojko and Kathy Luce. Town Clerk: Charlene L. Nardi.

Votes Cast – 439

Number of Eligible voters – 1774 (24.7%)

Last day to register to vote – July 20, 2007

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional **\$7,121** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the **Police Department Labor budget** for the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and Seven?

Blank – 4 Yes – 173 No – 262 **FAILED**

Question 2:

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional **\$29,900** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the **Hampshire Regional School Assessment** for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Seven?

Blank – 4 Yes – 221 No – 214 **PASSED**

Question 3:

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional **\$28,302** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the **Highway Labor Budget** for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Seven?

Blank – 8 Yes – 164 No – 267 **FAILED**

Question 4:

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional **\$5,318** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the **Library Salaries & Labor** for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Seven?

Blank – 2 Yes – 212 No – 225 **FAILED**

Recorded: July 31, 2007

A True Copy Attest: Charlene L. Nardi, Town Clerk of Williamsburg



Special Town Meeting Monday, December 10, 2007

Warrant was signed and posted on November 26, 2007

Selectboard: Denise Banister and Jeffrey Ciuffreda

A Quorum (60) being present the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:06 P.M.

The Town Clerk read the greeting and return of service. The Moderator asked for a motion under Article 1

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift the land located at the intersection of Mountain Street and Laurel Road, as more particularly shown as Lot A on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Williamsburg, Mass. Owner Richard A. Nelson" dated December 21, 2006, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk, and to accept a deed from Richard A. Nelson, said property to be held for general municipal purposes by the Board of Selectmen in exchange for the Town installing water and sewer lines from Laurel Road, across Mountain Street, to the northerly boundary of Mountain Street, and the southerly boundary of other property of Richard A. Nelson, for use by a three-family residence; subject to the reservation by said Richard A. Nelson to an easement for utilities across the property to be donated and Mountain Street, including the right to continue to have access to and egress from said utilities for the maintenance, operation, repair and replacement thereof, subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Town and Richard A. Nelson prior to delivery and acceptance of the property.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$39,934.19 from Water Retained Earnings to the FY07 Revenue Deficit account.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,394.78 from Sewer Retained Earnings to the FY07 Revenue Deficit account.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Water Reserves to the FY08 Water Labor and Expenses.

PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,260 from the FY08 Police Department Expense account and the sum of \$3,680 from the FY08 Fire Department Expense account and the sum of \$7,210 from the FY08 Highway Road Maintenance Expense account, to the FY08 Vehicle Fuel account.

Motion made & seconded for an amendment that the \$7,210 from the FY08 Highway Road Maintenance Expense account be split 50-50 between the FY08 Highway Road Maintenance Expense Account \$3605 and the FY08 Highway Winter Expenses Account \$3605

AMENDMENT PASSED MAJORITY VOTE

Article 5 with Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,260 from the FY08 Police Department Expense Account and the sum of \$3,680 from the FY08 Fire Department Expense Account and the sum of \$3,605 from the FY08 Highway Road Maintenance Account and \$3,605 from the FY08 Highway Winter Expenses Account.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$7,500 for the purpose of upgrading the heating system in the Haydenville police and fire building and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation or taken from available funds.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM FREE CASH

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:37 P.M.

Filed: December 11, 2007

A True Copy Attest:

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Assessors, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Selectboard, Treasurer, Police Department, and Town Attorney

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Balance Sheet FY2007

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
ASSETS						
Cash, Petty	380.00					
Cash, Pooled	752,968.65	818,677.67	4,873.35	453,013.09	400,673.42	
Wachovia Securities					1,511,807.24	
2007 Personal Property	1,524.10					
2006 Personal Property	886.50					
2005 Personal Property	1,393.80					
2004 Personal Property	-794.18					
Prior Years	5,433.57					
Total Personal Property	8,443.79					
2007 Real Estate	178,882.21					
2006 Real Estate	59,638.42					
2005 Real Estate	25,539.50					
2004 Real Estate	33,631.92					
Prior Year	20,171.95					
Total Real Estate	317,864.00					
2007 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-19,775.41					
2006 Allow for Abate/Exempt	0.00					
2005 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-4,750.12					
2004 Allow for Abate/Exempt	0.00					
Prior Years	-5,211.07					
Total Allow for Abate/Exempt	-29,736.60					
Tax Liens	29,661.15					
Tax Possessions	5,171.08					
2007 Motor Vehicle Excise	50,613.93					
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	5,931.46					
2005 Motor Vehicle Excise	3,181.99					
2004 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,679.49					
Prior Year	19,732.16					
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	82,139.03					

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Farm Animal Excise	750.25				
Forest Products Excise	5,479.28				
Rollback Taxes	2,500.99				
Sewer Charges		38,861.00			
Sewer Liens		3,909.29			
Water Charges		62,819.21			
Water Liens		12,827.28			
Due from Foothills	-564.16				
To Be Provided-Long Term Debt					1,600,000.00
To Be Provided-Municipal Purpose Loan					419,824.50
TOTAL ASSETS	1,175,057.46	818,677.67	4,873.35	571,429.87	1,912,480.66
					2,019,824.50

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Balance Sheet FY2007

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Warrants Payable	78,264.52			6,621.64		
Accounts Payable	112,354.55					
Accrued Payroll	171,417.82					
Prepaid Real Estate Taxes	862.58					
Payroll Withholdings	9,171.07					
Def.Rev - Property & RE Tax	296,571.19					
Def.Rev - Tax Liens	29,661.15					
Def.Rev - Motor Vehicle Excise	82,139.03					
Def.Rev.- Tax Possession	5,171.08					
Def.Rev.- Farm Animal Excise	750.25					
Def.Rev.- Forest Products	5,479.28					
Def.Rev. - Rollback Taxes	2,500.99					
Def.Rev. Sewer Liens				3,909.29		
Def.Rev. Sewer Charges				38,861.00		
Def.Rev. Water Liens				12,827.28		
Def.Rev. Water Charges				62,819.21		
Bonds Payable - Fire Truck						55,000.00
Bonds Payable-Sewer						200,000.00
Bonds Payable-Solid Waste						80,000.00
Bonds Payable -Water Imp						915,000.00
Bonds Payable - Library						350,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan						419,824.50
Police Detail					0.00	
Deputy Tax Collector					186.00	
Town Clerk's Fees					295.18	
Due to State - Fish/Wildlife					0.00	
Due to State - Firearms					5,648.00	
Collector Fees					1,110.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	794,343.51	0.00	0.00	125,038.42	7,239.18	2,019,824.50

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Balance Sheet FY2007

<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Reserve for FY08	30,000.00					
Reserve for Encumbrances	5,400.00					
Undesignated Fund Balance	345,313.95			446,391.45		
Grant Account Balances		15,358.38				
School Grant Accounts		680,762.21				
Fund/Revolving Balances		122,557.08	4,873.35			
Stabilization					151,435.84	
Elder Trust Fund					14,249.37	
Unemployment Trust					2,456.98	
Brassworks Loan Fund					230,616.25	
School Trust Funds					1,018,273.43	
Town Trust Funds					337,473.27	
Brassworks Funds					101,270.68	
Meekins Library Trust					38,615.86	
Seewald Technology Grant					10,849.80	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	380,713.95	818,677.67	4,873.35	446,391.45	1,905,241.48	0.00
TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY	1,175,057.46	818,677.67	4,873.35	571,429.87	1,912,480.66	2,019,824.50
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-114-5100-000-000-0 Moderator	262.00	0.00	262.00	262.00	0.00
001-122-5100-000-000-0 Selectboard Salaries	7,323.00	0.00	7,323.00	7,323.00	0.00
001-122-5400-000-000-0 Selectboard Expenses	3,000.00	-535.23	2,464.77	2,200.36	264.41
	10,323.00	-535.23	9,787.77	9,523.36	264.41
001-123-5110-000-000-0 Town Administrator	24,008.00	0.00	24,008.00	23,581.39	426.61
001-130-5110-000-000-0 Capital Planning Labor	289.00	0.00	289.00	0.00	289.00
001-130-5400-000-000-0 Capital Planning Expenses	125.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
	414.00	0.00	414.00	0.00	414.00
001-131-5100-000-000-0 Finance Committee Salaries	3,310.00	0.00	3,310.00	2,789.00	521.00
001-131-5110-000-000-0 Finance Committee Chair	154.00	0.00	154.00	154.00	0.00
001-131-5120-000-000-0 Finance Committee Secretary	800.00	0.00	800.00	384.38	415.62
001-131-5400-000-000-0 Finance Committee Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00	295.00	305.00
	4,864.00	0.00	4,864.00	3,622.38	1,241.62
001-132-5400-000-000-0 Reserve Fund	50,000.00	-49,964.50	35.50	0.00	35.50
001-135-5110-000-000-0 Accountant Labor	15,995.00	0.00	15,995.00	15,995.00	0.00
001-135-5120-000-000-0 Accountant Asst. Labor	4,437.00	0.00	4,437.00	4,260.49	176.51
001-135-5400-000-000-0 Accountant Expense	1,110.00	0.00	1,110.00	998.14	111.86
001-135-5420-000-000-0 Accounting Software Purchase	9,400.00	0.00	9,400.00	4,000.00	5,400.00
001-135-5800-000-000-0 Audit Services	17,000.00	4,525.00	21,525.00	21,525.00	0.00
	47,942.00	4,525.00	52,467.00	46,778.63	5,688.37
001-141-5100-000-000-0 Assessor's Salaries	7,323.00	0.00	7,323.00	7,323.00	0.00
001-141-5110-000-000-0 Assessor's Labor	6,623.00	0.00	6,623.00	6,016.80	606.20
001-141-5400-000-000-0 Assessor's Expenses	2,942.00	0.00	2,942.00	1,101.83	1,840.17
001-141-5410-000-000-0 Assessor's CAMA Fee	1,250.00	100.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-142-5400-000-000-0 Assessor's Revaluation	18,138.00	100.00	18,238.00	15,791.63	2,446.37
001-145-5100-000-000-0 Treasurer Salary	16,480.00	1,208.95	17,688.95	17,688.95	0.00
001-145-5110-000-000-0 Treasurer's Add'l Salary	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	416.48	583.52
001-145-5120-000-000-0 Treasurer's Assistant	2,693.00	0.00	2,693.00	2,658.96	34.04
001-145-5400-000-000-0 Treasurer's Expenses	4,600.00	0.00	4,600.00	4,529.32	70.68
001-145-5420-000-000-0 Treasurer's Software	9,400.00	420.00	9,820.00	9,820.00	0.00
	34,173.00	1,628.95	35,801.95	35,113.71	688.24
001-146-5100-000-000-0 Collector Salary	24,008.00	2,682.97	26,690.97	26,690.97	0.00
001-146-5110-000-000-0 Collector's Add'l Salary	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	959.05	40.95
001-146-5400-000-000-0 Collector's Expenses	9,630.00	0.00	9,630.00	9,472.79	157.21
	34,638.00	2,682.97	37,320.97	37,122.81	198.16
001-149-5100-000-000-0 Oliver Smith Trustee	25.00	1.00	26.00	26.00	0.00
001-151-5400-000-000-0 Town Counsel	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	12,821.77	4,178.23
001-159-5400-000-000-0 Advertising Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	691.15	308.85
001-160-5100-000-000-0 Constable Salary	262.00	0.00	262.00	262.00	0.00
001-160-5400-000-000-0 Constable Elections	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
	462.00	0.00	462.00	462.00	0.00
001-161-5100-000-000-0 Clerk Salary	11,712.00	0.00	11,712.00	11,712.00	0.00
001-161-5120-000-000-0 Clerk's Assistance	5,182.00	0.00	5,182.00	5,182.00	0.00
001-161-5400-000-000-0 Clerk's Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	894.44	105.56
001-161-5420-000-000-0 Clerk's Software	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00	3,250.00	0.00
	21,144.00	0.00	21,144.00	21,038.44	105.56
001-162-5400-000-000-0 Elections, Registration, Listin	7,048.00	0.00	7,048.00	6,487.43	560.57
001-162-5410-000-000-0 Town Meeting Expense	578.00	0.00	578.00	122.20	455.80

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-164-5400-000-000-0 Street Listing	7,626.00	0.00	7,626.00	6,609.63	1,016.37
001-171-5110-000-000-0 Conservation Comm Labor	960.00	0.00	960.00	768.02	191.98
001-171-5400-000-000-0 Conservation Comm Expense	262.00	0.00	262.00	53.21	208.79
	3,100.00	0.00	3,100.00	2,717.46	382.54
	3,362.00	0.00	3,362.00	2,770.67	591.33
001-175-5400-000-000-0 Planning Board	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	773.54	726.46
001-176-5400-000-000-0 Zoning Bd of Appeals	500.00	0.00	500.00	247.71	252.29
001-192-5120-000-000-0 Custodian Labor	9,407.00	0.00	9,407.00	8,098.33	1,308.67
001-192-5400-000-000-0 Town Buildings & Grounds	30,000.00	695.95	30,695.95	30,695.95	0.00
001-192-5410-000-000-0 Town Office Expense	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00	3,079.65	120.35
001-192-5420-000-000-0 Town Office Telephone	6,000.00	338.06	6,338.06	6,338.06	0.00
001-192-5430-000-000-0 Town Office Internet	2,000.00	145.30	2,145.30	2,145.30	0.00
001-192-5440-000-000-0 Copier Maintenance	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	3,571.60	928.40
	55,107.00	1,179.31	56,286.31	53,928.89	2,357.42
001-193-5400-000-000-0 Comprehensive Insurance	51,652.00	0.00	51,652.00	43,891.27	7,760.73
001-195-5400-000-000-0 Town Reports	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,000.00	250.00
001-199-5400-000-000-0 First Call for Help	260.00	0.00	260.00	0.00	260.00
001-210-5110-000-000-0 Police Chief Salary	12,832.00	0.00	12,832.00	12,832.00	0.00
001-210-5120-000-000-0 Police Dept Labor	92,202.00	16,393.95	108,595.95	108,595.50	0.45
001-210-5400-000-000-0 Police Dept Expenses	26,857.00	4,000.00	30,857.00	30,608.24	248.76
001-210-5410-000-000-0 Regional Records Software	3,354.00	0.00	3,354.00	1,208.78	2,145.22
	135,245.00	20,393.95	155,638.95	153,244.52	2,394.43
001-220-5110-000-000-0 Fire Dept Salaries	13,218.00	0.00	13,218.00	13,090.46	127.54
001-220-5120-000-000-0 Fire Dept Labor	14,781.00	8,204.25	22,985.25	22,985.25	0.00

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-220-5400-000-000-0 Fire Dept Expenses	20,900.00 48,899.00	1,329.08 9,533.33	22,229.08 58,432.33	22,087.65 58,163.36	141.43 268.97
001-231-5400-000-000-0 Ambulance Service	26,269.00	0.00	26,269.00	26,269.00	0.00
001-232-5110-000-000-0 Emergency Mgmt Director	316.00	0.00	316.00	315.70	0.30
001-249-5100-000-000-0 Parking Clerk Labor	262.00	0.00	262.00	262.00	0.00
001-294-5400-000-000-0 Shade Tree Committee Exp	3,000.00	82.76	3,082.76	3,082.76	0.00
001-300-5100-000-000-0 School Committee Salaries	1,313.00	0.00	1,313.00	1,313.00	0.00
001-300-5400-000-000-0 Local School Expenses	1,330,473.00	73,313.00	1,403,786.00	1,403,786.00	0.00
001-310-5400-000-000-0 Hampshire Regional Assessm	1,283,568.00	0.00	1,283,568.00	1,280,916.00	2,652.00
001-310-5800-000-000-0 Hampshire Regional Capital	149,809.00 1,433,377.00	0.00 0.00	149,809.00 1,433,377.00	149,809.00 1,430,725.00	0.00 2,652.00
001-320-5400-000-000-0 Vocational School Assessmnt	298,151.00	-16,617.00	281,534.00	276,798.65	4,735.35
001-422-5110-000-000-0 Highway Labor	111,597.00	29,036.18	140,633.18	140,633.18	0.00
001-422-5400-000-000-0 Highway Road Maintenance	55,175.00	-2,826.18	52,348.82	52,212.27	136.55
001-422-5410-000-000-0 Highway Garage/Equip Maint	36,116.00	2,000.00	38,116.00	37,660.09	455.91
001-422-5800-000-000-0 Highway Surplus Equipment	2,000.00 204,888.00	-2,000.00 26,210.00	0.00 231,098.00	0.00 230,505.54	0.00 592.46
001-423-5110-000-000-0 Winter Salaries	9,708.00	1,000.00	10,708.00	10,686.69	21.31
001-423-5400-000-000-0 Winter Expenses	55,480.00 65,188.00	-3,000.00 -2,000.00	52,480.00 63,188.00	52,196.01 62,882.70	283.99 305.30
001-424-5400-000-000-0 Bridges & Street Lighting	7,200.00	3,297.17	10,497.17	9,110.55	1,386.62
001-433-5110-000-000-0 Transfer Station Labor	8,053.00	10,049.00	18,102.00	18,102.00	0.00

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-433-5400-000-000-0 Transfer Station Expenses	68,810.00 76,863.00	-7,401.00 2,648.00	61,409.00 79,511.00	61,409.00 79,511.00	0.00 0.00
001-491-5400-000-000-0 Cemetery Commission	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	900.00	100.00
001-510-5400-000-000-0 Animal Inspector	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,552.20	47.80
001-512-5100-000-000-0 Board of Health Salaries	3,231.00	18.60	3,249.60	3,249.60	0.00
001-512-5400-000-000-0 Board of Health Expenses	300.00	-163.60	136.40	100.00	36.40
001-512-5410-000-000-0 Public Health Nurse	2,208.00 5,739.00	145.00 0.00	2,353.00 5,739.00	2,353.00 5,702.60	0.00 36.40
001-541-5110-000-000-0 COA Director	10,232.00	0.00	10,232.00	10,232.00	0.00
001-541-5120-000-000-0 COA Office Assistant	14,212.00	0.00	14,212.00	14,212.00	0.00
001-541-5130-000-000-0 COA Meal Site Staffing	2,428.00	0.00	2,428.00	2,428.00	0.00
001-541-5400-000-000-0 COA Expenses	2,650.00	0.00	2,650.00	2,650.00	0.00
001-541-5410-000-000-0 COA HEN Program	4,000.00 33,522.00	0.00 0.00	4,000.00 33,522.00	4,000.00 33,522.00	0.00 0.00
001-543-5110-000-000-0 Veterans Agent	1,109.00	0.00	1,109.00	1,108.50	0.50
001-543-5400-000-000-0 Veterans Agent Expense	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
001-543-5410-000-000-0 Veterans Benefits	4,675.00 6,184.00	0.00 0.00	4,675.00 6,184.00	3,207.00 4,715.50	1,468.00 1,468.50
001-549-5400-000-000-0 Amer With Disabilities Exp	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
001-610-5110-000-000-0 Library Salaries	41,078.00	22,363.00	63,441.00	63,440.99	0.01
001-610-5400-000-000-0 Library Expenses	46,086.00 87,164.00	-14,549.00 7,814.00	31,537.00 94,978.00	31,537.00 94,977.99	0.00 0.01
001-630-5110-000-000-0 Recreation Labor	4,308.00	0.00	4,308.00	3,515.63	792.37
001-630-5400-000-000-0 Athletic Fields	4,000.00 8,308.00	0.00 0.00	4,000.00 8,308.00	3,658.49 7,174.12	341.51 1,133.88

Annual Report of the Town Accountant Expense Report FY07

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-691-5400-000-000-0 Historical Commission Exp	500.00	0.00	500.00	30.00	470.00
001-699-5400-000-000-0 Veterans Recognition	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
001-710-5910-000-000-0 Principal-School Debt	36,850.00	0.00	36,850.00	36,850.00	0.00
001-710-5920-000-000-0 Principal-Capping Wood Waste	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
001-710-5930-000-000-0 Principal-Fire Truck	19,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	0.00
001-710-5940-000-000-0 Principal-Grader	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
001-710-5950-000-000-0 Principal-Library	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
001-710-5960-000-000-0 Principal-Sander	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
001-710-5970-000-000-0 Principal-Town Hall Heating	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
	140,850.00	0.00	140,850.00	140,850.00	0.00
001-751-5910-000-000-0 Interest-School Debt	1,265.00	0.00	1,265.00	1,264.12	0.88
001-751-5920-000-000-0 Interest-Capping Wood Waste	3,270.00	0.00	3,270.00	3,270.00	0.00
001-751-5930-000-000-0 Interest-Fire Truck	5,011.00	0.00	5,011.00	5,010.68	0.32
001-751-5940-000-000-0 Interest-Grader	338.00	0.00	338.00	338.00	0.00
001-751-5950-000-000-0 Interest-Library	14,115.00	0.00	14,115.00	14,115.00	0.00
001-751-5960-000-000-0 Interest-Sander	208.00	0.00	208.00	208.00	0.00
001-751-5970-000-000-0 Interest-Town Hall Heating	104.00	0.00	104.00	104.00	0.00
001-751-5980-000-000-0 Interest-Highway Truck	907.00	0.00	907.00	907.00	0.00
001-751-5990-000-000-0 Interest-Police/Fire Roof	509.00	0.00	509.00	509.00	0.00
	25,727.00	0.00	25,727.00	25,725.80	1.20
001-752-5900-000-000-0 Int-Temporary Loans	0.00	397.29	397.29	397.29	0.00
001-820-5640-000-000-0 Air Pollution District	582.00	0.00	582.00	582.00	0.00
001-820-5646-000-000-0 RMV Marking Surchg	560.00	0.00	560.00	960.00	-400.00
001-820-5663-000-000-0 Reg Transit Authority	25,387.00	0.00	25,387.00	25,387.00	0.00
001-820-5690-000-000-0 Charter School Assessment	60,268.00	0.00	60,268.00	61,176.00	-908.00
001-820-5691-000-000-0 School Choice Assessment	116,370.00	0.00	116,370.00	84,504.00	31,866.00
	203,167.00	0.00	203,167.00	172,609.00	30,558.00

Annual Report of the Town Accountant Expense Report FY07

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2007 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-830-5622-000-000-0 HCOG Assessment	3,338.00	0.00	3,338.00	3,337.52	0.48
001-840-5400-000-000-0 Hilltown Resource Managemnt	8,658.00	0.00	8,658.00	8,657.75	0.25
001-840-5410-000-000-0 Foothills Health District	21,488.00	0.00	21,488.00	18,674.58	2,813.42
001-840-5420-000-000-0 Building Inspection Program	22,030.00	0.00	22,030.00	22,030.00	0.00
	52,176.00	0.00	52,176.00	49,362.33	2,813.67
001-911-5400-000-000-0 Hampshire County Retirement	115,311.00	0.00	115,311.00	115,311.00	0.00
001-912-5400-000-000-0 Worker's Compensation	16,462.00	0.00	16,462.00	11,335.15	5,126.85
001-913-5400-000-000-0 Unemployment Insurance	61,563.00	-53,297.00	8,266.00	8,266.00	0.00
001-914-5400-000-000-0 Group Insurance	359,000.00	0.00	359,000.00	343,271.45	15,728.55
001-916-5400-000-000-0 Medicare & Social Security	27,000.00	0.00	27,000.00	25,168.19	1,831.81
<u>Totals</u>	<u>5,172,465.00</u>	<u>38,313.00</u>	<u>5,210,778.00</u>	<u>5,108,452.92</u>	<u>102,325.08</u>

Annual Report of the Angel Park Committee

Members were appointed to the newly formed committee, which was established to create a public park to provide visitors and residents with a place of reflection for sitting and strolling.

Nick Dines, FASLA, Professor Emeritus Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning UMass Amherst, has donated the design and construction services to help bring the park to completion.

"Quiet Reflections Garden" was the name chosen from the submitted entries.

The park location is behind the Grange and Historical Building on town owned property, once site of the highway garage. It is strategically located within the village center and accessible by Mass transit, auto, and pedestrian walkways.

After the dates listed:

November 2006 holiday ornaments were sold to benefit the park.

March 2007 ground was broken and the area marked out. Dead and damaged trees were felled, chipped and the stumps ground.

May 2007 a fund raising event was held at the Anne T. Dunphy School lot and raised \$4004.00. The angel statue had arrived in town from North Carolina and was on display.

The park construction work continued into fall; then the cold weather prevented completion.

The snow was kept cleared by Mike O' Brien and "Corky" Baldwin.

Work will resume in the spring of 2008 with the park dedication after planting of additional shrubs and perennial flowers and after the memorial bricks are placed.

A trust fund is to be established to provide ongoing care. The objective is to help keep all the public parks and gardens "clean, blooming and green."

One of the strategies to build the trust fund is collecting returnable cans and bottles at the transfer station with proceeds donated to this fund.

A "thank you" goes to everyone who has made this beautiful park a reality:

our fellow committee members
the many volunteers and contributors of
time, money and materials
all involved town boards
Nick Dines

Gary Warner Goshen Stone Company
Joel Strate
B. Mango and bird
Chester Granite Company
Hathaway Construction Corporation

Bill Willard Inc.
Kyle R. Longtin
Don Lawton
Williamsburg Highway Department
Winston "Winnie" and Rodger Bancroft
Electrical Contractors
Kristin Healy
White Lightning Auto Body
John Cotton
Jeremy Cotton
(the late) Ed Cotton
Sylvia Crafts
Holly Chamberlin
Barbara Demerski
Fred Venne
Williamsburg Pharmacy and Hardware
Williamsburg Market
Williamsburg General Store
Brewmasters Tavern
Williamsburg P.T.O.
Woodland Trails Committee
John Hoogstraten
Florence Savings Bank
Wal-Mart
Easthampton Savings Bank
Northampton Cooperative Bank
Turner-Fisher-Baldwin benefit
M.J. Moran Inc.
Williamsburg Snack Bar
Village Green
Bacon's Store
Main Street Package Store
Pat's Store
Northampton Pediatrics

Dove Business Associates
Hampshire County Sheriffs Association
Dean Acheson
TRAK Excavating
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Magdalenski and
family
Mike O' Brien
Bill Turner
Denise Banister
Dan Banister
Peter Banister
Brian Rourke
Chandler "Butch" Smith
Matt Marian
Fred Goodhue
Michael Fisher
Charles "Corky" Baldwin
Mark Baldwin
John and Emma Svoboda
Bonnie Roberge and family
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warriner
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baldwin
Andy Erwin
Carol Hendricks
Dave and "Liddy" Mathers
Jeff and Joy Ovitt
Hiroshi and Kimiko Akimoto
Mary and Roger Bisbee
"Tilly" Clark
Lashway Lumber
the families who chose memorial donations
to the angel park for loved ones in lieu
of flowers
and other area businesses

If we have forgotten to mention someone it is not intentional.
To those we thank you and our apologies.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Baldwin
Henry Warner
(co-chairs)

Annual Report of the Board of Assessors

During Fiscal Year 2007 all property values were adjusted to bring them into the range of 90% to 110% of market value. Sales from calendar years 2004 and 2005 were used for the comparison, as required by the guidelines presented by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The values were presented to the State, but were not certified in time for the bills to go out at the end of December. Consequently, the third and fourth quarters were both due in May of 2007. Because of the value increase, the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2007 was reduced from \$13.38/ \$1,000 valuation to \$13.00/ \$1,000 valuation. It was not necessary for the Board to change values for Fiscal Year 2008; the bills were sent out in a timely fashion at the end of December 2007.

We are continuing to work on the change from paper to electronic mapping. It will be costly, but necessary for the Town to move in this direction in the future. We are fortunate to have a board member who is knowledgeable of the issues involved.

Any resident with questions is urged to contact the Board of Assessors by telephone (268-8403) or in person at our meetings, which are from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday evenings.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister, Chair

Annual Report of the Brassworks ReUse Committee

The Committee for 2007 was made up of its Chairman, Peter Mahieu, appointed by the finance committee, Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Clerk, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and Martin Mahoney, appointed by the Planning Board.

The Committee met twelve times during the year, mostly on its regularly scheduled monthly meeting time of the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM in the Town Office Building.

The year began and ended with only one loan on its books, that of the Hilltown Community Development Corporation for a loan made to it to assist in the renovation of rental units in Haydenville. This loan is several years old and is repaid monthly, proceeds returning to the loan fund. The HCDC did approach the Committee during the year asking about another loan from the fund in order to assist with a new development in town. While the Committee agreed to make some funds available, the HCDC opted not to finalize the application for these funds.

Because of the lack of activity in the Small Business Loan Fund, and the fact that the Town Treasurer had found an account to invest it in with a decent rate of return, the fund had built up a balance such that the Committee felt a small portion could be used for other targeted one-time town expenses, such as trees, sidewalks, and the painting of the town offices. The Committee recommended this to the Select Board and the expenditures were ultimately approved by Town Meeting.

While two or three business had inquired about the small business fund, no loan applications were received. The Committee checked with the HCDC about their small business loan fund and was informed that due to the lack of interest, that program had been discontinued. The Committee felt the fund had been very important to many businesses in town and that it still should be kept and promoted.

Discussions of the use of the Recreation Fund also took place during the year and will continue with the Recreation Committee.

All three funds, Housing and Economic Development, Recreation, and Small Business Loan, are still in place. Applications for the Small Business Loan Fund can be obtained at the Town Offices or by contacting any of the members.



CHESTERFIELD

GOSHEN

HUNTINGTON

MIDDLEFIELD

WILLIAMSBURG

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Three hundred and one building permits were issued throughout the member towns of the Hampshire Inspection Program in 2007. Of these, forty-two permits were for new homes.

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

<u>Town</u>	<u>Total permits</u>	<u>New homes</u>	<u>Total permit fees collected</u>
Chesterfield	64	5	\$ 13,391.50
Goshen	50	8	\$ 11,729.00
Huntington	60	7	\$ 12,147.06
Middlefield	21	3	\$ 5,409.38
Williamsburg	106	19*	\$ 24,497.72

*The number of new homes constructed in Williamsburg includes an eleven-unit development of single family residences. Also, one of the new homes listed is a 3-family residence.

It's time again to remind everyone that wood stoves are dangerous! Every year we lose homes to fires started by improperly installed wood, pellet or coal stoves. Please remember that a building permit is required before installing any such appliance, and it must be inspected by the Building Inspector prior to use. For those who already have stoves installed, but not inspected, please call and I will do the inspection. If the stove has been installed properly, a certificate of compliance will be issued. Your insurance company should be notified of a stove installation, and a copy of the inspection certificate should be sent to them.

As always, thanks to Tara Ussailis, my administrative assistant. I couldn't ask for a more efficient person to keep things in order, or a more pleasant one to help make the day easier.

Our office is located at the Davenport School Building, 422 Main Road in Chesterfield, and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to serve residents of all member towns. Office hours are also held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Huntington Town Offices. Residents may phone anytime at (413) 296-0127.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tacy
Building Commissioner

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

PERMIT ACTIVITY
JANUARY 1, 2007 – DECEMBER 31, 2007

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WILLIAMSBURG	106	19	24,497.72

HAMPSHIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM

TOTALS FOR 2006

	Tot Permits	Houses	Total Fees	Hours
Chesterfield	59	6	\$12,159.92	369.90
Goshen	57	4	8,016.16	362.40
Huntington	70	7	17,086.71	402.90
Middlefield	21	4	5,394.16	288.55
Williamsburg	123	13	38,698.86	514.15

TOTALS FOR 2005

	Tot Permits	Houses	Total Fees	Hours
Chesterfield	95	6	\$12,311.95	348.88
Goshen	56	6	9,740.39	317.63
Huntington	94	16	25,243.00	353.13
Middlefield	17	2	5,149.75	254.13
Plainfield	35	3	5,458.30	239.63
Williamsburg	119	11	19,120.66	410.38

TOTALS FOR 2004

	Tot Permits	Houses	Total Fees	Hours
Chesterfield	78	12	\$13,435.51	363.75
Goshen	66	7	9,934.36	333.00
Huntington	74	6	8,865.71	333.75
Middlefield	23	5	6,784.45	258.00
Plainfield	25	2	3,023.50	272.75
Williamsburg	133	11	18,016.24	432.75

2007 TOTAL HOURS BY TOWN

BUILDING ZONING TOTAL

CHESTERFIELD	116.56	37.24	153.80
GOSHEN	101.06	20.99	122.05
HUNTINGTON	108.96	26.99	135.95
MIDDLEFIELD	83.31	25.49	108.80
WILLIAMSBURG	150.06	46.74	196.80

TOTAL	559.95	157.45	717.40
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Admin & Travel totals (included in above)

ADMINISTRATIVE	319.80	79.95	399.75
INSPECTION TRAVEL	63.00	0.00	63.00

Annual Report of the Capital Planning Committee

The charge of the Capital Planning Committee is to help the town plan for anticipated capital expenditures and their financing. The Committee is to be composed of six members; three at-large members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Finance Committee, appointed by the Finance Committee, and the Town Treasurer, serving as an ex-officio member.

The current members are Robert Buchele, Kit Smith, William Sayre, George Mathers, and Peter Mahieu. We have one vacancy.

Each year the committee solicits capital expenditure requests for the next fiscal year and anticipated requests for the next five years from all town departments. (Capital expenditures include all equipment or projects that cost at least \$10,000 and have a useful life of at least five years.) It then compiles and prioritizes these requests and forwards them to the Finance Committee along with its funding recommendations.

The Committee forwarded the following capital expenditure and debt service projections for the Town of Williamsburg to the Finance Committee in May 2007 (see FY2008 spreadsheet on the next page).

William Sayre
Chairman

Capital Planning Committee
Capital Improvement Budget FY08
Capital Improvement Program FY09-FY13

Requests Prioritized*	Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Estimate Received	Town's Share of Project. (Current Dollars, Interest Not Incl.)	Remaining Principle	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
APPROVED REQUESTS													
11	8	3.3	Library - Meekins			\$500,000	\$350,000	\$55,075	\$51,815	\$51,515	\$54,080	\$48,280	\$51,640
10	3	2.7	Fire Dept. - Engine IV			\$185,000	\$55,000	\$20,785	\$19,215	\$18,630			
10	5	3	Wood Waste (\$20,000/yr. Principal)			\$200,000	\$80,000	\$22,750	\$22,150	\$21,500	\$21,150	\$20,800	
25	23	?	Hampshire Regional - Renovation =18.388% of \$26 Million			\$4,768,088	?	\$98,950	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
10	10	4.5	Fire Dept. - Engine II			\$235,000	\$235,000	\$33,088	\$34,075	\$32,900	\$31,725	\$30,550	\$29,375
6	2	3.7	Hwy. Dept. - Superintendent's Vehicle			\$35,266	\$35,266	\$18,439	\$19,011				
6	2	3.7	Fire Dept. - Roof over Police Dept.			\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,816	\$10,408				
5	2	4.5	Police Dept. - 4x4			\$29,708	\$29,708	\$16,213	\$15,308				
10	5	4.5	Hwy. Dept. - Loader			\$99,850	\$99,850	\$23,979	\$23,258	\$22,442	\$21,626	\$20,810	
			Prior Year Requests Subtotals			\$6,072,912	\$904,824	\$300,095	\$295,240	\$246,987	\$228,581	\$220,440	\$181,015
			CURRENT REQUESTS PROPOSED 2008					[Note 2]					
1	5	4.5	Police - Furnace & Chimney	Recommended	Y	\$15,450			\$3,785	\$3,646	\$3,507	\$3,368	\$3,229
3	10	4.5	Hwy. Dept. - Sweeper	Recommended	N	\$132,000			\$19,140	\$18,546	\$17,952	\$17,358	\$16,764
3	5	4.5	Police - Cruiser II	Recommended	Y	\$30,960			\$7,585	\$7,307	\$7,028	\$6,749	\$6,471
3	10	4.5	Hwy. Dept. - Addition & Improvements	Recommended	N	\$250,000			\$36,250	\$35,125	\$34,000	\$32,875	\$31,750
			Recommended - Current Requests Subtotals			\$428,410	\$0	\$0	\$66,760	\$64,624	\$62,487	\$60,350	\$58,214
1	5	4.5	Anne T. Dunphy Fire Protection [not reqd if full renov done]		Y	\$84,412			\$20,681	\$19,921	\$19,162	\$18,402	\$17,642
3	20	4.5	Anne T. Dunphy Renovation		Y	\$3,556,608			\$337,878	\$329,875	\$321,873	\$313,871	\$305,868
3	5	4.5	Police - Siding & Windows		Y	\$16,900			\$4,141	\$3,988	\$3,836	\$3,684	\$3,532
4	20	4.5	Helen E. James Site Upgrade		Y	\$379,614			\$36,063	\$35,209	\$34,355	\$33,501	\$32,647
4	5	4.5	Library - Fence		Y	\$20,000			\$4,900	\$4,720	\$4,540	\$4,360	\$4,180
			Current Requests Subtotals			\$4,485,944	\$0	\$0	\$470,423	\$458,338	\$446,253	\$434,168	\$422,083
			FUTURE REQUESTS (Note 1)										
5		4.5	Police - Cruiser II			\$30,960							
5		4.5	Police - Cruiser II			\$30,960						\$8,537	\$8,224
5		4.5	Police - Cruiser I			\$30,960							
5		4.5	Police - Cruiser I			\$30,960							
5		4.5	Police - Cruiser I			\$30,960							
5		4.5	Police - 4x4			\$30,599							
10		4.5	Fire - Engine I			\$254,616					\$40,343	\$39,091	\$37,839
10		4.5	Fire - Engine III			\$180,353							
10		4.5	Fire - Engine IV			\$318,270							
5		4.5	Fire - Chief's Vehicle			\$37,132					\$9,941	\$9,576	\$9,211
5		4.5	Hwy. - 350 Pickup			\$36,050							
5		4.5	Hwy. - Truck 6 & Sander			\$118,450							
5		4.5	Hwy. - Ford 550 & Sander			\$66,950			\$30,788	\$29,657	\$28,526	\$27,395	
5		4.5	Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander			\$123,600				\$17,924	\$17,265	\$16,607	
5		4.5	Hwy. - Backhoe			\$103,000							
5		4.5	Hwy. - Grader			\$185,400							
20		4.5	COA Regional Senior Center			\$400,000							
			Future Year Requests Subtotals			\$2,009,220	\$0	\$0	\$38,000	\$37,100	\$36,200	\$35,300	\$34,575
			TOTALS			\$12,568,076	\$904,824	\$300,095	\$765,663	\$774,113	\$809,798	\$793,803	\$737,673
*Current requests are prioritized as follows: 1. State mandated/health and safety; 2. Imminent large dollar loss; 3. Potential dollar loss/quality of life/replacement; 4. Lowest priority													
Note 1 - Current Dollars; Amounts Under FY__ are Adjusted for Inflation of 3%/yr													
Note 2 - Average Capital Expenditure for Last 5 Years = \$337,463													

Annual Report of the Town Collector for FY2007

This has been a year of many changes, both in the town office staffing and in the collector's office. Teresa (Tess) Barstow retired on May 3, 2007, after serving the town for almost nine years. After working as the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen for almost nine years, the Board appointed me, Bonnie Roberge, to serve as the Town Collector in Tess' place.

In May 2007, after working closely with Walter (Sam) Kellogg, chairman of the Water/Sewer Commission, we implemented a change of software for the water and sewer billing. There had been problems and much dissatisfaction with the previous software. The new bills provide more information in an easier to read and more understandable format to residents. The software has already shown that it can provide us with much better reporting information and we still have more to learn from it that will aid even further with record keeping.

I am also working with our Department of Revenue representative for the tax collection software to update old DOS software and early windows versions of software so that records will be in a more central and complete area, rather than in many different locations as it has been for many years now.

The following list represents amounts collected during FY2007 and balances outstanding for the beginning of FY2008.

Type	Year	Collected	Balance Outstanding
Real Estate	2007	\$ 3,728,115.77	\$ 176,212.34
Real Estate	2006	60,736.59	57,270.97
Real Estate	2005	12,221.77	31,185.72
Real Estate	2004	6,300.57	11,011.53
Real Estate	2003	1,115.52	10,733.18
Real Estate	2002	1,378.05	4,281.27
Real Estate	2001	425.47	495.68
Personal Property	2007	\$ 38,284.07	\$ 1,325.08
Personal Property	2006	247.06	1,082.18
Personal Property	2005	0	1,510.67
Personal Property	2004	0	368.92
Personal Property	Prior Years	0	5,433.00
Motor Vehicle	2007	\$ 188,046.69	\$ 51,205.30
Motor Vehicle	2006	51,234.99	7,099.24
Motor Vehicle	2005	2,507.82	2,715.56
Motor Vehicle	2004	1,693.99	2,736.66
Motor Vehicle	Prior Years	1,102.93	20,582.70

Water Usage	162,010.38	64,577.12
Water Liens	5,888.76	
Sewer Charges	72,098.63	36,588.30
Sewer Liens	3,825.24	

The following list represents other money and fees collected.

Water Application Fees	\$ 2,100.00
Sewer Application Fees	19,560.00
Brassworks Loan Payments	3,635.88
Building Inspector	23,893.91
Electrical Inspector	4,520.00
Fire Inspections	3,090.00
Gas Inspector	1,215.00
Board of Health	83,386.00
Planning Board	250.00
Plumbing Inspector	3,886.00
Parking Clerk	50.00
Marking Fees	880.00

Total	\$ 146,466.79
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I look forward to working with the residents in town and other town officials during the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Roberge
Town Collector

Annual Report of the Conservation Commission

The Board of Conservation Commissioners for the Town of Williamsburg are: James Wilson, Chairperson, Rob Stinson, Phil Skwira, Wilbur Loomis, Gordon Luce, and Tom Hodgkins, alternate.

In 2007 the Conservation Commission approved the following:

- 7 Requests for Determination
- 5 Notices of Intent
- 4 Emergency Certificates
- 2 Certifications of Compliance

Commission members attended workshops and seminars designed to further educate the Commission in additional ways to help protect our wetlands and rivers.

The Commission reviews the design and scope of activities within resource areas and their respective buffer zones, to ensure plans are in compliance with the federal and state laws. The Town of Williamsburg does not have its own conservation by-laws and adheres to the standards of the Commonwealth. If any town resident is planning any activity within 100 feet of a wetland or 200 feet of a perennial stream or river, it is jurisdictional under the Wetlands Protection Act that they first notify the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Questions for the Commission can be answered by any Commission member or the Commission Secretary, Jackie Lawton, by calling and leaving a message at 413-268-8416.

Annual Report of the Council On Aging

The Williamsburg Council On Aging continued to provide a variety of services and activities for elders in Haydenville, Williamsburg and nearby hilltowns. Some activities took place at the COA office in the Williamsburg Town Offices on Main Street in Haydenville but some took place in other locations in the community. The writing group met weekly at the Meekins Library. The group has nine members, mostly elders. The Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held at the Williamsburg Congregational Church. And the planning stages and introductory events for new programming in the Nash Hill Place community room began near the end of the year. Also the COA co-sponsored a concert, which was held at the Anne T. Dunphy School and attended by over 100 people, mostly elders. Also plans were made to use the Haydenville Library for provision of the AARP tax preparation program in 2008. Lack of adequate space at the COA has made the concept of a “senior center without walls” not only necessary but, perhaps, even preferable. Events and services held in other locations are more likely to attract people who would “not be caught dead” in a senior center. Such locations are also more conducive to multi-generational activities. A new or re-modeled senior center or community center may be something that will happen at some point in the future but we should never forget the importance of a “senior center without walls.” Outreach services provided with funding from EOEA and from interest on the Williamsburg Elder Trust Fund helped us to reduce isolation for some of our homebound elders. For many older residents getting to an actual physical structure is at least difficult, if not impossible, and so it will always be necessary to bring the senior center to seniors.

In addition to funding from the Town of Williamsburg, in 2007 the COA also received funding from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Highland Valley Elder Services, the National Council On Aging, PVTA, the Hilltown Consortium of Councils On Aging, the Williamsburg Elder Trust Fund, and newsletter advertisers. Donations were received from individuals including many made in memory of Albert Mosher, Ann Kopka, Nellie Kajka and Hazel LaBroad. In kind donations were also received. Some anonymous donors provided food, which the COA distributed to 47 elders in Williamsburg and Haydenville shortly before Thanksgiving. The Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office provided potatoes for the potato bar at the COA cookout and the Blue House Café provided all the toppings. Panera Bakery in Hadley donated bagels for the Elder Health Fair. And Springfield Neurological Associates, TRIAD, PVTA, and the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office provided door prizes for the health fair. Events such as these, as well as COA services, are greatly enhanced by such donations and the Council On Aging is very appreciative of such assistance.

Volunteers made it possible to provide many more services to elders than would have been otherwise possible. We have over 40 volunteers who help out in a variety of ways. Eighteen volunteers drove elders to medical appointments, shopping, etc. There were also some volunteers who helped in the COA office by answering the phone, helping with bulk mailings, and doing other clerical tasks. Some volunteers helped out in the meal site and with the monthly distribution of brown bags provided by The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Volunteers also help out at various large events like the pancake breakfast, cookout, volunteer recognition dinner, health fair, etc. And volunteers also facilitated some groups and activities. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, there was a total of 598 hours of volunteer service. Had the town had

to pay for these services it would have literally cost thousands of dollars. The volunteer manual was updated in 2007 and now incorporates some of the best features of manuals used by other towns. Trainings and meetings held at the COA were open to volunteers as well as paid staff.

In August a survey was mailed to all people in town age sixty or older that was designed to assess interests and needs. By far the highest anticipated needs were: transportation, meals on wheels, personal care and assistance with snow removal. Other needs expressed by a smaller number of people included: homemaker, home repairs, fuel assistance, visiting nurse, health screenings, physical therapy, caregiver, affordable health insurance and food stamps. Other significantly high responses came under the activities and hobbies section. The highest was reading but it was followed closely by concerts, walking, and trips. Most people indicated that they prefer multi-generational activities to ones geared specifically towards elders, and yet there was more interest expressed in a senior center than in a community center. And, overwhelmingly, elders expressed that they would not attend a regional senior center if one were built in a nearby town.

As of 12/31/06 there were 502 people age 60 or older living in Haydenville / Williamsburg, of which 282 are women and 220 are men. The number of people 55 and over was 755, indicating that baby boomers will have a very significant impact on the number of elders in town in the coming years. Outreach and advocacy services for fiscal '07 numbered 1,251 units of service to 135 individuals. AARP tax preparation was provided to 39 elders. Many of these elders received circuit breaker tax credits, the total amount of which was over \$14,400.00. Support services totaled 6,287 units of service and wellness services amounted to 1,782 units of service. Recreation and socialization added up to 868 units of service and community education totaled 129 units. Non-elders, some of them caregivers for elder relatives, also received general information and referral services totaling 423 units of service to 83 individuals.

The COA worked closely with other agencies and businesses including: Highland Valley Elder Services, the Hilltown Consortium of Councils On Aging, the Williamsburg Visiting Nurses Association, Hilltown Elder Network at HCDC, Hilltown Community Health Center's HOPE (Health Outreach Program for Elders), Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Hampshire County Sheriff's Office, AARP, Williamsburg TRIAD, Nash Hill Place, SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders), Alzheimer's Association of Western Massachusetts, PVTa, Avada, and more. Networking with all these organizations helps us to make sure all potential resources are available for elders in the area.

With the help of other agencies and the help of our dedicated volunteers, the Council On Aging is able to ensure the provision of numerous services for elders in town despite having only part-time staff. To learn more about how you can help out, call Fran Goebel, Program Director, at 268-8407. To find out more about how to help via advertising or donations call Mary Wheelan, Executive Director, at 268-8410.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wheelan
(Executive Director)

Annual Report of Employee Earnings

ADAMS, CATHLEEN W.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute School	360.00
ALLEN, GORDON F.	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Finance Committee	521.78
ANDERSON, KURT M	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	110.00
ANDREWS, RANDY K	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL	CUSTODIAN	9,805.36
BAKER, BETTINA	SCHOOL-CLERICAL	Clerical	34,159.12
BANISTER, DANIEL	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	147.02
BANISTER, DENISE	ASSESSORS	Assessor	6,153.27
BANISTER, PETER B.	FIRE DEPT	FIRE FIGHTER	236.36
BANISTER, PETER B.	HIGHWAY	Highway	40,989.86
BARSTOW, TERESA L.	COLLECTOR	Collector	13,862.74
BEATTIE, MICHAEL	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Finance Committee	477.14
BEDELL, AMY T	LIBRARY	LIBRARY - SUB	150.00
BELDENGREEN, CLAUDIA A	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	TEACHER	20,650.57
BIERWERT, KAREN	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	56,133.77
BISBEE, ROGER	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	1,619.16
BISHOP, DIANE C.	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	School Committee	262.60
BLACK, JENNIFER L.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	55,717.99
BOAS, WALTER K	FINANCE COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE	367.78
BOYLE, THOMAS J	HIGHWAY	HIGHWAY-WINTER	1,108.31
BRAMAN, DIANA L.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	59,247.91
BRAZEAU, JAMES M	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL- SUB	120.00
BROOKS, JEFFREY M.	POLICE	Police Officer	10,507.49
BROWN, MARGARET A	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	110.00
BRUSO, MATTHEW J.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	2,938.16
BUCHELE, ROBERT K.	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Finance Committee	367.78
CASTERLINE, PATRICIA A.	POLL WORKER	Pollworker	92.50
CAYO III, ROBERT A.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	1,320.66
CERRETA, ERIC	FIRE DEPT	FIRE FIGHTER	2,759.92
CHAPMAN, WILLIAM A.	POLICE	Police Officer	4,074.35
CHEVALIER, ELIZABETH A.	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA	Cafeteria Sub	82.50
CHILDS, LARAINÉ	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	39,504.72
CIUFFREDA, JEFFREY S.	SELECT BOARD	Select Board	2,807.17
CIUFFREDA, MARY ANN	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	47.50
CONNELL, JASON A.	FIRE DEPT	Fire Fighter	3,807.28
COTTON, JOHN W.	POLICE	Police Chief	31,151.69
CRANSTON, JEFFREY C.	CONSTABLE	Constable	305.50
CURTIN, MARK	FIRE DEPT	Fire Fighter	47.50
CYCZ, HOLLY J	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	275.00
CYCZ, MARTHA	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	22,109.31
CYCZ, TRICIA	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	55.00
DAVIDHEISER, KATHY M.	POLL WORKER	POLL WORKER	90.00
DAVIS, JOSHUA F	POLICE	POLICE CHAPLAIN	36.90
DESALVIO, KAREN	FINANCE COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE	367.78
DESROSIER, PHILIP G	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE	495.00
DIDONATO, JAMES A.	TRUST FUND COMM.	TRUST FUND	300.00
DOUYARD, JANET C	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA	SCHOOL CAFETERIA	1,841.40
DOWNEY, CLAUDIA	POLL WORKER	POLL WORKER	90.00
DOYLE, STEVEN A	SCHOOL-AIDES	SCHOOL CROSSING	630.00
DUFRESNE, SHELIA	POLL WORKER	POLL WORKER	45.00
DUNPHY, MARJORIE	ASSESSORS	ASSESSOR	7,652.58
EDWARDS, CHARLES H.	WATER	WATER	925.00
EVERETT, ALAN	FIRE DEPT	FIREFIGHTER	788.42
EVERETT, GLEN	FIRE DEPT	FIREFIGHTER	1,062.04
FERRON, JAMES	FIRE DEPT	FIREFIGHTER	2,040.82
FORSTER, NANCY S	SCHOOL-AIDES	TEACHERS AIDE	6,970.50
FOSKETT, MATTHEW B	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL	SCHOOL CUSTODIAN	490.28
GABRIELSON, IRA	BOARD OF HEALTH	BOARD OF HEALTH	1,095.60
GELBARD, ANNE C.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	3,270.00
GELBARD, JEFFREY D.	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	262.60
GIBSON, DONNA	BOARD OF HEALTH	BOARD OF HEALTH	1,095.60
GOEBEL, FRANCES M.	COA-DIRECTOR	COA-ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR	18,735.20
GOGGINS, JOHN H	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL - SUB	55.00
GURDAK-FOLEY, ROBIN GRACE	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	TEACHER	59,814.96
HARRIS, JOSHUA S	POLICE	POLICE	1,117.58
HARVEY, JENNIFER M	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL - SUB	220.00
HARVEY, RENEE	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA	CAFETERIA	22,871.30
HEFFERNAN, JOHN S.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	57,708.00
HOLMQUIST, HEATHER	SCHOOL-NURSE	School Nurse	28,378.13

Employee Earnings (Continued)

HYSLIP, JAMES P	WATER	WATER DEPARTMENT	870.84
JAESCKE, RICHARD E	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	55.00
JAESCKE, SUSAN M	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL - SUB	110.00
KAROWSKI, KAREN M	TREAS. LABOR	TREASURER'S ASST.	1,050.00
KAROWSKI, RICHARD P.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	544.50
KELLOGG III, WALTER E.	WATER	Water	15,000.00
KORPITA, JOHANNA M.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	50,378.42
KRESS, CHERYL A.	SCHOOL-AIDES	Teachers Aide	16,042.90
KUNTZ, GARY P	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	92.50
LAIRD, DUNCAN	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	School Committee	262.60
LASHWAY, LAWRENCE J. III	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	445.40
LAWTON, DONALD E.	FIRE DEPT	Fire Chief	27,796.98
LESSARD, BRENDA M	TOWN CLERK	TOWN CLERK	2,491.72
LIIMATAINEN, SANDRA	COA-MEALSITE	COA	2,436.66
LOJKO, ELIZABETH M.	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	120.00
LONG, MARY JANE	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	50,378.42
LOOMIS, ANN M	CON. COMM. SEC	CON COMM SEC	418.95
LOOMIS, WILBUR W.	CONSTABLE	Constable	130.50
LOOMIS, WILBUR W.	HIGHWAY	PT Winter Hwy	2,402.09
LUCE, JENNA M.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	82.50
LUCE, KATHLEEN	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	105.00
LUCE, RITA MACINNIS	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	49,041.93
LUCEY, DOROTHY L.	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	90.00
LULEK, AGNES T.	SCHOOL-CLERICAL	Clerical	19,533.70
LULEK, CHESTER J.	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL	Custodian	5,163.30
LYONS, PAUL J.	ELEC INSPECTIONS	Electrical Inspections	4,565.00
MACUTKIEWICZ, LESLIE A.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	137.50
MAGDALENSKI, BERNIE	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	90.00
MAHIEU, PETER	TREASURER	Treasurer	17,038.63
MAHONEY, DANIEL M.	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL	Custodian	2,286.68
MAHONEY, NANCY K.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	29,070.18
MAREK, CATHERINE	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	337.50
MARTI, SHERYL A.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	54,434.92
MATHERS, DAVID E.	SELECT BOARD	Select Board	1,257.17
MATHERS, MAUREEN	POLL WORKER	POLL WORKER	47.50
MATUSZKO, DEBORAH M	SCHOOL-NURSE	SCHOOL NURSE	14,675.39
MAYNARD, PATRICIA	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	56,150.71
MCCARTHY, JOHN T.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	140.00
MCGILL, BRIAN R.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	99.76
MCGILL, CORY J.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	2,187.12
MCNEIGHT, RYAN M.	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL	Custodian	4,815.33
MCQUESTON, MARYELLEN B.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	522.50
MCQUESTON, TIMOTHY E.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	87.26
MILLETTE, NANCY	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	51,285.69
MILSOM, SUSAN D.	SCHOOL-AIDES	Teachers Aide	19,776.64
MIMITZ, DONNA M.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	110.00
MIMITZ, KYLIE S.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	577.50
MIMITZ, SARAH M.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	55.00
MITCHELL, VERONICA J	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTE	275.00
MOORE, TYLER G.	POLICE	Police Officer	210.00
MORRIS, CHRISTOPHER	ADMIN. ASST.	Admin Asst	3,360.03
MOULTON, SHARON	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	58,688.33
NARDI, CHARLENE L.	TOWN CLERK	Town Clerk	14,401.69
NEUGEBORN, AARON B	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTE	90.00
NEWMAN, GEORGE A.	TRANSFER STATION	Transfer Station	7,267.84
NOONAN, SARAH	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE	195.00
NURCZYK, JANET M	SWOP	SWOP	253.13
O'BRIEN, MICHAEL P.	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL	Custodian	39,125.22
O'CONNELL, MICHAEL P.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	19,616.70
O'SULLIVAN, DIANE M.	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	40.00
OWENS, DONALD L.	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	90.00
PARKER, ROBERT A.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	174.34
PELOQUIN, LISA A.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	54,454.92
PEPI, JOHN R.	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Finance Committee	367.78
PERRAULT, RONALD C.	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA	Cafeteria	7,353.97
PION, MARK S	SCHOOL-AIDES	TEACHERS AIDE	7,746.07
POHANKA, JOHN	POLL WORKER	Poll Worker	347.50
POPE, JOHN P.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	1,154.00

Employee Earnings (Continued)

POUDRIER, THOMAS	TRANSFER STATION	Transfer Station	10,880.64
RHOADES, SOLANGE R	COA-MEALSITE	COA	23.38
RICHARDSON, RUSSELL C.	CUSTODIAN	Custodian	8,049.39
ROBERGE, BONNIE	COLLECTOR	Collector	28,010.67
ROWLEY, LINDA	FINANCE COMM LABOR	Finance Comm.Secretary	424.38
RYAN, ANNE M	SCHOOL-AIDES	TEACHERS AIDE	6,970.50
SANDERSON, HOWARD	WATER	Water	1,375.00
SANDERSON, PAUL	CONSTABLE	CONSTABLE	130.50
SANDERSON, PAUL	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	2,271.70
SCHIEPELLITE, KAREN M.	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	Substitute	3,600.00
SCHWEITZER, KAREN	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	51,015.78
SHEEHAN, MAUREEN M.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	35,286.70
SHUMWAY, PETER B., JR	ASSESSORS	Board of Assessors	2,511.41
SMITH, G. GILMAN	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	694.08
SMITH, MARY	SWOP	SWOP	496.88
SPRAGUE, DAVID R.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	36,908.92
SPRINGMAN, DARYL R.	FIRE DEPT	Firefighter	472.84
STEWART, EILEEN	MODERATOR	Town Moderator	131.00
STINSON, ROBERT L.	CON. COMM. SEC	Con Comm Sec.	448.88
SUMMERS, ERICA M	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTE	27.50
SVOBODA, JOHN	CONSTABLE	Constable	130.50
SZABO, AMELIA	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	49,765.78
TAYLOR JR., KENNETH H.	FIRE DEPT	FIRE FIGHTER	24.88
TAYLOR, JR., KENNETH H.	HIGHWAY	Highway	41,762.63
TURNER, DONALD W.	FIRE DEPT	FIRE FIGHTER	1,686.42
TURNER, DONALD W.	HIGHWAY	Highway	41,522.18
TURNER, WILLIAM	HIGHWAY	Highway Supt	56,890.52
VALONE, MARGO G.	LIBRARY-CUSTODIAL	Library	2,836.75
VENNE, ALFRED	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	School Principal	77,749.98
WALKER, ALICE A.	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	60,018.00
WALLACE, AIMEE M.	POLICE	Police Officer	23,620.16
WARNER, HENRY J	VETERANS AGENT	VETERANS AGENT	554.00
WARNOCK, ELEANOR H	ADMIN. ASST.	ADMINISTRATIVE	4,561.96
WAYNE, MICHAEL H.	POLICE	Police Officer	8,815.41
WEEKS, NYLDA	SWOP	SWOP	750.00
WENNER, LISA W.	LIBRARY	Librarian	29,750.61
WENTWORTH, PAULA A.	SWOP	SWOP	750.00
WHEELAN, MARY P.	COA-DIRECTOR	COA Director	21,465.68
WICKLAND, DENISE	POLICE	Police Officer	54,866.32
WILDFONG, ROCHELLE L.	LIBRARY	Librarian	25,007.64
WILLARD, SABRINA M	POLICE	POLICE OFFICER	8,978.48
WOODS, MARY ELLEN	SCHOOL-TEACHERS	Teacher	54,154.92
YORK, JEAN T.	POLL WORKER	POLL WORKER	40.00
YOUNG, BARBARA	LIBRARY	Library	11,463.27

Annual Report of the Finance Committee

The Town of Williamsburg Finance Committee is composed by nine elected officials who meet monthly to approve budget transfers for the town operating departments and works with those departments and the select board to create the town budget which is presented to the annual town meeting for discussion and approval. The intensive spring ritual which results in the budget requires many hours of discussion on state funding availability which is generally not a known quantity throughout most of the process.

The Finance Committee works closely with both the Select Board and the Capital Planning Committee.

Each year at Town Meeting the Finance Committee is authorized to expend up to a specified dollar amount to cover unforeseen departmental expenses. The 2007 budget transfers authorized by the Finance Committee are show below.

Fiscal Year 2007 Reserve Fund Transfers

Opening Balance	\$50,000.00	
Sep-06	(\$100.00)	Board of Assessors CAMAFEE
Oct-06	(\$6,920.00)	Board of Assessors Reval Account
Feb-07	(\$397.29)	Short Term Interest Ch.90 Borrowing
Mar-07	(\$420.00)	Software for Treasurer
Mar-07	(\$3,100.00)	Street Lighting
May-07	(\$82.76)	Shade Tree Committee – Tree Removal
May-07	(\$125.94)	Fire Department - Expenses
May-07	(\$2,682.97)	Collectors Salary – unpaid vacation
May-07	(\$1,208.95)	Treasurers Salary – unpaid vacation
Jun-07	(\$152.02)	Fire Department Expenses
Jun-07	(\$693.09)	Fire Department Expenses
Jun-07	(\$4,525.00)	Board of Selectman – Audit Expenses
Jun-07	(\$4,463.19)	Police Department – Payroll
Jun-07	(\$284.80)	Board of Selectman – Buildings and Grounds
Jun-07	(\$5.40)	Board of Selectman – Town Internet Expense
Jul-07	(\$3,807.76)	Police Department - Payroll
Jul-07	(\$343.03)	Fire Department - Expenses
Jul-07	(\$8,204.25)	Fire Department - Payroll
Jul-07	(\$411.15)	Board of Selectman – Buildings and Grounds
Jul-07	(\$129.90)	Board of Selectman – Town Internet Expense
Jul-07	(\$181.00)	Board of Health – Transfer Station Payroll
Jul-07	(\$15.00)	Fire Department - Expenses
Jul-07	(\$1.00)	Oliver Smith Trust
Jul-07	(\$11,700.00)	Vocational School – Adjustment
Total Transfers	(\$49,964.50)	
Closing Balance	\$35.50	

Annual Report of the Fire Department

The Williamsburg Fire Department responded to a total of 247 calls in 2007. The calls were as follows:

Structure fires	14
False alarms or alarm malfunctions	42
Motor vehicle accidents or medical	141
Brush, chimney, appliance malfunctions	19
Hazard conditions, power lines down, spills	15
Carbon monoxide	4
Assist elderly	10
Vehicle fires	2

To my knowledge, this has been the busiest year we have had. In addition to the calls and our regularly scheduled trainings, the Fire Department has also completed the NIMS and ICS training, which is required by the Federal Government. I was able to obtain funding for the training so the firefighters could be paid for the time they spent with the training.

Grants were not as plentiful in 2007. The grants were smaller and fewer. We did obtain a \$3900.00 small equipment grant, and a \$2500.00 grant for the SAFE educator in our schools. Matt Brusio is continuing as our SAFE educator and is doing a great job!

Carbon monoxide detectors are a Massachusetts law. If you have any questions regarding them, please contact a member of the Fire Department. Remember to change your batteries when you change your clocks in the spring and fall.

I would like to thank the citizens of Williamsburg and Haydenville for their support of the Fire Department. I would also like to thank the firefighters for their continued support and dedication to me and to our department. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Lawton
Fire Chief

Annual Report of the Foothills Health District

2007 marks the third year I have been your health agent. All together in Williamsburg I witnessed 15 perc tests and 4 Title V inspections. I performed 19 food inspections, issued 10 well permits, and 13 septic system permits. Nine complaints were investigated, resulting in 10 housing inspections, and 4 visits to housing court. No beaver removal permits were issued in 2007. A total of \$7352 was collected in fees.

In 2007, the Board of Health received funds, through our emergency planning group, MAPHCO, to purchase a laptop computer for Board members to access training on the internet, and to use in the event of a widespread emergency. We also got a Motorola radio for emergency use, and a number of other emergency supplies. MAPHCO is currently helping us to get funding for wiring the emergency generator at the Dunphy School; we hope to receive up to \$6000 to complete the electrical work necessary to use the school as an emergency shelter and/or medical dispensing site.

In 2008 I will work with the Department of Public Health to offer training on caring for flu patients at home. If you have medical credentials, stay tuned, we may be calling you for help.

I was able to offer training on food safety for Bed & Breakfast owners in town, and I am happy to say that all but one owner attended. In 2008, I hope to extend this opportunity to church and civic groups as well. If you are interested in having a food safety seminar for your own group please call me. I would be delighted to talk with you.

If you need me, call me at 268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at PO 447 Haydenville, MA 01039. It has been a very pleasurable year working in Williamsburg.

Jackie Duda
Health Agent
Foothills Health District

Annual Report of the Board of Health

Please see Jackie Duda's annual report in this edition for a summary of her Health Agent work for the Town.

Transfer Station

Williamsburg continues to be part of the regional Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative in dealing with solid waste and recycling issues. Through it we have been able to keep some control of costs at our Transfer Station. In fiscal year 2007 we sent to the Materials Recovery Facility in Springfield, MA, 94 loads of plastics, glass, paper and cardboard costing \$11,824 in hauling fees. Revenues averaging \$37.50 per ton brought in a total of \$23,864 to the ten-town cooperative and are being used to repair and replace old rusted roll-off collection boxes.

Construction and demolition waste is now separated from household waste and is charged a higher dumping fee at Northampton's landfill. Rules now require a cleaner sorting of used lumber and we try to do this sorting before it goes out of our Transfer Station. Mattresses are items that have become very difficult to dispose of. Northampton charges \$40 each, which we have been able to avoid because of our stripping down each mattress to its components before it leaves the Transfer Station. In 2007 we sent 701.51 tons of waste to Northampton totaling \$10,754 for dumping plus \$110 for each haul. And gas prices keep rising.

Ongoing book, electronics and tire collections and annual paint and household hazardous waste collections have been coordinated through the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative for more efficiency.

Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees all Massachusetts transfer stations, started this year requiring annual inspections of all stations by a third party.

Beginning in 2008 the Town is due again to go through the DEP ten-year re-permitting process to have and operate the Transfer Station.

Over recent years the Health Board has had many lively discussions about our fees for large loads, sticker price, senior discounts and the pay-per-bag method of trash disposal. We have some of the lowest prices, particularly for the stickers, of any town in western Hampshire County and for this reason we have not made any fee changes. Because of our inability to reach a consensus on the Board about the per bag payment method, we have not made this move yet, although it likely would increase our recycling rate.

The former wood waste disposal area that was closed and capped in 1998 still requires annual testing of monitoring wells. So far effluent has remained at or above drinking water standards.

The recent audit of Town departments and financial procedures has pushed the Board to finalize a new money collection system at the Transfer Station. We are returning to a coupon system, which will be more cumbersome but will provide a more consistent record of the revenue for the

Town and for users' expenses. Till that is in place, residents are reminded to ask for receipts as needed.

Goals for 2008 include a collection system for regular and compact fluorescent bulbs at the Station and joining in state-wide efforts to increase the amount of paper that is recycled. With an estimated \$1,000,000 in revenues being lost to good quality paper still being buried in landfills, the state is encouraging towns to find ways to recycle more paper.

Infectious Diseases

Some reportable infectious disease occurrence in town has required temporary nurse-monitored medication administration.

Through our Foothills Health District affiliation we have become a voting member of and are working with the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition through the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. We are still in the process of seeking grant funding to upgrade the Anne T. Dunphy School's electrical system for generator use. The school could then be used as both an emergency shelter site and an Emergency Dispensing Site for vaccine necessary in a health emergency such as pandemic flu. While the Town continues to work on disaster and emergency management planning, the Board is working with the fire and police departments to better coordinate our functions in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gibson
Ira Gabrielson
Don Lawton

3/7/08

Annual Report of Highland Ambulance EMS

Operations. Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. We serve approximately 8100 residents spread out over an area of 160 square miles. During the year Highland's active roster increased from 39 EMT's including 10 Paramedics at the beginning of the year to 47 EMT's including 12 Paramedics at the end of the year.

Training. In 2007 three EMT's entered the Paramedic course at Greenfield Community College. Six community members completed the Hampshire County Basic EMT course, passed the State exam and received certification as EMT's. Training sessions were held for Police and Fire first responders and Highland's EMT's. We are available to provide First Aid and CPR courses for local businesses to help them meet OSHA and Insurance requirements.

Emergency Responses. During 2007 Highland responded to 499 emergency calls. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	85	Chesterfield	58	Cummington	64
Goshen	65	Plainfield	45	Williamsburg	179
Other	3				

Out of these responses, 247 required advanced life support services of a paramedic.

Community Involvement. During the year we participated in school safety programs at New Hingham School and Sanderson Academy. We provided first aid kits for the Chesterfield/Goshen Boy Scouts. We provided ambulance coverage for community events including the Ashfield Fall Festival, the Cummington Fair and the Goshen Haunted Village.

Cash On Hand June 30, 2007

Operating Funds	\$ 13,649.53
Memorial Fund	6,459.44
Training Fund	20,541.71
New Ambulance Funds	
Cummington Funds	\$ 5,783.15
Williamsburg Funds	8,264.56
Highland Funds	38,615.42
Total	52,663.13
Total Cash On Hand	\$ 93,313.81

Respectfully Submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield	Bill Perlman	Plainfield	Stacey Magdycz
Chesterfield	Spencer Timm	Williamsburg	Christopher Smith
Cummington	James Drawe	At-Large	Francis Dresser
Goshen	Donald Boisvert	At-Large	Bernard Forgea
		At-Large	Douglas Mollison

Annual Report of the Williamsburg Highway Department

Along with all of the normal yearly maintenance and snow removal, the following construction projects were done:

Hyde Hill Rd. and Hyde Hill Branch were reclaimed, gravel added and then paved. Some drainage work was done. Lawton Hill was also paved.

The Highway crew worked with the Mass Highway and their emergency contractor to replace the bridge on Geer Hill Rd. with a temporary bridge.

The April nor'easter caused a lot of damage to many roads, mostly the dirt road. This damage was repaired and we were able to get reimbursed for most of the cost from FEMA and MEMA.

I would like to thank the Highway crew, Don Turner, Ken Taylor and Pete Banister, for their dedicated service to the Town of Williamsburg Highway Department and all the subcontractors that help with snow removal.

Thank You

Highway Superintendent
Bill Turner

Annual Report of the Hilltown Community Development Corporation

In Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) Hilltown CDC moved from the pre-development phase to begin construction on four major multi-year projects. These include our largest affordable housing project to date, a \$2.8 million 11-unit cluster condominium project on Laurel Road in Haydenville. Hilltown CDC also began construction on a new \$1.2 million Public Safety Building for the Town of Plainfield, a \$123,000 roof and windows replacement project at the Hillside Terrace senior housing facility in Cummington, and a \$336,000 acquisition and renovation of a vacant tenement building in Huntington, which will provide four 2-bedroom apartments for affordable rental housing. In each of these projects, Hilltown CDC worked on behalf of towns we serve to assemble the grants and loans needed to finance the projects, purchase land and buildings when needed, and manage the public bidding and construction or renovation process.

Hilltown CDC's Small Business Development program took a big step forward with the hiring of Seth Isman as our Economic Development Director. With 25 years of retail experience owning and managing the Mulberry Tree toy store in Northampton, he has provided valuable one-to-one consulting, along with our team of consultant specialists, to 56 Hilltown small businesses. The CDC also won a \$71,000 grant from the Mass. Dept. of Business & Technology (DBT) to expand our small business technical assistance and training workshops. We provided 69 workshops on 21 subject areas to 222 local business people. In addition to our CDBG-funded Micro-Enterprise program, we can now serve businesses with up to 20 employees. Our efforts to encourage a 'buy local' ethic through our Hilltown Business Directory also received a boost with the hiring of Jennifer Peotter as our part-time Business Program Assistant.

Our Homebuyer Training, Housing Rehabilitation and Social Service programs continued on a steady course, guided by experienced and long-serving staff members. Eighty-two households received individual Homebuyer counseling, 63 attended First Time Homebuyer workshops and 6 received cash assistance for down payment and closing costs. Hilltown CDC's Housing Rehab program provides zero percent interest deferred payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs. A total of \$325,000 in loans were made to rehabilitate 16 homes in Goshen, Plainfield and Worthington. Our Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) program provided 7,930 hours of in-home chore services to 100 low income Northern Hilltown elders, and 13,400 miles of escorted transportation.

In addition, Hilltown CDC secured CDBG (block grant) funds and oversaw three other social service programs meeting pressing community needs. The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE) provided 1,000 hours of specialized in-home nursing care to 250 home-bound elders. The Families Together program provided parenting education and training programs to 50 Hilltown families. Both programs are administered by the Hilltown Community Health Center. The Hilltown Food Pantry, administered by the Northampton Survival Center, provided 57,047 pounds of food to 264 eligible individuals via 2,157 visits to the Goshen pantry site.

In February, 2007, Hilltown CDC submitted a \$1.2 million regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of Chesterfield and five neighboring communities which included funds for: housing rehabilitation, first time homebuyer counseling and down payment assistance, purchase of an ambulance for the Town of Plainfield, and funding for four social service programs: Hilltown Elder Network (HEN), Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE), Families Together, and the Hilltown Food Pantry. The CDC also re-submitted an \$800,000 application on behalf of the Town of Worthington to fund renovations to The Maples senior housing complex. (Note: Funding was awarded for the \$1.2 million Chesterfield Regional CDBG grant, but was rejected again for the Worthington application.)

Hilltown CDC helped the seven Northern Hilltowns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington to prepare and update their Community Development Strategies. We secured funding and began a Hilltown Affordable Housing Planning Project to locate and study potential sites for senior housing in Chesterfield and other communities. We secured funding and began a study to explore interest in developing a regional senior center. And we continued to support regional efforts to bring high speed broadband internet services to our unserved and under-served communities. We also organized a Hilltown Spring Festival on May 19, 2007 and celebrated the CDC's 25th anniversary with 400 Hilltowners on a rainy but fun day at the Cummington Fairgrounds.

Hilltown CDC also completed many staffing transitions and new hires. Marge Allard resigned as Business Program manager in August, 2007, after eight years of service. She was replaced by Seth Isman in September and in May we hired Jennifer Peotter as his part time assistant. Mary Ellen Dearstyne completed ten years as Housing Rehabilitation program manager in May 2007 and moved over to serve as our part-time Grant Accounting Manager while launching her new period furniture business in Williamsburg, The Pilgrimage. Hilltown CDC hired Sarah Szczebak in June 2007 as Housing Rehab Program manager. Finance Director Catherine Roegge took maternity leave and returned in a part-time role. Trish Robertson of Chesterfield resigned as our Green Thumb office assistant after over 20 years of service. We hired new office assistant Paul Fennessey of Chesterfield through the Senior Service America program. We also recruited two new Directors to the Board: Don Boisvert of Goshen and Bob Heath of Huntington. Don Boisvert is the Director of Western Mass. Business Networking International. Bob Heath is an assessor and select board member for the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted by:

Andrew Baker – Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

Annual Report of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Last year the HRMC helped the Town of Williamsburg:

- 1) Recycle and divert 450.56 tons of material saving the Town over \$ 31,709.11 in disposal costs.
- 2) Earn \$ 9,057.98 in recycling revenue.

Therefore for the annual assessment amount of \$8,657.75 Williamsburg received over \$40,767.05 in indirect costs savings, services and revenues from services, programs and assistance provided by the HRMC!

The HRMC is a unique regional cooperative organization which was created in 1989 by concerned residents in the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. The primary mission of the HRMC is to assist its member Towns with the planning and management of their solid waste management and recycling programs, and since 1989 the HRMC has been doing just that. On an annual basis the HRMC assists your Town in the following ways;

- 1) Budget savings on annual disposal costs through careful management of the Town's waste management and recycling programs.
- 2) Assist the local officials in your Town with the Town transfer station/recycling center operations, budget planning, as well as any DEP related enforcement and filing issues as they arise.
- 3) Help protect the environment through the recycling of glass, cans, plastic bottles, paper, newspaper, junk mail, cardboard, electronics, tires, propane tanks, paint, clothes and other common household products.
- 4) Operating the regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Paint Recycling and Electronics Recycling programs to help keep toxic materials out of our local environment.
- 5) Assist your Town directly with the bidding of recycling hauling, solid waste hauling, disposal contracts and transfer station equipment
- 6) Obtaining cash and equipment grants to assist your Town, when available.
- 7) Assist your Town with the development of new recycling programs when needed.
- 8) Advocate on behalf of its member Towns with State legislators.
- 9) Explore long term sustainability issues which will effect/benefit all Hilltown Communities.

The HRMC Administrator, Eric Weiss, our one and only employee, helps all HRMC member Towns with these many tasks. Last year the HRMC helped the Towns (combined) divert and recycle over 2156.10 tons of materials, saving the Towns over \$151,471.02 in direct disposal costs savings and earning the Towns (combined) over \$43,383.44 in recycling revenues!

We look forward to continuing to help you and your Town protect the environment and save money. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268-3845 or email us hrmc@crocker.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss
Administrator, HRMC

Annual Report of the Historical Commission

The Historical Commission, under the direction of the Town Clerk, has continued in an effort to make early records of the Town more accessible to the public.

Historical and genealogical information has been compiled and indexed from Town Records, registered deeds and many other sources, concerning land use, succession of ownership, and early families in town. A database has been created from all available sources, listing births, marriages and deaths. An index of the Williamsburg High School yearbook, *The Tattler*, has been completed, listing everyone who has attended from 1923 to 1971.

Images of the earliest available Town Maps and many photographs depicting local scenes and structures from the time of the disaster of 1874 to the early 20th century are being collected, identified and digitized.

Members of the Commission have assisted the Town Clerk and the Williamsburg Libraries in responding to numerous requests from local and visiting researchers seeking genealogical and historical information.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralmon Jon Black, Chair
Eric W. Weber, Clerk
Mary Bisbee
David Majercik
Sarah C. Palmer

Annual Report of the Williamsburg Libraries ~ Meekins & Haydenville ~

Library Statistics and Services 2007

In FY 2007 total circulation increased from 78,124 in FY06 to 79,545 in FY07. During the year the Williamsburg Library lent 6,411 items to other libraries and borrowed 8,934 items for our patrons from other libraries through the statewide inter-library loan system. Total inter-library loan was up 10% from FY06. The Meekins Library was open a total of 1,092 hours, down from 1,290 the previous year due to staff shortage. Forty five people volunteered 3,000 hours at the libraries. While circulation grew from 60,486 in 2003, when the library reopened after renovation, to 79,545 in FY07, the library continues to be staffed at pre-renovation levels by two full-time and one part-time employee: Lisa Wenner, Library Director, Rochelle Wildfong, Children's Librarian and Bobbin Young, Technical Services. The 8,500 sq foot library is cleaned five hours a week by Margo Valone. The Haydenville Library circulated 130 items and was open 101 hours thanks to the generosity of volunteers organized by Maureen Mathers. 1,450 residents hold Williamsburg CW/MARS library cards and additional 425 residents hold CW/MARS cards from other area libraries. CW/MARS cards are used interchangeably at all area libraries. The Meekins Library served as the school library for the 22nd year. Classes visited the library Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Pre-school story-time with Rochelle Wildfong was offered at the Meekins Library each Wednesday at 10.

The Library web-site www.meekinslibrary.org or www.meekins-library.org continues to provide access to library and community information, the library catalog, information databases and links to other libraries, thanks to our volunteer webmaster Steve Berlin-Chavez.

Summer Reading Program: Over 180 children signed up to read books and win prizes as part of the 2006 Summer Reading Program “*What’s Buzzin at Your Library*”. At our annual kick-off party Tim Van Egmond sang “buggy” songs and provided entertainment on the Meekins Lawn. Over 30 kids created bug houses and other insect crafts with Victoria Loud, DAR naturalist. The Summer Reading Program was made possible in large part by a generous donation from the Friends of the Williamsburg Library and donations from Mark Rosenzweig, of ACME Surplus, Victoria Loud, of the Loud Family Sugar House, as well as support from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.

Other Reading Programs included a four session Family Reading Program as well as a Mother–Daughter book group facilitated by Debbie Connell. The groups were co-sponsored by the Hilltown Community Health Centers and the Meekins Library. Young adult author Ellen Wittlinger facilitated a Teen Reading Group in the Hawks~ Hayden Community Room for the fourth year in a row. Jennifer Black organizes and runs our popular children’s reading program, “Reading to Dogs”.

The Neil Hammer Gallery: The following shows appeared in the **Neil Hammer Gallery** in the Hawks~Hayden Community Room during FY07: July to June: Unique miniature items made of birch bark, *Tree Tales* by Claire Byrom; *Architectural Photographs* from the Office of Michael Rosenfeld; *After Katrina and Rita*, photographs taken by volunteers from the Local

Louisiana Aid Project; *Moments... Within Without*, photographs by Lauren Salva; *Oils and Acrylics* by Tammy Reid; *Paintings* by Regina Berlin-Chavez; *Sugar House Crazy Quilts* by Pat Jamrog, *EKPHRASTIC Poems* by Steve Rozwenc hung with *Paintings* by Eric Busch; *Watercolors* by Gloria Black; *Photographs* by Victor Coveleski; and *Landscapes of the Graves Farm Audubon Sanctuary* by The Hilltown Pleinar Painters.

Public Programs held in the Hawks~Hayden Community Room: July to June included: *Are You Suffering From the Sugar Blues?* and *Staying Healthy in Winter* by Leora Nesson, *Wild Edible Plants* with naturalist John Root, *Bird Flu: The Homeopathic Approach* and *Influenza: a Wholistic Approach: How to Prevent, treat and think about Flu using Homeopathic Remedies* presented by Lauren Fox, Family Practitioner, *Nicotine Anonymous Meetings*, *The Horse in Western Art, An Illustrated Presentation*, by Justin P West, M.F.A., *What's On Your Mind?: 5 Thursdays* with Dr. Siegfried Haug, *The Joy of Family Music* with Lui Collins, *The Climate Project*, slide presentation of *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore, with talk by Jeanine Richards, Elizabeth White Schulze, *Lecture: 13 Contemporary Basket Artists*, Steve Rozwenc *Poetry Reading*, *Open Mike* with Maureen Moore, *Midwifery Talk* with Tanya Rapinchuk, *Pastel Workshop* by Gregory Maichak

Clubs and Organizations: Hampshire Hoof-Beats 4-H Group, Lions Club, Hilltown Community Development Corporation 1st Time Home Buyers and informational meetings about local housing, Foster Parents Group, Friends of the Library, Board of Library Trustees, Williamsburg Police Department, CW/MARS, WMRLS, Library Building Committee, Williamsburg Council on Aging Writing Group, child's birthday party, monthly Spanish language group led by Gloria Black.

Friends of the Library: The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries continue to support our libraries with financial donations, gifts and volunteer efforts, most notably at the Haydenville Library where Maureen Mathers, the volunteer coordinator keeps the library staffed with volunteers. Once again the Friends, with help from the local cultural council, offered their popular Sunday Music program held at Nash Hill Place. In June, the popular Garden Tour was organized by Susan Van Dyne with the help of local area gardeners. In November, Move it for Meekins (Run, Walk, Pedal, Push and Chili Fest) brought runners, walkers and bikers to the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wenner, Library Director

Anne Haxo, Chair, Connie Fitzgerald, Treasurer, Jim Locke, Building Committee Building Liaison, Pat Billingsley, Mary Gabrielson, Chris Loring, Williamsburg Board of Library Trustees

Annual Report of the Open Space Committee

In the spring of 2007, Williamsburg Open Space Committee members completed a multi-year effort to create Connecting People and Partners, A Town's Guide to Land Conservation. This was a multi-town effort led by the Highland Communities Initiative and UMass Extension that helped the towns of Williamsburg, Ashfield, Goshen, Chesterfield and Conway develop land protection tools appropriate for our towns. As a result of this effort, the Open Space Committee now has a guide to local land protection resources and an interactive tool to evaluate land for protection. In addition, Williamsburg has also drafted a process for the town to use in reviewing its right of first refusal to purchase properties enrolled in the Chapter 61 Program that come up for sale. This process will help the town make timely and informed decisions about whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase land in town. The Open Space Committee has also spent time learning more about the Community Preservation Act and what its passage could do for Williamsburg.

There are currently vacancies on the Open Space Committee and we are eager to fill these spots as we launch into an exciting phase of work. Anyone interested in joining the committee should submit a letter to the Select Board. No particular experience is needed, though knowledge of forests, farms and other open lands in Williamsburg or experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are always a plus.

Annual Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board met 12 times during 2007. Several more meetings were scheduled; however these meetings did not have a necessary quorum. Two vacancies were filled. Jim Locke was appointed in November and Neal Anderson was appointed in December. Neal was a member previously.

Ten applications for sub-division approval not required (A.N.R.) were reviewed; all applications were approved.

Martin Mahoney, although not a Planning Board member, continues to represent the Board on the Brassworks Reuse Committee.

One joint public hearing with the Tree Committee serving as Tree Warden was held to determine the removal of certain public shade trees.

The Planning Board held a joint public hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider the site plan review for a building addition to Brewmasters Tavern. The Board requested some modifications to the plans that were accepted by the applicants.

The Planning Board held an informational meeting requested by developer Tom Messenger for him to present preliminary plans to develop land owned by Mr. Edwin Orwat bordering Petticoat Hill and South Street. Mr. Messenger proposed building 38 restricted housing units on Mr. Orwat's approximately 12 acres.

Previous to that meeting and continuing to date the Planning Board has been formulating an age restricted residential housing bylaw. This has been the topic at all Planning Board meetings. With a large effort by Andy Soles and help from Tim McQueston, and major consideration and input from Board members, the bylaw should be complete to present at Town Meeting 2008.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Bisbee, Chairman
Jim Locke, Clerk
James Lawrence
Timothy McQueston
Andy Soles
Stephen Snow
Neal Anderson

Annual Report of the Police Department

A few weeks ago I was speaking with one of the officers, and, during the course of that conversation, the officer said, *“Chief, I’ve never worked in a community where people wave hello to you when you drive past them in a cruiser.”*

I would like to thank the citizens of Williamsburg for your continued support. Simple acts of kindness make officers feel welcome and appreciated.

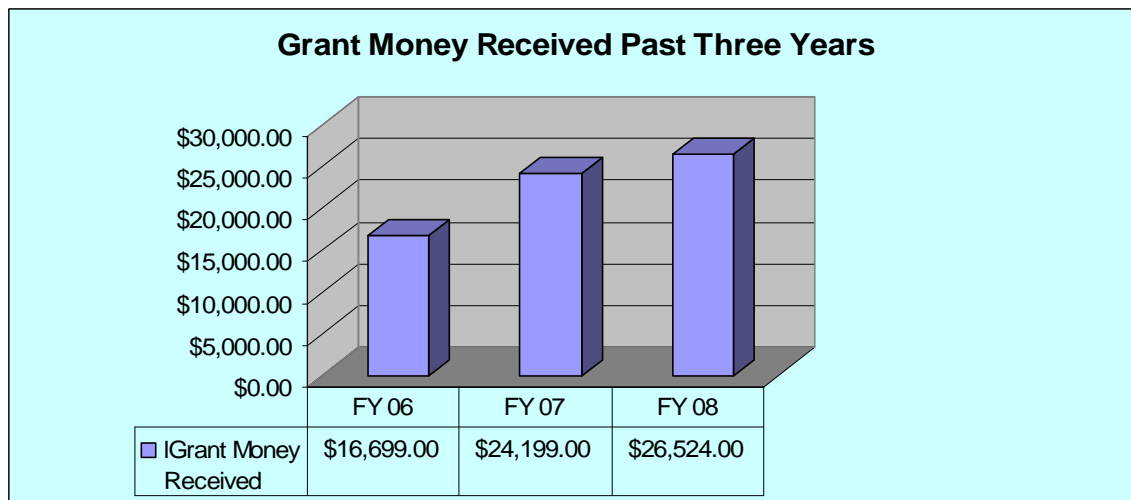
The department is staffed by the following people:

Chief of Police	Sergeant	Detective	Chaplain
John W. Cotton	Denise Wickland	William Chapman	Rev Joshua Davis

Police Officers: Aimee Wallace, Mike Wayne, Jeff Brooks, Sabrina Willard, Mike Romano

Sergeant Denise Wickland is the only full-time member of the department. All other positions are part-time.

This year the department has again been fortunate to be able to supplement our operating budget with grant funding that we have successfully applied for and received. Grant money provides bike helmets for children, added patrols, and equipment our community would otherwise be hard pressed to afford.



Executive Office of Public Safety – Community Policing – \$11,299.00

Executive Office of Public Safety – Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau – \$4,500.00

Equipment funding under Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau Grant – \$3,000.00

Above grants allow for additional speed enforcement patrols, impaired operator patrols, bike helmets for children, safety devices for children at Halloween, and police equipment.

Executive Office of Public Safety – Building Repair Grant – \$7,725.00

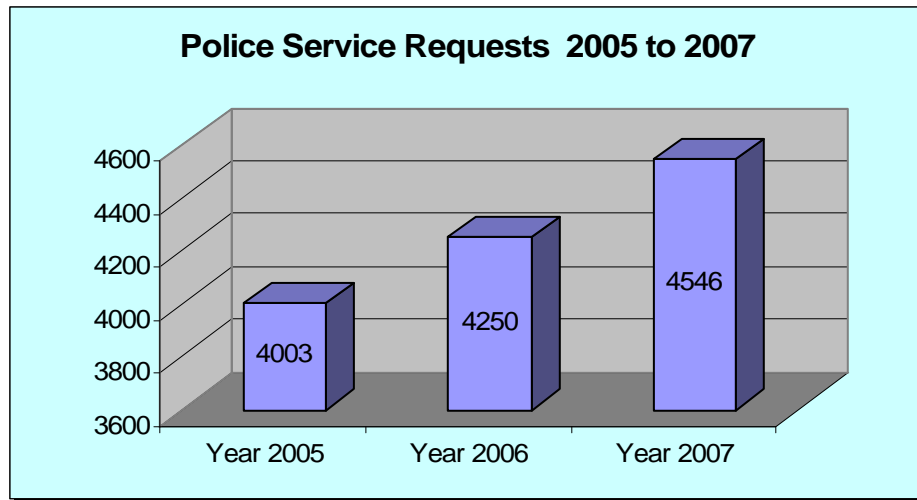
This year, the Executive Office of Public Safety offered an open grant application process for repair of police stations. Competition was intense. Only six hundred thousand dollars in grant money was available to EOPS, and yet over 2.7 million dollars worth of applications were received.

With the help of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, the police department was able to obtain a grant in the amount of \$7,725.00 dollars in matching funds for a new oil-fired furnace for the Haydenville station.

Two oil burners, both very old, and two rusty, weeping oil storage tanks were replaced with one modern efficient oil burner, a new oil storage tank and programmable thermostats. The fuel savings achieved through these improvements will provide a positive return on this investment for many years.

Total value of all grants received – \$26,524.00

Police service requests are steadily increasing



Requests for police services in our community are increasing at a steady pace. The department is working hard to keep pace with our community needs. A modern police station and modern equipment are required to meet this challenge.

Recently Williamsburg police, working with the neighboring town police departments of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, and Chester, applied for a grant funded by Homeland Security. Our group request was for \$46,000 dollars to repair and modernize the county police radio system. Although we were not successful in our effort to obtain these funds for our communities, this radio system is antiquated and in need of replacement for the safety of citizens and police officers alike. We will continue to seek funding opportunities to meet this need.

I have made a request through the Capital Planning Committee for a Public Safety complex. While the Town of Williamsburg will be unable to consider such a building in the near future, the time is long past due to realize the need for this facility and to begin the process of looking forward toward the time when we may be able to plan and fund such a project in the years ahead. If anyone in the community has experience in planning for such a facility, obtaining grants for such a facility or construction of such a facility, the community could use your help.

John W. Cotton
Chief of Police

Annual Report of the Williamsburg Elementary Schools

Anne T. Dunphy School Grades 3- 6
Helen E. James School Grades PK – 2

Williamsburg School Council

The mission of the School Council is to assist the Principal in formulating meaningful educational goals for the students of the Williamsburg Schools, assessing the needs of the schools in light of those goals, and defining and promoting objectives and activities that will advance those goals, address those needs and improve student performance.

Membership 2007

Kate Dollard, Parent (2nd Year of 3 year term)
Lorrie Cote, Parent (3rd Year of 3 year term)
Lisa Peloquin, Teacher (2nd Year of 2 year term)
Karen Schweitzer, Teacher (2nd Year of 2 Year term)
David Sprague, Adjustment Counselor (2nd Year of 2 year term)
Jeff Gelbard, School Committee Liaison (Appointed by the School Committee 1 year term)
Vacancy - Community Member
Alfred Venne, Principal

The PTO January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Donna Gingras successfully completed 5 years as the chairperson of the Williamsburg PTO. The Williamsburg School Committee recognized her in the late spring of 2007. She had devoted over 900 hours of community service that was estimated to have a dollar value of \$101,635.86.

Playground work – PTO playground subcommittee under the direction of parents **Paul Wetzel** and **Julie Elias** successfully installed the major portion of the highly anticipated playground update at the Helen E. James School. In all about 50 – 60 people participated in the installation process that included everything from digging holes, putting equipment together, to the final spreading of over 100 yards of bark mulch. The playground was dedicated in September 2007. **Doug Baker** of Florence Savings Bank, one of the major contributors, was on hand for the re-dedication ceremony. A plaque was installed on the largest of the playground structures.

The Cultural Arts Parent/Teacher (PTO) Committee – Cultural Arts work jointly facilitated by Teacher Nancy Mahoney and Parent Judy Goldman involved over 30 parents and all teachers this year. “Four Fridays in January” After School Art Workshops! The Workshops took place on Fridays in January directly after school until 4:30 pm. The Workshop choices were: Drama Time with Hampshire Theater Professor Natalie Sowell; Knitting Creations with Pam Thompson; Digital Video Production 101 with Tom Adams; and Clay Workshop with Nancy Mahoney. These workshops were fun and enriching for the kids and the fees paid helped to fund Arts Adventure Day!

Arts Adventure Day was on Tuesday, March 13th. The day welcomed artists from our own parent community, the local college community and the community at large. These people shared their special talents with our students. Each class experienced three different art forms (dance, theater, visual art, music) including: Tim Van Egmond/musician, storyteller, Greg Ruth/cartoon artist, Natalie Sowell's class from Hampshire College/children's theater, Burchie Green/musician (early childhood), Tony Vacca/musician, Massamba Diop/Senegalese drummer, Bisco/African dance, Lindsay Fogg-Willems/visual artist, Molly Merritt & friends (different set)/contra dance, Smith College Glee Club/singing, Kent Alexander/drama, Tony Vacca with Burchie Green and Massamba Diop, 5 Alone (from PVPA).

Gardening Parent/Teacher (PTO) – Nearly 100 different parents, 180 students and 35 teachers/staff were involved with the gardening effort this past year. **Catherine Sands** was critical in bringing to the school Fertile Ground, a grassroots initiative dedicated to empowering children to make healthy food choices by teaching them how to grow food, and building strong bonds between diverse communities through shared food celebrations. A part of the work involved integrated curriculum efforts through gardening classes with **Hope Guardenier** that were held both in the spring and fall of 2007. Also the Harvest Feast and Workday Wednesday October 25 gave the school the opportunity to celebrate a feast with food grown and cooked by the children. It was also a time for families to help put the garden to bed for the winter. Some examples of food from the garden included: cherry tomatoes, broccoli, and banana tomatoes, cucumbers, raw garlic and pumpkins. In addition to that food consumed during the feast, some of the fabulous produce also won awards in the Grange Fair in the fall. They included the largest pumpkin, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, flower arrangements, carrots, hubbard squash, pie pumpkins. Special thanks to **Sherrie Marti** for helping the James School children harvest produce for the Grange Fair.

The gardening theme was extended beyond the eatables as a tree planting coordinated by parent **Paul Jahnige** added six large trees to the Dunphy School playground, and flower gardens by parent **Lori Burns** added to the entrance of the Helen E. James School this past spring.

The **PTO Science Night/Dessert Social** Friday March 16, 2007, was an evening of family fun! The annual Science Night/Dessert Social/Class Basket Raffle was very successful. Science demonstrations and many hands-on activities provided for focused science learning through out the event. **David Sprague**, the school adjustment counselor, was joined by a number of student drummers to add an entertainment element to the evening.

Facility Work

Tree Work – Cotton Tree Service safely pruned about 17 trees and removed 3 dead trees in and around the school properties. The work was completed the first week of January 2007. In addition cables were added to 4 trees to help support their successful growth.

Lighting update – An energy audit was completed over the summer of 2006. Prism Consulting, the auditing firm, arranged for 75 lighting fixtures located in both the James and Dunphy schools to be updated. The update was completed in January 2007 and included new occupancy sensor lighting in the gym.

The following is a list of School Emergency Plans recently updated by the school administration and forwarded to both the town Fire Department and Police Department for consideration.

- ✓ SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT
- ✓ LOCKDOWN/ INTRUDER IN THE BUILDING
- ✓ BOMB THREAT
- ✓ FIGHTS/ASSAULTS
- ✓ EVACUATION PLAN (bomb, fire, other emergency)
- ✓ MEDICAL EMERGENCIES/SERIOUS ACCIDENT
- ✓ WEAPON FOUND ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
- ✓ WEAPON SUSPECTED ON A STUDENT
- ✓ EARTHQUAKES
- ✓ TORNADOES
- ✓ SHELTER IN PLACE

In the early spring of 2007 an air quality audit identified several areas of each school with high levels of mold and/or mold potential. One major source for the mold potential was the carpeting found in the HEJ preschool room, the HEJ art room, and the ATD Special Education room. The carpeting was removed from each of the aforementioned spaces and replaced with vinyl tile flooring. Post work testing indicated both less viable mold and less mold potential.

The town allocated special funds to update some of the school plumbing during the summer of 2007. The updates included the installation of motion detector automatic sinks in three of the Dunphy School lavatories. The flushing mechanism was also replaced on the Dunphy School urinals and toilets.

Numerous boiler and heating system repairs occurred the 2007. Univent repairs, thermostat repairs, boiler control panel repairs, pneumatics controller tank replacement and relieve valves, etc.

School Building of the Future

December 2006 the Board of Selectmen jointly with the local School Committee submitted 2 Statements of Interest (SOI) to the MSBA of the State Treasurer's Office. The SOIs articulated the facility needs of the Williamsburg Public Schools. March 2007 MSBA officials received signed Board of Selectmen minutes and Williamsburg School Committee minutes from the meetings that voted to submit the SOIs.

September 24, 2007, the MSBA requested of the school department a significant amount of additional facilities information that was submitted the week of October 9, 2007. October 1, 2007, school officials attended a MSBA meeting where the status of MSBA funding was outlined. Williamsburg was noted as one of the SOIs under strong consideration for future action.

October 25, 2007, MSBA officials conducted an onsite interview of school administrators and school committee members. In addition time was taken to review prior feasibility work done by the town in 2002. November 2, 2007, MSBA officials sent the state contracted engineering/architectural firm to the school to conduct a detailed facilities assessment. The assessment looked at each building inside and out. The review examined HVAC systems, building envelopes, interiors, electrical, etc.

November 29, 2007, MSBA officials completed the first year process to prioritize school for funding. Williamsburg was designated in the “Planning Stage”. MSBA officials will meet with town officials to identify a potential solution path to the long-range school facilities needs of Williamsburg on February 15, 2007.

Staff

Lisa Peloquin was recognized for teaching excellence in 2007 with the Pioneer Valley Grinspoon Award. She was selected as one of the three teachers of the Hampshire Regional School District to receive the Pioneer Valley Grinspoon Award for teacher excellence. Harold Grinspoon effort is to recognize excellence in teaching coupled with community service. The award ceremony was held in May at the Log Cabin. Past recipients on staff include **David Sprague**, recognized for his multi-district efforts related to Social Emotional Curriculum, and **Sherrie Marti**, for her work with the evolving gardening.

Heather Holmquist – School Nurse. Ms. Holmquist, who has effectively served the health care needs of our children over the past two years, left her position with the Williamsburg School to pursue her goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Nurse Deborah Matuszko filled in for the fall of 2007, with a full time nurse to be appointed in 2008.

David Sprague – School Adjustment Counselor. Mr. Sprague will be on a one-year professional development leave of absence from the Williamsburg School Department next year. He will be continuing his studies in cross-cultural understanding and cultural exchange.

Maureen Sheehan – Special Education Teacher. Mrs. Sheehan, who has served the greater Hampshire Regional School District for decades, retired in June of 2007. Mrs. Sheehan’s retirement is a jumping off point for her planned future work in human services.

Susan Smith – Classroom Teacher. Ms. Smith has extended her one-year leave into a second year. She will continue her work with the Wellesley public schools as a Math Coach support specialist.

Fall 2007 we saw some new faces on staff as well as returning people. **Nancy Forster** returned as an Assistant Teacher working in grade 3 this year. **Annie Ryan**, new to the school, started as an Assistant Teacher working with grade 5 students. **Mark Pion**, who served as a long-term sub during the spring of 2007, started the fall as a grade 6 Assistant Teacher. Finally **Randy Andrews** started as our full time evening custodian in the fall of 2007.

Program/Curriculum

A major focus of the school curriculum this past year has been the implementation of a comprehensive math program. Over the past year every classroom teacher and teacher specialist has been involved in a coordinated five-district math professional development program. Teachers have been trained to use and implement new math materials with students, engage in new assessment strategies and collaborate with area colleagues in an effort to coordinate the math program afforded all of the children of the greater Hampshire Regional School District.

The following are a few of the enrichment activities that occurred in 2007 that help support the school curriculum. These field experiences are financially supported by a combination of grants, Collins Trust Funds, and community fundraising.

- Grade 1 & 2 Salmon Release
- Grade 5 Visited Old Deerfield
- School Musical Show
- Kindergarten Visited Holyoke
- STARLAB in the GYM grades 5 and 6
- Williamsburg Cultural Council String Instrument performance K-2
- Grade 4 to Northfield Mt.
- Grade 1 to Buckland Farm
- Grade 4 to Old Greenfield Village
- Camp Howe Grade 5
- Field Day K – 6
- Grade 6 to New York City
- Chorus Show

Respectfully Submitted

Alfred J. Venne
Principal

Annual Report of the Hampshire Regional School Committee

The Hampshire Regional School Committee, which serves the five-town regional secondary school district, has had a busy and productive 2007. The District, which includes the towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg, has completed two and a half years under the leadership of Superintendent Barbara Ripa. As required, our superintendent was evaluated in December 2007 by the chairs of school committees she serves in our five towns. She has met and exceeded our expectations and continues her efforts to insure quality education to the children of our communities. We are pleased to work with her to meet the educational needs of all students in the Hampshire Regional School District.

Setting the Regional budget for fiscal '08 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) required cooperation between the Regional School Committee and elected officials of our communities. While State Chapter 70 and transportation funding increased from fiscal '07, each of our district towns faced financial difficulties to meet our budget request. Hampshire Regional continued sharing of District financial data with the towns to help local officials understand our financial situation and needs. The five towns continued to face their own budget problems and assistance was most difficult in Southampton and again in Williamsburg and Westhampton. The Regional School Committee adopted and the towns supported a final '08 budget of \$10,528,948 for the Regional School District which represented a 7.1% increase over the District's Fiscal '07 budget. This budget increase was driven by increased health insurance, energy and transportation costs. The continued increase in health care costs is a problem that extends beyond our District, but we continue to seek ways to reduce increases in the future. The FY '08 budget permitted the hiring of a part-time language arts teacher to help improve the school's academic program. Planning for necessary educational change is difficult without resources. Our District is in competition with surrounding districts and area charter schools and must continue to find ways to reach for and maintain excellence in education if we are to meet the needs of our communities.

Hampshire Regional Principal Jim Connolly has continued to engage the community with issues concerning the future of education at Hampshire Regional. His vision encompasses the changing face of education in the early twenty-first century and the need to provide means to assist students with a greater variety of educational interests and a greater number of resources. In September 2007, Hampshire Regional began an advanced placement course in biology and strengthened the internship program for students to merge work and academics with businesses in the greater community. The 24th annual History Day fair involved students in depth in research and presentation of information. The science fair stressed the scientific method with research on a hypothesis and an explanation of results. The Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), begun in 2006-2007 at Hampshire Regional, has started to expand upon its role in linking families to life at Hampshire Regional with a Coffee House in May and a Potluck Social for seventh graders and their parents last fall. The Visual and Performing Arts Department continued to entertain parents, students and the public through its band, chorus and drama groups with a series of concerts and theater productions. Hampshire Regional continues to search for ways to use the internet to expand our students' education. The Laptops Enhancing Education Program (LEEPS) formally began in the fall of 2007 with 120 laptop computers purchased or leased by Hampshire families. This helps the school to better integrate technology into the

classroom. The School Council, working with Dr. Connolly, surveyed the students in 2007. Overall, students reported being very pleased with course offerings and staff at Hampshire.

Our Hampshire Regional sports teams achieved further success on the field and in the gym. Both Boys and Girls basketball teams won their league titles. The Boys played for the Western Massachusetts Championship at the Cage at UMass coming just short of a victory. The Girls won their fifth straight Western Massachusetts Championship and played in the State Championship game for the fifth consecutive year. We thank Coach Jay Fortier and his student athletes for their hard work during this extended period of Girls' basketball success. Our Cheerleading squad was first in Western Massachusetts. Our Golf team was undefeated and league champion for the third year in a row. Hampshire's Girls Soccer team was league champion and the State Sportsmanship award winner. Hampshire's Boys Soccer Team was undefeated winning both Western Massachusetts and Division II State Championships. It was the Boys' second State Soccer Championship.

The activities noted above and many other activities at Hampshire Regional helped the school to meet its mission to develop our students' knowledge and skills to enable them to be life-long learners and responsible citizens.

Hampshire's results on the state's MCAS examination continued to remain steady. While the results are generally very good, the school must meet the needs of all its students. Wherever students are identified as needing improvement, Hampshire through tutoring and additional academic efforts works to help them meet the MCAS requirements. The School Committee has continued its commitment to maintaining our school's mission of a balanced, broad and humane education for every student.

The year 2007 was a time of continued challenge for Hampshire Regional and your School Committee. The Committee continues to work to provide our children with the best education we can in difficult economic times. We value the excellent work of the Regional School staff and administration. Our teachers and counselors, nurse, aides, custodians, cafeteria staff, coaches and other support personnel and our administrators, at Hampshire and in the Superintendent's Office, are our partners and colleagues in the success of our school. We continue our work with them and with the students, parents and residents of the five towns to meet the challenges of 2008.

March 19, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Brousseau, Chair,
Hampshire Regional School Committee

Annual Report of the School Superintendent

The schools in the Hampshire Regional School District have had another exciting and productive year. Teachers and staff worked hard to provide quality instructional and extra-curricular programs for our students, while maintaining safe, positive and productive learning environments within our schools.

Annually, administrators identify district goals to provide direction for curricular work and professional development. The 2006-2007 District Goals were:

- Goal # 1: Develop and implement district-wide (Pre-K – 12) curriculum (content, instruction, and assessment) and a supportive organizational process to continually improve student performance.
- Goal #2: Promote professional development as a means of improving instruction and student achievement including content, instruction, assessment, mentoring and coaching.
- Goal #3: Support the use of technology, differentiated instruction, diversity and community service as instructional strategies to reach all learners.
- Goal #4: Facilitate ongoing and open communications with parents and our communities.
- Goal #5: Provide for the safety and welfare of all students and staff.

In the spring of 2007, district administrators worked with teachers to identify math materials for Phase II of our district-wide math initiative. Following the decision, materials were ordered and a series of training workshops were scheduled. Teachers in grades Kindergarten through Grade 3 began the implementation of the second and final phase of the new program in September 2007.

Central Office welcomed its new Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Regina Pool joined our staff in July and quickly began the process of getting to know our five districts and the curricular needs of our students and staff. Among her first initiatives, Regina got involved in the math implementation and training, and established Grade level meetings to provide quality discussion time for teachers across the district. She is also responsible for monitoring the administration of district-wide math assessments, which will be administered three times each year to provide useful information feedback regarding instruction and learning.

WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS October 1, 2006 Enrollment

GRADE	PRE-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Enrollment	21	9	15	13	19	20	29	24

WILLIAMSBURG STUDENTS AT HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL October 1, 2006 Enrollment

GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12
Enrollment	10	18	11	23	12	19

Williamsburg members of the School Committee for school year 2006-2007:

Michael Beattie
Diane Bishop
Jeff Gelbard
Charlene Nardi, Chair
Duncan Laird

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to two of our sports teams. Kudos to Coach Moynahan and the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team. For only the second time in Hampshire Regional history, the boys from Hampshire came home with the State Championship capping off a 20-0-1 undefeated season! Congratulations also go out to Coach Mike Dorunda and the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team for winning the 2007 MIAA State Sportsmanship award for Soccer!

The middle school teams, structured in blocks of time, continued to provide students with needed support as they transition to HRHS. In recent years we have increased the number of team building activities for middle school students and continue to work on providing interdisciplinary activities for our students.

The Life Skills program at HRHS continued to serve a portion of our student population who in past years were placed in out-of-district settings for their secondary education. Several middle school students joined the program in the fall.

Mapping our curriculum began with a focus on updating all course outlines. Delayed start time was used to update curriculum. With a new Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment coming on board, we look for support in our continued efforts to map curriculum.

The accomplishments from the introduction of Layered Curriculum are multi-faceted. One of the obvious benefits was the success students and teachers who used Layered Curriculum reported in surveys. We were able to discuss how we model life-long learning and support our peers who are willing to try researched-based methods for improving instruction and assessment. The student surveys conducted in the spring of 2006 and the winter of 2007 gave us a great deal of data which will be used in the coming school year to improve our programs in the school setting.

As part of its community outreach efforts, Hampshire Regional once again held its Youth Nights during the basketball season. The Athletic Director reaches out to the sending town youth organizations to arrange the night. Students who participate are given free admission to the game and a ticket to receive a free snack from the Booster Table. During the half time break, the elementary students are gathered on the basketball court and introduced. It is a nice way to bring our youth into the school before they become students here and to recognize our "future Raiders."

Kelly Carpenter, World History and U.S. History teacher at Hampshire Regional High School, was the proud recipient of the Grinspoon Award for 2006-2007. The Grinspoon Award recognizes outstanding teachers for their tremendous commitment and impact on children in their schools. Candidates must demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, and his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation. Kelly embodied these characteristic and more. Kelly connects with her students and makes learning fun. She also was co-chair of the steering committee for the New England Association for Schools and Colleges (NEASC) of Hampshire Regional. She is in the Professional Teacher Education Program at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY.

Staff update: Science teacher Pam Sartori retired in January. Pam was replaced by Billy Broadus. Social studies teacher Bruce Wickman retired at the end of the school year. Wick was replaced by Chris Butler. Also retiring at the end of the school year was math teacher Deb Kirk. Deb's replacement was Nicole Rainville. Science teacher Tara Kisiel moved on at the end of the year. She was replaced by Kira Jewett. English teacher Rob Norton decided to return to the island of Nantucket to teach high school English. Rob was replaced by Courtney Cottrell. Tracey Pinkham is out on a one-year maternity leave and was replaced by Kate Burke. Anita Goddard, librarian, retired at the end of October and was replaced by Andrea Belanger. Desi Vega has returned to his PE position after a one-year leave of absence. Additional new staff members include Tony DelSignore, English; David Powers and Stephanie Puc, both Paraprofessionals.

A special thanks goes to the following staff members:

- Jan Sniffen for his work with middle school teams to develop team-building activities into the middle school curriculum.
- Todd Bryant and Pat Donahue for their efforts introducing and facilitating the use of the Layered Curriculum approach in HRHS classrooms.
- Mark Folta for his ongoing efforts to improve school climate at HRHS.

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL October 1, 2006 Enrollment

GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12
Enrollment	126	149	114	119	102	112

School Committee Members for 2006-07:

Donald Abel
Michael Beattie
Brad Brousseau, Chair
Patricia Colson-Montgomery
Nancy Curtis
Lori Devine

Charlene Diggins
Maureen Groden
Steven Holt
Patricia Kirouac
Sherrie Marti
Joseph Moynahan

David Nardi
Jennifer Poetter
David Pesuit
Katherine Smith
Donald Snyder
Angela Valinski

Pupil Services Annual Report 2006-2007

During the 2006-2007 school year the Pupil Services Department of the Hampshire Regional School District provided support services to approximately 297 special needs students, 6 English Language Learners, 150 504 Accommodation Plan students, and 6 homeless students. Services were provided within the district's five public schools as well as in specialized programs in the region. These services consisted of educational assistance and remediation aligned with the established regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and policies for working with students with limited English proficiency. Direct services included the following: speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and mobility therapy, counseling, and behavior management. The district also funded day and residential special education programs for 21 eligible students.

Special education students receiving services in the district were provided access to each school's curriculum. The least restrictive environment concept, supported by IDEA and considered best practice, provides the goal of special education within our schools. This inclusion model was adhered to as much as possible. There was ongoing decision-making at annual review meetings, focusing on determining eligibility and meeting the program needs of eligible students. Agreements between parents and the school regarding programming were made in approximately 350 TEAM meetings. There were no TEAM meetings in which there was a need for mediation or intervention by the Bureau of Special Education Appeals. Staff efforts resulted in student success within the district's special education services. Assistance from teachers, administrators, support staff, paraprofessionals, and consultants contributed to the gains made in well-run inclusion-based services.

Of special note is the Life Skills program at Hampshire Regional High School serving students from 7th grade to age 22 with cognitive impairments and multiple disabilities. Participation in this program provides students with ongoing access to a pragmatically based academic program as well as education in skills needed for daily living, vocational and social success. Students are placed in community-based jobs with coaches that provide them with guidance and support, allowing for immediate feedback while learning in an environment where skills are practiced in "real time". The success of this program has led to other districts' interest in accessing "slots" to tuition students in to our program.

Barbara J. Ripa
Superintendent
Hampshire Regional School District

Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen

To say the year was a busy one would certainly be an understatement. Four key positions opened and were filled and one new position was created and filled.

A new Town Collector was hired. A new Administrative Assistant was hired. A new Town Clerk was appointed. The first ever Town Administrator was hired. A new Selectman began his term.

Tess Barstow retired as Town Collector and Bonnie Roberge was chosen from ten applicants, opening up her Administrative Assistant position. Eleanor Warnock was chosen for that position from a list of six finalists. When Town Clerk Charlene Nardi accepted a position of Town Administrator in Chesterfield, three candidates were interviewed and Brenda Lessard was chosen to fill out Charlene's term. Finally, from over twenty applicants and three very well qualified finalists, Steve Herzberg was chosen as the Town's first Town Administrator. And, after six years on the Board of Selectmen, Eric Cerreta stepped down and Dave Mathers was elected and began his term July 1.

Needless to say, the filling of the four positions was time consuming but was done professionally and thoroughly. The Board appreciates all of the assistance and cooperation it received from everyone involved and especially the Town Administrator screening committee that dedicated so much time to this charge. The establishment of this key professional position of Town Administrator is a major step forward in the overall professionalism of the town and should free up many people working for the town, allowing them to dedicate more direct time to their tasks.

A new Veterans' Memorial was finished with a great amount of superb volunteer labor.

Four new restaurant/bar facilities opened in town, which meant more work for the Board in their role as license commissioners. McFadden's Pub, Brewmaster's Tavern, the Family Kitchen, and Big Mamou's all opened during the year and added a great new flair to the town. Because of this activity, the Board spent time on writing new liquor and entertainment rules and regulations, distributing them to all establishments to ensure smooth operations.

The fiscal year 2006 audit was completed showing some good work done from past audits but also pointing out that more work needs to happen. The Board began coordinating those needs. In addition to this financial audit, the Board also requested the state to conduct an overall operating audit of the town to use in bettering its operation.

As is typical, land issues and driveway issues surfaced throughout the year. Making sure new driveways conform to the towns by-laws came up in one driveway's non-conformance. The matter was worked out but pointed up how essential conformance is for the future. Other land matters regarding Unquoumonk Road and the Mountain Street/Laurel Road intersection came up requiring a great amount of work and legal counsel.

Determining the exact boundary between the Town's Veterans' Memorial and the Brewmaster's Tavern was also worked on.

A ten-year extension to the cable contract with Comcast was signed after some excellent work by the committee set up to negotiate this deal. Expansion of cable service to previously unserved areas of town was agreed to, as was the purchase of some new technology equipment. The town is now roughly 90% served.

Almost 40 meetings of the Board of Selectmen occurred during the year, not including those meetings with other boards such as finance committee during budget deliberations.

A new sidewalk program was started with cement sidewalks in Haydenville, more tree cutting was achieved, and key personnel were trained in emergency services with Select Board Chair Denise Banister continuing to serve as Emergency Manager for the town while we look for someone to step forward into that role. A traffic study was performed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the downtown section of Williamsburg as activity has greatly increased in that area. There was much more. Minutes of all meetings are available to the public.

The Board felt that 2007 was a year of great progress. The Board acknowledges there is much more to do. There are many openings on boards and committees that need to be filled. Everyone is encouraged to look deep inside to see if there is some time you can contribute to the town in any fashion. If there isn't time for you to serve, at least support businesses in town, new and established ones.

Annual Report of the Shade Tree Committee/Tree Wardens

During the past year the Tree Committee has worked hard to protect our valuable community trees, while insuring safety along our roadways. We have found that since Chapter 87 and Chapter 40, citizens are more aware of their responsibilities.

Town trees along our public ways are valuable community assets. They shade homes and roads, which saves on energy costs and extends the life of roads. They help stabilize soils and protect water quality in our streams. They filter air, remove carbon dioxide and provide oxygen. They provide significant beauty to the town, contributing to our community's character and economic vitality.

To protect these assets, the Tree Committee completes a tree survey along our roads each year. We visually survey the town and evaluate trees that have been brought to our attention as possibly being hazardous. Through a USDA Forest Service point system, we determine the potential risk that the tree poses. There is tree expertise on the committee. The committee confers with a registered arborist who accompanies the committee on tree surveys. We use this information to prioritize tree removal given our limited town budget of \$3,500 per year. A town tree is defined as any tree within the town right-of-way. Town road rights-of-way are often 50.5 feet wide, and a stone wall or property pin can assist us determining a town tree. This year, working with partners such as homeowners and the electric company, we removed over 10 potentially hazardous trees in town.

Another important part of our work is tree replacement. The committee feels that it is just as necessary to replace trees that have to be removed. This year we planted four large trees at the Dunphy School with volunteers, and two small disease-resistant elms at the Town Offices and Haydenville bank. Once established, these trees should grow well. We will be looking for places to replant trees this spring. Contact a Tree Committee member if you have a good idea for location.

The committee is also concerned about actions by well-meaning citizens that may endanger town trees. These include piling mulch around the base of a tree, called mulch volcanoes, cutting down town trees to install a driveway or enlarging a yard, or pruning town trees. By state law, cutting, pruning or planting public trees requires prior approval of the Tree Committee / Tree Warden. Please contact the tree committee if you have any questions.

Anne Bussler (268-7979), Chairperson
Paul Jahnige(268-0108)
Osa Flory (268- 522)
John Kuzeja (268-7265)

Annual Report of the Oliver Smith Will Charities

During the past year sixteen tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to eleven apprentices; the notes of fourteen tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. Six student nurses have enrolled under the Nurses' Program; four nurses who earned their degrees have received the nurse's gift of \$600. Fourteen tradespersons and four nurses received an additional distribution of \$700 each. Forty-five widows have been paid a total of \$16,617 and fourteen brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$52,045, which includes \$10,628 that was paid to the City of Northampton for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school. Additionally, \$11,257 was placed in the Reserved for Beneficiaries account.

Since provision of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries of the nine communities have been paid:

Tradespersons*	\$ 2,835,800
Nurses**	792,933
Widows	1,695,021
Brides***	1,490,500
Smith's Agricultural School	1,455,050
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	613,717
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Total Payments	\$ 8,918,395
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*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Boys

**Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children

***Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women

Mortgage payments have been made promptly and outstanding loans are up to date.

Trustees
John E. Devine, Jr.
Lydia Szych
Timothy J. Strahan

During Smith Charities' fiscal year, February 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008, the following applicants from Williamsburg were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

2 Brides received gifts totaling	\$ 200.00
1 Tradesperson received a gift of \$600 plus an additional distribution of \$700 totalling	1,300.00
2 Tradespersons were voted into the program and will be paid when they turn 22 years of age	

Eric Cerreta
Elector under the Oliver Smith Will

Annual Report of the Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission & Trustees of the Meekins Library Corporation

The Trust Fund Commission is the governing board with the responsibility of overseeing the investment and distribution of the Trust Funds. There are thirty-one funds totaling approximately \$1,424,575.61 as of December 31, 2007. We manage the funds with assistance from the investment company Morgan Stanley.

In the past two years the Town and the Trust Fund have received three gifts from residents through their generous estate planning. These gifts were from the estates of Gertrude Ronk, Lois Scott and most recently from the Kmit family. The Kmit gift of \$310,000 has been earmarked for the children of Williamsburg to use the library and for the promotion of library skills education of children under the age of nineteen.

As trustees of these funds we encourage all town residents to consider the Trust Fund when estate planning. These trust funds in the past have been responsible for assisting the poor and aiding local students and schools. Most gifts have specific areas that are targeted for assistance, for example, assisting education, town beautification, etc.

This past year the students of Williamsburg have also benefited from our funding of renewed creative efforts in computer initiatives and other teacher/student-initiated projects.

The Trust Fund Commission also handles endowment funds for the Meekins Library. The Commission is managing the principal from the original library trust as "Trustees of the Meekins Library Corporation." As with all Town funds, we have the responsibility of investing the funds and making distributions using a formula that only uses earned funds and protects principal.

Another responsibility of the Commission is to administer upkeep of the Town's two cemeteries located at Old Village Hill and Mountain Street and the sale of burial plots. Only Mountain Street has burial plots available.

Whether we are assisting students, providing mental health assistance for needy families, sending flowers to the elderly on their birthdays, assisting in the maintenance of the Town clocks or aiding in the several beautification projects in Town, your gifts will always be a source of continued giving for years to come. Dr. Daniel Collins, the Town doctor, gave a gift in 1856 that is now worth almost seven hundred thousand dollars and is used annually to help our young scholars grow and learn.

Our meetings are held the first and second Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim DiDonato, Chair

Annual Report of the Water and Sewer Commission

In April of 2007, we welcomed new member Jim Hyslip. Jim has an engineering background and has been a great asset to our board. He has been working with UMASS on the Unquomunk Reservoir and Dam project to get the proper paperwork and surveying completed on this project.

The Board has been working with the River Way Program on the question of restoring or demolishing the Unquomunk Dams. We will be getting a report soon as to what the next steps will be.

In conjunction with the Town Collector, we purchased new software for the billing. DEP has increased their requirements for reporting that is required by law. The new software greatly aids in this reporting process. All efforts have been made to make the transition from the old billing system to the new system as seamless as possible to residents. The new bills also have more detail and it is easier to understand how much water and sewage usage has occurred and how your bill is calculated.

We would like to remind you to check for leaky faucets, toilets, outside sillcocks, etc., around your home. A small drip that goes undetected or is allowed to continue will increase your water usage more than you might imagine and your water bill will reflect that. It is your responsibility to watch for and repair these leaks. It “pays” to take that few minutes periodically to check on things.

Over the last year, Chairman Walter (Sam) Kellogg has been working with Tighe and Bond to negotiate with the City of Northampton over proposed increased cost for sewage waste disposal. At this time, the contract is not yet complete. What is certain, however, is that costs will be increasing.

We would like to thank Highway Department Bill Turner and the Highway Department for their work in conjunction with water and sewer lines. This allows the town to keep costs to the residents down by “hiring locally.” It is a pleasure to see the town departments working well with each other for the benefit of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter E. “Sam” Kellogg III
Chairman

Annual Report of the Woodland Trails Committee

The Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee was established by the Selectmen to work with interested public and private property owners to enhance trail opportunities in town.

The goals of the committee have been to establish awareness of the trail system existing in Williamsburg on both public and private land. The committee also seeks to strengthen the coalition of all trail users (including hikers, skiers, snowmobilers, ATV riders, bikers and equestrians) interested in maintaining and improving Williamsburg's trails with respect for the individual landowner's rights regarding trail use on their land.

During 2007 the committee hosted three hikes attracting hikers from and involving local and neighboring towns. Our first New Years Day hike from Petticoat Hill to Unquomunk Reservoir was cancelled due to inclement weather, but we look forward to making this hike an annual event. In February we held a full moon snowshoe hike to the Big View, where hikers enjoyed cocoa and marshmallows roasted over the campfire on a moonlit Unquomunk Mountain. For our fall hike we teamed up with the Ashfield Trails Committee for a lead interpretive hike introducing us to the newly established Chapel Brook to West Road Trail which was developed with a DCR Grant partnered with the Trustees of Reservations and the Franklin Land Trust.

Individual committee members developed a needs inventory by assessing maintenance requirements of town trails. It was agreed to compile and maintain a list of volunteers who will assist committee members in addressing specific projects on these trails.

Major emphasis was placed on the establishment of a trail leading from the town owned Hall Conservation Area to the O'Neil Hill Area, recently acquired by MA Audubon. Through the coordinated effort of private land owners, MA Audubon and the town, we now have a trail which will be officially opened this summer.

The local 6th grade Girl Scout troop committed 15 hours for each girl in order to earn the Junior Bronze Award. They installed bog bridges in the Hall Conservation Area and cleared the newly formed trail linking the Hall Conservation Area to O'Neil Hill. MA Audubon will assist in marking the trail.

We submitted an application for a Student Conservation Association grant again this year to complete erosion control measures on the Hall Trail. Although the application was not accepted, a SCA training crew spent two days installing bog bridges in the Hall Area and clearing out the Briar Hill Area lookout.

The trails committee and the Selectmen continued efforts initiated last year and formed an agreement with Northampton administrators to provide hiking access to Henhawk Trail, which crosses Northampton watershed property. This agreement will be part of their recreation/management plan.

Copies of the Woodland Trails brochure listing publicly accessible trails in town are available at the Town Office and Meekins Library. These trails may cross public and private property, so users must respect the trails, the property and each other. The Woodland Trails Committee requests that all users follow these guidelines when using local trails. Please obey all trail use and property signs. Please respect all trail users. Hiking, skiing, biking, horseback riding, ATV riding, and snowmobiling are all important trail uses in Williamsburg. Please stay on the trails, be sensitive to natural and cultural resources, and remove trash if you find it and avoid environmentally sensitive areas.

Visit our website www.WilliamsburgWoodlandTrails.org where you'll find our activities and trail maps posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Merritt

Committee members: Paul Jahnige, chair, Gwen Blodgett, Kathaleen Emerson, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Susan Milsom

Annual Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

David Mathers, who served as Chairman of the ZBA, resigned upon his election to Board of Selectmen. Martin Mahoney, who had been an alternate member, was appointed a full member and Osa Flory was appointed to the Board as an alternate member, joining Donald Turner. The Board decided that the Chairman's position be rotated among the members on a yearly basis. Gerald Mann is currently serving as chairman. Lisa Berkman and Martin Mahoney respectively, will serve as Chairs in the future.

Charlene Nardi, who served as Board Secretary, resigned and has been replaced by Brenda Lessard, who also serves as Town Clerk.

On October 25th, 2004, Hilltown Community Development Corporation applied for a comprehensive permit pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 40B to construct 11 single-family homes on 22 acres located on Laurel Road. Almost three years to the day, final approval was granted, allowing the Building Inspector to issue the certificate of occupancy. During the three years that the application was pending, there were numerous meetings with representatives of the HCDC and our outside consultants (paid by the applicant), leading to the completion of attractive, affordable and energy-efficient housing.

A public hearing was held on the application of the Brewmaster's Tavern to build an addition to their restaurant for the purpose of brewing beer. The hearing was well attended and resulted in the granting of a Special Permit. A Special Permit was granted for the operation of a Bait and Tackle shop on Hyde Hill Road. Other Special Permits were granted after public hearings, granting permission for the construction of a three-family dwelling, the use of common driveways and minor additions to several residential structures.

After a public hearing attended by most of the abutters, the Board denied a Special Permit to a developer seeking to construct four attached dwelling units and garages on North Farms Road as incompatible with our Rural District. The developer filed an appeal but the District Court upheld the decision of the Zoning Board (March 2008).