



Of General Interest – North Reading

Date Incorporated: March 22, 1853
Home Rule Charter effective July 1, 1970

Location: Middlesex County, Northeastern Massachusetts; bordered by Wilmington on the west, Andover and North Andover on the north, Middleton and Lynnfield on the east, and Reading on the south; 16 miles from Boston, 10 miles from Lawrence, 15 miles from Salem, and 234 miles from New York City.

Population: Federal Census – 13,837 (2000)
Town Census – 14,463

Registered Voters December 31, 2005 – (Active & Inactive): 9,547
Democrats – 2,682 Republicans – 1,702
Unenrolled – 5,092 Others – 71

Elevation: approximately 100 feet above sea level

Area: 13.26 Square Miles

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting, 5-man Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator.

Annual Town Election: Tuesday following first Monday in May each year.

Annual Town Meetings: (no quorum) to commence on a Monday in April (financial), and a Monday in October (zoning and other business) as set by the Board of Selectmen annually in January.

Total Assessed Valuations: Please see Assessor's Report in this book.

Tax Rate: Residential property: \$12.09 per thousand dollar valuation.
Commercial property: \$12.09 per thousand dollar valuation.

Senators in Congress: Edward M. Kennedy (D), Boston
John F. Kerry (D), Boston

Representatives in Congress: John Tierney (D)
(Sixth Massachusetts Congressional District)

Councillor: Mary-Ellen Manning (D), Peabody (Fifth District)

State Senator: Bruce E. Tarr (R), Gloucester (1st Essex & Middlesex)

State Representative: Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R), North Reading (20th Middlesex)



Qualifications for registration as a voter: Must be 18 years of age, American born or fully naturalized citizen, and a resident of North Reading. Registration in Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, preceding elections and town meetings on dates announced by the Town Clerk. No pre-existing residency requirement. Mail-in registrations available in the Library and Town Hall.

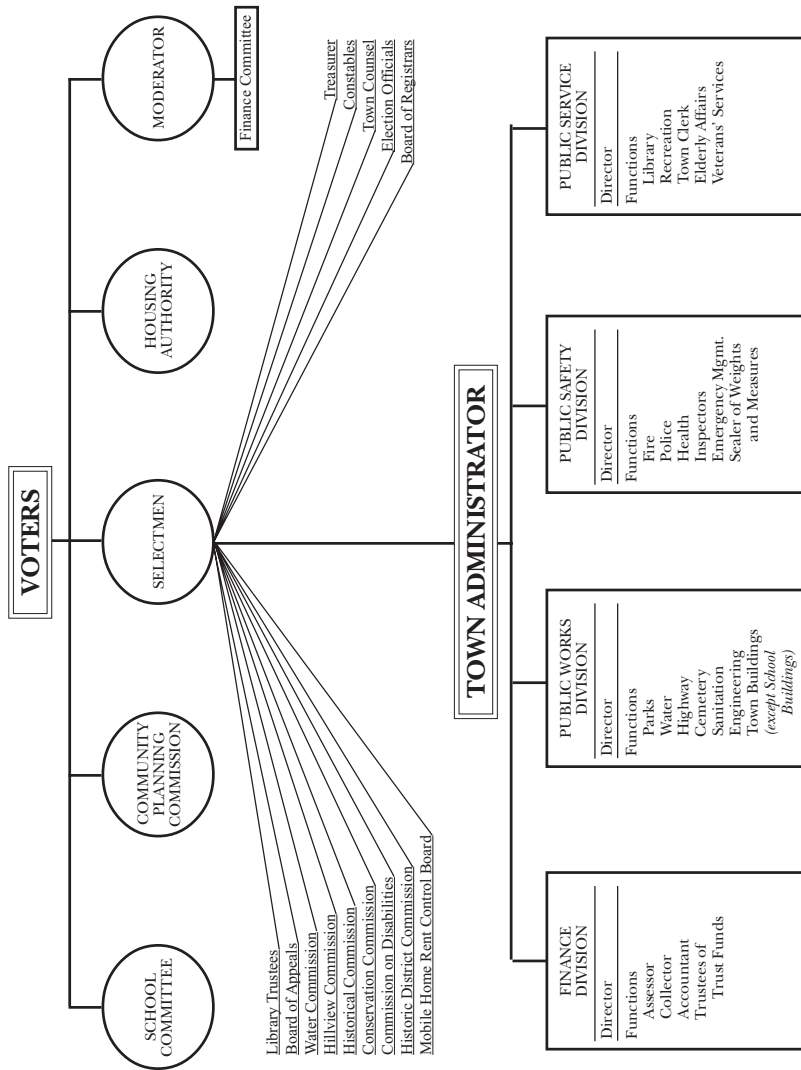
Absentee Voting: All Elections: Primaries, National, State and Town.

Dog Licenses: Licenses expire May 31 of each year. Late fee beginning July 1 – \$5.00. All dogs must be licensed at 3 months. Proof of spaying or neutering and rabies vaccination certificate must be shown at time of licensing. Fees: Spayed Females & Neutered Males – \$5.00; Females & Males – \$10.00.

Tax Bills: Real Estate Taxes are payable quarterly; August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. Interest at 140/0 if unpaid by the above dates. Motor excise bills are due thirty days from date of issue. Water bills are due thirty days from date of issue.



TOWN OF NORTH READING ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Town Officers

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Term Expires:

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman	May 2007
Marcia L. Bailey, Vice-Chairman	May 2006
Joseph R. Veno, Clerk	May 2007
Stephen J. O'Leary	May 2006
Philip R. Dardeno	May 2008

MODERATOR

John J. Murphy	May 2006
----------------------	----------

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Gerald Venezia, Chairman	May 2006
Maureen Harty-Vacca, Vice-Chairperson	May 2007
Nicole A.R. Davis, Secretary	May 2006
Stephen D. Jervey	May 2008
Melvin K. Webster	May 2007

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Neil E. Rooney, Chairman	May 2007
Christopher B. Hayden, Vice-Chairman	May 2008
Patricia E. Romeo, Clerk	May 2006
Warren R. Pearce, Jr.	May 2007
M. Shepard Spear	May 2006

NORTH READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

Stephen J. Daly, Chairman *	April 2005
Michele A. Mawn, Vice-Chairman	May 2007
Brian E. Blackwood, Treasurer	May 2008
Peter A. Carriere, Jr., Assistant-Treasurer	May 2009
Mary S. Prenney	May 2010

* State Appointee

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATION SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Sweeney	November 2008
--------------------	---------------



APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Term Expires:

Michael Mastascusa, Chairman	April 2006
Abigail Hurlbut, Vice-Chairman	April 2007
Sarah Ralph	April 2007
Bradley H. Jones, Sr.	April 2008
Stephen A. Casazza	April 2008
Donald Kelliher	April 2006
Mark Westervelt	April 2006
Allen Wolpin	April 2007
Richard Johnson	April 2008

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Term Expires:

Greg L. Balukonis	June 30, 2008
-------------------------	---------------

TOWN TREASURER

Elizabeth Craveiro	June 30, 2006
--------------------------	---------------

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman and Paige	June 30, 2006
--------------------------	---------------

DETAIL CONSTABLES

Karl Berg	December 31, 2006
Jerry Berg	December 31, 2006

CONSTABLES (Process-Servers)

Paul Dorsey	December 31, 2006
Harold B. Reynolds	December 31, 2006
John Firriello	December 31, 2006
John Frew	December 31, 2006
Thomas Dupuis	December 31, 2006

BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul O'Leary, Chairman	December 31, 2007
James Demetri	December 31, 2007
Joseph Murphy	December 31, 2006
Jennifer Platt, associate	December 31, 2008
Joseph Keyes, associate	December 31, 2007
John D. Nelson, associate	December 31, 2007
James DePaolo, associate	December 31, 2005



BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Term Expires:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk	Indefinite
Eleanor T. Jean	April 1, 2008
Charles Faneuff	April 1, 2007
Gail Parker	April 1, 2006

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ruth Kennedy, Chairperson	Indefinite
Ed Parish	Indefinite
Theo Kuliopulos	Indefinite
Edward Strob	Indefinite
William J. Austin	Indefinite
Timothy Corcoran	Indefinite
Ted Ede	Indefinite

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Martin Weiss, Chairman	December 31, 2008
Paul Dick	December 31, 2006
David Long, associate	December 31, 2005
James Demetri	December 31, 2007
Timothy Allen	December 31, 2008
Kathleen Legere	December 31, 2006
Jonathan Cody, associate	December 31, 2007

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Margaret Robertson, Chairperson	December 31, 2006
Michael C. Scannell	December 31, 2007
Laurence McCarthy	December 31, 2006
Bruce Clark	December 31, 2007
Mary Murphy Raymond	December 31, 2006

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Christian Frothingham, Chairperson	December 31, 2007
Lisa Fox	December 31, 2005
Grace Curley	December 31, 2008
Janet Hosking	December 31, 2007
Katherine Foley	December 31, 2007

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Greg L. Balukonis, Director	Indefinite
-----------------------------------	------------

FOREST COMMITTEE

Steven Nathan	December 31, 2008
---------------------	-------------------



HILLVIEW COMMISSION

Term Expires:

George Stack, Chairman	December 31, 2006
John Collins	December 31, 2008
Henry Purnell	December 31, 2008
Charles Carucci	December 31, 2008
Lawrence Dymant	December 31, 2007
Michael Giunta	December 31, 2006
Edward Rocco	December 31, 2007

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mabel DiFranza, Chairperson	December 31, 2006
John Davis, Vice-Chairman	December 31, 2007
Howard Solomon	December 31, 2005
Patricia Romeo	December 31, 2006
Carole Dingman (resigned 12/2005)	December 31, 2008
Mark Hall	December 31, 2008
Lisa Santilli	December 31, 2006

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Carole Dingman, Chairperson	December 31, 2008
Patricia Romeo	December 31, 2008
Thomas Parker, associate	December 31, 2008
Ann Sullivan	December 31, 2008
John Davis	December 31, 2007
Christopher Hayden	December 31, 2006
David Osgood	December 31, 2007
Mabel DiFranza	December 31, 2008

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

John Magazzu, Jr., Chairman	December 31, 2006
Frank Delaney	December 31, 2007
Daniel Solomon	December 31, 2008
M. Shepard Spear	December 31, 2008
Stephen Daly	December 31, 2006
Peter Forcellese	December 31, 2007
Edward Skeffington	December 31, 2007

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

David Cores, Chairman	December 31, 2006
Lorraine Sheehan	December 31, 2007
Elizabeth Habich	December 31, 2005
Karen Vitale	December 31, 2006
Grace Curley	December 31, 2008
Colleen Manning	December 31, 2007
Debbie Firicano	December 31, 2008



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Term Expires:

Dave Harlow, Chairman (Ex-Officio member)	Indefinite
Henry Purnell (Ex-Officio member)	Indefinite
Mary Prenney (Ex-Officio member)	Indefinite
Gary Hunt (Ex-Officio member)	Indefinite
Wayne Hardacker (Ex-Officio member)	Indefinite
David Hanlon (Ex-Officio member)	Indefinite

MARTINS POND RECLAMATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Lida Jenney	December 31, 2006
Scott Ronco	December 31, 2007
Janet Nicosia	December 31, 2007
Anne O'Hearn	December 31, 2007
Paul Cameron	December 31, 2007
Lawrence Soucie	December 31, 2007

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Penny Richards	December 31, 2006
----------------------	-------------------

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Edward McGrath, Chairman	Indefinite
Lucille Pothier	Indefinite
Greta Barresi	Indefinite
Laurie Boyd	Indefinite
Steven Schuyler	Indefinite
Meg Robertson	Indefinite
John Rogers	Indefinite
Holly Welch	Indefinite

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Craveiro	Indefinite
Allen Caproni	December 31, 2006
Edith O'Leary	December 31, 2006
Thomas O'Hare	December 31, 2008
Gloria Mastro	December 31, 2007

WATER COMMISSION

Dorothy Paicos	December 31, 2007
Joseph Marotta	December 31, 2006
Carol Bourque	December 31, 2007
Karl Touet	December 31, 2006
Vincent Ragucci	December 31, 2008
Joseph C. Foti	December 31, 2008



APPOINTMENTS TO STATE & REGIONAL COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

EAST MIDDLESEX MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT **Term Expires:**
Martin Fair December 31, 2007

IPSWICH RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Mark Clark Indefinite

**IPSWICH RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**
Mark Clark Indefinite

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
Anthony Petrillo Indefinite

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
John Norton December 31, 2006

NORTHEAST SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE
David Hanlon December 31, 2007

LIAISON TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE ON DISABILITY
Position Vacant

**LOCAL CENSUS LIAISON TO THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
Barbara Stats Indefinite

**NORTH READING'S AGENT TO FEMA
(FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY)**
Greg L. Balukonis Indefinite

MAPC REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE
CPC Chairman or designee Indefinite
DPW Chairman or designee Indefinite

**READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**
John Norton December 31, 2007



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S AD HOC COMMITTEES

Term Expires:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Marcia Bailey	Indefinite
Robert Maurceri	Indefinite
Maureen Vacca	Indefinite
Nicole Davis	Indefinite
David Troughton	Indefinite
Abigail Hurlbut	Indefinite
Donald Kelliher	Indefinite
Greg Balukonis	Indefinite
M. Shepard Spear	Indefinite
Patricia Romeo, alternate member	Indefinite

J.T. BERRY REGIONAL CENTER REUSE COMMITTEE *

Charles Carucci	Indefinite
Kenneth Jones	Indefinite
Frank Delaney	Indefinite
Joseph Murphy	Indefinite
Ted Neals	Indefinite
Arthur Giangrande	Indefinite
John J. Hashem, Jr. (Business Association Appointee)	Indefinite
Robert Rodgers (Community Planning Appointee)	Indefinite
Warren Pearce, Jr. (Community Planning Appointee)	Indefinite
Suzanne Sullivan (Wilmington Board of Selectmen)	Indefinite

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE **

Gerald Venezia (School Committee Appointee)	Indefinite
Jonathan DeSimone, Chairman	Indefinite
Scott Stimpson, Vice-Chairman	Indefinite
M. Shepherd Spear	Indefinite
Jayne Swart, Secretary	Indefinite
Jeffrey Witts	Indefinite
Wayne Hardacker, associate member	Indefinite
Sean Killeen, associate member	Indefinite
David Troughton, associate, member	Indefinite

SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE **

Charles Carucci, Chairman	Indefinite
Lauren Warren	Indefinite
Laurie Witts	Indefinite
Stephen Jervey (School Committee Appointee)	Indefinite
Lynn Menzie (resigned 12/2005)	Indefinite
Stephen Nathan	Indefinite
Janene Imbriano	Indefinite
Gregg Doble, associate member	Indefinite
Wayne Hardacker, associate member	Indefinite
David Troughton, associate member	Indefinite

* Committee appointed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

** Appointed jointly by the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee



Term Expires:

POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Kenneth Jones	Indefinite
Harold B. Reynolds	Indefinite
Robert Stone	Indefinite
Joseph Sadlow	Indefinite
Robert Colella	Indefinite
Robert Berg	Indefinite
Richard MacHugh	Indefinite
Mark Manzelli	Indefinite
Patricia Romeo (Historic District Commission)	Indefinite
Christopher Hayden (Community Planning Commission)	Indefinite
Edward Nolan (Police Department)	Indefinite
Joseph Thibodeau (Police Department)	Indefinite
Richard Harris (Fire Department)	Indefinite

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING STUDY COMMITTEE

Marci Bailey	April 30, 2005
Steven Schuyler	June 30, 2006
Jeffrey Witts	June 30, 2006
Dave Hanlon	June 30, 2006
Abigail Hurlbut	June 30, 2006
Carolyn Dann	June 30, 2006
Terry Grady	June 30, 2006
Edward McGrath	June 30, 2006

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Tim Callahan	Indefinite
Gordon Hall	Indefinite
John Watson	Indefinite
Lyman Fancy	Indefinite
James E. MacLauchlan	Indefinite
John Kandres	Indefinite
Theodore Lawson	Indefinite

WASTEWATER AND STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Philip H. O'Brien	Indefinite
Scott Haynes	Indefinite
Denise Conry	Indefinite
Robert Mauceri (Board of Selectmen)	Indefinite
Bradley Jones, Sr. (Finance Committee)	Indefinite
Warren Pearce (Community Planning Commission)	Indefinite
Martin Weiss (Conservation Committee)	Indefinite
Gary Hunt (Board of Health)	Indefinite
Shepard Spear (Ipswich River Watershed Assoc)	Indefinite
Karl Touet (Water Commission)	Indefinite
Ted Neals (Chamber of Commerce)	Indefinite
Michael Scannell (Martin's Pond Committee)	Indefinite
April Bowling (Ipswich River Watershed Assoc)	Indefinite
David Hanlon (Department of Public Works)	Indefinite
Mark Clark (Department of Public Works)	Indefinite
Weston & Sampson, ex-officio (consultant engineer)	Indefinite



APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN CLERK

Term Expires:

Barbara Stats Indefinite

TOWN COLLECTOR

Elizabeth Craveiro Indefinite

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Joseph Tassone Indefinite

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Joseph Tassone Indefinite

VETERANS' AGENT AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Timothy J. Callahan Indefinite

BUILDING INSPECTOR

James DeCola Indefinite

WIRE INSPECTOR

Joseph J. Gigante Indefinite

GAS INSPECTOR

James Diozzi Indefinite

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

David Harlow December 31, 2006

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Karl Berg December 31, 2006

Jerry Berg, assistant December 31, 2006

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Melvin D. Peck Indefinite

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Hanlon Indefinite

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

David Hanlon Indefinite

TREE WARDEN

David Hanlon December 31, 2006

CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Lieutenant, North Reading Company of Minit and Militia Indefinite



FIRE CHIEF (ACTING)

Term Expires:

David Harlow Indefinite

POLICE CHIEF

Henry J. Purnell Indefinite

PARKING CLERK

Karen Marlin December 31, 2006

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Helena Minton Indefinite

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gary Hunt December 31, 2006

Michael Ricci December 31, 2006

Pamela Vath December 31, 2006

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Allen Caproni December 31, 2006

Gregory Smith December 31, 2006

Sebastian Tine December 31, 2006

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Jean Moubhij, Chairperson December 31, 2006

Michael McGrane December 31, 2005

David Putney December 31, 2005

Theophilos Kuliopulos December 31, 2007

Wil Birkmaier December 31, 2006

Edward DeSousa December 31, 2006

Arthur Crotty December 31, 2006

Michael Kushakji December 31, 2007

Robert Aloisi December 31, 2006

LAND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

Margie Salt December 31, 2007

Ken Tarr December 31, 2007

Richard Dellovo December 31, 2008

Patricia Colella December 31, 2008

Karen Martin December 31, 2006

Rita Mullin (Recreation Appointee) December 31, 2005

William Reed (Conservation Appointee) December 31, 2005

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Patricia Romeo December 31, 2006

Barbara O'Brien December 31, 2007

Barry Allen December 31, 2008



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Director Vacant
Rita Mullin, Chairperson December 31, 2006
Edward Downing December 31, 2005
William Colbert December 31, 2005
Lauren McMullen December 31, 2006
Michael Prisco December 31, 2006
Geri Farrelly December 31, 2006
Sergio Coviello December 31, 2006
Michael Giannattasio December 31, 2005

DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Mary Prenney Indefinite

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mary Prenney, Chairman Indefinite
Gloria Mastro December 31, 2007
Janet Berry December 31, 2007
Carol Lundgren December 31, 2006
Michele Modica December 31, 2007
Khalid Syed December 31, 2006
Eleanor Fritsch December 31, 2007
Marie Berndtson December 31, 2008
Joan McLaughlin, Associate December 31, 2005

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH AGENT Term Expires

Martin Fair, R.S., C.H.O. Indefinite

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Karl Berg Indefinite
Jerry Berg, assistant Indefinite

AGENT FOR ISSUING AND RECORDING BURIAL PERMITS

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk Indefinite

APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN COLLECTOR

Peter Ryan, Deputy Collector of Taxes December 31, 2008
MaryAnn MacKay, Assistant Treasurer/Collector September 24, 2006



APPOINTMENTS BY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CENTRAL PLACE (40B) SUBCOMMITTEE

Term Expires:

Stephen O'Leary	Until ZBA Decision
Warren Pearce	Until ZBA Decision
James DeCola (Building Inspector)	Until ZBA Decision
Christine Cusack	Until ZBA Decision
Jim Watman	Until ZBA Decision
Matt DeChristopher	Until ZBA Decision
Richard Tiberii	Until ZBA Decision
Mark Dager	Until ZBA Decision
Frank Delaney	Until ZBA Decision

MOUNT VERNON STREET (40B) SUBCOMMITTEE

James DeCola (Building Inspector)	Until ZBA Decision
Carolyn Fortin	Until ZBA Decision
Paul Grossman	Until ZBA Decision
Giles Norton	Until ZBA Decision
Stephen O'Leary	Until ZBA Decision
Warren Pearce	Until ZBA Decision
James Perkins	Until ZBA Decision
Hope Rabasco	Until ZBA Decision
Bill Reed	Until ZBA Decision
Christopher Rival	Until ZBA Decision
Maureen Vacca	Until ZBA Decision

ROWE FARM (40B) SUBCOMMITTEE

James DeCola (Building Inspector)	Until ZBA Decision
Laura Fransen	Until ZBA Decision
Mark Fransen	Until ZBA Decision
Cathy McDougall	Until ZBA Decision
David McGlauflin	Until ZBA Decision
Stephen O'Leary	Until ZBA Decision
Warren Pearce	Until ZBA Decision
Michael Ricci	Until ZBA Decision
John Richard	Until ZBA Decision

41 ELM STREET (40B) SUBCOMMITTEE

Gerald Woodmansee	Until ZBA Decision
Sandy Velenti	Until ZBA Decision
Dennis Dotolo	Until ZBA Decision
Paul Conway	Until ZBA Decision
Gail Collins	Until ZBA Decision
Warren Pearce	Until ZBA Decision
James DeCola (Building Inspector)	Until ZBA Decision
Stephen O'Leary	Until ZBA Decision



EDGEWATER PLACE (40B) SUBCOMMITTEE

Term Expires:

Warren Pearce	Until ZBA Decision
James DeCola (Building Inspector)	Until ZBA Decision
Stephen O'Leary	Until ZBA Decision
Mary Caliri	Until ZBA Decision
Chris Piscatelli	Until ZBA Decision
Michael Mann	Until ZBA Decision
Stephen Pritzker	Until ZBA Decision
Katy Clift	Until ZBA Decision
Chuck McCarthy	Until ZBA Decision
Jay Walsh	Until ZBA Decision



General Government

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

2005 was a year of Change, Challenge, Opportunity and Accomplishment.

Change

Fire Chief Ed O'Brien resigned for health reasons. Town Administrator Tom Younger, Planner Bob Rodgers and Assessor Dick Simmons resigned to seek opportunities in other communities. The Board wishes all of them well in their new endeavors.

Dave Hanlon was appointed acting Town Administrator and did a superb job overseeing the management of the Town during a six-month transition period. Administrative Assistant Linda Hamel's diligence and expertise also was key in keeping the TA's office functioning smoothly during this transition. The Board is most appreciative of Mr. Hanlon's and Mrs. Hamel's efforts, as well as the work of all Town employees in filling the voids left by the departure of the aforementioned personnel.

The vacant Town Accountant position was filled by Joe Tassone. The Board welcomes Joe Tassone and thanks Laurianne Galvin for stepping in as acting Town Accountant.

Dave Harlow was appointed as acting Fire Chief to fill the position vacated by Ed O'Brien. Due to Civil Service process requirements, the appointment of a permanent Fire Chief was put off for one year. The Board thanks Acting Chief Harlow for stepping up to fill the void.

Phil Dardeno was elected to the Board in May replacing Kevin Callagy. The Board welcomes Mr. Dardeno and thanks Mr. Callagy for his three years of community service.

Greg Balukonis was appointed Town Administrator after a rigorous screening of 41 candidates by the Screening Committee, Selectmen and public interview of three finalists. Mr. Balukonis, who has 21 years of municipal management experience, comes to us from the Town of Medway. He holds a BA from Syracuse University and a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts. The Board welcomes Greg to the North Reading management team and thanks him for the significant effort that he has put in over his first 5 months on the job.

The position of Planner was filled by Heidi Griffin, who comes to us from North Andover where she held a similar position. The position of Assessor was filled by Paula Dumont. The Board welcomes both to their respective positions.

Challenge

Finances continue to be the Board's biggest challenge. Revenues and state aid continue to fall short of the Town's needs and the lack of free cash presents an ongoing dilemma. Driving the financial issues is the ever increasing cost of healthcare, county retirement, and contractually mandated retirement benefits.



The growth in these fixed costs consumes a large percentage of the Town's revenue growth, leaving little to fund growing operating budgets. In spite of these issues and with the help of the Stabilization Fund, a balanced level services budget was approved at the April Town Meeting thought some badly needed capital items could not be funded.

Free cash was certified at \$1,000,500 in advance of our October Town Meeting, presenting the Town with an opportunity to replenish the Stabilization Fund and purchase some badly needed capital equipment. However, the opportunity for purchasing capital equipment came to a quick end when the Town had to cover a significantly large snow and ice deficit and the cost of energy skyrocketed, forcing the Town to put \$300,000 into the Reserve Fund to cover anticipated School and Town shortfalls in their respective fuel and utilities budgets.

Opportunity

The pending sale of the state-owned Berry Center Property to the Gutierrez Corporation poses both an opportunity and a challenge to the Town. At this writing, a co-developer, Lincoln Properties, is proposing under Chapter 40B to develop a 360 unit one- and two-bedroom apartment complex along with 40 townhouse condominiums. At a later date, Gutierrez plans on developing 600,000 square feet of commercial office space on the balance of the property.

The benefit to the Town is threefold. First, it will place the existing property back on our tax roles. Second, it will come close to fulfilling the Town's Chapter 40B obligations to the State, and third it will provide for a minimum of 100,000 gallons a day of wastewater disposal for the Town's first sewer treatment plant aimed at providing Title 5 relief for Martin's Pond residents and the Route 128 business district. To further benefit the Town, the CPC is working on rezoning the residential section proposed by Lincoln Properties to a 40R, which will provide significant addition revenue to the Town.

A project of this size does present a challenge to the Town. Clearly, it will have an impact on Town resources. It is the intent of the Board to assure that the benefits of the planned development outweigh any impact on Town resources. To this end, the Town's development team and the recently formed 40B subcommittee are working diligently to protect the Town's interests. The Town will be asked to approve the 40R rezoning at the April Town Meeting.

Additionally the State Legislature has recently passed Chapter 40S, which provides for financial support to the School Department for any increase in student population resulting from the 40R development.

The Board thanks Representative Brad Jones and Senator Bruce Tarr for their efforts in assuring that the Town's interests are protected and that financial benefits from the project are maximized.

Accomplishments

A Town website was launched, providing, for the first time, up-to-date meeting schedules, pertinent Town information, contacts, Board agendas and minutes. Although it is still a work in progress citizens can search property values, look up GIS maps and pay bills on line.



The Board thanks David Hanlon and his staff for staying on top of Massachusetts State Highway to get the Route 62 project near completion before winter set in.

A study of Town Hall building needs was completed by Knight Bagge & Anderson.

A study of the Fire Department was initiated by the Board as a first step in review and possible reorganization of the Fire Department. A draft of the final report is currently under review by the Board.

The Board approved the hiring of Knight Bagge & Anderson to review the Police Station Project leading to the Town's approval of a supplemental override for the renovation and enlargement of the Police Station. The Board thanks Dave Hanlon, John Welch, Kevin Buckley of Knight Bagge & Anderson, Lieutenant Nolan and Sergeant Thibodeau and the entire Police Building Committee for their contribution that enabled the project to move forward.

The Board established an Infrastructure Committee charged with reviewing all of the Town's facility needs with the goal of creating a prioritized 20 year plan that includes costs, financing recommendations and vision. An initial report is planned for the April Town Meeting.

We wish to thank our Town employees and the many volunteers who serve on appointed and elected boards and committees for their efforts in assuring that North Reading continues the vibrant and safe community of which we can all be proud.

It has been a pleasure serving the people of North Reading over this past year, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to keep North Reading a safe and desirable community in the coming year."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
Marcia L. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Joseph Veno, Clerk
Stephen J. O'Leary
Philip Darden



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to submit my first annual report for 2005 as Town Administrator. I assumed this position after being appointed by the Board of Selectmen in August.

Chapter 5 of the North Reading Code specifies the Town Administrator's duties, which is to serve as the Town's Chief Administrative Officer. I am responsible for submission of the annual operating budget each fiscal year. In December, I submitted a preliminary fiscal year 2007 operating budget for the year beginning on July 1, 2006. Unfortunately, the budget at this early stage contains a substantial revenue/expense gap that must be resolved leading up to the Annual Town Meeting. North Reading's financial situation is similar to other Massachusetts communities where fixed costs are increasing at a rate well beyond total revenue growth. This problem illustrated by a projected \$750,000 increase in employee health insurance and pension assessments, which utilizes approximately 75% of new revenues for all municipal and school budgets for fiscal year 2007.

The Town's fiscal outlook remains uncertain beyond fiscal year 2007 due largely to a leveling of State Aid. It is interesting to note here that total State Aid amounts for North Reading are slightly less than what was received in fiscal year 2003. I am cautiously optimistic that revenues, including State Aid will rise to meet the Town's growing expenses in the upcoming years.

On a more positive note, I am happy to report the North Reading government website (www.northreadingma.gov) was launched during the month of October. The new website replaces one that had fallen out of date, and provided little useful information. The new website offers citizens a wealth of information about their Town government. It will be updated regularly to provide residents with much needed information about departments, services and programs. Residents are encouraged to contact the Town Administrator with suggested topics for the website.

As 2005 concluded, I had begun contract negotiations with the Town's unions. A total of six (6) labor contracts are open for negotiation, and much of my time is dedicated to the collective bargaining process. The Town Administrator is also responsible for dispute resolution, and as such I was involved in attempting to settle various employee grievances in a fair and equitable manner.

I have greatly enjoyed my brief tenure in North Reading and been made to feel welcome by the entire community. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the many dedicated and knowledgeable employees who work with me each day. The Town is fortunate to have trained professionals serving our community. I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Selectmen, Linda Hamel and Karen Marlin; each who makes my work a little easier. Lastly, thank you to the residents who make North Reading such a great place to serve as your Town Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg L. Balukonis
Town Administrator



TOWN COUNSEL

During 2005, Town Counsel provided significant legal services to the Town, including the rendering of numerous legal opinions, representing the Town at bargaining and mediation sessions, approving contracts as to form, attending Town Meetings, and meeting with the Board of Selectmen and various other Boards. Town Counsel also assisted the Town with multiple complicated land transactions, and has also advised the Town in drafting several comprehensive permit decisions. There are currently twenty-seven cases listed in the litigation report pending in various state and federal courts and before administrative agencies. The majority of these cases involve eminent domain disputes, appeals from decisions of the various land use boards, including the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Community Planning Commission, and the Conservation Commission, a Department of Environmental Protection appeal, and a number of labor grievance arbitrations. Six cases were closed in 2005.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining the firm, and for the assistance and cooperation received on all matters from the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting, the Town Administrator, department heads, and the Boards and Committees with whom we have worked. We look forward to working with the members of the Town Government in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.
Town Counsel

TOWN OF NORTH READING LITIGATION STATUS REPORT February 9, 2006

1. Barclay v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2456
21300 – 0231

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

2. Billingham, Trustee v. Town of North Reading
United States Bankruptcy Court District of Massachusetts, C.A.
No. 01-16700
21300 – 0228

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff



has alleged that the Town has violated the automatic stay provision of the Bankruptcy code.

3. Bornstein v. Town of North Reading (II)
Land Court Misc. No. 240310
21300 – 0089/0099/0171

This is an action against the Town and the Building Inspector, among others, alleging trespass, failure to perform lawful duties, and a taking arising out of the decision of the Building Inspector not to take enforcement action with respect to the construction of a residential structure at 4 Third Street. This case is being handled by insurance counsel. In a decision dated July 6, 2000, the Court denied the Town's motion for summary judgment finding that the landowners did not establish as an undisputed fact that they had prescriptive rights over Old Gravel Road for the required twenty (20) year period. The Court ordered the Building Inspector to issue a written decision on the plaintiff's request for enforcement within thirty days of the decision. The Building Inspector issued a decision denying enforcement and plaintiff appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which upheld the Building Inspector. The plaintiff has filed a new case appealing the Zoning Board of Appeals decision, which is also being handled by insurance counsel. The new appeal has been filed under a case entitled Bornstein v. Carucci, et al., Land Court No. 268004, which is still pending in Land Court. The plaintiff has filed a motion for judgment and the Town has filed a partial opposition. A hearing was held on the motion on January 25, 2005, and the case was taken under advisement. This lawsuit is related to the Cheever and Flynn litigation (See Below).

4. Cheever v. Town of North Reading
Land Court Misc. No. 240308
21300 – 0085

This case involves the same claims set forth in Bornstein v. Town of North Reading (II), but the complaint has been brought by other interested landowners. This case is also being handled by insurance counsel. This case is related to the Bornstein and Flynn litigation.

5. Deane et al. v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2808
21300 – 0236

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.



6. DiSanto v. Town of North Reading
State Building Code Appeal Application.
21300 – 0221

This matter involves an appeal to State Building Code Appeals Board from a Zoning Board of Appeals decision upholding the Building Inspector's determination that the property at 18 MacArthur Road is not grandfathered.

7. Dowd v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2297
21300 – 0233

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

8. Dunnett v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals
Land Court Misc. Case No. 294221
21300 – 0209

This is an appeal under c. 40A from the Board's decision to uphold the Building Inspector's denial of a building permit for property located at 29 Maple Road, and to uphold the Community Planning Commission's determination that Maple Road, which is an unaccepted street, does not provide safe and adequate access to the property, as required by the Zoning By-Law. Town Counsel has filed an appearance on behalf of the Board.

9. Flynn v. Town of North Reading
Land Court Misc. No. 240309
21300 – 0088

This case involves the same claims set forth in Bornstein v. Town of North Reading (II) and Cheever v. Town of North Reading, but the complaint has been brought by other interested landowners. This case is also being handled by insurance counsel. The parties have engaged in numerous settlement discussions, which would allow judgment to enter in favor of the Town. Town Counsel has been monitoring the negotiations and consulting with insurance counsel.



10. Flynn, Janet M. v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-03297
21300 – 0238

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

11. Fransen v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-03565
21300 – 0242

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

12. In Re: CVEO Corporation, Debtor
United States Bankruptcy Court, Delaware District, Case No. 01-223
21300 – 0200

This is an action to recover taxes and water and sewer charges paid to the Town by Converse, Inc., which has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The Court has dismissed the Trustee's claim for return of tax payments made to the Town. The Court has not yet ruled on whether the claim for the return of water sewer payments should be dismissed.

13. In the Matter of Town of North Reading
(Water Withdrawal Permit Appeal)
Department of Environmental Protection;
Water Withdrawal Permit No. AP-3-17-213.01
21308 – 0204

The Town is appealing the imposition of certain conditions on the Town's water withdrawal permit for the Ipswich River Basin issued by the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), which the Water Department estimates will cause an increase in operating costs of over \$200,000.00 per year during the five-year term of the permit. An environmental advocacy group, the Ipswich River Watershed Association ("IRWA") intervened in the case. The Town filed numerous pre-trial motions attempting to resolve or narrow the issues. Town Counsel then drafted pre-filed testimony of the Town's three witnesses and has analyzed the pre-filed testimony filed by the opposing parties and met with the Town's consultants to develop cross-examination questions. Beginning on July 19, 2005, the case was tried for nine-days before an Administrative Magistrate of the DEP for an eviden-



tiary hearing on the Town's appeal. After the conclusion of the hearing, we filed a 112 page post-hearing memorandum and are now awaiting a decision from the Administrative Magistrate.

14. Malesky v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2956B
21300 – 0237

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

15. Moran, et al. v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 185690
21300 – 0070

This case involves an abutter's appeal of the Community Planning Commission's approval of Parm Development Inc.'s ("Parm") subdivision plan to improve a portion of Cameron Road. In March of 1997, Parm filed a motion for summary judgment asserting that the plaintiff lacked standing to appeal the Commission's decision. A hearing on such motion was scheduled for June 27, 1997, but the motion was removed from the hearing list by agreement of the parties. The plaintiff has not taken any action to advance this case. We have attempted to secure the plaintiff's voluntary dismissal of the complaint, due to the lengthy inactivity of the case, but have not yet been successful in this regard.

16. Nitzsche v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-03089
21300 – 0241

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

17. O'Toole v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2296
21300 – 0232

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.



18. Palmero v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2602
21300 – 0234

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Plaintiff also alleges equal protection, due process and civil rights violations. An Answer was due on August 22, 2005. This matter has been assigned to insurance counsel, although we continue to monitor the status of the litigation.

19. Petrosino v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 276935
21300 – 0182

This is an appeal of the Community Planning Commission's approval of a subdivision for Pine Forest Park located in Andover and North Reading. The appeal was filed on December 2, 2001. The plaintiff is alleging that certain conditions imposed by the Community Planning Commission are beyond the Commission's authority. There has been no further action in this case.

20. Petrosino v. North Reading Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 297302
21300 – 0282

This is a subdivision applicant's appeal of approval conditions for a subdivision located partially in Andover and partially in North Reading known as Pine Forest Park. The appeal was filed in March of 2004. This case relates to Land Court No. 276935 (above).

21. Sanara Realty Trust v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 270819
21300 – 0178

This is an action by an abutter appealing the decision of the Community Planning Commission, which granted subdivision approval for Charles Street. The complaint was served on April 2, 2001. The Town is not taking an active role in this case. In July 2004, the court affirmed the decision of the Community Planning Commission. The case has been appealed to the Appeals Court, and oral argument is scheduled for February 16, 2006.



22. Surette v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-1574
21300 – 0229

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.

23. Vera v. O'Leary (ZBA)
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 04-2940
21300 – 0215

This case is an appeal by an abutter from the grant of a modification to a special permit to Viking Tree to allow the parking of vehicles overnight on property located at 3 Washington Street. Thirteen additional individuals filed motions to intervene **as plaintiffs**, and the court allowed the motions on March 3, 2005. Viking Tree has agreed to judgment in favor of the plaintiffs, and we are awaiting final execution and filing of the agreement for judgment. See related Viking Tree litigation matters #0211 and #0212.

24. Viking Tree v. O'Leary (ZBA)
Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 03-4921
21300 – 0211

This is an appeal under c.40A from the decision of the Board of Appeals upholding the order of the zoning enforcement officer that Viking Tree was violating a special permit condition requiring vehicles to be parked inside at night on property at 3 Washington Street. Town Counsel has filed an appearance on behalf of the Board. The parties filed a Joint Motion to Stay the Proceedings on January 31, 2005. The Court allowed the Motion on February 9, 2005. **Viking Tree has agreed to dismiss the action, and we are awaiting final execution and filing of the stipulation of dismissal.**

25. Woods et al. v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 05-2807
21300 – 0235

This is an action arising from the Town's recent exercise of its eminent domain powers in which it took approximately 35 parcels. The plaintiff does not challenge the validity of the taking, but rather the pro tanto offered by the Town. The Town has filed an Answer and is proceeding with discovery.



LABOR LITIGATION

1. Brady v. Town of North Reading
Case No. D-04-478
21300 – 0222

This is an appeal of a 60 day suspension and a demotion by a firefighter. A pre-hearing conference was held on January 6, 2005, and a full-hearing was initially scheduled for March 29th and 30th, 2005, but was postponed. On or around June 30, 2005, the parties executed a final settlement agreement in this matter. As part of this agreement, Brady has filed an accidental disability retirement application with the Middlesex County Retirement Board, which is pending.

2. North Reading Firefighters, Local 1857 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 01494 05 (Gr: Class Action – Compensatory Time)
21300 – 0230

This case involves a grievance regarding the ability of firefighters to earn and utilize compensatory time. The arbitration hearing was originally scheduled for November 16, 2005, but has been rescheduled for March 2, 2006.

GENERAL LITIGATION CASES CLOSED IN 2005 AND 2006

1. Fransen v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals
Land Court Misc. No. 264772
21300 – 0172

This is an appeal of a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, which upheld the Building Inspector's issuance of a building permit to construct a residence at 1 Third Street. The complaint was served on June 23, 2000. Because this case is related to Bornstein v. Town of North Reading (II), it was referred to the Town's insurance company, which has appointed counsel to represent the Town. Town Counsel monitored the negotiations and consulted with insurance counsel.

2. Landwest Development, LLC v. Pearce
(Community Planning Commission)
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 04-4806
21300 – 0223

This Complaint was filed in December 2004, pursuant to G.L.c.41, sec. 81BB, appealing conditions of approval for the Great Lott Estates off Marblehead Street. The case was dismissed on March 22, 2005.



3. Viking Tree v. O'Leary (ZBA)
Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 03-5070D
21300 – 0212

This was an appeal under c.40A from the conditional grant of a special permit regarding the use of property at 3 Washington Street. Town Counsel filed an appearance on behalf of the Board. Two individuals were allowed to intervene as co-defendants. The plaintiff and the interveners agreed to dismiss the appeal as moot in light of the modification of the special permit to Viking Tree (See Vera case above). The Stipulation of Dismissal, with prejudice and with appellate rights waived, was filed with the Court on January 31, 2005.

LABOR LITIGATION CLOSED IN 2005

1. Teamsters, Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 01942 04 (Gr: DNC Schedules – Use of Leave)
21300 – 0216

This case involved a grievance regarding the scheduling of police officers during the Democratic National Convention, as well as the officers' ability to use various types of leave during that week. An arbitration hearing was held on July 21, 2005. Post-hearing briefs were filed on September 16, 2005. In October 2005, the Arbitrator upheld the Town's decision to cancel and prohibit days off during the week of the Democratic National Convention.

2. Teamsters, Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 00893 04 (Gr: Class Action – Holidays)
21300 – 0217

This case involves a grievance regarding the utilization and calculation of holiday compensatory days. The dispute centers on when such days accrue each year. An arbitration hearing was held on May 19, 2005. The parties filed post-hearing briefs on July 28, 2005. In August 2005, the Arbitrator upheld the Town's decision, allowing the police officers to use holiday compensatory days only after the designated holiday has occurred.

3. Teamsters, Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 01161 04 (Gr: Class Action – Payment of Details)
21300 – 0218

This case involves a grievance regarding the payment and definition of Town details. An arbitration hearing was held on June 7, 2005. Post-hearing briefs were filed on August 19, 2005. In September 2005, the Arbitrator upheld the Town's decision to not pay a minimum of eight (8) hours pay for a police detail that was paid for by the DPW when it hired Viking Tree to perform tree pruning related services.



TOWN-OWNED LAND

For Your Information

Map & Parcel	Refers to Assessors Map & parcel pages and numbers.
Location	Street on which parcel is mentioned.
Approximate Area	Roughly the square footage or acreage of parcel mentioned.
Primary Use	If parcel is being used for town purposes, it is mentioned here.
Tax Land by Possession**	Designated by asterisks in report – land which is taken by the town due to default of property taxes – taken after land has been in tax title for a period of not less than 2 years.
Controlled/Supervision	Designated Committee, Commission, or department who has control or priority of mentioned parcel.
Date Acquired	The date which mentioned parcel came into town ownership.



TOWN OWNED LAND

Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
3	23	Redmond Ave.	21,440	Pumping Station	**	Gen. Gov.	5/4/71			I
3	44	Off Redmond Ave.	257,004			Water Dept.	9/29/64		F	I
3	45	Off Redmond Ave.	350,658			Conserv. 10-77	3/21/64	1/4 W	F	I
3	47	Kristyn Lane	547,114		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7/9/96			
3	67	Jill Circle	14,233		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7/9/96			
3	78	Jill Circle	21,336		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7/9/96			
4	110	Raridan St.	82,764		**	Conserv. 10-80	10/14/69	1/2W		
4	111	Shenandoah Rd.	14,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11/23/94			
4	112	Shenandoah St.	14,000		**	Conserv.	10/16/61			
4	113	Shenandoah St.	10,500		**	Conserv.	7/1/53			
4	114	Shenandoah St.	10,500		**	Conserv.	2/7/78			
5	54	Off Cold Spring Rd.	35,500		Gift	Conserv. 4-88	4/1/88			
5	55	Cold Spring	39,600		**	Gen. Gov.	12/31/53	1/4W	F	I
5	65	MacArthur Rd.	25,277		**	Gen. Gov.	12/27/50	3/4W	F	I
5	74	High St.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	6/15/83			
5	90	Off Cold Spring Rd.	118,919	Pumping Station	Gift	Water Dept.	5/26/76	W	F	I
5	91	Off Cold Spring Rd.	25,500		**	Gen. Gov.	2/2/76			I
5	98	Off Carriage Way	102,500		Gift	Conservation				
6	1	Back River Lot	383,328	Water Treatment Plant	Gift	Gen. Gov.	11/20/96			II
6	3	Lovell Rd.	130,680	Watershed Protection	Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/8/86			II
8	6	Hollywood Terrace	9,120		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56			II
8	18	Algonquin Rd.	3,820		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	3/4W	F	II
8	19	Algonquin Rd.	9,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/61			II
8	20	Algonquin Rd.	9,100		**	Gen. Gov.	1/2/90	1/2W	F	II
8	30	Brookdale Rd.	6,400		**	Gen. Gov.	5/5/54	W	F	II
8	31	Brookdale Rd.	15,750		**	Gen. Gov.	12/30/98	3/4W		II
8	32	Brookdale Rd.	18,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/4/71			II
8	33	Brookdale Rd.	24,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/7/68			II
8	34	Brookdale Rd.	6,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/4/71			II
8	35	Brookdale Rd.	4,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/19/61			II
8	36	Fieldcrest Terrace	12,450		**	Gen. Gov.	12/3/92			II
8	45	Evergreen Terrace	6,160		**	Gen. Gov.	12/23/53			I
8	54	Old Andover Rd.	6,800		**	Gen. Gov.	9/9/81	1/4W	F	I
8	56	Old Andover Rd.	74,052		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56			I
8	58	Brentwood Rd.	13,600		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	1/3W		I
8	65	Laurelton Rd.	22,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	1/2W		I
8	66	Laurelton Rd.	15,600		**	Gen. Gov.	7/15/57			I
8	78	Belleflower Rd.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	3/4W	F	I
8	79	Belleflower Rd.	14,400		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	1/2W	F	I
8	93	Hawthorne Terr.	11,200		**	Gen. Gov.	9/21/59	1/2W	F	I
8	99	Evergreen Terr.	15,400		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	1/2W	F	I
8	100	Evergreen Terr.	1,400		**	Gen. Gov.				I



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
8	101	Evergreen Terr.	4,400		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61		F	I
8	108	Burroughs Rd.	4,750		**	Conservation 10-94	3/18/83			II
8	109	Burroughs Rd.	5,000		**	Conservation 10-94	4/12/85			II
8	110	Burroughs Rd.	10,000		**	Conserv. 10-80	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	111	Brookdale Rd.	8,000		**	Conservation 10-94	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	112	Algonquin Rd.	11,200		**	Conserv. 10-80	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	113	Fieldcrest Terr.	35,200		**	Conserv. 10-80	7/16/57	1/2W	F	II
8	114	Algonquin Rd.	3,624		**	Conserv. 10-75		1/2W	F	II
8	115	Hollywood Terr.	18,000		**	Conserv. 10-75	10/16/61		F	II
8	116	Hollywood Terr.	3,466		**	Conserv. 10-75	11/4/60	1/2W	F	II
8	119	Hollywood Terr.	11,600		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61		F	II
8	120	Hollywood Terr.	20,100		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	121	Plainfield Rd.	17,900		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/17/61	1/2W	F	II
8	123	Plainfield Rd.	38,400		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/19/61	W	F	II
8	124	Plainfield Rd.	6,266		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	125	Atwater Rd.	20,800		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/19/61	W	F	II
8	126	River Rd.	10,000		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	127	River Rd.	4,800		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/19/61	W	F	II
8	128	Plainfield Rd.	15,800		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	129	Plainfield Rd.	4,800		**	Conserv. 10-74	7/16/57	W	F	II
8	130	Hollywood Terr.	25,200		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	131	Hollywood Terr.	4,000		**	Conservation 10-94	10/19/61	W	F	II
8	132	Hollywood Terr.	4,000		**	Conservation 10-94	11/4/60	W	F	II
8	134	Algonquin Rd.	3,600		**	Gen. Gov.				II
8	135	Hollywood Terr.	36,800		**	Conservation 10-94	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	137	Algonquin Rd.	19,600		**	Conservation 10-94	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	138	Garden Rd.	3,450		**	Conservation 10-94	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	139	Garden Rd.	14,000		**	Conservation 10-94	10/16/61	W	F	II
8	140	Burroughs Rd.	10,800		**	Conservation 10-94	8/17/56	1/2W	F	II
8	144	Burroughs Rd.	270,072		**	Gen. Gov.	5/8/00	W	F	II
8	145	Burroughs Rd.	35,962		**	Gen. Gov.	5/8/00	W	F	II
8	188	Audubon Rd.	9,600		**	Gen. Gov.	7/16/57			II
8	191	Audubon Rd.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	10/3/68			II
8	193	Audubon Rd.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	W	F	I
8	194	Burroughs Rd.	1,000		**	Gen. Gov.	7/16/57	W	F	I
8	195	Burroughs Rd.	3,600		**	Gen. Gov.	6/21/83			I
8	197	Audubon Rd.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	12/28/59			II
8	204	Parkview Terr.	1,600		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/61			II
8	209	Audubon Rd.	69,696		**	Gen. Gov.	12/23/53	1/2W	F	I
8	221	Edgewood Terr.	8,000		**	Gen. Gov.	7/16/57	1/4W	F	I
8	224	Edgewood Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	4/2/93			I
8	230	Edgewood Terr.	1,600		**	Gen. Gov.	12/23/53			I
8	234	Homestead Terr.	4,800		**	Gen. Gov.	6/10/88			I
8	235	Homestead Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.				I



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
8	237	Homestead Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	12/23/53			I
8	238	Homestead Terr.	4,800		**	Gen. Gov.	12/1/59			I
8	239	Homestead Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	11/19/62	1/2W	F	I
8	240	Homestead Terr.	13,600		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56	1/4W	F	I
8	241	Homestead Terr.	43,560		**	Gen. Gov.	8/24/62	3/4W	F	I
8	242	Homestead Terr.	1,600		**	Gen. Gov.	6/10/88			I
8	243	Homestead Terr.	1,600		**	Gen. Gov.	12/4/63	W	F	I
8	245	Pleasant View Terr.	15,200		**	Gen. Gov.	10/1/69	W	F	I
8	257	Oakhurst Terr.	2,470		**	Gen. Gov.	12/19/58			I
8	258	Oakhurst Terr.	6,275		**	Gen. Gov.		1/2W	F	II
8	260	Pinecrest Rd.	24,000		**	Conserv. 10-93	12/23/53	W	F	II
8	261	Pinecrest Rd.	6,400		**	Conserv. 10-93	11/26/65	W	F	II
8	266	Lakeside Blvd.	4,400		**	Conservation	10/1/68			II
8	267	Wildflower Terr.	1,600		**	Conserv. 10-93	6/6/75	W	F	II
8	268	Wildflower Terr.	8,000		**	Conserv. 10-93		W	F	II
8	271	Oakhurst Terrace	2,100		**	Gen. Gov.	10/31/00	W	F	II
8	272	Oakhurst Terrace	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	10/31/00	1/2W	F	II
8	274	Oakhurst Terr.	1,600		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			II
9	1	Old Andover Road	32,000		**	Gen. Gov.		W	F	I
9	4	Wolf Rd.	9,337		**	Gen. Gov.				II
9	5	Wolf Rd.	29,100		**	Gen. Gov.	3/23/46	1/2W	F	I
9	13	Old Andover Rd.	31,707		Gift	Water Dept.	9/6/84	3/4W	F	I
9	19	Old Andover Rd.	18,443		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67	1/4W	F	I
9	21	Phyllis Terrace	7,279		**	Gen. Gov.	2/25/00			I
9	35	Nuska Trail	3,500		**	Gen. Gov.				I
9	36	Nuska Trail	6,100		**	Gen. Gov.	11/4/60			I
9	37	Nuska Trail	6,100		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	1/4W		I
9	45	Livingston Rd.	2,423		**	Gen. Gov.	7/16/57			I
9	54	Old Andover Rd.	7,750		**	Gen. Gov.				I
9	57	Old Andover Rd.	4,550		**	Gen. Gov.	12/23/53			I
9	58	Old Andover Rd.	2,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61			I
9	64	Highland Terr.	43,560		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56	1/4W	F	I
9	65	Lakeside Blvd.	627,264	Pumping Station	**	Water Dept.		W	F	I
9	79	Lakeside Blvd.	13,500		**	Water Dept.				I
9	103	Pleasant View Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			I
9	110	Highland Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	11/10/59			I
9	111	Highland Terr.	8,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11/19/62			I
9	129	Rahnden	91,375	cabin/shed	**	Gen. Gov.	8/31/72	W		I
9	130	Rahnden	2,369	Prot. Of Water Supply	Emin. Dom.	Gen. Gov.	8/31/72			I
9	131	Old Andover Road	1,463	Prot. Of Water Supply	Emin. Dom.	Gen. Gov.				I
11	5	Andover Town Line	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	5/11/94	W		I
11	6	Main Street	52,272	Gift	Gift	Conservation	11/15/96	W	F	I
12	38	Off Hillside Rd.	16,000		**	Conserv. 3-70	5/22/61			II
12	44	Travelled Way	1,050		**	Conserv. 3-70	1/18/65		F	II



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
12	45	Travelled Way	1,400		**	Conserv. 3-70	8/1/63		F	II
12	46	Travelled Way	2,000		**	Conserv. 3-70	1/18/65		F	II
12	47	Batchelder Ave.	11,350		**	Conserv. 3-63	6/27/62		F	II
12	52	Batchelder & Travelled Way	1,000	Common Land	**	Gen. Gov.				II
12	55	Batchelder Ave.	7,650		**	Conserv. 3-63	6/27/62			II
12	66	Brooks Road	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	3/30/98			II
12	142	Travelled Way	8,500		**	Conserv. 4-74	7/26/74		F	II
12	149	Main St.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
12	150	Main St.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
12	151	Main St.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
12	152	Main St.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
12	153	Main St.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
13	51	Burroughs Road	7,500		**	Conservation				I
13	55	Burroughs Rd.	117,612	Playground	**	Recreation	1/2W			I
13	57	Wildflower Terr.	19,200		**	Conservation	9/21/59	W	F	II
13	58	Wildflower Terr.	37,600		**	Conservation	7/16/57	W	F	II
13	59	Pinecrest Terr.	3,200		**	Conserv. 10-93	10/17/67	W	F	II
13	60	Burroughs Rd.	204,372		**	Conservation	6/5/58	3/4W	F	II
13	61	Burroughs Rd.	16,960		**	Conservation	6/5/58	1/2W	F	II
13	65	Birch Rd.	8,000		**	Conservation	12/4/68	3/4W	F	II
13	68	Burroughs Rd.	37,200		**	Conservation	6/1/95	W		II
13	70	Burroughs Rd.	14,900		**	Conserv. 10-93	12/4/68			II
13	71	Burroughs Rd.	348,480		**	Conservation	6/1/95			II
13	81	Burroughs Rd.	10,500		**	Gen. Gov.	2/29/88			II
13	85	Elma Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/12/82			II
13	86	Elma Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/14/69			II
13	93	Elma Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75			II
13	99	Wilma Rd.	6,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	W		II
13	100	St. Theresa St.	130,680		**	Conservation 10-94	11/20/44		F	II
13	101	St. Theresa St.	52,272		**	Gen. Gov.	8/26/99			II
13	121	Sullivan Rd.	21,350		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			II
13	127	Off St. Theresa St.	108,900		Gift	Conservation	3/14/74	W	F	II
13	131	Wilma Rd.	6,875		**	Gen. Gov.	10/7/69	W		II
14	12	North St.	457,380	Town Hall	**	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
14	88	Pauley Rd.	10,238		**	Gen. Gov.	10/7/64			II
14	119	Main St.	27,000		**	Gen. Gov.	2/13/98		F	II
14	131	North St. to Rogers Cir.	1,702	Walkway	**	Gen. Gov.	1/24/64			II
14	132	Oak Ave.	16,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11/3/80	3/4W		II
14	140	Main St.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
14	141	Main St.	4,750		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
14	142	Lowell Rd.	457,380	Rita Mullin Rec. Park	**	Recreation	11/20/96			II
15	57	Off Abbott Rd.	209,088		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76	1/2W	F	II
17	1	Oak St.	3,963		**	Gen. Gov.	11/4/60			II
17	16	Barberry Rd.	583,704	Little School	**	School Dept.				II



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
17	28	Southwick Rd.	8,000			Gen. Gov.	8/28/59	W		
17	29	Southwick Rd.	5,000			Gen. Gov.	8/28/59	W		
17	53	Nutter Rd.	14,400		**	Gen. Gov.	5/3/89			
18	30	Park St.	5,216		**	Gen. Gov.	6/26/76			II
18	32	Fairview Ave.	2,100		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76			II
18	33	Fairview Ave.	2,100		**	Gen. Gov.				II
18	34	Fairview Ave.	8,400		**	Gen. Gov.				II
18	35	West Street	4,200		**	Gen. Gov.				II
18	36	West St.	4,200		**	Gen. Gov.	3/25/97			II
18	37	Fairview Ave.	29,540		**	Gen. Gov.	4/3/01	1/4W		II
18	38	Fairview Ave.	65,340		**	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
18	39	Fairview Ave.	1,960		**	Gen. Gov.	3/30/98			II
18	40	Bellevue Ave.	36,885		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56	1/4W		II
18	44	Bellevue Ave.	60,984			Gen. Gov.		1/2W		II
18	47	Off Sandspur Lane	874,685			Conserv. 10-74		W	F	
18	71	Park & South	2,650			Gen. Gov.				
23	33	Main St.	718,740			Conservation				
23	69	Off Park St.	87,120		**	Conserv. 10-93	10/14/70	W	F	
23	71	Park St.	56,628		**	Conserv. 10-75		W	F	
23	73	Main St.	41,191		Gift	Conserv.	3/7/84			
25	98	Main St.	1,250		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			
26	14	Plymouth St.	31,338		**	Gen. Gov.	12/1/94	3/4W		
26	77	Off Francis St.	12,600	w/ bldg.	**	Gen. Gov.	2/1/83			
26	80	Off North Street	47,916		**	Gen. Gov.	9/11/97			II
26	97	Main St.	500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			
27	14	Off North St.	13,500	Water Tower		Water Dept.				
27	49	North Street	6,150,672	Hillview CC	E. Dom.	Gen. Gov.	2/25/88			
27	60	North Street	40,001	Parking - Hillview	Purchase	Gen. Gov.				
28	50	Shady Hill Drive	92,783		**	Gen. Gov.	4/26/96	W	F	II
28	51	Shady Hill Dr.	40,100		**	Gen. Gov.	3/11/85	3/4W	F	II
28	55	Central St.	21,630		**	Gen. Gov.	1/31/01	1/2W	F	II
29	1	Central St. Rear	1,154,340		Gift	Conservation	2/1/82	1/4W	F	I,II
29	2	Central St.	570,636	Pumping Station		Water Dept.		W	F	I
29	4	Central St.	71,003			Conserv. 10-75		1/4W		I
29	5	Central St.	505,296	Little League Field	Gift	Recreation	Oct-78	1/2W		I,II
30	47	Anthony Rd.	200,376			Conserv. 10-93	12/15/58	W	F	II
31	59	Westward Circle	202,554		**	Conserv. 11-68	6/6/68	W	F	II
31	78	Westward Circle	223,898		**	Gen. Gov.	3/11/85	W	F	II
31	84	Westward Circle	1,924	Access Hood School		School Dept.				II
32	32	Appian Way	20,900		**	Gen. Gov.				II
32	33	Nelson Way	104,544		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
32	34	Nelson Way	7,840		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
32	35	North St.	2,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76	W		II
33	33	Garden Rd.	39,000		**	Gen. Gov.				

Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
33	34	Garden Rd.	52,272		**	Gen. Gov.		1/2W		
33	40	Cherry St. & Brdwy.	152,460		**	Conservation 10-94		1/2W		
33	49	Cherry St.	18,730		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	51	Cherry St.	95,832		**	Conservation 10-94	12/28/59	1/2W		
33	52	Cherry St.	19,200		**	Conservation 10-94	10/1/68			
33	53	Cherry St.	41,600		Gift	Gen. Gov.	8/8/95			
33	54	Fourth St.	19,200		Gift	Gen. Gov.	8/18/00	1/2W		
33	55	Fourth St.	169,884		**	Conservation 10-94	12/28/59	1/4W		
33	56	Fourth St.	19,166		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	57	Fourth St.	113,256		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	58	Broadway St.	34,100		**	Conservation 10-94	10/1/61	1/2W		
33	59	Third St.	78,408		**	Conservation 10-94	10/1/61	3/4W		
33	60	Appian Way	39,639		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	61	Fourth St.	19,600		Gift	Gen. Gov.	8/18/00	1/2W		
33	62	Third St.	21,780		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	63	Third St.	20,200		**	Gen. Gov.	12/28/59	1/2W		
33	64	Appian Way	20,909		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	66	Appian Way	22,216		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	67	Third St.	19,166		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	68	Third St.	21,780		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	70	Third St.	21,780		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	71	Magnolia St.	22,651		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	74	Second St.	18,700		**	Conservation 10-94	2/29/88			
33	75	Appian Way	87,120		**	Conserv. 10-75	12/31/53	W		
33	76	Appian Way	22,400		**	Conserv. 10-75				
33	77	Second St.	32,200		**	Conservation 10-94	10/19/62			
33	80	Second St.	32,200		**	Conservation 10-94	2/29/88			
33	81	Second St.	18,200		**	Conservation				
33	82	Second St.	17,424		**	Conservation 10-94		W		
33	83	Second St.	17,050		**	Conservation				
33	84	Magnolia St.	65,776		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	85	Magnolia St.	12,632		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	87	First St.	52,272		E. Dom.	Conserv. 10-75	1/27/05			
33	88	Appian Way & First St.	18,200							
33	92	Day Ave.	19,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/5/54			
33	93	Day Ave.	9,600		**	Gen. Gov.	2/29/88			
33	94	Day Ave.	38,333		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	95	Day Ave.	63,162		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	96	Appian Way	20,909		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	98	Appian Way	40,075		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	99	Appian Way	20,909		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	100	First St.	135,036		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	108	First St.	17,050		E. Dom.	Conservation 10-94	2/16/82	1/4W		
34	26	Cameron Rd.	10,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11/4/60			

II

Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
34	27	Cameron Rd.	5,500		**	Gen. Gov.	9/26/02			
34	28	Cameron Rd.	15,000		Gift	Conservation	9/29/95			
34	29	Cameron Rd.	5,736		**	Gen. Gov.	1/28/05			
34	30	Cameron Rd.	10,756		Gift	Conservation	9/29/95			
34	32	Cameron Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.				
34	33	Cameron Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75			
34	34	Cameron Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/15/56			
34	39	Pilgrim Rd.	34,865		Gift	Gen. Gov.		1/2W		
35	13	Harris Rd.	10,500		Gift	Conservation	9/29/95			
35	15	Harris Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12/4/63	3/4W		
35	16	Harris Rd.	35,215		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56	1/4W		
35	18	Harris Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56			
35	19	Harris Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11/23/64			
35	20	Harris Rd.	2,500		**	Gen. Gov.	9/21/59			
35	22	Harris Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	9/22/49			
35	23	Harris Rd.	10,000	w/ bldg.	**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/83			
35	28	Quimby Rd.	21,000		Gift	Gen. Gov.	12/28/82			
35	29	Quimby Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			
35	30	Quimby Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	7/16/57			
35	31	Quimby Rd.	10,625		**	Gen. Gov.	9/20/73			
35	33	Quimby Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/61			
35	37	Stevens Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			
36	33	Park St.	21,917	No.Parish Park		Gen. Gov.				
36	34	Park St.	36,777	Rt. 62 Reconstruct.	DPW Purchase	Gen. Gov.	7/24/98	W	F	
36	35	Chestnut & Central Sts.	161,172			Conservation	10/31/41	W	F	
36	60	Park St.	130,680			Conserv. 3-67		W	F	
36	61	Chestnut St.	3,388,968	Soccer/Conservation		DPW	1/31/69	3/4W	F	
36	65	Chestnut St.	530,561	Public Works Garage		DPW		1/4W	F	
36	66	Chestnut St.	2,025,104	Public Works Garage		Conserv. 4-69		W	F	
37	1	Cedar St.	640,332		**	Gen. Gov.	1/3/69			
39	11	So. Chestnut St.	696,960		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/19/61	W	F	
39	12	So. Chestnut St.	518,364		Gift	Conserv. 10-75	3/31/77	1/4W	F	
39	13	Off Haverhill St.	679,536		Gift	Conserv. 11-63	12/16/68	1/2W	F	
40	56	Chestnut St.	41,600	Harmony Vale		Conserv. 4-66	3/13/67	W	F	
40	67	Haverhill St.	235,224	Land Swap w/ RMLD		DPW				
41	25	Central St.	107,240		**	Gen. Gov.	12/1/99	1/4W		
41	26	Central St.	42,600			Gen. Gov.	10/7/68	1/4W		
41	27	Central St.	20,005			Recreation	10/27/93		F	
41	28	Central St.	20,000			Recreation	10/27/93		F	
41	29	Central St.	1,717,261			Recreation	10/27/93	1/2W	F	
41	30	Central St.	20,002			Recreation	10/27/93		F	
41	31	Central St.	20,000			Recreation	10/27/93		F	
41	32	Central St.	20,000			Recreation	10/27/93		F	
41	33	Central St.	20,000			Recreation	10/27/93		F	



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
41	34	Central St.	42,237	Temporary Police Station		Gen. Gov.	9/20/05	5%W		
41	35	Central St.	210,548			Hillview Commission	12/2/97	W	F	
41	52	Off Haverhill St.	74,052			Recreation	9/22/64	W	F	
41	53	Off Haverhill St.	182,952	Part of Ipswich Rvr. Park		Conserv. 12-63	10/27/93			
41	69	Central St.	16,258			Recreation	1/7/59		F	
42	3	Park St.	32,100			Conservation	8/14/79		F	
42	8	Park St.	235,660			Conserv. 3-63			F	
42	10	Central St.	13,750			Gen. Gov.	5/2/97	W	F	
42	12	Park St.	41,541		**	DPW				
42	35	Park St.	36,900				11/21/00	1/4W		
42	63	Bliss Rd.	12,825		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/1/69			
42	64	Bliss Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	3/21/88			
42	66	Bliss Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/29/87			
42	72	Sherman Rd.	20,266		**	Gen. Gov.	2-29-87			
42	76	Ivy St.	12,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/29/87			
42	80	Ivy St.	6,250		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			
42	86	Meade Rd.	3,375		**	Gen. Gov.	6/1/79			
42	107	Bliss Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	1/28/98			
42	123	Dodge Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/83			
42	125	Devons Rd.	7,500		Gift	Gen. Gov.				
42	128	Devons Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.				
42	140	Park St.	1,851,300	Jr-Sr High School		School Dept.				
42	144	Off Tower Hill Rd.	38,137	Transfer to School	10/94	School Dept.				
42	145	Park St.	185,130		Gift	Conservation	8/25/82	W	F	
42	152	Dodge Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56			
43	2	Maple Rd.	15,500		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	1/4W		
43	7	Lee Rd.	9,375		**	Gen. Gov.	8/26/99			
43	8	Lee Rd.	6,250		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/1/69			
43	9	Lee Rd.	9,375		**	Gen. Gov.	10/28/66	1/2W		
43	13	Juniper Rd.	6,250		**	Gen. Gov.	8/26/99			
43	21	Maple Rd.	43,560		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	22	Maple Rd.	161,172		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	31	Oakdale Rd.	17,000		**	Gen. Gov.				
43	32	Oakdale Rd.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12/4/63			
43	33	Oakdale Rd.	4,375		Gift	Conservation	5/1/75			
43	34	Oakdale Rd.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12/24/54			
43	35	Oakdale Rd.	3,522		Gift	Conservation	5/30/75			
43	39	Oakdale Rd.	14,250		**	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		
43	40	Oakdale Rd.	27,878		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	41	Oakdale Rd.	21,780		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	46	Oakdale Rd.	42,425		**	Gen. Gov.	2/1/82			
43	47	Oakdale Rd.	82,764		**	Conservation	11/19/62			
43	53	Juniper Rd.	27,409		**	Gen. Gov.	3/30/98	1/8W		
43	60	Lee Rd.	12,632		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
43	78	Tower Hill Rd.	30,000	Water Tower	E. Dom.	Water Dept.	1/27/05			
43	105	Maple Rd.	47,916			Conservation	2/1/82			
44	1	Oakdale Rd.	23,004		**	Gen. Gov.				
44	2	Oakdale Rd.	4,250		**	Gen. Gov.	3/1/82			
44	3	Oakdale Rd.	22,920		**	Conservation 10-94	11/19/62	3/4W		
44	6	Maple Rd.	78,408		**	Conservation 10-94				
44	8	Cherry St.	20,700		**	Gen. Gov.				
44	10	Cherry St.	19,602		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
44	11	Cherry St.	20,400		**	Conservation 10-94	12/24/54			
44	13	Cherry St.	15,400		**	Conservation 10-94	12/23/53			
44	14	Cherry St.	20,909		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
44	15	Brean Ave.	17,500		**	Gen. Gov.				
44	16	Cotter Ave.	34,800		**	Conservation	12/23/53			
44	17	Cherry St.	18,731		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
44	18	Cherry St.	19,200		**	Conservation	4/26/71			
44	19	Fourth St.	56,628		**	Conservation 10-94	10/16/61	1/2W		
44	21	Magnolia St.	69,696		**	Conservation 10-94	8/17/56	W		
44	23	Third St.	33,300		**	Conserv. 10-75	12/8/53			
44	24	Lloyd Rd.	348,480		**	Conservation 10-94	1/15/88			
44	34	Oscar's Way	3,588		Gift	Conservation				
44	50	Cherry St.	38,400		Gift	Conservation 10-94				
44	98	Off Towerhill Rd.	182,952		Gift	Conservation	5/25/95			
44	110	Oscar's Way	226,512		Gift	Conservation				
45	7	Janice Ave.	20,090		**	Gen. Gov.	4/13/74	1/2W	F	II
45	37	Haverhill Street	135,907		Gift	Conservation	5/30/95			
45	90	Colonial Hill Dr.	20,634	Future road expansion	Gift	Conservation	4/11/85	1/4W	F	II
46	5	Haverhill St.	668,411	Hood School	Gift	Gen. Gov.		3/4W		II
46	55	Westward Cir.	9,564	Access Hood School	**	School Dept.				
49	5	Cottage St.	152,460		**	Conservation	10/14/70			
49	8	Cottage St.	32,000		Gift	Conservation	4/24/92			
50	18	Olde Coach Rd.	1,248		Gift	Conservation				
51	2	Off Haverhill St.	209,088	Ives Mem. Park	**	Conserv. 10-70	8/11/93	1/2W	F	
51	3	Off Haverhill St.	230,868	Ives Mem. Park	**	Conserv. 3-69				
51	5	Off Darrell Drive	270,072		**	Conservation				
51	18	Arline Dr.	10,334		Gift	Conservation				
52	32	Off Haverhill St.	121,968	Ives Mem. Park	**	Conserv. 3-69	5/8/00	3/4W	F	
52	53	Foley Dr.	93,645	Access Strawberry Acres	**	Conserv. 6-67				
52	74	Lillian Dr.	2,735	Strawberry Acres	**	Conserv. 6-67	11/1/95			
52	80	Foley Dr.	2,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11/1/95	1/4W		
52	81	Foley Dr.	40,000		**	Conserv. 6-67				
52	86	Off Duane Dr.	158,994	Strawberry Acres	Gift	Gen. Gov.	7/21/89			
52	91	Strawberry Lane	97,580		**	Gen. Gov.	6/19/96	1/2W	F	
52	93	Lindor Rd.	22,840		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	W		
53	37	Off Haverhill St.	12,800		**					



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
54	3	Park & Haverhill St.	148,104	Third Mfg. House		Gen. Gov.	10/29/1857			
54	4	Park St.	370,260	Batchelder School		School Dept.				
54	33	Willow St.	121,968			Conserv.	7/27/84	W	F	
54	34	Willow St.	169,884			Conserv. 4-66	7/20/66	W	F	
54	35	Willow St.	10,000		**	Conservation	10/17/61	W	F	
54	39	Willow St.	222,156		Emin. D	Gen. Gov.	12/14/71	W	F	
54	40	Willow St.	15,700		**	Gen. Gov.	4/26/71	W	F	
54	41	Willow St.	69,696		**	Gen. Gov.	10/7/68	1/2W	F	
54	42	Willow St.	13,600		**	Gen. Gov.	5/8/74	W	F	
54	43	Willow St.	36,879		**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/77	W		
54	44	Willow St.	20,034		**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/77	W		
54	52	Elm St.	21,848		Gift	Conservation	2/9/95			
54	53	Elm St.	23,499		Gift	Conservation	2/9/95			
54	54	Elm St.	24,792		Gift	Conservation	2/9/95			
54	55	Elm St.	21,360		Gift	Conservation	2/9/95			
54	63	Bow St.	100,188	Putnam House/Barn		Gen. Gov.				
54	65	Bow St.	15,077	Weeks Bldg.		Gen. Gov.				
54	67	Park St.	12,150	Flint Library		Gen. Gov.				
54	68	Park St.	10,146	Library Parking		Gen. Gov.				
54	126	Park St.	104,544	Police & Fire Station		Gen. Gov.				
54	135	Peabody Street	131,116	Elderly Housing		Housing Authority				
54	139	Park St.	1,970	Island - Frt. Of Library		Gen. Gov.				
55	15	Off Parsonage Lane	226,512		**	Gen. Gov.	11/8/91			
55	23	Off Railroad Ave.	40,655		**	Gen. Gov.	3/30/98	1/2W		
55	24	Railroad Ave.	7,013		**	Gen. Gov.	9/21/59			
55	74	Railroad Ave.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	2/13/90	W		
56	62	Off Chestnut St.	457,380	Trans. from school 10/97		Gen. Gov.	7/29/57			
56	90	Boxwood Road	2,319		**	Gen. Gov.	6/22/05	W	F	
57	12	Off Crestwood Circle	278,784		**	Conservation	4/26/63	W	F	
57	15	Off Crestwood Circle	261,360		**	Conserv. '80	10/23/70	W	F	
57	16	Off Crestwood Circle	261,360		**	Conserv. 3-62	6/27/62	W	F	
57	71	Off Hickory Lane	47,916		**	Gen. Gov.	11/22/82	1/2W	F	
57	93	Off Hickory Lane	87,120		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76	W	F	
60	17	Park St.	117,612	Playing Field		Recreation				
60	42	Rust Lane	274,428	Reserved Open Space	**	Gen. Gov.	8/25/00	1/3W		I
61	69	Williams Rd.	10,900		**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/83			
62	37	Off Elm St.	15,000		**	Conserv. 10-75	10/23/70	W	F	
62	38	Elm St.	831,996	Purchase of Chap. 61A Land		Gen. Gov.	7/20/05		F	
62	42	Elm St.	16,560		Gift	Recreation				
62	78	Elm St.	827,640	Purchase of Chap. 61A Land	**	Gen. Gov.	7/20/05			
68	10	Malm Rd.	4,950		**	Gen. Gov.	6/10/88			
68	13	Malm Rd.	10,405		**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/83			
68	17	Forest St.	2,550		**	Gen. Gov.	12/24/54		F	
69	2	Forest St.	5,375		**	Gen. Gov.	1/31/01			I



Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
69	5	Forest St.	11,600		**	Gen. Gov.	10/19/61	1/2W	F	
70	1	Essex St.	649,044		**	Gen. Gov.	8/5/74	W	F	
70	8	Lincoln St.	5,500		**	Gen. Gov.	12/24/59			
70	14	Lincoln St.	12,000		**	Gen. Gov.	7/15/57			
70	24	Wood St.	13,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/61	1/2W	F	
70	27	Essex St.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75	W	F	
70	28	Essex St.	277,784		**	Gen. Gov.	5/7/80	W	F	
70	29	Middleton Town Line	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75	1/2W	F	
70	30	Essex St.	2,500		**	Gen. Gov.	4/30/75		F	
70	32	Swan Pond	31,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11/1/95	1/2W	F	
72	3	Adams St.	14,000		**	Conserv. 10-75	5/30/75			
72	20	Swan Pond	17,500			Conserv. '80				
72	23	Swan Pond Rd.	43,560		**	Conserv. 9-84				
72	33	Near Swan Pond	209,088			Conservation	5/12/71	3/4W		
72	35	Swan Pond	2,918,520			Gen. Gov.				
73	1	Swan Pond	1,960,200			Conserv. 4-75	2/27/76	1/4W		
73	2	Swan Pond	522,720			Conservation	12/1/71	1/2W		
73	3	Swan Pond	400,752			Conservation	2/27/64	W		
73	4	Swan Pond Rd.	1,367,784			Conservation		3/4W		
73	16	Swan Pond Rd.	43,560	(orig. part of 72/12)		Conservation	8/19/76			
74	69	Swan Pond Rd.	1,651,000			School Dept.	2/6/59	1/4W		
74	90	Swan Pond Rd.	96,268	Possible school site		Housing Authority				
74	93	Shasta Dr.	82,764			Gen. Gov.	12/12/89	1/2W		
75	2	Elm St.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76		F	
75	3	Elm St.	74,052		**	Gen. Gov.	10/19/67	1/2W	F	
75	8	Elm St.	339,768	Purchase of Chap. 61A Land		Gen. Gov.	7/20/05			
75	37	Elm St.	1,285,688	cemetery		Gen. Gov.				
75	50	Off Elm St.	3,150		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76		F	
75	53	Off Bigham Rd.	34,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75	W		
75	72	Elm St.	200,376		Gift	Conservation	5/6/02			
77	4	Nahant St.	28,000		**	Conserv. 3-67	11/29/67	W	F	
77	8	Riverside Dr.	12,500		**	Gen. Gov.		W	F	
77	11	Off Nahant St.	8,750			Conserv. 10-93		W	F	
78	6	Riverside Dr.	4,650		**	Conservation		W	F	
78	9	Riverside Dr.	11,850		**	Gen. Gov.		W	F	
78	10	Riverside Dr.	8,650		**	Conservation		W	F	
78	19	Riverside Dr.	9,250		**	Gen. Gov.	3/18/77		F	
78	22	Riverside Dr.	8,650		**	Gen. Gov.	1/18/95		F	
78	26	Lynn St.	19,650		**	Gen. Gov.	12/24/59			
78	27	Lynn St.	4,500		**	Gen. Gov.	1967			
78	54	Elm St.	63,598			Gen. Gov.		3/4W	F	
80	3	Swan Pond	1,840,410			Conserv. 5-71	9/1/72	1/4W		
80	5	Adams St.	13,373		**	Gen. Gov.				
81	1	Adams St.	30,187		**	Conservation				



<u>Map</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Approx. Area Sq.Ft.</u>	<u>Primary Use</u>	<u>Tax Land by Possession**</u>	<u>Controlled Supervision</u>	<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Wetlands</u>	<u>Flood Zone</u>	<u>APD Zone</u>
81	4	Adams St.	56,628			Conserv. '80				
81	12	Swan Pond	522,720		Gift	Conserv. '80		1/4W		
81	15	Swan Pond Rd.	392,040		**	Gen. Gov.	9/1/72	1/4W		
82	1	Swan Pond	74,052			Gen. Gov.	6/9/94	3/4W		
85	11	Off Green Meadow	346,738			Conserv. 10-74		W		
85	17	Off Green Meadow	7,500		Gift	Conservation	12/28/82	W		
85	18	Middleton Town Line	3,375		Gift	Conservation	10/18/82			
85	57	Gillis Drive	6,554		**	Gen. Gov.	4/1/96			
86	1	Middleton Town Line	11,000		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			



BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars, in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Office, continued their work throughout this past year in preparation and readiness for all election and town meeting activity.

Census, election and town meeting activity included processing the annual census, voter registrations, absentee ballots and nomination papers for the Town Elections, citizens petitions for local town meetings, as well as certifying hundreds of initiative petitions for up to 11 potential ballot questions which could appear on the State Election Ballot in 2006.

Administrative Assistant Carol Ducrow, together with Gayle Regan, worked diligently towards maintaining all aspects of voter and census activity for these numerous election-related functions.

Election activity for 2005 included a Special Election on January 11th for a Proposition 2-1/2 debt-exclusion question to purchase the Smith Property on Elm Street (10.9% turnout), the annual Town Election on May 3rd (14.8% turnout), and a Special Election on October 25th for a Proposition 2-1/2 debt-exclusion question (to supplement the money approved at the May 8, 2001 Town Election) for renovations to the Police Station (8.8% turnout).

Regular Town Meetings were held in April (two sessions) and October (one session). In addition, a Special Town Meeting called by petition was held within the April Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing the Rodham Property at Swan Pond (the article failed). Complete text of Town Meeting Minutes and Election results appears in the Town Clerk's Records section elsewhere within this Annual Report.

Regulations contained in the "Help America Vote Act" of 2002 ("HAVA") were initiated throughout the country this year. This new law was enacted by the legislature and President Bush to address voting issues which arose across the country from the 2000 Presidential Election. Part of the Act which was implemented in 2005 included the use of "Provisional" balloting for persons whose voter status could not be determined on an election day. This procedure replaces "Escrow" balloting previously used in Massachusetts, and also encompasses more uses. In 2006, HAVA will further require the availability of a Direct Recording Electronic Voting Machine (DRE) at each precinct which will allow handicapped persons to vote without assistance, should they wish to do so.

Once again we would like to recognize the diligence and dedication of our election workers as an integral part of the election process. They participate in training sessions to stay on top of the various changes in election laws and procedures, such as the previously mentioned HAVA. The election workers unsparingly give of their time and abilities when called upon, and are tireless in their efforts on behalf of the election process and the Town. This office is truly appreciative of and dependent on them, and acknowledges their great contribution to the Town.

There are still two political "PARTIES" in Massachusetts - DEMOCRAT and REPUBLICAN.



In addition to these, the current political “designations” in Massachusetts (which do not qualify for primaries) are as follows:

America First Party, American Independent Party, Conservative Party, Constitution Party, Green Party USA, Green-Rainbow, Interdependent 3rd Party, Libertarian, Natural Law Party, New Alliance Party, New World Council, Prohibition Party, Rainbow Coalition, Reform Party, Socialist Party, Timesizing-Not-Downsizing, Veteran Party of America, We The People and World Citizens Party.

At this time, “active” voter enrollment in North Reading indicates a slight decrease from this same time last year. This is not surprising as last year’s Presidential Election saw a record number of new registrations and many re-activated ones- Voter enrollment is expected to increase once again in the coming year as the State Election nears, with the Governor’s race and the possibility of numerous ballot questions.

A break-down of voter enrollment in North Reading as of December 31, 2005 follows:

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DEMOCRATS	2,483	199	2,682
REPUBLICANS	1,562	140	1,702
Libertarian	44	13	57
Green-Rainbow	6	0	6
Interdependent 3rd Party	2	1	3
Rainbow Coalition	2	0	2
Reform	1	0	1
Green Party USA	1	1	2
Unenrolled	<u>4,651</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>5,092</u>
TOTAL Voters	8,752	795	9,547

As always, the Board of Registrars wishes to express their appreciation to Carr’s Stationers as they continue to allow us to use their establishment as a drop-off location for the annual Town Census. Residents continue to utilize this location, as well as the Town Library and the Town Hall as census drop-off locations.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk,
CMC/MMCA/CMMC
for the Board of Registrars:

Eleanor T. Jean
Charles T. Faneuff
Gail A. Parker



DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Edith A. O'Leary Senior Center
Third Meeting House on the Common, 157 Park Street
978-664-5600 • NRCOA@nonhreadingma.gov

The Senior Center is open Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm and on Friday from 8:00 am-1:00 pm to all residents 60 years of age and older. The Department of Elder Affairs serves approximately 2,249 residents (60+). Last year, the Department provided the following programs and services, 8,846 home delivered meals, 4,623 congregate meals at the Center and 5,050 round trip rides. The Department also provided 457 blood pressure screenings, 1,416 residents took part in various exercise and other health related programs, 360 residents attended educational programs and over 1,260 Senior Citizens took part in our monthly social events (Valentine's Party, St- Patrick's Day, Helofit Day, etc.). Other services provided by the Department included recreational trips, health benefits counseling, tax assistance, fuel assistance, legal advise, information and referral. There were also 520 outside agency referrals, 5 protective service referrals and 8 new programs/services initiated.

This year an "Elder Service Team" has been developed consisting of the Director of Elder Services, Sergeant Mark Zimmerman, North Reading Police Department and Captain Barry Galvin, North Reading Fire Department. The team's goal is to promote a safer environment for our Senior Citizens, improve communication and educate all personnel with informational service programs concerning elderly issues.

Thanks to a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Senior Center was able to purchase new furniture. This portable lightweight furniture makes it now possible for our Department to re-configure the room to meet our new and old programming needs within a few minutes.

The Department along with the Council on Aging is constantly working on developing new program ideas and working on the many challenges that will face our consistently growing elder population within the near future.

The goal of the staff and volunteers at the Department of Elder Affairs is to help North Reading Elders safely age in place with the dignity and independence in the homes and in the community which they helped build...because there is no place like home! We hope to accomplish this goal by offering an understanding compassionate and confidential referral information system and providing the foremost senior-care services available.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Prenney, Director
Mark Meehl, Staff Clerk
Martin Dickman, Van Driver
Mary Rollins, Meal Site Manager
Brenda Bugden, Home Delivered
Meals Driver



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission continues to identify and record the historic assets of North Reading while working to implement a program for their preservation. The mission and membership of the Commission continues to be reviewed with an emphasis on the potential of new members joining the commission. Ann Sullivan joined the commission early this year as an associate member.

Documents were received from Bemice Powell of Sheffield Vermont describing her memories of growing up in North Reading during the depression days of 1926 to 1942.

Work continues on a North Reading By-Law to preserve and protect historically significant structures within the Town which reflect or constitute distinctive features of architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the Town.

The Commission continues to oversee the Damon Tavern property and monitor restoration progress while working closely with the Department of Public Works. Effort continues to develop the Damon Tavern into a Museum to be used as a Community Resource for meetings, functions, exhibits, lectures, concerts, and a repository for historic informational materials. A desire is to open the Ballroom for public access to the Rufus Porter Murals and for its use for appropriate functions.

The Commission strongly supports the Massachusetts Historical Commission request that an extensive archaeological survey be conducted for the proposed project on the J.T. Berry Site. The goal of the investigation is to locate and identify any significant historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project and to provide information to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects to significant historic resources.

The Commission continues to remain interactive with the Historic District Commission concerning proposed renovations and additions to both the Batchelder School and the Public Safety Building.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis, Secretary
Christopher Hayden, Co-Chairman
Patricia Romeo, Co-Chairman
Carole Dingmao, Vice-Chairman
Mabel (Happy) DiFranza
David Osgood
Tom Parker
Ann Sullivan



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Once again, the bulk of the Commission's work this year was related to the Batchelder and Police projects.

In February, the HDC approved a reduced footprint police project to accommodate funding issues and amended the Certificate of Appropriateness (C of A) for the project. An application from the DPW to park police vehicles on the Batchelder property during Police Station construction was approved.

In February, the HDC amended the Batchelder Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for an amended driveway plan accommodating more space for buses and cars. In April, we reviewed a sample wall to determine proper materials and colors. The HDC then amended the C of A to specify brick, mortar, and slate materials and colors. A specific cast stone was approved in May. Green paint for the doors was approved in June. Approval was given to remove the no longer needed roof vents. Discussions began in November and continued in December regarding a request by the ESBC for additional parking on the property. No resolution was reached in 2005 but we expect to finalize this discussion in early 2006.

In March, Carole Dingman distributed design guidelines for discussion.

In April, the Garden Club presented a proposal for a sundial and stone bench in honor of the club's 50th anniversary. Neither of these proposals was completed in 2005 but may be revisited in 2006. Proposals to rebuild a building on the Tavern property and move part of Ryer's store to that same parcel are expected soon and will be discussed.

The HDC remains one member short as we do not yet have a replacement for Joe Saia, our architect.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Solomon, Chairman
Carole Dingman, Vice Chairman
Happy DiFranza, Clerk
John Davis
Pat Romeo
Lisa Santilli



FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Because the Fourth of July Committee is a non-profit organization and is not funded by the town, the funding comes from the citizens of North Reading and different businesses of the town.

The July 4th Committee would like to give a special thank you to Mike Phillips who donated money for the fireworks in tribute to Eugene Tremblay and Bruce Wheeler who also donated money in tribute to Julie Paige McAvinn.

The events at the 2005 Fourth Celebration were a spectacular display of fireworks put on by Warren Pearce, Dick Romboli and the crew, amusement rides, pony rides, carriage and bike parade, kid care I.D., face painting, local teenage bands and two well known bands The Blue Hemians and The Morlocks. In addition, there were a number of different Town Organizations there with booths set up selling food, crafts, and games to play, trying to raise money for their organizations.

At this year's Opening Ceremonies, State Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr. gave to chairman Warren Pearce a certificate of recognition for his dedication and tireless efforts in making the July Fourth Ceremonies a huge success, an award he has well earned.

This year, the July 4th Committee also participated in the Memorial Day Parade by having a pick-up truck decorated in July 4th decorations and Gloria Mastro sitting in the back of the truck dressed as Betsy Ross, along with Kathy Aresco as the Statue of Liberty and Mario Aloisi as Uncle Sam.

The July 4th Committee would like to thank the North Reading Police Department, the North Reading Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Recreation Committee and Brian Woods for helping us to make the July 4th fair success.

The July 4th Committee would also like to thank the public for making our 2005 Fourth of July celebration a great success.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Pearce, Chairman
Jo-Anna Purnell, Vice Chairman
Yvonne Sorensen, Treasurer
Gail Feeley, Corresponding Secretary
Bette Pearce, Recording Secretary
Ellen Manning
Kathy Aresco
Gloria Mastro
Mario Aloisi



FLINT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library is a member of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLIC), which provides the online catalog that allows patrons to search for materials and request items from wherever there is Internet access. The library has four full-time and seven part-time staff, as well as three substitute technicians. Since July, 2002, the library has operated with only a part-time Head of Circulation and reduced support staff hours. The hours of operation are also reduced; the library is currently open 45 hours a week, with fewer evening and fewer morning hours than in the past, and no Sunday hours.

Highlights of the Year:

- Adult attendance increased by 19% over last year. Programs included several author visits, a professional home organizer, and an antique clock expert. For *North Reading Reads 2005*, the second town-wide reading project, the library partnered with the North Reading High School Library to invite the community to read and discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by the British author, Mark Haddon.
- Participation in the children's summer reading program increased more than 50% last year from 2004, with over 400 children from pre-school to high school. For the program "Going Places @ Your Library," children were challenged to read 1500 hours. They surpassed that goal by 725, reading a total of 2,225 hours. Events included a program presented by the Museum of Science and a magic show. Overall attendance at children's programs increased by 26% over last year. During the summer new picture book shelving was installed in the Children's Room, making it easier both to find, and to keep, books in order.
- A grant from the Donald E. Garrant Foundation, of The Savings Bank, of Wakefield, helped us to augment our business collection. With the funds we purchased materials for adults, teens, and children on a wide range of financial subjects. A supplemental grant from the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System enabled us to purchase books about geography, world affairs, and world leaders. For their programming support, I would also like to thank several North Reading businesses: Mark Hall and Ryer's Store, ATA Black Belt Academy, Joker's Wild, Carr's Hallmark, The Reading Cooperative Bank, The Savings Bank, Teradyne, Shaw's, and Stop & Shop.
- The Friends of the Library increased their membership by 20%. They enthusiastically provided both financial and volunteer support. They started an evening book group, and with this year's inauguration of a new series, "Friends Expanding Horizons," they plan to sponsor a variety of programs for all ages.
- We are fortunate to have Senior Tax Rebate volunteers and other library volunteers to help us every day. They retrieve books for interlibrary loan,



shelve materials, and work on special projects. They are an important part of the organization and I thank them.

- As always, I would like to thank the staff and Trustees, and Friends for their effort, dedication, and thoughtfulness in helping to make the library run smoothly.

www.flintmemoriallibrary.org

Collection Development:

Items Added: 1/05-12/05	Total: 6,233
Print: 5,726	
Audio/Visual: 489	
Other: 18	
Total of all materials as of 12/05:	75,123

Materials Circulated:	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Adult/YA:	28,503	28,350	29,913
Children:	38,223	37,853	37,215
Audio/Visual:	25,431	26,802	25,937
Museum Passes:	133	242	206

Interlibrary Loans	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Borrowed:	4,566	6,530	8,504
Loaned:	8,648	10,979	13,748

Registered Borrowers: as of 6/03/05:	12,822
--------------------------------------	--------

Hours of Operation:

Monday:	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday:	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (September-mid-June)
Closed Sundays	

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Minton, Library Director

Trustees:

David Cores, Chair
Betsy Habich, Vice-Chair
Lorraine Sheehan, Secretary
Karen Vitale, Friends Liaison
Grace Curley
Colleen Manning



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The role of the Information Technology Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations with regard to Information Technology needs of the Town including computer-based systems, telecommunications, networks, security, training, IT capital improvements and strategic planning. In addition, ITAC will identify opportunities in the development and support of new and existing technology.

ITAC's activities during 2005 include:

- Defined functional and technical requirements for new phone system
- Initiated and hosted vendor presentations for new phone system
- Submitted IT Capital Budget recommendations for FY2006
- Submitted IT Operating Budget recommendations for FY2006 including a recommendation for additional staffing
- Submitted recommendations for IT Strategic Planning and a smoother IT Capital and Operating Budgeting process
- Completed Police Department Technology Needs Analysis and Report
- Proposed basic email account allocation policy for non-employees
- Collected website content for each Town department
- Made vendor recommendation for town website
- Worked with IT Manager to analyze man-hours required to complete IT tasks and determine IT staffing needs
- Recommended steps be taken to ensure that the current Accounting System will function should the current vendor, basically a one-man operation, go out of business.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Moubhij, Chairperson
Michael McGrane
David Putney
Theophilos Kuliopulos
Wil Birkmaier
Edward DeSousa
Arthur Crotty
Michael Kushakji
Robert Aloisi



Protection of Persons and Property

NORTH READING FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL

David W. Harlow, Chief of Department
Richard N. Harris, Deputy Chief
Helen Gray, Administrative Assistant

Group 1

Captain Barry Galvin
Firefighter Wm. 'Bud' Warnock
Firefighter Andrew Nichols
Firefighter Donald Stats

Group 2

Captain Wm. 'Bill' Warnock
Firefighter Thomas Harris
Firefighter Herbert Batchelder
Firefighter Eric Pepper

Group 3

Captain Joseph Marotta
Firefighter Donald Cooke
Firefighter Kevin Carter
Firefighter Matthew Carroll

Group 4

Captain Richard Nash
Firefighter David Lee
Firefighter Jonathan Burt
Firefighter Michael Tannian

Public Safety Mechanic/Call Firefighter

Mark Fransen

Call Department

Paul Hardiman
Jeff Strong
Andrew Shaw
Jerry Ouellette
Vincent Zarella

James Pothier
Hartnell Bartlett
Brian Deshaies
Christopher Lynch
Jeffrey Graves

During 2005 the Fire Department again experienced an increase in response figures while still operating at the same personnel levels that have been in place since the early 70's. Last year the department responded to 1923 emergencies or calls for assistance, a three percent increase over 2004 and a one hundred, fifteen percent increase over 1970. This total included responses to 192 incidents involving fires, explosions or hazardous conditions. In addition, the ambulance transported 683 patients which represent a 2-8% increase over 2004.

The departments fire prevention activities for the year included the annual fire station open house during fire prevention week, where numerous demonstrations and displays of equipment were presented to the hundreds of residents who stopped by. In addition, during the year the department conducted regular visits to schools and kindergartens and hosted many demonstrations at the fire station for scout and other youth groups. Another activity during the year was the visiting by on duty crews to various neighborhood block parties to distribute fire prevention and related information. Other fire prevention and safety functions included distribution of information and Frisbees during the



4th of July at Riverpark and the annual Halloween Party at the Middle School which was sponsored by the Firefighters Union.

Inspections continue to be a growing function which requires the focus of the already limited manpower of this department. In addition to the inspections that are performed on a routine basis or as part of ongoing programs, the crews performed pre-plan walk thru visits to many of the buildings undergoing construction or renovation. Last year the number of fire prevention permits issued increased by 88 (27%) due primarily to the additional inspections and visits conducted by the on duty crews. Below is a summary of the documented inspections conducted and the permits issued:

Residential Smoke Detector Inspections	195
Occupancy Permit Inspections	82
License Inspections	51
Tank Truck Inspections	12
Oil Burners Inspected	93
Tank Removals	14
Quarterly Medical Facility Inspections	4
School Inspections/Fire Drills	20
Open Burning Permits issued	674

The success of the fire department continues to be dependant on the multi-tasking of its personnel to support all the peripheral functions of the operation.

The area of Emergency Medicine is another major focus of the department. During the year Firefighter Herb Batchelder was appointed as the Acting EMT Coordinator and Captain Warnock continued as the Department EMT Trainer. Additionally all permanent members and many of the call members are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and train regularly to maintain their certifications.

The municipal fire alarm system is maintained in its entirety by Captain Nash, our Fire Alarm Technician. The system includes over 140 street and master connected fire alarm boxes that protect all municipal buildings and a major percentage of our commercial properties. Last year the annual fees collected for the master boxes on businesses totaled \$26,150.

During the summer, Firefighters Jon Burt and Herb Batchelder became certified as Hazardous Material Technicians after completion of the State Fire Academy Course. They join Firefighters Donald Cooke, Donald Stats, and Mike Tannian who all hold this certification. In October, Firefighter Stats was appointed as a member of the prestigious Fire District 6 Hazardous Materials Response Team and joins Firefighter Cooke who as been a long time member of that team.

Firefighter Donald Cooke was appointed to the position of Oil Burner Inspector and worked diligently to bring a back log of inspections up to date.

Eric Pepper and Matthew Carroll were both appointed as permanent firefighters to replace retiring members. Firefighter Pepper completed the State Fire Academy Recruit Training and received honors for finishing first in the class.



Upon being certified by Civil Service. Firefighters Barry Galvin and Joseph Marotta were appointed to Acting Captain's positions to fill vacancies created by retirements. Prior to these certifications Firefighters William "Bud" Warnock and Donald Cooke had served in the positions on a temporary basis. Both Warnock and Cooke readily accepted the challenges of these temporary positions and during their appointments performed their duties in an outstanding manner. To both I owe a special thanks.

The fire department's continued effective operation is the direct result of the team effort and accomplishments of each individual member. To this extent I wish to thank the Officers, Firefighters, Call Firefighters, Mechanic, and Helen Gray, the department's Administrative Assistant for their continued support.

In closing, I would also like to extend my thanks to the Town Administrator, Finance Division, DPW, Building Department, Inspectional Division, and especially the Police Department, who regularly assists us during both routine and emergency situations.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Harlow
Chief of Department





NORTH READING POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL ROSTER

Administration

Henry J. Purnell, Chief of Police
Lieutenant Edward W. Nolan, Executive Officer and Commander
of the N.E.M.L.E.C. S.T.A.R.S. Unit
Lieutenant Edward J. Hayes, Night Shift Commander
Mrs. Laura Parow, Administrative Assistant

Sergeants

Lawrence Tremblay, Day Shift
Joseph Thibodeau, Night Shift
Ernest Henry, Night Shift
Daniel Jones, Day Shift
Mark Zimmerman, Over-Night Shift
Kevin Brennan, Over-Night Shift

Patrol Officers

Roger Wulleman	Bruce Heerter	John Morrison
James McCormack	Anthony Morlani	Scott Tilton
Michael McAuliffe	Paul Dorsey Jr.	Derek Howe
Joseph Encarnacao	Michael LeBlanc	Thomas Hatch
Sean O'Leary	Keith Lamont	Dana Rowe
Thomas Encarnacao	Kevin Donle	David DiFraia
	Jason Connolly,	
	temporary appointment May 2005 to fill Jodi Gerardi position	

Detectives

Thomas Romeo
Jodi Gerardi, resigned effective November 2005
Michael Murphy

Reserve Patrol Officers

James Carcia	James Gerakines
Michael Sorrenti	Sean Lawson
Michael Hennessey	Melissa Dorsey
Andrew Regan	
There are currently 3 vacancies on the Reserves.	

Special Police – Traffic Control

Paul Dorsey, Sr.	Bruce Donle
Karl Berg	Jerry Berg

Animal Control Officers

Karl Berg	Jerry Berg
-----------	------------

Crossing Guards: 5

55



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Residents,

The Police Department has had another busy year. The member of the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) have continued to dedicated countless hours addressing the local and regional Oxycontin and heroin problem while trying to balance their time between other police matters. The patrol force has helped maintain a high level of safety along the Route 62 construction project. The community services team completed conducted a citizens' police academy, which touched on many topics relevant to living in today's hectic world and sponsored a six-part drug education academy last fall. The administrative team has spent many hours in developing and managing and implementing action and tactical plans, writing and administering grants, negotiating and managing the day-to-day operations of the department.

Perhaps, the most exciting and complex time this past involved working with Acting Town Administrator Dave Hanlon, Building Facilities Manager John Welsh, the Board of Selectmen and the Police Station Building Committee in putting together a building and funding plan that would meet the needs of this Department and the Community and yet would be fiscally feasible to our residents. It is hard to believe it, but with all the support of those mentioned previously and the voters of North Reading, we are finally moving forward with the building project. As you are well aware the NRPD is temporarily located at 5 Central Street. It is a beautiful temporary home and makes us anticipate the move back to our new home when it is completed around June of 2007.

During the complex preparation to move the police operations to 5 Central Street the Community experienced the horror and trauma of a murder – suicide at a residence on Country Club Road. If one can find a silver lining in such a tragedy it is in the manner in, which the personnel of the department responded to that call for service. They responded in a very heroic and professional manner, which reflected the competence, confidence, training and skills each officer possessed. Mutual aid was received from the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, Massachusetts State Police, North East Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council SWAT Teams and Hostage Negotiators, Reading Police and Wilmington Police. Officials from each of the responding agencies commented to me on how professionally and competently the NRPD handled the tragedy. I was proud of our personnel and I hope that the residents of North Reading feel the same way.

With the support of our residents, town government and the budget we will endeavor to continue strong, diligent and dedicated efforts to mitigate the lethal and serious drug epidemic and other crime problems facing North Reading in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Purnell
Chief of Police



CRIMES COMMITTED AND/OR REPORTED AND CALLS FOR SERVICE
January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

2005 Crimes Against People

This category includes, but is not limited to, the following crimes:

Anthrax (Suspicious Powder/Mail) Scares	7
Assault (and Battery)	22
Bias/Hate	3
Bio-Hazards	8
Child Abuse/Neglect	4
Cyber Crimes	1
Domestic Abuse Services	176
Missing Persons, Child	10
Missing Persons, Adult	6
Murder	1
Overdoses/Suicides	6
Harassment	70
Kidnapping	0
Threats, Schools	1
Threats	31
Trespass	10
Weapons, Assaults	2
Sexual Assault	2
Stalking	2
Rape	1
Robbery	0

Note: C.I.U. is investigating a “heroin epidemic” that has directly and/or indirectly negatively impacted many families and businesses in North Reading.

2005 Crimes General,

Includes violations of State Law and Town By-Law

This category includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Breaking & Entering	48
Identity Theft	1
Larcenies	149
Counterfeiting – Frauds	49
Disturbances	994
Pornography	1
Solicitors	22
Suspicious Activity	450
Alarms Total	647
Breakdown:	
Municipal Property	9
School Buildings	30
Commercial	305
Residential	301
Vehicles	2



Gun Laws	2	
Illegal Dumping	15	
Narcotics	126	Estimated to be the "tip of the iceberg"
Animal Control Calls	393	
Town By-Laws	4	Excluding animal control & alarms
Warrants, WMS	76	
Vandalism	148	

2005 Miscellaneous Calls For Service

This category includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Assists to DPW	18
Assists to NREFD Medical	265
Assists to NREFD Other	582
Assists to School Dept	29
Assists to Town Hall	196
Assist Utilities	97
Firearms Licensing	142
Intelligence Gathering	285
Mutual Aid	135
NEMLEC	50
911 Calls	965
911 Hang-Ups	289
Recovered Property	67
Sex Offender Registration	18

2005 Motor Vehicle Traffic

Stops	1,434
Selective Enforcement	34
Motor Vehicle Accidents	387
Disabled Vehicles	192
Repossessions	12

2005 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	12,404
CALLS REQUIRING BACKUP	1,613
CALLS REQUIRING DETECTIVE BACKUP	136

Note: Does not include officer-initiated activities.

Arrests/Station Adjustment for 2005

Adults Arrest	300
Juvenile Arrest	15
Hearings/Summons	70
Adjustment, Youth	22
Protective Custody	38

**REVENUES GENERATED BY
POLICE ACTIVITY/PROGRAMS 2005**

GRANTS RECEIVED TO DATE 2,360,090.00 est.
Police Career Ed Incentive 1,932,136.00 est.
 Accidents & Crime Reports 928.00
 Administrative Fees 14,521.00
 Permits & Firearms Licenses 3,483.00
 Auctions/Work Permits 300.00

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT 2005

Functions: Investigation of major crime and accidents, preparation and prosecution of minor crime, by-law violations and traffic infractions. Also, police intelligence gathering and analysis and active participation in drug task forces are major unit activities.

<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Open</u>	
Alcohol Offenses	3	2	1	
Assault & Battery	2	2	0	
Breaking & Entering	26	15	11	
Breaking & Entering Motor Vehicles ...	35	5	30	
Counterfeiting	1	0	1	
Domestic Abuse	1	1	0	
ID Theft	1	1	0	
Marijuana	7	7	0	
Cocaine	10	7	3	
Harassment	5	5	0	
Heroin	30	21	9	
Possession of Hypodermic Needles	2	2	0	
OxyContin	6	4	2	
OxyContin, distribution	24	24	0	FBI Task Force
Fraud	3	1	2	
Larceny	15	13	2	
Murder/Homicide	2	2	0	
Rape/Sexual Assault	1	1	0	
Stolen MV	5	1	4	
Hate Crimes	1	1	0	
Assist FD	5	5	0	
Robbery	1	1	0	
Threats	1	1	0	
Sudden Deaths	5	5	0	
School Investigations	6	6	0	



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

This year the Building Department issued a total of 726 building permits.

New Homes	33
Town Homes	28
Garden style condos	26
Other permits/certificates	39
Total Fees for Building	\$409,725.00
Total Fees for the Department	\$523,223.00

Respectfully submitted,

James DeCola
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer
ADA Coordinator

GAS INSPECTOR

There were two-hundred and twenty-eight (228) gas permits issued by this department in 2005. \$10,509 was turned over to the Town Treasurer. Approximately 410 inspections and reinspections were made by me and my assistant, Essam Kader during this year. I responded to 5 carbon monoxide complaints and 4 fire related calls. I also investigated 2 criminal complaints for the state plumbing boards.

Call hours for inspections or information are from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday at (781) 233-8675. Permits will be issued at the Building Inspection office in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diozzi
Gas Inspector



PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There were two hundred and twenty-four (224) plumbing permits issued for work being done this year. \$35,952 was turned over the Town Treasurer. Approximately 473 inspections and reinspections were made by me and my assistant Essam Kader during this year.

Call hours for inspections or information are from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday at (781)233-8675. Permits will be issued at the Building Inspection office in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diozzi
Plumbing Inspector

WIRING INSPECTIONS

The electrical inspection permits for 2005 totaled four-hundred and seventy-eight (478). This amounted to approximately 1,452 inspections, a total of \$63,048 was collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer. We assisted the North Reading Fire Department on 38 occasions for emergency service and fire related problems. We responded to 26 weather related electrical problems.

Call hours for inspections or information are from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday at (978)664-4828. Permits will be issued at the Building Inspection office in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Gigante
Wiring Inspector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of North Reading from January 1 to December 31, 2005. I have inspected, sealed, and adjusted, or condemned a total of three hundred and twenty eight (328) measuring units. Fees totaling \$3,989.00 were turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts were received for same.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Peck
Inspector of Weights & Measures



BOARD OF HEALTH

Gary Hunt continued as the Chairman of the Board, with Michael Ricci and Pamela Vath as members. Martin Fair, R.S., C.H.O, continued as Health Agent/ Director of Public Health.

Karl Berg was nominated by the Board as Animal Inspector and appointed by the Department of Food and Agriculture. Jerry Berg was appointed as his assistant.

The Board contracted with Ernest Vieira, R.S., for semi-annual inspections of 75 food establishments.

Suzanne Swansburg, R.N. continued as Public Health Nurse.

West Nile Virus surveillance continued this year, and catch basins were baited with Vectolex by the Health Agent and DPW personnel. There were 7 cases of Lyme Disease reported.

Total number of permits issued 385

The following numbers of doses of biologics were
distributed during the year 3,056

Total Fees collected \$54,773.00



Education

NORTH READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

The School Committee is charged with the responsibility to develop policies and a budget to support the quality of education provided to the children within the public schools of North Reading. Toward that end, the Committee remains committed to the implementation of the School Department's Strategic Plan 2000 and the mission of the public schools.

The Mission of the North Reading Public Schools is to educate all students by providing a safe learning environment which challenges and encourages them to be thinking, creative and responsible individuals who are confident and committed to excellence, service, and life-long learning.

Furthermore, the Committee demonstrates its commitment to inclusion with the adoption of the following statement of philosophy:

The North Reading School District is an inclusive school district. As such, we are a collaborative culture that welcomes all members into our learning community. With the recognition that students share more similarities than differences, our learning community respects each individual's unique contributions. In our schools, we expect all adults to share the responsibility to provide every student with access to and participation in high quality general education.

GOALS

The School Committee established four major goal areas to direct its work in 2005: Policy, Budget, Communication, and Strategic Planning. Each of these goals is supported by one or more objectives which provide direction for the attainment of each goal.

Goal I Policy The School Committee will establish and maintain clearly written, student-centered policies which are consistent with our philosophy as well as state and federal mandates.

1. To develop and implement policies which are student-centered, promote the inclusion of all students and provide equal access to all programs and curriculum and are consistent with Education Reform.

Results: Through the work of the Policy Sub-Committee, the systematic review of the Policy Manual continued and the Committee approved the following policies: "Inclusion," "Waivers / Reductions of User Fees and Tuitions," and "Life Threatening Allergies" and revised the policy on "Entrance to Kindergarten and First Grade" to reflect a new entrance age date cut-off of the "first day of school." The Policy Sub-Committee also initiated a study of "School Start Times" and revised the policy on "Class Rank."



Goal II Budget The School Committee will develop a budget which allows the school system to meet its educational goals.

1. Develop a “reasonable” FY06 Budget that will meet our standards
2. Continue to implement the Capital Budget Plan
3. Develop a long-term Strategic Plan for Finance
4. Develop an ongoing Facilities Maintenance Plan
5. Complete contract negotiations with all employee groups
6. Enhance funding for schools through corporate sponsorships and partnerships
7. Update the Secondary Schools Building Needs Plan and Schematic Designs

Results: The School Committee worked closely with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to develop the FY06 Budget. The School Finance Planning Team with representatives from the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee as well as the Superintendent, Town Administrator, School Business Manager and the Town’s Finance Director met regularly to review Town finances and budget. Voters appropriated \$18,641,586 at the April Town Meeting and an additional \$37,309 at the October Town Meeting for a total FY07 Budget of \$18,678,895 (3.0% increase).

The FY06 Budget was designed to meet the Committee’s Budget Goals:

1. Build on the foundation that was restored through the Override in FY05
2. Implement the next phases of the strategic plan
3. Provide necessary services to students, staff, parents and the community
4. Maintain commitment to school building needs plan
5. Review all potential revenue sources

At a 3.0% increase, the FY06 Budget allowed the School Department to hire four additional teachers (two at the High School, one Middle School special education and one kindergarten / preschool), increased the supply budget at each school by 2.0% and provided minimal funding of anticipated contract settlements. The FY06 Budget does not address all of the needs of the School Department. Class sizes continue to rise at all grade levels and new programs were not implemented.

Voters approved the capital budget projects for the School Department at the April Town Meeting: Middle School boiler and air compressor (\$207,500), Roof and soffit repairs at the Little School (\$50,000), Student van (\$22,500), Wheelchair accessible van (\$32,500) and Photocopier (\$25,000) and at the October Town Meeting: Technology Lease (\$32,000), High School maintenance garage repairs (\$58,000), System-wide unit ventilators (\$10,740) and High School fire alarm panel (\$10,000).

In other budgetary matters, the voters also approved \$25,000 to complete a feasibility study for the construction of a new high school. The School Committee worked closely with the Hillview Commission and the Town’s Recreation Committee to fund the renovation of the Middle School tennis courts.



In planning for future budgetary needs, the School Committee and the Superintendent are represented on the newly formed Capital Infrastructure Committee. The Committee initiated contract negotiations with all employee groups and completed contract negotiations with the school secretaries.

Goal III Communication The School Committee will work to enhance communication with the various customers which it serves.

1. More actively involve the School Councils within the school system
2. Develop a public relations plan
3. Expand community outreach
4. Improve written communication including student / parent handbooks

Results: The School Committee continued to work cooperatively with all segments of Town Government and to encourage the work of the School Councils, Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, Parent Associations and the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) in the support of our schools. Community forums on the FY06 budget were held and the second annual program on substance abuse, sponsored by the Police Department and the At Risk Committee, drew widespread praise by parents. A community forum on student health, nutrition and physical activity was well-attended by parents and students and the school – community Health Task Force reviewed the nutrition and physical activity needs of students. School Committee meetings were well-attended and publicized and Strategic Planning Report Cards were presented. The Committee reviewed and updated all student/parent handbooks.

Goal IV Strategic Planning The School Committee will establish an overall educational plan and provide the framework and environment which will support the success of this plan.

1. Review and update the “Strategic Plan”
2. Review Middle School mission, practices, programs and scheduling
3. Review the student health needs for the district

Results: The School Committee continues to support the implementation of the School Department’s *Strategic Plan 2000*. Updates on the Strategic Plan Progress Reports were included on the School Committee agendas. The Committee continued to work closely with the Elementary Schools Building Committee on the construction phase of the Batchelder School renovation. The Middle School Review Task Force developed a new schedule for the Middle School that included collaboration planning time for staff and new programs in health, world languages and advising. The Youth at Risk Committee implemented a number of programs on drug education and alcohol and developed the “Safe Homes” Booklet.

Town Meeting Action and Special Elections

Annual Town Meeting At the Annual Town Meeting the Committee requested and the voters approved the FY06 Budget of \$18,641,586.



October Town Meeting Voters approved \$37,309 for a new kindergarten / pre-kindergarten teacher.

School Committee Recognition

The School Committee recognized the participation of Andrew Lee, Sean McGah and Jillian Rizzo (Class of 2005) who served as Student Representatives to the School Committee.

Student Representatives to School Committee

A committee of student representatives, elected by their peers, serve as non-voting members of the School Committee. They meet regularly with the Superintendent, develop their own set of goals, send a representative to School Committee meetings and provide invaluable input on student issues. In 2005, in fulfillment of their primary goal, they examined service requirements and prepared a brochure on student service opportunities. In September, Stephanie Colella (Class of 2006) was re-elected and Caroline Gattuso (Class of 2008), Ryan Hilliard (Class of 2007) and Madeline Merenholz (Class of 2007) were elected as Student Representatives to the School Committee joining Tyler Willis (Class of 2007).

School Committee Membership and Special Projects:

In May 2005, Mr. Stephen Jervey was re-elected to a three year term on the School Committee. School Committee officers included: Gerald Venezia, Chair; Maureen Vacca, Vice-Chair; Nicole Davis, Secretary; Mel Webster, Legislative Representative; and Stephen Jervey, Liaison to Support Groups.

School Committee Members actively participated in the following special projects:

- Elementary Schools Building Committee (Mr. Venezia)
- Policy Sub-Committee (Mrs. Davis, Mr. Webster)
- Youth at Risk Committee (Mrs. Vacca)
- Finance Planning Team (Mr. Venezia, Mrs. Vacca)
- Athletics Sub-Committee (Mr. Venezia, Mrs. Vacca)
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Mr. Jervey)
- Capital Infrastructure Committee (Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Vacca)
- Teacher Negotiations Sub-Committee (Mr. Venezia, Mr. Jervey)
- Secretary Negotiations Sub-Committee (Mrs. Davis)
- Custodian Negotiations Sub-Committee (Mrs. Vacca)
- Paraprofessional Negotiations Sub-Committee (Mr. Webster)
- Secondary Schools Building Committee (Mr. Jervey)

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Venezia, Chairperson
Maureen H. Vacca, Vice-Chairperson
Nicole Davis
Stephen D. Jervey
Mel Webster



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OVERVIEW

The Superintendent of Schools implements the programs, policies, and budget developed by the School Committee and is responsible for the leadership and management of the School Department. The Annual Report provides an opportunity to note the major district and school accomplishments and events of the year. Our students continue to benefit from a high quality education and the North Reading staff works diligently to create a strong foundation for student success. The year has been marked by several significant accomplishments including the implementation of a new schedule at the Middle School, continued work on inclusion, the reconstruction of the Batchelder School and the temporary relocation of Batchelder students to Stoneham. Additionally, community involvement in our schools continues to be strong through organizations and committees including the Parent Associations, School Councils, Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, the Parent Advisory Council, the Health Advisory Council, the Youth at Risk Committee and the Superintendent's Advisory Council.

BENCHMARK RESULTS

Student Accountability

- North Reading students continued to demonstrate solid performance on the MCAS tests and our schools are ranked among the top performing school districts in the Commonwealth
- The district met the mid-cycle "Adequate Yearly Progress" goals in English Language Arts and in Mathematics in the aggregate category but not in the sub-group category of "special education" as established under the "No Child Left Behind" Act and the Mass. Dept. of Education.
- The number of students who took Advanced Placement tests increased (69 students took 87 AP exams)
- SAT results remained competitive with state and national averages: average Verbal score of 523 (520 for Mass. and 508 national) and average Math score of 523 (527 for Mass. and 520 for national)
- Percentage of students attending colleges and universities remained high (90%)

Student Programs and Services

- Advisor-Advisee Program established for Middle School students
- Teachers at the Little and Hood Schools trained in "Open Circle"
- North Reading Police and the Youth-at-Risk Committee sponsor drug education programs for parents
- Health Advisory Council and the Task Force on Nutrition and Physical Activity complete an assessment of nutrition and physical activity
- School Safety Plan updated and distributed

Teacher Quality

- Teachers new to the district (38) participated in a series of "New Teacher Forums" and are supported through a Mentor Program



- All teachers met or exceeded state standards for high performance as required by the “No Child Left Behind” Act and the Mass. Dept. of Education
- All professional staff possess appropriate license in teaching / administrative areas
- 75% of the teaching staff possess a Masters Degree or higher

Technology

- Continued progress made toward the state benchmarks of a 5/1 ratio of students to type A/B computers (North Reading: 4.4 students to 1 computer) and 100% of classrooms connected to the Internet (North Reading: 80% of classrooms and 98% of instructional computers with Internet access)
- Implementation of *Tech Corp*, Student-run Technology “Help Desk”
- Training in the use of assistive technology (Kurzweil)
- Installation of “streaming video” through the Discovery Channel at the Middle and High Schools
- Installation of online services at the Middle and High Schools
- Pilot project in the use of hand-held technology in elementary physical education
- Installation of “smart classrooms” at the Middle and High Schools

Curriculum and Instruction

- Exploratory French and Spanish implemented at Middle School
- German I implemented at High School
- Literacy Task Force evaluates reading program
- Full day kindergarten program (tuition-based) continues at 4 sections (37%)
- Middle School schedule restructured

Professional Development

- Ongoing professional development programs provided to all staff
- District-wide training programs for inclusion practices continued
- All new teachers trained in curriculum areas (math, writing)
- All schools reach first year benchmarks on inclusion
- High School teachers trained in “Looking at Student Work” protocol
- Elementary teachers trained in literacy

Facilities and Grounds

- Batchelder School addition / renovation project underway
- Batchelder School relocated to the Old Central School in Stoneham
- Secondary Schools Building Committee hires architect (Dore and Whittier) to complete feasibility study for construction of new high school
- Little School roof repaired
- Hillview Commission provides financial support along with funds from private donation and fund-raising to rebuild tennis courts at the Middle School



Pupil Personnel Services

- All schools reach year one benchmark in implementation of inclusion
- New psychologist hired at the Batchelder and Hood Schools
- Teachers trained in the Kurzweil assistive technology

Budget

- The FY05 Budget is managed successfully
- The FY06 Budget grows by under 3.0%
- Salary pool for anticipated contract settlements at 1.0%

School Safety

- Youth at Risk Committee and North Reading Police sponsors program on substance abuse presented by the North Reading Police Department
- School Safety Plan updated
- Training in school lock down procedures initiated
- School Health Advisory Council organized and Task Force on Nutrition and Physical Activity completes survey of nutrition and physical activity

Communication

- School Committee sub-committees organized in the following areas: policy, school safety, athletics, finance planning team, elementary building committee, youth at risk, school health and school finance strategies committee
- School Improvement Plans were completed and presented to the School Committee
- A joint meeting of all School Councils and the SEPAC was held
- Community members participated on School Councils, Parent Organizations, Elementary Building Committee, Secondary Building Committee, SEPAC, School Health Advisory Council, Superintendent's Advisory Council, and Parents' Advisory Council.
- Staff members kept informed of district policies and practices through faculty meetings, Superintendent's Newsletter, the district web page, staff orientation programs, and the annual distribution of the personnel manual
- Strategic Plan Progress Reports continued

Policy

- Kindergarten / First Grade Entrance Age policies revised
- New policy on "Life Threatening Allergies" developed
- Class Rank Policy revised
- Study of school start times initiated

SYSTEM-WIDE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2005

- North Reading students showed strong performance on MCAS tests
- 100% of the Class of 2005 passed Math and English MCAS Tests
- Adequate Yearly Progress goals are on-target in English
- Batchelder School project "on-time" and "on-budget"



FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Complete Teacher Contract
- Approve FY07 Budget to maintain the quality of programs and services
- Prepare the “new” Batchelder School for reopening in September 2006
- Redistrict elementary students to the Batchelder School
- Continue to move forward with plans to construct a new High School
- Increase funding for education
- Recruit and retain professional staff at all levels
- Improve resources for technology and support technology plan
- Continue to implement inclusion strategies in all schools
- Reduce reliance on “User Fees”
- Expand program offerings in world languages, health, technology, high school electives and early childhood education

SCHOOL STAFF

The following individuals retired from the School Department in 2005. We recognize and thank these individuals for the outstanding contributions each has made to our students and the North Reading Public Schools.

G. Hillman Barney	Technology Teacher, Middle School
Pamela B. Clenney	Math Teacher, Middle School
Roy A. Condon	Athletic Director, High School
Lucille A. Doherty	Grade 2 Teacher, Hood School
Mary Lou Dysart	School Psychologist
Barbara A. Emerson	Secretary, Middle School
Linda M. Kirmes	Grade 2 Teacher, Hood School
Denise M. McAuliffe	Nurse, Middle School
Donna M. Prentiss	Grade 2 Teacher, Little School
Leo J. Richard, Jr.	School to Career Teacher, High School
Barbara S. Smith	Art Teacher/Curriculum Chair, High School
Robert J. Towse	Science Teacher, Middle School
Janet R. Vincent	Grade 2 Teacher, Little School

Despite the significant progress made in the improvement of facilities and the expansion of programs and services to students, as Superintendent, I am concerned about the long-term ability of district to maintain this forward movement. Increasingly, the pressures of lack of funding strain the ability of the district to provide quality education. The tension of uncertainty in funding combined with increasing expectations to meet improvement targets set by the State and Federal Governments (*No Child Left Behind*) as well as increasing enrollment make it difficult to plan effectively for the future. Our staff continues to demonstrate commitment to students and quality education and parent support remains. As we look to the 2006, there will be a need to come together around solutions for the problems that confront our district.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Troughton
Superintendent

**NORTH READING
MCAS TESTS OF SPRING 2005
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT EACH PERFORMANCE LEVEL**

	<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Warning Failing</u>	<u>Number of Students Included</u>
ALL STUDENTS					
Grade 3					
Reading	NA	81	18	1	243
Grade 4					
English Language Arts	17	55	28	0	220
Mathematics	32	37	30	2	221
Grade 5					
Science and Technology/ Engineering	33	44	21	3	212
Grade 6					
Mathematics	36	33	23	7	228
Grade 7					
English Language Arts	19	72	7	1	216
Grade 8					
Mathematics	26	43	22	9	214
Science and Technology/ Engineering	9	46	40	5	214
Grade 10					
English Language Arts	28	51	16	5	179
Mathematics	41	34	20	6	179



**NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENROLLMENT
2005-2006**

	<u>Batchelder</u>	<u>Hood</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Total Elementary</u>
Pre-Kindergarten	–	16*	56**	72
Kindergarten	65	105	69	239
Grade 1	65	89	63	217
Grade 2	66	91	70	227
Grade 3	66	83	62	211
Grade 4	78	95	68	241
Grade 5	82	83	55	220
TOTAL:	422	562	443	1,427

*Hood School: 6 IEP Students (4 in Full-Day Program) / 10 Typical Students

**Little School: 24 IEP Students (2 in Full-Day Program) / 32 Typical Students

Middle School

Grade 6	206
Grade 7	220
Grade 8	212
TOTAL:	638

High School

Grade 9	180
Grade 10	177
Grade 11	169
Grade 12	189
TOTAL:	715

Elementary	1,427
Middle School	638
High School	715
TOTAL	2,780



**NORTH READING
TEN-YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
K-5	1,375	1,427	1,441	1,402	1,372	1,348	1,352	1,308	1,303	1,326
6-8	652	638	646	667	672	679	655	709	710	692
9-12	686	715	713	737	741	755	781	773	791	788
TOTAL	2,713	2,780	2,800	2,806	2,785	2,782	2,787	2,790	2,804	2,806



CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum and Technology Department of the North Reading Public Schools endeavors to engage professionals from each of its learning communities in a collaborative effort to evaluate, revise and redefine curriculum and instruction throughout our district. In order to achieve this we must dedicate time and resources to bring professionals from all levels together to pursue collaborative investigation of best practices and current trends in teaching and learning in order to continue to provide a quality education experience and access for all.

Curriculum & Instruction

North Reading continues to score well on the annual Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Results showed that North Reading students are achieving considerably above state standards in the performance levels on each of these assessments.

In the fall of 2005 North Reading Elementary Schools began the third year of use for the Standards-Based Report Card. Guided by input from K-12 Curriculum Councils, the Standards-Based Report Card committee instituted some minor language changes and aligned the 5th grade symbolic reporting system with the K-4 cards. Otherwise there was no call for substantive changes to the reporting system. The goal of the committee for the Spring of 2006 is to get funding approval so that we can move to electronic gradebook and report card.

As a result of the work of the Literacy Task Force elementary teachers are receiving training in the Guided Reading process and Literature Circles methodology. This is in preparation for an upcoming reading program adoption. The Literacy Task Force has developed an evaluation tool, a draft PreK-5 literacy curriculum, and is reviewing current materials. It is anticipated that there will be a pilot in the Spring of 2006 followed by an adoption for the fall of 2006. Following a series of planned text-book adoptions to align with state standards, the eighth grade team piloted and adopted with school committee approval a new World History textbook. While instruction to meet learning styles is the primary responsibility of the classroom teacher, this text and its ancillary materials provide teachers with a large array of resources to differentiate instruction and address multiple learning styles. Additionally, the text addresses the Massachusetts state frameworks requirements. Units are organized by region and/or continent focus. While the five themes are the central focus it also includes historical and cultural information about the regions as well as maps, graphs and photographs to support student understanding. In keeping with the planned adoption schedule the ninth grade teaching team will be piloting a new American History book in the spring of 2007. In addition, to the Social Studies Curriculum Council has produced a draft of a revised K-12 curriculum which utilizes the backward design model and incorporates essential questions.

Professional Development

North Reading Public Schools Professional Development activities are designed to develop and sustain quality teaching practice throughout all phases



of an educator's career. Professional Development is designed to enhance student learning through the promotion of continual improvement of knowledge and skills on the part of the educator. Training opportunities are broad and include individual as well as group experience and district as well as out-of-district workshops and classes. Continuous Professional Development is seen as essential to quality education in the North Reading Public Schools. Effective Professional Development results in new learning and is gained by opportunities to become aware of, observe, practice, reflect and refine successful teaching practices. North Reading Public Schools believes that high quality Professional Development is characterized by: a focus on continuous learning; programs which meet the state guidelines for recertification, highly qualified status and our local North Reading professional standards; adequate time and resources; communication between teachers (focus on Collaboration Model), administrators and parents; programs which enhance the academic, social, physical and emotional needs of students; and, programs which update the staff on current research techniques and trends in education and which transfer into sound practice. This mission is overseen by the Professional Standards Committee made-up of faculty and administration and has the responsibility of monitoring, approving and reviewing professional development opportunities. The theme of the Professional Development Program for 2005-2006 is "Teaching so all students can learn." To that end we have implemented a multi-year plan for expanding our inclusion practices that include attention to current instructional methodology and curriculum design with emphasis on Differentiated Instruction, Balanced Literacy and Backward Design.

There were over twenty-five courses including, Open Circle Training, Everyday Math for Elementary Paraprofessionals, Understanding Children with Asperger's Syndrome, and Collaborating on Information Literacy and Technology Standards. In addition to our Professional Development Catalog of programs for teachers by teachers, the Curriculum Department has also provided specialized training to support Curriculum & Technology Initiatives. Our largest undertaking this year has been a year long training program provided by Teachers21. The topic is Comprehensive Literacy with a focus on reading methodology. Additionally we continue our joint effort with the Special Education Department. Through a grant obtained by the Pupil Personnel Office we were able to retain the services of Dr. Susan Craig who continues to provide a customized Inclusion Training program for our K-12 staff. Additionally the Curriculum Office has expanded mentor training to provide 1:1 or 1:2 mentoring support for new teachers and is in the process of developing a program for year two novice teachers. In addition to mentoring, new teachers are required to participate in an Induction Program. The Induction Program is a series of meetings, workshops and forums which provide our new staff members with training in core instructional methodologies as well as introducing them to emerging best practices.

While the after-school professional development program continues to offer teachers opportunities to expand their knowledge of curriculum and instruction, technology and emerging best practices, early release days have provided time for special project work at all levels. The primary focus of the district this year has been the implementation of Comprehensive Literacy at the



elementary schools and collaboration to improve student achievement at the secondary schools.

Technology

Integrating technology into teaching and learning is the primary goal of the technology department. In order to achieve this goal, we not only need a well trained faculty but also a high functioning infrastructure. Faculty training is provided by the Technology Integration Specialists who work with teachers to develop and implement technology based lessons into the classroom. In the process of reaching this end-goal the Integration Specialists are providing embedded and after-school professional development aimed at improving teachers' technology skills. The Integration Specialists have benefited from an upgrade to the network infrastructure which has improved the quality of the end-users experience. Over the summer of 2005 the Tech Department upgraded the middle school segment of the network to Server 2003 and reconfigured the network structure of the Middle and High School. The majority of the work was focused at the High School and Middle School and included the reconfiguration and set-up of over 300 user machines. The Tech Team worked many long hours with the help and cooperation of the Custodial Staff to get us ready for the start of school. The new more efficient network was engineered by our network administrators from Axis.

The Office of Technology continues to support the integration of technology into classroom practice. Under the guidance of the Technology Integration Specialist we continue to measure our progress in using technology to support learning by the standards set by the Massachusetts Department of Education in the Local Technology Plan Benchmark Standards and the recommended PreK-12 Instructional Technology Standards. The upgrade and equipment acquisition was only a step toward the larger goal – increased technology integration. We are at a point system-wide where the discussion has shifted from acquiring hardware to stabilize the system to - How we can build a model integration program? This is not to say we won't keep looking for ways to expand our network – we will but we want to focus for some time on utilizing the network to improve student learning and teacher efficiency.

The North Reading School District continues to provide a high quality education for students. It is the role of the Curriculum and Technology Director to provide the leadership that enables the district to maintain this solid foundation currently in place and to expand and extend rigorous and engaging learning experiences for all students. The administration, faculty, and support staff in our schools appreciate the support of the community in our collective and continuous work towards this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Beaudoin, Director
Curriculum and Technology



NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL

The 2004-2005 school year at North Reading High School was again a year marked by many student achievements and successes.

North Reading High School students engaged in a number of community service projects both through senior Government classes and through volunteer participation in school clubs such as "Interact," Student Council, and the National Honor Society.

North Reading High School continued its cultural exchange program in 2004 with students from Mexico. The cultural experience and the travel itself were positive educational experiences. This experience is especially beneficial in that students from both countries, Mexico and the United States, embark on visits to the home countries of the students involved in the exchange program. An additional trip was added in 2005 for students in the French program. In April, nineteen students and two chaperones spent one week in France visiting various cultural sites.

In May, members of the Class of 2005 traveled with school chaperones to Disney World in Orlando, Florida to participate in Disney's "Grad Night" festivities. Senior students enjoyed the four-day excursion and represented both their school and their community admirably.

The Guidance Department at North Reading High School hosted its second annual "College Fair" for students and parents. Over fifty colleges from the New England region were present at the high school to speak with students and parents about their respective academic institutions.

North Reading High School students continue to score well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam. North Reading High School students' MCAS performance ratings continue to meet the standards as established by the Massachusetts Department of Education, an accomplishment of which the school and community are very proud. MCAS results for the students in the class of 2007, received in the fall of 2005, indicate that North Reading students continue to improve on their performance on the MCAS examination.

In May of 2003, North Reading High School hosted a Visiting Committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The Visiting Committee conducted a thorough review of the educational programs and practices in place at North Reading High School. Their final report, issued in October of 2003, emphasized the very high number of educational successes in place at North Reading High School and continued the accreditation of the high school. Recommendations outlined in the final report highlight the need for continued support in the area of financial resources and facility improvement. In May of 2004 a favorable vote of the community of North Reading to override Proposition 2-1/2 provided support in these areas and has helped to ensure that students at North Reading High School continue to receive a quality education in a contemporary learning environment. Specific improvements and gains that have been made as a result of this Proposition 2-1/2 override include the construction of six modular classrooms, the addition of seven teaching personnel, facility improvements such as the reconstruction of the front entrance to the high school and an expansion of the student parking area, and



extensive advances in technology. These improvements have resulted in a favorable report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges based upon the “six-month” report that was submitted in March of 2004. The administration, faculty, and staff at the high school continue to review and refine academic programs at the high school based upon the recommendations of NEASC. A two-year report from the high school was submitted to NEASC in October of 2005.

In June of 2005, 138 students in the Class of 2005 received their diplomas. The total percentage of students in the Class of 2005 choosing to further their education was ninety-two percent.

North Reading High School remains committed to providing the very best educational opportunities for all students. Highlights of individual academic departments through 2005 are as follows:

English

- English teachers received information on the current “North Reading Reads” project (*In Revere, In Those Days*), especially regarding opportunities to foster student participation.
- “The Popsicle,” the literary magazine of North Reading High School, continued to publish student work under the direction of the faculty advisor, Ms. Sullivan; the student staff of the magazine solicits writings and artwork from students and conducts writing contests.
- The English Department contributed heavily to the much revised Summer Reading Program for 2005, including participation and planning of the committee and conducting tests and discussions on the day devoted to the project.
- The English Department expanded its literary offerings in various courses. This expansion included the addition of *The Secret Life of Bees*, a choice inspired by its use in a previous Summer Reading Program.
- MCAS and SAT preparation continued in appropriate courses.
- The department acquired a second laptop computer and a new computer projector.

Mathematics

- All Mathematics Department teachers continue to receive professional development training on a wide variety of technology tools, including the TI graphing calculator, calculator and computer scientific probes, internet and calculator applications, and computer software packages. Activities and explorations using these tools have been added to the classroom lessons in order to enhance learning in all levels of mathematics courses and to better accommodate different learning styles.
- Several Mathematics Department teachers continue to participate in a new, Commonwealth of Massachusetts funded Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fellows Program designed to raise awareness and interest among students about career paths in STEM fields.
- Students continue to participate in and score well on the Advanced Placement Calculus AB examination.
- Students continue to participate successfully in the New England Math



League contests and the American Mathematics Competitions for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

- All teachers continue to assist students in Mathematics classes in preparing for the MCAS examination.
- Members of the Mathematics Department participate in the newly combined Mathematics, Science and Technology Curriculum Council.

Science and Technology

- This year the Science and Technology Department welcomed one new member to the science staff.
- The Science Department continues to focus on achieving goals for improving curricula and standardizing lab reports.
- The Science Department is preparing the class of 2007 to meet the requirement of passing a science examination as part of the MCAS requirement for graduation
- The department modified the ninth grade seminar curriculum to make it a course in math applications in science. The goal is to integrate math and science and create a stronger math foundation necessary for courses such as chemistry and physics.
- The Science Department remains proud of the significant number of students taking chemistry, physics, and upper level science courses.
- The Science Department is considering recommending an expansion of the science requirements for graduation.
- The technology department now offers an engineering class for students who have achieved success in technical drawing and CAD.
- The department has made progress in technology. The staff now has three projector and laptop setups available for use. PowerPoint presentations and interactive tutorials are much more accessible now. Vernier probes and graphing calculators have been purchased and opportunities for professional development using this technology have been requested.
- Science teachers, along with Clean Harbors, have completed the process of removing old chemicals and updating the laboratories and preparation rooms with new chemicals and safety equipment. Further safety training has been requested.
- The Science and Technology Department has begun to design new science electives for future implementation.

Social Studies

- Department members participated in a workshop last summer to help meet one of the department goals of improving student research and note-taking skills. Now there is an updated research guide in place as a teaching and learning tool for teachers and students.
- One teacher attended a training program for the Advanced Placement United States History Government course last summer as this was a new, yet important assignment.
- Students received high recognition for their participation in the annual "Voice of Democracy Contest" sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



The local Veterans of Foreign Wars rewarded students with a total of \$600 in United States Savings Bonds for the top three essayists at the high school. Participating students read their speeches at the Veterans Day assembly held at the high school as this has become a meaningful tradition.

- Students participated in an election of two delegates to represent NRHS in the annual "Student Government Day Program."
- Department members participated with teachers across several disciplines in a professional development committee where participants revamped the Summer Reading Program. It is now more of a school-wide program with more teachers on board than ever before.
- Teachers within the department met last spring to continue refining the Community Service Program. It is now a twenty-four hour commitment each year for both juniors and seniors.
- Teachers continue to take advantage of technology integration in the classroom. Examples include presentation of notes electronically, streamlining video and virtual tours.
- Last spring was the culmination of a successful pilot of Sociology textbooks for students. New textbooks were purchased in the fiscal year 2006 budget and are now being used in the classroom.
- United States History I curriculum writing has been completed with pilot of the *American Vision* textbook, slated for the spring of 2006 and eventual purchase in the fall of 2006. The United States History I course will be implemented as a requirement for the incoming class of 2010 next fall.
- United States History II curriculum writing has begun and will be completed in the spring of 2006. The plan is for freshman and sophomore students to use the same book, *The American Vision*, as they complete the United States History I and United States History II courses. The United States History II course will be implemented as a requirement for the class of 2010 for the start of the 2007-2008 school year.
- The pilot project for the textbook *Street Law* will take place in January of 2006 and an adoption proposal will be presented to the School Committee in the spring of 2006.
- Teachers continue to use articles from the *Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition* thanks to a generous community member who donates a class set each month.
- A wonderful community partnership with the McLaughlin House in North Reading and the Social Studies Department has been developed over the last couple of years. Program Nurse, Rosanne Ameno, has taken the initiative to open several opportunities for high school students to work with patients in this supportive living environment.

Foreign Languages

- Teachers participated in off-site workshops that focused on strengthening teaching methodologies and improving differentiated learning instruction.
- Students participated in an educational student exchange program with



a bilingual school from San Mateo, Mexico. North Reading students traveled to Mexico in February of 2004 and then hosted Mexican students here in North Reading in March and April of 2004.

- In April of 2005, the French IV class traveled to Paris, France. They participated in a week-long tour of the city with the GTA travel company.
- Students continued to use communication skills to improve language ability in French and Spanish.
- Students continued to participate in the Advanced Placement programs in French and Spanish.
- In the fall of 2005, German I was offered to students in their junior and senior years. The course is an introduction to the German language and culture.
- In the fall of 2005, all foreign language teachers became members of the MAFLA (Massachusetts Foreign Language Association).

School-to-Career

- Geoff Simons, American Express Financial Advisor and North Reading resident, has once again, provided North Reading High School with the Classroom Edition of The Wall Street Journal. His generosity provides us with an award-winning educational resource that can make the dynamic world of business and economics come alive for our students.
- Geoff Simons presented the NEFE "Financial Planning Program" to Mrs. Nicole Pierce's accounting class. He has been volunteering his time presenting this program for the past six years.
- There are over 300 students enrolled in the Tech Prep Program this year. There are four articulations currently active at North Reading High School for Tech Prep Credit at North Shore Community College.
 - Microsoft Applications
 - Microsoft Office
 - Accounting
 - Internet/Web Page Design
- North Reading students participated at the MVOTEC Student Leadership Academy. The purpose of this program is to help develop leadership skills in high school students.
- School to Career Teachers and eight accounting students attended the "Is Accounting for Me? From College to Career" Conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants at Bentley College.
- Students in the Internet/Web Page Class attended "Career Day" at Marian Court College. Students participated in a "round table" discussion about various careers.
- Students at North Reading High School competed in LifeSmarts. LifeSmarts teaches teens to be smart and responsible consumers and citizens. Students first competed on-line. Once the team was established, the team faced other schools in a game show-style competition at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston.
- Twenty-four students in the Accounting class took part in a partnership with Teradyne. Students had a tour of the North Reading Facility. Vari-



ous professionals came to North Reading High School to co-teach and add a “real life experience” to what students are currently learning.

- The School-to-Career Department is constantly updating its curriculum to align with the Massachusetts Instructional Technology Frameworks and the National Standards for Business Education.

Library/Media

- The high school library installed an online card catalog funded through the capital budget. Students and faculty are now able to search the library collection from any networked computer in the school.
- The library/media department partnered with the science department to purchase an online database for science materials.
- The library/media department used grant money to purchase two new online databases for use in all five schools in the district.
- The high school library received a grant from the Donald E. Garrant Foundation to purchase financial literacy materials. These materials will supplement course materials in the School-to-Career and social studies departments. The Garrant Foundation is endowed by The Savings Bank of Wakefield to promote financial literacy in public and private schools and other non-profit organizations.
- The high school library and the Flint Memorial Library participated in a collaborative program for the second year of North Reading Reads, a townwide book discussion program. The 2005 title was *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon. Many high school students read and discussed the book, and several art students painted illustrations of the book. These paintings were on display at the high school library and the Flint Memorial Library.

Music and Theatre

- Two students were accepted to the Northeast District and one to the Massachusetts All State Music Festival.
- The Masquers presented the spring musical “Guys and Dolls” the first weekend in April.
- Music and Theater students traveled to New York City to see two Broadway shows.
- The Marching Band participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Boston.
- The North Reading Music Department hosted Music Maestro Please Festivals during two weekends in April.
- The spring concert season, Jazz Night, and Graduation rounded out the school year.
- All new rigging for all guide wires and arbors on the stage were installed.
- A new back traveler and back teaser were installed and a new paintable backdrop was purchased for the stage.
- A brand new light board was installed in the auditorium.
- Band and Chorus Camp took place in August. Students learned new music, were fitted for uniforms, and rehearsed drills for the upcoming football season.



- The start of the school year brought Saturday football games, the Apple Festival for Chorus and Band as well as a performance for returning military troops having served in Iraq.
- The Marching Band competed in the MICCA Festival Competitions in Wakefield, followed by the Finals at Bowditch Field in Framingham.
- The fall play “Don’t Dress for Dinner,” was presented with a senior citizen matinee for dress rehearsal.
- A set of four new tympani were delivered. Purchased through a grant, they are Adams Brand with hammered copper bowls, suspended Renaissance heads and gauged tuning mechanisms.
- The Chorus sang for the Merrimack Valley Superintendent’s Luncheon, the Band and Chorus Carolers performed throughout December, and the standard holiday concerts brought the year to a close.
- Auditions were conducted for the spring musical, “The Sound of Music.”

Physical Education

- All grade nine and ten students continue to participate in the nationally recognized “Physical Best Health Related Self-Assessment Test.” Seventy-one percent of grade nine students score a “healthy or passing zone” in the cardiovascular run. Emphasis will continue to increase the number of students achieving a high level of fitness.
- Students in grades eleven and twelve, who participate in physical education as an elective course, are assessed three times per year under the “Physical Best Health Related Self-Assessment Test.”

Guidance

- This year the guidance office continues to hold both Senior and Junior Parent nights. The parent nights inform parents and students about the college process and timeline. This year the guidance department invited admissions representatives from Boston College, Tufts University, Emerson College, UMASS Lowell, and North Shore Community College to form an informational panel for the Senior Parent Night. The members of the panel discussed the specific admission procedures at their respective institutions.
- The guidance counselors, in collaboration with the School to Career department reformatted and updated the school profile. The school profile contains all of North Reading High School’s statistical data including average SAT and SAT II scores, recent college acceptances, and ranking and GPA configurations. The profile is sent to all college/universities to which students apply for admission. North Reading High School students contributed extensively to the development of the school profile through the utilization of their talents with various computer software programs.
- Counselors continue to attend professional development conferences on issues involving college admissions, Advanced Placement (AP) coordination, and mental health issues.
- The guidance staff continues to collaborate with the school nurse, psychologist, and administration to identify “at risk” students.
- The guidance counselors continue to coordinate the administration of



the TerraNova diagnostic test to all grade nine students. The results of each student's performance on the TerraNova test are analyzed by the respective academic departments as a means of refining curriculum and instruction.

- Counselors continue to track admissions trends using the Naviance database.
- Counselors continue to be members of various professional associations including the North Shore Guidance Directors, MASCA, The College Board, and NEASC.
- The guidance staff continues to meet with students individually to solidify post-secondary plans.
- In 2005, the Guidance staff hosted its 2nd annual college fair at which North Reading High School was host to almost two hundred admissions representatives.
- Guidance counselors met one-to-one during the first semester with all ninth grade students to inform them about high school guidance services and as a welcoming introduction to the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon C. Bernard, Principal
North Reading High School



**NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2005**

Carolyn L. Alvarez**
Lauren M. Anderson
Joseph Antonucci
Joel David Askenase
Leslie Ann Bachman
Derek Gregory Bagley
Meredith Eve Banos**
Matthew David Barletta
Michael Bartlett
Sabrina Ann Bianchi
Marcial Bones III
Nicholas Joseph Bonfanti
Brandon Bracket
Ashley Marie Brooks
Robert Bross
Jesse Brown
Michael R. Brown
Sarah E. Butler**
Michael Callinan
Ryan Canavan
Michael Patrick Carrette
Tanya Marie Cerqueira
Megan J. Chester**
Erica Leigh Clemens
Daniel Joseph Colwell
Shane MacSweeney Connors*
Charles Edward Conway**
Lindsey Rae Corbin
James Saverino Correale
Colleen Coughlin
Mary Lynne Crispo
Julia Christine D'Angelo**
Laura Domenica Damiano**
Ariana Marie Darcy**
Joseph N. Dardeno
Ashley Kathleen Deleo
Lauren Nicole Delisia
Kristine E. Demers**
Dana Michael DeStefano
Jannine Marie Dewar* *
Ryan Patrick Dooley

Michael James Ducrow
Patrick Duran
Amy Dawn Eicher**
John Henry Emilian III
Lyndsay Nicole Face
Alyssa Feola
William Fisher
Malori Kaye Flanagan
Amanda Marie Flowers
Erin Patricia Foley**
Collyn Patricia Gallant**
Brian Michael Garvey*
Richard William Giannattasio
Heather Lynn Goddard**
Lynsey Jean Goddard
Benjamin Scott Goodwin
Meghan Elizabeth Greabell**
Jessica Catherine Griggs
Julia Rose Hardy**
Cory Paul Harris
Nicholas A. Holsing**
Brian T. Hopkins
Christopher John Kazmierczak
Nicole Marie Kern**
Jacqueline King
Shaylin Elizabeth Kirby**
Paul Karl Kuehnel**
Amanda Lee LaRose
Andrew Joo-Young Lee**
Aleksandr Vadimovich Levitin
Daniel Keith Leyden
Matthew Robert Lorton**
Tiffany G. Lucas
Kevin Matthew Luck**
James Walter Lundell
Merissa Ann Maccario
Laurie Ann Marino**
Joseph Francis McCarthy
Sean Patrick McGah**
James McKinney*
Kelly A. McNeil

* Graduating with Honors

** Graduating with Honors

Member of National Honor Society



Timothy S. McTague
Casey Elizabeth Melvin**
Kathryn Marjorie Messina
Laurel Elizabeth Mitton
Frank Moda III**
Kevin A. Molhan**
Ellen Theresa Moriarty
Brian Edward Nazzaro Jr.**
Barry Joseph O'Neil Jr.
Melissa M. Parsa*
Krishna Kanu Patel
Colin Joseph Pennie
Michael George Peters
Allison Kathleen Pothier
Alison Chase Powers
Amanda Jean Pulver
Courtney Gayle Rakusin**
Steven James Resca**
Michelle Elizabeth Ricci**
Christopher J. Richardson
Jillian Leigh Rizzo
Binu Scaria**
Allison Schultz
Stephanie Jean Sgroi
David Brian Sherwood
Emily Jayne Sinclair**
Meredith Sheila Slakey**
Kathryn Rose Smith**

Leah Michelle Smith
Jaime Lauren Solokski
Taren Alisabeth Spencer
Liam Paul Spinicci
Daniel James Stewart
Tedi Lee Stockwell
Andrea Leslie Switzer*
Mansi Thakkar
Michael Thomas Tracy
Elise Michelle Trowell**
Alicia Frances Twohig
Jessica Elizabeth Twohig
Catherine Michelle Vath
Nicholas Francis Ventura**
Paul J. Ventura
Stacey Lee Venuto
Nikki Walk
Rachel Ward
James Kyle Waters
Alicia Marie Weir**
Alexandre Clement Whitehouse**
Sandra Lynn Widmer*
Anne L. Willis**
Kurt D. Wojtanek**
Linda Zhang**
Jessica Leigh Zirpolo
Lindsay Anne Zirpolo

* Graduating with Honors
** Graduating with Honors
Member of National Honor Society



**NORTH READING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
CITIZEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OF NORTH READING
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2005**

Michael Callinan	Sean McGah
Laura Damiano	James McKinney
Ariana Daracy	Krishna Patel
Amy Either	Courtney Rakusin
Lyndsay Face	Michelle Ricci
Erin Foley	Binu Scaria
Collyn Gallant	Stephanie Sgroi
Heather Goddard	Meredith Slakey
Meghan Graebell	Kathryn Smith
Nicholas Holsing	Catherine Vath
Nicole Kern	Nicholas Ventura
Shaylin Kirby	Sandra Widmer
Andrew Joo Young Lee	Kurt Wojtanek
Matthew Lorton	Linda Zhang

**NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
CLASS OF 2005**

James R. & Barbara E. Aylward	
Memorial Scholarship	Christopher Kazmierczak
Nedio E. & Mary Barrasso	
Memorial Scholarships	Meredith Slakey
	Nicholas Holsing
Joseph R. Bernard Memorial Scholarship	Laura Damiano
Steven Burt Memorial Scholarship	Ariana Darcy
Ellsworth Crowell Memorial Scholarship	Malori Flanagan
Michael DiGiantommaso	
Memorial Scholarship	Heather Goddard
Joseph Gavin "Keep the Faith" Scholarship	Lauren Delisia
Golden Age Scholarship	Erin Foley
Stephen Gregory Scholarship	Sean McGah
Edith F. Holt Memorial Scholarship	Amy Eicher
Robert Hunt Memorial Scholarship	Paul Ventura
Frank W. Jr. & Glen A. Kenrick	
Memorial Scholarship	Marcial Bones
Knights of Columbus Scholarship	Ellen Moriarty
E. Ethel Little School Scholarships	Frank Moda
	Courtney Rakusin
Loyal Order of Moose Scholarship	Tedi Stockwell
Walter Miller Scholarship	Chip O'Neil
Michael J. Mitton Memorial Scholarship	Laurel Mitton
Moynihan Lumber Company Scholarship	Kathryn Smith
North Reading Community Chorale	
Scholarships	Lindsey Corbin
	Matthew Lorton



North Reading Education Association
Scholarship Kate Messina
North Reading Masonic Lodge Scholarship Michelle Ricci
North Reading Music Boosters Scholarships Nicholas Holsing
James Lundell
Frank Moda
Lindsey Corbin
North Reading Rotary Club Scholarship Jillian Rizzo
North Reading Youth Basketball Scholarships Stacey Venuto
Kyle Waters
North Reading Youth Football Scholarship Daniel Stewart
North Reading Youth Soccer Scholarships Nicholas Ventura
Alicia Weir
Michelle Ricci
Alison Powers
North Reading Youth Softball Scholarship Erin Foley
Janet Connolly O'Neil Scholarship
Sponsored by North Reading Youth Soccer Nicole Kern
Reading Co-operative Bank Scholarship Andrew Lee
Edward A. Sapienza Scholarship Kurt Wojtanek
Bonnie Simes Memorial Scholarship Michael Carrette
James Skinner Memorial Scholarship Alicia Weir
Richard K. Smith Scholarship Binu Scaria
Catherine F. Welsh Memorial Scholarship Katherine Smith

**ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED BY
STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2005**

Ancient Order of Hibernians Scholarship Erin Foley
Best Buy Children's Foundation Scholarship Elise Trowel
Comcast Scholarship Julia Hardy
Elks National Foundation –
“Most Valuable Student” Amy Eicher
Jannine Dewar
Sandra Widmer
Massachusetts Elks Scholarships Colleen Coughlin
Kevin Molhan
Sandra Widmer
Jannine Dewar
Michelle Ricci
Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Amy Eicher
Wakefield Lodge Member Elk
Scholarship Awards Jannine Dewar
Kevin Molhan
Colleen Coughlin
Michelle Ricci
Wakefield Rainbow/Masons Scholarship Michelle Ricci



NORTH READING MIDDLE SCHOOL

After three years, the North Reading Middle School has completed its middle school self-assessment. We have selected and the School Committee has approved five core values that will be central to our goals and outcomes.

- Respect for self and others
- Personal accountability and responsibility
- Integrity
- Good citizenship
- High expectations for learning

Some of the most significant changes for this school year involve the daily schedule:

- Teachers are now scheduled to collaborate around grade, team, and special education issues
- Health has been added to the 8th grade curriculum
- Developmental Reading has been added to the 6th grade curriculum
- World Language has been added to the 7th grade curriculum
- The “Town Meeting” is a block of time designed to support students in the areas of organization, extra-help, make-up work, and enrichment.
- An Advisor/Advisee program has been developed to advance discussion around monthly themes that often impact middle school children

The students at the Middle School participate in an academic program composed of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. In addition, all students are involved in a General Arts program composed of Computer, Art, International Cultures, Music, World Language, and Physical Education. Organizational, decision-making, writing, reading and critical thinking skills permeate the entire curricula. Team participation and interdisciplinary projects bind together the individual subject areas.

Student enrollment at the Middle School for the 2005-2006 school year is 640 youngsters. As of October 1, 2005 the student population by grade was 207 students in sixth grade, 220 in seventh grade, 213 in 8th grade. In addition, one SEEM class for special education students is maintained with 10 students. There are 33 6th graders, 26 7th graders and 24 8th graders with Special Education Plans this year. In addition, we also have 29 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on 504 Accommodation Plans. Class size (some as high as 32) and diminishing space are critical, present challenges for the middle school.

Our middle school staff welcomed seven new staff this year, as a result of retirements or family moves.

A variety of clubs, sports and activities continue to be offered to students as extracurricular and enrichment opportunities. Some of the sports include field hockey, cross country skiing, skiing and boarding in the Bradford Ski Program, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, floor hockey, softball, and ultimate frisbee. School clubs available to students include Student Council, Peer Leaders, Memory Book, Newspaper, Science, World Affairs, Computer, Math, and Geography Club. Our 8th grade hiking trip to Mt. Wachusett in the fall continues to be a popular tradition. Our spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz* was enormously successful and was a great example of how much our Drama Club has developed in recent years. All students were given an opportunity to enjoy an evening



of roller-skating in Saugus. We continue to celebrate our artists and musicians with a Night of the Fine Arts in May. Our Student Council and Peer Leaders continue to organize students and staff to rally around relief efforts for needy people.

Our 6th graders will have another opportunity to participate in an outdoor educational experience called Nature's Classroom. It is a three day/two night field trip to Grotonwoods, Massachusetts. All subjects are taught with a hands-on approach and students find there is much to be learned and applied from "the real world." 8th grade staff and students are already preparing for their five day trip to Washington D.C., and Williamsburg in June.

The Middle School, in an effort to enhance communication has completed our e-mail distribution list for grades 6, 7, and 8. Over 95% of our families are involved with this endeavor. This process continues to allow quick communication and has resolved some of the lost documents that rarely find their way out of a book bag.

The Middle School Parents' Association works tirelessly at supporting programs and students at the Middle School. The Parent Association meets each month and takes on several responsibilities including: greeting parents on Back-To-School Night and at conferences, and providing opportunities and funds for field trip scholarships, enrichment programs and informative speakers. To meet some of these challenges, the Parent Association has developed some wonderful family activities, as well: a Pancake Breakfast, a Pasta Dinner, and a Craft Fair. We are hoping that these activities will become a tradition at the middle school in order to bring families and friends together.

Middle School Program descriptions from each academic area are included in the following:

Language Arts

The Language Arts Department has continued to focus on improving skills in the areas of writing, reading, vocabulary development, spelling, grammar and literary analysis in each of the Language Arts classes in grades six, seven and eight as outlined in the twenty-seven learning standards of the Massachusetts English Language Arts Curriculum Framework. The addition of literature circles to our curriculum enriched literary process in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classrooms, and a humanities approach was piloted in the 8th grade using a common novel in both the English and Social Studies classes.

Katharine Hashian (*N.R.M.S. Language Arts Department Chair*)

Reading

The Reading program at the Middle School has generally consisted of developmental and critical reading in our English classes. However, the developmental piece of this program has been specifically directed to our 6th graders this year. Comprehension and decoding pull-out programs also take place in reading rooms. For the past two years over 200 students have participated in a school-wide reading contest that has proven to be both successful and enjoyable.

Katharine Hashian (*N.R.M.S. Reading Consultant*)



Mathematics Department

The department's course offerings this year have included heterogeneous grouping in grade six, two levels of curriculum in grade seven, and two levels of curriculum in grade eight (pre-algebra and algebra). The goal of the Mathematics Department is to foster a mathematically literate society by teaching students to think mathematically. Logical thinking and reasoning skills are exercised throughout the department. Individual student portfolios are used to aid the math teacher and student in evaluating student growth and progress throughout the school year.

Members of the Mathematics Department continue to participate in conferences, curriculum workshops, and in-service professional development courses.

Diane M. Moody (*N.R.M.S. Mathematics Department Chair*)

Science Department

This past year has provided a number of changes with in the N.R.M.S. Science Department. These changes are in the areas of staffing, professional development and equipment/technology.

One 6th grade science teacher has been hired to replace a retired science teacher.

Professional development has centered upon the creation of Power-Point presentations. Department members participated in the development of multimedia presentations directly related to the science curriculum.

Equipment and technology purchases included the upgrade of triple beam balances and compound microscopes. All Science rooms are equipped with a teacher computer, multimedia projector, lap top computer, television, video cassette recorder and smart board.

David Elliott (*N.R.M.S. Science Department Chair*)

Social Studies

The North Reading Middle School Social Studies Department will provide our students with Social Studies education in Geography (grade 6) and World History (grade 7 & 8). The Social Studies Curriculum continues to be in compliance with the Massachusetts Social Studies and History Frameworks. Social Studies skills emphasized throughout the department included critical thinking simulations, map skills, outlines, note-taking, research skills, time lines, graphs, performance based units, inter-disciplinary and multi-sensory projects.

Katheryn Jones (*N.R.M.S. Social Studies Department Chair*)

World Language

French and Spanish courses deal primarily with the basics of the language and include grammar studies, vocabulary building, reasonable exposure to aural and speaking skills, ability to read the language, reading comprehension skills and the development of writing skills. The basic texts used at this level reflect the latest pedagogical thinking in the teaching of foreign languages. We have expanded our world language program by initiating an introductory course in grade seven.



General Arts

The General Arts curriculum continues to give all students an opportunity for hands-on experiences in most of the following areas: music, fine arts, ceramics, international cultures, physical education and computers. Students learned to work cooperatively with others and to share materials and ideas. Because of the wide range of activities offered, most students felt a sense of creativity and accomplishment in the exploratory arts area.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Hodges, Principal
North Reading Middle School





L.D. BATCHELDER SCHOOL

In September, the L. D. Batchelder School opened its doors at the Old Central School in Stoneham, Massachusetts. Our relocation has been successful and the Batchelder School community looks forward to returning to the updated and renovated building in September 2006.

The Batchelder School offers a full day kindergarten program for families and students, in addition to our traditional half-day program. This is the third year the Town of North Reading has been able to offer such a program and the results are all positive. The Batchelder School currently services 419 students in three sections of kindergarten, grades one, two and three, and four sections of grades four and five.

The Town of North Reading's continued support and approval of the Batchelder School's renovation and addition project has brought a new sense of excitement among the Batchelder School community. The faculty & staff, students and parents are looking forward to taking advantage of a brand new facility.

The Program

The Batchelder School prides itself on the commitment to the academic and social development of every student. The core academic program was based on the standards outlined in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. It included language arts, mathematics, history and social science, and science and technology all taught by homeroom teachers, and art, music, and physical education classes taught by specialists. In addition, weekly computer classes taught by homeroom teachers extended classroom learning.

To help meet special learning needs, the school engaged the full-time services of two learning disabilities specialists, a speech and language therapist, a reading specialist, school psychologist and a special education paraprofessional. The part-time service of an occupational therapist was also available. Special education services continue to support the development of all students with various learning styles. Together the faculty and staff work hard to provide the best instructional practices and student support to improve teaching and learning at the Batchelder School.

As of September 2004, the majority of classroom teachers at the Batchelder School have been trained in *The Reach Out to Schools: Social Competency Program*, also known as Open Circle. In addition, training was provided to specialists, paraprofessionals, and support personnel. The program is centered on problem solving, responsibility, communication, peer relations, and social awareness. Therefore the Batchelder Community shares a common vision and vocabulary to support the social development of each child. Open Circle promotes the understanding and appreciation of each other, and stresses the importance of community.

The Literacy Committee made-up of teachers from every grade level was busy throughout the year. In March, they led the school in joining students across the country in "Read Across America." To celebrate "Read Across America," author Patricia Hermes visited the Batchelder School students to share her experiences. In November, Batchelder School families celebrated



Literacy Month by reading poems aloud together, and donating over 500 gently worn books to schools in need after Hurricane Katrina. As part of a celebration, the Batchelder School welcomed local author Jacqueline Davies to work with our students. The Literacy Committee works to promote the appreciation and importance of reading to Batchelder School students and families.

To further supplement the program, the Batchelder School students were involved with a variety of community service projects. Mrs. Kathy Sanders and the fourth grade conducted a "Toys for Tots" program. The Batchelder students brought in non-perishable items to contribute to the North Reading Food Pantry. In addition to community service, the fourth and fifth grades were offered the options of joining the school chorus, and learning to play a musical instrument. Studio Art was offered to fifth graders on a rotating basis. A Spring Concert, Field Day extravaganza, Veterans' Day Program, and Winter Concert added more meaning and harmony to our community.

The Parents' Organization

This year, the Batchelder Parents' Organization supported grade level field trips, and funded several enrichment programs. The "Discovery Van" visited the kindergarten students, second grade students spent a day at *Plimoth Plantation*, first and third graders will enjoy the program *High Touch, High Tech*, and fourth & fifth grade students visited the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Parents' Organization supports our efforts to enrich the curriculum for all students at the Batchelder School.

As Principal, I am continually impressed by the financial and volunteer services donated to help the Batchelder School. Volunteers work in our classrooms to support student learning. Parents, too, played an integral part in organizing and supporting social and school events. They sponsored our Batchelder School picnic, organized family dances, held an ice-cream social and pancake breakfast, and provided the resources needed to hold Field Day in Stoneham. The Parents' Organization supports the efforts of the Batchelder School faculty and students, and helps bridge the necessary working relationship of the school, families, and the community.

To the faculty and staff, the children, the parents, and the community, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean T. Killeen, Principal
L. D. Batchelder School



J. TURNER HOOD SCHOOL

The Hood School enrollment currently is at 564, with four Grade One classes, four Grade Two classes, four Grade Three classes, and four Grade Four classrooms, four classes of Grade Five and a Language Based classroom. We host two full day kindergarten classes in addition to three half day kindergarten classes, and two pre-kindergarten classes.

We opened school this year committed to support the concept of inclusion for the benefit of all children. With this in mind, our teachers across grade levels work together for blocks of time in a co-teaching model so that all students have more individualized attention. Teachers in the primary grades took part in a social skills curriculum called Open Circle that supports the concept of community-building and conflict resolution in classrooms.

With an increase of allergies in school, we have also changed practices and become more sensitive school-wide with allergy training and a close look at policy. Practices such as hand-washing after lunch have been strongly encouraged, and parents have donated baby-wipes and paper towels in support of this healthy habit. We also have embraced a philosophy of increased health and nutrition in general. Rather than celebrate birthdays by sharing cupcakes, students and their classrooms came up with several other ways to recognize this special day, to include a fifteen-minute craft, donating a book to the library, sharing something special with the class or choosing a special activity. Students have enjoyed these alternate ways to celebrate their birthdays! Parents and teachers worked together to plan holiday events and curriculum activities around healthy foods. The Parents Association held an informative session that taught us how to choose healthy foods and to understand those confusing labels!

Our Parents' Association has worked collaboratively with the school to improve the student learning environment in many ways this year. This past fall, many parents donated several materials and supplies to complement the kindergarten enrollment. Parents have graciously donated needed materials, volunteered in several areas throughout the school and actively enlisted the support of our business partners.

In December, our Parents' Association held a social gathering to recognize and thank our many business partners who donate to the school so willingly and support efforts to enrich curriculum and the student learning environment throughout the year. The library was decorated with student Thank-You displays and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere as parents and staff mingled with and were able to personally thank local businesses. We are so appreciative of our school-parent relationships. We are also thankful for our local business support and for our many senior volunteers who thoroughly enjoy their days here working with children (as much as we enjoy having them here!).

With a commitment to professional growth, teachers continue to meet weekly per grade level in what we call Collaboration Sessions. During these sessions, teachers across grade levels plan together and share successful ideas and strategies. Teachers and therapists work together sharing work samples, discussing common assessments, sharing their ways of thinking and expertise in order to best meet the needs of all students.



In addition to the academic focus and commitment to state standards, our students continue to be enriched with a lively musical, arts and movement curriculum that is so important to student learning styles and different intelligences.

The J. T. Hood School Council continues to meet monthly in order to review the goals set for the J. T. Hood School. In November, the council met with all other councils in the district at our first Joint Council Meeting. Here, we discussed and shared our goals district wide. There was a unanimous focus on best practices to support student learning that we are all striving to work for.

We continue to focus on safety issues around parking and arrival and dismissal times. To increase supervision (and build a positive school climate!), through sun, rain, and snow, our staff members have proudly greeted students at the drop-off loop in the morning and greeted each student coming into the building. Fire Drills and Lockdowns were put into place and practiced with the help of our local police and fire departments.

Our Student Council celebrated various themes over the past year. The most celebrated was an assembly on Veteran's Day, where we recognized the many names of veterans in our students' and staff's families.

I am proud to share that with the joint efforts of my staff and parents, the J.T. Hood School is a lively, engaging, warm and welcoming place to learn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Thaiadora Katsos, Principal
J. Turner Hood School



E. ETHEL LITTLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 7, 2005, marked the start of the 2005-2006 school year. The 11th anniversary of the reopening of the Little School began with fifty-five staff and 446 children, preschool through grade five. Twenty classrooms and one portable unit accommodate our primary language-based program, two preschool programs, two kindergarten classes, four second grades and three classes each of grade levels 1, 3, 4, 5. Staff and children were welcomed back from their summer vacation to freshly painted walls and a thoroughly cleaned school. The new shades in the gymnasium (donated by the PTO) and blinds in the computer lab and office were welcomed by staff and parents. Metal barriers were purchased to improve safety for pedestrians as buses enter the area at start and dismissal times. Major repairs were made to the roof of the original building and action was taken to address potential asbestos issues in B wing classrooms.

We continue to progress toward our goal of infusing technology across the curriculum through technology projects. There are now over 60 computers in the classrooms, specialist stations and in the library. In addition there are 33 computers in the technology lab, including 3 laptop computers that are used to support students in their classroom curriculum and areas of assessment. Software and internet sites are selected for the computer lab based on the ability to aid in the development of classroom skills such as multimedia presentations, research, keyboarding and word processing, as well as the rudimentary skills such as language arts, mathematics, reading, science and social studies. The Little School web site, www.northreadingmass.com/little/little.htm, is updated monthly and keeps our community informed of school happenings. We continue to look for future opportunities to bring new technology to the students. The town technology warrant article continues to help us achieve our goals.

The school library/media center serves as the center for promoting literacy at the Little School. It is here that students discover the joys of reading. Weekly read-alouds familiarize the students with various authors and genres. Library skills classes are held to encourage children to increase their independence in utilizing the library. Care is taken to purchase books and other media that complement the curriculum of each grade level. Each year the library paraprofessional works with the reading incentive committee to provide reading incentives for the students. We celebrate Children's Book Week, participate in the Massachusetts Children's Book award program at Salem State College, and work with the Northshore Spirit Baseball Team which contributes tickets to a baseball game to any student who successfully completes the spring reading incentive program. While the main support for the library comes from the school budget, additional funds are made available from the PTO and books fairs. These funding sources have enabled us to update our library with new books, videos and DVDs. There are approximately 13,000 books/videos in our collection. One quarter of those books were purchased in the past 5 years. Many volunteers support the library paraprofessional in her work. These volunteers include parents, grandparents and senior volunteers.



The Little School PTO is a vibrant part of our school community. The PTO board and its members plan activities throughout the year that support the goals of our school. We look forward to the raffle calendar and our first auction in the spring 2006. These activities assist in raising funds and also providing opportunities to build community through social activities for families and staff. Monies that have been raised through fundraising and *A+ America* have supported grade level and whole school cultural enrichment, field trips, technology purchases and other school and classroom needs. We appreciate these dedicated volunteers who are on the PTO board, the many parents who are PTO members and all the parents, friends and businesses who support the work of the organization by their participation in the events that the PTO plans.

The Little School recognizes the importance of involving the North Reading community in our school. Senior citizens and parent volunteers are utilized in our library, lunch program, tutorial program, childcare program and art program. We are also grateful to the many North Reading businesses that contribute food, services and other donations that are used at our various events throughout the school year.

In return, Little School students are actively involved in developing an appreciation of others' needs within the community as well as beyond North Reading. Through our community outreach program students continue to be afforded the experience of participating in donating, packing and delivering food to the North Reading Food Pantry, sending letters, cards and projects to the Veterans' Hospital in Bedford, collecting Coats for Kids to be distributed to those people in need in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and donating plants to the North Reading Recreation Department. Within our school, theme days for school spirit and welcome/good-bye kits have been distributed to new students and children that move from our school.

There is a strong commitment of our staff to their professional development and active involvement of district wide initiatives including reaching established benchmarks towards becoming an inclusive school system, refining our standards-based reporting system and a multi year focus on a balanced literacy program which will research, pilot and recommend programs, training and materials.

Teachers serve on other committees involving mentoring, professional standards and curriculum standards committees. Many of our staff serve on school improvement plan committees that focus on the goals stated in our school improvement plan. *Open Circle*, a social competency program, and *Handwriting Without Tears* are two areas in which Pre School-Grade two teachers have received professional development. It is expected that grades 3-5 teachers and other school personnel will receive training in the future. Others are engaged in completing requirements for their Master's degrees, recertification and/or professional growth plans. Their willingness to pursue opportunities that continually upgrade their knowledge around current research, materials and pedagogy is reflected in the exceptional quality of instruction demonstrated by our school's 2005 statewide testing results.

Performance and improvement ratings for Massachusetts' public schools and districts are issued every two years. Ratings are used to track schools' progress



toward meeting the goals of all students achieving proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Little School's Mid-Cycle IV AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Report indicates that we have met the target in Mathematics and English/Language Arts every year since it has been issued in 1999.

The Little School Council meets on a monthly basis during the school year. Some of the topics discussed during the past school year include updates of school programs/activities, the development of the school budget, professional development activities, school safety, the state testing program and curriculum updates. The council developed a school plan for the 2005-2006 school year that incorporates school goals recommended by the staff. This plan was sent to the school committee for their review in the spring of 2005.

Students, parents and staff have enjoyed a successful and enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Leccese, Principal
E. Ethel Little School





PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Pupil Personnel Services is the component of our School Department with the mission of providing support services for students in concert with the day-to-day efforts of our regular education staff. These supports encompass three major areas, each of significant importance. These three areas are special education services for students with disabilities, health services and guidance/psychological services for all students. Services in these areas must always be in compliance with state and federal laws and must be provided in the least restrictive manner.

Health, guidance and psychological services are provided to all our students. These components address an array of services ranging from educational testing and evaluation, supervision of medicinal regimens, home and hospital tutoring, acute medical intervention, psychological and social skills support, to college planning and application. In conjunction with our school physician, Mark Weber, M.D., we maintain our medical policies and receive approval from the MA Department of Public Health.

During the 2005 school year there were 419 North Reading students requiring special education services. Students may receive these services from their third to their twenty-second birthday. These services may range from regular classroom accommodations to highly specialized programs provided in settings outside of the public schools. In 2005, North Reading Schools provided 40 students with full academic programs outside of their neighborhood school. To meet the needs of our other more complex learners, North Reading is a member of both the SEEM Collaborative and North Shore Consortium. These are partnerships of 17 Northwest and North Shore cities and towns providing specialized programs for low incidence populations.

As a result of an increased budget, an additional Special education teacher at the Middle School and an occupational therapist were added to the district. This increase in staff allows the students to remain in our school system and receive appropriate services in the most cost effective manner possible. The new teacher at the Middle School is assigned to a co-taught class for both general education and special education students. This new program was developed collaboratively by a committee of parents, administrators, general and special education staff.

A major focus of the district during the 2005 year was the continued implementation of Inclusion. This initiative was supported by the training of all staff grades kindergarten to twelve, in the use of differentiated instructional practices. Each school in the district has participated in trainings on Inclusion provided by Susan Craig, PhD. Presentations were given on Inclusion to the School Committee, Special Education Parent Advisory Council and the District wide Parent Advisory Council. Over the next two years, as part of a four year phase-in process, additional trainings and support will be provided to all staff on inclusive practices and differentiated instruction.

Another objective of the Pupil Services Department in 2005 was to provide all students with access to universal curriculum design through assistive technology. An example of this assistive technology includes the Kurzweil software



Reading Program that converts any thing in print to voice. Training was provided to Special Education staff in the use of this software program.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. D'Anjou, Director
Pupil Personnel Services



SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Secondary Schools Building Committee (S-SBC) continues to address the facility needs of the Middle and High School. In April 2005, the Town appropriated \$25,000 to complete a Feasibility Study for the construction of a new High School and other alternatives. The S-SBC received proposals from a number of firms and selected Dore and Whittier to complete the study. The feasibility study will examine enrollment projections, program and space needs and various sites, develop several options for consideration and develop preliminary cost estimates for the construction of a new high school along with options for the Middle School. The feasibility study will be completed in March 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Carucci, Chair

S-SBC Members

Stephen Jervey

Janene Imbriano

Stephen Nathan

Lynn Menzie (resigned, December 2005)

Laura Warren

Laurie Witts

Gregg Doble (Associate Member)

Wayne Hardacker, Supervisor of Buildings
and Grounds (Associate Member)

David Troughton, Superintendent
(Associate Member)



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The year 2005 was quite eventful for the Elementary School Building Committee (E-SBC) and the L.D. Batchelder School. The 1940's 'annex' addition was demolished in January and the contractors worked throughout the winter on demolition and subsequent roughing in of the existing building. Massive footings and foundations for the addition were poured in April, and things really began to take shape as steel erection began in May. Working closely with the Historic District Commission, brick and stone colors were selected and the masons started their work in mid-summer. By late summer, the new slate roof was installed. Interior color selection, site work including initial paving, flat roof installation, interior framing, plumbing and mechanical all occurred during the fall. Windows were installed and the building was made weather tight by year end.

As we begin 2006, the project remains within budget and on schedule. We look forward to completion this summer and occupancy by the Batchelder students and faculty in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Swart, Secretary

E-SBC Members

Jonathan DeSimone, Chair

Shep Spear

Scott Stimpson, Vice Chair

Gerald Venezia

Jeff Witts

Wayne Hardacker, Supervisor of Buildings
and Grounds (Associate Member)

Sean Killeen, Batchelder School Principal
(Associate Member)

David Troughton, Superintendent of
Schools (Associate Member)



**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
100 Hemlock Road – Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880-3597**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Lauren Robinson from Melrose a senior in the Office Technology Program, was chosen as Northeast's nominee at the State Awards Dinner for Outstanding Vocational Technical Students. The event is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Northeast Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony in May. At the ceremony, 9 seniors and 15 juniors were inducted. These students joined the previously inducted members to bring the Technical Honor Society Chapter to 39 members for the 2004-2005 school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Annual Induction Ceremony to the Northeast Chapter of the National Honor Society "Artisans" was held in May. At the ceremony 7 seniors, 4 juniors, and 4 sophomores were inducted for the 2004-2005 school year bringing the total membership to 25.

SKILLS/USA AWARDS

At State Skills/USA Competition Northeast winners were from Malden Jenny Guevara -1st place in Dental Assisting, from Saugus Alaina DiBiasie-State Officer. From Saugus Katie Labadini and from Winthrop Jessica Sterling, this team won 1st place in Bulletin Board. Also from Wakefield James Colleran - 2nd place in Electrical, from Saugus Stephen Sangster -2nd place in Computer Maintenance, and from Saugus Anthony Ragato -2nd place in Welding. Attending Skills/USA Summer National Conference in Kansas City were Alaina DiBiasie, Jenny Guevara, Katie Labadini and Jessica Sterling.

STUDENT ADVISORY REP TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Angelina Barrasso, a senior from Revere, was elected as the Student Representative to the School Committee for the 2004-05 school year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Northeast Scholarship Committee awarded individual scholarships to 106 deserving students at the Fifth Annual Senior Recognition Night. The total of \$28,575 was given in scholarships and awards.

Northeast students beginning work in their vocational field or entering trade apprenticeship programs were included in the above awards. This money will enable the students to purchase tools and equipment as well as entry level expenses toward trade education programs.



SCORE PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM

In September, Northeast began its tenth year affiliated with SCORE, a Peer Mediation Program. The SCORE Program was developed by the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts to help reduce the violence in schools. The Mediation process is successful in resolving conflicts of all types.

Northeast has a full-time coordinator, 34 trained students and 4 trained staff members. A trained mediator is a neutral person not involved in the dispute and through the mediation process, helps people come to their own agreement about how they want to resolve their conflict.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Learning in 2004-05 focused on improving student achievement. To this end the following activities were conducted:

Mark Forget presented a workshop on Literacy Strategies Across the Curriculum. Heather Boggs Sass presented a school-wide presentation on Developing Meaningful Course Syllabi. Both of these workshops were under the domain of the 2004-05 professional development theme "Increasing Student Achievement." The School Improvement team attended two sessions in Atlanta with High Schools That Work on "Fostering a Positive School Culture." The professional development theme for 2005-06, High Schools That Work presented this two-session workshop.

The 9th grade academy planning team attended the High Schools That Work program on Initiating a Smaller Learning Community. This workshop was held in Jacksonville, FL. The result of this workshop was the initiation of a 9th grade academy in the 2005-06 school year.

Northeast had eighteen in attendance at the High Schools That Work Summer 2004 Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Joseph O'Brien presented "The Use of Data in the Decision-Making Process."

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Two hundred twenty students participated in the Summer 2005 support program. Three categories were involved:

Summer Transition

One hundred fifty incoming 9th graders were introduced to the school in a 3-week support orientation program. This experience involved:

- Project-based mathematics approach utilizing graphing calculators
- Integration of literacy skills in English Language Arts
- Hands-on experiences in the career/tech rotations of:
 - Culinary/Baking
 - Cosmetology/Plumbing
 - Graphics/Drafting

All academic classes in this program were co-taught utilizing two teachers per class.

Upper class students engaged in team-building activities through Physical Education, discrete mathematics through Social Studies exploration, and Language Arts through literary applications. These students also visited the Lowell Mills, the Battlefields at Concord and Fenway Park.



English Language Learners participated in an English Support Program. The 9th and 10th graders in this program collaborated with their peers in the career/technical activities and the field trips, and at the same time concentrated on English reading and writing skills.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Northeast Guidance Department staff offers support counseling through individual and group counseling and specialized workshops and presentations. All faculty guidance counselors are certified as school adjustment counselors and have either social work or school psychology backgrounds to equip them to handle the wide range of student issues that come forth. One school adjustment counselor is bilingual (Spanish-speaking). A school psychologist supports the counseling staff, provides psychological testing, supports the special education program, and maintains a small individual and group caseload. In addition a career counselor and a part-time non-traditional counselor round out the support staff with their focus on career awareness and vocational development.

Support groups are established each year based on student needs. A teen issues group is established in each grade to support students who have difficulties with peer issues. An anger management group that is linked to the discipline system is offered in an effort to provide students with an understanding of their own anger and an opportunity to develop new tools to use to manage anger more appropriately.

An after school substance abuse intervention group provides students with a second chance when they have entered the discipline system with a substance abuse offense. A psycho-educational curriculum and dynamic group approach are employed. Students participate for a minimum of ten weeks and must participate in a drug screening program throughout and after participation. The goal of the program is to prevent loss of learning by providing students with the necessary interventions and supports to address their substance issues while enabling them to remain in school during and beyond this intervention phase.

Support groups for pregnant and parenting teens, grieving students, Latino students, Asian students, gay students, and others have all been offered at different times depending on need and student interest. Individual counseling with students requires that counselors coordinate with doctors, psychiatrists, outside therapists, social workers and counselors, court personnel, police and others.

The Peer Mentoring program provides educational assistance to students having difficulty with one or more academic subjects. Students who have been successful in specific subject areas and who have participated in training volunteer their time to assist others in the library two afternoons per week. The mentoring program is designed to supplement after school assistance provided by the academic and vocational teachers. The program benefits go beyond the student achievement as the relationships formed by the mentors and students help to break down barriers between different grade and age groups and develop friendships that would not have had a chance to form. The mentoring program is coordinated by a counselor and a math teacher with other teachers offering support and assistance.

Career counseling and the college application process are a large part of all



of the counselors' roles but specialized support is provided by a career counselor and a part-time non-traditional support counselor. The career counselor has been integrally involved with a Career Awareness Program for all students that involves monthly small group career advisement group meetings and large group presentations. The curriculum focuses on career assessment: career information and requirements, interviewing skills, portfolios, and resume preparation. By providing assessments to evaluate skills, interests, and work values, the career counselor assists freshmen in their vocational selection process and upper class students with linkages to post-secondary education and employment opportunities.

The non-traditional support counselor provides specialized support to those students who are enrolled in career areas that are considered non-traditional for their gender. By providing support groups, specialized presentations, and field trips, students are prepared to understand the benefits of non-traditional choices and to appropriately handle any difficulties that they might confront. Special workshops and presentations are offered through the year for different groups of students. Each year, all freshmen participate in-group workshops focusing on harassment, bullying and gender equity issues. Large group assemblies and presentations have been offered focusing on substance abuse, drunk driving, teen dating violence, tolerance, character building, and others.

GRANTS

Title I – Economically Disadvantaged Districts – Funding from this grant provided for six grade 9 and six grade 10 English Language Arts classes for 180 students that exhibited reading comprehension difficulty based on their Stanford 9 diagnostic testing and Algebra/Geometry classes designed to address the needs of 180 students identified as “at risk” or not passing the state assessment test.

Instruction in both the English Language Arts and mathematics curricula in Title I were enhanced by the use of technology in the Title I rooms, as well as by support provided by the teaching assistants in these classes.

Title 2A – Teacher Quality – This grant provided for the hiring of an MCAS Preparation instructor, the implementation of a teacher mentoring program whereby experienced teachers were assigned to work with non-professional status teacher as advisors; and the funding for the two workshops that the district provides as part of the two whole-staff professional development days in accordance with the teacher contract.

Title 3 – English Language Learner Support – This grant is used to institute a summer English Immersion program for our English Language Learning students. Approximately 55 students are engaged in this four-week program.

Title 5 – New and Innovative Programs – Funds from this grant were used to hire two support staff members for the Summer Transition Program. These individuals worked with the incoming 91 graders to develop a publication that represented the efforts of the summer program. The seventy-two page document is available upon request at the school.

Perkins Occupational Education Grant – Funds from this federal source provided for:

- Vocational Coordinator
- Career Counselor



- MCAS Remediation teacher
- Rotisserie Oven for Culinary
- Non-traditional support counselor
- Computers for Electronics
- 3 ELL teaching assistants
- 1 Behavior Modification Specialist
- Staffing for the summer transition program
- MCAS tutors for remediation
- 1 MCAS Lab Specialist
- Contract for High Schools That Work

Secondary School Reading Grant – This grant established a school-wide reading team to study the literacy needs of students at Northeast. A plan of action calling for two thirty minute periods of reading and writing to occur in grade 9 Exploratory was developed.

Smaller Learning Communities Planning Grant – This grant called for the establishment of a team to plan a 9th grade academy of core academic subjects for students entering Northeast. This plan was created and called for implementation in the 2005-06 school year.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Northeast Metro Tech Summer Programs enjoyed another successful campaign since its inception in 1988. Over the years both the Summer School and Computer Camp have experienced remarkable growth. This year the summer programs serviced nearly 400 students combined.

The Northeast Summer School serviced high school students in six different academic subject areas including Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Vocational Related, and Spanish, while continuing to expand into the vocational enrichment and certification program areas. The goals of promoting a positive learning atmosphere, retention, and promotion, as well as providing skills to assist each student at the next grade level are paramount objectives behind the philosophical makeup of our summer school.

The popular Northeast Computer Camp completed a successful 17th year. Its objective of making learning fun had the counselors teach campers skills that they can use during their school year while enjoying doing it. These programs can help strengthen reading and math skills, and expand their general knowledge of the computer. An introduction to “Smart Board” technology along with PowerPoint presentations became an exciting part of the camps program this year, concluding with a computer “Jeopardy style” game show programmed and performed by the campers to the amazement of their parents and families at the year end pizza party. The computer camp schedule consisted of a three-hour rotating schedule of computer lab, swimming, and sports and games.

ADULT EDUCATION

Our goal is to provide as many educational services as possible to the 350,000 residents of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District. In pursuing this goal, the Adult Education staff maximizes utilization of the Northeast facilities, offering an extensive selection of stimulating and practical programs Monday through Saturday during the school year and Monday through Friday during the summer months. Northeast offers a State Approved Auto Damage Appraisal Program, as well as Journeyman’s and Masters Pro-



grams in Electrical, Plumbing, Sheet Metal, Carpentry and Gas Fitting. As the Number One apprentice training center in New England, we guide hundreds of young men and women annually as they prepare for their journeyman or masters license in their trade. For the many senior citizens enrolled, we offer a wide variety of programs designed to satisfy their interest in crafts, hobbies, physical fitness, etc.

During 2005 school year, the Adult Education agenda is the focus on the health care and related fields that project high employment possibilities. Courses such as Computer Technology, Anatomy and Physiology, Algebra (pre-nursing), Chemistry (pre-nursing) and Certified Nurse Aide, as well as Medical Terminology and Medical Transcription, and Human Biology (Anatomy) all mirror this trend.

2005 GRADUATES

The 2004-05 school year represents the thirty-fifth class to matriculate at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. Northeast graduated 258 students in the class of 2005. Breakdown of graduates' status after graduation is as follows:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|------|
| • Employed | 130 | • Attending 4 year college | 40 * |
| • Entering Military Service | 10 | • Attending 2 year college | 52 * |
| • Other | 2 | • Apprentice school | 24 * |

* It should be noted that 45% of the graduating class went on to further their education either in a two or four year college or in an apprentice program. 256 members of the graduating class either entered military service are employed or seeking further education, that figure represents 99% of the class of 2005.

SPECIAL NEEDS ENROLLMENT

Special Needs enrollment for the 2004-05 school year continued to represent a fair share of the total school enrollment with students. The 320 Special Needs students represent 26% of the school population.

ATHLETIC RECORDS

The Northeast Baseball team was the Commonwealth Athletic League Co-Champions and advanced to the M.I.A.A. State Tournament.

The Northeast co-ed Swim team won the State Vocational Tournament and 4 individuals qualified for the State Tournament.

The Northeast Freshman Football team was the Commonwealth Athletic League Co-Champions.

The Northeast Hockey team was the Commonwealth Athletic League Co-Champions and qualified for the M.I.A.A. State Tournament.

The Northeast Girls Softball team qualified for the M.I.A.A. State Tournament.

The Northeast Lacrosse team was the Commonwealth Athletic League Co-Champions and qualified for M.I.A.A. State Tournament.

The Northeast Track and Field Team had two individuals qualify for the State Tournament.



DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The following Northeast District School Committee Members were elected to a four-year term ending in 2008:

Michael T. Wall – Chelsea
Henry S. Hooton – Melrose
Maura A. Looney – Reading
Peter A. Rossetti, Jr. – Saugus
Vincent J. Carisella – Wakefield
James G. Wallace – Winthrop

Earl Fitzpatrick – Malden
Paul L. Sweeney – North Reading
Ronald J. Jannino – Revere
Anthony E. DeTeso – Stoneham
John J. Bradley – Winchester
Deborah P. Davis – Woburn

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual Organizational Meeting of the District School Committee on January 14, 2005, the following members were elected Officers of the District School Committee:

Chairman Michael T. Wall of Chelsea
Vice Chairman Ronald J. Jannino of Revere
Secretary Peter A. Rossetti, Jr. of Saugus
Treasurer Paul L. Sweeney of North Reading
Asst. Treasurer Anthony E. DeTeso of Stoneham

CONCLUSION

As Northeast celebrates its thirty-fifth year of Vocational/Technical Excellence to its twelve member communities, its aim is to continue to offer the latest in vocational/technical and academic education by maintaining a high level of performance. This high level of performance also encompasses continued improvement in academic achievement with regard to MCAS. The Northeast Class of 2005 had a 99% pass rate of the MCAS Test by graduation. Northeast is continually updating curriculum and has instituted MCAS Enrichment Classes, along with Summer MCAS Academies. The school continues to offer students the finest education with which to build a successful career through the latest in equipment, software and technology offered in all vocational programs no matter which career path they have chosen.

Evidence of our past success is reflected in the students that have graduated from Northeast Metro Tech. The Alumnus stories of success and their readiness and willingness to help school officials by speaking at recruiting sessions at the local schools as well as recruiting graduates for employment is proof of their dedication to Northeast. Northeast currently has 22 alumni employed at the school. Testimonials as to the success of our graduates continue to be received, which makes us proud to have contributed in some small way to their accomplishments.

Once again, I am proud to have represented North Reading as a member of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational District School Committee not only to serve as the guardian of funds allocated from the community to this educational institution, but also to assist in and provide counsel to the school in maintaining the highest standards of educational excellence possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul L. Sweeney
Northeast School Committee, North Reading Representative



NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Patricia K. Cronin

DEPUTY DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL

John X Crowley

VICE PRINCIPAL – ACADEMIC

Angela M. Antonelli

VICE PRINCIPAL – VOCATIONAL COORDINATOR

Theodore Nickole

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Michael T. Wall – Chelsea

VICE CHAIRMAN

Ronald J. Jannino – Revere

SECRETARY

Peter A. Rossetti, Jr. – Saugus

TREASURER

Paul L. Sweeney – North Reading

ASSOCIATE TREASURER

Anthony E. DeTeso – Stoneham

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John J. Bradley – Winchester

Deborah P. Davis – Woburn

Henry S. Hooton – Melrose

James G. Wallace – Winthrop

Vincent J. Carisella – Wakefield

Earl W. Fitzpatrick – Malden

Maura A. Looney – Reading

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT HISTORY

<u>CITY/TOWN DISTRICT</u>	<u>S.Y. 94-95</u>	<u>S.Y. 95-96</u>	<u>S.Y. 96-97</u>	<u>S.Y. 97-98</u>	<u>S.Y. 98-99</u>	<u>S.Y. 99-00</u>	<u>S.Y. 00-01</u>	<u>S.Y. 01-02</u>	<u>S.Y. 02-03</u>	<u>S.Y. 03-04</u>	<u>S.Y. 04-05</u>
Chelsea	313	296	250	239	223	236	276	240	268	258	221
Malden	252	226.5	232	235	237	206	172	150	157	175	215
Melrose	35	29	36	26	32	28	19	30	40	36	56
North Reading	13	15	10	12	12	14	21	27	29	30	28
Reading	15	14	14	25	22	23	23	22	22	25	19
Revere	186	211	218	227	252	267	270	277	272	256	241
Saugus	136	154	161	145	136	128	129	139	148	139	146
Stoneham	36	37	37	40	36	39	40	36	28	37	34
Wakefield	37	33.5	28.5	34	50	52	41	39	34	36	59
Winchester	4	2	2	2	7	8	8	9	9	6	7
Winthrop	37	32	21	23	28	27	35	40	40	37	41
Woburn	56	46	53	55	60	64	74	87	85	107	99
TOTALS	1120	1096	1062.5	1063	1095	1092	1108	1096	1132	1142	1166
NON DISTRICT	7	26	45.0	48	47	37	27	40	44	48	43
GRAND TOTAL	1127	1122	1107.5	1111	1142	1129	1135	1136	1176	1190	1209
SPECIAL NEEDS											
ENROLLMENT	222	242	213.5	258	244	214	233	273	275	287	320
% SPECIAL NEEDS											
ENROLLMENT	20%	20%	22%	19%	23%	21%	21%	24%	23%	24%	26%

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
COMPARISON OF ASSESSMENTS**

	Budget FY2004	Budget FY2005	Variance \$	Variance %
GROSS BUDGET	\$15,290,008	\$15,519,670	\$229,662	1.5020%
LESS REVENUES				
Chapter 70 Aid	\$5,201,971	\$5,201,971	\$0	0.00%
Transportation	\$175,000	\$376,250	\$201,250	115.00%
Investment Earnings	\$500,388	\$0	(\$500,388)	100.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,877,359	\$5,578,21	(\$299,138)	-5.09%
NET ASSESSMENTS	\$9,412,649	\$9,941,449	\$528,800	5.62%
CHELSEA	\$1,748,175	\$1,562,958	(\$185,217)	-10.59%
MALDEN	\$1,248,902	\$1,252,347	\$3,445	0.28%
MELROSE	\$131,148	\$285,516	\$154,368	117.71%
NO. READING	\$184,468	\$265,743	\$81,275	44.06%
READING	\$179,198	\$208,208	\$29,010	16.19%
REVERE	\$2,303,432	\$2,346,915	\$43,483	1.89%
SAUGUS	\$1,265,023	\$1,483,313	\$218,290	17.26%
STONEHAM	\$359,324	\$402,867	\$43,543	12.12%
WAKEFIELD	\$346,765	\$385,534	\$38,769	11.18%
WINCHESTER	\$79,482	\$90,843	\$11,361	11.07%
WINTHROP	\$227,251	\$252,408	\$25,157	11.07%
WOBURN	<u>\$1,339,482</u>	<u>\$1,404,797</u>	<u>\$65,315</u>	<u>4.88%</u>
TOTAL	\$9,412,650	\$9,941,449	\$528,799	5.62%

	Students FY2004	Students FY2005	Variance	Percent of Contributions
CHELSEA	268	258	-10	22.59194%
MALDEN	157	175	18	15.32399%
MELROSE	40	36	-4	3.15236%
NO. READING	29	30	1	2.62697%
READING	22	25	3	2.18914%
REVERE	272	256	-16	22.41681%
SAUGUS	148	139	-9	12.17163%
STONEHAM	28	37	9	3.23993%
WAKEFIELD	34	36	2	3.15236%
WINCHESTER	9	6	-3	0.52539%
WINTHROP	40	37	-3	3.23993%
WOBURN	<u>85</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>9.36953%</u>
TOTAL	1132	1142	10	100.00000%

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET –
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2005**

	<i>Governmental Fund Types</i>		<i>Fiduciary Fund Type</i>	<i>Proprietary Fund Type</i>	<i>Account Groups</i>
	<i>General</i>	<i>Special Revenue</i>	<i>Trust and Agency</i>	<i>Enterprise</i>	<i>General Fixed Assets</i>
Assets					
Cash	\$ 1,215,667	\$ 1,715,080	\$ 881,475	\$ 53,095	\$ –
Assessments Receivable	52,614	–	–	–	–
Inventory Commodities	–	2,931	–	–	–
Fixed Assets	–	–	–	–	\$ 6,293,978
Total Assets	\$ 1,431,464	\$ 1,718,011	\$ 881,475	\$ 53,095	\$ 6,293,978
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$ 146,281	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
Payroll Withholdings	5,264	–	–	–	–
Accrued Salary	438,063	80,989	–	–	–
Accrued Sick and Vacation	202,588	–	–	–	–
Total Liabilities	\$ 571,358	\$ 80,989	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
Fund Equity					
Investment in General					
Fixed Assets	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 6,293,978
Retained Earnings	–	–	–	53,095	–
Fund Balances:					
Reserve for					
Encumbrance	15,211	–	–	–	–
Reserve for Waterline	5,500	327,772	–	–	–
Reserve for Insurance	–	–	765,860	–	–
Undesignated	792,196	1,309,250	115,615	–	–
Total Fund Equity	860,106	2,179,431	1,032,855	112,723	\$ 6,233,315
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 476,085	\$ 1,637,022	\$ 881,475	\$ 53,095	\$ 6,293,978



**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2005**

<u>Undesignated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Medicaid	\$ 634,372
Adult Education	327,867
Building Usage	72,304
Athletics	14,934
School Choice	32,861
Grants	136,003
State Wards	18,950
Cafeteria	<u>71,959</u>
Total	\$ 1,309,250

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND
JUNE 30, 2005**

<u>Undesignated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Student Activity	\$ 54,594
Scholarship	<u>61,021</u>
Total	\$ 115,615



Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In finishing my fourteenth year as Director, I would like to thank the Community of North Reading for the continued support and courtesy extended to me throughout this period. The following represents the Public Works activities accomplished during the calendar year 2005.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration provides the managerial and clerical support for the Department. It also coordinates the policies and procedures established by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator along with setting long term goal and annual objectives for the DPW. Public Works disciplines include Snow & Ice, Fleet Maintenance, Cemetery and Public Grounds, Public Buildings, Engineering, Sanitation, Trees, Highway and Water.

ENGINEERING

In addition to Public Works projects, contracts and providing services to Ancillary Boards, Engineering has been involved with the Development Team on site plan reviews, building permit applications for determination of aquifer, wetlands and street opening permits.

This past year, Engineering reviewed the following subdivision projects:

Kylie Way Rahnden Terrace Edgewater Place

Streets accepted at April Town Meeting:

Cobbler's Lane, Furbish Pond Lane, Deer Run Drive and Deerfield Place

Storm Water Program:

Continued wide drain mapping and outfall assessments work will continue in the next year to incorporate the drain mapping in the town's GIS System. Additional work was conducted on good housekeeping, public education and outreach meetings were held to review town practices and related impacts to receiving waters in town. Work continues on review and modifications to the town bylaws to incorporate needed EPA requirements for construction and post construction storm water runoff controls.

Martin's Pond:

Continued work with the Martin's Pond Association to administer \$300 thousand grant from the state for Martin's Pond Assessment and Remediation Project.

Hazard Mitigation:

Installed new storm drainage, including culverts at Haverhill & North Streets and at 214 Haverhill Street.

CEMETERY

There were 57 internments in 2005. In addition, there were 38 grave sites sold and 27 foundations installed for stone monuments. The expansion program continued with work on Phase IA and IB.



STREET AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

The following streets were paved this year:

Quimby Road	Sullivan Road
Gage Road	Navillus Road
Stevens Road	Bradley Road
Shore Road	Sachem Street

Drainage Work was done on Sullivan Road and Central Street.

SNOW AND ICE

During the year 2005, we received 108.5 inches of snow. Of this snowfall 53 inches fell in January, 22.5 inches in February, 13 inches in March, 1 inch in November and 19 inches in December.

GROUNDS, PARKLANDS & PLAYGROUNDS

Coordination and scheduling of maintenance programs continues with recreation, DPW and School Department to optimize personnel, equipment and material to improve recreational facilities.

TREES

Trimming and removal continued during the year, as well as clean up from storm damage.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Annual service and inspections were accomplished on the following:

- Alarm devices
- Fire suppression systems
- Fire extinguishers
- Emergency lighting
- Elevator certification
- Security systems

Septic systems were pumped and inspected at:

- Building on the Common
- DPW Garage
- Police/Fire/Library
- Back flow devices/all buildings

* Roofs, electrical, heating, air conditioning and plumbing on all buildings continue to be maintained.

The North Reading Police Department was relocated to 5 Central Street for approximately eighteen months making way for the Park Street Police Station to be renovated and expanded from 6,100 square feet to 18,000 square feet of space.

SOLID WASTE

The Solid Waste contract with the Northeast Solid Waste Committee (NESWC) ended September 23, 2005.



WATER

The Water Department provided 570 million gallons of water in 2005, averaging more than 1.5 million gallons per day. This represents an increase of more than 17% when compared to 2004, with the increase attributed to the hot and dry summer from June through the start of October, as compared to a cool and wet summer the prior year.

RECOGNITION

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the women and men of the North Reading Department of Public Works. It is through their efforts, the services provided are performed with such a level of dedication and commitment.

Respectively submitted,

David P. Hanlon
Director of Public Works



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

With the expiration of the NESWC contract, the need to increase the town's recycling efforts became imperative.

The town averaged 65 pounds of trash per week per household, significantly higher than the state average of 47. The Recycling Committee reported to the Board of Selectmen that getting to the state average would reduce the town's solid waste disposal costs by \$127,000.

To achieve this, the Recycling Committee initiated a campaign "Lose Weight North Reading. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" in September.

Halfway through the fiscal year, the town had disposed of 3,115.15 tons of trash and recycled 357.42 tons of paper, 120.22 tons of cans, glass and bottles, and 17.96 tons of white goods. These figures are an improvement over the same period the previous year.

From July 2004 to December 2004, the town disposed of 3,363.83 tons of trash and recycled 321.43 tons of paper, 105.58 tons of cans, glass and bottles, and 23.18 tons of white goods. The town's recycling rate is about 13 percent.

In the calendar year 2005, North Reading disposed 6,305.67 tons of trash and recycled 667.05 tons of paper, 238.47 tons of cans, glass and bottles and 37.95 tons of white goods.

Also in 2005, 238 households participated in the Household Hazardous Waste collection in September and 113 households took part in the Special Collection in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward McGrath, Chairman
John Rogers, Secretary
Greta Barresi
Laurie Boyd
David Long
Meg Robertson
Steve Schuyler
Holly Welch



WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Wastewater and Stormwater Advisory Committee (WSWAC) was established to develop a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan that can be implemented to meet the wastewater needs of the Town for the foreseeable future. The WSWAC is working with the Department of Public Works and our wastewater engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., toward ensuring that this planning effort will accurately reflect the needs of the community while meeting local, state and federal regulations for wastewater disposal.

To date, the planning has identified and prioritized the areas of Town that represent the greatest need for alternative wastewater disposal options, evaluated two parcels capable of serving as subsurface disposal sites, quantified the volume of treated wastewater that could be discharged on those parcels, developed a preliminary wastewater collection and treatment scheme to service the areas of need, and initiated a public outreach program designed to provide information to the various stakeholders relative to the plan.

The WSWAC is also charged with public education and outreach activities relative to the Town's stormwater management initiatives, as required under the Town's permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In this role, the Committee is developing and distributing information on the impact of stormwater runoff on the Town's water resources.

In 2006, the WSWAC will work toward finalizing the CWMP, meet to ensure the ultimate development of the Berry property is in line with the Town's wastewater needs as they relate to this parcel, and expand the public outreach efforts to both the wastewater and stormwater needs of North Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hunt, Chairman
Scott Haynes, Vice Chairman
Denise Conry
Bradley Jones, Sr.
Robert Mauceri
Theodore Neals
Nick O'Brien
Warren Pearce
Michael Scannell
Shepard Spear
Karl Touet
Martin Weiss



Planning and Development

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of three regular members and three associate members who meet bi-monthly to hear requests for variances, special permits and appeals of the decision of the Building Inspector. The decisions of the Board help regulate and/or grant relief from the zoning bylaws and protect the small town character of North Reading.

This year, the Board was busy with over sixty hearings for variances, special permits, home occupations and appeals. Also, the Board is the permitting authority for Chapter 40B projects in town. The Board has been very busy with these 40B projects.

Jodi Kader is the Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals and she is available Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul O'Leary, Chairman
James Demetri, Member
Joseph Murphy, Member
Joseph Keyes, Associate
John D. Nelson, Associate
James DePaolo, Associate



COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Community Planning Commission (“CPC”) is constituted under Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws (“The Subdivision Control Law”) and consists of five members elected to three-year terms of office. Vacancies are filled by the Community Planning Commission and the Board of Selectmen acting jointly to appoint a replacement until the next election. The Community Planning Commission presently consists of:

Neal Rooney, Chairperson
Christopher Hayden, Vice Chairperson
Patricia Romeo, Clerk
M. Shepard Spear, Member
Warren Pearce, Member

The Community Planning Commission staff consists of Heidi Griffin, Planning Administrator, Debra Savarese, Administrative Assistant, and Kim Honetschlager, GIS Coordinator. M. Shepard Spear currently serves as the Town’s Representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

The Community Planning Department experienced some staff transition in calendar year 2005. In June of 2005, Robert Rodgers departed his post of Planning Director – he had served the Community Planning Commission for over 15 years and his work, time and dedication to the town is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. In late July of 2005, Heidi Griffin replaced Mr. Rodgers as Planning Director.

Debra Savarese is to be thanked and acknowledged for her assistance during this time of staff transition from June to late July of 2005. Her hard work ensured that the department was kept running smoothly even though understaffed.

The Community Planning Department reviews and endorses all Approval Not Required Plans M.G.L. Ch. 41 Sec. 81-L and 81-P, all preliminary and definitive subdivision plans as required by M.G.L. Ch. 41 Sec. 81 - K to 81 - GG and the North Reading Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The Community Planning Department also reviews applications for four different special permits, as authorized by M.G.L. ch.40A and the North Reading Zoning Bylaw:

Subdivision Control

The Community Planning Commission devoted a great deal of its time to subdivision activity. In fulfilling its responsibilities under Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Community Planning Commission worked throughout 2005 on eight Approval-Not-Required plans, and three definitive subdivision plans in one stage or another.

New Preliminary Plan Activity

High Street Extension

New Definitive Plan Activity

John Bickford Way	6 lots (1 existing)	Approved
28 North Street	5 lots	Approved
7 Rahnden Terrace	2 lots	Not Approved



Subdivisions Previously Approved and Under Construction

The following subdivisions were approved by the Community Planning Commission prior to 2005 and remain uncompleted:

Adrian Drive	7 lots
Blueberry Woods	4 lots
Bridle Way	11 lots
Charles St./Deerfield Place	11 lots
Demetri Lane	9 lots
Great Lott Estates	7 lots (1 existing)
MacIntyre Crossing	63 lots
MacIntyre Woods	9 lots
Mentus Farm Lane	7 lots
New Campbellton Estates	11 lots

Approval Not Required Activity

Eight Approval Not Required ("Form A") plans were submitted to the Community Planning Commission. All were endorsed.

Unaccepted Street Determinations of Access and Improvement Plan Activity

54 & 55 Adam Street	Approved
7 Rahnden Terrace/Phillis Terrace	Not Approved

Site Plan Review Activity

The following is a list of the six Site Plan Reviews that were reviewed in 2005 by the Community Planning Commission:

8 Plymouth Street	Withdrew without Prejudice
1 Winthrop Street, 21 Wilson Avenue, 184 & 186 Main Street	Approved
271 Main Street	Approved
162 Park Street	Approved
92 Concord Approved	Pending

Wireless Facilities/Site Plan Review

55 Swan Pond Road	Not Approved
-------------------------	--------------

Street Acceptances

Construction of the ways and services in the following subdivisions were completed in 2005. The October Town Meeting accepted the following streets as public ways:

Deer Run Drive
Deerfield Place
Cobblers Lane
Furbish Pond Lane

Under M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 5, The Planning Commission is responsible for advertising a public hearing for any proposed zoning bylaws to be voted upon at Town Meeting. In addition to holding public hearings, the Planning Commission works on drafting any proposals or amendments to the zoning bylaw. This involves researching of other town's bylaws and regulations, review-



ing publications, and assimilating gathered information into drafting new by-laws and regulations suited to the needs of North Andover. A significant amount of the Planning Department's staff time and effort is spent each year on keeping the bylaws up to date. At the April and October 2005 Town Meeting amendments were accepted to:

- Create a Section XIX of the Zoning Bylaw to provide for a historic preservation bylaw.
- Amend Zoning Map so as to rezone from Highway Business to Residence A the following parcels of land: Map 26, Parcels 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 and a portion of Parcel 12.
- Amend Zoning Map so as to rezone numerous parcels from Residence A to Residence B along Nutter Road, Eames Street, Kingston Street, and Burditt Road.

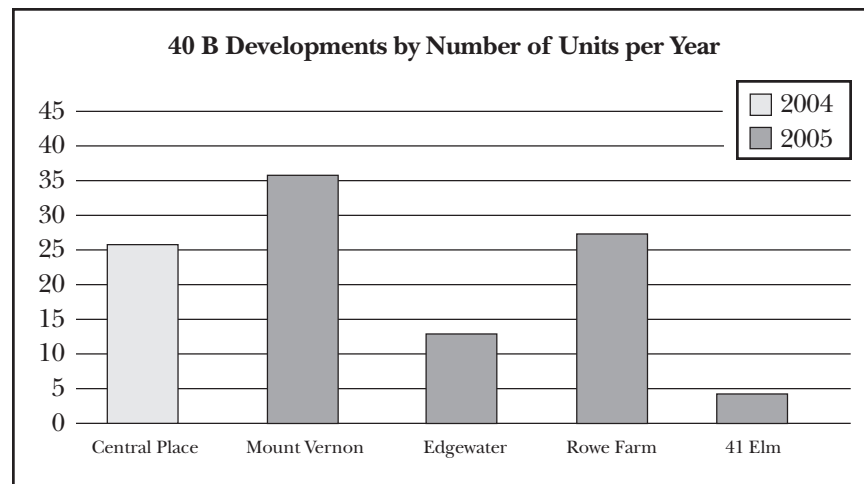
Inspections

Inspections occur on every type of application [subdivisions, site plans and special permits] that have been approved by CPC at the following times during construction to ensure the plans are being constructed in compliance with the approved plans:

- Prior to building permit issuance
- Prior to certificate of occupancy issuance
- Prior to bond reductions or final bond releases

40B Applications

The Community Planning Director reviewed all 40B submittals for the Community Planning Commission and all sit eligibility letters for the Board of Selectmen; ensures coordination of comments from additional departments; and remains updated on 40B existing and proposed changes to legislation. Below is a summary of comprehensive permit activity over the last several years. **Approximately 424 lots were submitted this year and recommendations drafted to the Board of Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals.**





Statistical Year in Review

<u>Type of Application</u>	<u># of Requests / Applications reviewed</u>	<u># of Requests / Applications Approved</u>	<u># Lots /Square Footage Approved</u>
Site Plan Special Permit Review	5	3 Approved, 1 Withdrawn, 1 Pending	8 Lots
Preliminary Subdivision	0	N/A	N/A
Definitive Subdivision	3	2, 1 Pending	Lots
Approval Not Required Subdivisions	8	8	22
Wireless Facility Special Permits	1	1 Pending	N/A

Eisenhaure Pond Project

Work is on-going in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen. The CPC sponsored a warrant article that was approved to appropriate the sum of \$505,000 for the purpose of using said funds to pay for acquisition and development of the parcels of land to be used to create the Eisenhaure Pond Park.

Much research and related paperwork in regards to this project were produced by the Planning Director and submitted to town counsel regarding the eminent domain taking of this property.

J.T. Berry

Probably 45% of staff time was spent drafting the proposed 40R Overlay District for the J.T. Berry Center; as well as reviewing the 40B plans for the creation of 406 dwelling units on site. The 40R district is proposed to be voted upon at the upcoming April 2006 Town Meeting.

Assistance to Other Town Boards

The Community Planning Commission and its staff rendered assistance and made recommendations on numerous requests from other Town Boards, Commissions and Departments throughout the year.

G.I.S.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator continues to work on revising the town's maps and land data into an integrated computer system. In 1996, the Community Planning Commission in cooperation with the Assessing Department established the GIS Program in conjunction with a grant.

Community Planning Commission Meetings

Community Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings are held Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 235 North Street-Murphy Center, unless otherwise posted. Requests for agenda time may be made through the Community Planning Department.



The Community Planning Commission gratefully acknowledges the hard work of its staff, as well as the staff of other Town Departments, and all other Boards and Commissions whose assistance was invaluable during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Rooney, Chairperson
Christopher Hayden, Vice Chairperson
Patricia Romeo, Clerk
Warren Pearce, Member
M. Shepard Spear, Member





COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

The North Reading Commission on Disabilities (NRCD)'s mission is to work as liaison to the business community, Town Government (departments and town committees) and with any person with a disability living or working in North Reading. The NRCD is committed to developing solutions for improving access for persons with disabilities within the town. The NRCD also serves as a resource to the public on the laws and rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

During 2005, the Committee has been monitoring the Route 62 project regarding access issues and have also tried to raise awareness on handicapped parking issues.

The committee is always looking for new members who have a disability, have a family member with a disability or are just interested in improving access in North Reading for residents with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Robertson
Chairperson





Natural Resources

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw is the primary function of the Conservation Commission. The Commission is required to review any work within one hundred feet of a wetland, or two hundred feet from a perennial stream or river, such as the Ipswich River. Although many of the Commissions permitting activities involve new home construction and subdivisions, there are a large number of items on the Commission agenda that deal with additions to existing homes; installation of swimming pools and other property improvements and landscaping alterations. During 2005, the Commission reviewed over 94 Notice of Intent applications, and approximately 16 Requests for Determination of Applicability, as well as 3 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, 5 extensions to Orders of Conditions and 41 requests for Certificates of Compliance. Each action or filing requires a site visit by the Commission, at least one public hearing, and the issuance of a permit or decision.

Another function of the Commission is to manage and protect Town owned Conservation Land. Currently, approximately 140 parcels containing over 550 acres are under the controlled supervision of the Commission. Lands owned by the Commission include Ives Memorial Park, land along the Ipswich River and numerous large and small parcels throughout the Town. These lands are set aside to preserve their function to protect our watershed resources. Presently the Commission does not have adequate assets to purchase property, but it does encourage gifts and donations of land to the Town for conservation purposes.

The North Reading Conservation Commission is comprised of five voting members and any number of associate members appointed as the need arises. Kathleen Legere was appointed as a member of the Commission, and Jonathan Cody was appointed to an associates position after observing the Commission for several months. Residents of North Reading are encouraged to accept associate member appointments both to learn more about the Town's wetlands and water resources and to become an active member of the community. The Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town office on North Street. Site visits and inspections are made for each agenda item on the Saturday morning prior to the meetings.

The Commission shares space with the Community Planning Commission in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The Commission has a part-time agent, Mary Trudeau, and a part-time administrative assistant, Kathy Morgan. Mary is available to meet with residents and real estate developers to help interpret the applicability of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Mary and Kathy are also available to help with permit applications and to schedule agenda time.



The Commission members are unpaid volunteers who give of their time and effort to benefit the Town of North Reading. The Commission endeavors to work in cooperation with residents, applicants, other town boards, local state and federal agencies for the protection of our natural resources. We are hopeful that the service of the members are recognized and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
North Reading Conservation Commission

Martin Weiss, Chairman
Tim Allen, Vice Chairman
Paul Dick, Member
James Demetri, Member
Kathleen Legere, Member
Jonathan Cody, Associate

MARTINS POND RECLAMATION STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE MARTINS POND ASSOCIATION

Members: The town-appointed Martins Pond Reclamation Study Committee members are: Janet Nicosia, Lida Jenney, Paul Cameron, Scott Ronco and Larry Soucie. There is room for two associate members. The Martins Pond Association has no official appointed committee, but has many active participants. In addition to those listed above, the following people are key members of the Association in planning and orchestrating events and fundraising: Cathy Bakinowski, Bob Burg, Harvey Card, Julie Colton, Joyce Davis, Nicole Davis, Kath Geofrion-Scannell, Julie Knight, Lori Lynes and Michael Scannell. Many others work at events throughout the year. Michael Scannell continues to serve on the Wastewater Planning Advisory Committee as the Martins Pond Association representative.

Workshops/Conferences Attended: Janet attended a fundraising workshop by the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund in May 2005, and attended the New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society Annual Meeting in June 2005. We receive newsletters and are in contact with the Ipswich River Watershed Association, the Headwaters Stream Team, and the Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds.

Grants and Other Funds:

- 1) In early September 2004, the state legislature passed a *Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY'05*. The bill committed \$300,000 in state funds for the Martins Pond Remediation Project. We formed a team consisting of the Martins Pond Reclamation Study Committee, Dr. Jon Lyon (Merrimack College), Mike Soraghan (Town Engineer), and Malcolm Pirnie Engineers. We submitted and received approval for a large scope of work to be accomplished under the Project. The funds were transferred to the Town of North Reading in January 2005. Project goals achieved during 2005 under this project include:



- Implementation of a weed harvesting program at Martins Pond for invasive species removal.
 - Purchase and installation of a handicapped accessible docking system at Clarke Park.
 - Held a public meeting in March with beaver expert Mike Callahan to discuss beaver problems and solutions.
 - Creation of a beaver management plan for town-wide prioritization of beaver problems.
 - Caged the problematic culvert at the route 62 bridge.
 - Met with both Conservation and Board of Health, and provided each with a manual of beaver history, problems and solutions. Provided a copy of the manual for other towns' viewing. This information is being put on CD.
 - Initiated a storm drain-stenciling program, to inform and educate about stormwater pollution. Teamed with the North Reading Wastewater and Stormwater Committee. Teams of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts stenciled, viewed an educational video "After the Storm" and received T shirts for their efforts.
 - Held a stormwater education booth at the barbeque series in North Reading in August 2005, giving out Frisbees and water bottles depicting the logo "Sharing the Water, Sharing the Responsibility."
 - Ran a series of advertisements in the Transcript in April and May to educate the public about stormwater and septic issues.
 - Redesigned our website, changing servers so we could expand our information abilities and adding a blog.
 - Merrimack College is still working on many tasks under this project including bi-weekly water testing, watershed modeling, and has completed a first draft of a Diagnostic Feasibility Study which will include information gathered through March 2006. The study is searching for reasons for water quality impairments in the pond.
- 2) In May, we applied for a *319 DEP Non Point Source Pollution Grant* to make improvements to the Martins Pond Watershed. The main focus of this application was shoreline restoration and outfall improvements. The 319 application was later denied, however, we continue to meet with DEP to formulate a new 2006 application.
- 3) We still have \$300,000 from the *Environmental Bond Fund* (created in August 2002) earmarked for projects that will benefit Martins Pond or Martins Brook. We still have one more year to try to access this money, which must still be applied for with a proposal.

Other Projects to improve the pond/watershed:

Merrimack College continued its ongoing studies of Martins Pond including doing bi-weekly sampling and water testing at no cost to the town. Under the above funding, we were able to purchase and supply water testing equipment to further aid Merrimack College in studying the pond and watershed.



Merrimack College has committed to continue these services, with or without additional funding, for the next 2 years.

Volunteers from the Martins Pond neighborhood and Merrimack College raised and released *Galerucella* beetles into the wetlands south of Martins Pond for the third time this spring. Results will be explained in the coming Diagnostic Feasibility Study, but the results are very promising. One of the three locations is showing impact, and we will continue this program going forward.

After working with the Town's Board of Health and Conservation Commission, we successfully breached a beaver dam in Martins Brook adjacent to the J.T. Berry property. This dam was approximately 100 yards across and was holding up over a foot of water. The breach was done with volunteers from the community. Pond area resident volunteers continue to read USGS gauges weekly to track water levels in the pond and its watershed area. The nine gauges record the water levels in feet above sea level so we can monitor for potential flooding problems. With the gauge data, we can see how water builds up above the blocked channel causing potential flooding of Burroughs Road and some homes at lower elevations. The summer of 2005 was extremely dry, and we experienced water levels a foot lower than usual.

We distributed environmental information, including supplying the Community Planning Commission with "Getting to Smarter Growth" and supplying the Conservation Commission with "More Than Just a Yard-Ecological Landscaping Tools for Massachusetts Homeowners." Janet and Scott also helped a new shoreline resident design a shoreline restoration plan, after he was given a Conservation violation for removing shoreline trees. We continue to watch developments and advocate environmentally friendly natural landscaping. We sold zero phosphate detergent at our events.

MPA Events/Fundraisers:

- 1) 12th Annual Winter Festival (Saturday, February 5)
- 2) 8th Annual Fishing Derby (Sat. July 9)
- 3) 11th Annual Children's Haunted Playground (Saturday, October 22)
- 4) Bottle deposits to benefit MPA – drop off your returnable bottles and cans to the N.E. Beverage and Redemption Center anytime and request the money go to the Martins Pond account.

Acquisitions/Improvements Made at Clarke Park and the Boat Ramp:

As mentioned above, a handicapped accessible dock was added to the park.

On November 5th, we dedicated a tree to honor long time volunteer Fran Mitchell and held a ceremony. We had a message board installed at the boat ramp and filled it with environmental information, informing boaters about the dangers of invasive species.

To learn more about the Martins Pond Reclamation Study Committee and the Martins Pond Association, visit our website: www.martinspond.org

Respectfully submitted,

Lida Jenney and Janet Nicosia



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all North Reading Residents, by striving to provide the best recreational programming and park facilities possible.

The Parks and Recreation Department is a service-based department. We work interactively with local and regional sports associations, school departments, other town departments, individual town residents, other Park and Recreation departments, churches and private organizations. Each year over 4000 people benefit from Parks and Recreation Department programs and park infrastructure. Parks and Recreation is responsible for 4 soccer fields, 11 ball fields, 2 tennis courts, 4 basketball courts, a volleyball court, 2 beaches, a street hockey rink, horseshoe pits, skateboard park, picnic areas, irrigation infrastructure, 3 children's play areas, summer playground programs, Children's Art Center, concession stand at Ipswich River Park, after school events, special events, a summer BBQ/Concert series, a wine and food tasting event, and many other recreation and park programs.

The department revenues are generated through facility rentals, user fees, and program fees. The revenues are used for park and equipment maintenance, recreational program development, and seasonal staff salaries. Most programs run by the department are self-supporting. Prices are set to maintain a responsible budget and encourage participation from all residents. The Parks and Recreation Department revenues were up slightly in fiscal 2005.

Parks and Rec. is a member of the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association. MRPA membership allows our department to access over 300 park and recreation professionals in Massachusetts. This is a wonderful resource as it allows us to have a legislative voice, share ideas, discuss policies and help spread the word about the benefits of parks and recreation.

Parks and Recreation hosted their fourth annual Wine and Food Social at the Hillview Country Club in April. This event continues to be very successful. Vandalism abated slightly within the park facilities in 2005. The Parks department purchased a new utility vehicle. A new softball infield, backstop, and benches, were installed at the Murphy field.

The recreation brochure can be found via the Internet at www.northreadingma.gov, as a North Reading Transcript insert and at various town locations. We now offer MasterCard and Visa payment options.

We would like to acknowledge another wonderful addition to our department, that of recreation programmer Lynne Clemens. This department extends its gratitude to all of our seasonal employees, senior, community, program and parent volunteers. Thank you for a great 2005; we couldn't do what we do without you.



We would like to extend a special thank you to Ed Downing and Bill Colbert for their many years of dedicated service on the Recreation Committee. In 2005 we were pleased to welcome two new members, Sergio Coviello and Geri Farrelly, to the Recreation Committee.

As we move into 2006 we strive to uphold our mission, promote the benefits of health and wellness, continue to be interactive members of the community, and be the best we can be.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Prisco, Chairperson
Rita Mullin, Vice-Chairperson
Lauren McMullen, Clerk
Sergio Coviello
Geri Farrelly
Ed Downing
Bill Colbert

Maureen Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Nancy McMillan, Recreation Director
Lynne Clemens, Recreation Programmer
Virginia Haffner, Office Assistant
Marty Tilton, Parks Foreman
Wayne Davis, Parks Staff
Brian D. Wood, Parks Director/Dept. Head



THE HILLVIEW COMMISSION

State of the Enterprise

The Hillview Enterprise remains healthy. Golf revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 have remained flat in part due to a continuous negative weather pattern.

We are in the ninth year of our course improvement plan with a goal to improve play and course safety. We remain cognizant of the necessity to improve facilities and continue marketability.

Management

Fiona Maxwell has grown as our Operations Manager. She is responsible for the day to day operations of the Enterprise. She provides a level of enthusiasm and professionalism that serves the Enterprise well.

The day-to-day operation of the Course and Function Hall remain contracted out to GFMI, Inc. and B&D Golf Enterprises Inc. respectively. Our practice of monthly meetings with their representatives to review financial reports, operations and issues assure that the Commission's objectives are openly communicated and understood.

Communication continues to be excellent between the Commissioners, Town Administrator, Town Finance Director, Board of Selectman and other Town Committees.

Golf Course

The golf course remains the main source of revenue of the Enterprise. To assure revenues will meet the needs of the Enterprise we have continued to invest in equipment, capital improvement and maintenance.

A new 14th Green was built and will open in May of 2006. A new tee for the 17th hole has been completed and will also open in May of 2006. The nursery from which we get our new greens was reseeded for future use. The Commission will be putting out to bid new bathrooms in the Pro Shop lower area, and an addition to the existing maintenance barn. This will be paid through bonding as approved by Town Meeting via the Enterprise.

The GFMI Management Team of Steve Murphy, Mike Foster, Superintendent Matt Grady, Golf Pro Chris Carter, Golf Director Dick Baker and staff continue to do an outstanding job of managing the golf course and keeping the grounds in pristine shape. We are grateful for their efforts in making the Hillview Golf Course one of the best in the area. The Commission recommended to the Town Administrator that GFMI be awarded the contract for years 2006-2009 with a three (3) year option until 2012. This was after a competitive bid process. The vote of the Commission was unanimous.

Function Hall

Our Function Hall business remains stable under the capable leadership of Burton Page and his staff. A list of necessary improvements was presented to the Commission by Burton Page.

Town meeting passed an article which enables us to follow through on the renovations at the Country Club – monies to be paid by bonding out of the



Enterprise income. Work will begin at awarding of contract from eligible bidders sometime in January 2006.

Ipswich River Park

The Commission continues to service the debt for the acquisition and construction of Ipswich River Park. We are able to continue our policy of maintaining at arms length the management of Ipswich River Park because of the outstanding job that the LUC and Recreation Department have done in management and maintenance of the Park. We commend them for their continued effort and diligence.

Wheeler Property

The Recreation Department is utilizing the building on the property to store the Park's maintenance equipment. The land continues to be banked for future development after some of the original Hillview Enterprise debt has been retired. The Town has due to a crisis with the integrity of the Police Station taken over use of the Wheeler property to house a temporary Police Station. This should be for 18 plus months while present Police Station is renovated.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

The Commission continues to pay a fee in lieu of taxes. This year payment was \$103,681.77.

Commission Membership

Hank Purnell, Chuck Carucci and Jack Collins were reappointed to the Commission for a three year term, 2006-2009.

Acknowledgments

Mary Turcotte decided to retire and head to Florida. We thank her for many years of diligence to the Town and the Hillview.

We are also indebted to citizen volunteers, town officials, town employees and the individual efforts of the commissioners to assure that the operation of the Hillview Enterprise continues to be run efficiently.

We are pleased again to report that the Hillview Enterprise remains viable with the ability to meet all of its financial, contractual and community obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

George Stack, Chairman
Hank Purnell, Vice Chairman
Larry Dymont, Treasurer
Ed Rocco
Chuck Carucci
Jack Collins
Mike Giunta



Town Clerk's Records

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF NORTH READING

SS,

To either of the Constables of the TOWN of NORTH READING –

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote at:

PRECINCT 1 – High School Gymnasium, Park Street
PRECINCT 2 – Town Hall Gymnasium, 235 North Street
PRECINCT 3 – St. Theresa's Church, Fr. Lane Hall, Winter Street
PRECINCT 4 – St. Theresa's Church, Fr. Lane Hall, Winter Street

on **TUESDAY**, the **ELEVENTH DAY** of **JANUARY, 2005** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION** for the following ballot question:

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to acquire the land with all improvements, structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessor's Map 62, Parcels 38 and 78, Map 75, Parcel 8 and Map 76, Parcel 17, located on 230 Elm Street, North Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this **TWENTIETH** day of **DECEMBER, 2004**.

/s/ Marcia L. Bailey, Chairman

/s/ G. Kevin Callagy

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri

/s/ Stephen J. O'Leary

/s/ Joseph R. Veno

SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING

Warrant to be posted in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts by the Constable.

ATTEST: /s/ John J. Firriello, Constable

Dated: December 20, 2004



RETURN OF SERVICE

JOHN J. FIRRIELLO
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading twenty (20) days before the **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION** on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005**, by posting the Warrant in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts of the Town:

Precinct #1	Viking Tree Service, Inc. 3 Washington Street, North Reading Carpet Crafts 3 Washington Street, North Reading
Precinct #2	Carousel Cleaners 265 Main Street, North Reading Town Hall 235 North Street, North Reading
Precinct #3	Reading Lumber Co. 110 Main Street, North Reading Eastgate Liquors 12 Main Street, North Reading
Precinct #4	U.S. Post Office 174 Park Street, North Reading Ryers Store 162 Park Street, North Reading

ATTEST:

John J. Firriello, Constable
December 22, 2004



**COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN of NORTH READING
SPECIAL ELECTION
JANUARY 11, 2005**

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to acquire the land with all improvements, structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessor's Map 62, Parcels 38 and 78; Map 75, Parcel 8 and Map 76, Parcel 17, located on 230 Elm Street, North Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts?

SPECIAL ELECTION - JANUARY 11, 2005

QUESTION #1

	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>	<u>Precinct 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
YES	225	106	117	198	646
NO	92	87	93	74	346
TOTALS	317	193	210	272	992

**Total Number of Registered Voters: 9,045
Voter Participation: 10.9%**

A True Record:

ATTEST: /s/ Barbara Stats, Town Clerk



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 4, 2005
7:00 P.M.

Middlesex, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of North Reading in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street in said North Reading, on **MONDAY**, the **FOURTH DAY OF APRIL, 2005**, at **seven o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at two conspicuous places in each of the four precincts in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marcia L. Bailey, Chairman
G. Kevin Callagy, Vice Chairman
Robert J. Mauceri, Clerk
Stephen J. O'Leary
Joseph Veno

A True Copy
Attest: John J. Firriello, Constable





RETURN OF SERVICE

JOHN J. FIRRIELLO
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading 25 days before **APRIL TOWN MEETING**, by posting the warrant in two places in each of the four precincts:

Precinct #1	Viking Tree Washington Street, North Reading Carpet Craft Washington Street, North Reading
Precinct #2	Carousel Cleaners Shaw Market Plaza, North Reading Town Hall 235 North Street, North Reading
Precinct #3	Reading Lumber Main Street, North Reading Eastgate Liquors Main Street, North Reading
Precinct #4	U.S. Post Office Park Street, North Reading Ryers Store Park Street, North Reading

Attest: John J. Firriello, Constable
March 14, 2005



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
APRIL 4, 2005
7:05 P.M.

Middlesex, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of North Reading in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street in said North Reading, on **MONDAY**, the **FOURTH DAY OF APRIL, 2005**, at **five minuted after seven o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at two conspicuous places in each of the four precincts in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marcia L. Bailey, Chairman
G. Kevin Callagy, Vice Chairman
Robert J. Mauceri, Clerk
Stephen J. O'Leary
Joseph Veno

A True Copy
Attest: John J. Firriello, Constable



RETURN OF SERVICE

JOHN J. FIRRIELLO
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading 25 days before
APRIL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, by posting the warrant in two places in
each of the four precincts:

Precinct #1	Viking Tree Washington Street, North Reading Carpet Craft Washington Street, North Reading
Precinct #2	Carousel Cleaners Shaw Market Plaza, North Reading Town Hall 235 North Street, North Reading
Precinct #3	Reading Lumber Main Street, North Reading Eastgate Liquors Main Street, North Reading
Precinct #4	U.S. Post Office Park Street, North Reading Ryers Store Park Street, North Reading

Attest: John J. Firriello, Constable
March 14, 2005



**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 4, 2005
DANIEL SHAY AUDITORIUM
NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.**

The April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator John Murphy at 7:10 p.m. Police Officer Bruce Heerter and Firefighter David Lee were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Ken Jones, Lauren McMullen and Jonathan DeSimone. Registrar Barbara Stats was present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Marcia Bailey.

Mr. Moderator: I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Gayle Regan, Town Clerk's Office (freedom of the floor), Seth Albaum, Comcast (freedom of the floor), Dave Hanlon, Director of Public Works, Harold Miller, Jr., School Department (freedom of the floor), Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor), Helena Minton, Library Director, Mark Clark, Water Department Superintendent, Robert Rodgers, CPC Administrator, Thomas Younger, Town Administrator, Darren Klein, Town Counsel, Carl Nelson, School Department Business Manager, David Troughton, Superintendent of Schools, Peter Sils, Lexington, VA, Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector, and Martin Fair, Health Agent. **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator: I move to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and to refer to the Articles by number, and further, to dispense with the reading of the Return of Service by the Constable. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator: I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Richard Simmons, Assessing Mgr., Greg Demetri, North Reading, and Paul Madison, North Reading. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

The Moderator recognized Selectman Stephen O'Leary who asked for a point of personal privilege before Town Meeting to acknowledge Town Administrator Thomas G. Younger. Mr. O'Leary stated that this would be Mr. Younger's last Town Meeting in North Reading as he was preparing for his new position as the Town Administrator in his home-town of Belmont starting on April 11th. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Meeting attendants and the citizens of North Reading, Mr. O'Leary thanked Mr. Younger for his ten years of service to the Town, presented him with a memento of North Reading, and wished him well in his new position and future endeavors. Mr. Younger in turn thanked the citizens of North Reading, the Board of Selectmen, the Department Heads, the Town Hall staff and all the Committees, Commissions and Boards that he has worked with over the years. As he resumed his seat, he was applauded by Town Meeting for his tenure and his service to the Town.

Mr. Moderator: I move to recess the Regular Town Meeting until the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

The Regular Town Meeting was recessed at 7:15 p.m. The Board of Registrars certified that in accordance with Section 172-4 of the Code of North Reading, the quorum of 150 voters required to call the Special Town Meeting to order was present.



**TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 4, 2005
DANIEL SHAY AUDITORIUM
NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL
7:05 P.M.**

The April 4, 2005 Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator John Murphy at 7:16 p.m., Daniel Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, North Reading, MA.

Mr. Moderator: I move to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and to refer to the Articles by number, and further, to dispense with the reading of the Return of Service by the Constable. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 1 Citizens Petition - Purchase of Map 72, Parcel 002 and Map 81, Parcel 011- Adams Street

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or take be eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of MGL. Chapter 79, the land with improvements, structures and building, if any, as shown on North Reading assessor's map 72, parcel 002, map 81, parcel 011, located on Adams Street consisting of approximately 1077 acres more or less, meaning and intending to include all of the land at said location owned by David Rodham and the Estate of Arthur Rodham, or their successors in title, for general municipal purposes, including the conveyance of all or a portion of the property, and/or to designate and include the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of all or a portion of such property within the Hillview Commission charge and the Hillview Enterprise Account or general government, and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, or transfer from the Town stabilization fund, or to transfer from surplus Hillview funds as determined by the Hillview Commission, or to borrow a sum of money under Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws for said purposes, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project, and to authorize, but not direct, the Selectmen to accept and receive federal, state or other grant funds, and also to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to apply the same toward defraying the costs of acquisition, financing and other related costs and expenses of said Rodham Property, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or a portion of the property upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On the petition of Rita Mullin and others

Description...

The citizens petition is requesting that the Town purchase this property for general municipal purposes. Town has the option to match the purchase price of a bona fide sale of MGL Chapter 61A land. The purchase price is \$275,000.00. The land is zoned Residence D.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



ARTICLE 1 – PURCHASE OF MAP 72. PARCEL 002 AND MAP 81» PARCEL 011 - ADAMS ST.- CITIZENS PETITION

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$275.000 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase the land with all improvements, structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessor's Map 72, Parcel 2 and Map 81, Parcel 11, located on Adams Street, consisting of approximately 10.8 acres more or less, meaning and intending to include all of the land at said location owned by the Estate of Arthur Rodham, or their successors in title, for general municipal purposes, including the conveyance of all or a portion of the property, and/or to designate and include the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of such property to general government, and to borrow a sum of money under Chapter 44, section 7 of the General Laws for said purposes, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project, and to authorize, but not direct, the Selectmen to accept and receive federal, state or other grant funds, and also to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to apply the same toward defraying the costs of acquisition, financing and other related costs and expenses of said Rodham Property, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or a portion of the property upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate. *[R. Mullin]*

Rita Mullin explained the reasoning for bringing this article forward as a Citizens Petition.

Both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee will defer their recommendation until after the Land Utilization Committee's presentation and the Community Planning Commission's recommendation.

A ten-minute leave of the meeting was **UNANIMOUSLY** granted to the LUC for their presentation.

The LUC recommends the article on a 4-2 vote by bonding.

The Community Planning Commission voted not to recommend by a 3-2 vote.

The Board of Selectmen voted not to recommend by a 4-0 vote (and 1 abstention).

The Finance Committee unanimously voted not to recommend.

The Conservation Commission opposes the article by a 2-1 vote stating that the property is adequately protected already by State Conservation Laws and the Town's By-Laws. Martin Weiss, Chairman of the ConCom, read a letter written by the ConCom to the BOS on their recommendations for restrictions to the development of the property.

The Hillview Commission stated that they currently have many other projects requiring their funding assistance Because of a continual decline in revenues for the past three years, they have voted unanimously not to support this article.

Paul O'Leary, the proposed buyer for the property, outlined his plan for the restricted development of the land and the provisions that will be given to the Town of North Reading in order to utilize recreational access to the property.

BOS Chair M.Bailey reviewed the deed restrictions that will be recorded.

Mr. Moderator – I move the question. **CARRIED**

Hand count on the main motion: YES – 70 NO 182

Motion **LOST**

Mr. Moderator -I move to reconsider. *[Requires 2/3 vote]* Motion to reconsider **LOST**.



Article 2 Construction and Renovations of Police Station

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing technology to the reconstructed North Reading Police Station, and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum appropriated under Chapter 44, section 7 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, provided, however, that no debt may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, section 21 C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will fund a sum to provide technology at the reconstructed police station. \$4.8 million was approved at the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting to fund the project. This article would require a further debt exclusion vote at a local election.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2 – CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS OF POLICE STATION

I move to pass over Article 2. [R.Mauceri] **UNANIMOUS**

I move to adjourn this April 4, 2005 Special Town Meeting *sine die*. [M.Bailey] **UNANIMOUS** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. There were 300 voters in attendance.

Moderator John Murphy re-convened the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting at 8:45 p.m. at the Daniel Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School North Reading, MA.

Mr. Moderator: I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: State Senator Bruce Tarr, Gloucester. [M.Bailey] **UNANIMOUS**

Article 1 Select Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town officers not elected by ballot, and determine what instructions shall be given to them.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a customary article required by law which provides for the selection of officers not otherwise specified within the Annual Town Election Ballot, the General By-laws or the Charter.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 1 – SELECT TOWN OFFICERS

I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to choose all necessary Town Officers not elected by ballot and to determine what instructions shall be given. [M.Bailey] **UNANIMOUS**



Article 2 Hear and Act on Reports of Town Officers and Committees

To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a customary article which provides for Officers and Committees so instructed to report to Town Meeting their progress or recommendations.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 2 – HEAR AND ACT ON REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I move to accept the printed Town Report for the year 2004 as the report of Town Officers and Committees and to hear other reports as may be presented at this meeting. [M. Bailey] **UNANIMOUS**

The Wastewater Advisory Committee requested a 10-minute leave of the meeting for a presentation. **CARRIED.** Gary Hunt and Denise Corny gave the presentation. BOS Chair Marcia Bailey thanked the Committee for all of their work and the diligent efforts on behalf of the Town.

Johnathan DeSimone of the Elementary School Building Committee also presented a brief report. BOS Chair Marcia Bailey thanked the ESBC and expressed the Board's pleasure with the progress of the project.

Article 3 Authorize Director of Public Works to Accept Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Director of Public Works to accept, on behalf of the Town, easements in perpetuity from owners of record in cases where such easements are deemed necessary or desirable for the installation and maintenance of drainage and water mains, or for other construction, which easements are in the interests of public health, welfare, safety, or convenience to the motoring public, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article is presented annually to allow the Director of Public Works to accept easements for the construction and maintenance of water mains, drainage and other purposes.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 3 – AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS

I move to authorize the Department of Public Works to accept easements on behalf of the Town as specified in Article 3 as printed in the warrant. [M. Bailey]



Board of Selectmen recommend.
Finance Committee unanimously recommend.
UNANIMOUS

Article 4 Authorize Treasurer to Enter into Compensating Balance Agreements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2006 pursuant to Chapter 44. Section 53F of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a customary article which allows the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements with banks through which a portion of the interest earnings of deposits are retained by the bank in exchange for services.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 4 – AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO ENTER INTO COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS

I move to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements as specified in Article 4 as printed in the warrant [M.Bailey]

Board of Selectmen recommend.
Finance Committee recommend.
UNANIMOUS

Article 5 Adopt MGL Chapter 40, section 15A

To see if the Town will vote to accept the second paragraph of MGL Ch. 40, sec. 15A, which provides that when land is being transferred for the purpose of constructing low and moderate income housing, the vote required of the town meeting shall be a majority vote, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would allow Town Meeting to transfer Town owned land for the purpose of constructing low and moderate income housing by a majority vote instead of a 2/3 vote.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – ADOPT MGL CHAPTER 40. SECTION 15A

I move to pass over Article 5. [M.Bailey] **UNANIMOUS**



Article 6 Amend Code – General By-Laws Chapter 172 – Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading General By-Laws section 172-13. Determination of Vote, by inserting the following text after the first sentence, or what it will do in relation thereto:

“Whenever a two-thirds vote is required by statute, such vote may be declared as such by the Moderator without a count and be recorded as such by the Clerk upon such declaration.”

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would allow the Moderator to determine a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting without requiring a hand count if he so desires.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

**ARTICLE 6 – AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS
CHAPTER 172 – TOWN MEETING**

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading General By-Laws section 172-13 as specified in Article 6 as printed in the warrant. *[M.Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommend.

Finance Committee stated that there was no action required of them.

Hand count on the main motion: YES-100 NO-44
Motion ***CARRIED***

Article 7 Historic Preservation By-Law

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Zoning By- Laws as follows: or what it will do in relation thereto:

Add:

200-28A(6) Special Permits for Historical Preservation pursuant to XIX § 200-101 of this zoning bylaw.

Add:

ARTICLE XIX - Historic Preservation

§ 200-101 Dimensional Special Permit - Historic Preservation

A. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this by-law is to encourage the preservation of buildings, structures, sites and settings of historic significance, by allowing such buildings or features to remain in place, or be moved to another location rather than be demolished or otherwise compromised. The by-law gives the Board of Appeals the authority to issue a special permit modifying certain dimensional standards for the creation of new lots, or for the use of existing lots for purposes of the preservation of historic structures or buildings as defined herein.



- B. Historic Structures Defined:
For purposes of a dimensional special permit for historic preservation the historic building or structure must be listed on one of the following:
- (1) The National Register of Historic Places;
 - (2) The State (Commonwealth of Massachusetts) Register of Historic Places;
 - (3) The North Reading Historic Building Survey.
- C. Parent Parcel Defined:
A parent parcel is the parcel of land that is to be divided.
- D. Standards and Regulations:
The following specific standards shall be applied to a dimensional special permit for historic preservation:
- (1) The lot must be located in a Residential Zoning District.
 - (2) (a) Any new lot created under this by-law shall contain not less than 1/2 the minimum lot area for the Single Family Residential zoning district in which it is proposed.
(b) The original lot being subdivided (Parent Lot) shall, under no circumstances, be permitted to be made non-conforming to the frontage and area requirements of the Single Family Residential zoning district in which it is located.
(c) Any new lot created shall have a minimum contiguous upland area, free of wetlands, of 5,000 sq. ft.
 - (3) Lot frontage and building setbacks on new lots created under this by-law shall be as follows:

Full Name	Short Name	Frontage	Setbacks		
			Front	Side	Rear
Residence A District	RA	80	25	10	20
Residence R District	RR	80	25	10	20
Residence B District	RB	65	10	10	20
Residence D District	RD	80	25	10	20
Residence E District	RE	80	25	10	20
Residence M District	RM	50	10	10	20

- (4) Any new lot created under this by-law shall have its required frontage on a public way as measured at the street line.
- (5) Any new lot created under this by-law shall meet the requirements of Title 5.
- (6) Other than when there is an existing historic structure on the parent parcel which is the subject of a related special permit application, no new lot may be created that would render the parent parcel of land nonconforming with regard to dimensional requirements, including but not limited to area and frontage.
- (7) A vacant existing nonconforming lot need not meet the standards set forth in Subsections 1 through 3 above, however, the provisions of Subsections 4 will apply.
- (8) The special permit granting authority shall determine whether or not an historic structure or building can be



placed on a lot without detrimental effect to abutting properties or the street on which the lot has its frontage.

E. Findings Required:

Priority in granting a dimensional special permit for historic preservation shall, in all cases, be placed upon keeping buildings and structures in place, rather than moving them to other locations, provided that the existing site can be shown to represent valid historical setting and context. Moving of structures or buildings to other locations shall be considered only if no other preservation measures are practical or reasonable on the existing site, or if the proposed removal is to return a building or structure to an original or more historically accurate location. In addition to the findings required under Section 200-23 of the Zoning By-law and the foregoing standards and regulations, the permit granting authority shall consider the following specific items:

- (1) That the modification of dimensional requirements is necessary to protect, preserve or maintain an historic structure or building;
- (2) That the proposed work, including any relocation or reconstruction, preserves, to the maximum extent feasible, the historical and architectural features of the structure or building;
- (3) That in the absence of a special permit, destruction of an historic structure or building will result.

F. Conditions To Be Imposed:

If the Zoning Board of Appeals grants the special permit, it shall impose, as minimum conditions, the following:

- (1) In the event of a catastrophic event which results in damage to the historic structure such that the historic structure cannot be repaired, the owner may rebuild on the lot, provided that the new dwelling does not contain more than the same interior floor area as the historic structure and meets one of the following requirements:
 - (a) The new dwelling is placed in the existing footprint; or
 - (b) The new dwelling is built in conformity with the zoning side, front and rear setbacks in effect at the time of rebuilding.
- (2) Prior to the move, the Board of Selectman of the Town of North Reading shall approve the route and the timing of the move of the building or structure.
- (3) In the event that the owner of the lot wishes to make changes to the historic structure after it is relocated, the owner must seek a modification of the special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall request that the Historical Commission review the proposal and provide a recommendation prior to their decision.
- (4) Upon the appeal period expiring, the applicant shall sub-



- mit the approved plan to the Community Planning Commission for an Approval Not Required endorsement pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 81P of the Massachusetts General Laws. Such an endorsement shall be a condition of the special permit approval.
- (5) The owner shall record at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds an historic preservation restriction in the form approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals, and approved and endorsed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission in accordance with Chapter 184, Section 32, of the Massachusetts General Laws. which shall at a minimum provide for conditions under which alterations, additions or modifications may be made, and in the event of damage to the historic structure such that the historic structure cannot be repaired, the owner may rebuild on the lot, provided that the new dwelling does not contain more than the same interior floor area as the historic structure and meets one of the following requirements: (i) the new dwelling is placed in the existing footprint, or (ii) the new dwelling is built in conformity with the zoning side. front and rear setbacks in effect at the time of rebuilding. Any mortgagee shall subordinate its mortgage to this restriction.
- (6) When the decision of the Board of Appeals on the application for a dimensional special permit for historic preservation has become final. The applicant shall submit the plan upon which the decision is based to the Community Planning Commission for certification as an approval not required plan pursuant to Chapter 81, Section 41P, of the Massachusetts General Laws. The notice of decision of the Board of Appeals, the approved and endorsed historic preservation restriction with any required mortgagee subordination, and the approval not required plan certified by the Planning Board shall be recorded concurrently at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

G. Application Requirements and Procedure:

Ten copies of an application for a dimensional special permit for historic preservation shall be filed with the Board of Appeals. Copies of the application will be distributed to, and a review shall be conducted involving but not limited to staff representatives of, Planning, Historical Commission, Building, Health, Conservation, School, Public Works, Police and Fire. Comments from the reviews shall be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The application shall include the following information:

- (1) A plan prepared by a registered land surveyor and/or professional engineer showing the lot proposed to be created or used for the preservation of an historic structure or building. The plan shall be suitable for purposes of submission as an Approval Not Required plan. The



plan shall be at a scale of one inch equals 20 feet, on a sheet size of 24 inches by 36 inches. And shall show the following information:

- (a) All existing and proposed property lines with bearings and distances;
 - (b) If the application is for the creation of a new lot, then the parent parcel from which the lot is being taken shall also be shown in its entirety at the same scale;
 - (c) The location and size of all existing structures or buildings on and adjacent to the proposed lot, and the distances between all existing and proposed structures or buildings;
 - (d) The public way on which the existing or proposed lot will have its frontage;
 - (e) Proposed front, side and rear building setback lines;
 - (f) Existing and proposed topography (grading);
 - (g) Significant trees or other natural features;
 - (h) The location and type of utilities serving the lot;
 - (i) Wetlands delineation;
 - (j) The name of the owner and all parties having any interest in the lot, including book and page numbers of the documents at the Registry of Deeds which describe such an interest;
 - (k) A copy of the deed of ownership shall be included with the application; and
 - (l) All easements on the lot.
- (2) If the historic structure is going to be relocated, a map showing the route over which the historic structure or building will be moved.
 - (3) If the historic structure is going to be relocated, a letter from the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Tree Warden of the Town and the Director of Public Works approving the route. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact and obtain approvals (if needed) from utility companies having overhead cables, lines or wires along the route, and from the Massachusetts Highway Department if a state roadway is involved and from the Director of Public Works, Police Chief and Fire Chief of any city or town included on the route. The applicant is responsible for any costs associated with police supervision along the route.
 - (4) A letter from the Historical Commission, certifying that the structure is an historic structure, as defined in this by-law and any recommended conditions for the special permit.
 - (5) A statement of any changes to be made to the historic structure.
 - (6) The provisions of Sections 200-23. through 200-28 of the Zoning By-law shall apply to the application, hearing, decision, conditions and lapse of a dimensional special permit for historic preservation.
 - (7) A dimensional special permit issued under this by-law shall contain an account of all required findings and



considerations made by the permit granting authority in its decision to allow such exception to the by-laws.

Sponsor: Historical Commission

Description...

This article would create a by-law which would allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to issue a special permit modifying certain dimensional standards for the creation of new lots. or for the use of existing lots. to allow a historical building to be moved from its current location to another site.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION BY-LAW

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Zoning By-Laws section 200 as specified in Article 7 as printed in the warrant except for the following modifications: *[C.Hayden] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Section D(2) (A&B) – delete reference to “single family”

Section F(4) add “applicable” between “appeal” and “period”.

Board of Selectmen recommend.

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Community Planning Commission recommend and presented an oral and visual presentation stating that this bylaw was a collective effort of the CPC, ZBA and Historical Commission.

Patricia Romeo of the CPC and Historical Commission gave a report on how this by-law would benefit the Town.

Historical Commission recommends.

Zoning Board of Appeals recommend.

Move the question *Unanimous*

Voice vote on the main motion under Article 7: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 8 Amend Code – General By-Laws Chapter 158 Streets and Sidewalks

To see if the Town will vote amend the Code of The Town of North Reading Chapter 158 Streets and Sidewalks. Section 158-10 Utility Poles by adding the following, or what it will do in relation thereto:

Add the following new sentence to the end of Sec. 158-10.8(1):

“To the extent that the removal, relocation or alteration of a pole involves the removal, relocation or alteration of any wire attached to the pole, the order shall include a provision regarding removal, relocation or alteration of said wire.”

Add the following phrase between the words “poles” and “subject” in the first sentence of section 158-10.B(2):

“or wire attached to a pole.”

The sentence would then read “Any organization or utility company which owns or is responsible for a utility pole or poles or wire attached to a pole subject to any order...”



Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would amend the Town's current utility pole by-law by making the company that controls the wire responsible for receiving fines if the double pole is not removed, instead of the pole owner.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 8 – AMEND CODE – GENERAL BY-LAWS
CHAPTER 158 – STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Chapter 158 - Streets and Sidewalks, as specified in Article 8 as printed in the Warrant. *[J. Veno]*

Board of Selectmen recommend.

Finance Committee recommend.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 9 Special Legislation –
Removal of Fire Chiefs Position from Civil Service**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for the passing of legislation in the form of a special act in substantially the following form, or what it will do in relation thereto:

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE TOWN OF NORTH READING SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Section 1 . The office of the Fire Chief of the Town of North Reading shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter Thirty-One of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Section 2. The provisions of section one shall not impair the civil service status of any incumbents holding the position of Fire Chief in the Town of North Reading on the effective date of this act

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would authorize the Town to File a home rule petition to remove the next fire chief appointment from Civil Service. This would not affect the current incumbent chief, only future chiefs.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: No action required.

**ARTICLE 9 – SPECIAL LEGISLATION –
REMOVAL OF FIRE CHIEFS POSITION FROM CIVIL SERVICE**

I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for the passing of legislation in the form of a special act, as specified in Article 9 as printed in the warrant, provided, that the General Court may make clerical



or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. *[M.Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommend by a majority vote of 4-1.
Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Bailey spoke for the majority opinion of the Board;
Selectman Veno spoke on his minority position to not recommend.

Move the question. Carried.
Voice vote on the motion under Article 9: Motion **LOST**

I move to reconsider Article 9. *[Requires 2/3 vote]* Motion to reconsider **LOST**.

Article 10 Special Legislation –

Removal of Police Chiefs Position from Civil Service

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for the passing of legislation in the form of a special act in substantially the following form, or what it will do in relation thereto:

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH READING SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

- Section 1. The office of the Chief of Police of the Town of North Reading shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter Thirty-One of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- Section 2. The provisions of section one shall not impair the civil service status of any incumbents holding the position of Chief of Police in the Town of North Reading on the effective date of this act.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would authorize the Town to file a home rule petition to remove the next police chief appointment from Civil Service. This would not affect the current incumbent chief, only future chiefs.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 10 – SPECIAL LEGISLATION -

REMOVAL OF POLICE CHIEF'S POSITION FROM CIVIL SERVICE

I move to pass over Article 10. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**



**Article 11 Authorize Chapter 90 Highway Construction Funds
(Pending Authorization by the Department of Revenue)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Chapter 90 Bond Issue Apportionment, a sum of money received from the State for the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of roadways in Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Description...

This article authorizes the use of Chapter 90 State Highway Aid for highway maintenance.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 11 – AUTHORIZE CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

I move to appropriate such sum as may be allotted from the Chapter 90 Apportionment for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing or maintaining roadways within the Town of North Reading, as specified in Article 11 as printed in the warrant. *[M.Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 12 Rescind Bond Authorizations

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following residual bond authorizations, or what it will do in relation thereto:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04/07/94	11	Town Hall Remodeling	\$39,595
04/14/97	13	Elementary School Plans	\$33,000
02/04/99	1	School Construction	\$44,000
03/16/99		(Hood School)	
04/03/00	13	DPW Equipment	\$ 9,500
04/03/00	13	Backhoe	\$14,000

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

These residual amounts arise from the original bond authorizations exceeding the actual cost of the project. These amounts do not represent additional funds but rather funds not borrowed.

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12 – RESCIND BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

I move to rescind bond authorizations, as specified in Article 12 as printed in the warrant. *[M.Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS



Article 13 Amend FY2005 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote amend the FY2005 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 5, 2004 Town Meeting, by increasing Line 95 - Water Department Expenses, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will add additional funds to the Water Department's expense budget to reflect the cost of operating the Department in FY2005. Amending the FY2005 budget will prevent the need to address this matter through bills of prior year article in October.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 – AMEND FY2005 OPERATING BUDGET

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to amend the FY2005 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 5, 2004 Annual Town Meeting by increasing Line 95 - Water Department Expenses, as specified in Article 13 as printed in the warrant. *[M.Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Mark Clark, Water Department Superintendent, explained that in the past, this article has always been presented at the October Town Meeting which is in the next fiscal year, it is now being addressed in the current fiscal year with the recommendation of the FinCom.

UNANIMOUS

Article 14 Capital Expenditures

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, appropriate and transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money, for the purchase of items of a capital nature, and further to authorize the Town Administrator to sell or trade-in items rendered surplus by such purchases, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Description...

This article, required by the Town Charter, annually funds the purchase and replacement of capital equipment for various Town Departments. The following table lists each proposed purchase, the proposed sources and means of funding and the vote required for passage. All equipment displaced as surplus will be sold or traded in compliance with Town Bylaws. A 2/3 vote is required for transfers from the Stabilization Fund and for borrowing.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



FY06 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>FY06 COST</u>	<u>FINANCING METHOD</u>
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	337,500	337,500	
a. Middle School Boiler and Air Compressor	207,500	207,500	Bonding
b. Roof & Soffit Repairs at Little School	50,000	50,000	Bonding
c. Student Van	22,500	22,500	Bonding
d. Wheelchair-accessible Student Van	32,500	32,500	Bonding
e. Copy Machine	25,000	25,000	Bonding
Total General Obligation Bonds =	337,500	337,500	

ARTICLE 14 – CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

I move to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$337,500 as provided for in MGL Chapter 44, to fund the FY06 Capital Expenditures items a - e. *[M.Bailey] [Requires 2/3 vote.]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

School Committee recommends. School Committee Chairman Venezia spoke to the Article. School Department Business Manager Carl Nelson gave an explanation under each item.

Voice vote under Article 14: **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator – I move to consider Article 20 out of sequence for the following reason:

In deference to the property owner who is in attendance. *[M.Bailey]*
[Requires 4/5 vote]

UNANIMOUS

Article 20 Purchase of Map 41. Parcel 34 – Central Street

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 79. the land with all improvements, structures and building, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessors Map 41, Parcel 34, located on Central Street, consisting of approximately 1-acre more or less, meaning and intending to include all of the land at said location owned by Edward C. Wheeler and Ellen R. Wheeler and Wheeler Realty Trust, or their successors in title, for the purpose of open space and recreational land, and/or to designate and include the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of all or a portion of such property within the Hillview Commission charge and the Hillview Enterprise Account, and to transfer from surplus Hillview funds as determined by the Hillview Commission, or to borrow a sum of money under Chapter 44, section 7 of the General Laws for said purposes, and to authorize, but not direct, the Board of Selectmen to accept and receive federal, state or other grant funds, and also to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to apply the same toward defraying the costs of acquisition, financing and other related costs and expenses of said Wheeler Property, or what it will do in relation thereto.



Sponsor: Land Utilization Committee

Description...

The LUC would like to purchase the 1-acre parcel which is adjacent to the Ipswich River Park for open space and recreation use.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 20 – PURCHASE OF MAP 41, PARCEL 34 – CENTRAL STREET

I move to that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$430,000 for the purchase of land with all improvements, structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessors' Map 41, Parcel 34 located on Central Street, said land being known as the Wheeler Property, so-called, for the purpose of open space and recreational land, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow up to the said \$430,000 under MGL chapter 44, section 7, that any such borrowing shall constitute a general obligation of the Town, although it is the intent of the Town that the principal and interest on any such borrowing shall be paid from the earnings from the Hillview Enterprise, and to authorize but not direct, the Selectmen to accept and receive federal, state and other grant funds, and to apply the same toward reducing the amount to be borrowed or paying the principal of and interest on any such borrowing, and to designate and include the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of such property within the Hillview Commission's charge. *[K.Tarr] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend.

Finance Committee recommend by majority vote of 7-1.

Land Utilization Committee unanimously recommends. Ken Tarr, Chairman of the LUC gave a brief presentation under the Article.

Hillview Committee unanimously supports the acquisition of this property.

Rita Mullin of the LUC recounted Mr. Edward Wheeler's cooperation in offering the purchase of his property to the Town.

Voice vote under Article 20: **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator – I move to adjourn to Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m. There were 300 registered voters in attendance.

Checkers for the evening were: Norma Stiles, Mary Turcotte, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Barnard, Mary Stanuchenski, John Davis, Jean Gigante, Dorothy Hartery, Virginia Haffher, and Frank Stanuchenski.

Cable Services were provided by Seth Albaum, facilities services were provided by Harold Miller, Jr.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

[Article 6 and Article 7 of the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting were approved by Assistant Attorney General Kelli E. Gunagan on July 19, 2005 and subsequently advertised in the North Reading Transcript on August 4, 2005 and August 11, 2005]



[A 90-day extension of the review period for Article 8 of the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting was mutually agreed upon by the Attorney General's Office and Town Counsel to review possible inconsistencies between the proposed by-law and state law,]

*[Notification was received from the Attorney General's Office that Article 8 of the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting was **DISAPPROVED** by Assistant Attorney General Kelli E. Gunagan on August 3], 2005 as inconsistent with the field-preemptive provisions of G.L.c. 164i §34B for reasons stated in a recent Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Decision.]*



**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ADJOURNED SESSION – APRIL 7, 2005
DANIEL SHAY AUDITORIUM
NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL**

The 2nd session of the April 2005 Annual Town Meeting was called to order on April 7, 2005 by Moderator John Murphy at 7:07 p.m. Police Lieutenant Ed Hayes and Call Firefighter Jeff Strong were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Charles Carucci and Jonathan DeSimone. Registrar Barbara Stats was present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Marcia Bailey.

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Gayle Regan, Town Clerk's Office (freedom of the floor), Dave Hanlon, Director of Public Works, Harold Miller Jr., School Department (freedom of the floor), Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor), Helena Minton, Library Director Thomas Younger, Town Administrator, Darren Klein, Town Counsel, Peter Sils, Lexington, VA, Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector, and David Troughton, Superintendent of Schools. **UNANIMOUS.**

Before starting the omnibus budget article, Moderator Murphy acknowledged the long hours, and the contributions and hard work of the Finance Committee towards the Town's budgeting process. He also stated that the following members of the Finance Committee, whose terms expire at the conclusion of this April Town Meeting, have selflessly accepted re-appointment for three-year terms to expire at the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting in 2008: Bradley Jones, Sr., Steve Casazza and Richard Johnson. The Moderator also stated that any citizens who would like to become associate members of the Finance Committee should contact the Moderator or the Town Clerk.

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: Richard Simmons, Assessing Mgr. [M. Bailey] **UNANIMOUS**

Article 15 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of all elected officers, provide for a reserve fund, and allocate sums of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including or relating to, but not limited to:

- Town Boards,
- Town Departments,
- Town Committees,
- Debt and the interest thereon, and
- Wages and Salaries

for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, to appropriate the funds required for the aforementioned purposes; and to raise these funds by taxation as authorized by Ch. 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, by transferring unexpended funds remaining in accounts established by Warrant Articles of previous Town Meetings or other available funds, or by taxation as authorized through a referendum to be conducted pursuant to Ch. 59. sec. 21C(m) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.



Description...

This is the annual operating budget of the General Government and the School Department. It sets forth appropriations of funds to pay for all the normal costs of providing governmental services to the community. Explanations of each of the appropriation groupings have been incorporated into the article to enable a better understanding on the part of Town Meeting participants of each appropriation's purposes and changes. A column labeled "Town Meeting Action" has been added for the convenience of those who wish to keep a running tally of appropriations.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

School Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Community Planning Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: As specifically recommended in the "FinCom Recommends" column.

**APRIL 2005 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Article 15
FY 2006 OPERATING BUDGET**

FUNCTION SUMMARY

	DEPT REQUEST	SPONSOR RECOMMENDED	FINCOM REC
ALL COSTS	43,178,747	42,224,348	42,224,348

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

ADMINISTRATION	880,206	870,206	870,206
FINANCE	6,304,498	6,280,894	6,280,894
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,758,292	5,397,087	5,397,087
PUBLIC WORKS	3,063,586	2,924,042	2,924,042
GENERAL SERVICES	975,088	927,361	927,361
LAND USE	193,662	191,275	191,275
EDUCATION	19,243,261	18,875,329	18,875,329
DEBT SERVICE	2,817,820	2,817,820	2,817,820
ENTERPRISES	3,940,334	3,940,334	3,940,334

Above is a summary, by function, of the FY2006 Operating Budgets of all Town Departments.

ADMINISTRATION

MODERATOR	50	50	50
1 SALARIES	50	50	50
2 EXPENSES			
FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,030	2,030	2,030
3 SALARIES	1,230	1,230	1,230
4 EXPENSES	800	800	800
RESERVE FUND	125,000	125,000	125,000
5 EXPENSES	125,000	125,000	125,000
GENERAL INSURANCE	280,000	280,000	280,000
6 EXPENSES	280,000	280,000	280,000 *
*Line 6 Fund \$10,000 from WATER REVENUE			
TOWN COUNSEL	90,000	90,000	90,000
7 EXPENSES	90,000	90,000	90,000 *
*Line 7 Fund \$8,000 from WATER REVENUE			
SELECTMEN	16,735	16,735	16,735
8 SALARIES	16,735	16,735	16,735
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	231,619	221,619	221,619
9 SALARIES	192,169	182,169	182,169 *
10 EXPENSES	39,450	39,450	39,450
11 CAPITAL			

*Line 9 Fund \$3,900 from WATER REVENUE



	DEPT <u>REQUEST</u>	SPONSOR <u>RECOMMENDED</u>	FINCOM <u>REC</u>
SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	134,772	134,772	134,772
Overtime and Longevity	10,000	10,000	10,000
Retirement Incentives/ Buy-backs			
Compensation Change	<u>124,772</u>	<u>124,772</u>	<u>124,772</u>
12 SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	134,772	134,772	134,772
FINANCE			
FINANCE DIRECTOR	52,406	52,406	52,406
13 SALARIES	52,406	52,406	52,406 *
	*Line 13 Fund \$4,700 from WATER REVENUE		
ACCOUNTING	170,835	170,135	170,135
14 SALARIES	115,135	115,135	115,135 *
15 EXPENSES	55,700	55,000	55,000 *
16 CAPITAL			
	*Line 14 Fund \$4,000 from WATER REVENUE		
	*Line 15 Fund \$3,300 from WATER REVENUE		
ASSESSING	144,722	144,722	144,722
17 SALARIES	135,822	135,822	135,822
18 EXPENSES	8,900	8,900	8,900
19 CAPITAL			
TREASURY	67,204	67,204	67,204
20 SALARIES	47,934	47,934	47,934
21 EXPENSES	19,270	19,270	19,270
22 CAPITAL			
COLLECTION	179,098	179,098	179,098
23 SALARIES	143,448	143,448	143,448 *
24 EXPENSES	35,650	35,650	35,650 *
25 CAPITAL			
	*Line 23 Fund \$4,000 from WATER REVENUE		
	*Line 24 Fund \$2,600 from WATER REVENUE		
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	148,800	123,895	123,895
26 SALARIES	93,600	52,000	52,000 *
27 EXPENSES	43,400	71,895	71,895 *
28 CAPITAL	9,800		
	*Line 26 Fund \$12,000 from WATER REVENUE		
	*Line 27 Fund \$1,500 from WATER REVENUE		
PENSIONS & BENEFITS	5,543,434	5,543,434	5,543,434
Employment Security	1,569,774	1,569,774	1,569,774
Workers' Compensation	190,000	190,000	190,000
Uninsured Medical Costs	5,000	5,000	5,000
Public Safety Disability	3,428,460	3,428,460	3,428,460
Retired P/S Disability	20,000	20,000	20,000
Health Insurance	265,000	265,000	265,000
Life Insurance	30,000	30,000	30,000
County Retirement	28,500	28,500	28,500
Medicare	6,700	6,700	6,700
Teachers ERI			
29 PENSIONS & BENEFITS	<u>5,543,434</u>	<u>5,543,434</u>	<u>5,543,434</u> *
	*Line 29 Fund \$113,500 from WATER REVENUE		
PUBLIC SAFETY			
POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,950,961	2,886,668	2,886,668
30 SALARIES	2,823,554	2,595,895	2,595,895
31 EXPENSES	260,905	218,205	218,205
32 CAPITAL	118,775	72,568	72,568
Operations			
- Salaries	2,797,722	2,570,063	2,570,063
- Expenses	255,300	212,600	212,600
- Capital	<u>118,775</u>	<u>72,568</u>	<u>72,568</u>
	3,171,797	2,855,231	2,855,231



	DEPT REQUEST	SPONSOR RECOMMENDED	FINCOM REC
Animal Control			
- Salaries	25,832	25,832	25,832
- Expenses	<u>5,605</u>	<u>5,605</u>	<u>5,605</u>
	31,437	31,437	31,437
FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,162,161	2,124,100	2,124,100
33 SALARIES	1,948,561	1,918,500	1,918,500 *
34 EXPENSES	173,100	173,100	173,100 *
35 CAPITAL	40,500	32,500	32,500
*Line 33 Fund \$107,329 from AMBULANCE REVENUE			
*Line 34 Fund \$39,300 from AMBULANCE REVENUE			
Operations			
- Salaries	1,819,439	1,789,378	1,789,378
- Expenses	119,300	119,300	119,300
- Capital	<u>33,000</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,500</u>
	1,971,739	1,936,178	1,936,178
Fire Alarm			
- Salaries	2,832	2,832	2,832
- Expenses	7,000	7,000	7,000
- Capital	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	14,832	14,832	14,832
Emergency Medical Service			
- Salaries	5,664	5,664	5,664
- Expenses	39,300	39,300	39,300
- Capital	<u>44,964</u>	<u>44,964</u>	<u>44,964</u>
Call Force			
- Salaries	52,152	52,152	52,152
- Expenses	7,500	7,500	7,500
- Capital	<u>73,474</u>	<u>68,474</u>	<u>68,474</u>
Fire & Police Mechanic			
- Salaries	68,474	68,474	68,474
- Expenses	<u>2,500</u>	<u>68,474</u>	<u>68,474</u>
- Capital	70,974		
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	10,200	1,600	1,600
36 SALARIES	1,200	1,200	1,200
37 EXPENSES	3,000	400	400
38 CAPITAL	6,000		
CODE ENFORCEMENT	201,477	188,099	188,099
39 SALARIES	173,277	169,876	169,876
40 EXPENSES	28,200	18,223	18,223
41 CAPITAL			
Building Inspection			
- Salaries	118,705	114,105	114,105
- Expenses	14,900	12,520	12,520
- Capital	<u>133,605</u>	<u>126,625</u>	<u>126,625</u>
Plumbing & Gas Inspection			
- Salaries	22,047	22,847	22,847
- Expenses	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
	28,047	25,247	25,247
Weights & Measures			
- Salaries	8,546	8,546	8,546
- Expenses	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>1,003</u>
	9,946	9,549	9,549
Electrical Inspection			
- Salaries	23,978	24,378	24,378
- Expenses	5,900	2,300	2,300
- Capital	<u>29,878</u>	<u>26,678</u>	<u>26,678</u>



	DEPT REQUEST	SPONSOR RECOMMENDED	FINCOM REC
HEALTH	181,220	196,620	196,620
42 SALARIES	117,135	117,135	117,135
43 EXPENSES	64,085	79,485	79,485
44 CAPITAL			
Administration			
- Salaries	117,135	117,135	117,135
- Expenses	5,350	10,750	10,750
- Capital			
	122,485	127,885	127,885
Environmental Health			
- Salaries			
- Expenses	51,835	51,635	51,635
	51,835	51,635	51,635
Community Health			
- Salaries			
- Expenses	7,100	17,100	17,100
- Misc. Capital			
	7,100	17,100	17,100
PUBLIC WORKS			
OPERATIONS	2,001,079	1,871,535	1,871,535
45 SALARIES	927,127	922,127	922,127 *
46 EXPENSES	1,022,712	918,288	918,288 *
47 CAPITAL	51,240	31,120	31,120
*Line 45 Fund \$40,600 from WATER REVENUE			
*Line 46 Fund \$20,000 from CEMETERY FUNDS			
Administration			
- Salaries	96,357	96,357	96,357
- Expenses	6,325	6,325	6,325
	102,682	102,682	102,682
Engineering			
- Salaries	35,858	35,858	35,858
- Expenses	1,550	1,550	1,550
	37,408	37,408	37,408
Road & Street			
- Salaries	449,205	449,205	449,205
- Expenses	231,518	198,582	198,582
- Capital	11,120	11,120	11,120
	691,843	658,907	658,907
Snow & Ice			
- Salaries			
- Expenses	175,000	175,000	175,000
	175,000	175,000	175,000
Street Lighting			
- Expenses	110,432	91,380	91,380
Trees			
- Expenses	40,000	20,500	20,500
Machinery Maintenance			
- Salaries	164,351	159,351	159,351
- Expenses	136,136	103,200	103,200
- Capital	11,120		
	311,607	262,551	262,551
Cemetery, Parks and Grounds			
- Salaries	128,002	128,002	128,002
- Expenses	15,300	15,300	15,300
- Capital	4,000	4,000	4,000
	147,302	147,302	147,302
Town Buildings			
- Salaries	53,354	53,354	53,354
- Expenses	306,451	306,451	306,451
- Capital	25,000	16,000	16,000
	384,805	375,805	375,805



	DEPT REQUEST	SPONSOR RECOMMENDED	FINCOM REC
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,062,507	1,052,507	1,052,507
48 SALARIES	24,605	24,605	24,605 *
49 EXPENSES	1,037,902	1,027,902	1,027,902 *
*Line 48 Fund \$24,605 from NESWIC			
*Line 49 Fund \$275,395 from NESWIC			
*Line 49 Fund \$720,000 from RUBBISH FEES			
GENERAL SERVICES			
TOWN CLERK	154,375	153,870	153,870
50 SALARIES	131,481	131,276	131,276
51 EXPENSES	22,594	22,594	22,594 *
52 CAPITAL	300		
*Line 51 Fund \$1,900 from WATER REVENUE			
Clerk			
- Salaries	120,652	120,447	120,447
- Expenses	11,144	11,144	11,144
- Capital	300		
	132,096	131,591	131,591
Elections			
- Salaries	10,829	10,829	10,829
- Expenses	11,450	11,450	11,450
- Capital			
	22,279	22,279	22,279
ELDER SERVICES	121,832	117,600	117,600
53 SALARIES	97,482	97,482	97,482
54 EXPENSES	24,350	20,118	20,118
VETERANS' SERVICES	83,119	83,119	83,119
55 SALARIES	45,889	45,889	45,889
56 EXPENSES	37,230	37,230	37,230
57 CAPITAL			
LIBRARY	427,427	410,300	410,300
58 SALARIES	319,260	304,633	304,633
59 EXPENSES	106,167	105,667	105,667
60 CAPITAL	2,000		
RECREATION	188,335	162,472	162,472
61 SALARIES	138,673	120,180	120,180
62 EXPENSES	33,062	34,492	34,492
63 CAPITAL	16,600	7,800	7,800
LAND USE			
CONSERVATION COMM	24,243	23,300	23,300
64 SALARIES	20,893	20,050	20,050 *
65 EXPENSES	3,350	3,250	3,250
66 CAPITAL			
*Line 64 Fund \$18,000 from CONSERVATION FEES			
PLANNING COMMISSION	149,244	148,300	148,300
67 SALARIES	133,319	132,375	132,375
68 EXPENSES	15,925	15,925	15,925
69 CAPITAL			
BOARD of APPEALS	20,175	19,675	19,675
70 SALARIES	14,475	14,475	14,475
71 EXPENSES	5,700	5,200	5,200
72 CAPITAL			
EDUCATION			
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	18,977,518	18,609,586	18,609,586
SALARIES	14,934,615		
73 TEACHERS	10,737,394		
74 ADMINISTRATION	1,091,805		
75 OFFICE STAFF	574,418		
76 PARAPROFESSIONALS/ TUTORS	1,087,537		
77 CUSTODIAL	791,896		
78 ATHLETICS	198,387		



		DEPT REQUEST	SPONSOR RECOMMENDED	FINCOM REC
79	HEALTH SERVICES	256,153		
80	TRANSPORTATION SPED	47,263		
81	THERAPEUTIC SERVICES	27,069		
82	COMPUTER/AV TECHNICIANS			
83	SALARY POOL			
	SUPPLEMENT	122,693		
	EXPENSES	4,042,903		
84	DISTRICT LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION	124,095		
85	INSTRUCTION	1,001,871		
86	STUDENT SERVICES	763,456		
87	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	857,921		
88	FIXED CHARGES	74,000		
89	EQUIPMENT	15,000		
90	SPECIAL ED TUITION	1,158,560		
91	HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION			
92	SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION			
93	SMALL CAPITAL	48,000		
94	REGIONAL VOTECH	265,743	265,743	265,743
	DEBT SERVICE			
	School Debt			
	High School Renov	374,363	374,363	374,363
	Hood School Renov	410,133	410,133	410,133
	Heat Conversion			
	Middle School Roof	28,039	28,039	28,039
	Middle School Lockers			
	Little School Heat			
	Batchelder Windows			
	Computers			
	High School Track	5,785	5,785	5,785
	Swan Pond Planning			
	High School Parking Lot			
	Little School Renov	303,817	303,817	303,817
	Modular Classrooms	53,029	53,029	53,029
	Middle School Gym	17,363	17,363	17,363
	Batchelder Septic	18,991	18,991	18,991
	School Van	5,056	5,056	5,056
	School Pickup	5,181	5,181	5,181
	Hood & High Modulers	66,621	66,621	66,621
	Modulars 3	63,225	63,225	63,225
	Middle & High Schematics	51,813	51,813	51,813
	Library Renovation	12,920	12,920	12,920
	Title V	10,872	10,872	10,872
	Sr. Citizens Van	10,238	10,238	10,238
	Holder Tractor	11,343	11,343	11,343
	Police/Fire Communications	26,943	26,943	26,943
	Fire Pumper	58,125	58,125	58,125
	Ladder Truck	15,169	15,169	15,169
	Backhoe	20,225	20,225	20,225
	Road Construction	74,216	74,216	74,216
	Road Construction 3			
	Fire Station Floor	52,095	52,095	52,095
	Damon Tavern	64,653	64,653	64,653
	Fuel Depot			
	Burroughs Road Sidewalk			
	FY00 Dump Truck			
	Haverhill St. Property Purchase	6,843	6,843	6,843
	Screen All			
	Police Station Plans	25,281	25,281	25,281



	DEPT REQUEST	SPONSOR RECOMMENDED	FINCOM REC
Projected Short and Permanent	<u>1,025,481</u>	<u>1,025,481</u>	<u>1,025,481</u>
95 DEBT SERVICE	2,817,820	2,817,820	2,817,820 *
*Line 95 Fund \$10,872 from RESERVE FOR SEPTIC LOANS			
*Line 95 Fund \$100,000 from CELL TOWER REVENUE			
*Line 95 Fund \$279,308 from STABILIZATION FUND			
ENTERPRISE FUNDS			
WATER DEPARTMENT	2,322,578	2,322,578	2,322,578
96 SALARIES	622,285	622,285	622,285 *
97 EXPENSES	1,269,183	1,269,183	1,269,183 *
98 CAPITAL			
99 DEBT	431,110	431,110	431,110 *
*Line 96 Fund \$622,285 from WATER REVENUE			
*Line 97 Fund \$1,269,183 from WATER REVENUE			
*Line 99 Fund \$431,110 from WATER REVENUE			
HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB	1,617,756	1,617,756	1,617,756
100 SALARIES	25,000	25,000	25,000 *
101 EXPENSES	781,000	781,000	781,000 *
102 IN LIEU of TAX PAYMENT	100,000	100,000	100,000 *
103 L.U.C. EXPENSES			
104 CAPITAL	200,000	200,000	200,000 *
105 DEBT	511,256	511,256	511,256 *
*Line 100 Fund \$25,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE			
*Line 101 Fund \$781,500 from HILLVIEW REVENUE			
*Line 102 Fund \$100,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE			
*Line 104 Fund \$200,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE			
*Line 105 Fund \$511,256 from HILLVIEW REVENUE			
SUMMARY			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	17,175,332	16,590,865	16,590,865
EDUCATION	19,243,261	18,875,329	18,875,329
DEBT SERVICE	2,817,820	2,817,820	2,817,820
ENTERPRISES	<u>3,940,334</u>	<u>3,940,334</u>	<u>3,940,334</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	43,176,747	42,224,348	42,224,348

ARTICLE 15 – OPERATING BUDGET

I move to raise and appropriate the sums set forth in the column headed “Sponsor Recommended” in the line items 1 through 105 including the transfers of funds as set forth in the warrant totaling \$42,199,348 with the following amendments: *[M.Bailey]*
[Requires 2/3 vote due to transfers from Stabilization]

Line 9 -	Town Administrator Salaries	Add	\$24,000
Line 29 -	Pension and Benefits	Subtract	\$26,000
Line 49 -	Solid Waste Expense	Subtract	\$55,000
	Public Schools	Add	\$32,000

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends, however they also stated that there was a need to utilize stabilization monies to fund debt service in this budget, and therefore stressed the need to limit further use of stabilization funds at this time. They also offered their thanks to the Department Heads for their cooperation in this budget process.

School Committee recommends.

A 20-minute leave of the meeting was requested and unanimously granted for an overall presentation.



Selectman Chair Bailey gave a breakdown of the general government portion of the budget to explain how this portion of the budget was derived, a detail of the areas that increased, an accounting of the changes to the printed warrant as addressed in the motion, and stating that the total increase in the general government portion of the budget was 2.6%.

School Superintendent Troughton continued with a presentation on behalf of the School portion of the budget by outlining their goals, reviewing the budget time-line process, an overview of budget history from FY03 to the proposed FY06, budget request progression, available revenues, progression of personnel requests and increasing student enrollment – ultimately representing a 3.1% increase in the school portion of the budget.

Voice vote on the motion under Article 15 as printed in the Warrant with the stated amendments: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 16 Construction and Renovations of Police Station

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing i renovating, equipping and temporarily relocating the North Reading Police Station, and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum appropriated under Chapter 44, section 7 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that no debt may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, section 21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will fund an additional sum to reconstruct, temporarily relocate and equip a new police station at the site of the present station. \$4.8 million was approved at the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting to fund the project. This article would require a further debt exclusion vote at a local election.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 – CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS OF POLICE STATION

I move to pass over Article 16. [R.Mauceri]

UNANIMOUS

Article 17 Appropriate Money to Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Description...

This article places funds in the Stabilization Fund, the use of which is unrestricted but requires a 2/3 vote of the Town Meeting.



Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION FUND

I move to pass over Article 17. [K. Callagy]

UNANIMOUS

Article 18 Retirement Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Retirement Trust Fund; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will transfer funds into the Retirement Trust Fund, which was authorized by special legislation, to pay for contractual obligations of employees upon retirement.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 – RETIREMENT TRUST FUND

I move to pass over Article 18. [M. Bailey]

UNANIMOUS

Article 19 Fund Retirement Obligations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of funding FY06 retirement obligations; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will provide funding for obligations owed employees who are retiring during FY06. The Town has established a Retirement Trust Fund for this purpose, but due to early retirements, the Fund is insufficient to meet the obligations. Therefore, additional funding is needed.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommends \$384,868.

ARTICLE 19 – FUND RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$384,868 for the purpose of funding retirement obligations for Town employees, as specified in Article 19 as printed in the warrant [M.Bailey]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS



The Moderator noted that Article 20 had been acted on during the first session on April 4th, and therefore the Town Meeting would proceed to Article 21.

Article 21 Fund DCR Greenways Grant Match

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow, a sum of money to defray the costs of a Parks and Recreation project to convert an old railroad bed into a multi-modal trail, bridge abutment and bridge crossing over the Ipswich River; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Parks and Recreation Department to apply for, accept and expend any State and/or Federal funds which might be available to defray all or part of said project; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Description...

This article would provide a monetary match in combination with services in-kind from the Parks and Recreation Department, for a Department of Conservation and Recreation Greenways grant application.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21 – FUND DCR GREENWAYS GRANT MATCH

I move to pass over Article 21. *[M.Bailey]*

Brian Wood, Administrator of Parks & Recreation, stated that this article was being passed over due to the lack of Town funds at this time, but also wanted to provide Town Meeting with an over-view of the project regarding the old Salem-to-Lowell Railroad Bed (re-doing the portion behind the Ipswich River Park). Mr. Wood stated that these grant funds would still be available in October, and with the consent of the Moderator, asked those Town Meeting attendees who supported the project to stand for a visual showing of their consensus of this project. Since an overwhelming majority of those in attendance stood in favor of the concept, Mr. Wood stated that they will pursue the grant monies to fund this project in October. The funding amounts stated were \$16,000 hard-match funds from the Town; \$12,500 soft-match funds from the Town; \$50,000 from DCR; and \$20,000 of in-kind donations from Mass Highway.

On the motion to pass over. **UNANIMOUS**

Article 22 Fund Secondary Schools Building Needs

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to review the projected needs (facilities, educational, space, enrollment) of the secondary schools (Middle and High Schools) and to develop conceptual design considerations for various options; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee & Secondary Schools
Building Committee

Description...

This article requests funds to review the projected needs (facilities,



educational, space, enrollment) of the secondary schools (Middle and High Schools) and to develop conceptual design considerations for various options.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 22 – FUND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUILDING NEEDS

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to fund the Secondary Schools Building Needs Study. *[G. Venezia]*

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Finance Committee recommends the article by a vote of 6-1 (and one abstention).

School Committee recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 23 Fund High School Athletic Field Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for improvement of the High School athletic fields, including turf maintenance, lighting, access, electrical, handicap accessibility, and other general upgrades and improvements; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee

Description...

This article requests funds to improve the High School athletic fields including turf maintenance, lighting, access, electrical, handicap accessibility, and other general upgrades and improvements.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 23 – FUND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

I move to pass over Article 23. *[M. Vacca]*

M. Vacca of the School Committee explained that they were passing over this article at this time in order to compile more information as to future uses/needs of the field (such as night-time use which may require lighting or different turf materials, etc.). With the consent of the Moderator, Ms. Vacca asked Town Meeting attendees to stand for a visual showing as to their consensus of this project. Although far less than half of those in attendance stood to indicate support for this project, Ms. Vacca stated that they would continue to work with the Recreation Department to further develop this plan and bring it forward again in October.

On the motion to pass over. **UNANIMOUS**

Article 24 Conservation Revolving Fund - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Conservation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 20 Revolving Funds - Wetland Protection, at the April 1992 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.



Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Conservation Commission to fund its administration of the local Wetlands Protection By-law.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 24 – CONSERVATION REVOLVING FUND - RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Conservation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 20 Revolving Funds - Wetlands Protection, at the April 1992 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2006 at \$100,000, as specified in Article 24 as printed in the warrant, and that any wetland filing fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the expenses of the Conservation Commission's programs at the direction of the Conservation Commission. [M.Bailey]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 25 Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Recreation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 22 Revolving Fund - Parks & Recreation at the October 1997 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Recreation Committee to fund the maintenance and general improvements for all Town parks and recreational facilities and various Recreation programs.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 25 – PARKS AND RECREATION REVOLVING FUND - RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund originally authorized under Article 22 of the October 1997 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2006 at \$237,490, as specified in Article 25 as printed in the warrant and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the expenses of the Parks and Recreation Committee's programs at the direction of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

[M. Bailey]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

UNANIMOUS



Article 26 Recycling Promotion Revolving Account — Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Recycling Promotion Revolving Account as voted in Article 12 of the April 1995 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Town to utilize the revenue from the sale of recycling bins.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 26 – RECYCLING PROMOTION REVOLVING ACCOUNT – RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Recycling Promotion Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 12 of the April 1995 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2006 at \$2,000, as specified in Article 26 as printed in the warranty and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses at the direction of the Director of Public Works. *[M. Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 27 Damon Tavern Revolving Account - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will re-authorize the Damon Tavern Revolving Account as voted in Article 17 of the April 2002 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Town to utilize the revenue from the leasing of space in the Damon Tavern.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 27 – DAMON TAVERN REVOLVING FUND - RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Damon Tavern Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 17 of the April 2002 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2006 at \$24,000, as specified in Article 27 as printed in the warrant, and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses at the direction of the Board of Selectmen. *[M. Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

UNANIMOUS



Article 28 Rain Barrel Revolving Account - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Rain Barrel Revolving Account as voted in Article 17 of the October 2003 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Town to utilize the revenue from the sale of rain barrels.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 28 – RAIN BARREL REVOLVING ACCOUNT - RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to reauthorize the Rain Barrel Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 17 of the October 2003 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2006 at \$1,941, as specified in Article 28 as printed in the warrant, and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses at the direction of the Director of Public Works. *[M.Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 29 Special Education Revolving Fund – Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Special Education Revolving Fund as voted in Article 18 of the October 2003 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the revolving fund to deposit the Special Education Funds.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 29 – SPECIAL EDUCATION REVOLVING FUND – RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to reauthorize the Special Education Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 18 of the October 2003 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2006 at \$264,870, as specified in Article 29 as printed in the warrant, and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses at the direction of the Superintendent of Schools. *[G. Venezia]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

School Committee recommends.

UNANIMOUS



Article 30 Eisenhaures Pond Park

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$505,000.00 for the purpose of using said funds to pay for acquisition and development of the parcels of land to be used to create the Eisenhaures Pond Park, depicted on the plan entitled "Plan of Land in North Reading, MA, surveyed for the Town of North Reading," dated "February 28, 2003," drawn by Design Consultants, Inc., recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 105 of 2005 and on file with the Town Clerk's office, thereby amending the vote taken under Article 19 of the October 6, 2003 Town Meeting to increase the appropriation for such purposes from \$1,200,000.00 to \$1,705,000.00, to be funded by the additional proceeds to be received from the sale and conveyance of Town-owned parcels previously authorized for sale and shown on Assessors Map 50 as Parcels 9 and 10: or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Description...

\$505,000.00 represents the difference between the \$1,705,000.00 to be received by the Town from the sale of the 5 parcels and the \$1.2 million previously appropriated by Town Meeting.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 30 – EISENHAURES POND PARK

I move to amend the vote taken under Article 19 of the October 6, 2003 Town Meeting to increase the appropriation for the acquisition and development of the parcels of land to be used to create the Eisenhaures Pond Park from \$1,200,000 to \$1,705,000 to be funded by the additional proceeds to be received from the sale and conveyance of Town owned parcels previously authorized for sale. *[C. Hayden] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends (7 in favor and 1 abstention).

Community Planning Commission unanimously recommends.

When questioned, it was the unanimous opinion of the Board of Selectmen not to expend any of these additional monies for development of the park until two years after the acquisition of the eminent domain takings in the event that any of the owners of such properties appeal to the court for additional monies for the purchase of their lots. Selectman O'Leary further stated that any change in the use of the funds other than for the Eisenhaure Pond Park would have to be brought before Town Meeting.

Rita Mullin of the Land Utilization Committee congratulated the CPC on putting this plan together.

Voice vote on the motion: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 31 Citizens Petition - Re-zoning

To see if the Town will vote to re-zone from Residence A (RA) to Residence B (RB), the following parcels on the North Reading Assessors Maps:



Map 17, Parcels 48, 51, 52, 53, 59, 60, 90

Map 22, Parcels 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 118, 119

Map 23, Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 77, 80

All of said parcels are designated as the Area to be Rezoned Residence B on the plan entitled "MAP SHOWING AREAS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ZONED TO RESIDENCE B JULY 30, 2004" reproduced on the reverse side of this petition.

or WHAT ACTION IT WILL TAKE THEREON.

On the petition of Edward Lipinski and others.

Description...

This article will re-zone these parcels of land from Residence A to Residence B.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 31 – CITIZENS PETITION – RE-ZONING

I move to rezone from Residence A to Residence B the following parcels Map 17; Parcels 48, 51-53, 59-60, 90, Map 22, Parcels 7-77 and 118-119. Map 23, Parcels 1-24, 77 and 80. *[J. Senior] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Board of Selectmen unanimously does not recommend.

Finance Committee unanimously does not recommend and stated their view that this issue falls under the purview of the CPC and should not be taken up on a case-by-case basis.

Community Planning Commission will reserve their recommendation until after the presentation.

Mr. Senior requested a 10-minute leave of the meeting for a presentation. ***Carried.***

Mr. Senior displayed the differences in the zoning set-back requirements under Residence A and Residence B to explain the impact that the article would have on the referenced lots. He also acknowledged that he was representing a particular homeowner in the affected area.

Community Planning Commission unanimously does not recommend (3 members present and voting) stating that they felt that this type of issue could be considered a precedent-setting change, and therefore should go before the CPC for review where any such changes to zoning would be made through the proper channels in conjunction with the CPC.



Board of Selectmen stated that they felt this article represents a specific interest and that such re-zoning should be viewed on the whole and throughout the Town rather than just targeting one area at a time. Further they also stated that there is an appropriate channel available through the Zoning Board of Appeals for homeowners to request a variance or seek relief from the Zoning By-laws.

Move the question. *Unanimous*

Voice vote on the main motion: **LOST UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Moderator – I move to adjourn this meeting *sine die*. [M. Bailey] **UNANIMOUS**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. There were 113 registered voters in attendance.

Checkers for the evening were: Norma Stiles, Mary Turcotte, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Bamard, Mary Stanuchenski, John Davis, Jean Gigante, Dorothy Hartery, Virginia Haffner, and Frank Stanuchenski. Cable Services were provided by Tyrone Johns; facilities services were provided by Harold Miller, Jr.

Attest: Barbara Stats, Town Clerk



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 3, 2005**

SS.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN of NORTH READING –
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth; you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

PRECINCT 1 – High School Gymnasium, Park Street

PRECINCT 2 – Town Hall Gymnasium, 235 North Street

PRECINCT 3 – St Theresa's Church, Fr. Lane Hall, Winter Street

PRECINCT 4 – St Theresa's Church, Fr. Lane Hall, Winter Street

on **TUESDAY**, the **THIRD DAY** of **MAY, 2005** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following offices:

SELECTMAN – One for Three Years;

MODERATOR – One for One Year;

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – One for Three Years;

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION – One for Three Years;

HOUSING AUTHORITY – One for Five Years

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this **FOURTH** day of **APRIL, 2005**.

/s/ Marcia L. Bailey, Chairman

/s/ G. Kevin Callagy

/s/ Stephen J. O'Leary

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri

/s/ Joseph R. Veno

SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING

Warrant to be posted in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts in Town by the Constable.

ATTEST: /s/ Paul D. Dorsey, Sr.
Constable

Dated: April 4, 2005



**PAUL D. DORSEY, SR.
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
18 MAGNOLIA ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864**

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading 28 days before the **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION** on **TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005**, by posting the warrant in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts of the Town:

Precinct #1	Viking Tree Service, Inc. 3 Washington Street, North Reading Carpet Crafts 3 Washington Street, North Reading
Precinct #2	Carousel Cleaners 265 Main Street, North Reading Town Hall 235 North Street, North Reading
Precinct #3	Reading Lumber Co. 110 Main Street, North Reading Eastgate Liquors 12 Main Street, North Reading
Precinct #4	U.S. Post Office 174 Park Street, North Reading Ryers Store 162 Park Street, North Reading

ATTEST:

s/s Paul D. Dorsey, Sr., Constable
April 5, 2005

TOWN OF NORTH READING, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 3, 2005

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMAN</u>					
<i>for Three Years Vote for ONE</i>					
Blanks	0	3	0	3	6
G. Kevin Gallagy	125	99	106	147	477
Philip R. Dardeno	276	199	159	225	859
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	401	301	265	375	1,342

<u>MODERATOR</u>					
<i>for One Year Vote for ONE</i>					
Blanks	114	85	72	96	367
John J. Murphy	286	204	193	273	956
Write-Ins	1	12	0	6	19
TOTALS	401	301	265	375	1,342

<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u>					
<i>for Three Years Vote for ONE</i>					
Blanks	126	98	79	105	408
Stephen D. Jervey	272	197	183	263	915
Write-Ins	3	6	3	7	19
TOTALS	401	301	265	375	1,342

<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING</u>					
<i>for Three Years Vote for ONE</i>					
Blanks	128	99	88	121	436
Christopher B. Hayden	271	202	174	251	898
Write-Ins	2	0	3	3	8
TOTALS	401	301	265	375	1,342

<u>HOUSING AUTHORITY</u>					
<i>for Five Years Vote for ONE</i>					
Blanks	126	84	77	105	392
Mary S. Prenney	274	215	187	270	946
Write-Ins	1	2	1	0	4
TOTALS	401	301	265	375	1,342

A True Record:
Attest: Barbara Stats, Town Clerk



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
OCTOBER 17, 2005
7:00 P.M.

Middlesex, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of North Reading in the County of
Middlesex,

GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you
are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified
to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Read-
ing High School, Park Street in said North Reading, on **MONDAY**, the **SEV-**
ENTEENTH DAY of **OCTOBER, 2005**, at **seven o'clock** in the evening, then
and there to act on the following articles:

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies
thereof at two conspicuous places in each of the four precincts in said Town,
fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your do-
ings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord
two thousand and five.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
Marcia L. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Joseph Veno, Clerk
Philip R. Dardeno
Stephen J. O'Leary

A True Copy:

Attest:

John J. Firriello, Constable



RETURN OF SERVICE

**JOHN J. FIRRIELLO
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864**

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading 21 days before
OCTOBER TOWN MEETING on October 17th, 2005, by posting the warrant
in two places in each of the four precincts:

Precinct #1	M&H Auto & Gas Station 1 Washington Street, North Reading Carpet Craft 3 Washington Street, North Reading
Precinct #2	Carousel Cleaners 265 Main Street, North Reading Town Hall 235 North Street, North Reading
Precinct #3	Reading Lumber 110 Main Street, North Reading Eastgate Liquors 12 Main Street, North Reading
Precinct #4	U.S. Post Office 174 Park Street, North Reading Ryers Store 162 Park Street, North Reading

Attest:

John J. Firriello, Constable
September 29, 2005



**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2005
DANIEL SHAY AUDITORIUM
NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.**

The October 2005 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator John Murphy on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:10 p.m. The following certification of the Town Clerk was read into the record by the Moderator:

“This is to certify that at their meeting of July 11, 2005, the Board of Selectmen *UNANIMOUSLY* voted to delay the October 2005 Town Meeting from the first Monday in October (as currently specified under Section 2-4-1 of the Town Charter) to Monday, October 17, 2005, in accordance with the provisions of MGL 39:9.”

The Moderator also stated that the April 2005 Town Meeting voted to amend the Code of North Reading General By-Laws “Town Meeting” Chapter 172.13 “Determination of Vote” to allow the Moderator to “declare a 2/3 majority vote” by a voice vote as it appears to him, whenever such vote is required by statute. However, he further stated that although Article 2 of this Town Meeting regarding the Police Station Renovations requires a 2/3 majority vote due to bonding as a funding source, he will not exercise that option on this particular article.

Police Lieutenant Edward Hayes and Deputy Fire Chief Richard Harris were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were John Norton, Jeffrey Witts and Chuck Carucci. Registrar Barbara Stats was present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Robert Mauceri.

Mr. Moderator: I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Gary McAteer, School Department (freedom of the floor), David Hanlon, Director of Public Works, Paula Dumont, Assessing Manager, Robert Stone, Police Station Building Committee, Leo McGill, TBA Architects, Inc., Justin Humphreys, TBA, Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator, Darren Klein, Town Counsel, Kevin Buckley, KBA Project Manager, Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor), Joseph Thibodeau, NRPD/PSBC, Mark Clark, Water Department Superintendent, John Welsh, DPW, Helena Minton, Library Director, Edward Nolan, NRPD, Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector, Heidi Griffin, CPC Administrator, Robert Jefferies, TBA, David Harlow, Fire Chief, Michael Soraghan, Town Engineer, Joseph Tassone, Finance Director, Carl Nelson, School Department Business Manager, David Troughton, School Superintendent. *UNANIMOUS*

The Moderator announced the very recent passing of Thomas J. O’Leary earlier this morning. He asked the meeting to pause for a moment of silence in reflection and in recognition of Mr. O’Leary for his many years of dedication and public service with the Town, which included service on the School Committee and the Housing Authority.

Moderator Murphy then continued the meeting stating that any persons interested in serving as assistant members of the Finance Committee should contact the Moderator or the Town Administrator.



The Moderator next recognized Robert Mauceri, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who introduced the newly-appointed Town Administrator, Greg Balukonis who was welcomed with a round of applause. Town Administrator Balukonis thanked everyone present, as well as those he has met since he started, for their reception. Mr. Balukonis then introduced the newest Department Heads to the Meeting: Finance Director, Joseph Tassone, Assessing Manager, Paula Dumont, and CPC Administrator, Heidi Griffin – who were also greeted with a round of applause. Mr. Balukonis also introduced the Town Meeting to the Town's newly-established website, www.northreadingma.gov and invited all to review and use the site as it continues to develop and grow.

Chairman Mauceri then continued by calling upon David Hanlon, Director of Public Works. Mr. Hanlon was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his dedication and excellence in assuming the position of Acting Town Administrator for the interim period of April through August. Mr. Hanlon also received a round of applause by the Town Meeting.

Mr. Moderator I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Peter Martin, Boston Globe Northwest Reporter, Jay Connolly, NRPD, and Doug Labb, North Reading. **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator: I move to dispense with the reading of the warrant and to refer to the Articles by number, and further to dispense with the reading of the return of service by the Constable. **UNANIMOUS**

Article 1 Hear and Act on Reports of Town Officers and Committees

To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a customary article which provides for Officers and Committees so instructed to report to Town Meeting their progress or recommendations.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 1 – HEAR AND ACT ON REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I move to hear reports of Town Officers and Committees as may be presented at this meeting. [B. Mauceri]

The Moderator recognized the following persons who presented reports to the Town Meeting regarding their respective committees:

Ed McGrath, Recycling Committee, who gave an overview of the re-energized recycling program – "Lose Weight North Reading" and enlightened the Meeting with the cost-saving benefits of aggressive recycling,

Charles Carucci, Secondary School Building Committee, who reviewed the timeline from the reactivation of this committee to bring forward their plans and proposals regarding the middle school and high school at a future Town Meeting,



Selectman Marcia Bailey, Capital Improvement Infrastructure Committee, who reviewed the membership of the committee, together with the purpose, charge and timeline, and outlined possible debt service and other financial considerations. She further stated that to date they had not received any applications from citizens to be a part of this committee, and encouraged those with expertise in areas required under the membership criteria to please come forward and volunteer to join this group.

Scott Stimpson, Elementary School Building Committee, who presented an update on the Batchelder School, stating that the reconstruction project was proceeding on schedule and also on target with its budget. Mr. Stimpson advised the meeting that there was a vacancy on the committee due to member Fred Clark's recent move from the Town, and he further acknowledged and thanked Mr. Clark for all of his contributions as a member of this committee.

The reports were all **UNANIMOUSLY** accepted by the Meeting.

Article 2 Police Station Renovations

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing, renovating, equipping and temporarily relocating the North Reading Police Station, and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum appropriated under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, provided, however, that no debt may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will fund an additional sum of money to reconstruct temporarily relocate and equip a new police station at the site of the present station. The Town is accepting bids on the project prior to Town Meeting. \$4.8 million was approved at the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting to fund the project. This article would require a further debt exclusion vote at a local election.

ARTICLE 2 – POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the purpose of reconstructing, renovating, equipping and temporarily relocating the North Reading Police Station, that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$3,000,000 under G.L. c. 44, sec. 7(3A) or any other enabling authority, and that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, sec. 21C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. [R. Mauceri] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.



A 30-minute leave of the meeting was requested by Chairman Mauceri for the purpose of a presentation: **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Mauceri outlined the history of the current facility, citing inadequacies in size, technology, facility maintenance, air quality, roof, septic and mold conditions. He presented a slide tour of the current facilities at the Police Station highlighting many of these areas. He also reviewed the history of analysis and attempted revisions to the facility, as well as the bid history. Mr. Mauceri presented an overview of the current building with overlays depicting the proposed new additions to the facility, and also projected the financial impact of this proposal on the average household at approximately \$36 per \$400k home for 20 years. He described the relocation process of the Police Station to the newly-acquired Wheeler Property at 5 Central Street during the interim construction period, explaining that the temporary facility would be fully-functioning, with the exception of holding prisoners, who would be held in facilities at other Towns. He compared the remediation plan based on the current approved allocation of funds and explained that even after the repairs were complete, the building would still be inadequate for current needs, further stating that the new proposal would provide a station that would meet the Town's requirements for at least the next 30 years. Following the presentation, further discussion ensued regarding the project including the length of time that the temporary facility would be located on the Wheeler Property. Following the presentation, additional discussion included a suggestion to postpone action on this article until the results of the studies of the other Town buildings were complete in order to review all of the Town's buildings needs together.

Move the question: **Unanimous**

Hand count on the motion under Article 2: YES: 156 NO: 1

Motion **CARRIED** by a counted 2/3 majority.

Article 3 Citizen Petition - Amend Zoning Map

To see if the Town will vote to amend its existing Zoning Map of the Town of North Reading dated May 8, 1973, as revised, and to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of North Reading by re-zoning the following described parcel of land from Highway Business (HB) to Residence A (RA):

Those parcels of land being shown as Parcels 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 and a portion of Parcel 12 on Assessors Map 26. Said parcels are shown on the plan entitled "Property to be Re-Zoned from Highway Business to Residence A" on the reverse side of this petition.

Or WHAT ACTION IT WILL TAKE THEREON.

On the petition of Ryan Fitzgerald and others.

Description...

This article was submitted as a citizens petition seeking certain changes to the Town's Zoning By-laws, A 2/3 vote of Town Meeting is required to amend the Zoning By-laws.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended as printed in the warrant.

Finance Committee: No action required.

Community Planning Commission: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



ARTICLE 3 – CITIZENS PETITION - AMEND ZONING MAP

I move that the Town vote to amend its existing Zoning Map of the Town of North Reading dated May 8, 1973, as revised, and to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of North Reading by re-zoning the following described parcel of land from Highway Business (HB) to Residence A(RA):

Those parcels of land being shown as Parcels 11 and a portion of Parcel 12 on Assessor's Map 26. Said parcels are shown on the plan entitled "Property to be Re-Zoned from Highway Business to Residence A" on the reverse side of this petition. *[Ryan Fitzgerald] [2/3 vote required]*

Board of Selectmen had recommended the article as printed in the warrant, however they also now polled the members in attendance (3) who voted unanimously to support this version according to the wishes of the neighborhood.

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Community Planning Commission Chairman Neal Rooney voiced the recommendation of the CPC for the motion as presented. Mr. Rooney stated that the CPC supports the reduced scope presented under this motion, that they do not feel that this constitutes "spot" zoning since it is actually more in keeping with the current zoning of this area, and further that it meets the goals of the neighborhood.

Voice vote under Article 3:

Motion **CARRIED** by a 2/3 majority as declared by the Moderator in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Article 4 Amend FY2006 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2006 Operating Budget voted under Article 15 of the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting as follows and to raise by taxation and appropriate, appropriate and transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for such purposes; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 5 - Reserve Fund

- \$250,000 for unbudgeted increases in school and municipal fuel and utility costs.
- \$50,000 for other unforeseen and unanticipated costs in FY06.

Background...

The Town is transferring additional money to the Reserve Fund in anticipation of unbudgeted cost increases in FY06.

Line 49 - Solid Waste Management Expenses

- Transfer \$22,493 from the appropriation for Line 49 from rubbish fees receipts to the general fund.



Background...

This action is housekeeping in nature and provides funds reduced from the Solid Waste Management budget at the April Town Meeting be dedicated to the Town's General Fund in FY2006.

Line 73 - School Department

- \$37,309 to be added to the School budget for the purposes of one new pre-school/kindergarten teacher.

Background...

This position is necessary due to enrollment increases in the elementary schools.

Line 94 - Regional Votech Budget

- Increase by \$14,574.00
To fund the Town's assessment for the Northeast Regional Technical Vocational School.

Background...

The Town appropriated \$265,743 at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting to fund the Town's assessment for the Vocational School. The actual assessment \$280,317. was voted by the Vocational School after Town Meeting concluded.

Line 95 - Debt Service

- Reduce exempt debt by \$337,653.
- Increase bond issuance costs by \$41,196 (transfer bond premiums)
- Increase amount for pay down on note by \$21,004 (transfer from Septic Loan Reserve)

Background...

This action revises our FY06 Debt Service to accurately reflect General Fund Debt Service costs

Line 97- Water Department Expenses

- Increase by \$105,000.

Background...

This will fund legal expenses associated with the Water Management Act.

Line 99 - Water Department Debt Service

- Increase amount for Water Department Debt Service by \$93,301.00.

Background...

This action revises the Water Department debt service to accurately reflect current year obligations.

Line 105 - Hillview Debt Service

- Increase amount for Hillview Debt Service by \$ 29,742.00.



Background...

This action revises the Hillview Debt Service to accurately reflect current year obligations.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommend – Lines 5, 49, 94, 95, 97, 99 and 105. Line 73 – Not recommend.

ARTICLE 4 – AMEND FY2006 OPERATING BUDGET

I move to amend the FY2006 Operating Budget by a total increase of \$664,619 and voted under Article 15 of the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen in the printed warrant by a with the following sources of funds listed for each Line:

Line 5	\$300,000 taken from free cash.
Line 49	\$22,493 taken from solid waste management expenses.
Line 73	\$37,309 taken from free cash.
Line 94	\$14,574 taken from raise and appropriate.
Line 95	Reduce debt service by \$275,453 and amend funding source to also read \$41,196 from bond premiums and an additional \$21,004 from septic loan reserve.
Line 97	\$105,000 taken from water revenues.
Line 99	\$93,301 taken from water revenues.
Line 105	\$29,742 taken from Hillview revenues.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee does not recommend as printed in the Warrant and will make an amendment.

School Committee specifically recommends Line Item 5 and Line Item 73.

Mr. Mastacusa, Chairman of the Finance Committee made the following amendment:

I move to amend Article 4, Line 73 School Department by deleting Line 73 in the amount of \$37,309 as printed in the warrant.

Hand Count on the Motion to Amend: YES-40 NO-48

Motion to amend: **Lost**

Voice vote on the main motion under Article 4: **CARRIED**

Article 5 Prior Year's Bill

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay prior year's bills; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides for payment of prior fiscal year bills which were not submitted prior to the fiscal year end.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.



ARTICLE 5 – PRIOR YEAR'S BILL

I move to transfer from free cash the sum of \$140.00 to pay FY05 bills. *[R.Mauceri]*
[Requires 4/5 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 5: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 6 Snow and Ice Deficit

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate or transfer from available funds, sum of money to be applied towards the FY 05 Snow and Ice Deficit: or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

MGL provides that the Board of Selectmen may declare a Snow and Ice Emergency allowing the Town to spend beyond the appropriation for this purpose. Town Meeting needs to appropriate a sum of money to fully fund this deficit from current year funds.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 6 – SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,932 and transfer from free cash the sum of \$248,778 for the FY2005 Snow and Ice Deficit. *[R.Mauceri]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 6: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 7 Amend Article 19 of the April 2005 Town Meeting – Fund Retirement Obligations

To see if the Town will amend Article 19 of the April 4, 2005 Annual Town Meeting by voting to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, an additional sum of money for the purpose of funding FY06 retirement obligations; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will provide \$110,000 for obligations owed employees who are retiring during FY06. Funding amounts were unknown at the April Town Meeting.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.



ARTICLE 7 – AMEND ARTICLE 19 OF THE APRIL 2005 TOWN MEETING – FUND RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

I move to amend Article 19 of the April 2005 Town Meeting ~ Fund Retirement Obligations by transferring the sum of \$110,000 from free cash for said purpose. *[R. Mauceri]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 7: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 8 Lease/Purchase – DPW Street Sweeper

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a five (5) year lease-purchase agreement for a street sweeper to be used by the Department of Public Works; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

State Law requires Town Meeting must approve lease-purchase agreements. This action also allows the DPW to be more responsive to the public by bringing street sweeping in-house, versus an outside contracted service.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 8 – LEASE / PURCHASE - DPW STREET SWEEPER

I move to authorize a five (5) year lease-purchase agreement for a street sweeper to be used by the Department of Public Works *[P. Dardeno]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 8: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 9 Capital Expenditures

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, appropriate and transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money, for the purchase of items of a capital nature, and further to authorize the Town Administrator to sell or trade-in items rendered surplus by such purchases; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Description...

This article, required by the Town Charter, annually funds the purchase and replacement of capital equipment for various Town Departments. The following table lists each proposed purchase, the proposed sources and means of funding and the vote required for passage. All equipment displaced as surplus will be sold or traded in compliance with Town Bylaws. A 2/3 vote is required for transfers from the Stabilization Fund and for borrowing.



<u>Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Method</u>
<u>Fire Department</u>		
a. Pumper Truck	\$ 370,000	Bond
<u>Police Department</u>		
b. 3 Cruisers	\$ 75,000	Bond
c. Ballistic vests	\$ 20,000	Free Cash
<u>Department of Public Works</u>		
d. Front End Loader	\$ 150,000	Bond
e. 35,000 GVW Dump Truck	\$ 130,000	Bond
<u>School Department</u>		
f. Technology Lease	\$ 32,000	Free Cash
g. Maintenance Garage Repairs	\$ 58,000	Transfer *
h. System Wide Unit Ventilators	\$ 10,740	Transfer *
i. High School Fire Alarm Panel	\$ 10,000	Transfer *
Total	\$ 855,740	

* Transfer \$78,740 balance of unused borrowing for modular classrooms (10 year life).

Bond	\$ 725,000
Free Cash	\$ 52,000
Transfer	\$ 78,740
Total	\$ 855,740

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommend items a., d., e., f. through i. as printed.

Amend item b. as follows: b. 2 cruisers - \$50,000

ARTICLE 9 – CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

I move to transfer the sum of \$52,000 from Free Cash for items c, f; the sum of \$78,740 from the unused bond proceeds voted under Article 8, item p., of the April 2001 Town Meeting and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$700,000 for items a, b, d, e, as provided for in GL Chapter 44, Section 7(9) for a total of \$830,740 to fund the FY06 Capital Expenditures items a - i. [P. Dardeno] [Requires 2/3 vote]

[NOTE: It was clarified that since the Warrant was printed, "Item d" decreased from \$150,000 to \$125,000, which in turn reduced the bonding amount to \$700,000 and the total amount under Article 9 to \$830,740 as reflected in the motion.]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee does not recommend in total, and will make an amendment.

School Committee recommends specifically items f, g, h, i.

Mr. Mastacusa, Chairman of the Finance Committee^ presented the following amendment: I move to amend Article 9. Line Item "b" – Police Department cruisers to read as follows:



<u>Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Method</u>
Police Department		
b. 2 Cruisers	\$ 50,000	Bond

Board of Selectmen recommends the Finance Committee amendment.

Finance Committee recommends the amendment.

Voice vote on the amendment: **CARRIED**

The Moderator stated that the motion has now been amended to read \$675,000 to be bonded and a total of \$805,740 under the article.

Voice vote on the motion under Article 9, as amended: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 10 Appropriate Money to Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article places \$300,000 in the Stabilization Fund, the use of which is unrestricted but requires a 2/3 vote of the Town Meeting. It is critical for the Town to build its reserves in order to maintain a favorable bond rating and plan for unanticipated expenses in the future.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommend a minimum of \$300,000.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 10 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION FUND

I move to transfer the sum of \$300,000 to the Stabilization fund from free cash.

[R.Mauceri] [Requires a 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 10: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 11 Fund Hillview Capital Improvements/Purchase of Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for improvements to the Hillview Country Club and Golf Course and other properties that come under the care, custody and control of the Hillview Enterprise, and/or purchase of equipment; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Hillview Commission

Description...

The Hillview Commission proposes a total of \$750,000 be borrowed for various capital improvements at Hillview Country Club and construction of Tennis Courts at the Middle School.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



ARTICLE 11 – FUND HILLVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/ PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

I move to appropriate the sum of \$750,000 for the purpose of making improvements at the Hillview Country Club and Golf Course and other properties that come under the care, custody and control of the Hillview Enterprise, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum as provided for in GL Chapter 44, Section 7 and that the debt service thereon shall be paid from the earnings of the Hillview Enterprise Account. *[L. Dymant]*
[Requires a 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee does not recommend and will present an amendment.

Hillview Commission unanimously recommends.

School Committee recommends because some of the monies will be used to fund repairs and renovations to the Middle School Tennis Courts.

Mr. Mastacusa, Chairman of the Finance Committee offered the following amendment:
Mr. Moderator: I move to amend Article 11 — Hillview Capital Improvements / Purchase of Equipment to read as follows:

I move to appropriate the sum of \$600,000 for the purpose of making improvements at the Hillview Country Club and Golf Course and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum as provided for in GL Chapter 44, Section 7, and that the debt service shall be paid from the earnings of the Hillview Enterprise. Said sum of \$600,000 to consist of the following Hillview Country Club and Golf Course improvement and purchases as follows:

Maintenance Garage	\$ 250,000
Function Facilities	200,000
Pro Shop Baths	50,000
Course Equipment & Maintenance	<u>100,000</u>
Total	\$ 600,000

Board of Selectmen does not recommend amendment.

Finance Committee recommends by majority vote.

School Department does not recommend amendment.

Hillview Commission does not recommend amendment.

After some discussion regarding the location of the tennis courts and the term of bonding, Mr. Mastacusa withdrew his motion to amend with no objection.

Voice vote on the main motion under Article 11: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 12 Department of Elder Affairs Revolving Account - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Department of Elder Affairs Revolving Account as voted in Article 16 - Department of Elder Affairs Revolving Account, at the October 2004 Town Meeting for the purpose of which receipts in connection with department programs will be deposited for use by the Department of Elder Affairs for the pur-



pose of providing assistance for the operation of elderly related programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Department of Elder Affairs a sum not to exceed a certain amount; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Department of Elder Affairs to assist in the operation of elderly related programs.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 12 – DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS REVOLVING ACCOUNT –
RE-AUTHORIZE**

I move to re-authorize the Department of Elder Affairs Revolving Account originally voted under Article 16 of the October 2004 Town Meeting in accordance with GL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and provided said amount shall not exceed \$12,000 in FY2006 and be expended at the discretion of the Department of Elder Affairs, for the purpose of providing assistance to the operation of elderly-related programs. *[M. Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 12: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 13 Amend Code - Charter Change

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act, the full text of which is set forth below, providing that legislation be adopted to amend the Charter of the Town of North Reading; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or what it will do in relation thereto:

An act providing for an amendment to the North Reading Home Rule Charter providing for a change in its annual Town Meeting date –

Section 1. 2-4-1 Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

“2-4-1

The town meeting shall meet regularly on the first available Monday in April not in conflict with a religious or legal holiday to consider and adopt an annual operating and capital budget, and to act on other financial matters, as well as to consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting; and on the first available Monday in October not in conflict with a religious or legal holiday to consider and act on matters of planning, zoning, subdivision control, building codes, and all other matters of a bylaw nature,



as well as to consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting, including financial matters; said dates for the April and October Town Meetings shall be set by the Selectmen at a public hearing held during a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board annually in January, as set forth above."

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This provides for flexibility concerning dates for the April and October Town Meeting in order to prevent conflicts with religious or legal holidays. The article is in the form of a Charter amendment that requires approval by the Legislature.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended (3-2).

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 13 – AMEND CODE – CHARTER CHANGE

I move to see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act as specified in Article 13 as printed in the warrant. *[M. Bailey]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Move the question: *Unanimous*

Voice vote under Article 13: **CARRIED**

Article 14 Grant Easement to Verizon New England, Inc.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant easement(s) to Verizon New England, Inc., (formerly the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company) its successor, and assigns, for the purpose of providing, installing, operating, maintaining, and transmission of intelligence and telecommunications via underground service to L. D. Batchelder Elementary School, 2 Peabody Street, Lot 4, map 54, as now laid out or as may be laid out in the future in the Town of North Reading, Massachusetts upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate. Map located at the Town of North Reading Assessing Office; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

Town Meeting must approve granting an easement to Verizon for installation and future maintenance of underground utilities on the Batchelder School site.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.



ARTICLE 14 – GRANT EASEMENT TO VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant easements to Verizon of New England, Inc. and its successor and assigns, for the purposes of providing, installing operating and transmission of intelligence and telecommunications via underground service to the L.D. Batchelder School, 2 Peabody Street, Lot 4, Map 54 as now laid out or as may be laid out in the future upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate. [P. Dardeno] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee stated that no action was required.
School Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 14: **UNANIMOUS**

The following articles call for the acceptance as "Town Ways" of four new streets. It has been the Town's practice to accept ownership of a new street once the standards are met.

Article 15 Street Acceptance - Cobblers Lane

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Cobblers Lane; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Cobblers Lane: From the point of intersection with Park Street at station 0+00 to station 4+79.48.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Cobblers Lane in accordance with the description and plans dated March 16, 2004 now on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which plans are incorporated herein by reference, together with any necessary deeds, and authorize the acquisition, in fee simple of the property within said way, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission
Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15 – STREET ACCEPTANCE - COBBLERS LANE

I move to accept the layout of Cobblers Lane as specified in Article 15 as printed in the warrant, and to authorize the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee in the property within said way, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for said purchase. [C. Hayden] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.
Finance Committee unanimously recommends.
Community Planning Commission recommends.
Voice vote under Article 15: **UNANIMOUS**



Article 16 Street Acceptance - Furbish Pond Lane

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Furbish Pond Lane; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Furbish Pond Lane: From the point of intersection with Redmond Avenue at station 0+00 to station 6+12.45.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Furbish Pond Lane in accordance with the description and plans dated December 10, 2004, now on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which plans are incorporated herein by reference, together with any necessary deeds, and authorize the acquisition, in fee simple of the property within said way, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 – STREET ACCEPTANCE - FURBISH POND LANE

I move to accept the layout of Furbish Pond Lane as specified in Article 16 as printed in the warrant, and to authorize the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee in the property within said way, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for said purchase. *[M. Shep Spear] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Community Planning Commission recommends.

Voice vote under Article 16: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 17 Street Acceptance - Deer Run Drive

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Deer Run Drive; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Deer Run Drive: From the point of intersection with North Street at station 0+00 to station 7+59.34.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Deer Run Drive in accordance with the description and plans dated January 24, 2005, now on file in the Town Clerks Office, which plans are incorporated herein by reference, together with any necessary deeds, and authorize the acquisition, in fee simple of the property within said way, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



ARTICLE 17 – STREET ACCEPTANCE - DEER RUN DRIVE

I move to accept the layout of Deer Run Drive as specified in Article 17 as printed in the warrant, and to authorize the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee in the property within said way, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for said purchase. [N. Rooney] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.
Finance Committee recommends.
Community Planning Commission recommends.
Voice vote under Article 17: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 18 Street Acceptance - Deerfield Place

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Deerfield Place; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Deerfield Place: From the point of intersection with Marblehead Street at station 0+00 to station 9+46.79.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Deerfield Place in accordance with the description and plans dated July 26, 2005, now on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which plans are incorporated herein by reference, together with any necessary deeds, and authorize the acquisition, in fee simple of the property within said way, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 – STREET ACCEPTANCE – DEERFIELD PLACE

I move to accept the layout of Deerfield Place as specified in Article 18 as printed in the warrant, and to authorize the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee in the property within said way, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for said purchase. [P. Romeo] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Board of Selectmen recommends.
Finance Committee recommends.
Community Planning Commission unanimously recommends.
Voice vote under Article 18: **UNANIMOUS**

Before adjourning the meeting, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Robert Mauceri reminded the Town Meeting to vote at the Special Election on October 25th regarding Article 2, the Police Station Building and Renovations.

Mr. Moderator I move to adjourn this meeting *sine die*.
Voice vote: **UNANIMOUS**

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm. There were 175 registered voters in attendance.



Checkers for the evening were: Norma Stiles, Shirley Hoyt, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Barnard, Mary Stanuchenski, Dot Hartery, Mary Turcotte, Jean Gigante, John Davis and Frank Stanuchenski. Carol Ducrow assisted with check-in procedures.

Cable services were provided by Tyrone Johns; and facilities services were provided by Gary McAteer.

Attest:
Barbara Stats. Town Clerk

[Article 3 of the October 17, 2005 Annual Town Meeting was approved by Assistant Attorney General Kelli E. Gunagan on November 30, 2005 and subsequently advertised in the North Reading Transcript on December 8 and December 15, 2005.]



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT
OCTOBER 25, 2005

SS.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN of NORTH READING -

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

PRECINCT 1 – High School Gymnasium, Park Street

PRECINCT 2 – Town Hall Gymnasium, 235 North Street

PRECINCT 3 – St. Theresa's Church, Fr. Lane Hall, Winter Street

PRECINCT 4 – St. Theresa's Church, Fr. Lane Hall, Winter Street

on **TUESDAY** the **TWENTY-FIFTH** day of **OCTOBER 2005** from **7:00 a.m.**
to **8:00 p.m.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION** for the following
ballot question:

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purpose of reconstructing, renovating and equipping the North Reading Police Station, and all costs incidental and related thereto, including the costs of temporarily relocating the Police Station?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this **THIRD** day of **OCTOBER, 2005**.

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
/s/ Marcia L. Bailey, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Joseph R. Veno, Clerk
/s/ Philip R. Dardeno

SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Warrant to be posted in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts in Town by the Constable.

ATTEST: /s/ John J. Firiello, Constable

Dated: October 3, 2005



RETURN OF SERVICE

JOHN J. FIRRIELLO
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading 22 days before the **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**, to vote on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005**, by posting the warrant in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts of the Town:

Precinct #1	M&H Auto & Gas Station 1 Washington Street, North Reading Carpet Craft 3 Washington Street, North Reading
Precinct #2	Carousel Cleaners 265 Main Street, North Reading Town Hall 235 North Street, North Reading
Precinct #3	Reading Lumber 110 Main Street, North Reading Eastgate Liquors 12 Main Street, North Reading
Precinct #4	U.S. Post Office 174 Park Street, North Reading Ryers Store 162 Park Street, North Reading

Attest:

John J. Firriello, Constable
October 4, 2005



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
OCTOBER 25, 2005**

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purpose of reconstructing, renovating and equipping the North Reading Police Station, and all costs incidental and related thereto, including the costs of temporarily relocating the Police Station?

**SPECIAL ELECTION – OCTOBER 25, 2005
QUESTION #1**

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Blanks	0	1	0	0	1
YES	153	127	120	140	540
NO	70	59	50	46	225
TOTALS	223	187	170	186	766

**Total Number of Registered Voters: 8,661
Voter Participation: 08.8%**



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
VITAL STATISTICS AND LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Vital Statistics for 2005:

Births	146
Marriages	35
Deaths	104

Number of Dogs Licensed To Date: 551

Number of Passport Applications Processed: ... 299

Business Certificates Issued:

New Certificates	32
Renewals	22

Licenses Issued for Division of Fisheries & Wildlife:

Fishing & Hunting	128
Free	34
Water Fowl Stamps	10
Archery Stamps	27
Primitive Firearms Stamps	18



Public Welfare

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Department of Veterans Services functions as a primary advocate for veterans, dependents and survivors and was responsive to varied inquiries and requests for assistance as well as advocacy for appeals with respect to the acquisition of veterans benefits and services within eligibility parameters of both state and federal veterans programs. The interaction of state and federal resources by virtue of the Mass. Dept. of Veterans Services and the federal Department of Veterans Affairs afforded a broader spectrum of benefit availability and service delivery to the veteran community. Walk-in and phone-in assistance were available on a daily basis for the veteran population for information and representation for both veteran and peripheral concerns. The obligations of this office were discharged in a disciplined and comprehensive fashion.

State provisions for veterans benefits consist mainly of a public assistance program comprising income maintenance, medical services, emergency needs and ancillary support for both transitional and long term requirements. The Mass. Dept. of Veterans Services administers this program through 108 Commonwealth of Mass. Regulations in compliance with Chapter 115 Mass. General Laws. Funding is provided by town appropriations in concert with the state which assumes liability for major costs through 75% reimbursement of authorized expenses to the various communities. Public assistance requirements for North Reading were discharged within the 2005 budget of \$34,000. An aggressive effort to effect client transfers to alternative support programs (VA veterans pensions and disability compensation, unemployment Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, MassHealth) reduced requirements for local veterans public assistance assets by affording a broader spectrum of resources from the referenced services. The Mass. Dept. of Veterans Services sponsors a state annuity program for 100% disabled veterans as well as Gold Star wives and parents of veterans killed in military action. Claims totaling \$31,500 were disbursed to 21 annuitants of North Reading.

Notwithstanding the foregoing salutary comments on veterans public assistance, military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq and attendant liabilities for service delivery underscore parochial concerns relating to their adverse incremental impact. Moreover, the inception of peacetime veterans for Chapter 115 benefits as of August 30, 2004 and a recently enhanced state imposed medical budget are exerting more pressure on departmental public assistance assets. These developments are problematic and create a daunting challenge for quantifying and sustaining a reasonably consistent profile of funding for community veterans benefits and may portend a compelling need for more expansive budgetary requests.

Federal veteran's benefits and services were coordinated with the regional office of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Boston and various Veteran Administration medical and support facilities. Claims developed and processed during



the year accounted for a percentage of \$2,857,260 in federal funds dispersed this year directly to North Reading claimants generally for veterans, dependents and survivor pensions, disability and indemnity compensation, medical and death benefit entitlements. Assistance, counsel and referral were offered as well as advocacy for appeals and hearings. The attainment of favorable results was reflective of the resolve and effort applied in the pursuit of federal funds.

This department's human service agenda includes liaison and networking with affinitive agencies in the human and public service sectors which has extended the latitude of service delivery. Contacts were maintained but not limited to Medicare, Division of Employment and Training, Legal Assistance Agency, Mass. National Guard Headquarters, community support agencies, fuel assistance, and homeless facilities. Participation in the Mass. Fuel Assistance Program was limited to inquiry response and referral to the Energy Program Division, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council for eligibility and claims processing. Grants were provided to eligible low income households through payments to vendors for a portion of heating bills. For the winter of 2004-2005, a total of 56 claimants received \$34,055 in fuel credits. Fuel assistance callers were also referred to Joe Kennedy's heating fuel program.

The continuing support of all town departments is acknowledged and appreciated. A special expression of appreciation is offered to Maureen Stevens, administrative assistant, in recognition of her contribution to a successful program of services to the veteran community. A progressive agenda of benefit acquisition and service delivery was affected through her attention to detail, motivation and superior job knowledge. Her penchant for innovation, work discipline and organizational dexterity facilitated goals of timely service and exemplary case management. Her interpersonal skills and ease in communication are valuable assets in connection with the veteran community interface. Mrs. Stevens is an outstanding administrative assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Callahan
Director of Veterans Services
Veterans Agent



VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The North Reading Veterans Memorial Committee held meetings on September 28 and October 19 for the purpose of conducting committee business and to organize an observance on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2005. Plans were developed and coordinated with representatives of North Reading VFW Post 10874, North Reading Minutemen Company, Olde Redding Battery and invited guests. Meeting agendas centralized on ceremony format and assignment of specific tasks for committee members. Contacts were required for the availability of state legislators, a guest speaker, North Reading Selectman representation, North Reading High School Band, Troop 750 Boy Scouts, National Guard, official guests, buglers and a bell ringer, cannoneer from the Old Redding Battery, musket squad of North Reading Militia and access to the Edith O'Leary Senior Center. Ancillary tasks included the accumulation of appropriate flags, decorative wreaths, static military displays, publicity, ceremonial programs and miscellaneous support services.

The ceremony on Veteran's Day was a joint effort by the VFW Post 10874, North Reading Minuteman, Veterans Memorial Committee and the Veterans Services Department. Commander James E. MacLauchlan, VFW, served as master of ceremonies. The Veterans Day proclamation was read by Selectman Chairperson Robert J. Mauceri. The guest speaker, Miss Brittany Riolings, North Reading High School performed commendably and provided an intergenerational flavor to our ceremony. We were honored by the presence of Mass. House Minority Leader, Representative Bradley H. Jones who arrived with a proclamation from Governor Romney relating to the veterans "Welcome Home" bill signed into law by the Governor on the previous evening. Representative Jones read the proclamation for the edification of all. Rev. Dr. Richard A. Hughes, Pastor, Union Congregational Church gave the Invocation and later the Benediction. The North Reading High School Band, under the director of Eric Foreman, provided an appropriate medley of patriotic selections, renditions of the National Anthem and Taps. Posting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were performed by the North Reading Boy Scout Troop 750 with leader by Jeffrey Anderson. Musket volleys and cannonading were provided by the North Reading Minutemen and Olde Redding battery respectively. John Watson of the North Reading Memorial Committee and North Reading Minutemen rang the steeple bells at appropriate times during the ceremony. The Mass. National Guard provided military vehicles for a static display that enhanced the memorial venue.

A social gathering of ceremonial participants and members of the assemblage ensued at the Edith O'Leary Senior Center after the veterans memorial site observance on Veteran's Day. It proved to be a welcome refuge from the cold and a light coalition was available for all. As manager of the Veterans Day ceremony, I am grateful and appreciative to all the participants who contributed their time and effort to make this event successful and a fitting tribute to the veterans of our community. Special thanks are extended to Nick O'Brien for decorating all satellite memorials with wreaths and flags. I would be most



remiss for not recognizing this labor intensive task by Philip “Nick” O’Brien. My thanks are also offered to Mary Prenney for availability of the senior center and to Ted Lawson, Adjutant, North Reading VFW, for providing the decorative wreaths for the five town common memorials. An expression of thanks is also directed to the Department of Public Works for cleaning and preparing the memorial site for our Veterans Day observance.

During several inspections of the town common memorials during the year, a flaking of the protective lacquer was observed on most of the memorial plaques. Our memorial contractor, Bruce Lane, Mount Pleasant Memorials, Gloucester, Mass., was contacted to assess the damage and provide a remedy to return the bronze plaques to a reasonable pristine condition. Several meetings were held with Mr. Lane before a remedial plan was finalized. To correct the deterioration of the lacquer (Incralac), the previous layer was removed and a new layer of lacquer applied. This process was accomplished in May of 2005 without cost. At that time, Mr. Lane was of the opinion that their condition was sufficiently presentable for the Memorial Day activities. Incidents of similar conditions were repetitive and the same remedy applied on Oct. 21 and Nov. 4, 2005. Plans were made to meet early in 2006 to review this flaking issue and to resurface the brown patina on the Korean memorial as well as reapplying lacquer on all plaques. The source of the lacquer deterioration has not been determined. (The veterans office established a trust account to address most of major costs for maintaining all town veterans memorials).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Callahan
Director of Veterans Services



Financial Reports

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors report for fiscal 2006 is as follows:

The FY2006 Total Real Estate Valuation:	\$1,993,169,300.00
Personal Property Valuation:	18,740,586.00
Tax Rate for Residential/Open Space:	10.65
Tax Rate for Commercial/Industrial:	10.65

Amounts Levied By Class, Percentage, Valuation & Taxes:

Classes	Percentage	Valuation	Taxes
Residential	88.74%	\$2,246,723,168.00	\$23,927,601.74
Open Space		0	
Commercial	6.18%	156,479,042.00	1,666,501.80
Industrial	4.34%	109,949,000.00	1,170,956.85
Personal Property	0.74%	18,740,586.00	199,587.24
	100.00%	\$2,531,891,796.00	\$26,964,647.63

Total Exemptions Granted:	117	Amount	\$55,567.17
---------------------------	-----	--------	-------------

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed as of 1/1/05	16,329.00
Assessed Valuation as of 1/1/05	\$98,170,450.00
Excise Tax Rate \$25.00 per thousand	\$2,188,041.85

State and County Assessment:

County	—
State	\$16,787.00

Gross Amount to be raised	\$41,635,019.03
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$15,814,272.00
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$25,820,747.03

Appellate Tax Board: 62

Respectfully submitted,

Paula M. Dumont
Assessor Manager



TOWN TREASURER

The transactions in the General Cash Account in summary form were as follows:

Balance 6/30/2004	\$ 9,212,796.93
Balance 6/30/2005	\$ 20,469,456.37

FUNDED DEBT

Outstanding Long Term 7/1/2004	\$ 19,004,197.00
Bonds Paid in FY 05	\$ 2,847,009.00
New Bonds FY 05	\$ 707,130.00
Outstanding Short Term 7/1/2004	\$ 3,783,000.00
New BANS in FY 05	\$ 19,223,000.00
BANS Paid in FY 05	\$ 3,783,000.00
All Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2005	\$ 36,087,318.00

DEBT ACCOUNT

Buildings	\$ 1,317,789.00
Departmental Equipment	\$ 495,000.00
School Buildings	\$ 20,672,829.00
School Other	\$ 1,445,000.00
General	\$ 7,932,277.00
Water	\$ 4,224,423.00

Total	\$ 36,087,318.00
-------	------------------

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Craveiro
Town Treasurer



TOWN COLLECTOR

Outstanding Balances June 30, 2005:

Levy of 2002

Motor Vehicle	\$	9,462.06
Personal Property	\$	2,904.61

Levy of 2003

Motor Vehicle	\$	9,855.39
Personal Property	\$	3,001.15

Levy of 2004

Real Estate	\$	780.95
Motor Vehicle	\$	31,041.10
Personal Property	\$	4,616.66

Levy of 2005

Real Estate	\$	353,256.27
Motor Vehicle	\$	169,854.67
Personal Property	\$	3,513.56

Levy of 2006

Real Estate (<i>bills mailed on 6/24/05</i>)	\$	12,878,540.46
--	----	---------------

FY 2005 TOWN OF NORTH READING TRUST FUND ANALYSIS

Account Number	Account Description	7/1/04		Revenue	Receipts		Transfers	6/30/05	
		Expendable	Non-Expendable		Bequests	Disbursements	In (Out)	Balance	Non-Expendable
629	Flint Memorial Hall	29,981.91	6,000.00	464.30				30,446.21	6,000.00
630	Edith F. Holt Scholarship	4,053.41	3,000.00	58.41				3,711.82	3,000.00
631	Walter S. Flint	45,784.67	10,000.00	709.04		400.00		46,493.71	10,000.00
632	Alice G. Wilson	4,278.49	500.00	66.26				4,344.75	500.00
633	West Village Club Scholarship	4,850.56	1,780.64	75.12				4,925.68	1,780.64
634	Flint Memorial Library	7,878.84	3,150.00	122.03				8,000.87	3,150.00
631	Elliot Flint	27,090.65	5,000.00	419.53				27,510.18	5,000.00
636	Thomas Stafford	2,664.32	1,000.00	41.28				2,705.60	1,000.00
638	Library Piano Trust	4,553.16	2,715.00	70.52				4,623.68	2,715.00
638	Ebenezer Damon	13,462.35	5,000.00	208.48				13,670.83	5,000.00
639	Anne U. Abbott	4,737.32	1,000.00	73.35				4,810.67	1,000.00
640	Harmony Vale	7,208.53	1,000.00	111.64				7,320.17	1,000.00
641	Luther G. Howard	5,882.49	500.00	91.12				5,973.61	500.00
642	Park Street Cemetery	1,955.62	300.00	30.28				1,985.90	300.00
643	Perpetual Care	617,688.22	436,823.00	9,058.27				626,746.49	436,823.00
644	150th Anniversary	415.48	125.00	6.42				421.90	125.00
645	Tri-centennial Amer/Revln	359.02	100.00	5.56				364.58	100.00
646	Stabilization	1,516,321.71	0.00	20,990.97			(199,114.04)	1,338,198.64	0.00
647	Conservation	92,094.02	25,000.00	1,426.21				93,520.23	25,000.00
648	James & Barbara Alyward	12,307.09	10,000.00	189.03		500.00		11,996.12	10,000.00
650	James Greg Hannon	10,511.66	10,000.00	155.94		500.00		10,167.60	10,000.00
686	Neido Barrasso	120,406.08	100,000.00	1,836.54		4,000.00		118,242.62	100,000.00
652	Richard Murphy Scholarship	4,721.70	3,000.00	73.12				4,794.82	3,000.00
653	Cultural Council Scholarship	4,726.30	1,789.00	69.48		250.00		4,545.67	1,789.00
654	James Stewart Scholarship	4,248.30	610.00	65.79	1,340.00			4,314.09	610.00
655	Michael J. Mitton Memorial	23,124.58	24,100.00	369.44		2,000.00		22,834.02	24,100.00
674	Richard K. Smith Scholarship	5,741.59	5,000.00	88.52		250.00		5,580.11	5,000.00
656	Veterans Mem. Scholarship	15,813.23	0.00	244.88				16,058.11	0.00
890	Fitzgerald Prize For Comm.	19,329.46	8,464.00	299.35				19,628.81	8,464.00
280	Eleanor Frazier Mem. Scholar.	740.20	675.00	11.45				751.65	675.00
455	Eric Nelson Mem. Schol. Fund	7,454.47	6,264.91	100.56		1,000.00		6,554.93	6,264.91
Citizens Bank	2,451,244.07			<u>37,532.79</u>	<u>1,340.00</u>	<u>8,900.00</u>	<u>(199,114.04)</u>	<u>2,451,244.07</u>	<u>672,896.55</u>
BankNorth	19,115.58								



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The following pages are the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Town of North Reading for the Fiscal Year 2005. The statements and accompanying notes were prepared by Giusti, Hingston and Company, P.C., the outside audit firm, as a result of the annual audit of the Town's financial records by the firm.

Responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the data presented rests with the Town. I believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respect that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position of the Town measured by the activity of its various funds.

The Town's finances continue to feel the pressure of rapid growth and a general decline in the economy. The Town's ability to generate sufficient revenue to provide the services demanded is severely limited by the constraints of Proposition 2-1/2. The Town is faced with difficulty, funding not only the operating budget, but major capital projects over the next few years. This can only be accomplished by careful and thoughtful planning of the Town's leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Tassone
Finance Director/Town Accountant



Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current:			
Cash/Investments	\$ 19,011,780	\$ 1,226,552	\$ 20,238,332
Petty Cash	585	150	735
Accounts Receivable:			
Property Taxes	307,624	-	307,624
Tax Liens	398,102	6,757	404,859
Excises	235,619	-	235,619
User Charges	361,846	192,335	554,181
Liens	11,731	9,374	21,105
Intergovernmental	1,915,533	-	1,915,533
Noncurrent:			
Accounts Receivable:			
Intergovernmental	4,027,347	-	4,027,347
Deferred Property Taxes	103,553	-	103,553
Deferred Special Assessments	90,801	-	90,801
Capital Assets:			
Assets Not Being Depreciated	18,670,370	4,311,767	22,982,137
Assets Being Depreciated, Net	19,399,265	12,483,850	31,883,115
Total Assets	64,534,156	18,230,785	82,764,941
Liabilities			
Current:			
Warrants Payable	1,593,699	122,160	1,715,859
Accrued Salaries Payable	1,649,056	-	1,649,056
Employees' Withholding Payable	155,145	-	155,145
Due to Individuals	(59,492)	-	(59,492)
Due to Other Governments	3,750	-	3,750
Unclaimed Checks	28,554	-	28,554
Guarantee Deposits	37,590	44,997	82,587
Accrued Interest Payable	88,239	46,494	134,733
Other Liabilities	136,678	-	136,678
Bonds Payable	1,387,287	763,538	2,150,825
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	16,979,500	2,243,500	19,223,000
Noncurrent:			
Bonds Payable	10,448,996	4,232,179	14,681,175
Other	200,000	-	200,000
Compensated Absences	4,123,790	109,841	4,233,631
Total Liabilities	36,772,792	7,562,709	44,335,501

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	22,433,158	10,178,709	32,611,867
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	92,503	-	92,503
Special Revenue	2,137,740	-	2,137,740
Perpetual Funds:			
Expendable	178,534	-	178,534
Nonexpendable	560,042	-	560,042
Unrestricted	2,359,387	489,367	2,848,754
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 27,761,364</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,668,076</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,429,440</u></u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.



Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Primary Government:							
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>							
General Government	\$ 2,168,462	\$ 355,028	\$ 22,952	\$ -	\$ (1,790,482)	\$ -	\$ (1,790,482)
Public Safety	5,448,048	972,048	257,578	-	(4,218,422)	-	(4,218,422)
Education	24,891,763	1,532,299	7,697,053	-	(15,662,411)	-	(15,662,411)
Highways and Public Works	4,779,994	1,144,891	910,411	-	(2,724,692)	-	(2,724,692)
Human Services	403,241	24,985	36,559	-	(341,697)	-	(341,697)
Culture and Recreation	935,984	226,391	70,039	-	(639,554)	-	(639,554)
Fringe Benefits and Insurance	5,014,003	-	-	-	(5,014,003)	-	(5,014,003)
Interest on Debt Service	365,736	-	-	-	(365,736)	-	(365,736)
Total Governmental Activities	44,007,231	4,255,642	8,994,592	-	(30,756,997)	-	(30,756,997)
<i>Business-Type Activities:</i>							
Golf	1,244,318	1,572,133	20,584	-	-	348,399	348,399
Water Services	2,478,672	2,676,347	16,856	-	-	214,531	214,531
Total Business-Type Activities	3,722,990	4,248,480	37,440	-	-	562,930	562,930
Total Primary Government	\$ 47,730,221	\$ 8,504,122	\$ 9,032,032	\$ -	(30,756,997)	562,930	(30,194,067)
<i>General Revenues:</i>							
Property Taxes					25,633,830	-	25,633,830
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise Taxes					2,169,834	-	2,169,834
Penalties and Interest on Taxes					118,006	-	118,006
Other Taxes, Assessments and in Lieu of Payments					410,825	-	410,825
Intergovernmental					2,028,514	-	2,028,514
Interest and Investment Income					135,882	-	135,882
Other Revenue					5,193	-	5,193
Contributions to Permanent Funds					19,850	-	19,850
<i>Special Items:</i>							
Premium on Sale of Debt					130,419	-	130,419
Net Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets					1,615,771	-	1,615,771
Transfers, Net					195,000	(195,000)	-
Total General Revenues, Special Items and Transfers					32,463,124	(195,000)	32,268,124
Change in Net Assets					1,706,127	367,930	2,074,057
<i>Net Assets:</i>							
Beginning of the Year					26,062,371	10,787,171	36,849,542
Prior Period Adjustment					(7,134)	(487,025)	(494,159)
Adjusted Beginning of the Year					26,055,237	10,300,146	36,355,383
End of the Year					\$ 27,761,364	\$ 10,668,076	\$ 38,429,440

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005

	General	Batchelder School Capital Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash/Investments	\$3,657,499	\$ 4,435,882	\$ 10,918,399	\$ 19,011,780
Petty Cash	585	-	-	585
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	307,624	-	-	307,624
Tax Liens	398,102	-	-	398,102
Excises	235,619	-	-	235,619
User Charges	45,196	-	316,650	361,846
Deferred Property Taxes	103,553	-	-	103,553
Other Liens	11,731	-	-	11,731
Intergovernmental	4,530,819	-	1,412,061	5,942,880
Special Assessments	-	-	90,801	90,801
Tax Foreclosures	277,776	-	-	277,776
Total Assets	<u>\$9,568,504</u>	<u>\$ 4,435,882</u>	<u>\$ 12,737,911</u>	<u>\$ 26,742,297</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	\$ 412,757	\$ -	\$ 1,180,942	\$ 1,593,699
Accrued Salaries Payable	1,649,056	-	-	1,649,056
Employees' Withholding Payable	155,145	-	-	155,145
Due to Individuals	(59,492)	-	-	(59,492)
Due to Other Governments	3,750	-	-	3,750
Unclaimed Checks	28,554	-	-	28,554
Guarantee Deposits	37,590	-	-	37,590
Other Liabilities	-	-	136,678	136,678
Bonds Anticipation Notes Payable	-	10,600,000	6,379,500	16,979,500
Deferred Revenue:				
Property Taxes	261,789	-	-	261,789
Taxes and User Charges Paid in Advance	73,316	-	-	73,316
Deferred Property Taxes	103,553	-	-	103,553
Tax Liens	409,833	-	-	409,833
Excises	12,800	-	-	12,800
Special Assessments	-	-	90,801	90,801
Tax Foreclosures	277,776	-	-	277,776
User Charges	45,196	-	316,650	361,846
Intergovernmental	4,530,819	-	1,268,272	5,799,091
Total Liabilities	<u>7,942,442</u>	<u>10,600,000</u>	<u>9,372,843</u>	<u>27,915,285</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2005

	<u>General</u>	<u>Batchelder School Capital Project</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Fund Equity:				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Encumbrances	476,730	-	-	476,730
Reserved by State Statute	-	-	92,503	92,503
Reserved for Perpetual Permanent Funds	-	-	560,042	560,042
Unreserved:				
Designated for:				
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	-	-	574,809	574,809
Appropriation Deficits	(453,709)	-	-	(453,709)
Undesignated, Reported in:				
General Fund	1,603,041	-	-	1,603,041
Special Revenue Fund	-	-	3,926,075	3,926,075
Capital Projects Fund	-	(6,164,118)	(1,966,895)	(8,131,013)
Permanent Fund	-	-	178,534	178,534
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,626,062</u>	<u>(6,164,118)</u>	<u>3,365,068</u>	<u>(1,172,988)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$9,568,504</u>	<u>\$ 4,435,882</u>	<u>\$ 12,737,911</u>	<u>\$ 26,742,297</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

	General	Batchelder School Capital Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$25,429,273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,429,273
Tax Liens	77,829	-	-	77,829
Excises	2,100,128	-	-	2,100,128
Penalties and Interest	118,006	-	-	118,006
Licenses and Permits	485,405	-	-	485,405
Fees and Other Departmental	218,233	-	-	218,233
Intergovernmental	9,067,009	-	1,798,675	10,865,684
Charges for Services	866,624	-	1,855,920	2,722,544
Fines and Forfeits	22,168	-	-	22,168
Earnings on Investments	135,882	-	202,776	338,658
In Lieu of Taxes	410,825	-	-	410,825
Contributions	-	-	414,208	414,208
Miscellaneous	328,958	-	1,762,539	2,091,497
Total Revenues	<u>39,260,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,034,118</u>	<u>45,294,458</u>
Expenditures:				
General Government	1,922,043	-	1,341,153	3,263,196
Public Safety	5,015,047	-	184,391	5,199,438
Education	21,525,790	5,636,485	2,744,322	29,906,597
Intergovernmental	143,380	-	-	143,380
Highways and Public Works	3,483,226	-	1,174,708	4,657,934
Human Services	374,100	-	12,588	386,688
Culture and Recreation	555,559	-	263,649	819,208
Employee Benefits and Insurance	5,014,003	-	-	5,014,003
Debt Service	1,922,370	-	-	1,922,370
Total Expenditures	<u>39,955,518</u>	<u>5,636,485</u>	<u>5,720,811</u>	<u>51,312,814</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(695,178)</u>	<u>(5,636,485)</u>	<u>313,307</u>	<u>(6,018,356)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	679,694	-	9,611	689,305
Operating Transfers (Out)	(24,611)	-	(469,694)	(494,305)
Proceeds from Bonds	-	-	372,977	372,977
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>655,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(87,106)</u>	<u>567,977</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(40,095)</u>	<u>(5,636,485)</u>	<u>226,201</u>	<u>(5,450,379)</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>1,666,157</u>	<u>(527,633)</u>	<u>3,138,867</u>	<u>4,277,391</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 1,626,062</u>	<u>\$ (6,164,118)</u>	<u>\$ 3,365,068</u>	<u>\$ (1,172,988)</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
Total Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Assets
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ (1,172,988)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	38,069,635
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	7,113,029
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds	
Bonds Payable	(11,836,283)
Other	(200,000)
Accrued Interest on Bonds	(88,239)
Compensated Absences	(4,123,790)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 27,761,364</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$(5,450,379)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	6,043,241
In the statement of activities, the gain on the trade in of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the gain is not reported.	(131,025)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.	354,925
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	1,031,444
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds, interest is not reported until due. This amount represents the change from the prior year's accrual.	152,213
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. This amount represents the change from the prior year's accrual.	<u>(294,292)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,706,127</u></u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2005

	Business-Type Activities	
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Golf</u>
Assets		
Current:		
Cash and Cash Investments	\$ 573,401	\$ 653,151
Petty Cash	-	150
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles:		
User Charges	192,335	-
Tax Liens	6,757	-
Liens	9,374	-
Noncurrent:		
Assets Not Being Depreciated	477,376	3,834,391
Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>9,714,054</u>	<u>2,769,796</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,973,297</u>	<u>7,257,488</u>
Liabilities		
Current:		
Warrants Payable	110,073	12,087
Guarantee Deposits	-	44,997
Accrued Interest Payable	19,650	26,844
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	1,325,500	918,000
Bonds Payable	354,452	409,086
Noncurrent:		
Bonds Payable	2,164,121	2,068,058
Compensated Absences	<u>107,507</u>	<u>2,334</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,081,303</u>	<u>3,481,406</u>
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	6,522,600	3,656,109
Unrestricted	<u>369,394</u>	<u>119,973</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$6,891,994</u>	<u>\$3,776,082</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Business-Type Activities	
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	Water	Golf
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 2,676,347	\$1,388,434
Departmental	-	183,699
Gifts	-	15,582
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,676,347</u>	<u>1,587,715</u>
Operating Expenditures:		
Personal Services	600,914	22,985
Nonpersonal Services	1,456,756	948,307
Depreciation	327,278	157,031
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>2,384,948</u>	<u>1,128,323</u>
Operating Income	<u>291,399</u>	<u>459,392</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Intergovernmental	8,348	1,516
Earnings on Investments	8,508	3,486
Interest on Debt	(93,724)	(115,995)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(76,868)</u>	<u>(110,993)</u>
Income Before Operating Transfers	<u>214,531</u>	<u>348,399</u>
Operating Transfers In	15,000	-
Operating Transfers Out	(210,000)	-
Total Transfers	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>19,531</u>	<u>348,399</u>
Net Assets, July 1, 2004	7,433,703	3,353,468
Prior Period Adjustment	(561,240)	74,215
Adjusted Net Assets, July 1, 2004	<u>6,872,463</u>	<u>3,427,683</u>
Net Assets June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 6,891,994</u>	<u>\$3,776,082</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.



Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Hillview</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from Customers	\$2,884,518	\$1,587,714
Payments to Employees	(591,883)	(21,399)
Payments to Vendors	<u>(1,672,325)</u>	<u>(1,043,756)</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>620,310</u>	<u>522,559</u>
Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities:		
Transfers from (to) Other Funds (Net)	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Non Capital Related Financing Activities	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Receipts from Government	-	1,516
Payments on Bond Anticipation Notes	(1,120,000)	(288,000)
Proceeds from Bond Anticipation Notes	1,325,500	918,000
Principal Payments on Bonds	(359,556)	(744,914)
Interest Payments	<u>(86,193)</u>	<u>(127,022)</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(240,249)</u>	<u>(240,420)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Earnings on Investments	<u>1,676</u>	<u>3,486</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>1,676</u>	<u>3,486</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	186,737	285,625
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2004	<u>386,664</u>	<u>367,526</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 573,401</u>	<u>\$ 653,151</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Hillview</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by		
Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 291,399	\$ 459,392
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Expense	327,278	157,031
Assets Acquired	(24,711)	(53,638)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	208,171	(1)
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	9,031	1,586
Increase (Decrease) in Other Payables	<u>(190,858)</u>	<u>(41,811)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 620,310</u>	<u>\$ 522,559</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.



Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2005

	Private-Purpose Trust
Assets	
Cash and Cash Investments	\$ 230,773
Total Assets	230,773
Liabilities	-
Total Liabilities	-
Net Assets	
Held in Trust for Scholarships	230,773
Total Net Assets	\$ 230,773

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.



Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Additions:	
Interest, Dividends, and Other	<u>\$ 4,816</u>
Total Additions	<u>4,816</u>
Deductions:	
Scholarships Awarded	<u>7,650</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(2,834)</u>
Net Assets:	
Beginning of the Year	<u>233,607</u>
End of the Year	<u><u>\$230,773</u></u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of this Exhibit.

