

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 – 14,265

Registered Voters December 31, 2006 – (Active & Inactive): 9,467
Democrats – 2,636 Republicans – 1,657
Green-Rainbow – 4 Working Families – 0
Unenrolled – 5,120 Others – 50

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)

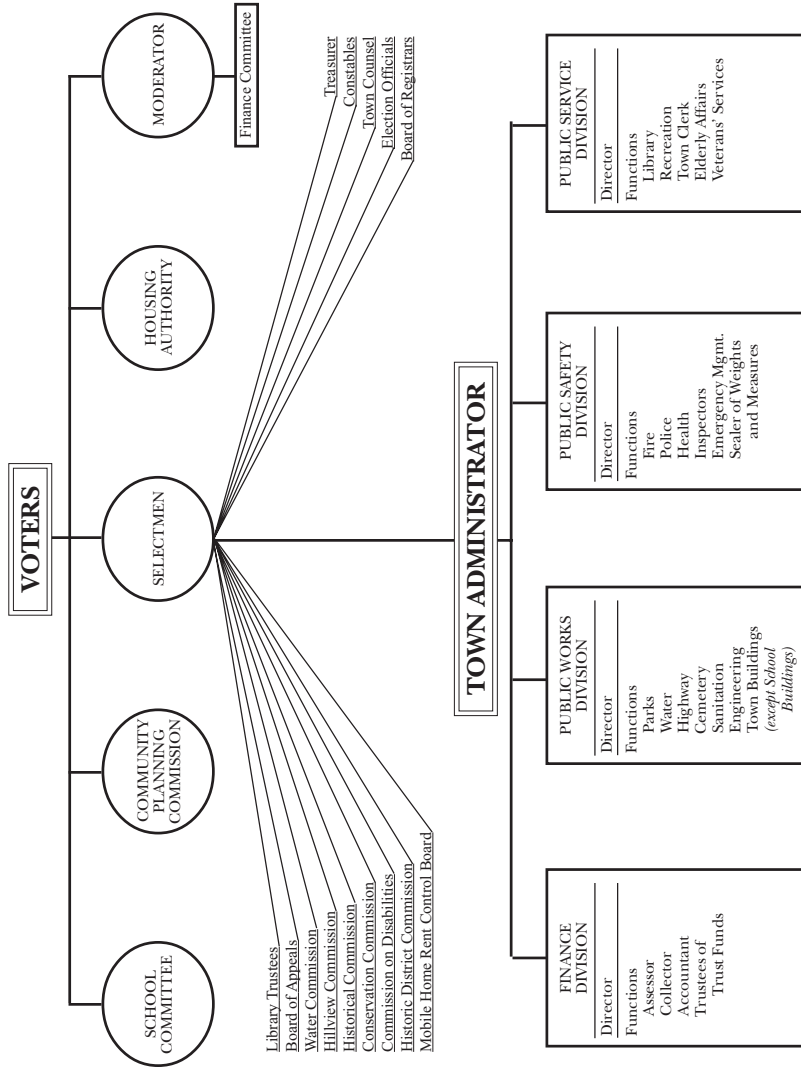
Qualifications for registration as a voter: Must be 18 years of age, American born or fully naturalized citizen, and a resident of North Reading. Registration in Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, preceding elections and town meetings on dates announced by the Town Clerk. No pre-existing residency requirement.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

[May 2, 2006]

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Mauceri, *Chairman* May, 2007
Stephen J. O'Leary, *Vice-Chairman* May, 2009
Joseph R. Veno, *Clerk* May, 2007
Philip R. Dardeno May, 2008
Michael R. Harris May, 2009

MODERATOR

John J. Murphy May, 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Maureen Harty-Vacca, *Chairman* May, 2007
Stephen D. Jervy, *Vice-Chairman* May, 2008
Melvin K. Webster, *Secretary* May, 2007
Gerald Venezia May, 2009
Nicole A.R. Davis May, 2009

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Patricia E. Romeo, *Chairman* May, 2009
M. Shepard Spear, *Vice-Chairman* May, 2009
Christopher B. Hayden, *Clerk* May, 2008
Warren R. Pearce, Jr. May, 2007
Neal E. Rooney May, 2007

NORTH READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Stephen J. Daly, *Chairman* April, 2005
 **State Appointee*
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

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Sweeney November, 2008

APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN MODERATOR

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
Michael Mastascusa, <i>Chairman</i>	April, 2009
Abigail Hurlbut, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	April, 2007
Stephen A. Casazza	April, 2008
John Hoadley	April, 2007
Mark Westervelt	April, 2009
Donald Kelliher	April, 2009
Bradley H. Jones, Sr.	April, 2008
Alan Wolpin	April, 2007
Richard Johnson	April, 2008

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>
Greg L. Balukonis June 30, 2008

<u>TOWN TREASURER</u>
Elizabeth Craveiro June 30, 2007

<u>TOWN COUNSEL</u>
Kopelman and Paige June 30, 2007

<u>DETAIL CONSTABLES</u>
Karl Berg December 31, 2007
Jerry Berg December 31, 2007

<u>CONSTABLES (Process-Servers)</u>
Paul Dorsey December 31, 2007
Harold B. Reynolds December 31, 2007
John Firriello December 31, 2007
John Frew December 31, 2007
Thomas Dupuis December 31, 2007

<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>
Paul O'Leary, <i>Chairman</i> December 31, 2007
James Demetri December 31, 2007
Joseph Murphy December 31, 2006
Jennifer Platt, <i>associate</i> December 31, 2008
Joseph Keyes December 31, 2009
John D. Nelson, <i>associate</i> December 31, 2007

<u>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</u>
Barbara Stats, <i>Town Clerk</i> Indefinite
Eleanor T. Jean April 1, 2008
Charles Faneuff April 1, 2007
Frances A. Exum April 1, 2009

Term Expires:

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ruth Kennedy, <i>Chairperson</i>	Indefinite
Ed Parish	Indefinite
Theo Kuliopulos	Indefinite
Edward Strob	Indefinite
William J. Austin	Indefinite

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Timothy Allen, <i>Chairman</i>	December 31, 2008
Paul Dick (<i>resigned 7/2006</i>)	December 31, 2006
James Demetri	December 31, 2007
Martin Weiss	December 31, 2008
Kathleen Legere (<i>resigned 3/2006</i>)	December 31, 2006
Jonathan Cody	December 31, 2009
Nasos Phillips	December 31, 2009

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Margaret Robertson, <i>Chairperson</i>	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
Heather Howell	December 31, 2009
Melissa Lewis	December 31, 2008

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Christian Frothingham, <i>Chairperson</i>	December 31, 2007
Grace Curley	December 31, 2008
Janet Hosking	December 31, 2007
Katherine Foley	December 31, 2007
Martine Ravioli	December 31, 2008

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Greg L. Balukonis, <i>Director</i>	Indefinite
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FOREST COMMITTEE

Steven Nathan	December 31, 2008
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HILLVIEW COMMISSION

George Stack, <i>Chairman</i>	December 31, 2009
John Collins	December 31, 2008
Henry Purnell	December 31, 2008
Charles Carucci	December 31, 2008
Lawrence Dymont	December 31, 2007
Michael Giunta	December 31, 2009
Edward Rocco	December 31, 2007

Term Expires:

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mabel DiFranza, <i>Chairperson</i>	December 31, 2009
John Davis, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	December 31, 2007
Patricia Romeo	December 31, 2006
Carole Dingman (<i>resigned 12/2005</i>)	December 31, 2008
Mark Hall	December 31, 2008
Lisa Santilli	December 31, 2006
Giles Norton	December 31, 2008
David Ham	December 31, 2008
Patrick O'Rourke	December 31, 2009

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Carole Dingman, <i>Chairperson (resigned 10/2006)</i>	December 31, 2008
Patricia Romeo	December 31, 2008
Thomas Parker, <i>associate</i>	December 31, 2008
Ann Sullivan	December 31, 2008
John Davis	December 31, 2007
Christopher Hayden	December 31, 2009
Mabel DiFranza	December 31, 2008

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

John Magazzu, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	December 31, 2009
Frank Delaney	December 31, 2007
Daniel Solomon	December 31, 2008
M. Shepard Spear	December 31, 2008
Stephen Daly	December 31, 2009
Peter Forcellese	December 31, 2007
Edward Skeffington (<i>resigned 8/2006</i>)	December 31, 2007

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

David Cores, <i>Chairman</i>	December 31, 2009
Lorraine Sheehan	December 31, 2007
Karen Vitale	December 31, 2009
Grace Curley	December 31, 2008
Colleen Manning	December 31, 2007
Debbie Firicano (<i>resigned 9/2006</i>)	December 31, 2008
Marci Bailey	December 31, 2008

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Term Expires:

MARTINS POND RECLAMATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Lida Jenney, <i>Chairman</i>	December 31, 2009
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, 2008
Dan Solomon	December 31, 2009
Robyn D'Apolito	December 31, 2007
James DeCola, <i>associate member</i>	December 31, 2009

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Edward McGrath, <i>Chairman</i>	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, 2009
Edith O'Leary	December 31, 2006
Thomas O'Hare	December 31, 2008
Gloria Mastro	December 31, 2007

WATER COMMISSION

Vincent Ragucci, <i>Chairman</i>	December 31, 2008
Dorothy Paicos	December 31, 2007
Joseph Marotta	December 31, 2009
Carol Bourque	December 31, 2007
Karl Touet	December 31, 2009
Joseph C. Foti	December 31, 2008

Term Expires:

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

EAST MIDDLESEX MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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*

**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 CITIZENS
ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

John Norton December 31, 2007

Term Expires:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S AD HOC COMMITTEES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT /INFRASTRUCTURECOMMITTEE

Robert Maurceri	Indefinite
Maureen Vacca	Indefinite
Nicole Davis	Indefinite
David Troughton	Indefinite
Stephen Casazza	Indefinite
Donald Kelliher	Indefinite
Greg Balukonis	Indefinite
M. Shepard Spear	Indefinite
Patricia Romeo, <i>alternate member</i>	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. (<i>Business Association Appointee</i>)	Indefinite
Robert Rodgers (<i>Community Planning Appointee</i>)	Indefinite
Warren Pearce, Jr. (<i>Community Planning Appointee</i>)	Indefinite
Suzanne Sullivan (<i>Wilmington Board of Selectmen</i>)	Indefinite

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE **

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

* Committee appointed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

Term Expires:

SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE **

Charles Carucci, <i>Chairman</i>	Indefinite
Laurie Witts	Indefinite
Stephen Jervey (<i>School Committee Appointee</i>)	Indefinite
Stephen Nathan	Indefinite
Janene Imbriano	Indefinite
Gregg Doble	Indefinite
Aldo Tramontozzi, <i>associate member</i>	Indefinite
Edwin Stiles, <i>associate member</i>	Indefinite
Wayne Hardacker, <i>associate member</i>	Indefinite
David Troughton, <i>associate member</i>	Indefinite

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 (<i>Historic District Commission</i>)	Indefinite
Christopher Hayden (<i>Community Planning Commission</i>)	Indefinite
Edward Nolan (<i>Police Department</i>)	Indefinite
Joseph Thibodeau	Indefinite
Ritchie Harris	Indefinite

FIRE MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Joseph Veno	December 31, 2007
Philip Dardeno	December 31, 2007
Alan Wolpin	December 31, 2007
David Harlow	December 31, 2007
Richard Nash	December 31, 2007
Barry Galvin	December 31, 2007
Andrew Nichols	December 31, 2007
Edward Nolan	December 31, 2007

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

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

Term Expires:

WASTEWATER AND STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

TOWN CLERK

Barbara Stats	Indefinite
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TOWN COLLECTOR

Elizabeth Craveiro	Indefinite
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Joseph Tassone	Indefinite
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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Joseph Tassone	Indefinite
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VETERANS' AGENT AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Timothy J. Callahan	Indefinite
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BUILDING INSPECTOR

James DeCola	Indefinite
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WIRE INSPECTOR

Joseph J. Gigante	Indefinite
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GAS INSPECTOR

James Diozzi	Indefinite
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Term Expires:

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

David Harlow December 31, 2007

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Karl Berg December 31, 2007

Jerry Berg, *assistant* December 31, 2007

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Melvin D. Peck Indefinite

**LOCAL CENSUS LIAISON TO THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Barbara Stats Indefinite

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Hanlon Indefinite

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

David Hanlon Indefinite

TREE WARDEN

David Hanlon December 31, 2007

CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Lieutenant, North Reading Company of Minit and Militia Indefinite

FIRE CHIEF (ACTING)

David Harlow Indefinite

POLICE CHIEF

Henry J. Purnell Indefinite

PARKING CLERK

Karen Marlin December 31, 2007

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Helena Minton Indefinite

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gary Hunt December 31, 2007

Michael Ricci December 31, 2007

Pamela Vath December 31, 2007

Term Expires:

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Allen Caproni December 31, 2007
Gregory Smith December 31, 2007
Sebastian Tine December 31, 2007

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Jean Moubhij December 31, 2009
Theophilos Kuliopulos December 31, 2007
Wil Birkmaier December 31, 2009
Edward DeSousa December 31, 2006
Arthur Crotty December 31, 2009
Michael Kushakji December 31, 2007
Robert Aloisi December 31, 2009

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, 2009

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Patricia Romeo December 31, 2009
Barbara O'Brien December 31, 2007
Barry Allen December 31, 2008

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rita Mullin, *Chairperson* December 31, 2007
Lauren McMullen December 31, 2007
Michael Prisco December 31, 2007
Sergio Coviello December 31, 2007
Laura Centofanti December 31, 2007

DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Mary Prenney Indefinite

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mary Prenney, *Chairman* Indefinite
Gloria Mastro December 31, 2007
Janet Berry December 31, 2007
Michele Modica December 31, 2007
Khalid Syed December 31, 2009
Eleanor Fritsch December 31, 2007
Marie Berndtson December 31, 2008

Term Expires:

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH AGENT

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, 2007

General Government

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

A busy, active and productive year.

New Board Member

Michael Harris was elected to the Board in May replacing Marci Bailey who chose not to seek a third term on the Board. The Board welcomes Mr. Harris and thanks Mrs. Bailey to whom we owe a great deal of gratitude for her leadership and accomplishments.

Budget

Within tight fiscal constraints, by working cooperatively with the School Committee and Finance Committee, a balanced level services budget was presented to April Town Meeting. We acknowledge the efforts of Greg Balukonis, Joe Tassone and our entire Finance Department staff in a most difficult budget process. We also acknowledge the efforts of Representative Brad Jones, Senator Bruce Tarr and citizens who backed the Joint Committee for Educational Reform that resulted in the Town's increase in Chapter 70 school aid that helped balancing the budget and thus avoiding the need for a budget override.

Technology

The Town's investment in technology has begun to pay off. Computer network, workstations and application software have been upgraded to permit more efficient communication and data access. At our October Town Meeting capital funding was passed to upgrade the phone system and accounting software.

The Town's website continues to be improved. Through the efforts of Elizabeth Craveiro, Town Treasurer, a bill paying feature was added to the Town website which permits citizens to pay their water, trash and tax bills by wire transfer or credit card. Additionally, the Town was recently recognized for having one of the States top 40 websites for up-to-date content. We congratulate Greg Balukonis and his department heads for their efforts in achieving this honor.

Fire Study

The Municipal Resources Incorporated Fire Study charted by the Board resulted in 80 plus recommendations. A subcommittee consisting of two members of the Board of Selectman, four members of the Fire Department, a member of the Police Department and Finance Committee have been charged with reviewing the recommendations in the Fire Study report and make their recommendations to the Board in early February 2007.

Labor Contracts

Three year contracts were settled with the Town Workers Association, Public Works, The Non-Union Workers Association, Fire Union, Police Superior Officers Union. Contract talks continue with the Police Union. The Board is appreciative of the time and effort Greg Balukonis has spent settling these contracts.

Cable Committee

After a long negotiation a satisfactory license was issued by the Board to Verizon Communications to provide Cable TV services to the Town. The benefit to the community was immediately felt with both Comcast and Verizon offering more cost effective bundled services of voice, Internet and TV.

Additionally the Verizon contract will lead to the forming of a Cable Access Corporation whose charter will be to manage and provide informational and educational content over both Comcast's and Verizon's local channels. The Board thanks the Cable Committee for their efforts in achieving this goal.

Police Station

Renovation and construction at the Police/Fire Station was kicked off in early spring. During the summer months Route 62 was detoured from the front of the Fire Station to permit construction of the new septic system and to permit temporary garaging and parking for fire apparatus that no longer had access to the Fire Station. The Board thanks John Welsh and all of the members of the Fire Department for dealing with this inconvenience. The Board also thanks Mr. Chuck Carucci for housing one of our fire trucks at his Commonwealth Oil garage on Main Street.

The mild start to winter permitted the timely completion of the exterior of the building so that work could continue on the interior of the building. Occupancy of the new Police Station is scheduled for some time in the summer of 2007.

Route 62 & Town Center

Route 62 construction is nearing completion. With all the major construction completed and the traffic lights in place we can finally enjoy riding across Town without encountering Police details and detours. Additionally work to place utilities underground in the area of the Town Common has been completed and the area has been enhanced with decorative light poles. With the completion of the Batchelder School and surrounding grounds the Center of Town is now something we can all be proud of.

Berry Center Property

Lincoln Properties has finalized plans and is moving ahead with the development of a 406 unit apartment complex consisting of 406 rental units, 59% to be one bedroom and 41% to be two bedroom. All of the rental units count toward our affordable housing inventory thus relieving us from the 40B development onslaught we have experienced over the last several years.

In May, the Town moved ahead by redistricting one half of the Berry Center Property to into a 40R district. The Town is one of the first communities in the State to take advantage of the Smart Growth Program. Under 40R the Town is entitled to and has received an incentive payment of \$350,000. The Town will also be eligible to receive \$3,000 from the State for each of the 406 (\$1,218,000) planned living units when the building permits are issued. Additionally, as part of the Purchase & Sale agreement with the State the developers of the property will pay the Town \$1.5 million toward a sewer treatment facility and will be allocated 120,000 gallons per day waste water discharge on the property for the Town's use.

To assure that the Town's interest is protected during the construction of the project David Hanlon, DPW Director, was given the added responsibility of oversight of the project. Funding to cover anticipated inspection costs was approved at our October Town Meeting.

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

The Challenge Ahead

Although we were able to maintain level services for this current year our challenge for the coming year is daunting. Between Town Government and Schools there is simply not enough revenue growth to support the cost of maintaining level services. At our annual 2007 April Town Meeting the Board will be asking taxpayers to decide on a reduction of services or an override aimed at maintaining services.

Acknowledgements

The Board thanks our town employees, elected officials, appointed boards and all of those who have volunteered their services for the benefit of our entire community. Special thanks to Linda Hamel and Karen Marlin for their efforts in keeping the Board organized and informed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
Stephen J. O'Leary, Vice Chairman
Joseph Veno, Clerk
Philip Dardeno
Michael Harris

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to submit my second annual report for 2006 as Town Administrator. Chapter 5 of the North Reading Town Code defines the Town Administrator job duties and responsibilities. My position serves as the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, and as such, I am responsible for overseeing the operation of all municipal departments.

The Town Administrator also serves as appointing authority for municipal department heads and Town employees. I am also responsible for negotiating labor agreements with the Town's unions.

Much of my time over the past year involved resolving labor disputes and contract negotiations with the Town's employee unions. The following contracts were settled: Department of Public Works (2006-2008); Superior Officers (2005-2008); Town Workers (2006-2009); Fire Department (2006-2009). Additionally, an agreement was approved with the Town's non-union personnel. The Police contract was not settled and negotiations continue between the parties. I settled a number of union grievances over the past year. The Town was involved in several arbitration cases. A full list of these cases is included in Town Counsel's 2006 Report.

It is my hope to improve relations with the Town's unions going forward. I believe respect and cooperation between management and labor is critical for the Town to deliver the best possible and most cost effective services to the public.

I was responsible for submission of balanced municipal operating and capital budgets, which were presented for approval at the April and October Town Meetings. The Town has undertaken an ambitious capital improvement program, including the Police Station relocation and renovation, road improvements, equipment and vehicle replacement for many departments. The total cost of approved capital projects in 2006 was \$2,734,000. I will continue to make capital projects a priority as it appears a number of requests were deferred in past years due to lack of available funding. Going forward, the Town will be faced with decisions involving the renovation or replacement of both the Town Hall and Senior Center, which are in great need of repair.

The fiscal 2007 operating budget was balanced at \$44,219,156 and approved by the April Town Meeting. North Reading was the beneficiary of a significant increase in State Aid, which provided funding to maintain a sufficient level of services in municipal departments. Several budgets were reduced at the April Town Meeting, including the Police, Fire, Department of Public Works and Parks/Recreation. Fortunately, the Town was able to restore most of the funds cut from these budgets at the October Town Meeting. Also, the Town fully funded its fuel and utility accounts despite unpredictable costs throughout 2006. The Town continues to face challenges in funding its employee benefits, particularly health insurance, which increase annually at a much higher per-

centage than the overall budget. Efforts to provide a minor change in health insurance benefits for retirees was defeated by Town Meeting. I will continue to investigate cost saving options to lower the impact of employee benefit costs on the Town. It should be noted here that health insurance is now larger than both the Police and Fire budgets, and is only surpassed by the Schools in total costs.

On a more positive note, this office made improvements to the Town website a priority in 2006. The Town provides a great deal of up to date information on its website, including a meeting calendar, agendas and meeting minutes. The North Reading website was recognized by the Mass Campaign for Open Government as having one of the best municipal websites for providing both updated and detailed information to residents.

I would be remiss not to mention the work of dedicated employees over the past year. Their efforts were particularly noteworthy during the severe floods encountered during the months of May and June. All departments and employees excelled under the most extreme conditions. I was encouraged to see the highest level of cooperation between municipal departments in overcoming this disaster.

I would like to recognize my appreciation to Linda Hamel and Karen Marlin who work in the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen office. They are knowledgeable and dedicated employees who work with me each day. I thank the members of the Board of Selectmen who provide invaluable leadership in the performance of my duties. I consider it a privilege to serve as Town Administrator, and look forward to a long and productive career in North Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg L. Balukonis
Town Administrator

TOWN COUNSEL

During 2006, 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-five 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, civil service appeals and unfair labor practice charges. Ten cases were closed in 2006.

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**

January 31, 2007

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. The parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses.

2. 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). The parties have discussed settlement and the plaintiff has recently made a new offer that we anticipate insurance counsel will discuss with the Town.

3. 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.

4. 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. The parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses. A pretrial conference is scheduled for March 15, 2007 at 2:00 pm in Middlesex Superior Court.

5. 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.

6. 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. All written discovery has been completed and the plaintiff has requested to depose the person in the Town with the most knowledge regarding the taking.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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. The parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses.

10. 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.

11. 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 evidentiary 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.

12. 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. The parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses. A pretrial conference is scheduled for March 6, 2007 at 2:00 pm in Middlesex Superior Court.

13. 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.

14. 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. The parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses. A trial date of May 7, 2007 has been set.

15. 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. This matter has been assigned to insurance counsel, although we continue to monitor the status of the litigation.

16. Palmero v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 06-1563-C
21300-0244

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 parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses. A pretrial conference is scheduled for April 26, 2007 at 2:00 pm in Middlesex Superior Court.

17. 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. The plaintiff has made a settlement offer in this matter but the Community Planning Commission has rejected the offer.

18. 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). The plaintiff has made a settlement offer in this matter but the Community Planning Commission has rejected the offer.

19. 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. The Town has responded to plaintiff's discovery requests and is awaiting plaintiff's responses. There is a pretrial conference scheduled for February 6, 2007 at 2:00 pm in Middlesex Superior Court.

20. 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.

21. 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. The parties have propounded their respective discovery requests and are awaiting responses.

LABOR LITIGATION

1. North Reading Firefighters Union and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 02170 06 (Gr: Thomas Harris – Removal from Service)
21300 – 0247

This case involves a grievance regarding the temporary removal of a firefighter from service of the fire department. An arbitration hearing is currently scheduled for March 13, 2007.

2. North Reading Firefighters Union and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 02522 06
(Gr: William Warnock – Deputy Chief Promotion)
21300 – 0249

This case involves a grievance that has been filed by the Union regarding the promotional vacancy in the Deputy Chief position. The Union alleges that the Town's decision not to appoint a permanent Deputy Fire Chief from a "short" civil service list represents a change in past practice. The Town maintains that it has the right to select from a full civil service list so that it can select from at least the three (3) best candidates, and that its actions did not violate any applicable contractual provision or binding past practice. An arbitration hearing is currently scheduled for May 10, 2007.

3. North Reading Firefighters Union and Town of North Reading
Labor Relations Commission Case No. MUP 06-4815 (Promotional Appointment)
21300 – 0248

This case involves an unfair labor practice charge that has been filed by the Union regarding the promotional vacancy in the Deputy Chief position. The Union alleges that the Town's decision not to appoint a permanent Deputy Fire Chief from a "short" civil service list represents a change in working conditions in violation of Massachusetts General Laws. The Town maintains that it has the right to select from a full civil service list so that it can select from at least the three (3) best candidates. The Union's written submission is currently due on February 22, 2007, at which time the Town will prepare its response.

4. William Warnock and Town of North Reading (Deputy Chief Promotion)
Civil Service Case No. Case No. G2-06-262
21300-0251

This case involves an appeal by Captain Warnock regarding the Town's decision not to appoint a permanent Deputy Fire Chief from a "short" civil service list. The Town maintains that it has the right to select from a full civil service list so that it can select from at least the three (3) best candidates, and that its actions did not violate civil service law. A pre-hearing conference was held on February 1, 2007.

GENERAL LITIGATION CASES CLOSED IN 2005/2006

1. 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. The parties reached an Agreement for Judgment in this matter whereby the Town returned the property to the bankruptcy trustee.

2. Brown v. Town of North Reading Community Planning Commission
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 06-3332
21300-0246

This is an action appealing the Commission's decision granting a special permit to Omnipoint Communications, Inc. to install telecommunications equipment on the Swan Pond water tower. The Court allowed Omnipoint's motion to dismiss the plaintiffs' Complaint in its entirety and has subsequently denied the plaintiffs' motion to vacate dismissal. The time for appealing this matter has expired.

3. 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 filed an Answer and was proceeding with discovery, but this case has settled.

4. 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.

5. 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 filed an Answer and was proceeding with discovery, but the case has settled.

6. Viking Tree v. O'Leary (ZBA)
Middlesex Superior Court C.A. Nos. 03-4921; 03-5070
21300 – 0211/0212

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 the stipulation of dismissal was filed and docketed on January 9, 2006.

7. 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 was appealed to the Appeals Court and the Appeals Court upheld the Commission's decision.

LABOR LITIGATION CLOSED IN 2005/2006

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 filed an accidental disability retirement application with the Middlesex County Retirement Board, which was granted in or around October of 2006.

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 was rescheduled for March 2, 2006. The parties reached a settlement agreement in this matter in or around March of 2006.

3. North Reading Firefighters Union and Town of North Reading
(Gr: Calculation of Longevity Bonus)
21300 – 0243

This case involves a grievance regarding the calculation of a longevity bonus and its applicability to clothing allowance. The parties reached a settlement agreement in this matter in or around March of 2006.

4. Teamsters, Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 3900194204 (Gr: DNC Schedules - Use of Leave)
21300 - 0216

This case involved a grievance regarding the scheduling of police officers during the Democratic Nation 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.

5. Teamsters, Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 39000893 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.

6. Teamsters, Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 39001161 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 Subsistence	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
3	23	Redmond Ave.	21,440	Pumping Station	**	Gen. Gov.	5/4/71			I
3	3	Off Redmond Ave.	257,004			Water Dept.	9/29/64		F	I
3	45	Off Redmond Ave./Concord	350,658			Conserv. 10-77	3/21/64		F	I
3	47	Kristyn Lane	547,114		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7/9/96	1/4 W		
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	Karidan St.	82,764		**	Conserv. 10-80	10/14/69			
4	111	Shenandoah Rd.	14,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11/23/94	1/2W		
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	**	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			
6	3	Lowell Rd.	130,680	Watershed Protection	Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/8/86			II
8	6	Hollywood Terrace	9,120		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56		F	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		F	II
8	20	Algonquin Rd.	9,100		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/61		F	II
8	30	Brookdale Rd.	6,400		**	Gen. Gov.	1/2/90	1/2W	F	II
8	31	Brookdale Rd.	15,750		**	Gen. Gov.	5/5/54	W	F	II
8	32	Brookdale Rd.	18,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12/30/98	3/4W		II
8	33	Brookdale Rd.	24,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/4/71			II
8	34	Brookdale Rd.	6,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/7/68			II
8	35	Brookdale Rd.	4,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/4/71			II
8	36	Fieldcrest Terrace	12,450		**	Gen. Gov.	10/19/61			II
8	45	Evergreen Terrace	6,160		**	Gen. Gov.	12/3/92			II
8	54	Old Andover Rd.	6,800		**	Gen. Gov.	12/23/53			I
8	56	Old Andover Rd.	74,052		**	Gen. Gov.	9/9/81	1/4W	F	I
8	58	Brentwood Rd.	13,600		**	Gen. Gov.	8/17/56			I
8	65	Laurelton Rd.	22,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	1/3W		I
8	66	Laurelton Rd.	15,600		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	1/2W		I
8	78	Belleflower Rd.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	7/15/57			I
8	79	Belleflower Rd.	14,400		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	3/4W	F	I
8	93	Hawthorne Terr.	11,200		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61	1/2W	F	I
8	99	Evergreen Terr.	15,400		**	Gen. Gov.	9/21/59	1/2W	F	I

Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
8	100	Evergreen Terr.	1,400		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	1/2W	F	I
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		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		F	II
8	119	Hollywood Terr.	11,600		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61	1/2W	F	II
8	120	Hollywood Terr.	20,100		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/16/61		F	II
8	121	Plainfield Rd.	17,900		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/17/61	W	F	II
8	123	Plainfield Rd.	38,400		**	Conserv. 10-74	10/19/61	1/2W	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		F	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		F	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.			F	I

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8	235	Homestead Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	6/10/88			I
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.				II
9	13	Old Andover Rd.	31,707		**	Gen. Gov.	3/23/46	1/2W	F	I
9	19	Old Andover Rd.	18,443	Gift	**	Water Dept.	9/6/84	3/4W	F	I
9	21	Phyllis Terrace	7,279		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67	1/4W	F	I
9	35	Nuska Trail	3,500		**	Gen. Gov.	2/25/00			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.	11/19/02			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		**	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		**	Conservation	11/15/96	W	F	I
12	38	Off Hillside Rd.	16,000		**	Conserv. 3-70	5/22/61			II

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12	44	Travelled Way	1,050		**	Conserv. 3-70	1/18/65		F	II
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. 3-70	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		1/2W		II
13	55	Burroughs Rd.	117,612	Playground	**	Recreation	9/21/59	W	F	I
13	57	Wildflower Terr.	19,200		**	Conservation	7/16/57	W	F	II
13	58	Wildflower Terr.	37,600		**	Conservation	10/17/67	W	F	II
13	59	Pinecrest Terr.	3,200		**	Conserv. 10-93		3/4W	F	II
13	60	Burroughs Rd.	204,372			Conservation	6/5/58			II
13	61	Burroughs Rd.	16,960			Conservation	6/5/58	1/2W	F	II
13	65	Birch Rd.	8,000			Conservation	6/5/58	3/4W	F	II
13	68	Burroughs Rd.	37,200		**	Conservation	12/4/68	W	F	II
13	70	Burroughs Rd.	14,900		**	Conserv. 10-93	6/1/95			II
13	71	Burroughs Rd.	348,480		**	Conservation	2/29/88			II
13	81	Burroughs Rd.	10,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10/12/82			II
13	85	Elma Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10/14/69			II
13	86	Elma Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75			II
13	93	Elma Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	W		II
13	99	Wilma Rd.	6,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11/20/44		F	II
13	100	St. Theresa St.	130,680		**	Conservation 10-94	8/26/99			II
13	101	St. Theresa St.	52,272		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			II
13	121	Sullivan Rd.	21,350		**	Gen. Gov.	3/14/74	W	F	II
13	127	Off St. Theresa St.	108,900		**	Conservation	10/7/69	W		II
13	131	Wilma Rd.	6,875		Gift	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
14	12	North St.	457,380		**	Gen. Gov.				II
14	88	Pauley Rd.	10,238		**	Gen. Gov.				II
14	119	Main St.	27,000	Town Hall	**	Gen. Gov.				II
14	131	North St. to Rogers Cir.	1,702		**	Gen. Gov.	10/7/64		F	II
14	132	Oak Ave.	16,500	Walkway	**	Gen. Gov.	2/13/98			II
14	140	Main St.	1,500		**	Gen. Gov.	1/24/64			II
14	141	Main St.	4,750		**	Gen. Gov.	11/3/80	3/4W		II
14	142	Lowell Rd.	457,380		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			II
15	57	Off Abbott Rd.	209,088	Rita Mullin Rec. Park	**	Recreation	11/20/96			II
17	1	Oak St.	3,963		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76	1/2W	F	II

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17	16	Barberry Rd.	583,704	Little School		School Dept.				
17	28	Southwick Rd.	8,000			Gen. Gov.	8/28/59	W		
17	29	Southwick Rd.	5,000			Gen. Gov.	8/28/59	W		
18	30	Nutter Rd.	14,400		**	Gen. Gov.	5/3/89			
18	32	Fairview Ave.	5,216		**	Gen. Gov.	6/26/76			
18	33	Fairview Ave.	2,100		**	Gen. Gov.	5/26/76			II
18	34	Fairview Ave.	2,100		**	Gen. Gov.				
18	35	Fairview Ave.	8,400		**	Gen. Gov.	3/25/97			II
18	36	West St.	4,200		**	Gen. Gov.	4/3/01			II
18	37	Fairview Ave.	4,200		**	Gen. Gov.				II
18	38	Fairview Ave.	29,540		**	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
18	39	Fairview Ave.	65,340		**	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
18	40	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.	10/14/70	W	F	
23	23	Main St.	718,740		**	Conservation		W	F	
23	33	Off Park St.	87,120		**	Conserv. 10-93				
23	69	Off Park St.	56,628		**	Conserv. 10-75				
23	71	Park St.	41,191		Gift	Conserv.	3/7/84			
23	73	Main St.	1,250		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			
25	98	Main St.	1,250		**	Gen. Gov.	12/1/94			
26	14	Plymouth St.	31,338		**	Gen. Gov.	2/1/83	3/4W		
26	77	Off Francis St.	12,600	w/ bldg.	**	Gen. Gov.	9/11/97			II
26	80	Off North Street	47,916		**	Gen. Gov.	10/17/67			
26	97	Main St.	500		**	Gen. Gov.				
27	14	Off North St.	13,500	Water Tower		Water Dept.	2/25/88			
27	49	North Street	6,150,672	Hillview CC	E. Dom.	Gen. Gov.				
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
28	1	Central St.	1,154,340		Gift	Gen. Gov.	2/1/82	1/4W	F	II
29	2	Central St. Rear	570,636	Pumping Station		Conservation		W	F	
29	4	Central St.	71,003			Water Dept.		1/4W		I
29	5	Central St.	505,296		Gift	Conserv. 10-75	Oct-78	1/2W		II
30	47	Anthony Rd.	200,376	Little League Field		Recreation	12/15/58	W	F	II
31	59	Westward Circle	202,554			Conserv. 10-93	6/6/68	W	F	II
31	78	Westward Circle	223,898		**	Conserv. 11-68	3/11/85	W	F	II
31	84	Westward Circle	1,924	Access Hood School		Gen. Gov.				
32	32	Appian Way	20,900		**	School Dept.				II
32	33	Nelson Way	104,544		E. Dom.	Gen. Gov.	1/27/05			
32	34	Nelson Way	7,840		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
32	35	North St.	2,000		**	Conservation	5/26/76	W		II

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33	33	Garden Rd.	39,000		**	Gen. Gov.		1/2W		
33	34	Garden Rd.	52,272		**	Gen. Gov.		1/2W		
33	49	Cherry St. & Brdwy.	152,460		**	Conservation 10-94	1/27/05			
33	50	Cherry St.	18,730		E. Dom.	Conservation	12/28/59			
33	51	Cherry St.	95,832		**	Conservation 10-94	10/1/68	1/2W		
33	52	Cherry St.	19,200		**	Gen. Gov.	8/8/95			
33	53	Cherry St.	41,600		Gift	Gen. Gov.	8/18/00	1/2W		
33	54	Fourth St.	19,200		**	Conservation 10-94	12/28/59	1/4W		
33	55	Fourth St.	169,884		**	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	56	Fourth St.	19,166		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	57	Fourth St.	113,256		E. Dom.	Conservation 10-94	10/1/61	1/2W		
33	58	Broadway St.	94,100		**	Conservation 10-94	10/1/61	3/4W		
33	59	Third St.	78,408		**	Conservation	1/27/05			
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	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		**	Conservation 10-94	1/27/05			
33	74	Second St.	18,700		**	Conserv. 10-75	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	10/19/62			
33	77	Second St.	32,200		**	Conservation 10-94	2/29/88			
33	81	Second St.	18,200		**	Conservation 10-94				
33	82	Second St.	17,424		**	Conservation				
33	83	Second St.	17,050		**	Conservation 10-94		W		
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.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	88	Appian Way & First St.	18,200		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
33	92	Day Ave.	19,000		**	Conserv. 10-75	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		**	Conservation 10-94	2/16/82	1/4W		
34	26	Cameron Rd.	10,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11/4/60			II

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34	27	Cameron Rd.	5,500		**	Gen. Gov.	9/26/02			
34	28	Cameron Rd.	15,000		**	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		**	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.	36,777		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75			
36	33	Park St.	21,917	No.Parish Park		Gen. Gov.	7/24/98	W	F	
36	34	Park St.	36,777	Rt. 62 Reconstruct.	DPW Purchase	Gen. Gov.	10/31/41	W	F	
36	35	Chestnut & Central Sts.	161,172			Conservation		W	F	
36	60	Park St.	130,680			Conserv. 367	1/31/69	W	F	
36	61	Chestnut St.	3,388,968	Soccer/Conservation		Conserv. 469		3/4W	F	
36	65	Chestnut St.	530,561	Public Works Garage		DPW	1/3/69	1/4W	F	
36	66	Chestnut St.	2,025,104	Public Works Garage		DPW	10/19/61	W	F	
37	1	Cedar St.	640,332		**	Gen. Gov.	3/31/77	1/4W	F	
39	11	Cedar St.	696,960			Conserv. 10-75	12/16/68	1/2W	F	
39	12	So. Chestnut St.	518,364		Gift	Conserv. 11-63	3/13/67	W	F	
39	13	Off Haverhill St.	679,536		Gift	Conserv. 4-66				
40	56	Chestnut St.	41,600			DPW		1/4W		
40	67	Haverhill St.	235,224			Gen. Gov.	12/1/99	1/4W		
41	25	Central St.	107,240	Harmony Vale		Gen. Gov.	10/7/68			
41	26	Central St.	42,600		**	Recreation	10/27/93		F	
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	

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41	34	Central St.	42,237	Temporary Police Station		Gen. Gov.	9/30/05			
41	35	Central St.	210,548			Hillview Commission	12/2/97	5%W	F	
41	52	Off Haverhill St.	74,052			Recreation		W	F	
41	53	Off Haverhill St.	182,952	Part of Ipswich Rvr. Park		Conserv. 12-63	9/22/64			
41	69	Central St.	16,258			Recreation	10/27/93		F	
42	3	Park St.	32,100			Conservation	1/7/59		F	
42	8	Park St.	235,660			Conservation	8/14/79		F	
42	10	Central St.	13,750		**	Conserv. 3-63			F	
42	12	Park St.	41,541			Gen. Gov.	5/2/97	W	F	
42	35	Park St.	36,900			DPW				
42	35	Park St.	12,825		Gift	Gen. Gov.	11/21/00	1/4W		
42	63	Bliss Rd.	5,000		**	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	Meadle Rd.	3,375		**	Gen. Gov.				
42	107	Bliss Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6/1/79			
42	123	Dodge Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	1/28/98			
42	125	Devons Rd.	7,500		Gift	Gen. Gov.	3/18/83			
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		**	School Dept.	8/25/82	W	F	
42	145	Park St.	185,130		Gift	Conservation	8/17/56			
42	152	Dodge Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6/6/75	1/4W		
43	2	Maple Rd.	15,500		**	Gen. Gov.	8/26/99			
43	7	Lee Rd.	9,375		**	Gen. Gov.	10/1/69			
43	8	Lee Rd.	6,250		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10/28/66	1/2W		
43	9	Lee Rd.	9,375		**	Gen. Gov.	8/26/99			
43	13	Juniper Rd.	6,250		**	Gen. Gov.	1/27/05			
43	21	Maple Rd.	43,560	E. Dom.	E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	22	Maple Rd.	161,172	E. Dom.	E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	31	Oakdale Rd.	17,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12/4/63			
43	32	Oakdale Rd.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/1/75			
43	33	Oakdale Rd.	4,375		Gift	Conservation	12/24/54			
43	34	Oakdale Rd.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/75			
43	35	Oakdale Rd.	3,522		Gift	Conservation		1/4W		
43	39	Oakdale Rd.	14,250			Gen. Gov.				
43	40	Oakdale Rd.	27,878		E. Dom.	Conservation	1/27/05			
43	41	Oakdale Rd.	21,780	E. Dom.	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	1/27/05		

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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			
44	21	Magnolia St.	69,696		**	Conservation 10-94	8/17/56	1/2W 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				
Y44	50	Cherry St.	38,400		Gift	Conservation 10-94	5/25/95			
44	98	Off Towerhill Rd.	182,952		Gift	Conservation				
44	110	Oscar's Way	226,512		**	Gen. Gov.	4/13/74	1/2W	F	II
45	7	Janice Ave.	20,090		**	Gen. Gov.	5/30/95			
45	37	Haverhill Street	135,907		Gift	Conservation	4/11/85			
45	90	Colonial Hill Dr.	20,634	Future road expansion	Gift	Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
46	5	Haverhill St.	608,411	Hood School	Gift	School Dept.				II
46	55	Westward Cir.	9,564	Access Hood School	**	School Dept.			F	II
46	67	Haverhill St.	116,741		**	Conservation		3/4W	F	II
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				
51	3	Off Haverhill St.	230,868	Ives Mem. Park	**	Conserv. 3469	8/11/93	1/2W	F	
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. 3469		3/4W	F	
52	53	Foley Dr.	93,645		**	Conservation	5/8/00			
52	74	Lillian Dr.	2,735	Access Strawberry Acres	**	Conserv. 6467				
52	80	Foley Dr.	2,500	Strawberry Acres	**	Conserv. 6467	11/1/95			
52	81	Foley Dr.	40,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11/1/95			
52	86	Off Duane Dr.	158,994		**	Conserv. 6467		1/4W		
52	91	Strawberry Lane	97,580	Strawberry Acres	Gift	Gen. Gov.	7/21/89			
52	93	Lindor Rd.	22,840		**	Gen. Gov.	6/19/96	1/2W	F	

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53	37	Off Haverhill St.	12,800		**	Gen. Gov.	10/16/61			
54	3	Park & Haverhill St.	148,104	Third Mtg. 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	F	
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	Punam 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	1/2W		
55	23	Off Railroad Ave.	40,655		**	Gen. Gov.	3/30/98			
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			
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	Playing Field		Gen. Gov.	5/26/76	W		
60	17	Park St.	117,612	Reserved Open Space	**	Recreation				
60	42	Rust Lane	274,428		**	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	Purchase of Chap. 61A Land	**	Conserv. 10-75	10/23/70	W	F	
62	38	Elm St.	831,996		**	Gen. Gov.	7/20/05			
62	42	Elm St.	16,560	Gift		Recreation				
62	78	Elm St.	827,640	Purchase of Chap. 61A Land	Gift	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	

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69	2	Forrest St.	5,375		**	Gen. Gov.	1/31/01			I
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	1/2W	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		F	
72	20	Swan Pond	17,500		**	Conserv. '80				
72	23	Swan Pond Rd.	43,560		**	Conserv. 9-84	5/12/71	3/4W		
72	33	Near Swan Pond	209,088		**	Conservation				
72	35	Swan Pond	2,918,520		**	Gen. Gov.	2/27/76	1/4W		
73	1	Swan Pond	1,960,200		**	Conserv. 4-75	12/1/71	1/2W		
73	2	Swan Pond	522,720		**	Conservation	2/27/64	W		
73	3	Swan Pond	400,752		**	Conserv. 4-71		3/4W		
73	4	Swan Pond Rd.	1,367,784		**	Conservation	8/19/76			
73	16	Swan Pond Rd.	43,560		**	Conservation	2-6-59	1/4W		
74	69	Swan Pond Rd.	1,651,000		**	School Dept.				
74	90	Swan Pond Rd.	96,268		**	Housing Authority				
74	93	Shasta Dr.	82,764		**	Gen. Gov.	12/12/89	1/2W	F	
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 cemetery	**	Gen. Gov.	7/20/05			
75	37	Elm St.	1,285,688		**	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			
78	22	Riverside Dr.	8,650		**	Gen. Gov.	1/18/95			
78	26	Lynn St.	19,650		**	Gen. Gov.	12/24/59			
78	27	Lynn St.	4,500		**	Gen. Gov.	1/1/67			
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.				

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81	1	Adams St.	30,187			Conservation				
81	4	Adams St.	56,628			Conserv. '80		1/4W		
81	12	Swan Pond	522,720		Gift	Conserv. '80	9/1/72	1/4W		
81	15	Swan Pond Rd.	392,040		**	Gen. Gov.	6/9/94	3/4W		
82	1	Swan Pond	74,052			Gen. Gov.		W		
85	11	Off Green Meadow	346,738			Conserv. 10-74	12/28/82	W		
85	17	Off Green Meadow	7,500		Gift	Conservation	10/18/82			
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 2006 in preparation and readiness for all election and town meeting activity. The Registrars were pleased to welcome Frances A. Exum (Democrat) to the Board, and thanked her for interest and willingness to serve the Town in this capacity.

Census, election and town meeting activity included processing the annual census, voter registrations for all activity, nomination papers for the Town Election, citizens petitions for town meetings, absentee ballots for all elections, and processing overseas and provisional ballots from the State election. Administrative Assistant Carol Ducrow worked diligently to maintain all aspects of voter and census activity for these numerous election-related functions.

Election activity for 2006 included the annual Town Election on May 2nd (10.9% turnout); the State Primary on September 19th (23.6 % turnout); the State Election on November 7th (64.4% turnout) and a Special Election on December 5th (8.8% turnout) for a Proposition 2-1/2 debt-exclusion question to purchase modular classrooms for the Middle School, which passed.

Regular Town Meetings were held in April (two sessions) and October (one session). The adjourned 2nd session of the April Town Meeting included action to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding a new chapter regarding the J.T. Berry Residential Smart Growth Overlay District (SGA), which passed unanimously. 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") continued throughout the country this year. This law was enacted in 2002 by President Bush and the legislature to address voting issues which arose across the country from the 2000 Presidential Election. Part of the Act includes "Provisional" balloting for persons whose voter status cannot be determined on an election day. Still pending under HAVA is the acquisition of a Direct Recording Electronic Voting Machine (DRE) at each precinct which will enable 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 essential part of the election process, especially during such a busy election year as this. They participate in training sessions to stay on top of the various changes in election laws and procedures and are dedicated to the election process and the Town. This office is truly appreciative of and dependent on them, and we acknowledge their great contribution to the Town and the entire election process.

There are now four Political "*PARTIES*" and eighteen Political "*Designations*" presently in effect in Massachusetts. The "*Green-Rainbow Party*" has changed from a political "designation" to a political "Party" since candidates for this party received at least 3% of the vote at the November 7, 2006 State Election, as well as the newly-created Political Party "*Working Families*."

The current political parties are as follows:

DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, GREEN-RAINBOW and WORKING FAMILIES are the political "*PARTIES*" and the current political "*designations*" (which do not qualify for primaries) are as follows:

America First Party, American Independent, Conservative, Constitution Party, Green Party USA, Interdependent 3rd Party, Libertarian, Natural Law Party, New Alliance, New World Council, Prohibition, Rainbow Coalition, Reform, Socialist, Timesizing-not-Downsizing, Veteran Party 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. Under Mass General Laws, the voter list is "*purged*" each year to delete any voter who has been "*Inactive*" for up to the last four years and who has not voted in the last two State elections. As a result of this action, over 200 voters were purged from the voting list at the end of 2006.

A break-down of voter enrollment in North Reading as of December 31, 2006 follows:

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DEMOCRAT	2,441	195	2,636
REPUBLICAN	1,547	110	1,657
GREEN-RAINBOW	4	0	4
WORKING FAMILIES	0	0	0
Libertarian	31	12	43
Interdependent 3 rd Party	1	1	2
Rainbow Coalition	2	0	2
Reform	1	0	1
Green Party USA	2	0	2
Unenrolled	<u>4,715</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>5,120</u>
TOTAL Voters	8,744	723	9,467

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, MMC/CMMC
for the Board of Registrars:
Eleanor T. Jean
Charles T. Faneuff
Frances A. Exum

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

**Edith A. O'Leary Senior Center
Third Meeting House on the Common, 157 Park Street
978 664-5600**

The Senior Center is open Monday -Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm and on Friday from 8:00am-1pm to all residents 60 years of age and older. The Department of Elders Affairs serves approximately 2,395 residents (60+). Last year the Department provided North Reading Elders, their families and caregivers with 30,234 various services including home delivered meals, meals served at the Center, health clinic screenings, exercise programs, daily social activities, social events, recreational trips and transportation. Other services provided by the Department include health benefit counseling (SHINE), tax assistance, fuel assistance, legal advice, elder care advice, intake case management, information and referral.

The following services were provided by Mystic Valley Elder Services in agreement with the Town for a value of service in the amount of \$363,746: home delivered meals, congregate meals, legal services, medical transportation, support for blind elders, caregiver support, money management, SHINE and home care. The actual cost to the Town of North Reading of \$2,159. Mystic Valley Elder Services has an outstanding, caring, compassionate staff and their quality of services is exceptional.

This year an Elder Fire Safety Program was sponsored by the North Reading Fire Department and Elder Affairs. Captain Barry Galvin, NRFD and his department visited Elders homes and installed 600 smoke detectors and 250 carbon monoxide detectors, key boxes, information on lifelines and distributed educational material regarding Elder safety and services. This program was provided with grants and gifts from the employees of Teradyne, Mass. Department of Public Health and Elder Affairs.

Also this year it has been a pleasure to listen to the fine sounds of the North Reading "Senior Echoes" a newly formed choral group directed by North Reading's Marcia Cutlip. This is a group of 20 or so Senior Citizens who rehearse weekly and bring their beautiful music to many nursing homes, senior centers and assisted living communities in the local area. New members are always welcome. It is a fun no stress group who believe "Singing is good for the soul and your health."

Thanks to a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs we were able to hire a part time program coordinator (8 hr./week) to help with new programming and oversee various programs at the Senior Center.

This past August a "Friends" of the Council on Aging group was incorporated to help advocate and fund raise to financially support the good works of the Senior Center in providing services, program and facility improvements

not otherwise funded the Town. This group is made up of an amazing group of individuals who are truly dedicated to the needs of North Reading Elders and we thank them very much.

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 ever growing elder population in the the 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 will continue to strive towards this goal by offering an understanding, compassionate and confidential referral information system and providing the foremost senior-care service available.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Prenney, Director
Mark Meehl, Staff Clerk
Jean Fitzgerald, Program Coordinator
Martin Dickman, Van Driver
Mechele Cronin, Van Driver
Mary Rollins, Meal Site Manager
Brenda Bugden, Home Delivered Meals Driver

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission has continued its mission to focus on the identification, recording, and maintenance of historic properties in North Reading. Endeavors to implement preservation programs are ongoing.

Priorities and funding sources for maintenance and repair of the Damon Tavern were a focus throughout the year. In spring, 2006, chimney caps were installed on the building. The restoration of the ballroom for public access remains a major objective, with members conducting extensive research into non-aqueous fire suppression systems to preserve the Rufus Porter murals.

In February, 2006, a collection of old North Reading picture postcards was donated by Mrs. Carl Soule.

In March 2006, Commission members undertook walking tours of some town cemeteries to assess the condition of historic markers therein.

In September, 2006, the Commission was saddened by the sudden death of longtime member David Osgood.

The Commission finalized a draft of the Preservation By-Law designed to preserve and protect North Reading's historic assets. The By-Law was presented at the October, 2006 Town Meeting and its interpretation and application remains under discussion.

In November, 2006, Commission members participated with the North Reading Historic District Commission and North Reading Historical and Antiquarian Society in receiving an original 1713 Town Meeting Warrant calling for the formation of a "second parish". The document, which led to the creation of North Reading as a town separate from Reading, was donated by Howard Solomon.

The Commission continued to support the Massachusetts Historical Commission's requests for archaeological digs into the J.T. Berry site as various artifacts worthy of preservation were uncovered.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Sullivan, Secretary

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The North Reading Historic District Commission met seven times during 2006. Issues concerning the Batchelder School renovation were still under review by the group, and the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Batchelder Renovation was amended to allow additional parking at the northwest corner of the building as well as along Peabody/Haverhill Street corner. Landscaping and signage were also reviewed.

Certificates of Appropriateness were approved for restoration work on the east and south sides of the Putnam House, for replacement of a rear porch on the DiFranza property at 25 Bow St. and for the reconstruction of the Flint House on the Putnam Property by the Minit and Militia Company.

Mark Hall's proposal for relocating Ryer's Store to the Putnam property was deemed inappropriate, and no certificate was sought. However, a letter supporting Mark's relocation of the Ryer's Store to the rear of the existing lot was unanimously approved.

Renovation of the Police/Fire Station complex continues smoothly.

David Ham is working on revising the Historic District Guidelines.

As the Route 62 Project nears completion, the Commission is discussing the beautification of the Common and the traffic island in front of the Library with Mike Soraghan, the Town Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel G. DiFranza, Chairman
John Davis, Vice Chairman
Lisa Santilli, Clerk
David Ham
Giles Norton
Mark Hall
Pat Romeo
Patrick O'Rourke, Alternate

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Because the July 4th Committee is a non-profit organization and is not funded by the town, the function of the July 4th Committee is to organize and raise the money for the July 4th event.

The July 4th Committee also participates in the Memorial Day parade by having a pickup truck decorated in July 4th decorations and Gloria Mastro dressed as Betty Ross, Kathy Aresco dress as the Statue of Liberty and Mario Aloisi as Uncle Sam in the back of the pickup truck to celebrate the up coming July 4th event.

Because of the flooding of the Ipswich River Park due to the heavy rain, the fireworks display this year had to be downsized a little because the areas that were needed for larger fireworks were flooded. Even though this was a problem Warren Pearce, Dick Romboli and their crew still put on a spectacular show both nights.

This year the July 4th Committee decided to have one day from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on July 2, 2006 just for kids with games and a visit from Ronald McDonald and thanks to Ellen Manning, Kathy Aresco, Gloria Mastro and Mario Aloisi, whom did all the work for this event, it was a success. The other events at this years July 4th event were amusements rides, pony rides, carriage and bike parade, kid care ID, face painting, local teenage bands, Razen Kayne Band, Morlocks Band, the Senior Echos Chorus. In addition, there are different town organizations there with booths set up selling food, drinks, crafts and games to play, trying to raise for their organizations.

And again this year, the July 4th event would not have been without the help of Mike Phillips, Bruce Wheeler and donations from the public and different businesses of the town, "Thank you."

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 to make the July 4th Fair a success.

Respectfully submitted,

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

FLINT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Flint Memorial Library is a member of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (M VLC), which provides the online catalog and 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

- Thanks to the Information Technology Department for setting up a wireless system. Comcast provides free high-speed broadband, both for our hard-wired and wireless PCs.

The wireless router was donated. The Friends of the Library have provided further support for wireless. This was the year digital downloadable audiobooks were introduced through Overdrive. These titles may be downloaded from home or office and played on CD, an MP3 player or computer.

- *North Reading Reads 2006* was a true community event. The title selected was *In Revere, In Those Days* by Roland Merullo. There were over 20 related events. The reading program culminated in an evening with the author at North Reading High School, attended by 150 people. The community read was organized by both the Flint Memorial Library and the High School Library. The library also held 10 programs, under the "Friends Expanding Horizons" series.
- Participation in the children's eight-week summer reading program, "What's Buzzin' @ the Flint Memorial Library" increased by over 20% from last year. There were over 400 people at the June kickoff alone. A generous contribution from Comcast to the Friends helped to make the program a success. Teens enjoyed an evening of Karaoke and a lively auction in August. An Early Childhood Literacy grant from Verizon enabled the Children's Department to offer regular visits from Dara VanRemoortel; to purchase a special set of early reading books; to add more parenting books and special DVDs; to offer workshops in baby massage, signing, and phonics and enrichment. The Children's Room painting was completed with yellow and green trim around the windows and doors to continue to make the room inviting for all.
- The Friends of the Library held two successful raffles and increased their regular memberships by 24% and their business memberships by 60%. They also held two book sales. They provided much needed help at North Reading Reads events and children's programs. This year, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has established The Public Library

Fund, which provides matching funds for any funds received by the library, either through the Friends or the Library Gift Fund. This is a real incentive.

- The library would not be able to run without the help of dedicated volunteers, many of whom are in the Senior Tax Rebate program. I would like to thank them for all their help.
- I would like to thank the staff and Trustees for all their energy and for going the extra mile to help make the library run.

www.flintmemoriallibrary.org

Collection Development:

Items Added: 1/06-12/06 Total: 6,462
 Print: 5,827
 Audio/Visual: 627
 Other: 8
 Total of all materials as of 12/06:

Materials Circulated:	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>
Adult/YA:	28,350	29,913	32,348
Children:	37,853	37,215	37,335
Audio/Visual:	26,802	25,937	25,114
Museum Passes:	1242	206	

Interlibrary Loans	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>
Borrowed:	6,530	8,504	8,254
Loaned:	10,979	13,748	15,331

Registered Borrowers: as of 6/30/06: 12,241

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
 Lorraine Sheehan, Secretary
 Karen Vitale, Friends Liaison
 Grace Curley
 Colleen Manning

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Charge

The ITAC was formed in September 2003, sponsored by the Town Administrator, to:

- Recommend systems and technology, which may include hardware, software, applications, network and telecommunications infrastructure, and training.
- Advise on security systems and policies necessary to protect the Town's IT assets and data.
- Identify opportunities for the use of new and existing technologies.
- Consult on a three (3) year Information Technology Strategic and Capital Improvement Plan, updated annually.

2006 Accomplishments

- Met with Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator, to address ITAC concerns and discuss committee's future direction, - January 2006
- Revised ITAC charge - April 2006
- Formulated IT Strategic plan proposal to facilitate 3-year IT budget development - May 2006
- Discussed overall scope and approach with the T.A. and systems consultant hired to manage the new telephone system project - October 2006
- Created "how to" document to facilitate IT Disaster Recovery plan development - December 2006
- New Accounting system; conducted 3 of 5 vendor assessments - December 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Moubhij, Chairman
Arthur Crotty, Vice Chairman
Bob Aloisi, Secretary
Wil Birkmaier
Theophilos Kuliopulos
Mike Kushakji

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 Andrew Nichols
Firefighter Donald Stats
Firefighter Nicholas Carney

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 2006, the Fire Department continued to experience an increase in responses while still operating at the same on-duty personnel levels that have been in place since the late 60's. The department responded to 2070 emergencies or calls for assistance, a 7.6 percent increase over 2005 and in excess of twice the amount of responses made by the department in 1970. This total included responses to 209 incidents involving fires, explosions or hazardous conditions. In addition, the ambulance transported 731 patients which represent a 7% increase over 2005.

The Police Station construction project created a major disruption to daily operations which resulted in a major challenge to the continuity of departmental services. This was especially evident during the department's temporary displacement from the building during July and August due to excavations in the front of the building. Two Engines and the Ambulances were housed in temporary tents on the street in front of Headquarters while another Engine and the Ladder truck were garaged at Commonwealth Fuel on Main Street.

My thanks to Chuck Carucci, who generously donated the use of two-thirds of his garage for use as a temporary fire station during this period. Additional emergency vehicles and trailers, along with the Public Safety Mechanic's Shop were relocated to the Wheeler Barn at Riverpark. Special thanks to Brian Wood and Parks and Recreation for making this much needed space available during this difficult time.

The department's 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. With the help of a \$2,668 SAFE Grant, personnel were able to present a curriculum of fire safety classes to students in the elementary and middle schools. In addition, during the year the department conducted regular fire drills and visits to the schools and kindergartens and hosted many demonstrations at the fire station for scout and other youth groups. Another activity during the year was the on-duty crew's visits to various neighborhoods 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.

Under the lead of the department's Elder Affairs Liaison, Captain Barry Galvin, the department entered into a collaboration with Elder Affairs Director Mary Prenney, to utilize a state grant to provide and install free smoke detectors to those senior citizens in need. To date, with the support and assistance from all the department members, over 300 smoke detectors with long life batteries have been installed in over 120 homes. The firefighters also installed over 250 Carbon Monoxide detectors which were also supplied through donations received by Mary Prenney from Teradyne, Inc. These detectors have already been responsible for averting several tragedies by alerting the occupants to the unsafe levels of Carbon Monoxide in their homes. The program also supplies lock boxes which secure keys for emergency access to the homes of seniors by fire department personnel responding to calls for help.

The planning and construction of several building projects have seen inspections continue to be a growing function which requires the focus of the already limited manpower of this department. The enactment of Nichole's Law in March required our inspectors to check the installation and operation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors, along with the previously required smoke detectors in all residences being sold. In addition to the inspections that are performed on a routine basis or as part of ongoing programs, the crews performed pre-plan walk through visits to many of the buildings and projects undergoing construction or renovation. Oil Burner Inspector Donald Cooke continued to be responsible for the inspection of all oil burner and tank installations, in addition to the inspection of vehicles installed with oil tanks. The number of fire prevention permits issued continued to increase due to department's increased efforts to enforce and renew annually. Below is a summary of the documented inspections conducted and the permits issued:

Residential Smoke Detector Inspections	194
Occupancy Permit Inspections	84
License Inspections	60
Tank Truck Inspections	34
Oil Burners and Tanks Inspected	90
Tank Removals	6
Quarterly Medical Facility Inspections	4
School Inspections/Fire Drills	20
Open Burning Permits issued	951
Other Permits issued	219

Charges from the permits and inspections resulted in the collection of \$16,110 in fees.

The department also received two significant grants during the year. A Homeland Security Grant for the sum of \$12,000 went toward the installation of a radio repeater to give better coverage for operations on the east end of town.

A Federal Firefighter Safety Grant for \$128,679 has enabled the department to begin replacing all outdated and unrepairable mobile and portable two-way radios. Firefighter Kevin Carter has taken the lead in developing this new system and programming all the new equipment.

The municipal fire alarm system includes over 140 street and master connected fire alarm boxes. This system provides protection for all municipal buildings and a large percentage of our commercial properties. The operation of this system is managed by our Fire Alarm Technician, Captain Richard Nash who also is responsible for reviewing all fire alarm plans for new commercial construction. The fees collected from businesses for having Master Boxes connected to our system totaled \$27,400.

The Emergency Medical Service continues to be an important segment of departmental operations. EMT Coordinator Herb Batchelder and EMT Trainer Captain William Warnock continued to manage operations and training. All permanent members and many of the call members are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and train regularly to maintain their certifications. During the past year everyone was instructed in the updated American Heart Association standards for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. In addition personnel were trained in the advanced skills of Glucometry (Blood Sugar Testing) and the administering of Albuterol Treatments for respiratory distress. The development of an EMS Service Zone plan documenting local resources and agreements for the town is also nearing completion.

Training is an important segment of operations which continued throughout the year. All shifts participated in basic training techniques for the recently appointed new firefighters and completed the MIIA Safe Driving Course and Driver Simulator Module. Several Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Courses were also presented to on duty personnel as part of the Impact Series. All per-

sonnel completed the ICS 700 and ICS 100 courses, meeting the federal requirement for completion of National Incident Management Training. The Command Staff also completed ICS 200 to meet the federal requirements for their positions. On a Saturday morning last spring the department took advantage of a donated house on Linwood Ave to conduct department-wide training in forcible entry, search and rescue, ventilation, and fire attack techniques.

In February, Firefighter William H. Warnock retired after thirty-nine years of dedicated service. Firefighter Nicholas Carney was appointed as his replacement and completed the State Fire Academy Recruit Training in December. During June, Firefighter Mathew Carroll also graduated from the thirteen week MFA Recruit Training Program.

During the spring a group of firefighters under the lead of Firefighter Mike Tannian and including Firefighters Stats, Pepper, Lee and Captains Nash and Marotta donated their off duty time and resources to renovate an area of the cellar of the fire station into a larger, more effective exercise room.

Several members also volunteered significant off duty time as part of committees developing specifications for new apparatus. Led by Captain Marotta, the fire engine committee included: Deputy Harris, Captains Nash and Galvin, Firefighters Burt, Carter, Stats, Batchelder, and Mechanic Fransen. The new ambulance committee, led by Firefighter Batchelder, included: Firefighters Burt, Carter, Tannian, and Mechanic Fransen. My thanks to the members of both these committees who donated many hours of their own time to go and investigate new products and produce the specifications for our new equipment.

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 all 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, Elder Affairs Director, Finance Division, Building Department, Inspectional Division, Public Works, 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	

Detectives

Thomas Romeo
Third Detective Vacant
Michael Murphy

Reserve Patrol Officers

James Garcia	James Gerakines
Michael Sorrenti	Sean Lawson
Michael Hennessey	Melissa Dorsey
Andrew Regan	Gregory Connolly

William Grant

There is currently 1 vacancy on the Reserves.

Special Police – Traffic Control

Paul Dorsey, Sr.	Bruce Donle
Karl Berg	Jerry Berg

Animal Control Officers

Karl Berg	Jerry Berg
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Crossing Guards: 5

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.

The Police Station Building Project continues to move forward, albeit, slower than originally scheduled. The "Mother's Day" Deluge and subsequent heavy spring rains set the project behind schedule. In addition, the project has experienced a good dose of "Murphy's Law." What could go wrong did, for example: three truck loads of structural steel arrived on site but it destined for another project; the septic systems and drainage systems require much more extensive than could have been anticipated, an existing exterior wall collapsed and joining new steel beams to the existing structural components was difficult. All of these issues and more has caused delays and overruns of budget. It is unfortunate, but to keep the construction moving forward money had to be transferred from other project budgets. As a result of these shortfalls we will need subsequent funding to purchase furnishings, radio equipment and technology.

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, other crime problems facing North Reading and complete the building project in the coming year.

On a personal note I will be retiring as your Chief of Police after 40 –years of service. During my career I served the NRPD and the Town in many capacities. During those years of service I have seen serious crimes committed, many tragedies, troublesome trends and the day-to-day routines of be a cop and through it all there was one constant, I was working with one of the most dedicated, competent and caring police departments around. I would also like to thank all every citizen of North Reading who supported us throughout the years. As I pass the torch to my successor, I hope that you will continue to support your police in the future.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Purnell,
Chief of Police

**Crimes Committed and/or Reported and Calls For Service
January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006**

2006 Crimes Against People

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

Anthrax (Suspicious Powder/Mail) Scares	2
Assault (and Battery)	37
Bias/Hate	2
Bio-Hazards	7
Child Abuse/Neglect	6
Cyber Crimes	1
Domestic Abuse Services	72
Missing Persons, Child	16
Missing Persons, Adult	10
Murder	0
Overdoses/Suicides	12
Peeping Tom	1
Harassment	42
Kidnapping	0
Threats, Schools	3
Threats	37
Trespass	9
Weapons, Assaults	2
Sexual Assault	6
Stalking	3
Rape	0
Robbery	3

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

2006 Crimes General, Includes violations of State Law and Town By-Law

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

Breaking & Entering	70
Identity Theft	3
Larcenies	189
Counterfeiting – Frauds	4
Disturbances	820
Solicitors	41
Suspicious Activity	470
Alarms Total	718
Breakdown:	
Municipal Property	3
School Buildings	52
Commercial	313
Residential	343
Vehicles	7

Illegal Dumping	20
Narcotics	126
Estimated to be the “tip of the iceberg”	
Animal Control Calls	381
Town By-Laws	14
Excluding animal control & alarms	
Warrants, WMS	42
Vandalism	146
Gang Activity	12

2006 Miscellaneous Calls For Service

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

Assists to DPW	185
Assists to NRRFD Medical	740
Assists to NRRFD Other	282
Assists to School Dept.	38
Assists to Town Hall	188
Assist Utilities	66
Community Policing Programs	200
Firearms Licensing	146
Intelligence Gathering	317
Juvenile/gang investigations	38
Mutual Aid	184
NEMLEC	51
Investigation by Patrol Division	87
911 Calls	1,965
911 Hang-Ups	127
Recovered Property	49
Sex Offender Registration	15

2006 Motor Vehicle Traffic

Stops	1,187
Selective Enforcement	51
Safety Officer Investigations	63
Motor Vehicle Accidents	405
Disabled Vehicles	145
Repossessions	13
2006 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	10,335
CALLS REQUIRING BACKUP	3,178
CALLS REQUIRING DETCTIVE BACKUP	153

Note: Does not include officer-initiated activities.

Arrests/Station Adjustment for 2006

Adults Arrest	260
Juvenile Arrest	9
Hearings/Summons	67
Adjustment, youth	22
Protective Custody	60

**REVENUES GENERATED BY
POLICE ACTIVITY/PROGRAMS 2006**

GRANTS RECEIVED TO DATE	2,420,000.00 est.
Police Career Ed Incentive	2,032,000.00 est.
Accidents & Crime Reports	1,317.00
Administrative Fees	19,708.00
Permits & Firearms Licenses	4,888.00
Auctions/Work Permits	200.00
Alarm Billing	N/A
Recovered Property Values	400,000.00
Court Fines	N/A

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT 2006

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	3	0
Assault & Battery	1	1	0
Breaking & Entering	27	9	13
Breaking & Entering Motor Vehicles	22	6	16
Counterfeiting	5	0	5
Domestic Abuse	1	1	0
ID Theft	3	1	2
Marijuana	16	11	5
Cocaine	8	8	0
Harassment	4	4	0
Heroin	17	15	2
OxyContin	8	5	3
OxyContin, distribution	3	3	0
Fraud	1	1	0
Larceny	13	10	3
Motor Vehicle Homicide	2	2	0
Missing Persons	2	2	0
Rape/Sexual Assault	6	6	0
Stolen MV	11	11	0
Hate Crimes	1	1	0
Assist FD Investigations	11	11	0
Robbery, armed	3	3	0
Threats	1	0	1
Sudden Deaths	7	7	0
School Investigations	4	4	0
Warrant Arrests	8	8	0
Search Warrants	2		
Indictments Pending			17

Note: The NRPD Detective Bureau participates in several investigation collaboratives and task forces.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

This year, the Building Department issued a total of 574 building permits.

New Homes	31
Town Homes	17
Other permits/certificates	51
Total Fees for Building	\$300,457.00
Total Fees for the Department	\$445,061.00

Respectfully submitted,

James DeCola
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer
ADA Coordinator

GAS INSPECTOR

There were 222 gas permits issued by this department in 2006. \$33,363.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer. Approximately 440 inspections and 35 reinspections were made by me and my assistant, Essam Kader during this year. I responded to 3 carbon monoxide complaints and 3 fire related calls.

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 255 plumbing permits issued for work being done this year. \$38,829.00 was turned over the Town Treasurer. Approximately 548 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

During the past year of 2006, the North Reading Wiring Inspection Department issued a total of five hundred and twenty six (526) electrical wiring permits. These resulted in a total of 1278 inspections performed by my assistant Stephen Gigante and myself.

We responded to 56 fire and flood related calls, working with the North Reading Fire Department and Reading Municipal Light Department. There also was an additional non related calls requiring approximately 19 additional calls.

A total amount of \$72,412.00 was received for these permits. All monies have been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Applications for permits may be obtained at the inspection office which is located at the Town Hall. We can be reached by phone to our home between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. evenings or Saturdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at 978 664-4828.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Gigante
Wiring Inspector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights & Measures for the Town of North Reading from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. I have inspected, sealed, and adjusted, or condemned a total of three hundred and fifty six (356) measuring units. Fees totaling \$4,181.00 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. Susan Doherty continued as Clerk of the Board and Communicable Disease Agent.

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 71 food locations.

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

West Nile Virus surveillance continued this year, and catch basins were baited with Vectolex by East Middlesex Mosquito Control.

There were 21 cases of Lyme Disease reported.

Total number of permits issues: 353

Two thousand four hundred fifteen cases of biologics were distributed during the year.

Total fees collected were \$44,407.00.

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 continued to work on four major goals during 2006: 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
2. To review current research on the impact of later school start times on the learning needs of adolescents

Results: Through the work of the Policy Sub-Committee, the systematic review of the Policy Manual continued and the Committee approved the following policies: Educational Foundations and Health and Wellness. Research was initiated on policies on Safe Schools, Gifted and Talented Education and Standards-based Teaching. The Task Force on "School Start Times" researched the literature and met with various parent groups.

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

1. Develop a “reasonable” FY07 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 / Grounds Maintenance Plan
5. Complete contract negotiations with all employee groups
6. Enhance funding for schools through corporate sponsorships and partnerships
7. Fund the Secondary Schools Building Needs Plan

Results: The School Committee worked closely with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to develop the FY07 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 \$19,931,938 at the April Town Meeting and an additional \$120,000 at the October Town Meeting for a total FY07 Budget of \$20,051,938 (7.2% increase).

The FY07 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

The FY07 Budget did not address all of the needs of the School Department. Class sizes continue to rise at the secondary level and new programs, including health education, were not implemented. With the exception of a new custodial position at the Batchelder School, no additional staff was added. The budget did support the purchase of a new reading program for the elementary schools (Houghton-Mifflin Reading Program). The significant budget item for 2006 included the completion of contract negotiations with all employee groups including the North Reading Education Association. The School Committee achieved its goal to have salaries competitive with area communities. The new Teachers’ Contract included a 1.0% raise effective January 1, 2006 and a 2.0%, 3.0% and 2.0% increase effective July 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Reductions in retirement benefits (sick time buy-back and early retirement incentive provisions) were negotiated.

Voters approved the capital budget projects for the School Department at the April Town Meeting: Air-conditioning of the Network Operations Center (\$20,000) and at the October Town Meeting: Technology Lease (\$32,000) and a Special Education Van (\$30,000).

In other budgetary matters, voters approved \$50,000 to continue the feasibility study of the secondary school facilities and site assessment and \$931,183

to fund the purchase and installation of six modular classrooms for the Middle School. In a subsequent election in November, voters approved the debt exclusion vote for the purchase of the Middle School modular classrooms.

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

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. The School Department's website was established through EdNets and an emergency telephone / e-mail notification system was installed.

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
4. Explore school climate and the definition of "inclusiveness"
5. Review elementary report cards and align with secondary report cards
6. Complete the Batchelder School project
7. Review curriculum / program needs (foreign language, health, media, performance arts, mathematics and technology)

Results: The major event of 2006 was the completion of the Batchelder School project. The newly renovated and expanded school opened in September and a community-wide celebration was held in October. The completion of the Batchelder School project culminates ten years of work by the Elementary Schools Building Committee. The Committee also joined in the dedication of the new tennis courts at the Middle School. School Committee continued 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 approved a new reading program for grades K-5 and the restructure of the math and foreign language programs in the Middle School.

Town Meeting Action and Special Elections

Annual Town Meeting. At the Annual Town Meeting the Committee requested and the voters approved the FY07 Budget of \$19,931,938.

October Town Meeting. Based upon additional state aid, voters approved \$120,000 and amended the FY07 budget of \$20,051,938. Voters also approved \$931,183 for the purchase and installation of modular classrooms at the Middle School.

November Special Election Voters approved a debt exclusion for the purchase and installation of modular classrooms at the Middle School.

School Committee Membership and Special Projects:

In May 2006, Ms. Nicole Davis and Mr. Gerald Venezia were re-elected to a three year term on the School Committee. School Committee officers included: Mrs. Maureen Vacca, Chair; Mr. Stephen Jervej, Vice-Chair; Mr. Mel Webster, Secretary; Mr. Gerald Venezia, Legislative Representative; and Mrs. Nicole Davis, Liaison to Support Groups. Mr. Venezia was reappointed to the Elementary School Building Committee and Mr. Jervej was reappointed to the Secondary Schools Building Committee. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Jervej were appointed to the Policy Committee; Mr. Venezia and Mr. Webster were appointed to the Athletic Committee; Mrs. Vacca and Mr. Jervej were appointed to the Finance Planning Committee; and Mrs. Vacca was appointed to the Youth at Risk Committee. In September Tory Clerkin (Class of 2007) and Kelley McQuillin (Class of 2009) were elected as Student Representatives to the School Committee, joining Caroline Gattuso (Class of 2008), Ryan Hilliard (Class of 2007) and Maddie Marenholz (Class of 2007).

School Committee Members actively participated in the following special projects during 2006:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen H. Vacca, Chairperson
Stephen D. Jervej, Vice-Chairperson
Nicole Davis
Gerald Venezia
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. The year has been marked by several significant accomplishments including the celebration of the reopening of the “new” L.D. Batchelder School, the implementation of a new literacy program in grades K-5, visit by Zhang Xianzhen, School Principal in China and the work to improve and expand the facilities at the secondary schools. Additionally, community involvement in our schools continues to be strong through organizations and committees including the Parent Associations and School Councils at each school, Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, the Parent Advisory Council, the Health Advisory Council, the Youth at Risk Committee, Elementary and Secondary Schools Building Committees and the Superintendent’s Advisory Council. The School Department and Staff continue to strive to provide each student with a positive learning environment.

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 “Adequate Yearly Progress” goals in English Language Arts and in Mathematics as established under the “No Child Left Behind” Act and the Mass. Dept. of Education.
- The percentage of students (49% of the Class of 2006) taking Advanced Placement tests increased (79 students took 137 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 (88%)

Student Programs and Services

- Advisor-Advisee Program established for Middle School students
- Teachers at the Little and Hood Schools trained in “Open Circle”
- School Department worked to support NRYSSA (North Reading Youth Services Support Association)
- Health Advisory Council developed policy on health and wellness
- Student exchange program maintained with the Escuela Sierra Nevada in Mexico
- High School sophomores participated in a pilot academy for math, science and technology at UMass Lowell

Teacher Quality

- Teachers new to the district (35) 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

- North Reading met the state benchmarks of a 5/1 ratio of students to type A/B computers and 100% of classrooms connected to the Internet
- The EdNets / Website was launched
- Upgrades in network security and support were made

Curriculum and Instruction

- French and Spanish Level I implemented in grades 7 and 8
- New literacy program (Houghton Mifflin Reading) implemented in K-5
- Full day kindergarten program (tuition-based) continues at 4 sections (40%)
- New American history textbook implemented in grade 9
- New course in pre-algebra implemented in grade 7

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 second year benchmarks on inclusion
- High School teachers trained in “Professional Learning Communities” protocol
- Elementary teachers trained in new literacy program
- Teachers participate in on-line professional development courses
- Teachers participate in “Teaching U.S. History Grant” in partnership with Reading, Danvers and Lowell

Facilities and Grounds

- Batchelder School addition / renovation project completed
- Celebration of the reopening of the “new” Batchelder School held
- Working with the architects from Dore and Whittier, the Secondary Schools Building Committee completed the feasibility study for construction of new high school
- Funding from the Hillview Commission, private donors, fundraising and town appropriations supported the replacement of the Middle School tennis courts
- New tennis courts at the Middle School completed and dedication ceremony held
- Voters approved the purchase of six additional modular classrooms for

the Middle School adding to the four modular units at the Middle School along with the six modular units and the modular cafeteria at the High School

- Voters approved funding for geotechnical site work on the Middle / High School property
- School Committee approved the hiring of an HVAC technician and an additional grounds / maintenance custodian
- Field maintenance plan completed

Pupil Personnel Services

- All schools reach year two benchmark in implementation of inclusion
- Special education van purchased and two drivers hired to reduce overall special transportation costs by \$75,000
- Teachers trained in the Kurzweil assistive technology

Budget

- The FY06 Budget is managed successfully
- Due to the addition of Ch. 70 funds, the FY07 Budget grew by 7.2%
- Contract negotiations completed and new, three year contracts ratified
- School Finance Strategies Committee organized and began budget benchmarking and trend analysis

School Safety

- High School sponsors forum on internet safety for parents
- School Safety Plan updated
- Training in school lock down procedures initiated
- *Alert Now* rapid notification system implemented
- Assessment of building security completed and recommendations for improvements made

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
- The Parents' Advisory Council and the Superintendent's Advisory Committee met to discuss school improvement and communication
- 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.
- Internal e-mail system enhanced to provide better communication
- Web-site enhanced at the district and school levels

Policy

- New policy on "Health and Wellness" approved
- Student / Parent Handbooks reviewed and updated

SYSTEM-WIDE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2006

- North Reading students showed strong performance on MCAS tests
- 100% of the Class of 2006 passed Math and English MCAS Tests
- Adequate Yearly Progress goals are on-target in English and Math
- Batchelder School project completed “on-time” and “on-budget” and will be eligible for consideration for reimbursement under the new Mass. School Building Authority

FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Develop and approve a multi-year budget and seek funding of FY08 Budget
- Address high class sizes at the Middle and High School
- Implement a health education curriculum at the Middle and Elementary Schools
- Continue to move forward with plans to construct a new High School and renovate and expand the Middle School
- Increase overall 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” and tuition
- Expand program offerings in world languages, health, technology, the arts, high school electives and early childhood education

SCHOOL STAFF

The following individuals retired from the School Department in 2006. We recognize and thank these individuals for the outstanding contributions each has made to our students and the North Reading Public Schools.

Janis Bartkin	School Nurse, Hood School
Constance Butler	Grade 5 Teacher, Batchelder School
David Elliott	Science Teacher / Curriculum Chair, Middle School
Katharine Hashian	Reading Teacher / Curriculum Chair, Middle School
Agatha Marano	Music Teacher / Curriculum Chair, Middle School
Robert Pesce	Vice Principal, High School
Mary Anne Saul	Social Studies Teacher, High School

The Annual Report provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the last year and to look forward to the future. Despite the challenges we face with funding and facility needs, I am proud of the accomplishments of our school district. Our schools are blessed with a staff that works diligently to provide the best for students. Our parents are extremely supportive of the schools through their donations of time and money. I believe that the community places a high value on education and is willing to partner with the schools and other community groups to maintain the quality of education. It is clear that the continued concerns about funding and the pending needs of education will require careful planning and discussions about priorities. How should we address the facility needs at the secondary level? Should we con-

tinue to be dependent upon fees and tuitions to maintain fundamental programs in athletics, extracurricular activities, full day kindergarten and transportation? Is it acceptable to schedule classes with 28-30 students at the secondary level? Given a limited budget, what priorities should we have in technology, curriculum and instruction? As Superintendent, I am confident that we will be able to develop a clear plan of action to address these questions.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Troughton
Superintendent

**NORTH READING
MCAS TESTS OF SPRING 2006
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT EACH PERFORMANCE LEVEL**

Grade and Subject	Advanced/ Above Proficient		Proficient		Needs Improvement		Warning/ Failing		Students Included
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	
GRADE 03 - READING	21	18	50	40	27	34	1	8	210
GRADE 03 - MATHEMATICS	8	4	60	48	26	32	7	16	210
GRADE 04 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	5	8	52	42	40	39	2	12	243
GRADE 04 - MATHEMATICS	16	15	31	25	45	45	7	15	243
GRADE 05 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	26	15	63	44	11	31	0	9	223
GRADE 05 - MATHEMATICS	37	17	32	26	29	34	2	23	223
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	28	17	41	33	29	39	2	11	223
GRADE 06 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	25	10	61	54	12	28	3	8	206
GRADE 06 - MATHEMATICS	37	17	38	29	16	29	8	25	206
GRADE 07 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	22	10	63	55	13	26	1	9	224
GRADE 07 - MATHEMATICS	31	12	40	28	24	33	5	28	223
GRADE 08 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	22	12	72	62	5	19	1	7	215
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	25	12	42	28	27	31	7	29	215
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	2	4	48	28	45	43	5	25	215
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	26	16	61	53	13	24	0	7	179
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	45	40	34	27	17	21	3	12	178

**NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENROLLMENT
2006-2007**

	<u>Batchelder</u>	<u>Hood</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Total Elementary</u>
Pre-Kindergarten	30*	9**	27***	66
Kindergarten	80	64	67	211
Grade 1	90	87	70	247
Grade 2	86	65	62	213
Grade 3	89	72	66	227
Grade 4	66	82	61	209
Grade 5	80	94	66	240
TOTAL:	521	473	419	1,413

* Batchelder School: 14 IEP Students / 16 Typical Students

** Hood School: 4 IEP Students / 5 Typical Students

*** Little School: 10 IEP Students / 17 Typical Students

Middle School

Grade 6	213
Grade 7	205
Grade 8	217
TOTAL:	635

High School

Grade 9	198
Grade 10	185
Grade 11	173
Grade 12	171
TOTAL:	727

Elementary	1,413
Middle School	635
High School	727
TOTAL:	2,775

NORTH READING TEN-YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS										
<u>Grade</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>	<u>2014-15</u>
K-5	1,427	1,413	1,380	1,348	1,321	1,296	1,243	1,220	1,232	1,264
6-8	638	635	658	662	676	649	687	690	672	600
9-12	715	727	747	754	756	769	762	782	782	788
TOTAL	2,780	2,775	2,785	2,764	2,753	2,704	2,692	2,692	2,686	2,652

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.

The fall of 2006 marked the beginning of several new initiatives for the North Reading Public Schools. In keeping with the planned adoption schedule, the ninth grade teaching team piloted a new American History book in the spring of 2006 which was later adopted and implemented in the Fall of 2006. This began the first year of the realigned history curriculum that places a two part United States history course into 9th and 10th grade. The High School science department revised the existing course curriculum to reflect the Backward Design method of curriculum development and expanded the science offerings to include zoology. Through a joint effort of the Middle and High School foreign language staff, the Spanish I curriculum was revised to ensure continuity and establish a pacing guide. The curriculum was written utilizing the Backward Design model. At the elementary level, the work of the Literacy Task Force was completed and the schools have adopted and are currently implementing Houghton Mifflin Reading. This is year one of an implementation that will take approximately three years to be fully integrated into our practice. Throughout the year, as part of the implementation Houghton Mifflin trainers are providing ongoing support to teachers and administrators during release days. The reading series offers resources that provide core support for a comprehensive literacy program. In addition teachers continue to receive training in the Guided Reading process and Literature Circles methodology in order to enhance the core program. Other notable accomplishments include a pilot of the Elementary Math Benchmark Assessments and the introduction of Pre-algebra in grade 7.

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 comprised of faculty and administration and has the responsibility of monitoring, approving and reviewing professional development opportunities. The theme of the Professional Development Program for 2006-2007 varies by schools. The elementary focus is "Implementing Comprehensive Literacy," the Middle School is focusing on "Differentiated Instruction and Brain Research" and the High School is focusing on "Using Data to Inform Instruction." All fall under the umbrella of the broader theme "Teaching so all students can learn," and support 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.

North Reading organizes its professional development to support our overarching curricular philosophies and methodologies: Professional Learning Communities; Inclusion; Learning Styles & Multiple Intelligences; Standards Based Instruction; Backward Design (Understanding by Design); Differentiated Instruction; Comprehensive Literacy; and Technology Integration. The district offers ongoing high quality professional development to faculty that provides for continual professional improvement in all of these areas. Our program offers New Faculty mentoring and a New Teacher Program. Mentors provide daily support and the forum program is broken down into monthly meetings at which one of the overarching methods or philosophies is addressed.

North Reading Public Schools offers three trimesters of professional development course offerings to faculty. This year in an attempt to increase participation in the courses and increase the flexibility of meeting times, we have offered several online course opportunities. These courses offered through ASCD address the overarching philosophies and methodologies previously noted. The online courses have proven to be popular thus far. In addition to online opportunities, 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.

We engaged in ten release days per year during which teachers are provided training and/collaboration time with this years' focus being: Elementary – Reading; Middle School – Co-Teaching and Brain Based research; and the High School – Using data to improve student achievement in writing across the curriculum. Additionally, we offer three trimesters of professional development which includes K-12 collaboration teams, online opportunities that address our core methods, and teacher taught courses.

Technology

Technology is no longer a tool of the future. It is a fundamental part of 21st century life. The North Reading Public Schools is committed to providing a technology rich learning environment that promotes the development of skills and understandings necessary to compete in the global workforce. Educational technology assists our schools in effectively educating our students. Supporting the instructional process with technology is critical for collecting, evaluating and utilizing information. Students need essential information literacy skills to think critically and be successful in all areas.

In support of our vision and the district mission, the North Reading Technology Department endeavors to:

- Improve student achievement with respect to state and local standards.
- Support the integration of technology throughout our learning community.
- Facilitate the use of technology for data management.
- Meet state standards for budget.

In an ongoing effort to create a technology rich environment and in support of our vision and the district mission, the North Reading Technology Department accomplished the following in 2005-2006:

1. Upgraded the server, main switch and main Ethernet run at the Little School.
2. Brought the three elementary schools (Batchelder, Hood & Little) into the northreading.mec.edu domain (district).
3. In cooperation with EdNets launched the district and high school web page which allows for growth to include fundraising opportunities and individual teacher web pages. (Elementary schools are scheduled to come on in winter 2007).
4. Increased network support contract from twenty to thirty-two hours per week.
5. Offered professional development opportunities to train teachers in the use of assistive technology.
6. Brought online a central server for student/teacher document storage and a central server for media storage.
7. Piloted an intensive keyboarding mini-course for grade 5.
8. Expand online professional development opportunities for teachers.
9. Provide Mac schools with the Microsoft Office program.
10. Trained Computer Lab paraprofessionals to provide first line tech support.

11. Deployed new technology acquisitions at the Batchelder and joined the school to the district domain via the updated Comcast I-Net.

The office of Curriculum & 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 following are some examples of on going integration projects facilitated by the Technology Integration Specialists:

- Implementation of Kurzweil and ZoomText to provide assistive technologies to learners with special needs.
- Training of teachers in the use of SmartBoards to enhance instruction.
- Co-teaching ELA classes on how to use search engines more efficiently and evaluate online information.
- Training Foreign Language Department on how to use video from Unitedstreaming effectively in their classes to vary and enhance instruction.
- Working with the Foreign Language Department on how to use podcasts and original target language recordings in the classroom
- Providing in-service workshops to new teachers on how to effectively integrate technology into the classroom and learning environment
- Providing one-to-one consultation to provide answers to individualized technology questions like, *How to use the technology itself and how to integrate the technology into their lessons.*

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 2005-2006 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 the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club, Student Council, and the National Honor Society.

North Reading High School continued its cultural exchange program in 2005 with students from Mexico. The cultural experience and the travel itself were positive educational experiences. This experience is especially beneficial insofar as students from both countries, Mexico and the United States, embark on visits to the home countries of the students involved in the exchange program.

In April, members of the Class of 2006 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 third annual "College Fair" for students and parents. Over seventy-five 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 can be very proud. MCAS results for the students in the class of 2008, received in the fall of 2006, 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.

In the fall of 2006, the high school faculty and administration participated in hosting a visiting principal from China as part of an educator exchange program that was initiated by the superintendent of schools, Dr. David S. Troughton.

One hundred and seventy-nine students in the Class of 2006 received their diplomas. The total percentage of students in the Class of 2006 choosing to further their education at two-year and four-year institutions was 88 percent.

Specific departmental highlights for North Reading High School are as follows:

English

- Students took part in the “North Reading Reads” program, including a discussion group during power block and a visit from Roland Merullo, the author of *In Revere, In Those Days*. *Teachers provided extra credit to participating students.*
- Student publications continued to disseminate student writing among the school community. *The Popsicle*, the literary magazine, and *The Deliberator*, the student newspaper, are both published with department members as advisors.
- A streamlined Summer Reading program evolved according to plans formed by members of the English and Social Studies departments. Teachers conferred to choose book titles and develop assessments.
- Department members continued to discuss works that could expand literary offerings in courses. *The Kite Runner*, a title used in a previous Summer Reading program, was added to the choices for English 10 (World Literature).
- Preparation for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) and SAT continued in appropriate courses.
- Department members continued to pursue professional development opportunities. These included participation in local offerings, such as the English/Language Arts Curriculum Council and a “Big 6” workshop, and in conferences and workshops held elsewhere.
- Department members continued to utilize technology in both teacher instruction and student presentations.

Mathematics

- All Mathematics Department teachers continue to receive professional development training on a wide variety of technology tools, including the SmartBoard, the TI graphing calculator, TI Navigator, 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 examinations.
- Students continue to participate successfully in the New England Math-

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

- Students participated in TEAMS Academy, a new Technology, Engineering and Math-Science pilot program for academically accelerated high school sophomores. The students enjoyed a one-day college experience at the University of Massachusetts campus that was designed to expose the students to higher level courses than are usually found at the high school level.
- All teachers continue to assist students in Mathematics classes in preparing for the MCAS examination and SAT as appropriate.
- Members of the Mathematics Department continue to participate in the combined Mathematics, Science and Technology Curriculum Council.

Science and Technology

- The Science Department continued to focus on improving curricula. Several course outlines were written over the summer.
- Two new science electives have been created and implemented. They are Zoology and Genetics.
- The Grade Nine Seminar class has been removed from the science curriculum and added into the mathematics curriculum. This opened a position for a science teacher to teach two more classes in science. The Science Department is proud of the significant number of students taking upper level science courses but sees the need for an increase in staff and space in order to better accommodate the needs of the students.
- The Science Department, along with the Science Council, will be encouraging most students to take the core classes of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics before choosing electives and graduating from North Reading High School.
- As a result of Bill Amorosi's presentation on Standards Based Assessment of Student Writing, a departmental lab report rubric was designed and is being implemented.
- The department has made progress in technology. The staff now has four projector and laptop setups available for use. PowerPoint presentations and interactive tutorials are much more accessible now. Vernier probes have been purchased and opportunities for professional development using this technology has been requested.
- Science teachers, along with Clean Harbors, have continued 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 Department, in conjunction with the Mathematics Department, chaperoned students to TEAMS Academy Day at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. It was a state funded pilot program that allowed students to work on advanced problem solving labs in math and science.
- In December, the Advanced Placement Biology classes took the opportunity to see the "Body Worlds" exhibit at the Museum of Science.
- The new Zoology class had the opportunity to go to the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Topsfield, Massachusetts to canoe down a section of

the Ipswich River. There, students collected freshwater invertebrates and learned about the factors that contribute to the river's endangerment.

Social Studies

- Department members are now enrolled in a "Teaching American History" grant program. The grant is provided by the United States Department of Education and is a three-year program that emphasizes improving instruction in American History by increasing teacher knowledge. This year the program offers a series of book discussions, an introduction to the "Big 6" research model, a seminar on using digital photography to create virtual web tours of historical locations, and a week-long summer seminar on Early American History.
- One teacher attended a training program for the Advanced Placement United States History/Government course last summer.
- Students received high recognition for their participation in the annual "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The local chapter of the 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 North Reading High School. This has become a meaningful tradition for students, faculty members, and community members.
- Students participated in an election of two delegates to represent North Reading High School in the annual "Student Government Day" program.
- Teachers within the department met last spring to continue to refine 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, and streamlining video and virtual tours.
- United States History I curriculum has been successfully implemented with the students in the class of 2010. The United States History II curriculum has been written and is expected to begin in the 2007-2008 school year.
- The grade 11 World History curriculum is currently being written. It is expected that the book choice for the course will be finalized by the end of the current school year. Implementation of the course is expected in the 2008-2009 school year.

Foreign Languages

- Teachers participated in off-site workshops that focused on strengthening the Advanced Placement course and aligning it with the new College Board requirements, preparing lower level students for the Advanced Placement level class, and engaging difficult students.
- Eight teachers participated in the foreign language Curriculum Council, writing a Level 1 curriculum not based on a particular textbook but based on a logical sequence of learning that would allow the middle and high schools to prepare all students in the same manner. That curriculum is

in place this fall at the middle school and at the high school; this year's eighth grade students should be prepared for Level 2 at the high school in the fall of 2007.

- The pilot program for the textbook series *Avancemos* will take place in the spring of 2007. We are planning to integrate our program, Levels 1-5. Currently, we have one textbook series for Levels 1 and 2, another series for Levels 3 and 4, and an Advanced Placement curriculum. An adoption proposal will be presented to the School Committee in the spring of 2007.
- Teachers continue to take advantage of technology integration in the classroom. Examples include using the department Tablet PC and its note-taking capabilities, using Podcasts to access original language media, and creating visuals to help students with differential needs.
- Students participated in an educational student exchange program with a bilingual school from San Mateo, Mexico. San Mateo students traveled to North Reading in the spring of 2006 and were hosted here in North Reading by high school students.
- Students continued to use communication skills to improve language ability in French and Spanish.
- Students continued to participate in the Advanced Placement programs in Spanish
- In the fall of 2006, all foreign language teachers had the opportunity to become members of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association.

School to Career

- 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. They are Microsoft Applications, Microsoft Office, Accounting, and Internet/Web Page Design.
- 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.
- The National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) "Financial Planning Program" was presented to the Accounting classes. Mr. Simons volunteers his time to present this program, and has done so for the last seven years.
- School to Career teachers along with six students from the Accounting class participated in a conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants at Bentley College entitled "Is Accounting For Me? From College to Career."
- Students at North Reading High School again competed in "LifeSmarts." "LifeSmarts" teaches students to be 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. North Reading won the Massachusetts Competi-

tion and represented Massachusetts in the Nationals in Philadelphia. North Reading High School's team placed fifth in the nation.

- Working in conjunction with the scholastic achievement group, "Junior Achievement," Lois, Paul & Partners, a public relations firm in Woburn, hosted twenty-two students from the Microsoft Publishing class. This was Lois, Paul & Partners' first career day and featured a number of presentations on topics such as local public relations outreach, human resources, new business operations, and finance. Students were even taken through a number of public relations case studies to show the process from beginning to end.
- 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 and the Flint Memorial Library partnered in their third collaborative program, "North Reading Reads." The 2006 title was *In Revere, In Those Days*, by Roland Merullo. This town wide book discussion program was supported by a grant, received by the Flint Memorial Library, from the Institute of Museums and Library Services, under the Library Services and Technology Act, as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The grant allowed the libraries to provide many programs for the community, including an evening with the author on April 26, 2006.
- The library collection was updated with many new print and audiovisual titles, subscriptions to online databases, and the beginnings of a collection of *Playways*, self-playing digital audio books.
- Class use of library resources continued to grow as academic departments collaborated with the library to build on a previous summer workshop: "Improving the Research Process."

Music and Theatre

- Two seniors, David Grossman and Jacob Street represented NRHS at Northeast District Senior Festival: David in the chorus and Jacob in the Concert Band
- David Grossman auditioned for Massachusetts Music Educators' Association All-State Festival
- Students auditioned for the Northeast District Junior Festival
- North Reading High School hosted the Northeast District Festival Auditions
- Performances of the *Sound of Music* took place at the end of March.
- Rachel Moda and Patrick Wicker represented NRHS at Northeast District Junior Festival
- NRHS was the adjudication site host for two weekends of the Music Maestro Please Music Festival. Mr. Forman and Ms. Marano also adjudicated the festival
- Marching Band and Color Guard performed at the Boston Greek Independence Day Parade for St. Georges Greek Orthodox Church of Lynn

- Masquers' *Sound of Music* was selected by the North Shore Music Theatre Spotlight Awards as one of the top nine shows. Performed *Lonely Goatherd* scene at awards ceremony. Back drop nominated for scenery award and David Grossman nominated for supporting actor role as *Rolf*.
- Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band and Chorus traveled to Hershey, PA area for adjudication receiving "excellent" and "good" ratings
- Jazz Night was held in the High School cafeteria in May with the Middle School and High School Jazz Bands performing
- Spring Concert was performed by Concert Band and Chorus
- Marching Band and Color Guard and Color Guard marched in Memorial Day Parade and performed at ceremonies on the Town Common
- The Concert Band performed at Graduation
- Band and chorus camp ran from 8/15-8/18/06
- In the fall of 2006, the Marching Band and Color Guard performed at all of the home football games
- Marching Band and Color Guard and Chorus performed at the Annual Apple Festival
- Music Department sold Daily Planners as a fundraiser
- Marching Band and Color Guard performed at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) regional show in Wakefield and Championship Finals in Lowell
- Marching Band and Color Guard and Chorus performed two Veteran's Day assemblies at the school
- Marching Band and Color Guard performed Veteran's Day ceremonies on the Town Common
- Marching Band and Color Guard performed at the Thanksgiving Pep Rally
- Band and Chorus students auditioned for Northeast District Senior Festival. Todd Isenstadt was selected to play in the Concert Band on Euphonium attaining the best score of the day for that instrument. He was also recommended to Audition for the MMEA All-state Festival
- Performances of *Steel Magnolias* took place in mid-November
- Jazz Band performed for the North Reading/Reading Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Awards Dinner at the Thomsen Club
- Introduction to Theatre class went to Batchelder School to perform short stories for students
- In December, Band and Chorus students caroled throughout the town as a fundraiser for the music boosters
- Band students performed carols for the North Reading/Reading Chamber of Commerce first ever North Reading Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chorus performed the Annual Holiday Concert
- Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chorus performed two Holiday Concert assemblies at the school

Art

- Art department teachers continue to enhance their individual teaching skills by exploring and implementing inventive and creative teaching styles and techniques.

- A new Plug Mill, a mill that recycles clay in the ceramics room, was purchased for the department.
- The Figure Drawing and Illustration classes have worked with the “North Reading Reads” program to develop thematic illustrations for selected novels.
- Presenters have visited the Graphic Design classes in order that students are able to make authentic connections to their educational experience in graphic design.
- The members of the Art Department collaborated with the New England Classic Singers to have students design posters for their poster contests.

Physical Education

- The Physical Education curriculum continues to be aligned with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Health Curriculum. All students in grades 9 through 12 continue to participate in the nationally recognized “Physical Best Health Related Self-Assessment Test.”
- The departmental goal in the academic year 2005-2006 was to focus on getting 70% of students to pass the cardiovascular efficiency test, which was assessed with students participating in a one-mile run. The passing standard for boys was a sub eight-minute mile, and the girls’ standard was below ten minutes. Particular focus was placed on providing students with “Lead-Up” cardiovascular training.
- The staff continues to emphasize the benefits of fitness to our students and is proud to note that this year, 74% of our students achieved cardiovascular efficiency.

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. The guidance department invited admissions representatives from Tufts University, Merrimack College, UMASS Lowell, and North Shore Community College to form an informational panel for the Senior Parent Night. The members of the panel individually discussed the specific admission procedures at their respective institutions.
- The guidance counselors in collaboration with the school to career department up-dated the School Profile. The school profile contains all of North Reading High School’s statistical data including average SAT scores, recent college acceptances, and ranking and GPA configurations. The profile is sent to all college/universities to which students apply for admission.
- 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 school nurse, psychologist, and administration to identify “at risk” students.
- Counselors continue to track admissions trends using the Naviance database.

- Counselors continue to be members of various counselor associations including the North Shore Guidance Directors, MASCA, and NEASC.
- In 2006 the guidance staff held its 3rd annual college fair. North Reading was host to approximately two hundred admissions representatives.
- Counselors met with all incoming ninth grade students to inform students about high school guidance services during the first semester of school.
- A graded curriculum was developed for the guidance portion of the current ninth grade freshmen seminar.
- The guidance staff continues to meet with students individually to solidify post-secondary plans.
- This year, over \$60,000 in scholarship monies was awarded to North Reading High School's "Class of 2006" students. Among these scholarships were those donated by community members, community organizations, and the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of North Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon C. Bernard, Principal
North Reading High School

**NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2005**

Michael A. Agneta
Jillian Lee Aldrich
Garrett Mark Allan
Gennaro A. Ameno*
Brandon J. Angiolillo
Andrew Thomas Austin
Terry Lee Ballard, Jr.
Heather M. Barkhouse
Michelle Patricia Barkhouse
Christopher William Bellino**
Jeremy A. Bernardo
Melisa Diane Bianchi
Michael Paul Black*
James Richard Blake**
Jonathan Norman Bourque
Tara Marie Brosnan**
Scott Henry Burke
Ryan Edward Canney
Joshua J. Cantrell
Andrea Cappucci*
Michael Anthony Caprigno
Denise Ann Capua**
Joshua John Carbone
Patrick Christopher Carr
Victoria Carroll**
Maria Celata
Meghan Elizabeth Chase**
Jessica Chen**
Kurt Allan Chipman
Alexa A. Chrisos**
Leanne Rose Cirigliano**
Christopher Joseph Warren Cirone
Paul A. Clapp, Jr.
Courtney Danae Colburne
Stephanie Kay Colella
Ryan Conner
Kasey Janet Conway
Erin Coogan**
Matthew Kevin Costa
Courtney Neville Crocker
Kayla Brielle Croteau
Daniel John Cummings
Kristin Marie Cusolito
Kelly Anne Daigle
Jason Dailey

Christopher Zachary Darning
John Peter Deshaies**
Daniela Michelle DiLemme
Sean M. Dillon
Kevin Michael Distaso**
Jeremy Fite Dodge
Connor Patrick Doherty
Daniel Joseph Doherty, IV
Paul Donatelli
Alexandra Joyce Doyle**
Kristen M. Driscoll
Lindsey M. Duchak
Thomas J. Duval*
Katelyn Mary Felix**
Leanne Marie Fierro**
Natalie Rose Finocchiaro
Ashley Rose Forgione
Travis Foster
Carey Anne Frasca*
Tony Gaffney
Anthony D. Gentile
Carl Gentile*
Gina Marie Gentile
Bryan W. Gesualdo*
Thomas Matthew Gibson, Jr.
Daniel H. Giddings
Thomas E. Gowing**
Alysson Marie Gray**
Adam Williams Griswold**
David Nathaniel Recina Grossman*
Robin Elizabeth Harrington
Jonathan Robert Hart
Lisa Hein
Sarah Marie Henderson**
Danielle Lee Hodgkins*
Julie Ann Hussey**
Lauren Jenkins**
Clare Grady Keeffe**
Sarah Lydia Klein*
Connor Michael Larkin
Gregory Lyons Lavoie*
Matthew Louis Lavoie**

* Graduating with Honors

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Member of National Honor Society

Danielle Marie Lozier**
 Alyssa Lubin**
 Kaitlin Lusk*
 Rebecca Vivian MacDonald
 Brittany Ann Malm
 Tara O'Neill Maltacea
 Michael Anthony Marciano
 Brian Edward Marsden
 Brendan Thomas McCarthy*
 Caitlin E. McCune**
 Kimberly Ann McRae
 Danielle Marie McTague
 Shawn E. Melanson
 Caitlin Ann Milley
 Christina Rae Miranti
 Alexa Anne Mitrano
 Valerie A. Mounter
 James Vincent Mucci
 Andrew Mucciarone
 Danielle M. Navish**
 Antliony Francis Nazzaro
 Kevin L. Newton
 Jenna Rachel Bunker Nowosacki**
 Stephanie Ann Oliver**
 Jamie Katherine Orrall
 Matthew John Pacino**
 Jessica Anna Pagliuca
 Megan Ashley Parkinson**
 Ashley Parr
 David Glenn Pawlowski**
 Geoffrey George Penney
 Kimberly Marie Penta**
 Ashley Marie Perin
 Brian H. Pescatore**
 Shane Joseph Petruzello
 Krista Marie Pintsopoulos
 Rachael Elisabeth Popp
 Sarah Emily Potter**
 Jillian Marie Powley
 Colleen Mary Quinn**
 Stephen Joseph Quinn
 Paola A. Ramirez*
 Tobias R. Rao
 Colin E. Reed**
 Mariette R. Reilly
 Christine A. Ribeiro
 Brittany Ridings
 Katherine Amy Roberts

Gregory A. Rodgers
 Kristen Alison Rogers
 Christa Marie Romano
 Aimee Elizabeth Rooney
 Dana Thomas Roy
 Stephanie Rynne
 Samantha Jeanne Saccardo*
 Molly Katharine Salt**
 Aubrey Lynn Samost*
 Molly Nichols Sardella**
 Kristen Elizabeth Sawyer
 Tyler Kenneth Schernack
 Matthew Lincoln Scioli
 Ornella Sementa
 Kristen E. Shaw**
 Isaac Alan Shields**
 Harrison Short
 Lindsay Caroline Singer**
 Samantha Suzanne Slocum*
 Jamie R. Slone
 Maxx Snow
 Brian Michael Stanton
 Kerrin Elizabeth Stewart**
 Jacob Michael Street**
 Courtney Rachel Studdert
 Jennifer N. Terrizzi
 Alexandra R. Tighe
 Kayla Elizabeth Toothaker*
 Erika Lee Toronto
 Michael Vacca**
 Angela Noelle Vadala**
 Elizabeth Grace Vitale**
 Rebecca Leigh Von Asch
 Lindsey Wallis**
 Katelynn Weaver
 Ashley Whelan
 Andrew M. Williamson
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 Mary Autumn Wright**
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**NORTH READING DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
CITIZEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OF NORTH READING
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2006**

Christopher Bellino	Matthew Pacino
James Blake	Megan Parkinson
Tara Brosnan	Kimberly Penta
Leanne Cirigliano	Brian Pescatore
Matthew Costa	Colin Reed
John Deshaies	Katherine Roberts
Katelyn Felix	Aimee Rooney
Ashley Forgione	Samantha Saccardo
Carey Frasca	Molly Salt
Carl Gentile	Molly Sardella
Sarah Henderson	Ornella Sementa
Gregory Lavoie	Isaac Shields
Matthew Lavoie	Kerrin Stewart
Danielle Lozier	Jennifer Terrizzi
Caitlin McCune	Lindsey Wallis
Kimberly McRae	Tiffany Yee

**NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
CLASS OF 2006**

James R. & Barbara E. Aylward	
Memorial Scholarship	Christopher Bellino
Nedio E. Barrasso and Mary Barrasso	
Memorial Scholarships	James Blake
	Kerrin Stewart
Joseph R. Bernard Memorial Scholarship	James Blake
Boston Teachers' Union Scholarship	Jennifer Terrizzi
Ellsworth Croswell Memorial Scholarship	Isaac Shields
Daughters Of America's Annual	
College Scholarship	Kerrin Stewart
Michael Digiantommaso	
Memorial Scholarship	Victoria Carroll
Joseph Gavin "Keep The Faith" Scholarship	Matthew Pacino
Golden Age Club Scholarship	Erin Coogan
Stephen Gregory Scholarship	Drew Austin
Edith F. Holt Memorial Scholarship	Katelyn Felix
Robert Hunt Memorial Scholarship	Colin Reed
David Jamieson Memorial Scholarship	Megan Parkinson
Frank W. Jr. & Glen A. Kenrick	
Memorial Scholarship	Thomas Gowing
Knights Of Columbus Scholarship	Brittany Malm
	Kimberly Penta
E. Ethel Little School Scholarships	John Deshaies
	Clare Keefe
Loyal Order Of Moose Scholarship	Samantha Slocum

Walter Miller Scholarship	Colin Reed
Michael J. Mitton Memorial Scholarship	David Pawlowski
Mount Carmel Eastern Star Scholarship	Ashley Forgione
Moynihan Lumber Scholarship	Julie Hussey
Eric Nelson Memorial Scholarship	Jacob Street
North Reading Community Chorale Scholarships	Jacob Street Danielle Navish
North Reading Education Association Scholarship	Kimberly Penta
North Reading Masonic Lodge Scholarship	Ashley Forgione
North Reading Music Boosters Scholarships	Adam Griswold Danielle Navish Isaac Shields Jenna Nowosacki Kerrin Stewart Jacob Street Elizabeth Vitale
North Reading Parents' Association Scholarship	Tiffany Yee
North Reading Rotary Club Scholarship	Alyssa Lubin
North Reading Youth Basketball Scholarships	Connor Larkin Colin Reed
North Reading Youth Lacrosse Scholarships	Aubrey Samost David Grossman
North Reading Youth Soccer Scholarships	Danielle Hodgkins David Pawlowski Rachel Popp
Janet Connolly O'Neil Memorial Scholarship	Courtney Crocker
Reading Cooperative Bank Scholarship	Kevin Distaso
Reading/North Reading Chamber of Commerce Scholarship In Memory Of Anthony R. Cota, Jr.	Paola Ramirez
Edward A. Sapienza Scholarship	Kevin DiStaso
Bonnie Gay Simes Memorial Scholarship	Danielle Lozier
James Skinner Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Vitale
Supreme Emblem Club Scholarship	Kayla Croteau
Wakefield Elks Scholarships, Inc.	James Blake Isaac Shields Ashley Forgione Kerrin Stewart
Richard K. Smith Memorial Scholarship	Brian Pescatore
Catherine F. Welsh Memorial Scholarship	James Blake

NORTH READING MIDDLE SCHOOL

The students at North Reading Middle School participate in an academic program composed of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer, Art, International Cultures, Music, Physical Education, World Language (grade 7 and 8) and Reading Comprehension (grade 6). Organizational, decision-making, writing, reading and critical thinking skills permeate the entire curricula. Team participation and interdisciplinary projects bind together the individual subject areas.

As of October 1, 2006, student enrollment at the Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year was 639 students: 118 male and 97 female students in sixth grade, 107 male students and 100 female students in seventh grade, 130 male students and 87 female students in 8th grade. In addition, one SEEM class for special education students is maintained with 6 students. There are 33 6th graders, 26 7th graders and 24 8th graders with Special Education Plans this year. In addition, we also have 34 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on 504 accommodation plans.

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

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, downhill skiing/boardings, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, floor hockey, softball, and ultimate frisbee. School clubs available to students include Student Council, Peer Leaders, Book, Art, Drama, Memory Book, Newspaper, Science, World Affairs, Computer, Math, and Geography. Our 8th grade hiking trip to Mt. Wachusett in the fall has become a popular tradition. In November, all students were given an opportunity to enjoy an evening of roller-skating in Saugus. We will be celebrating our artists and musicians with a Night of the Fine Arts in May. We are particularly grateful for the efforts of our Student Council and Peer Leaders programs as they continue to organize students and staff to rally around relief efforts for needy people.

Our 6th graders will have another opportunity to participate this coming spring (June) in an outdoor educational experience under the direction of Project Adventure. It involves a two day field trip to Beverly, Massachusetts and students will not be staying overnight as in the past. 8th grade staff and students are already preparing for their five day trip to Washington D.C., which also takes place this spring (June).

For the second year in a row, the Middle School, in an effort to enhance communication, has used its e-mail distribution list to assist 6th, 7th, and 8th grade families. Over 95% of our families are involved with this endeavor. This process allows quick communication and has resolved some of the lost documents that rarely find their way out of student book bags. In addition, the entire school district will be using a program called AlertNow. This program will greatly add to our commitment to get any and all emergency information to parents immediately.

The Middle School Parents' Association continues to be an incredibly hard working organization in our Middle School. The parent association meets each month and takes on several responsibilities like: 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 such as: a Pancake Breakfast 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/Reading

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 we are continuing to incorporate interdisciplinary lessons when appropriate. Members of the Language Arts Department, in conjunction with members of both the Reading and Special Education Departments, are currently examining sample texts in an effort to adopt a new series beginning next fall. 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 for a second year 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.

Jennifer Turner (*N.R.M.S. Language Arts Department Chair*)

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

There have been a number of changes with in the N.R.M.S. Science Department this past year. These changes are in the areas of staffing, professional

development and equipment/technology. One 7th grade science teacher has been hired to replace a retired science teacher. Professional development has focused on evaluating assessment tools. Department members continue to develop multi-media presentations directly related to the science curriculum. Equipment and technology purchases included the purchase of calculator-based laboratory equipment to take advantage of advances in technology. All Science rooms are equipped with a teacher computer, multimedia projector, lap top computer, television, DVD/video cassette recorder and smart board.

Joseph Davis (*NRMS 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. We are presently looking to upgrade the basic Spanish texts in order to reflect the latest pedagogical thinking in the teaching of foreign languages. For the second year, we have expanded our world language program by initiating an introductory course in grade seven. Additional staff is critical for the growth of this department.

Kathryn Cahill (*N.R.M.S. World Language Department Chair*)

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, computers, and physical education. In order to have a comprehensive Health program at the Middle School, we will need to hire an additional teacher. Students learn to work cooperatively with others and to share materials and ideas. Because of the wide range of activities offered, most students feel a real sense of creativity and accomplishment.

Class size (some as high as 32) and diminishing space continue to present formidable challenges for the middle school. Six modular classrooms will be ready by the 2007-2008 School year (September). However, we desperately need additional staff, as well!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Hodges, Principal
North Reading Middle School

L.D. BATCHELDER SCHOOL

In September, the doors opened to 523 students in pre kindergarten – fifth grade at the newly renovated L.D. Batchelder School. The completion of the beautiful, state of the art facility sits proudly among the center of town. The citizens of North Reading should be proud of this accomplishment. At the school, we understand the time and effort committed from the start of the process to the end. Our faculty, staff, students and families are reaping the benefits of this project, as will the future generations of Batchelder Bulldogs.

The Superintendent Dr. David Troughton, North Reading School Committee and Board of Selectman should be commended as they kept their eyes on the prize to improve the conditions of our elementary schools to meet our students' needs. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Elementary School Building Committee. Mr. Jonathan DeSimone, Mr. Scott Stimpson, Mrs. Jayne Swart, Mr. Jeffrey Witts, Mr. Shep Spear and School Committee representative Mr. Gerald Venezia as they managed the project with great vision and attention to detail to monitor the town's investment. Tappe Associates and GVW Inc designed and constructed a beautiful building with a focus to meet the needs of our school and our community.

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 2005, 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/emotional development of each child. Open Circle promotes the understanding and appreciation of each other, and stresses the importance of community through responsibility and respect.

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," Authors Greg Tang and Laura Davies visited the Batchelder School students to share their experiences. 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, directed by our second grade 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. "Mother Goose" 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. In addition, the BPO sponsored our author visits, "Food Play" a health/nutritional program for students K-3 and Deanna's Fund to talk about peer pressure and bullying with our fourth and fifth graders. Together with our faculty and staff quality enrichment opportunities continue to be provided to our students through the generosity of our Parents' Organization.

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 473, with four Grade One classes, three Grade Two classes, three Grade Three classes, four Grade Four classrooms, four classes of Grade Five and a Language Based classroom. We host one full day kindergarten class in addition to two half day kindergarten classes, and a pre-kindergarten class.

The Hood School remains 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 meet weekly in grade level collaboration meetings. Hood School teachers continue to implement the "Open Circle" program in order to promote dialogue among students.

Our Parents' Association provides tremendous support to the children and the Hood School. Programs such as MacDonald's Night, the Craft Fair Family Night at IRP, Johnny the K Night and Hockey Night not only provide the Hood School family with a social community, but the funds raised by such events support numerous enrichment programs for Hood School children. We are extremely appreciative of the wonderful spirit of cooperation and support provided by the Hood School families and businesses. The J. T. Hood School Council continues to meet monthly in order to review the goals set for the J. T. Hood School.

The Hood School Staff has a strong commitment to ongoing professional growth and the improvement of curriculum and instruction. This year, we implemented a new literacy program (Houghton-Mifflin Reading Program). Teachers were actively involved in training and planning sessions and students were exposed to guided reading, literature circles and balanced literacy. A team of teachers has developed math benchmark assessments to help provide a better understanding of student progress. The staff was actively engaged in the review of the MCAS test results as well as programs such as "Handwriting Without Tears."

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. This year, we were delighted to have a visit from a principal from China. Principal Zhang Xianzhen spent part of the day visiting classrooms and meeting with students and staff. Hood School students provided Principal Zhang with a warm welcome reception.

We continue to focus on safety issues around parking and arrival and dismissal times. 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. School spirit is very much in evidence at the Hood School. Pajama Day and Patriot's Spirit Day are two examples of the many opportunities for students and staff to join together in school-wide activities to promote a positive environment.

I am proud to say it is certainly "Good at the Hood." The staff and parents truly make this an outstanding school. 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 6, 2006, marked the start of the 2006-2007 school year. The 12th anniversary of the reopening of the Little School began with fifty-three staff and 419 children, preschool through grade five. Twenty classrooms and one portable unit (two classrooms) accommodate our primary language-based program, preschool program, two kindergarten classes, four first grades and three classes each of grade levels 2, 3, 4, 5. Staff and children were welcomed back from their summer vacation to freshly painted walls and a thoroughly cleaned school. Through the generosity of the PTO two new sound systems were installed in the gymnasium and cafeteria. These will enhance the performances of the children in upcoming programs.

Introducing and integrating technology across the curriculum continues to be our priority in the technology lab at the E. E. Little School. We accomplish this through technology lessons, projects, and special classroom activities. There are over 75 computers in the classrooms, specialist's rooms, office, and library. In addition, there are 30 workstations in the Technology Lab as well as 3 mobile carts setup with laptops, projectors, and wireless network hubs available for special classroom activities. Software and Internet sites are evaluated and used based on their ability to support the classroom curriculum and develop students' technology skills. These websites and software support the Houghton-Mifflin reading program and MCAS testing preparation. The newly acquired World Book Online supports students' online research skills. We continue to seek innovative ways to advance new technologies in the lab wherever appropriate, including the use of technologies such as digital cameras, temperature probes, electronic microscopes, and GPS devices. The Little School web site, ps.north-reading.k12.ma.us, is updated monthly and keeps our school community informed of upcoming events. The town technology warrant article is a continuous source of support for these important goals.

In the school library media center students discover the adventures that are found in books. Read aloud books are carefully chosen to supplement the new Houghton Mifflin reading program, support the state mandated curriculum and introduce children to a wide variety of important authors and illustrators. We are constantly updating our collection of both print and non-print items. Older non-fiction books have been replaced with up to date books reflecting the changes in our curriculum. Our fiction books have been updated with additions of old classics as well as new books, which will become favorites. The library budget supports the purchase of books, updating our collection of over 14,400 books/videos. Book fairs and PTO support our reading incentive programs and additional book purchases throughout the year. In addition to our participation in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award program at Salem State College, we will be involved in two new reading incentive programs this year. For Project Heifer children will be asked to read books as a way to raise money for sustainable food sources for impoverished communities. This winter we will be trying out a new program where children earn book charms for

reading for fun. Parents, grandparents and senior citizens who volunteer their time assist the library paraprofessional.

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. 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 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, and childcare program and within some classrooms. 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.

There is a strong commitment of our staff to their professional development and active involvement of district wide initiatives including the training involved in implementation of the new literacy program, the development and administration of mathematics benchmark trimester tests, analysis of the spring 2006 MCAS testing and continued training in technology.

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. Others are engaged in completing requirements for advanced 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.

Performance and improvement ratings for Massachusetts' public schools and districts are issued yearly. 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 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 2006-2007 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 2006. A copy is available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools as well as at the Little School.

Students, parents and staff have enjoyed another successful and rewarding 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 2006 school year there were 443 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 2006, North Reading Schools provided 45 students with full academic programs outside of their neighborhood school. To meet the needs of these 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.

In the 2005-06 school year the Pupil Services Department had three major goals. They were to continue implementation of the Inclusion Initiative; provide universal curriculum design through assistive technology to students with learning disabilities and provide more cost effective transportation by increasing school district run special education transportation.

The 2006 year was the fourth year of our five year plan to implement inclusive education practices in the district. Each school in the district has participated in training and consultation on inclusion provided by Susan Craig, PhD. During the next year, as part of the five year phase-in process, additional training and support will be provided to all staff on inclusive practices and differentiated instruction.

The second objective of the Pupil Services Department in 2006 was to provide all students with access to universal curriculum design through assistive technology. An example of this assistive technology includes the Kurzweil software program. The Kurzweil program converts anything in print to voice, allowing students with reading/writing difficulties access to voice output of printed

material. For the second year training in the implementation of this software program was provided to Middle and High School special education staff.

Finally, in cooperation with the Business Director and the Director of Building and Grounds an additional transportation van was purchased and two part-time bus drivers were hired. Through this program the Special education transportation budget was reduced by approximately \$75,000 and the satisfaction with transportation serviced increased.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. D'Anjou
Director, Pupil Personnel Services

SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Secondary Schools Building Committee met frequently during the first months of 2006 reviewing all options and data prior to town meeting.

At the October town meeting, funds were appropriated to further the assessment of the facility needs of the Middle and High Schools to include civil engineering, site assessment and geotechnical assessment (consisting of deep hole testing and soil testing), a traffic flow and parking study and updating of the Secondary Schools Long Range Master Plan.

The Secondary Schools Building Committee is currently in the process of setting meetings with the Massachusetts School Building Association regarding our Statement of Interest and funding.

Point of Interest*

In the fall of 2007:

- *1) North Reading High School will be fifty (50) years old; and
- *2) The Middle School was opened forty-four (44) years ago.

Respectfully submitted,
Secondary Schools Building Committee

Charles Carucci, Chairman
Laurie Witts
Steve Nathan
Janene Imbriano
Steve Hervey
Greg Doble
Ed Stiles
Aldo Tramontozzi

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Construction continued inside and out at the L.D. Batchelder School in early 2006, as the interior spaces began to take shape and exterior site work was well under way. Rough grading and stone work gave the site a whole new look during the late spring, despite a few setbacks from our extremely wet month of May. Interior finish work continued throughout the summer, as well as finish grading and plantings outside.

The move from the old Central School in Stoneham was completed in late July, and as painters, electricians, etc. worked at a feverish pace, the Batchelder faculty and staff did a tremendous job of preparing the school for the arrival of the students.

The newly expanded and renovated L.D. Batchelder School, affectionately known as 'The Batch,' was ready for occupancy and the first day of school on September 6, 2006. The official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on October 15th provided a wonderful opportunity for the community to tour the school.

The Elementary School Building Committee is pleased to report that the renovation and addition were also completed within budget. We continue to make progress on the punch list and will work with the school department to ensure a proper handoff of the building at the end of the one year warranty period. The E-SBC will also work closely with the Mass. School Building Authority to seek state reimbursement on the project. It is our hope that the 'new' Batch will be a source of pride for the community for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Swart, Secretary

Members:

Jonathan DeSimone, Chairperson

Scott Stimpson, Vice Chairperson

M. Shep Spear

Jayne Swart

Gerald Venezia

Jeffrey Witts

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Hipolito Cruz III from Chelsea 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 March. At the ceremony, 14 seniors and 20 juniors were inducted. These students joined the previously inducted members to bring the Technical Honor Society Chapter to 50 members for the 2005-2006 school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Annual Induction Ceremony to the Northeast Chapter of the National Honor Society "Artisans" was held in March. At the ceremony, 7 seniors, 18 juniors, and 11 sophomores were inducted for the 2005-2006 school year bringing the total membership to 47.

SKILLS/USA AWARDS

At State Skills/USA Competition Northeast winners were Bridgett McLaughlin from Woburn for Non-Traditional Portfolio, In Dental Assisting, Nicole Healy of Revere took 2nd place and Thayara Moura of Malden took 3rd place, in Welding Brandon Rich of Methuen took 1st place, Peter Medeiros of Saugus took 2nd place and Chris Schrimpt took 4th, in Advertising Design Jessica Sterling of Winthrop took 1st place, Alaina DiBiasi of Saugus was President of the State Delegation and also received a Scholarship from the State Board of Directors at the State Meeting.

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 2005-06 school year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Northeast Awards and Scholarship Committee awarded individual scholarships to 89 deserving students at the Seventh Annual Senior Recognition Night. The total of \$31,250 was given in scholarships and awards.

Northeast students working in their vocational field or entering trade apprenticeship programs were included in the above awards. These awards provide students the opportunity to purchase tools and equipment as well as assisting with entry-level expenses toward trade education programs.

SCORE PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM

In September, Northeast began its eleventh 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, 36 trained students and 3 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 2005-06 focused on Creating a Positive Culture of High Student Expectations. To this end the following activities took place:

- Steven Barclay presented a full-faculty professional learning day in December on Raising Student Expectations.
- Four half-day small group presentations on Creating a Positive Culture within the School.
- A full-faculty professional learning day on Identifying Learning Disabilities and Implementing Accommodations was held in April.
- The School Improvement Team attended two leadership series workshops in Atlanta focusing on Literacy Across the Curriculum. This resulted in the professional development program for 2006-2007.
- The Superintendent's focus team attended a workshop in Hilton Head on Quality Instruction-Looking at Student Work. This resulted in refining the Senior Project requirements.
- Northeast sent twenty faculty members to the High Schools that Work Summer 2006 Conference in Orlando FL. A report was made to the School Committee.
- Ten Career/tech teachers received 20-hour OSHA training from Keene State College.
- Twenty teachers received training on the EduViser Portfolio Program.
- Eighteen Career/tech teachers received training on the Skills Plus Competency Recording Program.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Two hundred twenty students participated in the Summer 2006 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
 - Graphics/Drafting
 - Cosmetology/Plumbing
 - HVAC/Automotive

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 non-traditional counselor (Spanish-speaking) round out the support staff with their focus on career awareness and vocational development.

Support groups are established each year based on student needs. Counselors may establish teen issues groups 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 after school 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.

Support groups for pregnant and parenting teens, substance abusers, 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 manages a Career Development Program for all students that prepares the students for chosen career paths. 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 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 9th 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	Staffing for the summer
MCAS Remediation teacher	transition program
50 Computers for Drafting	MCAS tutors for remediation
Non-traditional support counselor	1 MCAS Lab Specialist
Computers for Electronics	Contract for High Schools That Work
3 ELL teaching assistants	1 Behavior Modification Specialist

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.

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 Program have experienced remarkable growth. This year the summer programs serviced nearly 300 students combined.

The Northeast Summer School serviced high school students in five different academic areas including Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Vocational Related, 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 make-up of our summer school.

The popular Northeast Summer Computer Program completed a successful 18th year. Its objective of making learning fun had the counselors teach the participants 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. Continued use of "Smart Board" technology along with some outstanding Power Point presentations were an exciting part of this year's computer program, along with swimming and diving instruction.

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 Programs 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 2006 school year, the Adult Education agenda is the focus on strengthening the core curriculum and frameworks of our trade based areas. This is being accomplished by the standardization of each of the trade area curriculum. Our intent is to guarantee that all of our adult education students are being exposed to identical high quality career tech education in each of our classes.

2005 GRADUATES

The 2005-06 school year represents the thirty-sixth to matriculate at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. Northeast graduated 233 students in the class of 2006. Breakdown of graduates' status after graduation is as follows:

Employed – 108	Attending 4 year college – 38 *
Entering Military Service – 4	Attending 2 year college – 59 *
Other – 2	Apprentice school – 22 *

- It should be noted that 51% of the graduating class went on to further their education either in a two or four year college or in an apprentice program. 231 members of the graduating class either entered military service are employed or seeking further education, that figure represents 99% of the class of 2006.

SPECIAL NEEDS ENROLLMENT

Special Needs enrollment for the 2005-06 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 Boys Varsity Soccer team qualified for both the MIAA State Tournament and the Mass. Vocational Tournament, finishing third.

The Northeast Girls Varsity Soccer team recorded their best record in school history, missing the MIAA Tournament by one game.

The Northeast Varsity Football team had their best record in eleven years.

The Northeast Cross Country team had two members qualify for the State Meet.

The Northeast Golf team qualified for both Mass; Vocational and State Tournaments.

The Northeast Swim team qualified for the MIAA Tournament and won the State Vocational Championship for the third consecutive year.

Boys Basketball won the C.A.C. Division Crown for the first time in ten years.

Northeast had two wrestlers qualify for State Competition.

The Northeast Hockey team was eliminated from the tournament competition in the State semi-finals after two previous victories.

The Outdoor Track team placed 4 participants in State Competition.

The Northeast Lacrosse team were League Champions and qualified for State Competition.

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. James Wallace of Winthrop resigned from the School Committee after years of dedicated and loyal service representing Winthrop and Northeast. He will be greatly missed by the Northeast School Committee, Administration, faculty and students.

Winthrop appointed Robert J. Capezza on January 17, 2006 to serve the remainder of the term ending in 2008. Mr. Capezza's first Northeast School Committee Meeting was February 9, 2006.

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual Organizational Meeting of the District School Committee on January 12, 2006 the following members were elected Officers of the District School Committee:

Chairman	Deborah P. Davis of Woburn
Vice Chairman	Ronald J. Jannino of Revere
Secretary	Peter A. Rossetti, Jr. of Saugus
Treasurer	Henry S. Hooton of Melrose
Asst. Treasurer	Anthony E. DeTeso of Stoneham

CONCLUSION

As Northeast celebrates its thirty-seventh 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 2006 had a 99% pass rate of the MCAS Test by graduation. Northeast is continually updating curriculum and continues to offer MCAS Enrichment Classes for those students in need of additional preparation for the MCAS which will add Science for the Class of 2010. Northeast also provides a Summer Enrichment Program for the incoming freshmen. 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.

Currently Northeast is organizing an Alumni Event for March 31 , 2007 at the Colonial Sheraton. Information for this event can be accessed at Northeastalumni@comcast.net. 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

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REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ENROLLMENT HISTORY

<u>CITY/TOWN DISTRICT</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>	<u>S.Y. 05-06</u>	<u>S.Y. 06-07</u>
Chelsea	296	250	239	223	236	276	240	268	258	221	203
Malden	226.5	232	235	237	206	172	150	157	175	215	238
Melrose	29	36	26	32	28	19	30	40	36	56	64
North Reading	15	10	12	12	14	21	27	29	30	28	40
Reading	14	14	25	22	23	23	22	22	25	19	26
Revere	211	218	227	252	267	270	277	272	256	241	242
Saugus	154	161	145	136	128	129	139	148	139	146	137
Stoneham	37	37	40	36	39	40	36	28	37	34	46
Wakefield	33.5	28.5	34	50	52	41	39	34	36	59	65
Winchester	2	2	2	7	8	8	9	9	6	7	9
Winthrop	32	21	23	28	27	35	40	40	37	41	45
Woburn	46	53	55	60	64	74	87	85	107	99	97
TOTALS	1096	1062.5	1063	1095	1092	1108	1096	1132	1142	1166	1212
NON DISTRICT	26	45.0	48	47	37	27	40	44	48	43	47
GRAND TOTAL	1122	1107.5	1111	1142	1129	1135	1136	1176	1190	1209	1259
SPECIAL NEEDS											
ENROLLMENT	242	213.5	258	244	214	233	273	275	287	320	342
% SPECIAL NEEDS											
ENROLLMENT	20%	22%	19%	23%	21%	21%	24%	23%	24%	26%	27%

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

	<u>Budget FY2005</u>	<u>Budget FY2006</u>	<u>Variance \$</u>	<u>Variance %</u>
GROSS BUDGET	\$15,519,670	\$16,282,327	\$762,657	4.9141%
LESS REVENUES				
Chapter 70 Aid	\$5,201,971	\$5,441,142	\$239,171	4.60%
Transportation	\$376,250	\$523,250	\$147,000	39.07%
Investment Earnings	\$0	\$0	\$0	100.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,578,221	\$5,964,392	\$386,171	6.92%
NET ASSESSMENTS	\$9,941,449	\$10,317,935	\$376,486	3.79%
CHELSEA	\$1,562,958	\$1,269,085	(\$293,873)	-18.80%
MALDEN	\$1,252,347	\$1,290,485	\$38,138	3.05%
MELROSE	\$285,516	\$436,408	\$150,892	52.85%
NO. READING	\$265,743	\$280,317	\$14,574	5.48%
READING	\$208,208	\$251,081	\$42,873	20.59%
REVERE	\$2,346,915	\$2,148,658	(\$198,257)	-8.45%
SAUGUS	\$1,483,313	\$1,729,437	\$246,124	16.59%
STONEHAM	\$402,867	\$449,224	\$46,357	11.51%
WAKEFIELD	\$385,534	\$488,221	\$102,687	26.64%
WINCHESTER	\$90,843	\$81,344	(\$9,499)	-10.46%
WINTHROP	\$252,408	\$334,802	\$82,394	32.64%
WOBURN	\$1,404,797	\$1,558,873	\$154,076	10.97%
TOTAL	\$9,941,449	\$10,317,935	\$376,486	3.79%

	<u>Students FY2005</u>	<u>Students FY2006</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percent of Contributions</u>
CHELSEA	258	232	-26	19.86301%
MALDEN	175	204	29	17.46575%
MELROSE	36	52	16	4.45205%
NO. READING	30	24	-6	2.05479%
READING	25	26	1	2.22603%
REVERE	256	245	-11	20.97603%
SAUGUS	139	145	6	12.41438%
STONEHAM	37	38	1	3.25342%
WAKEFIELD	36	44	8	3.76712%
WINCHESTER	6	5	-1	0.42808%
WINTHROP	37	39	2	3.33904%
WOBURN	107	114	7	9.76027%
TOTAL	1142	1168	26	100.00000%

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET –
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2006**

	<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>
<i>Assets</i>					
Cash	\$ 1,347,513	\$ 949,021	\$ 670,104	\$ 65,140	\$ -
Assessments Receivable	589,779	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	223,492	-	-	-	-
Inventory Commodities	-	2,951	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	\$ 6,385,567
Total Assets	\$ 2,160,784	\$ 951,972	\$ 670,104	\$ 65,140	\$ 6,385,567
<i>Liabilities</i>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 217,693	\$ 71,041	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll Withholdings	33,768	19,975	-	-	-
Accrued Salary	556,760	123,375	-	-	-
Accrued Sick and Vacation	202,588	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,010,809	\$ 214,291	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Fund Equity</i>					
Investment in General					
Fixed Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,385,567
Retained Earnings	-	-	-	65,140	-
Fund Balances:					
Reserve for					
Encumbrances	6,277	-	-	-	-
Reserve for Waterline	327,772	-	-	-	-
Reserve for					
Immunization Program	5,500	-	-	-	-
Reserve for Insurance	-	-	533,908	-	-
Undesignated	810,426	737,581	135,876	-	-
Total Fund Equity	1,149,975	737,581	669,784	65,140	\$ 6,385,567
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 2,160,784	\$ 951,972	\$ 670,104	\$ 65,140	\$ 6,385,567

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2006**

<u>Undesignated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Medicaid	\$ 236,591
Adult Education	283,152
Building Usage	42,061
Athletics	16,773
School Choice	434,631
Grants	(378,613)
State Wards	19,094
Cafeteria	<u>83,892</u>
Total	\$ 737,581

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TRUST AND AGENCY FUND
JUNE 30, 2006**

<u>Undesignated Fund Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Student Activity	\$ 77,017
Scholarship	<u>58,859</u>
Total	\$ 135,876

Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In finishing my fifteenth 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, the Engineering Office inspected Mentus Farm Lane, Demetri Lane and Valley Road for construction conformance.

Streets accepted at October Town Meeting:
Mentus Farm Lane and Demetri Lane.

Storm Water Program:

The Town finalized a Storm Water by-Law. It was presented at October Town Meeting for approval. It passed. Work continues on review and modifications to proposed rules and regulations to meet EPA requirements for construction and post construction storm water runoff controls

Martin's Pond:

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

CEMETERY

There were 56 internments in 2006. In addition, there were 31 grave sites sold and 28 foundations installed for stone monuments. The expansion program continued with work completed on Phase 11 for a total of 138 new lots. Phase 1B was loamed and seeded and is ready to be marked out in the spring..

STREET AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

The following streets had drainage improvements:

Central Street, Chestnut Street, Haverhill Street, and Le Clair Street.

Wardsworth Rd. was paved; permanent binder was placed on Le Clair Street along with Park Street West from Route 28 to the Wilmington Town Line.

SNOW AND ICE

During the year 2006 we received 35 inches of snow. Of this snowfall 14.5 inches fell in January, 20.5 inches in February.

GROUND, 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 Police Station renovation and expansion project is underway projected completion is summer 2007.

SOLID WASTE

The Solid Waste contract with the Northeast Solid Waste Committee (NESWC) ended September 23, 2005. A disposal contract with Wheelabrator Industries to bring solid waste to their North Andover facility is in place until 2010.

WATER

The Water Department provided 525 million gallons of water in 2006, averaging more than 1.4 million gallons per day. This represents a decrease of 8% when compared to 2005, with this decrease attributed to the summer being cooler and wetter than the prior year. The summer of 2006 started with flooding in May during which the flow in the Ipswich River reached the highest flows measured in the nearly 70 years of record keeping.

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

The Recycling Committee continued to promote the town's recycling program and reduce North Reading's solid waste disposal cost.

In FY06, the town's recycling rate increased to 13.6 percent. Paper recycling increased by 15 percent to 724 tons while plastic, metal and glass increased 17 percent to 262.52 tons.

The amount of trash taken to the incinerator also decreased (by 210 tons) allowing the town to realize a savings of \$13,464. The Recycling Committee was projecting a greater savings but the floods in May resulted in an increased in solid waste for May and June.

For the year 2006, North Reading residents recycled 781 tons of paper and 293 tons of glass, metal and plastics.

It should also be noted that paper recycling was expanded in town buildings and enthusiastically supported by town government and the schools. The committee appreciates the efforts of Wayne Hardacker, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Jonathan Unger, third grade teacher at the Batchelder School, and David Callaghan, Vice Principal at North Reading Middle School, to facilitate recycling at the schools.

The Recycling Committee, in cooperation with the DPW, continued with its Special Collection in June for tires, car batteries, propane tanks and fluorescent lamps, and with the Household Hazardous Waste Collection in October.

The Recycling Committee also created a webpage on the town's website and an email address which residents can use to contact the committee with questions.

Finally, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works awarded North Reading a \$1,300 grant to purchase recycling containers for use at the town's parks and special events.

The committee will continue to develop the town's recycling program in an effort to provide residents with a proper disposal method for their solid waste and to reduce the town's solid waste expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward McGrath, Chairman
Greta Barressi
Meg Robertson
John Rogers, Clerk
Terry Tully
Holly Welch

WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Wastewater and Stormwater Advisory Committee (WSWAC) was established to develop a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) that can be implemented to meet the wastewater needs of the Town for the foreseeable future. The WSWAC has spent four years working with the Department of Public Works and our wastewater engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., to ensuring that this plan will address the needs of North Reading and all local, state and federal regulations for wastewater treatment and disposal.

The CWMP has identified and prioritized the areas of Town that have the greatest need for an alternative means of wastewater disposal, evaluated the capacity of the soils at the DPW property off Chestnut Street and at the J.T. Berry property to accept treated wastewater, and developed a preliminary wastewater collection and treatment scheme to service the areas of need.

In 2006, the WSWAC held a number of public outreach sessions with various Town boards and committees, local and regional environmental groups and other groups impacted by the proposed plan. These outreach sessions were designed to educate the audiences on the current plan and to receive input from these potential stakeholders as to the future direction of the plan.

The WSWAC also worked with the DPW and other Town committees on the proposed redevelopment of the J.T. Berry property to ensure that the opportunities this property presents to the Town in addressing some of the wastewater needs were incorporated into the long term development plans for this property. Representatives of the Committee also met with representatives of the Postal Service and of the New England Power Company to explore potential land takings, easement rights and other issues needed to allow the Committee to complete the CWMP with a plan that can be implemented.

The WSWAC is also charged with public outreach and education activities relative to the Town's stormwater management activities. The primary focus of the Committee in this effort in 2006 revolved around the Stormwater Management Bylaw adopted at the October 2006 Town Meeting. This bylaw provides the authority through which the Town can address construction and post-construction activities impacting water quality.

In 2007, the WSWAC will work toward finalizing the CWMP, work toward implementing the recommendations contained in the plan, and continue public outreach and education efforts relating 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 46 hearings for variances, special permits, home occupations and appeals. Also, the Board is the permitting authority for Chapter 40B projects in town. To date, the following Chapter 40B's were approved, Central Place, Rowe Farm, Mount Vernon, Edgewater Place and 41 Elm Street. The J.T. Berry project (Chapter 40R) was approved August 23, 2006.

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 Keyes, Associate
Jennifer Platt, Associate
John D. Nelson, 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:

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

The Community Planning Commission staff consists of Heidi Griffin, Planning Administrator, Debra Savarese, Administrative Assistant, and Susan Murphy, Assistant Planning Administrator. M. Shepard Spear currently serves as the Town's Representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Permitting

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

Fair Meadows
198R Haverhill Street

New Definitive Plan Activity

Rahnden Terrace	2 lots	Approved
West Village Drive	8 lots (1 existing)	Approved
High Street Ext.	3 lots (1 existing)	Withdrew
Teradyne	(modification)	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
Agatha Way	5 lots
Blueberry Woods	4 lots
Charles St./Deerfield Place	11 lots
Deer Run	25 lots
Great Lott Estates	7 lots (1 existing)
Holt Lane	1 lot
John Bickford Way	6 lots (1 existing)
MacIntyre Crossing	63 lots
MacIntyre Woods	9 lots
New Campbellton Estates	11 lots

Approval Not Required Activity

Nine 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

14 & 18 Plymouth Street	Approved
24 & 26 Lee Road	Approved
59-61 Adam Street	Pending

Site Plan Review Activity

The following is a list of the six Site Plan Reviews that were reviewed in 2006 by the Community Planning Commission:

55 Swan Pond Road	Approved
162 Park Street	Approved
231 Main Street	Approved
92 Concord Street	Approved
291 Main Street	Approved
164 Chestnut Street – Extension	Approved

Street Acceptances

Construction of the ways and services in the following subdivisions were completed in 2006. The October Town Meeting accepted the following streets as public ways:

Mentus Farm Lane
Demetri Lane

Special Permit/Multifamily Housing
113 Haverhill Street Pending

Other**Eisenhaure**

Work is on-going in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen regarding the Eisenhaure Pond Park Project.

40R, J.T. Berry Center

The Community Planning Commission proposed an approximate 36 page, 40R zoning bylaw amendment to the April 2006 Town Meeting, which was approved by a unanimous vote. Much time was spent by staff and the Commission reviewing this proposal to ensure the bylaw was approved in order that the town receive the incentive payments from the State. In addition, a great deal of time was spent reviewing the permitting process for the 40R.

Grants

The Community Planning Commission received notice that they (1) had their Commonwealth Capital application approved from DHCD; and (2) they had received a \$30,000 smart growth grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. These grant funds will be used during 2007 for the drafting of several zoning bylaw amendments in accordance with the Community Development Plan.

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.

This included making recommendations on two 40B Comprehensive Permit applications:

Berry Center Residential Smart Growth Overlay District (SGA)
Edgewater Place

The Community Planning Administrator provides staff assistance to the Housing Partnership Committee also. The committee meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The Administrator and Committee reviewed the marketing and attended the lotteries for the following projects:

- Edgewater Place
- Central Place
- Highlander Place

The Community Planning Administrator is also serving on a committee with the conservation administrator and parks & recreation director that is working on an updated Open Space Plan for the Town. A finalized version will be completed in March of 2007.

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,

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

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

The North Reading Commission on Disabilities (NRCD) is an appointed citizen group. The mission of the NRCD 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 2006, the Committee has been monitoring the Route 62 project regarding access issues. Other projects include raising awareness on handicapped parking issues. Some Committee members have also attended regional ADA meetings with the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities.

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,

Commission on Disabilities
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, the Skug River, Martins Brook, and Rapier Brook. 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 2006, the Commission reviewed over 54 Notice of Intent applications, and approximately 14 Requests for Determination of Applicability, as well as 5 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, 4 extensions to Orders of Conditions and 39 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. During the past year, members of the Commission participated in the J. T. Berry 40B Review Subcommittee. The Commission was involved in every phase of the J. T. Berry project review including; delineation, numerous public hearing, the issuance of the Order of Conditions for the project and various appeals filed with the DEP relating to the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation.

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. Jonathan Cody and Nasos Phillips were recently appointed as members of the Commission. 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 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, Leah Basbanes, and a part-time administrative assistant, Kathy Morgan. Leah is avail-

able 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. Leah 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

Tim Allen, Chairman
James Demetri, Vice Chairman
Martin Weiss, Member
Jonathan Cody, Member
Nasos Phillips, Member

MARTINS POND RECLAMATION STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE MARTINS POND ASSOCIATION

Members: The town-appointed Martins Pond Reclamation Study Committee (MPRSC) members are: Janet Nicosia, Lida Jenney, Paul Cameron, Scott Ronco and Larry Soucie. There is room for two associate members. The Martins Pond Association (MPA) 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, Mike Daniels, Joyce Davis, Nicole Davis, Kath Geoffrion-Scannell, Mary Jane Hallahan, 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. Our Board of Selectmen liaison is Phil Dardeno.

Workshops/Conferences Attended: Lida, Janet and Lori Lynes attended the Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Pond Associations annual meeting in January 2006. We network with the Ipswich River Watershed Association, the Headwaters Stream Team, Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds, and the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund.

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. The project is now complete, with final reporting to be published in spring 2007.

- 2) In June 2006, we applied for a 319 Non-point Source Competitive Grant administered through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. We were notified in the fall that our project, "Implementing Solutions: The Martins Pond Shoreline Restoration and Sedimentation Reduction Project" was chosen for funding. This is another Town of North Reading DPW/ MPRSC/ Merrimack College collaboration. The three year project consists of:
 - Structural stormwater improvements for catch basins and outfalls at Martins Pond including those on Traveled Way and Poplar Terrace so they contain less pollutants and sediment.
 - Rain garden at Clarke Park to stop sand erosion, capture runoff and educate the public about the use of landscaping as a pollutant reduction tool.
 - No wake zones/harvesting. Program is aimed to keep boats from sensitive areas and protect area around the boat ramp, establishing a clear boat access channel and protecting areas where shoreline repairs are being performed.
 - Outreach and Education Campaign including presentations, shoreline resident guide, ecological landscape workshop for residents, training in low impact development and Best Management Practices for decision makers.
 - Shoreline Home Owner Restoration Effort, (S.H.O.R.E.). Streamline permitting for fixing shoreline property, erosion controls, and native plantings on chosen shoreline parcels needing rehabilitation. Project will seek shoreline residents in most need and fund 60% of restoration costs.
- 3) Applied for New England Grassroots Environmental Fund for native insect control workshop. Grant application was not chosen for funding. Program may be funded with event proceeds.

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.

Volunteers from the Martins Pond neighborhood and Merrimack College raised and released *Galerucella* beetles into the wetlands south of Martins Pond for the fourth time this spring. One of the three locations is showing impact so far, and we will continue this program going forward.

Beaver trapping and dam breaching continues under emergency permitting and in-season trapping and the Town has been very proactive and success-

ful in controlling the impact of beavers in locations where they cannot be tolerated. We continue to monitor known locations and update the Town of new beaver activity.

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. On Mother's Day in May, the Martins Pond neighborhood experienced its worst flood in known history. Water levels were 8" higher than previous records. The MPA distributed flyers and used our website and distribution list to get out information about FEMA, mold, and information from the North Reading Fire Department and their public assistance agencies. This devastating flood left two homes uninhabitable and evacuated a dozen more. It underscored again the need for replacement of the aging and undersized culverts at Rt. 62 and within Benevento's business property. The Town of North Reading has applied for FEMA funding to replace the Rt. 62 culvert. We continue to receive support on this issue from our legislators and Town Hall, and will continue to work towards final resolution.

Community Septic Program

With the help of AB Septic, we offered a discounted rate for septic pumping for Martins Pond neighborhood residents who agreed to pump in April 2006. The discounted fee of \$100 per 1,000 gallon tank and \$150 per 1,500 gallon tank was a great bargain and we had over 35 residents participate. We hope to encourage more frequent pumping and, indeed, the contractor verified that many of the systems cleared were overdue. We aim to offer this program every few years. This program was part of the Martins Pond Remediation Project.

MPA Events/Fundraisers

- 1) 13th Annual Winter Festival (Saturday, Feb. 4)
- 2) 9th Annual Fishing Derby (Sat. July 8)
- 3) 12th Annual Children's Haunted Playground (Saturday, Oct. 21)
- 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.
- 5) Drop-in Volleyball program for girls grades 5-8 on Tuesday evenings in the summer (joint effort by the MPA and N.R. Youth Volleyball) – free to girls, but donations received covered field usage costs
- 6) Donations made to MPA in memory of Fran Mitchell (unofficial "Mayor of Martins Pond") who passed away on April 1, 2006

Acquisitions/Improvements Made

The MPA purchased a new grill for Clarke Park that replaces an old one that Parks and Recreation removed when new paved pathways were added to the park at our request for more handicapped accessibility. New Lexan (fiberglass) was installed in the signboard at the park as well. Neighborhood volunteer Eleni Flannigan greatly improved the display in this signboard of environmental, boating, and MPA information by adding creative wooden lettering

and seasonal shapes to update it seasonally. A new banner was purchased to advertise our annual summer fishing derby. A new public address system was purchased for use at MPA events.

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 2006.

Parks and Rec. is a member of the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association. MRPA membership allows our department to interact with over 300 park and recreation professionals in Massachusetts.

Parks and Recreation hosted their fifth annual Wine and Food Social at the Hillview Country Club in March. Thanks to the efforts of Rec. member, Lauren McMullen and others, the event was very successful. Vandalism was up within the park facilities in 2006, with school 1/2 days being a large contributor. The Parks department purchased a new deep tine aerator through the operating capital fund. New signature signs and landscape were installed at Mullin field and Clarke Park.

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

We would like to acknowledge four personnel changes. First, Lynne Clemens was hired as the full time Recreation Director. Second, Parks and Recreation is delighted to announce that Sheila Sturdevant has been hired as the department part time secretary. Third, we welcome Dan Foyne as the new Park Maintenance DPW designate. The Parks department would like to thank Norm Baxter and Wayne Davis for the high level of services and quality of work they

provided to the department over the years. Fourth, we welcome Richard Giordano as the new Park cleanup person. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to acknowledge all of our seasonal employees, senior, community, program and parent volunteers. Thank you for a great 2006; we couldn't do what we do, without you.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Charles Keighley, Aldo Tramontozzi, Kevin Farrelly for their dedicated service on the Recreation Committee.

As we move into 2007 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
Nasos Philips

Brian D. Wood, Dept Head, Parks Director
Lynne Clemens, Recreation Director
Maureen Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Sheila Sturdevant, Office Secretary
Marty Tilton, Parks Foreman
Dan Foynes, Equipment Operator

THE HILLVIEW COMMISSION

State of the Enterprise

The Hillview Enterprise remains healthy. Golf revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 have remained flat in part due to a continuous negative weather pattern in May and June. Play in November and December was an improvement over year 2005 due to weather conditions.

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 settled in 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 Commission has approved funding for Fiona to attend a seminar topic being Public Bidding Laws.

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.

New cart pathways and extensive drainage work on 2, 8 and 15 was done at the golf course. The nursery from which we get our new greens was reseeded for future use. The Commission put the bid for new bathrooms in the Pro Shop lower area. The bathrooms should be functional for the 2007 golf season. This will be paid through bonding as approved by Town Meeting via the Enterprise. The Maintenance Barn additions still being proposed, bids should go out during spring of 2007.

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. The contract continues with the Commission being pleased with G.F.M.I.'s performance.

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.

Improvements of the ballroom continue. 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. B&D Golf Enterprises Inc. was awarded through competitive bidding a contract to continue operation at the Hillview. The contract is 3 years with a 3 year option.

The Commission, with the approval of Town Meeting, has been granted permission for the next contract for function hall to be a 5 year bid with a 5 year option.

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.

School Department Tennis Courts at the Middle School

The Commission funded \$150,000 to replace existing tennis courts which were in dire condition.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

The Commission continues to pay a fee in lieu of taxes. This year's payment was \$100,936.00.

Commission Membership

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

Acknowledgments

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
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 3, 2006 – 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 **THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 2006**, 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 sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
Marcia L. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Joseph Venio, Clerk
Philip R. Dardeno
Stephen J. O'Leary

A True Copy: Attest:
John J. Firriello, Constable

CONSTABLE'S 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 26 days before the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** on **MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006**, by posting the warrant in the following 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 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/ John J. Firriello
John J. Firriello, Constable

Date: March 8, 2006

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
DANIEL H. SHAY AUDITORIUM
APRIL 3, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.**

The 1st session of the April 3, 2006 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator John Murphy at 7:05 p.m.

Police Lieutenant Edward Hayes and Fire Captain Barry Galvin were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Kenneth Jones, Charles Carucci and Edward McGrath. 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: Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator; Joseph Tassone, Finance Director; Paula Dumont, Assessing Manager; David Hanlon, Director of Public Works; Gayle Regan, Town Clerk's Office (freedom of the floor); Gary McAteer, School Department (freedom of the floor); Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector; Darren Klein, Town Counsel; Alyson Olsen, HR Administrator; Mark Clark, Water Department Superintendent; David Harlow, Fire Chief; Eugene Tworek, IT Administrator; Helena Minton, Library Director; Heidi Griffin, CPC Administrator; Carl Nelson, School Department Business Manager; David Troughton, Superintendent of Schools; Martin Fair, Health Agent; Brad Door, Architect; Josh Hagan, Architect; and David Harbison, Newburyport. *[R.Mauceri]* **UNANIMOUS.**

The Moderator acknowledged the hard work of the Finance Committee for their work in preparation for the budget for this Town Meeting and announced the re-appointment of the following members to serve three-year terms: Chairman Michael Mastacusa, Donald Kelliher and Mark Westervelt.

Selectmen Stephen O'Leary requested to address Town Meeting to recognize the efforts and contributions of Selectwoman Marcia Bailey on her last appearance this evening as part of the Board before the Town Election on May 2nd, as Ms. Bailey was not seeking re-election. Ms. Bailey was recognized with a standing ovation by the Town Meeting.

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. *[R.Mauceri]* **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. *[R.Mauceri]* **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 2005 as the report of Town Officers and Committees and to hear other reports as may be presented at this meeting. *[R.Mauceri]*

The following persons gave reports regarding their Committees:

Kenneth Jones, Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee

Mr. Jones reported that the renovation/reconstruction project was "on schedule and on budget."

Philip Darden, Selectman liaison to the Cable Advisory Committee

Mr. Darden reported that this committee has been active for about a year, their purpose is to review and negotiate terms and conditions for a license for cable and other IT services to be presented at a public hearing. Comparisons were made between the current provider, Comcast and Verizon.

Edward McGrath, Chairman of the Recycling Committee

Mr. McGrath reminded everyone of the "Lose Weight North Reading" campaign that has been on-going for approximately 7 months in an effort to reduce Town expenditures in Solid Waste. While the committee is pleased with the results so far (a projected savings of over \$34,000 for FY06), he encouraged more people to participate and to visit the Recycling website.

Jonathan DeSimone, Chairman of the Elementary School Building Committee

Mr. DeSimone reported that the Batchelder Elementary School reconstruction/renovation project was on time and on budget; the completion date is expected to be July 1st; there are funds remaining in the contingency account for any unforeseen expenses; and the Committee looks forward to dedicating the building prior to the start of school this fall.

Marcia Bailey, Selectmen liaison to the Infrastructure Committee

Ms. Bailey requested a 10-minute leave of the meeting for a presentation which was *UNANIMOUSLY* granted. Ms. Bailey stated that the mission of the committee is to review and prioritize the large-scale facility needs of the Town for the next 20 years. She reviewed the membership and the methodology which included brainstorming and meetings with various departments, following which they arrived at 16 specific needs prioritized within Groupings A-F as follows:

- Group A – Park Street East Bridge; a facilities needs assessment on several municipal buildings which have not yet been assessed (Damon Tavern, Library, Fire Station, Third Meeting House, DPW Garage); High School and Middle Schools; Wastewater Treatment (Concord Street and Martins Pond area); and Storm Water Treatment;
- Group B – Town Hall rehabilitation/expansion; DPW Facility expansion; Senior Citizens affordable housing needs;
- Group C – West-side Fire Station (for equipment / un-manned); upgrade current Fire Station;
- Group D – New Senior Center; Community Center; Youth Center (all of these could be combined depending on location);
- Group E – Duval property (Park Street) acquisition should the property become available (to continue greenway along the Ipswich River – Riverwalk);
- Group F – Artificial Turf Field; Ice Skating Rink.

Current debt service and projected debt service figures were reviewed, as well as the tax impact of the same; the need to evaluate methods of financing interim projects and to research and explore the acceptance of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) to offset land purchases or other applicable projects.

Charles Carucci, Chairman of the Secondary School Building Committee

Mr. Carucci requested a 15-minute leave of the meeting for a presentation which was *UNANIMOUSLY* granted. Mr. Carucci's presentation included conceptual images of the layout of the High School and Middle School. Their purpose has been to evaluate the existing structures and develop potential solutions. He reviewed the history of both schools, previous studies made, the Mass School Building Authority (MSBA) criteria for reimbursement and presented five site plan proposals.

Denise Conry, member of the Wastewater Planning Advisory Committee

Ms. Conry advised the meeting that the committee's charge has been expanded to include "Storm Water" and then requested a 10-minute leave of the meeting for a presentation which was *CARRIED*. Ms. Conry stated that the committee set forth to explore the feasibility of bringing sanitary sewers to parts of North Reading identified as needing such. She reviewed that the DEP would not allow North Reading to tie into the MWRA. The committee developed a primary and secondary needs analysis siting 101 streets in Town which were in need of this program. Discharge areas would be located at the J.T. Berry site, as well as the DPW site where actual facility would reside as the property is owned by the Town. She also stated that the new owner of the J.T. Berry site has promised a \$1.5 million payment to the Town and sufficient discharge area to cover the Town's needs, as well as their own development. Ms. Conry further stated that the committee was working towards Storm Water needs which will be addressed under a proposed new by-law at the October Town Meeting.

Voice vote under the motion for Article 2 to accept all reports: *UNANIMOUS*

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Dan Twohey, Boston Globe Northwest reporter; Aakash Pandhi, 6 Oak Ave. North Reading.; and Debra Hayes, 33 Strawberry Lane, North Reading. **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 3 Amend Code – Add Zoning By-law Article XX –
Berry Center Residential
Smart Growth Overlay District (SGA)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Zoning By-Laws by adding a new Article XX – Berry Center Residential Smart Growth Overlay District (SGA). The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the Community Planning Office and the Town Clerk's Office at North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fridays; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Description...

This article would affect a portion of the premises known as the J. T. Berry Center located on Lowell Road/Route 62, containing approximately fifty-seven and seven-tenths (57.7) acres.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 3 AMEND CODE
ADD ZONING BY-LAW ARTICLE XX –
BERRY CENTER RESIDENTIAL
SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT (SGA)**

I move to postpone consideration of Article 3 until adjourned date Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street and furthermore Article 3 will be the first order of business on that date. *[R.Mauceri]*

Chairman Mauceri explained that an application had been filed with the DHCD, however there was more information that was needed to address their questions and the Board feels that they will be able proceed under this article by that date. Mr. Mauceri gave an over-view of the proposal and urged the Town Meeting to attend the adjourned session as this was a very important issue for the Town and the adjourned session would require a quorum.

Finance Committee recommends motion to postpone.

Board of Selectmen recommends motion to postpone.

Motion to postpone **CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Article 4 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 4 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 4 as printed in the warrant. *[J.Veno]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 5 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 2007 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 5 AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO ENTER INTO
COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS**

I move to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements as specified in Article 5 as printed in the warrant. *[P.Dardeno]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 6 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 highways maintenance.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 6 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 6 as printed in the warrant. *[P.Dardeno]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 7 Conservation Revolving Fund – Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Conservation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 20 – Revolving Funds – Wetland Protection, at the April 1992 Town Meeting for the purpose of which receipts in connection with department programs will be deposited for use by the Conservation Commission for the purpose of meeting the expenses of Conservation Commission programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Conservation Commission 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 Conservation Commission to fund its administration of the local Wetlands Protection By-law.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 7 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 and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2007 at \$100,000, as specified in Article 7 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. *[P.Dardeno]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 8 Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund – Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 22 – Revolving Funds – Parks and Recreation, at the October 1997 Town Meeting for the purpose of which receipts in connection with department programs will be deposited for use by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the purpose of meeting the expenses of Parks and Recreation Commission programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion

of the Parks and Recreation Commission 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 Recreation Committee to fund the maintenance and general improvements for all Town parks and recreational facilities and various Recreation programs.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended

**ARTICLE 8 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 FY2007 at \$237,490, as specified in Article 8 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. *[P.Dardeno]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 9 Damon Tavern 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 Damon Tavern Revolving Fund as voted in Article 17 – Revolving Funds – Damon Tavern, at the April 2002 Town Meeting for the purpose of which receipts in connection with lease of the Damon Tavern will be deposited for use by the Historical Commission and the Department of Public Works for the purpose of meeting the expenses related to the maintenance and repair of the Damon Tavern, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Historical Commission and the Department of Public Works 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 Town to utilize the revenue from the leasing of space in the Damon Tavern.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 9 DAMON TAVERN REVOLVING ACCOUNT – 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 , and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2007 at \$35,000, as specified in Article 9 as printed in the warrant; and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses. *[P.Dardeno]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.
Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.
UNANIMOUS

Article 10 Rain Barrel Revolving Account – Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Rain Barrel Revolving Fund as voted in Article 17 – Revolving Funds – Rain Barrel, at the October 2003 Town Meeting for the purpose of which receipts in connection with the sale of rain barrels will be deposited for use by the Water Department for the purpose of meeting the expenses of purchasing additional rain barrels and related costs the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Water Department 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 Town to utilize the revenue from the sale of rain barrels.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 10 RAIN BARREL REVOLVING ACCOUNT – RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Rain Barrel Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 17 of the October 2003 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2007 at \$1,941, as specified in Article 10 as printed in the warrant, and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses. *[M.Bailey]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.
Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.
UNANIMOUS

Mr. Moderator – I move that Article 29 be taken out order – prior to Article 11.
[Douglas Glendon–15 Chestnut Street] [Requires 4/5 vote]

Hand count: YES – 41 NO – 136
Motion **LOST**

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: William Born, 157 Green Street, Reading. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 11 Special Education Revolving Fund – Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Special Education Revolving Fund as voted in Article 18 – Revolving Funds – Special Education, at the October 2003 Town Meeting for the purpose of which receipts in connection with certain special education programs will be deposited for use by the School Committee for the purpose of meeting the expenses of Special Education programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the School Committee 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 revolving fund to deposit the Special Education Funds.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 11 SPECIAL EDUCATION REVOLVING FUND – RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Special Education Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 18 of the October 2003 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E , and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2007 at \$264,870, as specified in Article 11 as printed in the warrant, and that any fees collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the program's expenses. *[M.Bailey]*

Finance Committee recommends.

School Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 12 Establish Recycling Promotion Revolving Account

To see if the Town will vote to authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E , the Recycling Promotion Revolving Fund for the purpose of which receipts in connection with the sale of recyclable products will be deposited for use by the Department of Public works for the purpose of meeting the expenses of recycling programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Department of Public Works a sum not to exceed \$25,000.00; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article allows the Town to utilize the revenue from and for its recycling initiatives.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 12 ESTABLISH RECYCLING PROMOTION
REVOLVING ACCOUNT**

I move to authorize the Recycling Promotion Revolving Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, section 53E and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2007 at \$25,000, as specified in Article 12 as printed in the warrant, and that any recycling receipts collected be deposited into said fund and expended to meet the expenses of the Town's Recycling programs, and the initial funding shall be the balance of the existing Revolving Fund at the time of this authorization. *[M.Bailey]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Robert J. Seelley, Saugus; and Kirk Wetherbee, Rowley. *[M.Bailey]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 13 FY2006 Budget Transfers

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to supplement department budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2006; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article is necessary to supplement Fiscal Year 2006 department budgets.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 FY2006 BUDGET TRANSFERS

I move to postpone consideration of Article 13 until all other articles have been disposed of. *[M.Bailey]*

[It was noted that postponing this article until the end of the adjourned session will give the Board and the Departments time to address any budget transfer needs.]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Mr. Moderator – I move to consider Article 28 – Accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18 immediately prior to consideration of Article 14 for the following reasons:
[R.Mauceri] [Requires 4/5 vote]

If Article 28 is approved, the cost savings totaling \$44,000 is proposed to be added to the Public Schools Budget.

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Voice vote on the motion to take out-of-order: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 28 Accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides for acceptance of a State statute requiring eligible retirees to enroll in a Medicare equivalent program. Currently, Medicare eligible retirees may remain on the HMO plan at a substantially higher cost to the Town.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28 ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 32B, SECTION 18

I move to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18, as specified in Article 28 printed in the warrant. *[R.Mauceri]*

A presentation was made by Town Administrator Greg Balukonis under the Article. Finance Committee recommends noting that this is one opportunity for the Town to shift the cost of a Federally-funded program to its source. Board of Selectmen recommends by a 3-1 vote with 1 abstention.

"Motion to postpone Article 28 until May18th Town Meeting when all the Town and Union and IAC (Insurance Advisory Committee) can be educated on Article to be heard after Article 3." *[R.Harris]*

Finance Committee does not recommend motion to postpone.
Board of Selectmen does not recommend motion to postpone.

Hand count on the motion to postpone: YES – 105 NO – 77
Motion to postpone: **CARRIED**

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: David Stamatis, Reading; and State Senator Bruce Tarr, Gloucester . *[R.Mauceri]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 14 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, 2007; 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.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: As specifically recommended in the
"Sponsor Rec" column, including the "Override Amount" column.

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.

FY2007					
	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
FUNCTION SUMMARY					
ALL COSTS	45,260,099	44,463,315	1,174,097	45,637,412	44,382,991
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
ADMINISTRATION	1,060,375	1,048,831	11,544	1,060,375	1,073,375
FINANCE	6,813,609	6,729,663	27,075	6,756,738	6,876,414
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,580,423	5,423,353	111,728	5,535,081	5,465,538
PUBLIC WORKS	3,095,373	2,856,070	304,178	2,960,248	2,867,084
GENERAL SERVICES	1,023,239	927,086	50,151	977,237	977,237
LAND USE	212,346	203,578		203,578	203,578
EDUCATION	20,146,755	20,146,755	669,421	20,816,176	19,991,786
DEBT SERVICE	3,142,994	3,142,994		3,142,994	3,142,994
ENTERPRISES	4,184,985	4,184,985		4,184,985	4,184,985

Above is a summary, by function, of the FY2007 Operating Budgets of all Town Departments.

FY2007					
	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
A D M I N I S T R A T I O N					
MODERATOR	50	50		50	50
1 SALARIES	50	50		50	50
2 EXPENSES					
FINANCE COMMITTEE	2,055	2,055		2,055	2,055
3 SALARIES	1,255	1,255		1,255	1,255
4 EXPENSES	800	800		800	800
RESERVE FUND	125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000
5 EXPENSES	125,000	125,000		125,000	125,000
GENERAL INSURANCE	297,000	297,000		297,000	297,000
6 EXPENSES	297,000	297,000		297,000	297,000 *
* Line 6 Fund \$10,000 from WATER REVENUE					
TOWN COUNSEL	90,000	90,000		90,000	103,000
7 EXPENSES	90,000	90,000		90,000	103,000 *
* Line 7 Fund \$8,000 from WATER REVENUE					
SELECTMEN	17,534	17,534		17,534	17,534
8 SALARIES	17,534	17,534		17,534	17,534
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	263,104	251,560	11,544	263,104	263,104
9 SALARIES	207,254	195,710	11,544	207,254	207,254 *
10 EXPENSES	55,850	55,850		55,850	55,850
11 CAPITAL					
* Line 9 Fund \$3,900 from WATER REVENUE					
SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	265,632	265,632		265,632	265,632
Overtime and Longevity	10,000	10,000		10,000	10,000
Retirement Incentives/Buy-backs					
Compensation Change	255,632	255,632		255,632	255,632
12 SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	265,632	265,632		265,632	265,632
F I N A N C E					
FINANCE DIRECTOR	53,794	53,794		53,794	53,794
13 SALARIES	53,794	53,794		53,794	53,794 *
* Line 13 Fund \$4,700 from Water Revenue					
ACCOUNTING	168,874	168,874		168,874	168,874
14 SALARIES	113,874	113,874		113,874	113,874 *
15 EXPENSES	55,000	55,000		55,000	55,000 *
16 CAPITAL					
* Line 14 Fund \$4,000 from WATER REVENUE					
* Line 15 Fund \$3,300 from WATER REVENUE					
ASSESSING	140,896	140,896		140,896	140,896
17 SALARIES	131,766	131,766		131,766	131,766
18 EXPENSES	9,130	9,130		9,130	9,130
19 CAPITAL					

FY2007					
	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
A D M I N I S T R A T I V E					
TREASURY	67,168	67,168		67,168	67,168
20 SALARIES	48,808	48,808		48,808	48,808
21 EXPENSES	18,360	18,360		18,360	18,360
22 CAPITAL					
COLLECTION	180,464	160,389	27,075	187,464	187,464
23 SALARIES	148,038	120,983	27,075	148,038	148,038 *
24 EXPENSES	39,426	39,426		39,426	39,426 *
25 CAPITAL	3,000				
* Line 23 Fund \$4,000 from WATER REVENUE					
* Line 24 Fund \$2,600 from WATER REVENUE					
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	156,040	138,040		136,040	136,040
26 SALARIES	83,040	53,040		53,040	53,040 *
27 EXPENSES	63,000	83,000		83,000	83,000 *
28 CAPITAL					
* Line 26 Fund \$12,000 from WATER REVENUE					
* Line 27 Fund \$1,500 from WATER REVENUE					
PENSIONS & BENEFITS	6,036,373	6,002,502		6,002,502	5,922,178
County Retirement	1,809,848	1,809,848		1,809,848	1,773,524
Workers' Compensation	190,000	190,000		190,000	190,000
Employment Security	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000
Health Insurance	3,674,700	3,640,829		3,640,829	3,598,829
Life Insurance	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000
Medicare	271,625	271,625		271,625	271,625
Public Safety Disability	30,000	30,000		30,000	30,000
Retired Public Safety Disability	28,500	28,500		28,500	28,500
Uninsured Medical	6,700	6,700		6,700	6,700
29 PENSIONS & BENEFITS	6,036,373	6,002,502		6,002,502	5,922,178 *
* Line 29 Fund \$113,500 from WATER REVENUE					
P U B L I C S A F E T Y					
POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,992,153	2,935,364	62,543	2,997,907	2,935,364
30 SALARIES	2,859,329	2,801,864	25,000	2,826,864	2,801,864
31 EXPENSES	5,605	259,024		259,024	259,024
32 CAPITAL	127,219	74,676	37,543	112,219	74,676
Operations	2,832,994	2,575,330	25,000	2,600,330	2,575,330
...Salaries		253,419		253,419	253,419
...Expenses		74,676		112,219	74,676
...Capital	127,219		37,543		
	2,960,213	2,603,425	62,543	2,965,968	2,603,425
Animal Control	26,334	26,334		26,334	26,334
...Salaries	5,605	5,605		5,605	5,605
...Expenses	31,939	31,939		31,939	31,939
FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,138,518	2,089,332	49,185	2,138,517	2,131,517
33 SALARIES	1,907,418	1,858,232	49,185	1,907,417	1,900,417 *
34 EXPENSES	185,600	185,600		185,600	185,600 *
35 CAPITAL	45,500	45,500		45,500	45,500
* Line 33 Fund \$101,500 from AMBULANCE RESERVE					
* Line 34 Fund \$43,500 from AMBULANCE RESERVE					
Operations	1,778,422	1,736,236	42,185	1,778,421	1,778,421
...Salaries	126,100	126,100		126,100	126,100
...Expenses	28,500	28,500		28,500	28,500
...Capital	1,933,022	1,880,836	42,185	1,933,021	1,933,021
Fire Alarm	2,832	2,832		2,832	2,832
...Salaries	8,500	8,500		8,500	8,500
...Expenses	12,000	12,000		12,000	12,000
...Capital	23,332	23,332		23,332	23,332
Emergency Medical Service	5,151	5,151		5,151	5,151
...Salaries	43,500	43,500		43,500	43,500
...Expenses					
...Capital	48,651	48,651		48,651	48,651
Call Force	52,705	45,705	7,000	52,705	45,705
...Salaries	7,500	7,500		7,500	7,500
...Expenses					
...Capital	60,205	53,205	7,000	60,205	53,205
Fire & Police Mechanic	68,308	68,308		68,308	68,308
...Salaries	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000
...Expenses					
...Capital	73,308	73,308		73,308	73,308

FY2007					
	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
A D M I N I S T R A T I O N					
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,600	1,600		1,600	1,600
36 SALARIES	1,200	1,200		1,200	1,200
37 EXPENSES	400	400		400	400
38 CAPITAL					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	246,854	195,757		195,757	195,757
39 SALARIES	224,204	174,207		174,207	174,207
40 EXPENSES	22,650	21,550		21,550	21,550
41 CAPITAL					
Building Inspection					
...Salaries	129,826	118,857		118,857	118,857
...Expenses	12,900	12,900		12,900	12,900
...Capital					
	142,726	131,557		131,557	131,557
Plumbing & Gas Inspection					
...Salaries	37,451	22,453		22,453	22,453
...Expenses	3,850	3,850		3,850	3,850
	41,301	26,303		26,303	26,303
Weights & Measures					
...Salaries	17,426	8,713		8,713	8,713
...Expenses	2,206	1,100		1,100	1,100
	19,632	9,813		9,813	9,813
Electrical Inspection					
...Salaries	39,501	24,384		24,384	24,384
...Expenses	3,700	3,700		3,700	3,700
...Capital					
	43,201	28,084		28,084	28,084
HEALTH	201,300	201,300		201,300	201,300
42 SALARIES	119,415	119,415		119,415	119,415
43 EXPENSES	81,885	81,885		81,885	81,885
44 CAPITAL					
Administration					
...Salaries	119,415	119,415		119,415	119,415
...Expenses	13,150	13,150		13,150	13,150
...Capital					
	132,565	132,565		132,565	132,565
Environmental Health					
...Salaries	51,635	51,635		51,635	51,635
...Expenses	51,635	51,635		51,635	51,635
Community Health					
...Salaries	17,100	17,100		17,100	17,100
...Expenses					
...Misc Capital					
	17,100	17,100		17,100	17,100
P U B L I C W O R K S					
OPERATIONS	2,107,195	2,047,834	36,000	2,083,834	2,058,648
45 SALARIES	936,353	936,353		936,353	936,353 *
46 EXPENSES	1,109,142	1,040,581	36,000	1,085,581	1,060,595 *
47 CAPITAL	61,700	61,700		61,700	61,700
* Line 45 Fund \$40,800 from WATER REVENUE					
* Line 46 Fund \$35,000 from CEMETERY FUNDS					
Administration					
...Salaries	98,824	98,824		98,824	98,824
...Expenses	6,725	6,725		6,725	6,725
	105,549	105,549		105,549	105,549
Engineering					
...Salaries	36,554	36,554		36,554	36,554
...Expenses	1,550	1,550		1,550	1,550
	38,104	38,104		38,104	38,104
Road & Street					
...Salaries	452,746	452,746		452,746	452,746
...Expenses	235,155	224,141	11,014	235,155	235,155
...Capital	4,500	4,500		4,500	4,500
	692,401	681,387	11,014	692,401	692,401
Snow & Ice					
...Salaries	199,886	175,000	24,886	199,886	175,000
...Expenses	199,886	175,000	24,886	199,886	175,000
Street Lighting					
...Expenses	104,220	94,159		94,159	94,159
Trees					
...Expenses	34,000	20,500		20,500	20,500
Machinery Maintenance					
...Salaries	160,192	160,192		160,192	160,192
...Expenses	157,044	157,044		157,044	157,044
...Capital					
	317,236	317,236		317,236	317,236

FY2007					
	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
P A R K S A N D G R O U N D S					
Cemetery, Parks and Grounds	130,466	130,466		130,466	130,466
...Salaries	16,300	16,300		16,300	16,300
...Expenses	9,800	9,800		9,800	9,800
...Capital	156,566	156,566		156,566	156,566
T O W N B U I L D I N G S					
Town Buildings	57,571	57,571		57,571	57,571
...Salaries	354,162	354,162		354,162	354,162
...Expenses	47,400	47,400		47,400	47,400
...Capital	459,133	459,133		459,133	459,133
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	988,178	608,436	268,178	876,814	608,436
48 SALARIES	25,288	25,288		25,288	25,288 *
49 EXPENSES	962,890	583,148	268,178	851,328	583,148 *
G E N E R A L S E R V I C E S					
TOWN CLERK	187,913	182,613		182,613	182,613
50 SALARIES	146,311	146,311		146,311	146,311
51 EXPENSES	36,302	36,302		36,302	36,302 *
52 CAPITAL	5,300				
* Line 51 Fund \$1,900 from WATER REVENUE					
Clerk	125,284	125,284		125,284	125,284
...Salaries	11,987	11,987		11,987	11,987
...Expenses	5,300				
...Capital	142,571	137,271		137,271	137,271
Elections	21,027	21,027		21,027	21,027
...Salaries	24,315	24,315		24,315	24,315
...Expenses					
...Capital	45,342	45,342		45,342	45,342
ELDER SERVICES	120,836	118,856		118,856	118,856
53 SALARIES	97,449	97,449		97,449	97,449
54 EXPENSES	23,387	21,207		21,207	21,207
VETERANS' SERVICES	96,137	84,137	6,000	90,137	90,137
55 SALARIES	46,907	46,907		46,907	46,907
56 EXPENSES	49,230	37,230	6,000	43,230	43,230
57 CAPITAL					
LIBRARY	430,506	417,542	2,000	419,542	417,542
58 SALARIES	322,389	311,425		311,425	311,425
59 EXPENSES	108,117	106,117	2,000	108,117	106,117
60 CAPITAL					
RECREATION	187,847	124,138	42,151	168,289	168,289
61 SALARIES	140,055	102,088	21,929	123,997	123,997
62 EXPENSES	37,892	14,270	20,222	34,492	34,492
63 CAPITAL	9,800	7,800		7,800	9,800
L A N D U S E					
CONSERVATION COMM	25,186	25,186		25,186	25,186
64 SALARIES	21,468	21,468		21,468	21,468
65 EXPENSES	3,720	3,720		3,720	3,720
66 CAPITAL					
* Line 64 Fund \$18,000 from CONSERVATION FEES					
PLANNING COMMISSION	158,844	157,044		157,044	157,044
67 SALARIES	139,119	139,119		139,119	139,119
68 EXPENSES	19,825	17,925		17,925	17,925
69 CAPITAL					
BOARD of APPEALS	28,216	21,348		21,348	21,348
70 SALARIES	22,318	15,448		15,448	15,448
71 EXPENSES	5,900	5,900		5,900	5,900
72 CAPITAL					

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	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
E D U C A T I O N					
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	19,866,438	19,866,438	669,421	20,535,859	19,711,469
SALARIES	15,278,912	15,278,912			15,123,943
73 TEACHERS	10,658,237	10,658,237			10,593,268
74 ADMINISTRATION	1,812,533	1,812,533			1,812,533
75 OFFICE STAFF	851,415	851,415			851,415
76 PARAPROFESSIONALS/TUTORS	842,807	842,807			842,807
77 CUSTODIAL	203,804	203,804			203,804
78 ATHLETICS	259,035	259,035			259,035
80 TRANSPORTATION SPED	95,086	95,086			95,086
81 THERAPEUTIC SERVICES	27,355	27,355			27,355
82 COMPUTER/AV TECHNICIANS					
83 SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	528,840	528,840			528,840
EXPENSES	4,587,526	4,587,526			4,587,526
84 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION	171,800	171,800			171,800
85 INSTRUCTION	1,025,795	1,025,795			1,025,795
86 STUDENT SERVICES	710,855	710,855			710,855
87 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	1,158,335	1,158,335			1,158,335
88 FIXED CHARGES	240,000	240,000			240,000
89 EQUIPMENT	15,000	15,000			15,000
90 SPECIAL ED TUITION	1,186,800	1,186,800			1,186,800
91 HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION					
92 SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION					
93 SMALL CAPITAL	78,941	78,941			78,941
94 REGIONAL VOTECH	280,317	280,317		280,317	280,317

D E B T S E R V I C E

School Debt					
High School Renov	354,141	354,141		354,141	354,141
Hood School Renovations	404,928	404,928		404,928	404,928
Student Van	8,388	8,388		8,388	8,388
Middle School Roof	26,723	26,723		26,723	26,723
Handicap Accessible Van	8,718	8,718		8,718	8,718
School Rack Truck	8,646	8,646		8,646	8,646
High School Hot Water System	8,696	8,696		8,696	8,696
Computers					
High School Track	5,564	5,564		5,564	5,564
Middle Boiler/Little Soffit	27,121	27,121		27,121	27,121
Haverhill Street Property	6,580	6,580		6,580	6,580
Little School Renovations	295,035	295,035		295,035	295,035
Modular Classrooms	51,960	51,960		51,960	51,960
Middle School Gym	16,575	16,575		16,575	16,575
Batchelder Septic	18,348	18,348		18,348	18,348
School Van					
School Pickup	5,063	5,063		5,063	5,063
Hood & High Modulare	127,611	127,611		127,611	127,611
Modulars 3	136,026	136,026		136,026	136,026
Middle & High Schematics	89,691	89,691		89,691	89,691
Batchelder Plans	28,201	28,201		28,201	28,201
Batchelder Renovations	432,746	432,746		432,746	432,746
School Copy Machine	10,950	10,950		10,950	10,950
Library Renovation					
Title V	10,872	10,872		10,872	10,872
Sr. Citizen's Van	5,063	5,063		5,063	5,063
Holder Tractor	11,105	11,105		11,105	11,105
Stormwater (MAWPAT)	24,290	24,290		24,290	24,290
Fire Pumper	28,466	28,466		28,466	28,466
Ladder Truck	56,125	56,125		56,125	56,125
Backhoe					
Road Construction	67,735	67,735		67,735	67,735
Road Construction 10/04	46,033	46,033		46,033	46,033
Fire Station Floor	50,368	50,368		50,368	50,368
Damon Tavern	62,504	62,504		62,504	62,504
Cemetery Upgrade	34,250	34,250		34,250	34,250
DPW 1 Ton Truck	6,315	6,315		6,315	6,315
DPW Small Dump Truck	12,471	12,471		12,471	12,471
FY04 Dump Truck	19,128	19,128		19,128	19,128
Replace Culverts	14,586	14,586		14,586	14,586
Screen All					
Police Station Plans					
Police Station Renovations	46,055	46,055		46,055	46,055
Smith Property Acquisition	299,919	299,919		299,919	299,919
Projected Short and Permanent	280,000	280,000		280,000	280,000
95 DEBT SERVICE	3,142,994	3,142,994		3,142,994	3,142,994

* Line 95 Fund \$10,872 from RESERVE for SEPTIC LOANS

* Line 95 Fund \$100,000 from CELL TOWER REVENUE

FY2007					
	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2 1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	SPONSOR REC	FINCOM REC
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
WATER DEPARTMENT	2,491,775	2,491,775		2,491,775	2,491,775
96 SALARIES	835,047	835,047		835,047	835,047 *
97 EXPENSES	1,294,800	1,294,800		1,294,800	1,294,800 *
98 CAPITAL					
99 DEBT	562,128	562,128		562,128	562,128 *
* Line 96 Fund \$835,047 from WATER REVENUE					
* Line 97 Fund \$1,294,800 from WATER REVENUE					
* Line 99 Fund \$562,128 from WATER REVENUE					
HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB	1,893,210	1,893,210		1,893,210	1,893,210
100 SALARIES	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000 *
101 EXPENSES	851,393	851,393		851,393	851,393 *
102 IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENT	110,000	110,000		110,000	110,000 *
103 L.I.C. EXPENSES					
104 CAPITAL	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000 *
105 DEBT	658,817	658,817		658,817	658,817 *
*Line 100 Fund \$25,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE					
*Line 101 Fund \$851,393 from HILLVIEW REVENUE					
*Line 102 Fund \$110,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE					
*Line 104 Fund \$50,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE					
*Line 105 Fund \$658,817 from HILLVIEW REVENUE					
S U M M A R Y					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	17,785,365	16,988,581	504,876	17,493,257	17,063,226
EDUCATION	20,146,755	20,146,755	869,421	20,816,176	19,991,786
DEBT SERVICE	3,142,994	3,142,994		3,142,994	3,142,994
ENTERPRISES	4,184,985	4,184,985		4,184,985	4,184,985
TOTAL BUDGET	45,260,099	44,463,315	1,174,097	45,837,412	44,382,991

ARTICLE 14 OPERATING BUDGET

I move to raise and appropriate the sums set forth in the column headed "Proposition 2 Limit" in the Line Items 1 through 105 including the transfer of funds set forth in the warrant totaling \$44,557,993, as printed in the warrant with the following adjustments:

Line 9 – Town Administrator salaries \$207,254;
 Line 23 – Collection salaries \$148,038;
 Line 29 – County Retirement \$1,773,524;
 Line 56 – Veterans' Expenses \$42,182;
 Line 61 – Recreation salaries \$123,997; and
 – Public Schools \$19,931,938

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Robert Mauceri credited the reason for a "non-override" budget to a meeting among the Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Committee, Town Administrator, School Superintendent and the School Business Manager when it was determined that because projected School Department costs appeared to be lower at this time than were originally expected, the pre-Kindergarten tuition would be increased and the transfer of \$600,000 from the General Government portion of the budget to the School Department, an override would not be necessary at this time. The Boards intend to engage in a year-long deliberative process to present a comprehensive plan at the April 2007 Town Meeting to carry-out a long-term 3-year plan which would restore all of the cuts made this year and to maintain level services, if not better.

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

School Committee recommends and acknowledged the cooperation of both other Boards towards this effort.

Voice vote on the main motion: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 15 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: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Financing Method</u>
<u>School Department</u>		
a. Network Operations Center Air-Conditioning	\$20,000	Free Cash
<u>Fire Department</u>		
b. Ambulance	\$165,000	Ambulance Receipts
<u>Department of Public Works</u>		
c. Cemetery Expansion	\$60,000	Bond
d. 6 Wheel Dump Truck	\$130,000	Bond
e. Road Improvement Program	\$250,000	Bond
<u>Water Department</u>		
f. Water Department Capital	\$473,000	Bond
<u>Information Technology</u>		
g. Technology Plan	\$50,000	Free Cash
<u>FY 2007 Debt</u>		
h. Short term interest	\$10,398	Free Cash

ARTICLE 15 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

I move to transfer the sum of \$80,398 from Free Cash for items a, g, h; transfer the sum of \$165,000 from Ambulance receipts for item b; and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$913,000 for items c, d, e, f as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(g) for a grand total of \$1,158,398 to fund the Fiscal Year 2007 capital expenditures a - h. [S.O'Leary] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee recommends by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 16 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: Recommend passing over this article.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 – RETIREMENT TRUST FUNDS

I move to pass over Article 16. *[S.O'Leary]*

Finance Committee recommends passing over.

Board of Selectmen recommends passing over as there are no funds available to transfer at this time.

UNANIMOUS

Article 17 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 FY07 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 FY07. 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: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommends \$350,000.

ARTICLE 17 FUND RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of funding retirement obligations of Town employees, as specified in Article 17 printed in the warrant. *[S.O'Leary]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 18 Fund Open Space Plan

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to fund an update to the Town's Open Space Plan; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides funding to update the Town's Open Space Plan. An update plan is required to be eligible for grant open space and recreation grant funds from the State. The last Open Space Plan was completed in 1995.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommend \$25,000 from Free Cash.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 FUND OPEN SPACE PLAN

I move to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to update the Town's Open Space Plan, as specified in Article 18 printed in the warrant. [S.O'Leary]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 19 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: Recommend passing over this article.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 19 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION FUND

I move to pass over Article 19. [S.O'Leary]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 20 Appropriate Funds – Water Department Unanticipated Costs

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Fiscal Year 2006 Water Department budget for payment of unanticipated costs; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides additional funding for the purchase of water necessary to provide for residents.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 20 APPROPRIATE FUNDS – WATER DEPARTMENT
UNANTICIPATED COSTS**

I move to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Water Revenue to be added to the Fiscal Year 2006 Water Department budget, as specified in Article 20 printed in the warrant.
[S.O'Leary]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 21 Fund Project Manager for High School Building Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer at the sum of \$10,000 for the purposes of funding a Project Manager for the High School Building Project as required under the new guidelines for school building reimbursement program established by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA); or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee

Description...

The Secondary Schools Building Committee (S-SBC), authorized by the Town to complete a feasibility study for the construction of a new high school on school-owned property, will propose the construction of a new secondary school facility. In order to meet the deadline for application to the MSBA by the summer of 2007, there is a need to hire a Project Manager. The initial hiring of a Project Manager would be on a part-time basis during the initial design phase of the project. Without a Project Manager, the S-SBC would not be able to proceed with design work and the Town would not be eligible to apply for state reimbursement through the MSBA.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 21 FUND PROJECT MANAGER FOR HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING PROJECT**

I move to pass over Article 21. [S.O'Leary]

[It was noted that this will now be paid out of the School budget appropriation]

Finance Committee recommends.

School Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 22 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/or purchase of equipment; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Hillview Commission

Description...

This article will allow bonding for capital improvements to the facility and/or purchase of equipment.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:
Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 22 FUND HILLVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**

I move to pass over Article 22. *[S.O'Leary]*

[It was noted that this article had been inserted as a "place-holder," however there was no need for it at this time.]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 23 Create Solid Waste Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to create a Solid Waste Stabilization Fund as provided in Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from NESWC receipts for purposes of supporting ongoing solid waste and recycling expenses; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description....

This article would create a new Stabilization Fund account for deposit of money due from NESWC. The Town anticipates using funds from this account to support solid waste and recycling expenditures.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 23 CREATE SOLID WASTE STABILIZATION FUND

I move to create a Solid Waste Stabilization Fund as provided in General Laws Chapter 5B, *[Chapter 40 Sec. 5B]* as specified in Article 23 printed in the warrant. *[J.Veno] [Requies 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 24 Create Overlay Property Valuation Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to create an Overlay Property Valuation Stabilization Fund as provided in Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Surplus account for purposes of funding future property valuation services; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description....

This article would create a new Stabilization Fund account for deposit of funds from the Overlay account, which is under the control of the Board of Assessors. The Town anticipates using funds from this account to support property valuation expenditures.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 24 CREATE PROPERTY VALUATION STABILIZATION FUND

I move to create a Property Valuation Stabilization Fund as provided in General Laws Chapter 5B, [*Chapter 40 Sec. 5B*] as specified in Article 24 printed in the warrant. [*J.Veno*]
[Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 25 Amend Code of the Town of North Reading –
General By-Laws Chapter 5, Article VII – Town Property**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, Chapter 5, Article VII – Town Property by adding the following new provision; or what it will do in relation thereto:

- 5-28 Prohibition against hunting on public land.
- A. Hunting is prohibited on all Town property.
 - B. Whomever violates the provisions of 5-28 shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the 1st offense and fifty dollars (\$50) for the 2nd and subsequent offenses.

and further to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by amending the list of fines under Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1-5.B.(3) Violations and Penalties, by adding the following:

Chapter 5, Administration

Article VII, Town Property

§ 5-28, Prohibition against hunting on public land

Police Department

1st offense: \$25

2nd and subsequent offenses: \$50

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description....

This article prohibits all hunting activity on town owned land. Presently, only bow hunting is allowed on town property, which is a growing concern with many residents. The establishment of a bylaw is and accompanying fine structure would serve to prevent bow hunting on public property.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 25 AMEND CODE – ADD GENERAL BY-LAW
CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE VII – TOWN PROPERTY**

I move to amend the General By-laws, Chapter 5, Article VII – Town Property, by adding the new Section 5-28 “Prohibition against hunting on town land” and to further amend the list of fines in Section 1-5.B.(3) “violations and penalties” as specified in Article 25 printed in the warrant. [*P.Dardeno*]

Finance Committee recommends.
Board of Selectmen recommends by a 4 to 1 vote.

A lengthy and active debate ensued on the pros and cons of the proposed by-law.
A motion was made to move the question: *Unanimous*

Hand Count on the motion under Article 24: YES – 51 NO – 91
Motion LOST

Article 26 Amend Code – Delete Section 158-10 – Utility Pole By-law
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by deleting Section 158-10 – Utility Pole By-law; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Description....

This article would delete the Utility Pole By-law, Section 158-10 (originally passed at the April 2002 Town Meeting and subsequently approved by the AG's office) as it is inconsistent with the provisions of MGL Chapter 164.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

**ARTICLE 26 AMEND CODE – DELETE SECTION 158-10 –
UTILITY POLE BY-LAW**

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by deleting Section 158-10 “Utility Pole Bylaw”, as specified Article 26 printed in the warrant. *[J.Veno]*

[It was noted that this by-law originally passed at the April 2002 Town Meeting; however it was determined at a later date to be unenforceable and therefore the Selectmen have opted to rescind it from the Code.]

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.
Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.
UNANIMOUS

Article 27 Emergency Preparedness Memorandum of Understanding
To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other communities to provide mutual aid and assistance in responding to public health emergencies, on terms and conditions as recommended by the Board of Health to be in the best interest of the town; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Description....

Like police and fire departments, public health involves first responder responsibilities. The mutual aid agreement will make it possible for public health to enjoy similar support from communities for events that overwhelm local capacity. The mutual aid agreement is an inter-municipal agreement authorized by MGL c.40, s.4A which requires Town Meeting approval. Basically, this will allow us to enter into agreements with member communities of the Greater Lawrence Coalition: Emergency Preparedness Region 3B with which we have been working for two (2) years.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

**ARTICLE 27 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING**

I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other communities to provide mutual aid and assistance in responding to public health emergencies, as specified in Article 27 printed in the warrant. *[R.Mauceri]*

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

UNANIMOUS

NOTE:

ARTICLE 28 ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 32B, SECTION 18

Article 28 was unanimously voted to take out-of-order prior to Article 14; it was then voted to postpone action on Article 28 until the adjourned session on May 18, 2006.

Article 29 Citizens Petition – Establish North Reading Dog Park

We, the undersigned parties, would like to establish a North Reading Dog Park on Map 60 Parcel 17 off Park Street in North Reading, on town owned land managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The park would be located at the far east end of Park Street in North Reading, MA. Just off of Chestnut Street.

We support the creation of an off-leash dog run in North Reading, MA. Off-leash dog runs provide a place for dogs to socialize with each other, getting the physical and mental exercise they need to be good companions and good neighbors.

We request that appropriate fencing, including a double gated entry to prevent dogs from bolting, an emergency and/or maintenance entry, provide garbage cans, bag stations and signage that indicate when dogs are allowed; from 10am till sunset on weekdays and 11am till 5pm on weekends. Signage will also indicate the animal feces must be properly disposed of in onsite trash cans. Only licensed dogs with valid visible tags will be permissible.

We request that a public citizens committee be formed in order to work with North Reading Parks and Recreation in finding ways to satisfy pet owners and non-pet owners alike as well as funding solutions that will not cost the Town of North Reading. Fund raising will either be accomplished by donations, sponsorship, bake sales or other means.

In creating a dog park, we hope to accomplish multiple goals:

- To establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canines can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property, or wildlife.
- To develop a beautiful, well-maintained space, open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park's rules and restrictions.
- To view this park as a community project, in partnership with the Town of North Reading, designed to satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non-dog owners alike.
- To improve our dogs' quality of life. Leash restrictions disallow the intense aerobic exercise that most dogs require. Dogs who cannot exercise tend to be nervous and destructive. Happy, healthy dogs are calmer and better behaved, reducing nuisance barking and other annoying behaviors exhibited by unexercised canines.
- To improve license and spay/neuter compliance, and generate revenue.

Since dog park patrons would be required to show proof of licensure, park use will increase license compliance and generate revenue for the Town. Reduced fee licensure with spay/neuter and an information network about low-cost and free spay/neuter would encourage sterilization, and reduce pet overpopulation in our Town.

Benefits of a Dog Park:

- Dog parks keep the animals away from children and people who don't like them.
 - They help keep other public spaces free of feces
 - They promote responsible pet ownership
 - They promote public health and safety since the dogs who use the park must be licensed and vaccinated
 - They provide a tool for enforcing dog control laws
 - Well-socialized dogs are less aggressive towards people and other dogs
 - For elderly and disabled people, a dog park is often the only accessible place to bring their companions to socialize
 - They foster community feeling – dog park users get to know each other well
 - Dog parks are desirable neighborhood amenities for newcomers
- On the petition of William Mundy and others.

Description...

This article was submitted by petitioners who seek to formally designate Town property off Park Street for a Dog Park. A Dog Park typically consists of an enclosed area where dogs are allowed to be off-leash.

Recommendations...

Board of Selectmen: Not recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 29 CITIZENS PETITION –
ESTABLISH NORTH READING DOG PARK**

I move to pass over Article 29. *[B.Wood]*

[It was noted that the sponsor of the Article was not in attendance, nor was any one else rising to present the article.]

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Board of Selectmen recommends passing over the article.

Move the question: *Unanimous*

Voice vote on the motion to pass over: **CARRIED**

I move to adjourn until May 18th at 7:00 pm at the Daniel Shay Auditorium. *[R.Mauceri]*
UNANIMOUS

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

There were 243 voters present.

Checkers for the evening were: Norma Stiles, Shirley Hoyt, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Barnard, Mary Stanuchenski, Jean Gigante, Edith Graham, Rose Vitale, John Davis and Frank Stanuchenski. Administrative Assistant Carol Ducrow and Gayle Regan assisted with check-in procedures. Cable services were provided by Tyrone Johns; facilities services were provided by Gary McAteer.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ADJOURNED SESSION – MAY 18, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.
DANIEL SHAY AUDITORIUM
NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL**

The 2nd session of the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator John Murphy on May 18, 2006 at 7:11 p.m. The Town Clerk, acting on behalf of the Board of Registrars, certified that a quorum was present and the Moderator read the following statement into the record: "This is to certify that under the provisions of Section 172-4 of the *Code of North Reading*, the quorum of 150 voters required to conduct business on a day or at a time other than that specified under the provisions of Section 172-4 of the *Code* is present."

Police Sergeant Lawrence Tremblay and Deputy Fire Chief Richard Harris were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Klaus Kubierschky, John Norton and Lawrence Dymont. Registrar Barbara Stats was present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Robert Mauceri. Chairman Mauceri thanked the voters in attendance for coming to this Town Meeting to establish a quorum and conduct the remainder of the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator; Joseph Tassone, Finance Director; Paula Dumont, Assessing Manager; David Hanlon, Director of Public Works; Gayle Regan, Town Clerk's Office (freedom of the floor); Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector; Darren Klein, Town Counsel; Kathleen O'Donnell, Town Counsel; David Harlow, Fire Chief; Alyson Olsen, HR Administrator; Ann Ludlow, MIIA; Mark Clark, Water Department; Judi Segur, Asst. Library Director; Heidi Griffin, CPC Administrator; Martin Fair, Health Agent; Seth Albaum, Comcast (freedom of the floor); Greg Peterson, Lincoln Properties Rep.; Debra Hayes, Strawberry Lane, North Reading; and Fred Van Magness, Rep. Jones Office. [R.Mauceri] **UNANIMOUS.**

The Moderator stated that members were needed for the Finance Committee, both as regular members, as well as associate members, and if anyone is interested to contact him or the Finance Committee.

**Article 3 Amend Code – Add Zoning By-law Article XX –
Berry Center Residential Smart Growth Overlay District
(SGA)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Zoning By-Laws by adding a new Article XX – Berry Center Residential Smart Growth Overlay District (SGA). The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the Community Planning Office and the Town Clerk's Office at North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fridays; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission
Description...

This article would affect a portion of the premises known as the J. T. Berry Center located on Lowell Road/Route 62, containing approximately fifty-seven and seven-tenths (57.7) acres.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 3 AMEND CODE – ADD ZONING BY-LAW ARTICLE XX –
BERRY CENTER RESIDENTIAL SMART GROWTH
OVERLAY DISTRICT (SGA)**

I move that the Town vote pursuant to G.L.C. 40R and 760 CMR 59.00 to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Zoning By-laws by adding Article XX – Berry Center Residential Smart Growth Overlay District (SGA) and by adopting the Berry Residential Smart Growth Overlay District Map both in the form approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development and filed with the Community Planning Office and the Town Clerk and as set forth in a handout distributed tonight entitled “Berry Center Residential Smart Growth District”; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of North Reading. *[R.Mauceri]*

A 15-minute leave of the meeting was requested by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Robert Mauceri for a PowerPoint presentation, which was *UNANIMOUSLY* granted.

Mr. Mauceri presented the Selectmen’s view of the proposed overlay district, reviewing the history of the project, the key benefits for development, and the financial benefits to the Town.

Planning Administrator Heidi Griffin then continued the Town’s presentation with the Community Planning Commission’s report citing several key issues which would benefit the Town in adopting this by-law and the overlay district; an explanation of the 40R law; the impact of a 40R development towards the Town’s 40B quota; aerial pictures of the targeted site; the financial incentives to the Town, including a comparison between a 40B vs. a 40R; and in summary ended the Town’s presentation citing the key factors of additional State funding as a 40R, as well as additional State funding entitlements under 40S School Cost Insurance.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Finance Committee recommends.

Community Planning Commission recommends and also recommends the oral presentation.

Town Officials responded to many questions from the Town Meeting.

Move the question: *Carried [L.Dymont]*

Hand count on the motion under Article 3 as presented: YES – 196 NO – 0
UNANIMOUS

Article 28 Accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides for acceptance of a State statute requiring eligible retirees to enroll in a Medicare equivalent program. Currently, Medicare eligible retirees may remain on the HMO plan at a substantially higher cost to the Town.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28 ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 32B, SECTION 18

I move to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18, as specified in Article 28 printed in the warrant. *[R.Mauceri]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Town Administrator Greg Balukonis gave a brief presentation under the Article, reviewing the Town's health insurance costs, the eligibility requirements to qualify under this law, the 1994 Health Insurance Agreement which covers all Town employees and retirees, and stated that this was an opportunity for the Town to take advantage of a Federally-funded program. A two-minute recess was called by the Moderator at 8:00 pm to confer with Town Counsel. The Moderator called the meeting back to order at 8:02 pm, after which Ann Ludlow, a representative from the Mass Interlocal Insurance Agency (MIIA) further reviewed the plan options.

Move the question. *Unanimous [T.Harris]*

Hand count on the Motion under Article 28: YES – 56 NO – 136
Motion LOST

A *Motion to Reconsider* was made, but failed to achieve the required 2/3 majority, as declared by the Moderator, and therefore the *Motion to Reconsider FAILED*.

Before moving on to the final article, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Robert Mauceri thanked Representative Brad Jones, Jr. for all of his work in pursuing the J.T. Berry project (Article 3). He then congratulated the new Selectman Michael Harris and Selectman Stephen O'Leary on their victory at the May 2, 2006 Annual Town Election and introduced Selectman Harris on his first appearance at a Town Meeting. Selectman Harris thanked everyone who supported him and stated that he was looking forward to his term on the Board. Selectman Harris was greeted with a round of applause from the Town Meeting. Mr. Mauceri further thanked all of the public employees – Police, Fire and Public Works – for all their assistance to the residents and the community during the record-breaking rainfall of the past week, which generated a further round of applause. Mr. Mauceri thanked the Town Meeting for staying to the end of the evening in order to maintain the required quorum to conclude the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 13 FY2006 Budget Transfers

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to supplement department budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2006; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article is necessary to supplement Fiscal Year 2006 department budgets.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 FY 2006 BUDGET TRANSFERS

I move to amend the FY2006 operating budgets and appropriations by a total increase of \$257,535, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen in the following amounts:

\$127,535 from the supplemental fuel and utility reserve voted under Article 4 of the October 17, 2005 town meeting for the purpose of adding to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund; \$130,000 from the solid waste management account for the purpose of adding to the Solid Waste Stabilization Fund. *[R.Mauceri] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

I move to adjourn this meeting *sine die*. *[R.Mauceri]*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

There were 253 voters present.

Checkers for the evening were: Shirley Hoyt, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Barnard, Mary Stanuchenski, Jean Gigante, Edith Graham, Rose Vitale, John Davis and Frank Stanuchenski. Administrative Assistant Carol Ducrow and Gayle Regan assisted with check-in procedures. Cable services were provided by Seth Albaum; facilities services were provided by Julie Spurr-Knight.

A True Record. ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 2, 2006**

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 **SECOND DAY** of **MAY, 2006** 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 election of candidates for the following offices:

SELECTMAN – Two for Three Years
MODERATOR – One for One Year
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Two for Three Years
COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION – Two for Three 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 **THIRD** day of **APRIL, 2006**.

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
/s/ Joseph R. Veno
/s/ Philip R. Dardeno
SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING

/s/ Marcia L. Bailey, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Stephen J. O'Leary

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

ATTEST: /s/ John J. Firriello

Dated: April 3, 2006

Constable – John J. Firriello

CONSTABLE'S 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 26 days before the **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION** on **TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006**, by posting the warrant in the following 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 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/ John J. Firriello
John J. Firriello, Constable

Date: April 6, 2006

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 2, 2006**

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SELECTMAN					
<i>for Three Years</i>					
<i>Vote for not more than TWO</i>					
Blanks	103	68	79	84	334
Stephen J. O'Leary	203	115	123	181	622
G. Kevin Callagy	147	90	122	140	499
Michael R. Harris	170	118	150	176	614
Write-Ins	1	1	0	1	3
TOTALS	624	392	474	582	2072

MODERATOR					
<i>for One Year</i>					
<i>Vote for not more than ONE</i>					
Blanks	85	48	66	60	259
John J. Murphy	225	147	170	231	773
Write-Ins	2	1	1	0	4
TOTALS	312	196	237	291	1036

SCHOOL COMMITTEE					
<i>for Three Years</i>					
<i>Vote for not more than TWO</i>					
Blanks	234	147	169	177	727
Nicole A.R. Davis	191	113	146	195	645
Gerald Venezia	196	125	156	208	685
Write-Ins	3	7	3	2	15
TOTALS	624	392	474	582	2072

COMMUNITY PLANNING					
<i>for Three Years</i>					
<i>Vote for not more than TWO</i>					
Blanks	223	128	163	172	686
Patricia E. Romeo	200	129	154	211	694
M. Shepard Spear	199	131	156	198	684
Write-Ins	2	4	1	1	8
TOTALS	624	392	474	582	2072

VOTER ENROLLMENT: 9,494
VOTER PARTICIPATION: 10.9%

A True Record. ATTEST:
Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WARRANT FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2006
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**

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 Primaries 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 **NINETEENTH DAY** of **SEPTEMBER, 2006** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

GOVERNOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

TREASURER FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

AUDITOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE

IN CONGRESS SIXTH DISTRICT

COUNCILLOR FIFTH DISTRICT

SENATOR IN

GENERAL COURT FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN

GENERAL COURT 20TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORTHERN DISTRICT

CLERK OF COURTS MIDDLESEX COUNTY

REGISTER OF DEEDS MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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 **21st** day of **AUGUST, 2006:**

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman /s/ Stephen J. O'Leary, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Joseph R. Veno /s/ Philip R. Dardeno

/s/ Michael R. Harris

SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING

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

ATTEST: /s/ Paul D. Dorsey, Sr.
Constable – Paul D. Dorsey, Sr.

Dated: August 21, 2006

CONSTABLE'S RETURN OF SERVICE

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 **27** days before the **STATE PRIMARY**, to vote on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**, by posting the Warrant in the following 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 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/ Paul D. Dorsey
Paul D. Dorsey, Sr. – Constable

Date: August 23, 2006

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DEMOCRATIC PARTY					
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	121	97	127	140	485
Edward M. Kennedy	365	350	334	402	1451
Write-Ins	9	4	4	3	20
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
GOVERNOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	1	4	4	0	9
Christopher F. Gabrieli	176	157	175	223	731
Deval L. Patrick	217	185	171	208	781
Thomas F. Reilly	101	105	115	113	434
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	63	44	48	47	202
Deborah B. Goldberg	156	157	164	171	648
Timothy P. Murray	173	171	159	203	706
Andrea C. Silbert	101	79	94	123	397
Write-Ins	2	0	0	1	3
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	122	99	107	124	452
Martha Coakley	369	352	358	421	1500
Write-Ins	4	0	0	0	4
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
SECRETARY OF STATE					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	80	70	62	70	282
William Francis Galvin	340	320	340	407	1407
John Bonifaz	73	61	63	68	265
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
TREASURER					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	138	125	118	140	521
Timothy P. Cahill	354	326	347	404	1431
Write-Ins	3	0	0	1	4
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AUDITOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	166	131	133	155	585
A. Joseph DeNucci	327	320	332	390	1369
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	138	119	118	133	508
John F. Tierney	356	332	346	411	1445
Write-Ins	1	0	1	1	3
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
COUNCILLOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	207	175	160	192	734
Mary-Ellen Manning	287	276	305	353	1221
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	492	445	460	538	1935
Write-Ins	3	6	5	7	21
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	491	449	460	543	194
Write-Ins	4	2	5	2	13
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	199	169	173	198	739
Gerard T. Leone, Jr.	295	281	292	347	1215
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
CLERK OF COURTS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	127	101	113	128	469
Bruce M. Desmond	101	97	102	134	434
Michael A. Sullivan	266	252	250	283	1051
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956
REGISTER OF DEEDS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	197	160	167	193	717
Eugene C. Brune	297	291	297	352	1237
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	2
TOTALS	495	451	465	545	1956

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REPUBLICAN PARTY					
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	12	5	8	7	32
Kenneth G. Chase	20	25	32	22	99
Kevin P. Scott	41	48	45	31	165
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
GOVERNOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	13	19	12	6	50
Kerry Healey	58	57	70	52	237
Write-Ins	2	2	3	2	9
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	23	19	17	15	74
Reed V. Hillman	50	59	67	44	220
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	2
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	27	22	16	20	85
Larry Frisoli	46	56	69	40	211
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
SECRETARY OF STATE					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	71	78	84	59	292
Write-Ins	2	0	1	1	4
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
TREASURER					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	71	78	84	60	293
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	3
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
AUDITOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	72	78	85	60	295
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	27	23	23	18	91
Richard W. Barton	46	55	62	42	205
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
COUNCILLOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	72	78	85	59	294
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	18	20	18	14	70
Bruce E. Tarr	55	58	67	46	226
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	8	12	9	8	37
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	65	66	76	52	259
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	71	78	85	60	294
Write-Ins	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
CLERK OF COURTS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	71	78	84	60	293
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	3
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296
REGISTER of DEEDS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	72	78	84	60	294
Write-Ins	1	0	1	0	2
TOTALS	73	78	85	60	296

A True Record. ATTEST:
Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

VOTER ENROLLMENT: 9,535
VOTER PARTICIPATION: 23.6%

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
OCTOBER 16, 2006
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 **SIXTEENTH DAY** of **OCTOBER, 2006**, at **seven o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

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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 27th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman
Stephen J. O'Leary, Vice Chairman
Joseph R. Veno, Clerk
Philip R. Dardeno
Michael R. Harris

A True Copy: Attest:
John J. Firriello, Constable

CONSTABLE'S 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 16th, 2006, 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 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/ John J. Firriello
John J. Firriello, Constable

Date: September 28, 2006

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
OCTOBER 2006 TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.
DANIEL SHAY AUDITORIUM**

The 2006 Fall Annual October Town Meeting was called to order on October 16, 2006 by Moderator John Murphy at 7:10 p.m.

Police Officer Paul Dorsey, Sr. and Firefighter John Burt were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Kenneth Jones, John Norton and Patricia Colella. 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: Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator; Joseph Tassone, Finance Director; Darren Klein, Town Counsel; Paula Dumont, Assessing Manager; David Hanlon, Director of Public Works; Gayle Regan, Town Clerk's Office (freedom of the floor); Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector; Mark Clark, Water Department Superintendent; David Harlow, Fire Chief; Eugene Tworek, IT Administrator; Helena Minton, Library Director; Heidi Griffin, CPC Administrator; Carl Nelson, School Department Business Manager; David Troughton, Superintendent of Schools; Seth Albaum, Comcast; Luke Richards, Comcast; Bridget Zwack, Malcolm Pirnie Co.; Jennifer Lachmayr, Malcolm Pirnie Co.; Christine Fisher, 59 Mt. Vernon St.; Giles Norton, 59 Mt. Vernon St.; Paula Marcisak, 7 Nichols St.; Leah McCann, 19 Valley Rd.; Nathan Simons, 31 Hickory Lane; David Robart, Sr. and David Robart, Jr., 36 Tenney Rd., Sandown, NH. [R.Mauceri] *UNANIMOUS*.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Philip "Nick" O'Brien who addressed Town Meeting regarding the passing of Mr. George Sandorfi earlier in the year and to recognize his many contributions to the Town, having served faithfully and well as a former member of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, as Assistant Moderator and as a faithful Town Meeting attendant. The Town Meeting honored Mr. Sandorfi with a moment of silence in his memory.

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Alyson Olsen, HR Administrator; Joshua Blatt, NRHS Student Council; Sue Calangelo, 5 Freedom Dr.; and Martin Fair, Health Agent. [J.Veno] *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. [J.Veno] *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. [J.Veno]

- Edward McGrath, Chairman of the Recycling Committee, gave an update on the program and challenged the Townspeople to a higher goal in the coming year, focusing on paper recycling;
- Kenneth Jones, Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee, presented an update and reported that the new roof was in process at the police station, and that the project was one month behind schedule, now scheduled for July of 2007.

Voice vote under the motion for Article 1 to accept all reports: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 2 Accept Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2006

To see if the Town will vote to accept, for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the Town, the provisions of G.L. c. 39, §23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions are met; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides for acceptance of a recently enacted state law that permits a member of permit granting boards and committees to vote on matters despite having missed one public hearing. The member must review a transcript or tape of the missed meeting and follow other legal requirements in order to qualify for voting rights.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 2 ACCEPT CHAPTER 79 OF THE ACTS OF 2006

I move to accept, for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the Town, the provisions of G. L. c. 39 §23D, as specified in Article 2 as printed in the warrant. [M.Harris]

Finance Committee stated that no action was required or them.

Board of Selectmen recommend.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 3 Amend Code – Add General By-Law Chapter 156 –
Storm Water Management**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading General By-Laws by adding Chapter 156 – Storm Water Management, the complete text of which is available for inspection at the Department of Public Works Office and the Town Clerk's Office at North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fridays; and further to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by amending the list of fines under Chapter 1, Gen-

eral Provisions 1-5.B.(3) Violations and Penalties, by adding the following under Chapter 156, Storm Water Management:

Chapter 156, Storm Water Management

Article I, Non-Storm Water Discharges

Dept. of Public Works Director, Employees, Officers or Agents

1st offense: written warning

2nd offense: \$50

3rd offense: \$100

4th and subsequent offenses: \$200

Article II, Construction and Post Construction ... Redevelopments

Building Inspector

1st offense: written warning

2nd offense: \$50

3rd offense: \$100

4th and subsequent offenses: \$200

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of North Reading; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works,
Community Planning Commission,
Wastewater and Storm Water Planning Advisory Committee

Description...

This article would create a by-law providing for the management of the storm water in North Reading in keeping with the requirements of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) as required under the Town of North Reading's Phase II Storm Water Management Permit.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 3 AMEND CODE – ADD GENERAL BY-LAW CHAPTER 156 –
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading General By-Laws by adding Chapter 156 – Storm Water Management, in a form approved by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk. *[R.Mauceri]*

Finance Committee withhold their recommendation until after the presentation.
Board of Selectmen recommend.

Denise Conry, member of the Wastewater / Stormwater Advisory Committee, made a presentation under Article 3.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.
Community Planning Commission unanimously recommends.
Voice vote under Article 3: **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 4 Amend Code – Add Zoning By-Law Article XXI –
Preserving Significant Structures – Historic Preservation**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading Zoning By-Laws by adding the following Article XXI - Preserving Significant Structures – Historic Preservation:

**ARTICLE XXI PRESERVING SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURES –
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

200-117 Intent and Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to preserve and protect historically significant structures within the Town which reflect or constitute distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the Town and to encourage owners of such structures to seek out persons who might be willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such structures rather than demolish them. To achieve these purposes, the North Reading Historical Commission is empowered to advise the Building Inspector with respect to the issuance of permits for demolition of such historically significant structures. The issuance of demolition permits for such historically significant structures is regulated as provided in this Bylaw.

200-118 Definitions

BUSINESS DAY: A day which is not a legal municipal holiday, Saturday or Sunday.

COMMISSION: The North Reading Historical Commission.

DEMOLITION: Any act of moving, pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a structure or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction of a structure or exterior portion thereof with the intent of completing the same.

EMERGENCY DEMOLITION: In the event of an imminent danger to the safety of the public, nothing in this Bylaw shall restrict the Building Inspector from immediately ordering the demolition of any structure or any part thereof.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE: Any structure or a portion of a structure that:

- A. Is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places, the Massachusetts Historical Register of Historic Places, or has been determined to be eligible for a listing on said registers, or;
- B. Is included in the North Reading Cultural Resources Survey as of August 2002, maintained by the North Reading Historical Commission or structures for which complete inventory or survey forms may be pending as of that date, or;
- C. Has been determined by an affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the Commission to be historically or architecturally significant in terms of period, style, method of building construction or association with a significant architect, builder or resident either by itself or as part of a group of buildings, provided that the owner of such a structure and the Building Inspector have been notified in hand or by certified mail at least thirty (30) days prior to such vote.

PREFERABLY PRESERVED HISTORIC STRUCTURE:

Any historically significant structure which is determined by the Commission to be in the public interest to preserve because of the important contribution made by such structure to the historical and/or cultural resources of the Town.

STRUCTURE:

Materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter, such as a building, framework, wall, tent, reviewing stand, platform or the like.

200-119 Procedures

- A. No demolition permit for a structure, or any portion thereof, which is in whole or in part a Potentially Significant Structure shall be issued without following the provisions of this bylaw. The Commission will provide a listing of Potentially Significant Structures to the Building Inspector.
- B. An applicant proposing to demolish a structure, or any portion thereof, subject to this bylaw shall file with the Building Inspector an application containing the following information:
 - 1. The address of the structure proposed to be demolished;
 - 2. The structure owner's name, address and telephone number;
 - 3. The structure owner's assent to the filing of the application if the applicant is not the structure owner;
 - 4. A description of the structure;
 - 5. A written history of the property, if known;
 - 6. The reason for requesting a demolition permit;
 - 7. A brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement of the structure, or portion thereof; and,
 - 8. A photograph or photographs of the structure.
- C. The Building Inspector shall, within seven (7) business days after receiving an application for a demolition permit which may be covered by this bylaw, forward a copy of the application to the Commission and to the Town Clerk.
- D. Within fourteen (14) days of the date upon which the Commission receives the Demolition Permit, the Commission shall make an Initial Determination that is:
 - 1. Positive - if the structure is historically inventoried, or in the process of being inventoried or determined by the Commission to have historic significance, or
 - 2. Negative - if the Initial Determination is negative, the property is no longer subject to this Bylaw, and the Building Inspector may act on the Demolition Permit.
- E. If the Initial Determination is a Potentially Significant Structure and thus subject to the hearing process, the Commission shall so notify the applicant, the Building Inspector and the Town Clerk in writing, within twenty (20) business days of such determination. No demolition permit may be issued at this time. If the Commission does not notify the Building Inspector, the applicant, and the Town Clerk within twenty (20) business days of receipt of the application, the Building Inspector may issue the demolition permit.
- F. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on the application within twenty-one (21) days of the Initial determination and shall give public notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing in a local newspaper at least fourteen (14) days before said hearing; at least seven (7) days before said hearing, the Commission shall mail a copy of said notice to the applicant, to the owner(s) of all property deemed by the Commission to be affected thereby as they appear on the most recent local tax list, and to such other persons as the Commission shall deem entitled to notice. At the public hearing the Commission shall:
 - 1. Determine if the Potentially Significant Structure is a Preferably Preserved Historic Structure.
 - 2. Determine whether the work to be done will materially diminish the historical or architectural significance of the Structure, if less than a complete demolition or exterior renovation is proposed.
 - 3. Explore alternatives to demolition. The Commission may require that

the applicant maintain on the property, which is the subject of a Demolition Permit application, a notice in a form designated by the Commission, visible from the nearest public way, of any hearing on the subject matter of such application.

The Town shall be responsible for costs associated with the mailing, posting or publishing of the required notices.

- G. If, after the close of such hearing, the Commission determines that the demolition of the Potentially Significant Structure would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector within fifteen (15) business days of the conclusion of the hearing. Upon receipt of such notification, or after the expiration of the fifteen (15) days, the Building Inspector may act on the Demolition Permit if he has not received notification from the Commission.
- H. If the Commission determines that the demolition of the Potentially Significant Structure would be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, such structure shall be considered a Preferably Preserved Historic Structure. The Commission shall so advise the applicant and the Building Inspector, and a Demolition Permit may be delayed up to one (1) year after the conclusion of the hearing during which time alternatives to demolition shall be considered. The Commission shall offer the owner information about options other than demolition, such as resources in the preservation field, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Town Planner, and other interested parties that might provide assistance in preservation, funding and/ or adaptive reuse.

200-120 Responsibility of Owner/Applicant

The owner of record shall be responsible for participating in the investigation of options to demolition by actively seeking alternatives with the Commission and any interested parties, by providing any necessary information, by allowing reasonable access to the property, and by securing the premises.

200-121 Release of Delay Enforcement

- A. Notwithstanding the preceding section of this Bylaw, the Building Inspector may issue a Demolition Permit for a Preferably Preserved Historic Structure at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either:
 - 1. The Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such structure; or
 - 2. The Commission is satisfied that during the delay period the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the subject structure, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful.
- B. As a condition of releasing the delay enforcement, the Commission may require the applicant to submit measured drawings or other documentation for the Town's historic records.

200-122 Emergency Demolition

If, after an inspection, the Building Inspector finds that a structure subject to this bylaw poses an immediate threat to public health or safety due to its deteriorated condition and that there is no reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the structure, then the Commission may obtain an evaluation and report from

a structural engineer and if said report confirms the evaluation of the Building Inspector, an emergency demolition permit may issue. The Building Inspector shall as soon as practicable prepare a demolition report explaining the condition of the structure and the basis for his/her decision and forward it to the Commission, together with the report of the structural engineer.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to derogate in any way from the authority of the Building Inspector derived from Chapter 143 of the General Laws. However, before acting pursuant to that Chapter, the Building Inspector shall make every reasonable effort to inform the Chairperson of the Commission of his intentions to cause demolition before he initiates same.

200-123 Enforcement and Remedies

- A. Anyone who demolishes, removes or relocates a building or structure as identified in Section 200-119, without first obtaining a demolition permit in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense, each day that the violation exists constituting a separate offense, until a restoration of the demolished structure is completed or unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission.
- B. In addition, if a Potentially Significant Structure is demolished without first obtaining a demolition permit, no building permit shall be issued for the premises for a period of two (2) years after the date of such demolition unless the building permit is for restoration, or other reconstruction. As used herein "premises" includes the parcel of land upon which the demolished structure was located and all adjoining parcels of land under common ownership or control.
- C. No building permit shall be issued or be valid for a period of up to two (2) years after completion of such demolition with respect to any parcel upon which a Potentially Significant Structure has been demolished by an intentional or grossly negligent violation of this bylaw, unless, for good cause, the Commission shall otherwise authorize.

200-124 Administration

- A. The Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the terms of this bylaw
- B. The Commission is authorized to adopt a schedule of reasonable fees to cover the costs associated with the administration of this bylaw.

200-125 Severability

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

and further to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by amending the list of fines under Chapter 1, General Provisions 1-5.B(3) Violations and Penalties, by adding the following under Chapter 200, Article XXI, Preserving Significant Structures – Historic Preservation:

Chapter 220, Zoning By-Laws

Article XXI – Preserving Significant Structures—Historic Preservation

Building Inspector
\$300 each offense

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of North Reading; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Historical Commission

Description...

This zoning bylaw establishes certain requirements for the preservation of historically significant structures in North Reading.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Community Planning Commission:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 4 AMEND CODE – ADD ZONING BY-LAW ARTICLE XXI –
PRESERVING SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURES –
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

I move to pass over Article 4. [J.Davis] **UNANIMOUS**

Article 5 Authorize Naming of Baseball Field

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the naming of the High School Baseball Field the “Frank Carey Baseball Field”; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article requests approval to name the baseball field at the High School in honor of long-time teacher and baseball coach Frank Carey.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 5 AUTHORIZE NAMING OF BASEBALL FIELD

I move to authorize the naming of the High School Baseball Field the “Frank Carey Baseball Field” as specified in Article 5 as printed in the warrant. [S.O’Leary]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

School Committee unanimously recommends.

Selectman O’Leary reflected on the professional achievements of Coach Carey, who began his career with North Reading in 1965.

Patricia Colella, President of the High School Athletic Hall of Fame, stated that their organization whole-heartedly supports this Article.

Voice vote under Article 5 – **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Paul and Peg Frenzo, 10 Maura Drive, Woburn. [R.Mauceri] **UNANIMOUS**

Article 6 Amend FY2007 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2007 Operating Budget voted under Article 14 of the April 3, 2006 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:

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Line 12 – Salary Pool Supplement

- Transfer \$155,000 from Free Cash.

Background...

This action is necessary for providing funding for several municipal collective bargaining agreements and other related costs that have increased since adoption of the budget at the April town meeting.

Line 30 – Police Department Salaries

- Appropriate \$18,500 from additional State Aid receipts.

Background...

These funds provide for partial restoration of funds to the Police Department salary account that was reduced prior to the April town meeting to balance the budget.

Line 33 – Fire Department Salaries

- Appropriate \$34,950 from additional State Aid receipts.

Background...

These funds provide for partial restoration of funds to the full-time Fire Department salary account that was reduced prior to the April town meeting to balance the budget. Additionally, \$3,300 is provided for the on-call department.

Line 49 – Solid Waste Budget

- Transfer \$379,000 from Free Cash.

Background...

The Solid Waste budget was under funded at the April town meeting in order to utilize receipts from the NESWC account that were not available at that time the budget was adopted.

Line 62 – Recreation Expenses

- Transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash

Background...

These funds provide for partial restoration of funds to the Recreation Department expense account that was reduced prior to the April town meeting to balance the budget.

Lines 73-93 – School Budget

- Appropriate \$120,000 from additional State Aid receipts.

Background...

These funds restore funding to the School Department that was reduced prior to the April town meeting to balance the budget.

Line 94 – Regional VocTech School

- Appropriate \$16,518 from additional State Aid receipts.

Background...

These funds are necessary to fund North Reading's share of the Regional Vocational School budget.

Line 95 –Debt Service

- Raise and appropriate \$221,600 for Exempt Debt Service

Background...

These funds are necessary to pay for Exempt Debt Service in Fiscal 2007 for Police Station and Batchelder School construction projects.

Line 99 – Debt Service - Water Department

- Raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Water Department Debt Service.

Background...

These funds are necessary to pay for interest costs associated with Water System I and II Projects.

Line 105 – Debt Service - Hillview Country Club Debt

- Raise and appropriate \$13,000 for Hillview Debt Service.

Background...

These funds are necessary to pay for interest costs associated with the Hillview I and II Improvements.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 AMEND FY 2007 OPERATING BUDGET

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$466,708 and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$510,110 for a total of \$976,818 to amend the FY2007 Operating Budget voted under Article 14 of the April 3, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, as specified in Article 6 as printed in the warrant, except that Line 12- Salary Pool Supplement be funded as follows: raise and appropriate \$38,890; Free Cash \$116,110 for a total of \$155,000.
[R.Mauceri]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 6 – **UNANIMOUS**

Article 7 Prior Year's Bills

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:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 PRIOR YEAR'S BILLS

I move to appropriate from Water Revenue the sum of \$144,577 and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,529 for a total of \$148,106 to pay prior year's bills, as specified in Article 7 as printed in the warrant. *[J.Veno] [Requires 4/5 vote]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 7: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 8 Capital Expenditures

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by 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.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Financing Method</u>
<u>Police Department</u>		
a. Cruiser	\$ 36,338	Free Cash
b. Portable Radios	\$ 51,134	Free Cash
<u>Fire Department</u>		
c. 3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck	\$ 36,000	Free Cash
d. Radio System	\$150,000	Free Cash
<u>School Department</u>		
e. SPED Van	\$ 30,000	Free Cash
f. Technology Lease (year 3)	\$ 32,000	Free Cash
<u>Department of Public Works</u>		
g. Dump Truck w/ Plow	\$ 50,000	Free Cash
h. Pick-up Truck	\$ 20,000	Free Cash
<u>Recreation Department</u>		
i. Heavy-Duty Soil Reliever	\$ 32,400	Free Cash
<u>Information Technology</u>		
j. Finance & Administration Software	\$175,000	Free Cash
k. Telephone System	\$ 60,000	Free Cash

Description...

This article 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: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

I move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$549,272 to fund the FY07 Capital Expenditures items a. – k., as specified in Article 8 as printed in the warrant, except item d. - Fire Department Radio System be funded at a cost of \$26,400. *[P.Darden]*

Finance Committee recommends.
Board of Selectmen recommends.

[It was noted that the reduction in funding for Item "d" was due to the acquisition of grant monies in the amount of approximately \$125,000.]

Voice vote under Article 8: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 9 Amend Article 15 of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 15 Capital Expenditures, of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting, by voting to reauthorize the following capital projects with the funding sources indicated; or what it will do in relation thereto:

<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Financing Method</u>
b. Ambulance	\$165,000	Ambulance Reserve

Water Department

f. Water Department Capital		
1. Fire Hydrant Replacement	\$25,000	Water Revenue
2. Iron Service Replacement	\$30,000	Water Revenue
3. Water Meter Replacement	\$50,000	Water Revenue
4. Lakeside Filter Reconstruction	\$40,000	Water Revenue

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

Article 15 of the April 2006 Town Meeting Warrant listed Fire Department Capital for FY2007 with the Financing Method as Ambulance Receipts. The Financing Method should have been from Ambulance Reserve. The Water Department Capital was listed in a single amount of \$473,000 with the Financing Method as bonding. The amount of \$473,000 is derived from a number of smaller projects, some of which were to be paid for through Water Revenue. In this Article you are being asked to reauthorize the appropriate funding source for these projects.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

ARTICLE 9 AMEND ARTICLE 15 OF THE APRIL 3, 2006 TOWN MEETING

I move to amend Article 15 of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting by voting to reauthorize various capital projects and expenditures with financing sources indicated as printed in the warrant. *[M.Harris]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 9: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 10 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 purpose 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 10 DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS REVOLVING ACCOUNT –
RE-AUTHORIZE**

I move to re-authorize the Department of Elder Affairs Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 16 of the October 2004 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 as specified in Article 10 as printed in the warrant, and to set the maximum expenditure for FY 2007 at \$12,000. *[J.Veno]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 10: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 11 Funding for Actuarial Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of undertaking an actuarial study of Other Post Employment Benefits as provided by GASB-45; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

Town seeks to hire a consultant to perform an actuarial study of post employment benefits, which complies with the GASB standards for municipal finance.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 11 FUNDING FOR ACTUARIAL STUDY

I move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of undertaking an actuarial study of other post employment benefits as provided by GASB-45. *[S.O'Leary]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 11: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 12 Funding of Town Expenditures for Berry Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund expenditures by Town departments associated with the development of the Berry Center Residential Smart Growth

Overlay District pursuant to MGL Chapter 40R, including funding a Project Manager position; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Town has been awarded grant funds from the Department of Housing and Community Development in recognition of the Berry Center Smart Growth Overlay District, and wishes to expend the same consistent with requirements of Chapter 40R.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12 FUNDING OF TOWN EXPENDITURES FOR BERRY PROJECT

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$475,000 to fund expenditures by Town departments associated with the development of the Berry Center Residential Smart Growth Overlay District pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40R, including funding a Project Manager position. *[R.Mauceri]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

[The breakdown for these expenditures was stated as follows: Project Manager – \$30K; Inspection Fees for Building Dept. – \$225K; Assessor's Office–\$50K; CPC–\$40K; DPW–\$110K; Fire Dept.- \$20K. It was noted that application fees and advance payments from the State will cover these expenditures. There will be a \$350K incentive payment from the State and \$125K pre-payment of fees by the developer. The total fees taken in is projected to exceed \$500K]

Voice vote under Article 12: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 13 Fund Secondary School Facilities Needs Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund a Secondary School Facilities Needs Study; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee

Description...

These funds will be used to complete the assessment of the facility needs of the Middle and High Schools including civil engineering/site assessment and geotechnical assessment; traffic/parking impact study; assessment of safety and security in the current facilities and an update of the Secondary Schools Long Range master Plan including educational program needs.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommend \$35,000

(\$20,000 for Master Plan and \$15,000 for site evaluation.

ARTICLE 13 FUND SECONDARY SCHOOL FACILITIES NEEDS STUDY

I move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to fund a Secondary School Facilities Needs Study. *[M.Vacca]*

Finance Committee will withhold their recommendation until after the presentation.

Charles Carucci, Chairman of the SSBC requested a ten minute leave of the meeting for the purpose of a presentation. **UNANIMOUS**

School Superintendent David Troughton reviewed various reports from the MSBA regarding the Middle and High Schools and presented a list of communities in competition for the limited resources available.

Finance Committee majority does not recommend and makes a motion to amend:
Mr. Moderator – The Finance Committee moves to amend Article 13 to read – “a sum of \$35,000 of which \$20,000 is for School Building Master Plan and \$15,000 is for site evaluation.” *[M.Mastacusa]*

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend the main motion for \$50,000.

Hand count on motion to amend to \$35,000: YES—13 NO—200

Motion to amend **LOST**.

Voice vote on the main motion under Article 13 for \$50,000: **CARRIED**

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: State Senator Bruce Tarr (Gloucester). *[R.Mauceri]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 14 Middle School Modular Classrooms

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of the lease or purchase of modular classrooms including design specifications, installation, furnishing and equipping relating thereto, 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 _) of the General Laws amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee

Description...

This article will fund up to three modular units for use as classrooms (4-6) and expanded cafeteria space at the Middle School. The current and projected enrollment exceeds available classroom space and the cafeteria cannot support the lunch program.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommend \$913,183.

ARTICLE 14 MIDDLE SCHOOL MODULAR CLASSROOMS

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$913,183 for the purchase or lease of Middle School Modular Classrooms including design specifications, installation, furnishing and equipping relating thereto, that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$913,183 pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; 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. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. *[M.Vacca] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

School Superintendent David Troughton explained the use for these new modulars.

School Business Manager Carl Nelson stated that there were residual funds from appropriations for other modular classrooms that have not been expended amounting to approximately \$86K which will be used. The estimated cost of the modulars will be \$840K for the units, \$123K for site preparation and \$36K for furnishings for 6 classrooms.

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends on a 3-2 vote.

School Committee Recommends.

Voice vote under Article 14: *UNANIMOUS*

Article 15 Add Funds to Solid Waste Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money from available funds to be added to the Solid Waste Stabilization Fund created by Article 23 of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Town seeks to transfer the remaining surplus funds from NESWC account for the purpose of paying for future solid waste and recycling costs.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommend \$262,000.

ARTICLE 15 ADD FUNDS TO SOLID WASTE STABILIZATION FUND

I move transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$262,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Stabilization Fund created by Article 23 of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting. *[R.Mauceri]*
[Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote on the motion under Article 15: *UNANIMOUS*

Mr. Moderator – I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: Christelle Birkmaier, 85 Park St. *[M.Harris]* *UNANIMOUS*

Article 16 Add Funds to Overlay Property Valuation Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money from available funds to be added to the Overlay Property Valuation Stabilization Fund created by Article 24 of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Town seeks to transfer surplus funds from a prior year Overlay account for the purpose of paying future property revaluation service costs.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 16 ADD FUNDS TO PROPERTY VALUATION
STABILIZATION FUND**

I move transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$12,053.65 to be added to the Property Valuation Stabilization Fund created by Article 24 of the April 3, 2006 Town Meeting. *[M.Harris] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 16: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 17 Appropriate Money to Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article places funds in the Stabilization Fund, the use of which is unrestricted but requires a 2/3 vote of 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 transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Stabilization Fund. *[P.Dardeno] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

[It was noted that this will bring the balance in the Stabilization Account to approximately \$1,516,000]

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 17: **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 18 Multi-Year Contract Extension –
Hillview Function Hall and Pub Contract**

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract in excess of three (3) years for management and operation of the Hillview Pub and Function Hall, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 30B, section 12; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Hillview Commission

Description...

This action provides additional flexibility to award a contract and renewal in excess of the statutory maximum term provided for in state law.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 18 MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION –
HILLVIEW FUNCTION HALL AND PUB CONTRACT**

I move the Town vote to enter into a 5-year contract and a 5-year extension period for management and operation of the Hillview Pub and Function Hall, in accordance with

the provisions of G.L. Chapter 30B, section 12; as specified in Article 18 as printed in the warrant. *[S.O'Leary]*

[It was noted by Selectman O'Leary that an extended contract would provide more of an incentive for the management company to make improvements that they will be able to benefit from under such a long-term contract.]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 18: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 19 Eminent Domain Taking – New England Power Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise and to accept the deed to the Town of fee simple interest in the parcel of land located off Cold Spring Road containing 86,944 square feet of land, more or less owned by New England Power Company and being a portion of the land shown on Assessors' Map 16, Parcel 2 and all more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Right of Way Easement shown as "Parcel C" and then running

Westerly by land owned by the Town of North Reading (377.66 feet, S 7°16'13"W) to the northeast corner of the Right of Way Easement shown as "Parcel B", thence

Southerly along land owned by New England Power Company and shown as said "Parcel B" (40.00 feet, S39°50'02"W) to a bound, thence

Easterly along land owned by New England Power Company (435.00', S52°36'19"E) to a bound, thence

Easterly along land owned by New England Power Company (140.71 feet, N74°32'17"E) to a bound along the aforementioned "Parcel C", thence

Northerly along land owned by New England Power Company and shown as "Parcel C" (284.70 feet, N15°40'33"W) to the first corner mentioned.

said property to be held under the care, custody, control, and management of the Board of Selectmen, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for said acquisition, to determine whether said sum shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, by whom expended; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would provide for the acquisition of property adjacent to the Town's West Village Water treatment Plant to allow for the future construction of a municipal wastewater treatment plant on this site. A 2/3 vote is required.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 19 EMINENT DOMAIN TAKING –
NEW ENGLAND POWER PROPERTY**

I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise and to accept the deed to the Town of fee simple interest in the parcel of land located off Cold Spring Road containing 86,944 square feet of land, more or less owned by New England Power Company and being a portion of the land shown on Assessors' Map 16, Parcel 2 and all more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Right of Way Easement shown as "Parcel C" and then running

Westerly by land owned by the Town of North Reading (377.66 feet, S 87°16'13"W) to the northeast corner of the Right of Way Easement shown as "Parcel B", thence

Southerly along land owned by New England Power Company an[d] shown as said "Parcel B" (40.00 feet, S39°50'02"W) to a bound, thence

Easterly along land owned by New England Power Company (435.00', S52°36'19"E) to a bound, thence

Easterly along land owned by New England Power Company (140.71 feet, N74°32'17"E) to a bound along the aforementioned "Parcel C", thence

Northerly along land owned by New England Power Company and shown as "Parcel C" (284.70 feet, N15°40'33"W) to the first corner mentioned.

said property to be held under the care, custody, control, and management of the Board of Selectmen, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase. *[R.Mauceri]*
[Requires 2/3 vote]

[It was noted by BOS Chairman Mauceri that this property is intended to be used for the Town's first sewerage treatment plant in conjunction with the development of the Berry property. Under the 40R Berry agreement, the Town will receive 125K gallons per day of wastewater treatment facility and an easement on this property. As part of the purchase and sale, the Town is entitled to \$1.5 ml from the developer; the first \$750K to be paid by Lincoln Properties at the time of the closing, and the funding for the purchase of the eminent domain taking will come from that \$750K when it becomes available. This property is adjacent to the Berry property and ideally suited for the Town's wastewater treatment plant.]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.
Board of Selectmen recommend on a 4-1 vote.
Voice vote under Article 19: **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 20 Conveyance of Parcel of Town Owned Land –
Ashwood Drive**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the altered layout of Ashwood Drive, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Woodland Estates North Reading, Mass.", dated July 17, 1996, prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc., and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1243 of 1996 (the "Plan") and filed with the town Clerk, and to discontinue as

a town way the portion of Ashwood Drive shown as "Parcel A" ("Parcel A") on the Plan; and further to transfer the care, custody, management and control of said Parcel A from the Board of Selectmen for public way purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey Parcel A on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article allows for the transfer of surplus municipal land that was previously part of a subdivision cul-de-sac to an abutter.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Community Planning Commission: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 20 CONVEYANCE OF PARCEL OF TOWN OWNED LAND –
ASHWOOD DRIVE**

I move the Town vote to accept the altered layout of Ashwood Drive and to discontinue as a town way the portion of Ashwood Drive shown as "Parcel A" ("Parcel A") on a plan entitled "Woodland Estates North Reading, Mass."; and further to transfer the care, custody, management and control of said Parcel A from the Board of Selectmen for public way purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey Parcel A on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate. [P.Dardeno]
[Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Community Planning Commission recommends.

Voice vote under Article 20: **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 21 Conveyance of Parcel of Town Owned Land -
Eisenhaure Pond Park (Parcel B)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land owned and acquired by the Town for park purposes pursuant to an Order of Taking recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 44544, Page 223 and shown as "Parcel B" ("Parcel B") on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in North Reading, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of North Reading," dated June 28, 2005, prepared by LeBlanc Survey Associates, Inc. (the "2005 Plan"), a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, to Klaus and Brigitte Kubierschky, the former owners of Parcel B, in consideration of the exchange of land of approximate size and value, described below, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

And to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court, pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to allow the Town, acting by and through its Selectmen, to convey said Parcel B notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, § 16, provided that the General

Court may make any clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill submitted by the Selectmen, and such other amendments to the bill submitted as the Selectmen may approve before enactment by the General Court. And to authorize the Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from Klaus and Brigitte Kubierschky, in consideration of the exchange of Parcel B, a parcel of land shown as "Parcel A" on the 2005 Plan, and to accept the same on behalf of the Town for park purposes; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

Subject to town meeting approval, the town and a private property owner have arranged to exchange land parcels that were originally included in Eisenhaure Park land taking.

Recommendations ..

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 21 CONVEYANCE OF PARCEL OF TOWN OWNED LAND –
EISENHAURE POND PARK (Parcel B)**

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land owned and acquired by the Town for park purposes pursuant to an Order of Taking recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 44544, Page 223 and shown as "Parcel B" ("Parcel B") on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in North Reading, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of North Reading," to Klaus and Brigitte Kubierschky, the former owners of Parcel B, in consideration of the exchange of land of approximate size and value, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

And to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court, pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to allow the Town, acting by and through its Selectmen, to convey said Parcel B notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, § 16, provided that the General Court may make any clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill submitted by the Selectmen, and such other amendments to the bill submitted as the Selectmen may approve before enactment by the General Court.

And to authorize the Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from Klaus and Brigitte Kubierschky, in consideration of the exchange of Parcel B, a parcel of land shown as "Parcel A" on the 2005 Plan, and to accept the same on behalf of the Town for park purposes. [P.Dardeno] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Community Planning Commission recommends.

Voice vote under Article 21: **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 22 Conveyance of Parcel of Town Owned Land –
Eisenhaure Pond Park (Lot B)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land owned and acquired by the Town for park purposes pursuant to an Order of Taking recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 44544, Page 223 and shown as “Lot B” (“Lot B”) on a plan entitled “Plan of Land 32-36 Maple Road North Reading, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of North Reading,” dated April 6, 2006, prepared by LeBlanc Survey Associates, Inc. (the “2006 Plan”), a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, to Todd Ferrazanni, the former owner of Lot B, in consideration of the exchange of land of approximate size and value, described below, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

And to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court, pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to allow the Town, acting by and through its Selectmen, to convey Lot B notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. 30B, § 16, provided that the General Court may make any clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill submitted by the Selectmen, and such other amendments to the bill submitted, as the Selectmen may approve before enactment by the General Court.

And further, to authorize the Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from Todd Ferrazanni, in consideration of the exchange of Lot B, a parcel of land shown as “Lot A” on the 2006 Plan, and to accept the same on behalf of the Town for park purposes; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

Subject to town meeting approval, the town and a private property owner have arranged to exchange land parcels that were originally included in Eisenhaure Park land taking.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

**ARTICLE 22 CONVEYANCE OF TOWN OWNED LAND –
EISENHAURE POND PARK (Lot B)**

I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land owned and acquired by the Town for park purposes pursuant to an Order of Taking recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 44544, Page 223 and shown as “Lot B” (“Lot B”) on a plan entitled “Plan of Land 32-36 Maple Road North Reading, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of North Reading,” to Todd Ferrazanni, the former owner of Lot B, in consideration of the exchange of land of approximate size and value, described below, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

And to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court, pursuant to the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to allow the Town,

acting by and through its Selectmen, to convey Lot B notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. 30B, § 16, provided that the General Court may make any clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill submitted by the Selectmen, and such other amendments to the bill submitted, as the Selectmen may approve before enactment by the General Court.

And further, to authorize the Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from Todd Ferrazanni, in consideration of the exchange of Lot B, a parcel of land shown as "Lot A" on the 2006 Plan, and to accept the same on behalf of the Town for park purposes. *[P.Dardeno] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Community Planning Commission recommends.

Voice vote under Article 22: **UNANIMOUS**

The following articles call for the acceptance as "Town Ways" of new streets in North Reading. It has been the Town's practice to accept ownership of a new street once the standards are met.

Article 23 Street Acceptance – Mentus Farm Lane

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Mentus Farm Lane; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Mentus Farm Lane: From the point of intersection with Haverhill Street at Station 0+00 to station 6+55.42.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Mentus Farm Lane in accordance with the description and plans dated February 8, 2006 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 with in 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 23 STREET ACCEPTANCE – MENTUS FARM LANE

I move to accept the layout of Mentus Farm Lane as specified in Article 23 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]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen, following the public hearing on 9/25/06, unanimously recommends.

Community Planning Commission unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 23: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 24 Street Acceptance – Demetri Lane

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Demetri Lane; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Demetri Lane: From the point of intersection with Haverhill Street
at station 0+00 to station 9+59.30.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Demetri Lane in accordance with the description and plans dated July 10, 2006, 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 24 STREET ACCEPTANCE – DEMETRI LANE

I move to accept the layout of Demetri Lane as specified in Article 24 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]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen, following the public hearing on 9/25/06, unanimously recommends.

Community Planning Commission unanimously recommends.

Voice vote under Article 24: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 25 Citizens Petition – Re-Zone 51 Winter Street

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 to Residence A (RA):

A portion of the property known and numbered on the North Reading Property Maps as 51 Winter Street, North Reading, said property being also known as Parcel 14 on Assessor's Map 24. The land to be re-zoned is shown as "Proposed Lot to be Rezoned Area = 210,508 s.f. 4.83 Acres" on the plan entitled "Land to Be Re-Zoned, October 2006", dated June 19, 2006, and drawn by O'Neill Associates, a reduced version of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition.

On the petition of William J. Berry and others.

Description...

This article would rezone property to the rear of Saint Theresa's Church and bordered by Nichols Street for residential uses.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

Community Planning Commission:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 25 CITIZENS PETITION – RE-ZONE 51 WINTER STREET

I move to amend the 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 to Residence A (RA):

A portion of the property known and numbered on the North Reading Property Maps as 51 Winter Street, North Reading, said property being also known as Parcel 14 on Assessor's Map 24. The land to be re-zoned is shown as "Proposed Lot to be Rezoned Area = 210,508 s.f. 4.83 Acres" on the plan entitled "Land to Be Re-Zoned, October 2006", dated June 19, 2006, and drawn by O'Neill Associates, said plan being on file with the North Reading Town Clerk. *[J.Senior] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Community Planning Commission recommends on a 3-1 vote.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends after hearing CPC recommendation.

Attorney James Senior made a presentation.

CPC member Warren Pearce explained the CPC's recommendation in his oral report. Mr. Pearce stated that the dissenting vote on the CPC felt it was more beneficial to the Town for the property to stay as commercial. The remaining members felt because the parcel is "land-locked" it was highly unlikely to be developed for commercial purposes and is more beneficial to the neighbors to be re-zoned accordingly.

Voice vote under Article 25: **CARRIED by 2/3 MAJORITY** as declared by Moderator.

Article 26 Youth Services Study Committee

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Youth Services Study Committee to investigate options for serving the North Reading youth community and to report its recommendations to the April 2007 town meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides an alternative to creating a municipal youth services department. The article is supported by the Board of Selectmen to conduct a review various options to best serve the North Reading youth community.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 26 YOUTH SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

I move to the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Youth Services Study Committee to investigate options for serving the North Reading youth community and to report its recommendations to the April 2007 town meeting; as specified in Article 26 as printed in the warrant. *[S.O'Leary]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends on a 3-2 vote.

[It was noted that the majority of the Board of Selectmen had many questions regarding how this would be implemented and incorporated as a Town Department, funding, etc. and felt that additional time was needed to review all options. The entire Board unanimously supports the efforts of

NRYSSA but differ in their support of making the Director a Town Employee.]

Kathy Dadeno, and Rita Mullin, both on the NRYSSA Board of Directors, and Selectman P.Dardeno asked Town Meeting to reject this article and support Article 27.

Finance Committee explained that they have many financial-related questions regarding insurance, workers' comp, taxes, etc. and would like to have a budget presented to them by NRYSSA in preparation for the 2007 ATM, and therefore recommend Article 26 at this time.

Mr. Moderator – I move to table Article 26 until after consideration of Article 27. *[G.Hall]*
Voice vote on motion to table Article 26: **CARRIED.**

Article 27 Establish Youth Services Committee

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by establishing a Youth Services Committee and to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding a new Chapter 90 – Youth Services Committee.

90-1 Establishment and Membership

There is hereby established a Youth Services Committee. The Committee shall consist of the existing seven NRYSSA Board members and four members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee shall be appointed for overlapping terms, starting in January, 2007, as follows:

- 4 members for a term of 3 years
- 3 members for a term of 2 years
- 4 members for a term of 1 year
- and thereafter for three year terms as their terms expire

At its organization meeting each year, the Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Youth Services Committee shall be authorized to appoint such non-voting associate members as it deems expedient and necessary. The following boards and committees of the Town shall be encouraged to establish and maintain liaison with the Youth Services Committee:

- Board of Selectmen
- School Committee
- Finance Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Land Utilization Committee
- Hillview Commission
- Board of Health
- Police Department

90-2 Powers and Duties

- A. The Youth Services Committee shall be given the following instructions:
 - 1. To work with existing boards and committees in assessing needs, establishing goals, and developing programs to better serve the entire youth community.
 - 2. To oversee activities of a Youth Services Director who shall be appointed by the Town Administrator.

3. To work with NRYSSA in support of efforts to fund the Youth Services Director position and developing programs through grant writing fundraising efforts.
 4. To work to increase constructive youth involvement in the community.
 5. To present annually to town meeting a report of its activities and budget.
- B. All Boards and committees of the Town shall be encouraged to provide the Youth Services Committee with such reasonable cooperation and assistance as may be within their jurisdiction; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article is sponsored by the Board of Selectmen to correct defective language in the citizens' petition seeking to establish a Youth Services Committee. The proposed language follows the format established in the Town Code.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 27 ESTABLISH YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

I move the Town vote to amend the General By-laws by establishing a Youth Services Committee and to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding a new Chapter 90 – Youth Services Committee; as specified in Article 27 as printed in the warrant. *[P.Dardeno]*

Finance Committee unanimously votes not to recommend.

Board of Selectmen have no recommendation at this time.

Motion to amend (#1): *[M.Hall]*

I would like to amend the motion so that the proposed bylaw,

Section 90-2, Subsection A.2 read:

“To oversee activities of a Youth Services Director who shall be appointed by the Town Administrator and who shall be a Town Employee.”

Joanne Pawlowski,, NRYSSA Board of Directors, reviewed the origin and purpose of the Committee.

Motion to amend (#2): *[J.Veno]*

Mr. Moderator, I move to amend Article 27 by changing 90-2, Powers and Duties, Section A.5 by adding after the word “Budget”:

“No municipal funds shall be used for salaries, benefits or expenses of the Youth Services Director or in supporting activities of the Youth Services Committee.” This amendment was withdrawn by sponsor with no objection and the following amendment was offered:

Motion to amend (#3): *[J.Veno]*

Mr. Moderator, I move to amend Article 27 by changing 90-2, Powers and Duties, Section A.5 by adding after the word “Budget”:

“No municipal funds shall be raised by taxation for salaries, benefits or expenses of the Youth Services Director or in supporting activities of the Youth Services Committee.”

Discussion ensued on amendments #1 and #3.
Motion to terminate debate: **UNANIMOUS**

The Moderator announced that a vote would be taken on Amendment #3 first.
Finance Committee had no recommendation.
Board of Selectmen do not recommend on a 3-2 vote.
Voice vote on Amendment #3 by J.Veno: **LOST**

The Moderator announced that the vote would next be taken on Amendment #1.
Finance Committee had no recommendation.
Board of Selectmen do not recommend on a 3-2 vote.
Hand count on Amendment #1 by M.Hall: YES – 81 NO – 45
Amendment #1 by M.Hall: **CARRIED**.

Hand count on Article 27 as amended: YES – 105 NO – 25
Voice vote on motion under Article 27 as amended by Amendment #1 by M.Hall:
CARRIED

ARTICLE 26 YOUTH SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

I move to pass over Article 26. [S.O'Leary]
Finance Committee recommends.
Voice vote on motion to pass over Article 26: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 28 Citizens Petition – Establish Youth Services Committee

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by establishing a Youth Services Committee. This Committee shall consist of eleven citizens, four of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee will consist of the existing seven NRYSSA Board members and four members appointed by the Town Administrator. The Committee will be appointed for overlapping terms, starting in January, 2007, as follows:

4 members for a term of 3 years
3 members for a term of 2 years
4 members for a term of 1 year
and thereafter for three year terms as their terms expire

At its organization meeting each year, the Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Youth Services Committee shall be authorized to appoint such non-voting associate members as it deems expedient and necessary. The following boards and committees of the Town shall be encouraged to establish and maintain liaison with the Youth Services Committee

Board of Selectmen
School Committee
Finance Committee
Recreation Committee
Land Utilization Committee
Hillview Commission
Board of Health
Police Department

The Youth Services Committee shall be given the following instructions:

1. To work with existing boards and committees in assessing needs, establishing goals, and developing programs to better serve the entire youth community.
2. To work with NRYSSA in support of efforts to fund the Youth Services Director position and developing programs through grant writing fundraising efforts.
3. To work to increase constructive youth involvement in the community.
4. To present annually a report of its activities to the Town, either independently or in collaboration with other boards or committees.

All Boards and committees of the Town shall be encouraged to provide the Youth Services Committee with such reasonable cooperation and assistance as may be within their jurisdiction; or what it will do in relation thereto.

On the petition of Mark G. Hall and others.

Description...

This article establishes a Youth Services Committee as a town committee. The proposed provides for the manner for selecting Youth Services Committee members, and their primary responsibilities.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Not Recommended

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28

CITIZENS PETITION-

ESTABLISH YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

I make a motion to pass over Article 28. *[M.Hall]*

Voice vote on the motion to pass over Article 28: **UNANIMOUS**

Article 29

Citizens Petition -

Youth Services Revolving Fund (Ch. 44, Sec. 53E 1/2)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Youth Services Revolving Fund for the purpose of which receipts in connection with department salaries and/or programs will be deposited for use by the Youth Services Committee for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Youth Services Department's salaries and/or programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Youth Services Committee a sum not to exceed a certain amount; or what it will do in relation thereto.

On the petition of Mark G. Hall and others.

Description...

This article establishes a Revolving Fund that permits funds received by the Youth Services Department to be expended without further action of town meeting to support programs established by the Youth Services Committee.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 29 CITIZENS PETITION –
 YOUTH SERVICES REVOLVING FUND (Ch. 44, Sec. 53E 1/2)**

I move that the Town authorize pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the Youth Services Revolving Fund for the purpose of which receipts in connection with department programs will be deposited for use by the Youth Services Committee for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Youth Services Department salaries, employment benefits, and/or programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Youth Services Committee, and to set a maximum expenditure for Fiscal 2007 at \$80,000. *[J.Pawlowski]*

Board of Selectmen recommends by a 4-1 vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Voice vote under Article 29: **CARRIED**

**Article 30 Citizens Petition –
 Youth Services Grants and Gifts Fund (Chapter 53A)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 53A, Grants and Gifts, the Youth Services Revolving Fund for the purpose of which receipts of grants and gifts including interest in connection with department salaries and/or programs will be deposited for use by the Youth Services Committee for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Youth Services Department's salaries and/or programs, and further to authorize the expenditure of such funds to be expended at the discretion of the Youth Services Committee a sum not to exceed a certain amount; or what it will do in relation thereto.

On the petition of Mark G. Hall and others.

Description...

This article establishes a grants and gifts fund for the Youth Services Department and permits the Youth Services Committee to approve expenditures without further action of the Board of Selectmen or town meeting.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee:

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 30 CITIZENS PETITION
 YOUTH SERVICES GRANTS AND GIFTS FUND (Chapter 53A)**

I move to pass over Article 30. *[R.Mauceri]*

[It was stated that the Board already has the authority to exercise this option, and therefore this article was not necessary.]

Voice vote under Article 30: **UNANIMOUS**

**Article 31 Citizens Petition –
 Close the “Temporary” Dog Park, at Park Street**

We the undersigned parties ask voters to permanently close the off-leash, North Reading Dog Park and tear down the illegally constructed fence which divides the park in half.

This off-leash dog park was created by a small Private group of dog owners who erected a fence dividing the Park Street playground in half. This fence was erected without obtaining a building permit, or making any public attempt to include abutters' participation in the process. The Dog Park was officially deemed by the Parks & Recreation Departments as “experimental and temporary.”

The park has become a Public Nuisance. Often large numbers of dogs gather at the site – sometimes 30 or more. There is constant barking and loose dogs escaping onto abutters' property. These dogs are scaring our small children. These children have lost their neighborhood park!

"For profit" internet Web Sites advertise this park Statewide, proclaiming, "Dogs of all ages are welcome." (@ecoanimal.com Dog Fun Directory) None of the surrounding Towns – Andover, Lynnfield, Middleton, North Andover, Wilmington or Reading – have an off-leash Dog Park.

Residents from other towns come to North Reading to use our Dog Park as their own, leaving their messes behind. This tiny Park Street Park has become a Regional Dog Park, thereby denying a normal use of this Park to local residents.

Playground abutters are asking voters to Please vote to return our Park back to our children!

On the petition of Douglas Glendon and others.

Description...

This article proposes to close the Dog Park located on Chestnut Street on the grounds that it is continued use adversely impacts neighboring residences.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Not recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

**ARTICLE 31 CITIZENS PETITION –
CLOSE THE "TEMPORARY" DOG PARK AT PARK STREET**

I move to accept as written. *[D.Glendon]*

Amendment to original motion: As sponsor of Article #31, I request that the following stipulation be added to this Article:

"The official date for closure of the Dog Park at Park Street park be amended to read October 16, 2007." *[D.Glendon]*

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Board of Selectmen recommend amendment by a 3-2 vote.

Board of Selectmen is unanimously opposed to the main motion.

Move the question. *[No objection stated]*

Voice vote on the amendment to close the park in one year: **CARRIED**

On the main motion as amended, a request for a paper ballot was called. The Moderator stated that under the provisions of Section 172.13.C. of the Code of North Reading, twenty-five (25) voters must stand to call for the paper ballot. The Moderator counted only 16 people standing; therefore the request for a paper ballot failed.

Hand count under Article 31 as amended:

YES — 55

NO – 64

Motion under Article 31: **LOST.**

Mr. Moderator – I move to adjourn this meeting sine die. *[R.Mauceri]* **CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

There were 215 voters present.

Checkers for the evening were: Norma Stiles, Shirley Hoyt, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Barnard, Dot Hartery, Anne Casey, Edith Graham, Rose Vitale, John Davis and Ed Stiles. Administrative Assistant Carol Ducrow and Gayle Regan assisted with check-in procedures. Cable services were provided by Seth Albaum and Luke Richards; facilities services were provided by Julie Spurr-Knight.

A True Record. ATTEST:
Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2006 STATE ELECTION**

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 the State Election 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 SEVENTH DAY of NOVEMBER, 2006** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR /
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTH DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR FIFTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN
GENERAL COURT 20TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORTHERN DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS MIDDLESEX COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

QUESTION 1: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a retail vendor, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell.

The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000).

No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.

A YES VOTE would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing authorities to issue such licenses.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.

The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political party during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name, the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and the total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for that office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

QUESTION 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services,

an exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the President and Congress of the United States to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all United States military forces home from Iraq?

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 16TH day of **OCTOBER, 2006:**

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman	/s/ Stephen J. O'Leary, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Joseph R. Veno	/s/ Philip R. Dardeno
/s/ Michael R. Harris	
SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING	

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

ATTEST: <u>/s/ John J. Firriello</u>	Dated: <u>October 16, 2006</u>
Constable – John J. Firriello	

CONSTABLE'S 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 **STATE ELECTION**, to vote on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**, by posting the Warrant in the following 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 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/ John J. Firriello
John J. Firriello, Constable

Date: October 18, 2006

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

“As amended on November 20, 2006 per the Board of Registrars”
Includes (1) Provisional Ballot & (1) Overseas Ballot

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	45	43	55	64	207
Edward M. Kennedy (D)	933	844	800	948	3525
Kenneth G. Chase (R)	740	548	570	619	2477
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

GOVERNOR / LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	15	8	12	14	49
Healey / Hillman (R)	865	667	697	766	2995
Patrick / Murray (D)	677	630	575	693	2575
Mihos / Sullivan (I)	134	100	119	121	474
Ross / Robinson (G-R)	26	27	21	33	107
Write-Ins	2	3	1	5	11
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

ATTORNEY GENERAL

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	64	54	47	65	230
Martha Coakley (D)	1053	928	909	1072	3962
Larry Frisoli (R)	602	452	469	494	2017
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

SECRETARY OF STATE

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	221	164	156	206	747
William Francis Galvin (D)	1228	1062	1036	1198	4524
Jill E. Stein (G-R)	270	206	232	226	934
Write-Ins	0	3	1	2	6
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

TREASURER

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	236	182	190	224	832
Timothy P. Cahill (D)	1231	1060	1032	1177	4500
James O'Keefe (G-R)	252	188	202	230	872
Write-Ins	0	5	1	1	7
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AUDITOR					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	262	186	197	223	868
A. Joseph DeNucci (D)	1158	1003	973	1145	4279
Rand Wilson (WF)	299	245	255	264	1063
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	106	91	83	108	388
John F. Tierney (D)	1000	909	864	1026	3799
Richard W. Barton (R)	613	435	478	498	2024
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

COUNCILLOR

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	295	221	245	269	1030
Mary-Ellen Manning (D)	776	716	695	827	3014
Timothy P. Houten (I)	647	497	485	536	2165
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	389	348	349	399	1485
Bruce E. Tarr (R)	1323	1084	1072	1230	4709
Write-Ins	7	3	4	3	17
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	267	261	243	258	1029
Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)	1445	1169	1178	1367	5159
Write-Ins	7	5	4	7	23
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	568	431	467	518	1984
Gerard T. Leone, Jr. (D)	1147	1002	956	1109	4214
Write-Ins	4	2	2	5	13
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

CLERK OF COURTS

<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	545	422	459	506	1932
Michael A. Sullivan (D)	1170	1010	961	1124	4265
Write-Ins	4	3	5	2	14
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211
Proof					6211

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REGISTER OF DEEDS					
<i>Vote for One</i>					
Blanks	626	491	499	538	2154
Eugene C. Brune (D)	1090	942	923	1091	4046
Write-Ins	3	2	3	3	11
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

QUESTION 1

Sale of Wine by Food Stores					
Blanks	65	67	42	50	224
Yes	807	624	617	775	2823
No	847	744	766	807	3164
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

QUESTION 2

Nomination of Candidates					
Blanks	173	102	98	135	508
Yes	470	403	376	482	1731
No	1076	930	951	1015	3972
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

QUESTION 3

Family Child Care Providers					
Blanks	167	113	114	142	536
Yes	622	545	504	629	2300
No	930	777	807	861	3375
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

QUESTION 4 (Non-Binding)

Bring Our Troops Home					
Blanks	225	136	123	173	657
Yes	744	714	688	806	2952
No	750	585	614	653	2602
TOTALS	1719	1435	1425	1632	6211

VOTER ENROLLMENT: 9,634

VOTER PARTICIPATION: 64.4%

A True Record. ATTEST:
Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
DECEMBER 5, 2006**

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 **FIFTH** day of **DECEMBER, 2006** 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 purchase of modular classrooms including design specifications, installation, furnishing and equipping for the Middle School, and all costs incidental and related thereto?

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 **NOVEMBER, 2006**.

/s/ Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman

/s/ Stephen J. O'Leary, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Joseph R. Veno

/s/ Philip R. Dardeno

/s/ Michael R. Harris

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. Firriello
Constable – John J. Firriello

Dated: November 20, 2006

CONSTABLE'S 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 15 days before the **SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**, to vote on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006**, by posting the Warrant in the following 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 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/ John J. Firriello
John J. Firriello, Constable

Date: November 21, 2006

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
DECEMBER 5, 2006
MIDDLE SCHOOL MODULARS**

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 purchase of modular classrooms including design specifications, installation, furnishing and equipping for the Middle School, and all costs incidental and related thereto?"

	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Prec 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
YES	131	99	118	125	473
NO	103	85	75	109	372
TOTALS	234	184	193	234	845

VOTER ENROLLMENT: 9,657

VOTER PARTICIPATION: 8.75%

A True Record. ATTEST:
Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
VITAL STATISTICS AND LICENSES ISSUED
January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006**

Vital Statistics for 2006:

Births	140
Marriages	43
Deaths	109

Number of Dogs Licensed To Date: 485

Number of Passport Applications Processed: ... 367

Business Certificates Issued:

New Certificates	30
Renewals	28

Licenses Issued for Division of Fisheries & Wildlife:

Fishing License	97
(Free Fishing – included above – 19)	
Hunting & Sporting License	64
(Free H & S – included above – 19)	
Water Fowl Stamps	4
Archery Stamps	31
Primitive Firearms Stamps	17

Public Welfare

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The mission of the Department of Veterans Services is designed to advocate for the veteran community of North Reading by making available state and federal veterans agency resources in response to community veterans requests for assistance. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services and the federal Department of Veterans Affairs constitute the main sources for the acquisition of benefits and services for veterans dependents and survivors consistent with respective eligibility standards. Information, counsel, claim submission and the appeal process were afforded to facilitate the receipt of state and federal benefits and services.

The state sponsored veterans benefits program of public assistance, mandated by Chapter 115, Mass. General Laws, is administered by the Mass. Department of Veterans Services and implemented locally by this office. Entitlement and need assessment are determined through interviews with clients for the provision of veterans emergency, transitional and longer term requirements consistent with 108 Commonwealth of Mass. Regulations. Funding was provided by town appropriations in concert with the state which issues reimbursement of 75% for authorized expenses.

Obligations for the foregoing necessitated a supplement this year to our budget of \$34,000 in order to address extraordinary and unpredictable requirements for public assistance. Correlating the focal point of basic need and resource availability is providential and occasionally frustrating. Cost mitigation strategies are employed to reduce program liabilities. Client transfer to alternative support programs is utilized when feasible such as Social Security Disability, Supplementary Security Income, Unemployment Compensation, Mass Health, VA compensation and pensions and the Division of Employment and Training for counseling preparatory to employment. An annuity program initiated by the Mass Dept. of Veterans Services for 100% disabled veterans and Gold Star parents and wives of veterans killed in action resulted in receipt of \$52,000 for (26) North Reading annuitants. Recent advances in the state veterans agenda through the Mass legislative process, such as the Peace Time Veterans bill, Welcome Home bill and enhanced medical and fuel allowances by Mass. Veterans Services budgets have increased office traffic and in some cases have imposed supplemental costs adversely impacting budgetary allocations. The Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs is very supportive of veterans causes.

The acquisition of federal veterans benefits was accomplished through the Veterans Administration regional office in Boston and with various other VA facilities. Service delivery for federal and medical assistance was effected through initiatives in counseling, assistance in claims development and coordination with the respective VA departments. Efforts in pursuit of federal claims generally achieved significant results. Awards developed through the year accounted

for a percentage of \$2,863,540 in federal funds dispersed directly to North Reading claimants generally for veterans and dependants pensions, disability and indemnity compensation, education, grants, insurance and death benefit entitlement. Prescription services provided through the VA have been heavily utilized particularly by elder veterans in view of the minimal cost of \$8 per prescription.

Service for the veteran community is available by office visit, phone, e-mail and website on a daily basis for responding to veterans and dependents inquiries and concerns with respect to local, state and federal benefits or peripheral issues. The spectrum of services to the community comprised 95 cases processed or investigated for claims and general services including pensions, prescriptions, disability compensation, homeless, burials, discharges, active duty, license plates, grave markers, tax exemptions, healthcare, nursing homes, rehabilitative services, dependent indemnity compensation, education, referrals, annuities, awards and decorations and service discharge bonuses.

The support of all town departments with whom we interact is acknowledged and appreciated.

A special expression of thanks is extended to Maureen Stevens, administrative assistant to this department for her dedication to a successful agenda for services to the veteran community. Maureen is enthusiastic and attentive to her responsibilities. She commands a comprehensive knowledge of the veteran service equation and demonstrates a facility in client problem resolution. Her interpersonal skills are a valuable asset in dealing with the human affairs interface. Maureen is an outstanding administrative assistant and a valuable asset to this office.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy J. Callahan
Director of Veterans Services

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Veterans Memorial Committee of North Reading held meetings on September 20 and October 11, 2006 for the purpose of conducting committee business and for organizing a commemorative service for all veterans on November 11, 2006. This is a traditional program for recognition and appreciation perpetuated through the years for honoring veterans who made the commitment for serving their country. Plans were developed and coordinated with representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Reading Militia, North Reading Selectmen and Olde Reading Battery. The planning agenda comprised issues relating to program format and assignment of specific tasks for committee members. Contacts were required for the availability of a North Reading Selectman, guest speaker, clergyman, North Reading High School

Band, Troop 750 Boy Scouts, National Guard, State Legislators and official guests. Ancillary details included site preparation, bell ringer, publicity, ceremonial program, flags, decorative wreaths, sound system, military vehicle static display, procurement of donuts, coffee and soda and availability and staffing of the senior center and miscellaneous support services. Plans for revitalizing the bronze on two town common memorials were discussed and approved.

The Veterans Day observance was a cooperative project by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Reading Minutemen, Veterans Memorial Committee and the Department of Veterans Services. VFW Commander, James E. MacLauchlan, Post 10874, performed as Master of Ceremonies, Selectman Chairman Robert J. Maurceri read the Veterans Day Proclamation, Reverend Kristen Mineau, Trinity Evangelical Church, gave the Invocation and Benediction, guest speaker Donald Tabbut, President, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association presented an inciteful and stirring description of the Pearl Harbor attack as witnessed. The North Reading High School Band, under the direction of Eric Foreman, entertained with an appropriate medley of patriotic selections and renditions of the National Anthem and Taps, Local Boy Scout Troop #750 led by Scoutmaster Jeff Anderson, presented the colors. Musket volleys and cannonading were respectively performed by the North Reading Minutemen and Charlie Peacock of the Olde Reading Battery. John Watson rang the bells to initiate the observance. The Mass. National Guard provided a static display of military vehicles that enhanced the memorial venue. The weather accommodated with a pleasant and warm day for November.

From a personal perspective, the affair was successful in honoring veterans on their special day. I am grateful and appreciative of all participants who contributed their time and effort to produce this successful event. An expression of thanks is directed to the Department of Public Works for cleaning the memorial and preparing the memorial site for the Veterans Day observance.

Many of the Veterans Day ceremony personnel and members of the assemblage participated in a social gathering in the senior center for a collation at the conclusion of this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy J. Callahan
Director of Veterans Services

Financial Reports

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors Report for Fiscal 06 is as follows:

The FY06 Total Real Estate Valuation:	\$2,676,617,824.00
Personal Property Valuation:	20,775,890.00
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			
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:	102	Amount	\$47,731.59
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed as of 1/1/06	\$16,329.00
Assessed Valuation as of 1/1/06	\$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	\$44,883,406.63
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$17,918,781.00
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$26,964,647.63

Appellate Tax Board: 2

Respectfully submitted,

Paula M. Dumont
Assessor Manager

TOWN TREASURER

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form were as follows:

Balance 6/30/2005	\$20,469,456.37
Balance 6/30/2006	\$18,174,410.45

FUNDED DEBT

Outstanding Long Term 7/1/2005	\$16,864,318.00
Bond Paid in FY 06	\$ 2,161,597.00
New Bonds FY 06	\$13,115,000.00
Outstanding Short Term 7/1/2005	\$19,223,000.00
New BANS FY06	\$19,171,000.00
BANS Paid in FY06	\$19,223,000.00
All Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2006	\$46,988,721.00

DEBT ACCOUNT

Buildings	\$ 6,369,425.00
Departmental Equipment	\$ 908,500.00
School Buildings	\$25,303,720.00
School Other	\$ 2,711,525.00
General	\$ 8,420,410.00
Water	\$ 3,275,141.00
Total	\$46,988,721.00

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Craveiro,
Town Treasurer

TOWN COLLECTOR

Outstanding Balances June 30, 2006:

Levy of 2003

Motor Vehicle	\$	7,938.00
Personal Property	\$	3,001.15

Levy of 2004

Real Estate	\$	44.73
Motor Vehicle	\$	12,275.81
Personal Property	\$	4,616.66

Levy of 2005

Real Estate	\$	3,703.09
Motor Vehicle	\$	32,432.41
Personal Property	\$	2,946.34

Levy of 2006

Real Estate	\$	385,780.37
Motor Vehicle	\$	102,814.22
Personal Property	\$	3,835.70

Levy of 2007

Real Estate (bills mailed on June 28, 2006)	\$	13,492,908.72
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FY 2006 TOWN OF NORTH READING TRUST FUND ANALYSIS

Account Number	Account Description	7/01 /05 Balance	Receipts	Requests	Disbursements	Transfers +/-	6/30 /06 Balance	Non-Expendable	Available
633	Cultural Council Scholarship	4,545.67	123.81		-250.00	2,611.35	7,030.83	1,789.00	5,241.83
640	Harmony Vale	7,320.17	197.23				7,517.40	1,000.00	6,517.40
641	Luther G. Howard	5,973.61	160.94				6,134.55	500.00	5,634.55
642	Park Street Cemetery	1,985.90	53.50				2,039.40	300.00	1,739.40
643	Perpetual Care	626,746.49	16,782.50			-43,600.00	599,928.99	436,823.00	163,105.99
647	Conservation	93,520.23	2,519.83				96,040.06	25,000.00	71,040.06
634	Flint Memorial Library	8,000.87	215.57				8,216.44	3,150.00	5,066.44
636	Thomas Stafford	2,705.60	72.91				2,778.51	1,000.00	1,778.51
637	Library Piano Trust	4,623.68	124.58				4,748.26	2,715.00	2,033.26
629	Flint Memorial Hall	30,446.21	820.34				31,266.55	6,000.00	25,266.55
631	Walter S. Flint	46,493.71	1,132.80		-9,712.96		37,913.55	10,000.00	27,913.55
632	Alice G. Wilson	4,344.75	117.06				4,461.81	500.00	3,961.81
635	Elliot Flint	27,510.18	741.23				28,251.41	5,000.00	23,251.41
638	Ebenezer Damon	13,670.83	368.36				14,039.19	5,000.00	9,039.19
639	Anne U. Abbott	4,810.67	129.60				4,940.27	1,000.00	3,940.27
644	150th Anniversary	421.90	11.37				433.27	125.00	308.27
645	Tri-Centennial								
	American Revolution	364.58	9.83				374.41	100.00	274.41
648	James & Barbara Alyward	11,996.12	320.50		-500.00		11,816.62	10,000.00	1,816.62
656	Veterans Memorial Scholarship	16,058.11	432.68				16,490.79	0.00	16,490.79
674	Richard K. Smith Scholarship	5,580.11	149.81		-250.00		5,479.92	3,750.00	1,729.92
630	Edith F. Holt Scholarship	3,711.82	98.90		-200.00		3,610.72	3,000.00	610.72
633	West Village Club Scholarship	4,925.68	132.72				5,058.40	1,780.64	3,277.76
650	James Greg Hannon	10,167.60	273.96				10,441.56	10,000.00	441.56
652	Richard Murphy Scholarship	4,794.82	129.19				4,924.01	3,000.00	1,924.01
654	James Stewart Scholarship	4,314.09	116.24				4,430.33	610.00	3,820.33
655	Michael J. Mitton Scholarship	22,834.02	1,064.04			19,115.58	43,013.64	25,440.00	17,573.64
686	Barraso Fund	118,242.62	3,150.22		-2,000.00		119,392.84	1,000.00	118,392.84
800	The Fitzgerald Prize	19,628.81	528.88				20,157.69	15,000.00	5,157.69
280	Eleanor Frazier Memorial		20.24				771.89	675.00	96.89
245	Eric Nelson	751.65							
	Memorial Scholarship	6,554.93	179.27	1,000.00			7,734.20	6,264.91	1,469.29
646	Stabilization	1,338,198.64	37,103.83			90,771.00	1,466,073.47	0.00	1,466,073.47
	TOTAL	2,451,244.07	67,281.94	1,000.00	-12,912.96	68,897.93	2,575,510.98	580,522.55	1,994,988.43

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The following pages are the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Town of North Reading for the Fiscal Year 2006. The statements and accompanying notes were prepared by Guisti, 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 as 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. Fixed costs such as health insurance and debt service demand a larger share of this revenue each year. The Town is faced with difficulty, funding not only the operating budget, but major capital projects. 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, 2006

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current:			
Cash/Investments	\$ 16,823,568	\$ 1,112,385	\$ 17,935,953
Petty Cash	585	-	585
Accounts Receivable:			
Property Taxes	373,408	-	373,408
Tax Liens	429,078	5,691	434,769
Excises	179,811	-	179,811
User Charges	376,557	201,760	578,317
Liens	5,514	11,666	17,180
Intergovernmental	1,279,355	-	1,279,355
Noncurrent:			
Accounts Receivable:			
Intergovernmental	8,324,454	-	8,324,454
Deferred Property Taxes	70,504	-	70,504
Deferred Special Assessments	74,152	-	74,152
Capital Assets:			
Assets Not Being Depreciated	33,954,933	4,311,766	38,266,699
Assets Being Depreciated, Net	18,664,397	12,016,129	30,680,526
Total Assets	80,556,316	17,659,397	98,215,713
Liabilities			
Current:			
Warrants Payable	1,651,468	136,052	1,787,520
Accounts Payable	-	189,298	189,298
Accrued Salaries Payable	1,353,127	-	1,353,127
Employees' Withholding Payable	220,922	-	220,922
Due to Individuals	(29,431)	-	(29,431)
Due to Other Governments	3,003	-	3,003
Unclaimed Checks	51,324	-	51,324
Guarantee Deposits	287,194	39,666	326,860
Accrued Interest Payable	183,762	50,470	234,232
Other Liabilities	695,574	-	695,574
Bonds Payable	2,062,978	983,280	3,046,258
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	18,371,000	800,000	19,171,000

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities	Business - Type Activities	Total
Noncurrent:			
Bonds Payable	19,307,043	5,442,874	24,749,917
Other	200,000	-	200,000
Compensated Absences	3,778,825	110,517	3,889,342
Total Liabilities	48,136,789	7,752,157	55,888,946
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	26,479,969	9,704,454	36,184,423
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	86,466	-	86,466
Special Revenue	2,368,572	-	2,368,572
Perpetual Funds:			
Expendable	189,533	-	189,533
Nonexpendable	566,552	-	566,552
Unrestricted	2,728,435	202,786	2,931,221
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 32,419,527</u>	<u>\$ 9,907,240</u>	<u>\$ 42,326,767</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
	Charges for	Operating	Capital		Business -		
Expenses	Services	Grants and	Grants and		Governmental	Type	Total
		Contributions	Contributions		Activities	Activities	
Primary Government:							
<i>Governmental Activities:</i>							
General Government	\$ 2,498,907	\$ 502,608	\$ 218,862	\$ -	\$ (1,777,437)	\$ -	\$ (1,777,437)
Public Safety	5,696,731	913,962	233,301	-	(4,549,468)	-	(4,549,468)
Education	25,792,818	1,522,198	8,551,447	4,802,649	(10,916,524)	-	(10,916,524)
Highways and Public Works	4,653,709	1,733,273	365,341	-	(2,555,095)	-	(2,555,095)
Human Services	464,686	19,288	51,188	-	(394,210)	-	(394,210)
Culture and Recreation	1,005,750	237,108	96,112	-	(672,530)	-	(672,530)
Fringe Benefits and Insurance	5,779,951	-	-	-	(5,779,951)	-	(5,779,951)
Interest on Debt Service	1,122,016	-	-	-	(1,122,016)	-	(1,122,016)
Total Governmental Activities	47,014,568	4,928,437	9,516,251	4,802,649	(27,767,231)	-	(27,767,231)
<i>Business-Type Activities:</i>							
Golf	1,833,802	1,536,975	31,730	-	-	(265,097)	(265,097)
Water Services	3,032,317	2,851,935	17,353	-	-	(163,029)	(163,029)
Total Business-Type Activities	4,866,119	4,388,910	49,083	-	-	(428,126)	(428,126)
Total Primary Government	\$ 51,880,687	\$ 9,317,347	\$ 9,565,334	\$ 4,802,649	(27,767,231)	(428,126)	(28,195,357)
<i>General Revenues:</i>							
Property Taxes					26,743,520	-	26,743,520
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise Taxes					2,281,495	-	2,281,495
Penalties and Interest on Taxes					144,375	-	144,375
Other Taxes, Assessments and in Lieu of Payments					320,782	-	320,782
Intergovernmental					2,071,185	-	2,071,185
Interest and Investment Income					313,313	-	313,313
Other Revenue					2,430	-	2,430
Contributions to Permanent Funds					11,500	-	11,500
<i>Special Items:</i>							
Premium on Sale of Debt					128,953	-	128,953
Net Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets					12,675	-	12,675
Transfers, Net					339,498	(339,498)	-
Total General Revenues, Special Items and Transfers							
					32,369,726	(339,498)	32,030,228
Change in Net Assets					4,602,495	(767,624)	3,834,871
Net Assets:							
Beginning of the Year					27,761,364	10,668,076	38,429,440
Prior Period Adjustment					55,668	6,788	62,456
Adjusted Beginning of the Year					27,817,032	10,674,864	38,491,896
End of the Year					\$ 32,419,527	\$ 9,907,240	\$ 42,326,767

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2006

	General	Batchelder School Capital Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash/Investments	\$ 4,941,884	\$ 4,458,014	\$ 7,423,670	\$ 16,823,568
Petty Cash	585	-	-	585
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	373,408	-	-	373,408
Tax Liens	429,078	-	-	429,078
Excises	179,811	-	-	179,811
User Charges	33,954	-	342,603	376,557
Deferred Property Taxes	70,504	-	-	70,504
Other Liens	5,514	-	-	5,514
Intergovernmental	8,577,225	-	1,026,584	9,603,809
Special Assessments	-	-	74,152	74,152
Tax Foreclosures	277,776	-	-	277,776
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,889,739</u>	<u>\$ 4,458,014</u>	<u>\$ 8,867,009</u>	<u>\$ 28,214,762</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	\$ 638,816	\$ 532,973	\$ 479,679	\$ 1,651,468
Accrued Salaries Payable	1,353,127	-	-	1,353,127
Employees' Withholding Payable	220,922	-	-	220,922
Due to Individuals	(29,431)	-	-	(29,431)
Due to Other Governments	3,003	-	-	3,003
Unclaimed Checks	51,324	-	-	51,324
Guarantee Deposits	287,194	-	-	287,194
Other Liabilities	-	-	695,574	695,574
Bonds Anticipation Notes Payable	-	12,916,000	5,455,000	18,371,000
Deferred Revenue:				
Property Taxes	325,120	-	-	325,120
Taxes and User Charges Paid in Advance	29,671	-	-	29,671
Deferred Property Taxes	70,504	-	-	70,504
Liens	434,592	-	-	434,592
Excises	28,968	-	-	28,968
Special Assessments	-	-	74,152	74,152
Tax Foreclosures	277,776	-	-	277,776
User Charges	33,954	-	342,603	376,557
Intergovernmental	8,577,225	-	1,012,038	9,589,263
Total Liabilities	<u>12,302,765</u>	<u>13,448,973</u>	<u>8,059,046</u>	<u>33,810,784</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2006

	<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	417,098	-	-	417,098
Reserved For Excluded Debt Premium	-	-	86,466	86,466
Reserved for Perpetual Permanent Funds	-	-	566,552	566,552
Unreserved:				
Designated for:				
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	105,398	-	458,872	564,270
Appropriation Deficits	(207,155)	-	-	(207,155)
Undesignated, Reported in:				
General Fund	2,271,633	-	-	2,271,633
Special Revenue Fund	-	-	4,031,790	4,031,790
Capital Projects Fund	-	(8,990,959)	(4,525,250)	(13,516,209)
Permanent Fund	-	-	189,533	189,533
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,586,974</u>	<u>(8,990,959)</u>	<u>807,963</u>	<u>(5,596,022)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 14,889,739</u>	<u>\$ 4,458,014</u>	<u>\$ 8,867,009</u>	<u>\$ 28,214,762</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	General	Batchelder School Capital Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 26,706,808	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,706,808
Tax Liens	99,745	-	-	99,745
Excises	2,190,898	-	-	2,190,898
Penalties and Interest	144,376	-	-	144,376
Licenses and Permits	651,122	-	-	651,122
Fees and Other Departmental	215,626	-	-	215,626
Intergovernmental	10,304,393	-	1,932,608	12,237,001
Charges for Services	755,295	-	2,218,142	2,973,437
Fines and Forfeits	16,995	-	-	16,995
Earnings on Investments	276,210	-	85,907	362,117
In Lieu of Taxes	320,782	-	-	320,782
Contributions	-	-	318,801	318,801
Miscellaneous	949,610	-	262,774	1,212,384
Total Revenues	<u>42,631,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,818,232</u>	<u>47,450,092</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
General Government	2,057,703	-	4,237,122	6,294,825
Public Safety	5,324,049	-	2,206,039	7,530,088
Education	22,421,380	9,272,866	3,265,088	34,959,334
Intergovernmental	113,485	-	-	113,485
Highways and Public Works	3,009,232	-	1,547,515	4,556,747
Human Services	436,027	-	20,914	456,941
Culture and Recreation	566,378	-	329,037	895,415
Employee Benefits and Insurance	5,779,951	-	-	5,779,951
Debt Service	2,413,780	-	-	2,413,780
Total Expenditures	<u>42,121,985</u>	<u>9,272,866</u>	<u>11,605,715</u>	<u>63,000,566</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>509,875</u>	<u>(9,272,866)</u>	<u>(6,787,483)</u>	<u>(15,550,474)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Operating Transfers In	939,512	-	488,475	1,427,987
Operating Transfers (Out)	(488,475)	-	(729,512)	(1,217,987)
Proceeds from Bonds	-	6,446,025	4,475,000	10,921,025
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>451,037</u>	<u>6,446,025</u>	<u>4,233,963</u>	<u>11,131,025</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>General</u>	<u>Batchelder School Capital Project</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>960,912</u>	<u>(2,826,841)</u>	<u>(2,553,520)</u>	<u>(4,419,449)</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning	1,626,062	(6,164,118)	3,365,068	(1,172,988)
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,585)</u>	<u>(3,585)</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning as Restated	<u>1,626,062</u>	<u>(6,164,118)</u>	<u>3,361,483</u>	<u>(1,176,573)</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 2,586,974</u>	<u>\$ (8,990,959)</u>	<u>\$ 807,963</u>	<u>\$ (5,596,022)</u>

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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, 2006

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ (5,596,022)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	52,619,330
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	10,928,827
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds	
Bonds Payable	(21,370,021)
Other	(200,000)
Accrued Interest on Bonds	(183,762)
Compensated Absences	(3,778,825)
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Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 32,419,527</u></u>

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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, 2006

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (4,419,449)
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 capital outlays and the contribution of assets exceeded depreciation in the current period.	14,478,767
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.	11,675
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.	3,815,798
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.	(9,533,738)
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.	(95,523)
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.	344,965
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,602,495</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2006

	Business-Type Activities	
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Golf</u>
Assets		
Current:		
Cash and Cash Investments	\$ 381,304	\$ 731,081
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles:		
User Charges	201,760	-
Tax Liens	5,691	-
Liens	11,666	-
Noncurrent:		
Assets Not Being Depreciated	477,376	3,834,390
Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>9,393,022</u>	<u>2,623,107</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,470,819</u>	<u>7,188,578</u>
Liabilities		
Current:		
Warrants Payable	23,680	112,372
Accounts Payable	189,298	-
Guarantee Deposits	-	39,666
Accrued Interest Payable	30,552	19,918
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	150,000	650,000
Bonds Payable	447,115	536,165
Noncurrent:		
Bonds Payable	3,003,556	2,439,318
Compensated Absences	<u>107,653</u>	<u>2,864</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,951,854</u>	<u>3,800,303</u>
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	6,397,068	3,307,386
Unrestricted	<u>121,897</u>	<u>80,889</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$6,518,965</u>	<u>\$3,388,275</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Proprietary Funds
For The Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	<u>Water</u>	<u>Golf</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 2,851,935	\$1,381,658
Departmental	-	155,317
Gifts	-	19,083
Total Operating Revenues	<u>2,851,935</u>	<u>1,556,058</u>
Operating Expenditures:		
Personal Services	619,736	21,590
Nonpersonal Services	1,963,456	1,539,215
Depreciation	321,033	159,477
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>2,904,225</u>	<u>1,720,282</u>
Operating Income	<u>(52,290)</u>	<u>(164,224)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Intergovernmental	8,583	-
Earnings on Investments	8,770	12,647
Interest on Debt	(128,092)	(113,520)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(110,739)</u>	<u>(100,873)</u>
Income Before Operating Transfers	<u>(163,029)</u>	<u>(265,097)</u>
Transfers out - Capital Assets	-	(129,498)
Operating Transfers Out	(210,000)	-
Total Transfers	<u>(210,000)</u>	<u>(129,498)</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(373,029)</u>	<u>(394,595)</u>
Net Assets, July 1, 2005	6,891,994	3,776,082
Prior Period Adjustment	-	6,788
Adjusted Net Assets, July 1, 2005	<u>6,891,994</u>	<u>3,782,870</u>
Net Assets June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 6,518,965</u>	<u>\$3,388,275</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Hillview</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from Customers	\$2,841,284	\$1,556,058
Payments to Employees	(619,590)	(21,060)
Payments to Vendors	(1,860,551)	(1,450,110)
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>361,143</u>	<u>84,888</u>
Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities:		
Transfers from (to) Other Funds (Net)	(210,000)	-
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Non Capital Related Financing Activities	<u>(210,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Payments on Bond Anticipation Notes	(1,325,500)	(918,000)
Proceeds from Bonds	1,286,550	907,425
Proceeds from Bond Anticipation Notes	150,000	650,000
Principal Payments on Bonds	(356,087)	(413,901)
Transfer of Assets to Governmental Fund	-	(129,498)
Interest Payments	(99,995)	(115,631)
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(345,032)</u>	<u>(19,605)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Earnings on Investments	<u>1,792</u>	<u>12,647</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>1,792</u>	<u>12,647</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(192,097)	77,930
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2005	573,401	653,151
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 381,304</u>	<u>\$ 731,081</u>

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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2006

	Private-Purpose <u>Trust</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Investments	\$ 237,873
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Total Assets	237,873
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Liabilities	-
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Total Liabilities	-
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Net Assets	
Held in Trust for Scholarships	237,873
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Total Net Assets	\$ 237,873
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Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Additions:	
Contributions	\$ 1,000
Interest, Dividends, and Other	<u>5,810</u>
Total Additions	<u>6,810</u>
Deductions:	
Scholarships Awarded	<u>4,700</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>2,110</u>
Net Assets:	
Beginning of the Year	230,773
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>4,990</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning as Restated	<u>235,763</u>
End of the Year	<u><u>\$237,873</u></u>

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