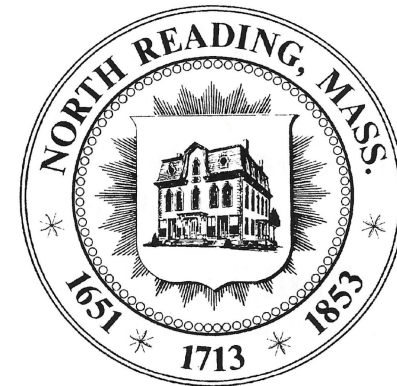


ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF

NORTH READING

MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ended December 31

2002

IN MEMORIAM

2002

Janet Connolly O'Neill

School Committee

Paul Prentiss

Zoning Board of Appeals

Frank J. Romeo

Forest Committee

North Reading Minit and Militia
Special Police Officer & Constable

David A. Slade

Retired Firefighter

Tania Wulleman

Fourth of July Committee

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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 – 13,869

Registered Voters December 31, 2002, 8563
Democrats – 2,387 Republicans – 1,558 Mass. Green – 6
Libertarian – 53 Unenrolled – 4,549 Others – 10

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) first Monday in April (financial), first Monday in October (zoning and other business).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

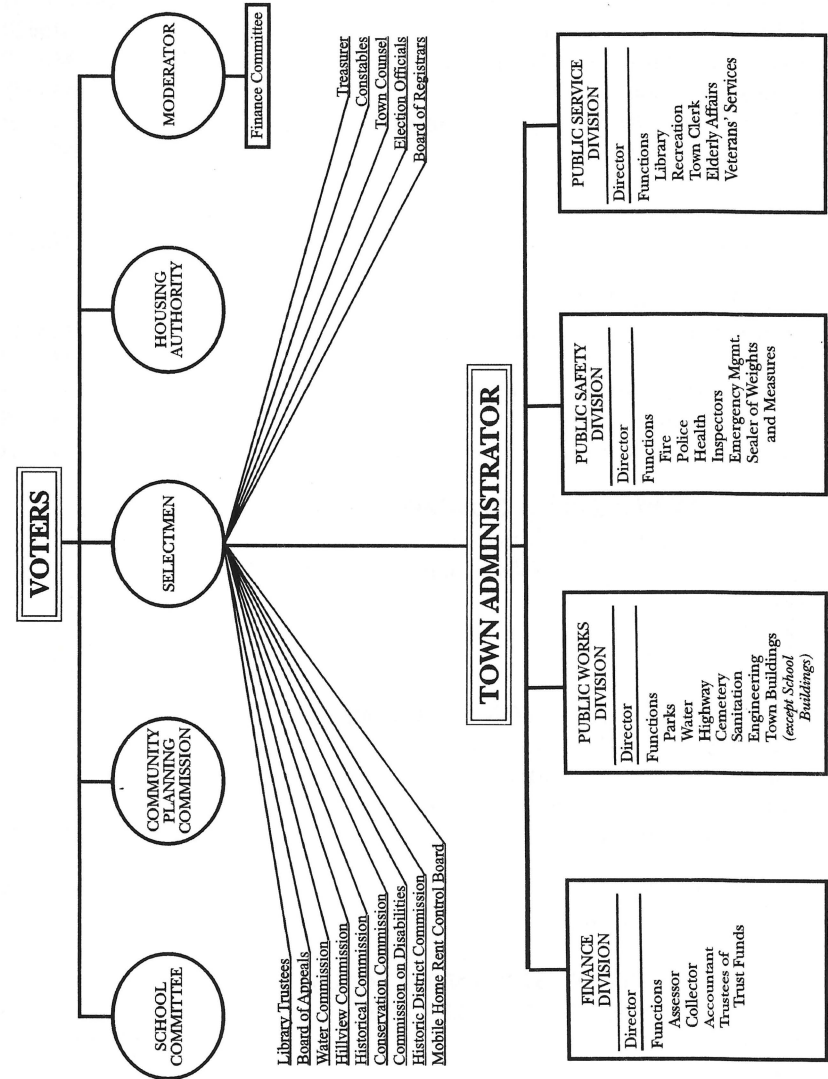
Qualifications for registration as a voter: Must be 18 years of age, American born or fully naturalized citizen, and a resident of North Reading. Registration in Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, preceding elections and town meetings on dates announced by the Town Clerk. No pre-existing residency requirement.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

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

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

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

TOWN OF NORTH READING ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Town Officers

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

	Term Expires
John Murphy, Chairman	May 2004
Joseph R. Veno, Vice-Chairman	May 2003
James Muldoon, Clerk	May 2004
Marcia Bailey (to fill unexpired term)	May 2003
G. Kevin Callagy	May 2005

MODERATOR

Klaus Kubierschky	May 2003
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Maureen Harty-Vacca, Chairman	May 2004
Patricia A. Colella, Vice-Chairman	May 2003
Stephen D. Jervey, Secretary	May 2005
Gerald Venezia	May 2003
Stephen VanBeaver	May 2004

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Warren R. Pearce, Jr., Chairman	May 2004
M. Shepard Spear, Vice-Chairman	May 2003
Patricia E. Romeo, Clerk	May 2003
Christopher B. Hayden	May 2005
Neil E. Rooney	May 2004

NORTH READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

Peter A. Carriere, Jr., Chairman	May 2004
Brian Blackwood, Treasurer	May 2003
James Carriere, Assistant Treasurer	May 2007
Benjamin F. Sands, Jr.	May 2002
William A. Palladino	May 2005
Stephen Daly *	May 2005
* State Appointee	

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Sweeney	November 2004
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APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Mark R. Sturdevant, Chairman	April 2003
Sarah Ralph, Vice Chairman	April 2004
Lauren McMullen	April 2002
Bradley P. Jones, Jr. (resigned 12/02)	April 2003

	Term Expires
Bradley H. Jones, Sr.	April 2003
Robert A. Visconti	April 2004
Michael Mastascusa	April 2003
Abigail Hurlbut	April 2004
Jeffrey J. Witts (resigned 12/02)	April 2003
Stephen A. Casazza	April 2005
Phillip Anderson, associate member	

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Thomas G. Younger	Term Expires Indefinite
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TOWN TREASURER

Elizabeth Craveiro	June 30, 2003
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TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman and Paige	June 30, 2003
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DETAIL CONSTABLES

Karl Berg	December 31, 2003
Jerry Berg	December 31, 2003

CONSTABLES (Process-Servers)

Paul Dorsey	December 31, 2003
Harold B. Reynolds	December 31, 2003
John Firriello	December 31, 2003
Joseph Puglisi	December 31, 2003
Thomas Dupuis	December 31, 2003

BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul O'Leary, Chairman	December 31, 2004
James Demetri	December 31, 2004
Joseph Murphy	December 31, 2003
Peter Miranda, associate	December 31, 2002
Joseph Keyes, associate	December 31, 2004
John Di Nelson, associate	December 31, 2004
James DePaolo, associate	December 31, 2005

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk	Indefinite
Frances Connors	April 1, 2003
Eleanor T. Jean	April 1, 2005
Charles Faneuff	April 1, 2004

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William Berry
 Timothy Corcoran
 Ted Ede
 Richard Snyder

Term Expires

Indefinite
 Indefinite
 Indefinite
 Indefinite

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Martin Weiss, Chairman
 Paul Dick
 William Reed
 Martha Cregan
 Gregory Brown

December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Michael C. Scannell
 Margaret Robertson
 Laurence McCarthy
 Lisa Hart (resigned 12/02)
 Jean Brennan
 Bruce Clark
 William Halligan (resigned 9/02)

December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2003

CULTURAL COUNCIL

C. Robert String, Chairman
 Brett Johnson
 Sherrill Moda
 David McSweeney
 Ralph Hannan
 Mary Street

December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Thomas G. Younger, Director

Indefinite

FOREST COMMITTEE

Lyman Fancy
 Steven Nathan
 James Dale

December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004

HILLVIEW COMMISSION

Robert Mauceri, Chairman
 George Stack, Vice-Chairman
 Stephen O'Leary
 John Collins
 Henry Purnell
 Charles Carucci
 Stephen Burton

December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Howard Solomon, Chairman
 Thomas Parker
 Joseph Saia, Jr.
 Patricia Romeo, alternate member
 John Davis
 Mabel DiFranza
 Marie Keane
 Carole Dingman
 Ellen Glew, alternate member

Term Expires

December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2003

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Barbara Neiley
 Patricia Romeo
 Thomas Parker
 John Davis
 Christopher Hayden
 David Osgood
 Cynthia Deschenes, associate
 Mabel DiFranza
 Carole Dingman

December 31, 2002
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2002
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Frank Delaney
 Daniel Solomon
 Peter Forcellese, Jr.
 M. Shepard Spear

December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2005

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Diane M. Norris, Chairperson
 Lorraine Sheehan
 John S. Tobin
 Elizabeth Habich *
 Mary Rubenstein
 David Cores

December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2005

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Edward O'Brien, Chairman (Ex-Officio member)
 Leonard Tremblay (Ex-Officio member)
 Henry Pumell (Ex-Officio member)
 Edith O'Leary (Ex-Officio member)
 Gary Hunt (Ex-Officio member)
 Wayne Hardacker (Ex-Officio member)
 David Hanlon (Ex-Officio member)

Indefinite
 Indefinite
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 Indefinite

**MARTINS POND RECLAMATION
STUDY COMMITTEE**

Lida Jenney
Missy Correlle
Scott Ronco
Janet Nicosia
Anne O'Hearn

Term Expires

December 31, 2003
December 31, 2004
December 31, 2004
December 31, 2004
December 31, 2004

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

James DeCola
Penny Richards
Daniel Solomon

December 31, 2002
December 31, 2003
December 31, 2004

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Anthony M. LoRe, Jr., Chairman
Lucille Pothier
Greta Barresi
Laurie Boyd
Mary Kay Harris
Barbara Priest
Paula Frew

Indefinite
Indefinite
Indefinite
Indefinite
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Indefinite
Indefinite

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

Josephine Doherty (resigned 2/02)
Elizabeth Craveiro
Allen Caproni
Edith O'Leary
Thomas O'Hare
Gloria Mastro

December 31, 2002
December 31, 2005
December 31, 2003
December 31, 2003
December 31, 2005
December 31, 2004

WATER COMMISSION

James Pothier, Chairman
Dorothy Paicos
Joseph Marotta
Carol Bourque
Karl Touet
Basil Paicos

December 31, 2005
December 31, 2004
December 31, 2003
December 31, 2004
December 31, 2003
December 31, 2002

**APPOINTMENTS TO STATE & REGIONAL
COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS BY
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN****EAST MIDDLESEX MOSQUITO CONTROL
PROJECT**

Michael Soraghan

Term Expires

December 31, 2004

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**

Position Vacant

**NORTHEAST SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

David Hanlon

December 31, 2004

**LIAISON TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE
ON DISABILITY**

Position Vacant

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

Barbara Stats

Indefinite

**NORTH READING'S AGENT TO FEMA
(FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY)**

Thomas G. Younger

Indefinite

**MAPC REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION
STUDY COMMITTEE**

CPC Chairman or designee
DPW Chairman or designee

Indefinite

Indefinite

**READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

John Norton

December 31, 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S AD HOC COMMITTEES

J.T. BERRY REGIONAL CENTER REUSE COMMITTEE*

	Term Expires
Charles Carucci	Indefinite
Kenneth Jones	Indefinite
Frank Delaney	Indefinite
Joseph Murphy	Indefinite
Ted Neals	Indefinite
Arthur Giangrande	Indefinite
John J. Hashem, Jr. (Business Association Appointee)	Indefinite
Robert Rodgers (Community Planning Appointee)	Indefinite
Warren Pearce, Jr. (Community Planning Appointee)	Indefinite
Thomas G. Younger	Indefinite
Michael Newhouse	Indefinite
Robert P. Palmer	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 (Historic District Commission)	Indefinite
Christopher Hayden (Community Planning Commission)	Indefinite
Edward O'Brien (Fire Department)	Indefinite
Edward Nolan (Police Department)	Indefinite

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Gerald Venezia (School Committee Appointee)	Indefinite
Richard Lasdin	Indefinite
Fred Clark	Indefinite
Jonathan DeSimone	Indefinite
Scott Stimpson	Indefinite
M. Shepherd Spear	Indefinite
Thomas M. O'Connor	Indefinite
Ellen Glew, associate member	Indefinite
Kristen Ellis, associate member	Indefinite

SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

	Term Expires
Charles Carucci, Chairman	Indefinite
Victor Hernandez, Vice-Chairman	Indefinite
George Luongo (Resigned 9/02)	Indefinite
Mark Westervelt	Indefinite
Lauren Warren	Indefinite
Laurie Witts	Indefinite
Stephen Jervey (School Committee Appointee)	Indefinite

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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

WASTEWATER PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

* Committee appointed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN CLERK Barbara Stats	Term Expires Indefinite
TOWN COLLECTOR Elizabeth Craveiro	Indefinite
TOWN ACCOUNTANT George E. Dow, Sr.	Indefinite
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE George E. Dow, Sr.	Indefinite
VETERANS' AGENT AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES Timothy J. Callahan	Indefinite
BUILDING INSPECTOR James DeCola	Indefinite
WIRE INSPECTOR Joseph J. Gigante	Indefinite
GAS INSPECTOR James Diozzi	Indefinite
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Leonard Tremblay	December 31, 2003
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR Edward O'Brien	December 31, 2003
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Karl Berg Jerry Berg, assistant	December 31, 2003 December 31, 2003
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES Melvin D. Peck	Indefinite
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS David Hanlon	Indefinite
INSECT AND PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT David Hanlon	Indefinite
TREE WARDEN David Hanlon	Indefinite

CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Term Expires

Lieutenant, North Reading Company of Minit and Militia	
FIRE CHIEF Edward O'Brien	Indefinite
POLICE CHIEF Henry J. Purnell	Indefinite
PARKING CLERK Elizabeth Craverio	December 31, 2003
LIBRARY DIRECTOR Helena Mitton	Indefinite
BOARD OF HEALTH Gary Hunt Michael Ricci Pamela Vath	December 31, 2003 December 31, 2003 December 31, 2003
BOARD OF ASSESSORS Allen Caproni Gregory Smith Sebastian Tine	December 31, 2003 December 31, 2003 December 31, 2003
LAND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE Margie Salt Richard Lasdin Ken Tarr Richard Dellovo Joseph Davis Elaine Daszkiewicz (Recreation Appointee) James Brophy, associate Mike O'Neill, associate Karen Martin (Conservation Appointee) William Zani	December 31, 2004 December 31, 2003 December 31, 2004 December 31, 2003 December 31, 2003 December 31, 2002 December 31, 2002 December 31, 2002 December 31, 2002 December 31, 2003
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS Patricia Romeo Barbara O'Brien Barry Allen	December 31, 2003 December 31, 2004 December 31, 2005

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wendy Werner, Recreation Director
 Rita Mullin, Chairperson
 Edward Downing
 Elaine Daszkiewicz
 William Colbert
 Steve Hartwell

Term Expires
 Indefinite
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003
 December 31, 2003

DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Edith O'Leary

Indefinite

COUNCIL ON AGING

Edith O'Leary, Chairman
 Brigitte Kubierschky
 Thomas J. O'Hare
 Gloria Mastro
 Janet Berry
 Mary Norris
 Mary Rollins

December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2002
 December 31, 2005
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2004
 December 31, 2004

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND HEALTH AGENT**

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

Term Expires

Indefinite

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Karl Berg
 Jerry Berg, assistant

Indefinite

Indefinite

**AGENT FOR ISSUING AND
RECORDING BURIAL PERMITS**

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

Indefinite

APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN COLLECTOR**DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Peter Ryan

Term Expires
 December 31, 2003

ASSISTANT TREASURER/COLLECTOR

MaryAnn MacKay

September 24, 2003

General Government**BOARD OF SELECTMAN**

Our community continues to face the sometimes-harsh realities of the economy and the imitations of available revenue to fund both our Town services and longer range capital plans and projects that are necessary as a result of our continued growth. The decline in State funding combined with the rising costs of labor, our most precious resource, have served to reinforce the need for planning and innovation so that we can continue to efficiently and effectively serve all the residents of North Reading.

For the Board of Selectman, 2002 was the first of what will likely be a sustained period of budget shortfalls and declining revenues. The fiscal year 2003 budget presented to Town Meeting in April of 2002, for the first time, utilized a three year forecast as a decision tool for the difficult decisions regarding changes to services and fees and a decision to seek an override of Proposition 2-1/2. A proactive approach to the budget preparation combined with increased communications across all town departments and the cooperative efforts of everyone involved in the process provided a budget that would maintain a minimum level of services. In addition, a Proposition 2-1/2 override budget was prepared as an alternative to the reduced spending and presented to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in April. While Town Meeting approved both an override and non-override budget the voters of North Reading rejected the override in May. However the process utilized in the preparation of the budget allowed us to quickly move forward with the necessary changes to fees and services and begin our planning for 2004.

Two key capital projects were brought to the voters at the April Town Meeting the Swan Pond Elementary School and additional funding for the Police Station Renovation. The voters rejected the Swan Pond School at the May Ballot and the April Town Meeting rejected the proposed increase in funding for the Police Station. However both the Elementary School Project and the Police Station Renovation Project are still moving forward in a positive manner. Currently, the Elementary School Building Committee is investigating and planning for a renovation and addition to the Batchelder School with funding approved in October. The Police Station Building Committee is currently working to revise their project to renovate the existing station within the confines of the approved funding.

Although the focus has clearly been on the fiscal constraints and the budgeting process, we continue to move forward in a positive manner with several key projects for the community. Several significant projects are underway that will build our long-term strength and character and help to maintain the quality of life in North Reading. The Town continues to move forward, with a phased storm water management program and the long awaited reconstruction of Route 62 has begun in earnest. At the same time, the JT Berry Development project continues to move forward and North Reading will benefit from both the tax revenues and the potential ability to address sewerage, particularly in

the more sensitive and densely populated areas of Town. The Board is committed to exploring and investigating new ways of providing services and all other opportunities for the continued success and growth of your community.

Two new members joined the Board in 2002. Marci Bailey was elected in February to fill the unexpired term of Steve O'Leary and Kevin Callagy joined the Board following the May election. Incumbent, Dana Rowe did not seek reelection and the Board wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

The Board would also like to THANK the employees, volunteers, Town Boards/Committees/Commissions and the other elected officials who unselfishly give their time and efforts to the betterment of our wonderful community.

With a continued spirit of cooperation and a focus on what is best for all, the Board of Selectmen will continue to work for you and the prosperity of North Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Murphy, Chairman
Joseph Veno, Vice Chairman
James P. Muldoon, Clerk
Marci Bailey
Kevin Callagy

TOWN COUNSEL

During 2002, Town Counsel provided significant legal services to the Town, including the rendering of numerous legal opinions, approving contracts as to form, attending Town Meetings, and meeting with the Board of Selectmen and various other Boards. There are currently fourteen cases listed in the litigation report pending in various state and federal courts and before administrative agencies. The majority of these cases involve appeals from decisions of the various land use boards, including the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Community Planning Commission, and the Conservation Commission, as well as a number of Civil Service Commission appeals. Ten cases were closed in 2002.

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

LITIGATION STATUS REPORT

February 3, 2003

1. Bornstein v. Town of North Reading (II)
Land Court Misc. No. 240310

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 plaintiffs 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 lawsuit is related to the Cheever and Flynn litigation.

2. Bornstein v. Town of North Reading
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 2002-4854

This is an action seeking damages for the eminent domain taking of a wall easement at One Childs Road in connection with the Route 62 project. The complaint was served on January 6, 2003.

3. Cameron v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals, et al
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-02864

This is an appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision to uphold the Building Inspector's issuance of a building permit for the construction of a single-family residence at 66 Oakdale Road. The plaintiff has also named the Community Planning Commission as a defendant in this case. On August 7, 2001, the Town filed an answer to the amended complaint. There has been no further activity in this case.

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

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.

5. DiGiovanni v. Tower and Zoning Board of Appeals (I)
Land Court Misc. No. 271897

This is an appeal by residents of 348 Haverhill Street from the Zoning Board of Appeals' April 25, 2001 decision to grant a driveway special

permit for property located at 346 Haverhill Street. A Notice of Appearance was filed on behalf of the Board on May 21, 2001. Since this matter concerns the grant of zoning relief to a private party, the Board will not actively defend the litigation.

6. DiGiovanni v. Tower and Zoning Board of Appeals (II)
Land Court Misc. No. 273941

This is an appeal by residents of 348 Haverhill Street from the Zoning Board of Appeals' August 8, 2001 decision to reverse the Building Inspector's March 23, 2001 cease and desist order regarding a building permit issued to Mr. Dana Tower for property located at 346 Haverhill Street. A Notice of Appeal was filed on behalf of the Board on August 16, 2001. Since this matter concerns the grant of zoning relief to a private party, the Board will not actively defend the litigation.

7. Fransen v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals
Land Court Misc. No. 264772

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

8. Flynn v. Town of North Reading
Land Court Misc. No. 240309

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.

9. Moran, et al. v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 185690

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. There has been no further action concerning this matter since that time.

10. Petrosino v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 276935

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.

11. Presidential Development Corporation v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. Case No. 253217

This is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief as the developer of Woodland Estates Subdivision is seeking to compel the Community Planning Commission to release Lot No. 1 from a subdivision covenant. The complaint was served on December 29, 1998. Although the case was turned over to insurance counsel, it was referred back to Town Counsel once the claims for monetary damages were dismissed. Prior to trial, the Town filed a motion for summary judgment arguing that the plaintiff was not entitled to relief. After a hearing, the motion was granted and judgment entered in favor of the Town. In July, 2002, however, the plaintiff appealed the decision.

12. Sanara Realty Trust v. North Reading Community Planning Commission
Land Court Misc. No. 270819

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. There has been no recent activity in this case.

13. Southland Corporation v. North Reading Board of Appeals
Land Court Misc. No. 257516

This is an action seeking declaratory relief regarding the extent of the applicability of the Zoning Bylaw to the proposed replacement of fuel tanks at a nonconforming service station located at 237 Main Street. The complaint was served on August 2, 1999 and an answer was filed on August 20, 1999. There has been no action taken by the plaintiffs since the filing of the complaint. With the settlement reached in DB Companies v. Board of Appeals, this case is likely moot. Town Counsel has requested a voluntary dismissal of the action.

LABOR LITIGATION

1. Teamsters Local 25 and Town of North Reading
AAA No. 11 390 001332 (Rowe Grievance)

On January 17, 2002, the Union filed a demand for arbitration alleging that the Town violated the collective bargaining agreement by failing to properly compensate a police officer for the period during which he was on military leave. On December 11, 2002, the parties settled this case, and we are currently awaiting an executed settlement agreement. The arbitration hearing has been rescheduled to March 11, 2003 in the event that a final settlement is not reached.

GENERAL LITIGATION CASES CLOSED IN 2002

1. Building Inspector of North Reading v. Brown
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-3739

This was a zoning enforcement case to compel defendants to cease and desist their commercial use of property located at 74 Park Street. The case was brought following the Appeals Court's decision that the property owner had not timely appealed the Building Inspector's cease and desist order. In September 2001, the Court granted the Town's motion for a preliminary injunction enjoining the use of the property for an automotive repair garage and machine shop. In August, 2002, the parties filed an agreement for judgment, making the preliminary injunction permanent and the litigation was terminated.
2. DB Companies, Inc. v. North Reading Board of Appeals and Southland Corporation
Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 99-3499

This was an action appealing the grant of a special permit to allow an alteration and expansion of an existing gasoline service station and convenience store operated by Southland Corporation at 237 Main Street. In September 2002, the private parties reached a settlement and agreed to dismiss the litigation.
3. Keilty v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals (I)
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-2758

This was an appeal of a special permit to construct a building in the Aquifer Protection District located at 293-295 Main Street. In August 2002, the private parties reached a settlement and a stipulation of dismissal was filed.
4. Keilty v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals (II)
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 01-2759

This was an appeal of a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals denying the plaintiffs appeal of site plan approval granted by the Community Planning Commission for construction of a building at 293-295 Main Street. In August 2002, the private parties reached a settlement and a stipulation of dismissal was filed.
5. Rocket Entertainment Inc. and Town of North Reading
(Appeal of Denial of Wine and Malt Beverage License)

This was an appeal of a denial of a wine and malt beverage license. The Town initially denied the appellant's application for a license on April 22, 2002. After an appeal to the ABCC, the parties mutually agreed to hold a second hearing on the license application. The Board of Selectmen held the second hearing on August 5, 2002. The application was again denied. The Appellant filed a second appeal with the ABCC, but withdrew the second appeal in November of 2002.

6. Smith v. North Reading Board of Appeals
Land Court Misc. No. 213468

This was an appeal of a renewal of a variance for an undersized lot. The complaint was filed on December 21, 1994. Co-defendant's motion for summary judgment was allowed in part by the Court in May, 1998, which found that the lot was subject to grandfathering protection. In January, 2002, the private parties reached a settlement and the case was dismissed.
7. Smith v. North Reading Zoning Board of Appeals and Russell Tryder
Land Court Misc. No. 223440

This was an appeal from a decision of the Board of Appeals overturning a decision by the Inspector of Buildings who had denied a building permit for a single-family dwelling at 6 Cedar Street. In January, 2002, the private parties reached a settlement and the case was dismissed.
8. Town of North Reading v. Kozdra
Woburn District Court CA. No. 0253 SUO 150

This was an action to evict the defendant from property located at 21 Emerson Road that was taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes. The parties entered into an Agreement for Judgment, whereby the Court granted possession of the premises to the Town, and the Town agreed not to serve the execution until after August 19, 2002. On September 6, 2002, at the scheduled eviction, the defendant paid his outstanding tax obligation in full.

LABOR LITIGATION CLOSED IN 2002

1. AFSCME, Council 93 and Town of North Reading
(Parow Grievance - Failure to Upgrade Position)
AAA No. 11 390 00170 2

On January 18, 2002, the Union filed a demand for arbitration alleging that the Town violated the collective bargaining agreement by failing to upgrade a union member's position. The parties settled this matter on August 6, 2002 by agreeing to review the union member's job responsibilities.
2. Spina v. Town of North Reading
Civil Service Commission, Case No. G-02-320

This was an appeal regarding the bypass of a reserve police officer to an appointment to become a full-time police officer. A pre-hearing conference was held on September 24, 2002. In November of 2002, the parties settled this case, and the case was subsequently dismissed pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement.

TOWN-OWNED LAND For Your Information

Map & Parcel Refers to Assessors Map & parcel pages and numbers.

Location Street on which parcel is mentioned.

Approximate Area Roughly the square footage or acreage of parcel mentioned.

Primary Use If parcel is being used for town purposes, it is mentioned here.

Tax Land by Possession** Designated by asterisks in report - land which is taken by the town due to default of property taxes - taken after land has been in tax title for a period of not less than 2 years.

Controlled/Supervision Designated Committee, Commission, or department who has control or priority of mentioned parcel.

Date Acquired The date which mentioned parcel came into town ownership.

TOWN OWNED LAND

Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
3	23	Redmond Ave.	21,440	Pumping Station	**	Gen. Gov.	5-4-71			I
3	44	Off Redmond Ave.	257,004			Water Dept.	9-29-64	3/4W	F	I
3	45	Off Redmond Ave./Concord	350,658			Conserv. 10-77	3-21-64			I
3	47	Kristyn Lane	547,114		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7-9-96	1/4 W		
3	67	Jill Circle	14,233	Pumping Station	Gift	Gen. Gov.	7-9-96			
3	78	Jill Circle	21,336		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7-9-96			
4	110	Raridan St.	82,764		**	Conserv. 10-80	10-14-69	3/4W		
4	111	Shennandoah Rd.	14,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11-23-94	1/2W		
4	112	Shenandoah St.	14,000		**	Conservation	10-16-61	1/2W		
4	113	Shenandoah St.	10,500		**	Conservation	7-1-53	1/2W		
4	114	Shenandoah St.	10,500		**	Conservation	2-7-78	1/2W		
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	Pumping Station	**	Gen. Gov.	6-15-83			
5	90	Off Cold Spring Rd.	118,919		Gift	Water Dept.		1/4W	F	I
5	91	Off Cold Spring Rd.	25,500		**	Gen. Gov.	5-26-76	W	F	I
5	98	Off Carriage Way	102,500		Gift	Conservation	2-2-76			I
6	1	Back River Lot	383,328	Water Treatment Plant Watershed Protection	Gift	Gen. Gov.	0/0/88			
6	3	Lowell Rd.	130,680		Gift	Gen. Gov.	11-20-96	W		
8	6	Hollywood Terrace	9,120		**	Gen. Gov.	10-8-86			II
8	18	Algonquin Rd.	3,820		**	Gen. Gov.	8-17-56			II
8	19	Algonquin Rd.	9,500	Water Treatment Plant Watershed Protection	**	Gen. Gov.	10-16-61	3/4W	F	II
8	20	Algonquin Rd.	9,100		**	Gen. Gov.	10-17-61		F	II
8	30	Brooksdale Rd.	6,400		**	Gen. Gov.	1-2-90	1/2W	F	II
8	31	Brooksdale Rd.	15,750		**	Gen. Gov.	5-5-54	W	F	II
8	32	Brooksdale Rd.	18,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12-30-98	3/4W		II
8	33	Brooksdale Rd.	24,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5-4-71			II
8	34	Brooksdale Rd.	6,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10-7-68			II
8	35	Brooksdale 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	Water Treatment Plant Watershed Protection	**	Gen. Gov.	12-23-53			II
8	56	Old Andover Rd.	74,052		**	Gen. Gov.	9-9-81			I
8	58	Brentwood Rd.	13,600		**	Gen. Gov.	8-17-56	1/4W	F	I
8	65	Laurelton Rd.	22,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10-16-61			I
8	66	Laurelton Rd.	15,600		**	Gen. Gov.	10-16-61	1/3W		I
8	68	Laurelton Rd.	6,400		**	Gen. Gov.	12-27-50	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

TOWN OWNED LAND (cont'd)

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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		**	Conserv. 10-94	3-18-83			II
8	109	Burroughs Rd.	5,000		**	Conserv. 10-94	4-12-85			II
8	110	Burroughs Rd.	10,000		**	Conserv. 10-80	10-16-61		F	II
8	111	Brooksdale Rd.	8,000		**	Conserv. 10-94	10-16-61	W	F	II
8	112	Algonquin Rd.	11,200		**	Conserv. 10-80	10-16-61	W	F	II
8	113	Fieldcrest Terr.	35,200		**	Conserv. 10-80	7-16-57	1/2W	F	II
8	114	Algonquin Rd.	3,624		**	Conserv. 10-75		1/2W	F	II
8	115	Hollywood Terr.	18,000		**	Conserv. 10-75	10-16-61			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		**	Conserv. 10-74	10-19-61	W	F	II
8	132	Hollywood Terr.	4,000		**	Conserv. 10-74	11-4-60	W	F	II
8	134	Algonquin Rd.	3,600			Gen. Gov.				
8	135	Hollywood Terr.	36,800		**	Conserv. 10-74	10-16-61	W	F	II
8	137	Algonquin Rd.	19,600		**	Conserv. 10-74	10-16-61	W	F	II
8	138	Garden Rd.	3,450		**	Conserv. 10-74	10-16-61	W	F	II
8	139	Garden Rd.	14,000		**	Conserv. 10-74	10-16-61	W	F	II
8	140	Burroughs Rd.	10,800		**	Conserv. 10-74	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			
8	234	Homestead Terr.	4,800			Gen. Gov.			F	I
8	235	Homestead Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	6-10-88			I

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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		F	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		F	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 Terr.	2,100		**	Gen. Gov.	10-31-2000	W	F	II
8	272	Oakhurst Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	10-31-2000	1/2W	F	II
8	274	Oakhurst Terr.	1,600		**	Gen. Gov.	6-6-75		F	II
9	1	Old Andover Rd.	32,000		**	Gen. Gov.		W	F	I
9	4	Wolf Rd.	9,337		**	Gen. Gov.				II
9	5	Wolf Rd.	29,100		**	Gen. Gov.	3-23-46	1/2W	F	I
9	13	Old Andover Rd.	31,707		Gift	Water Dept.	9-6-84	3/4W	F	I
9	19	Old Andover Rd.	18,443		**	Gen. Gov.	10-17-67	1/4W	F	I
9	21	Phyllis Terr.	7,279		**	Gen. Gov.	2-25-00			I
9	35	Nuska Trail	3,500		**	Gen. Gov.				I
9	36	Nuska Trail	6,100		**	Gen. Gov.	11-4-60			I
9	37	Nuska Trail	6,100		**	Gen. Gov.	6-6-75	1/4W		I
9	45	Livingston Rd.	2,423		**	Gen. Gov.	7-16-57			I
9	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	109	Lakeside Blvd.	3,100	w/bldg.	**	Gen. Gov.	1-26-87			I
9	110	Highland Terr.	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	11-10-59			I
9	111	Highland Terr.	8,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11-19-62			I
9	129	Rahnden	91,375	cabin/shed	Emin. Dom.	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 Rd.	1,463			Gen. Gov.				I
11	5	Andover Town Line	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	5-11-94	W		
11	6	Main Street	52,272		Gift	Conservation	11-15-96	W	F	I
12	38	Off Hillside Rd.	16,000		**	Conserv. 3-70	5-22-61			II
12	44	Travelled Way	1,050			Conserv. 3-70	1-18-65		F	II
12	45	Travelled Way	1,400		**	Conserv. 3-70	8-1-63		F	II

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12	46	Travelled Way	2,000	Common Land	**	Conserv. 3-70	1-18-65		F	II
12	47	Batchelder Ave.	11,350			Conserv. 3-63	6-27-62		F	II
12	52	Batchelder & Travelled Way	1,000			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 Rd.	7,500	Playground	**	Conservation				II
13	55	Burroughs Rd.	117,612			Recreation		1/2W		I
13	57	Wildflower Terr.	19,200			Conservation	9-21-59	W	F	II
13	58	Wildflower Terr.	37,600			Conservation	7-16-57	W	F	II
13	59	Pinecrest Terr.	3,200			Conserv. 10-93	10-17-67	W	F	II
13	60	Burroughs Rd.	204,372			Conservation		3/4W	F	II
13	61	Burroughs Rd.	16,960			Conservation	6-5-58			II
13	65	Birch Rd.	8,000			Conservation	6-5-58	1/2W	F	II
13	68	Burroughs Rd.	37,200			Conservation		3/4W	F	II
13	70	Burroughs Rd.	14,900			Conserv. 10-93	12-4-68	W	F	II
0	71	Burroughs Rd.	348,480	Town Hall	**	Conservation	6-1-95			
13	81	Burroughs Rd.	10,500			Gen. Gov.	2-29-88			
13	85	Elma Rd.	5,000			Gen. Gov.	10-12-82			II
13	86	Elma Rd.	5,000			Gen. Gov.	10-14-69			II
13	93	Elma Rd.	7,500			Gen. Gov.	5-30-75			II
13	99	Wilma Rd.	6,000			Gen. Gov.	6-6-75	W		II
13	100	St. Theresa St.	130,680			Conserv. 10-94	11-20-44		F	II
13	101	St. Theresa St.	52,272			Gen. Gov.	8-26-99			
13	121	Sullivan Rd.	21,350			Gen. Gov.	6-6-75			II
13	127	Off St. Theresa St.	108,900			Gift	3-14-74	W	F	II
13	131	Wilma Rd.	6,875	Walkway	**	Gen. Gov.	10-7-69	W		II
14	12	North St.	457,380			Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
14	88	Patley Rd.	10,238			Gen. Gov.	10-7-64			
14	119	Main St.	27,000			Gen. Gov.	2-13-98		F	
14	131	North St. to Rogers Cir.	1,702			Gen. Gov.	1-24-64			II
14	132	Oak Ave.	16,500			Gen. Gov.	11-3-80	3/4W		
14	140	Main St.	1,500			Gen. Gov.	10-17-67			
14	141	Main St.	4,750			Gen. Gov.	10-17-67			
14	142	Lowell Rd.	457,380			Recreation	11-20-96			
15	57	Off Abbott Rd.	209,088			Gen. Gov.	5-26-76	1/2W	F	
17	1	Oak St.	3,963	Little School	**	Gen. Gov.	11-4-60			
17	16	Barberry Rd.	583,704			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		

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17	53	Nutter Rd.	14,400	w/bldg.	**	Gen. Gov.	5-3-89			
18	30	Park St.	5,216			Gen. Gov.	6-26-76			
18	32	Fairview Ave.	2,100			Gen. Gov.	5-26-76			
18	33	Fairview Ave.	2,100			Gen. Gov.				II
18	34	Fairview Ave.	8,400			Gen. Gov.				II
18	35	West St.	4,200			Gen. Gov.	3-25-97			II
18	36	West St.	4,200			Gen. Gov.	4-3-01			II
18	37	Fairview Ave.	29,540			Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
18	38	Fairview Ave.	65,340			Gen. Gov.		1/4W		II
18	39	Fairview Ave.	1,960			Gen. Gov.	3-30-98			II
18	40	Bellevue Ave.	36,885	Parking - Hillview	**	Gen. Gov.	8-17-56	1/4W		II
18	44	Bellevue Ave.	60,984			Gen. Gov.		1/2W		II
18	47	Off Sandspur Lane	874,685			Conserv. 10-74		W	F	
18	71	Park & South	2,650			Gen. Gov.				
23	33	Main St.	718,740			Conserv.				
23	69	Off Park St.	87,120			Conserv. 10-93	10-14-70	W	F	
23	71	Park St.	56,628			Conserv. 10-75		W	F	
23	73	Main St.	41,191			Gift	3-7-84			
25	98	Main St.	1,250			Gen. Gov.	10-17-67			
26	14	Plymouth St.	31,338			Gen. Gov.	12-1-94	3/4W		
26	77	Off Francis St.	12,600	Water Tower	**	Gen. Gov.	2-1-83			
26	80	Off North Street	47,916			Gen. Gov.	9-11-97			II
26	97	Main St.	500			Gen. Gov.	10-17-67			
27	14	Off North St.	13,500			Water Dept.				
27	49	North St.	6,150,672			Gen. Gov.	2-25-88			
27	60	North St.	40,001			Gen. Gov.				
28	50	Shady Hill Dr.	92,783			Gen. Gov.	4-26-96	W	F	II
28	51	Shady Hill Dr.	40,100			Gen. Gov.	3-11-85	3/4W	F	II
28	55	Central St.	21,630			Gen. Gov.	1-31-01	1/2W	F	II
29	1	Central St. Rear	1,154,340			Conserv.	2-1-82	1/4W	F	I,II
29	2	Central St.	570,636	Pumping Station	Gift	Water Dept.		W		I
29	4	Central St.	71,003			Conserv. 10-75		1/4W		I
29	5	Central St.	505,296			Recreation	10-78	1/2W		I,II
30	47	Anthony Rd.	200,376			Conserv. 10-93	12-15-58	W	F	II
31	59	Westward Circle	202,554			Conserv. 11-68	6-6-68	W	F	II
31	78	Westward Circle	223,898			Gen. Gov.	3-11-85	W	F	II
31	84	Westward Circle	1,924			School Dept.				II
32	32	Appian Way	20,900			Gen. Gov.				II
32	35	North St.	2,000			Gen. Gov.	5-26-76	W		II
33	33	Garden Rd.	39,000			Gen. Gov.				
33	34	Garden Rd.	52,272	Access Hood Schl.	**	Gen. Gov.		1/2W		
33	49	Cherry St. & Brdwy.	152,460			Conserv. 10-94		1/2W		
33	51	Cherry St.	95,832			Conserv. 10-94	12-28-59	1/2W		
33	52	Cherry St.	19,200			Conserv. 10-94	10-1-68			
33	53	Cherry St.	41,600			Gift	8-8-95			

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33	54	Fourth St.	19,200		Gift	Gen. Gov.	8-18-00	1/2W		
33	55	Fourth St.	169,884		**	Conserv. 10-94	12-28-59	1/4W		
33	58	Broadway St.	34,100		**	Conserv. 10-94	10-1-61	1/2W		
33	59	Third St.	78,408		**	Conserv. 10-94	10-1-61	3/4W		
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	74	Second St.	18,700		**	Conserv. 10-94	2-29-88			
33	75	Appian Way	87,120		**	Conserv. 10-75	12-31-53	W		
33	76	Appian Way	22,400		**	Conserv. 10-75				
33	77	Second St.	22,400		**	Conserv. 10-75	10-19-62			
33	80	Second St.	32,200			Conserv. 10-94				
33	81	Second St.	18,200		**	Conserv. 10-94	2-29-88			
33	83	Second St.	17,050		**	Conserv. 10-94		W		
33	88	Appian Way & First St.	18,200			Conserv. 10-75				
33	92	Forest St.	19,000			Gen. Gov.	5-5-54			II
33	93	Forest St.	9,600		**	Gen. Gov.	2-29-88			
33	108	First St.	17,050		**	Conserv. 10-94	2-16-82	1/4W		
34	26	Cameron Rd.	10,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11-4-60			
34	28	Cameron Rd.	15,000		Gift	Conservation	9-29-95			
34	30	Cameron Rd.	10,756		Gift	Conservation	9-29-95			
34	32	Cameron Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.				
34	33	Cameron Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5-30-75			
34	34	Cameron Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10-15-56			
34	39	Pilgrim Rd.	34,865		Gift	Gen. Gov.		1/2W		
35	13	Harris Rd.	10,500		Gift	Conservation	9-29-95			
35	15	Harris Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12-4-63	3/4W		
35	16	Harris Rd.	35,215		**	Gen. Gov.	8-17-56	1/4W		
35	18	Harris Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	8-17-56			
35	19	Harris Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11-23-64			
35	20	Harris Rd.	2,500		**	Gen. Gov.	9-21-59			
35	22	Harris Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	9-22-49			
35	23	Harris Rd.	10,000	w/bldgs.	**	Gen. Gov.	3-18-83			
35	28	Quimby Rd.	21,000		Gift	Gen. Gov.	12-28-82			
35	29	Quimby Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6-6-75			
35	30	Quimby Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	7-16-57			
35	31	Quimby Rd.	10,625		**	Gen. Gov.	9-20-73			
35	33	Quimby Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	10-17-61			
35	37	Stevens Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	6-6-75			
36	33	Park St.	21,917	No. Parish Park		Gen. Gov.				
36	34	Park St.	36,777	Rt. 62 Reconst.	DPW Purchase	Gen. Gov.	7-24-98	W	F	
36	35	Chestnut & Central Sts.	161,172			Conservation	10-31-41		F	
36	60	Park St.	130,680			Conserv. 3-67		W	F	
36	61	Chestnut St.	3,388,968	Soccer/Conserv.		Conserv. 4-69	1-31-69	W	F	
36	65	Chestnut St.	530,561	Pub.Wks. Garage		DPW		3/4W	F	
36	66	Chestnut St.	2,025,104	Pub.Wks. Garage		DPW	1-3-69	1/4W	F	

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37	1	Cedar St.	640,332		**	Gen. Gov.	10-19-61	W		
39	11	Cedar St.	696,960		Gift	Conserv. 10-75	3-31-77	1/4W	F	
39	12	So. Chestnut St.	518,364		Gift	Conserv. 11-63	12-16-68	1/2W	F	
39	13	Off Haverhill St.	679,536		Gift	Conserv. 4-66	3-13-67	W	F	
40	56	Chestnut St.	41,600	Harmoney Vale		DPW				
40	67	Haverhill St.	235,224	Land swap with RMLD		Gen. Gov.	12-1-99	1/4W		
41	25	Central St.	107,240		**	Gen. Gov.	10-7-68	1/4W		
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	
41	35	Central St.	210,548	Former Wheeler Prop.		Recreation	12-2-97	5%W		
41	52	Off Haverhill St.	74,052	Part of Ipswich Riv. Pk.		Recreation		W	F	
41	53	Off Haverhill St.	182,952			Conserv. 12-63	9-22-64	W	F	
41	69	Central St.	16,258			Recreation	10-27-93			
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		
42	23	Off Central St.	28,798		**	Gen. Gov.	10-7-68			
42	35	Park St.	36,900			DPW				
42	63	Bliss Rd.	12,825		Gift	Gen. Gov.	11-21-00	1/4W		
42	64	Bliss Rd.	5,000			Gen. Gov.	10-1-69			
42	66	Bliss Rd.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	3-21-88			
42	72	Sherman Rd.	20,266		**	Gen. Gov.	10-29-87			
42	76	Ivy St.	12,500		**	Gen. Gov.	2-29-87			
42	80	Ivy St.	6,250		**	Gen. Gov.	10-29-87			
42	86	Meade Rd.	3,375		**	Gen. Gov.	6-6-75			
42	107	Bliss Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.				
42	123	Dodge Rd.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	6-1-79			
42	125	Devons Rd.	7,500		Gift	Gen. Gov.	1-28-98			
42	128	Devens Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	3-18-83			
42	140	Park St.	1,851,300	Jr-Sr High School		School Dept.				
42	144	Off Tower Hill Rd.	38,137	Trans. to School 10/94	**	School Dept.				
42	145	Park St.	185,130		Gift	Conservation	8-25-82	W	F	
42	152	Dodge Rd.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	8-17-56			
43	2	Maple Rd.	15,500		**	Gen. Gov.	6-6-75	1/4W		
43	7	Lee Rd.	9,375		**	Gen. Gov.	8-26-99			
43	8	Lec Rd.	6,250		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10-1-69			
43	9	Lee Rd.	9,375		**	Gen. Gov.	10-28-66	1/2W		
43	13	Juniper Rd.	6,250		**	Gen. Gov.	8-26-99			

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43	31	Oakdale Rd.	17,000			Gen. Gov.				
43	32	Oakdale Rd.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12-4-63			
43	33	Oakdale Rd.	4,375		Gift	Conservation	5-1-75			
43	34	Oakdale Rd.	3,000		**	Gen. Gov.	12-24-54			
43	35	Oakdale Rd.	3,522		Gift	Conservation	5-30-75			
43	39	Oakdale Rd.	14,250			Gen. Gov.		1/4W		
43	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	78	Tower Hill Rd.	30,000	Water Tower		Water Dept.				
44	1	Oakdale Rd.	23,004		**	Gen. Gov.	2-1-82			
44	2	Oakdale Rd.	4,250		**	Gen. Gov.				
44	3	Oakdale Rd.	22,920		**	Conserv. 10-94	3-1-82			
44	6	Maple Rd.	78,408		**	Conserv. 10-94	11-19-62	3/4W		
44	8	Cherry St.	20,700			Gen. Gov.				
44	11	Cherry St.	20,400		**	Conserv. 10-94	12-24-54			
44	13	Cherry St.	15,400		**	Conserv. 10-94	12-23-53			
44	15	Brean Ave.	17,500		**	Gen. Gov.				
44	16	Cotter Ave.	34,800		**	Conservation	12-23-53			
44	18	Cherry St.	19,200		**	Conservation	4-26-71			
44	19	Fourth St.	56,628		**	Conserv. 10-94	10-16-61	1/2W		
44	21	Magnolia St.	69,696		**	Conserv. 10-94	8-17-56	W		
44	23	Third St.	33,300		**	Conserv. 10-75	12-8-53			
44	24	Lloyd Rd.	348,480		**	Conserv. 10-94	1-15-88			
44	50	Cherry St.	38,400			Conserv. 10-94				
44	98	Off Towerhill Rd.	182,952		Gift	Conservation	5-25-95			
45	7	Janice Ave.	20,090		**	Gen. Gov.	4-13-74	1/2W	F	II
45	37	Haverhill Street	135,907		Gift	Conservation	5-30-95			
45	90	Colonial Hill Dr.	20,634	Future Road Exp.	Gift	Gen. Gov.	4-11-85			
46	5	Haverhill St.	668,411	Hood School		School Dept.		1/4W		II
46	55	Westward Cir.	9,564	Access - Hood Schl.		School Dept.			F	II
46	67	Haverhill St.	116,741	Trans. to School 10/94	**	School Dept.	3-30-84		F	II
49	5	Cottage St.	152,460		**	Conservation	10-14-70	3/4W		II
49	8	Cottage St.	32,000		Gift	Conservation	4-24-92			
50	9	Off Marblehead St.	78,408		**	Gen. Gov.	5-11-94			
50	10	Off Marblehead St.	191,664		Gift	Conservation	4-23-81			
51	2	Off Haverhill St.	209,088	Ives Mem. Park		Conserv. 10-70				
51	3	Off Haverhill St.	230,868	Ives Mem. Park		Conserv. 3-69				
51	5	Off Darrell Dr.	270,072		**	Conservation	8-11-93	1/2W	F	
51	18	Arlene Dr.	10,334		Gift	Conservation				
52	32	Off Haverhill St.	121,968	Ives Mem. Park		Conserv. 3-69				
52	53	Foley Dr.	93,645		**	Conservation	5-8-00	3/4W	F	
52	74	Lillian Dr.	2,735	Access - Straw. Acres		Conserv. 6-67				
52	80	Foley Dr.	2,500	Strawberry Acres		Conserv. 6-67				
52	81	Foley Dr.	40,000		**	Gen. Gov.	11-1-95			

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52	86	Off Duane Dr.	158,994	Strawberry Acres		Conserv. 6-67		1/4W		
52	91	Strawberry Ln.	97,580		Gift	Gen. Gov.	7-21-89			
52	93	Lindor Rd.	22,840		**	Gen. Gov.	6-19-96	1/2 W	F	
53	37	Off Haverhill St.	12,800		**	Gen. Gov.	10-16-61	W		
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	10-17-67	W	F	
54	39	Willow St.	222,156		Emin. Dom.	Gen. Gov.	12-14-71	W	F	
54	40	Willow St.	15,700		**	Gen. Gov.	4-26-71	W	F	
54	41	Willow St.	69,696		**	Gen. Gov.	10-7-68	1/2W	F	
54	42	Willow St.	13,600		**	Gen. Gov.	5-8-74	W	F	
54	43	Willow St.	36,879		**	Gen. Gov.	3-18-77	W		
54	44	Wiltow St.	20,034		**	Gen. Gov.	3-18-77	W		
54	52	Elm St.	21,848		Gift	Conservation	2-9-95			
54	53	Elm St.	23,499		Gift	Conservation	2-9-95			
54	54	Elm St.	24,792		Gift	Conservation	2-9-95			
54	55	Elm St.	21,360		Gift	Conservation	2-9-95			
54	63	Bow St.	100,188	Putnam Hse./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 Sta.		Gen. Gov.				
54	135	Peabody St.	131,116	Elderly Housing		Housing Auth.				
54	139	Park St.	1,970	Isl. in front of Lib.		Gen. Gov.				
55	15	Off Parsonage Ln.	226,512		**	Gen. Gov.	11-8-91			
55	23	Off Railroad Ave.	40,655		**	Gen. Gov.	3-30-98	1/2W		
55	24	Railroad Ave.	7,013		**	Gen. Gov.	9-21-59			
55	74	Railroad Ave.	7,500		**	Gen. Gov.	2-13-90	W		
56	62	Off Chestnut St.	457,380	Trans. from Sch.-10/97		Gen. Gov.	7-29-57			
57	12	Off Crestwood Cir.	278,784		**	Conservation	4-26-63	W	F	
57	15	Off Crestwood Cir.	261,360		**	Conserv. '80	10-23-70	W	F	
57	16	Off Crestwood Cir.	261,360		**	Conserv. 3-62	6-27-62	W	F	
57	71	Off Hickory Ln.	47,916		**	Gen. Gov.	11-22-82	1/2W	F	
57	93	Off Hickory Ln.	87,120		**	Gen. Gov.	5-26-76	W	F	
60	17	Park St.	117,612	Playing Field		Recreation				
60	42	Rust Ln.	274,428	Reserved Open Space	**	Gen. Gov.	8-25-2000	1/3W		I
61	69	Williams Rd.	10,900		**	Gen. Gov.	3-18-83			
62	37	Off Elm St.	15,000		**	Conserv. 10-75	10-23-70	W	F	
68	10	Malm Rd.	4,950		**	Gen. Gov.	6-10-88			
68	13	Malm Rd.	10,405		**	Gen. Gov.	3-18-83			
68	17	Forest St.	2,550		**	Gen. Gov.	12-24-54		F	
69	2	Forest St.	5,375		**	Gen. Gov.	1-31-01			I
69	5	Forest St.	11,600		**	Gen. Gov.	10-19-61	1/2W	F	

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70	1	Essex St.	649,044		**	Gen. Gov.	8-5-74	W	F	
70	8	Lincoln St.	5,500		**	Gen. Gov.	12-24-59			
70	14	Lincoln St.	12,000		**	Gen. Gov.	7-15-57			
70	24	Wood St.	13,500		**	Gen. Gov.	10-17-61	1/2W	F	
70	27	Essex St.	5,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5-30-75	W	F	
70	28	Essex St.	277,784		**	Gen. Gov.	5-7-80	W	F	
70	29	Middleton Town Line	3,200		**	Gen. Gov.	5-30-75	1/2W	F	
70	30	Essex St.	2,500		**	Gen. Gov.	4-30-75		F	
70	32	Swan Pond	31,500		**	Gen. Gov.	11-1-95	1/2W		
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				
72	33	Near Swan Pond	209,088		**	Conservation	5-12-71	3/4W		
72	35	Swan Pond	2,918,520			Gen. Gov.				
73	1	Swan Pond	1,960,200			Conserv. 4-75	2-27-76	1/4W		
73	2	Swan Pond	522,720			Conservation	12-1-71	1/2W		
73	3	Swan Pond	400,752			Conserv. 4-71	2-27-64	W		
73	4	Swan Pond Rd.	1,367,784			Conservation		3/4W		
73	16	Swan Pond Rd.	43,560	(orig. part of 72/12)		Conservation	8-19-76			
74	69	Swan Pond Rd.	1,651,000	Poss. School Site		School Dept.	2-6-59	1/4W		
74	90	Swan Pond Rd.	96,268			Housing Auth.				
74	93	Shasta Dr.	82,764			Gen. Gov.	12-12-89	1/2W		
75	2	Elm St.	10,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5-26-76		F	
75	3	Elm St.	74,052		**	Gen. Gov.	10-19-67	1/2W	F	
75	37	Elm St.	1,285,688	Cemetery		Gen. Gov.				
75	50	Off Elm St.	3,150		**	Gen. Gov.	5-26-76		F	
75	53	Off Bigham Rd.	34,000		**	Gen. Gov.	5-30-75	W		
75	72	Elm St.	4.6 A		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			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	W	F	
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.	1967		F	
78	54	Elm St.	63,598			Gen. Gov.		3/4W		
80	3	Swan Pond	1,840,410			Conserv. 5-71	9-1-72	1/4W		
80	5	Adams St.	13,373							
81	1	Adams St.	30,187		**	Conservation				
81	4	Adams St.	56,628			Conserv. '80				
81	12	Swan Pond	522,720			Conserv. '80		1/4W		
81	15	Swan Pond Rd.	392,040		Gift	Gen. Gov.	9-1-72	1/4W		

TOWN OWNED LAND (cont'd)

Map	Parcel	Location	Approx. Area Sq.Ft.	Primary Use	Tax Land by Possession**	Controlled Supervision	Date Acquired	Wetlands	Flood Zone	APD Zone
82	1	Swan Pond	74,052		**	Gen. Gov.	6-9-94	3/4 W		
85	11	Off Green Meadow	346,738			Conserv. 10-74		W		
85	17	Off Green Meadow	7,500		Gift	Conservation	10-28-82	W		
85	18	Middleton Town Line	3,375		Gift	Conservation	10-18-82			
85	57	Gillis Drive	6,554		**	Gen. Gov.	4-1-96			
86	1	Middleton Town Line	11,000		Gift	Gen. Gov.	10-17-67			

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars, in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Office, once again continued their work throughout this very active year in preparation and readiness for the numerous elections and town meeting activity.

Census, election and town meeting registration and activity continues to be managed through the State-mandated Voter Registration Information System (VRIS), including certifying signatures of registered voters for town election nomination papers, as well as citizens petitions for local town meetings. Administrative Assistant Gail A. Parker and Carol A. Ducrow of the Town Clerk's Office work diligently in conjunction with the Board of Registrars in their continued efforts towards maintaining all aspects of voter/census activity under this system.

Election activity for 2002 included a special election on February 12th to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen, together with a Proposition 2-1/2 debt-exclusion question; the Town Election on May 7th which also included two Proposition 2-1/2 questions; the September 17th State Primary; and the State Election on November 5th which included three state-wide questions, as well as two local debt-exclusion questions.

Following the Town Election on May 7th, a recount of the Selectman's race was petitioned within the statutory time-frame by Candidate Robert Mauceri. The recount was held on May 21st under the direction of the Board of Registrars with the following present: Town Counsel, Police Officer Paul Dorsey Sr., Candidate Mauceri, Selectman-elect G. Kevin Callagy, and each of their counsel and representatives. The end result of the recount did not change the original outcome, and Candidate Mauceri graciously conceded to Selectman-elect Callagy at its conclusion.

Election activity for the 2002 elections was as follows: February 12th Special Election (27.5%); May 7th Town Election (63%); September 17th State Primary (33%); and the November 5th State Election (78%). The high turn-out of voter participation at both the Town Election and the State Election was undoubtedly due to the Proposition 2-1/2 questions on both ballots.

Regular Town Meetings were held in April and October, both of which concluded in two sessions. The April Town Meeting included Proposition 2-1/2 debt-exclusion articles for construction of a new elementary school at Swan Pond Road and additional funding for renovations to the Police Station, as well as an operating override budget. The October Town Meeting included two Proposition 2-1/2 articles for renovations to both the Middle School and the High School.

Complete text of Town Meeting Minutes and Election results appear in the Town Clerk's Records section elsewhere within this Annual Report.

As always, the Board of Registrars and I, personally, recognize and acknowledge the devotion and dependability of our election workers as a key component in each election. They continue to perform their duties admirably, and are unwearied in their efforts on behalf of the election process and the Town.

The Wardens and Clerks, in particular, bear a significant responsibility in following election procedures as mandated by ever-changing election laws, and their constant attention to every detail is not a simple matter, and in fact, becomes more detail-oriented with each passing year. This office is truly thankful for each of them and continues to rely on their proficiency. Once again, we gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all the election workers to the election process and to the Town.

The four political "*PARTIES*" remain unchanged, however the American Independent Party has been added to the list of political "*designations*" having been established in April of this year, increasing this number to fourteen. The current political parties and designations are as follows:

DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, LIBERTARIAN and MASSACHUSETTS GREEN PARTY are the political "*PARTIES*," and American Independent Party, Conservative Party, Constitution Party, Green Party USA, Interdependent 3rd Party, Natural Law Party, New Alliance Party, New World Council, Prohibition Party, Rainbow Coalition, Reform Party, Socialist Party, Timesizing-not- Downsizing and We The People are the fourteen political "*Designations*."

At this time, "active" voter enrollment in North Reading indicates an overall increase of registered voters from this same time last year, correspondingly reflective with the number of elections held during a year and in particular during a State-election year. A break-down of "active" registered voters in North Reading as of December 31, 2002 follows:

DEMOCRATS:	2,387
REPUBLICANS:	1,558
LIBERTARIAN:	53
MASS. GREEN PARTY:	6
Interdependent 3rd Party:	5
Rainbow Coalition:	2
Reform:	2
Green Party USA:	1
Unenrolled:	4,549
TOTAL Registered Voters:	8,563

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,

Eleanor T. Jean
Frances M. Connors
Charles T. Faneuff
Barbara Stats, CMC/MMCA/CMMC
Town Clerk / Board of Registrars

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging this past year was one department forced to eliminate one position of Assistant Director due to Prop. 2-1/2 vote of the townspeople. North Reading Senior Citizens programs and services were not interrupted during this most difficult period with Federal and State cutbacks and so many other communities having to place Elders on waiting lists. The council has programmed activities for Seniors so that all may take advantage of all services that are available to them.

The Edith O'Leary Senior Center is open to all 60 years of age and older for information and referral tax assistance, hot lunch programs, Meals on Wheels, beano, card games, health clinics, exercise classes, travel and day trips along with regular Van transportation to doctors appointments, shopping, and many other assistances are provided.

This year our resources are stretched but our commitment and determination to succeed in assisting older people and their families are stronger than ever. We shall continue to work with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Legislature, Elder Advocates, and Mystic Valley Elder Services never losing sight of our Mission to help Seniors live in dignity and independence that they so deserve.

Our health clinics with V.N.A. Nurse Kathy Hayes, RN in service and Dr. Bart Kellerman, D.P.M. are very well attended and greatly appreciated.

Meal on Wheels are delivered daily in all kinds of weather to home-bound shut-ins with a friendly greeting and also being checked on to see if they are ok.

Our tax abatement program continues to go along very well with Senior Citizens working in departments throughout the Town.

November is always a memorable month because of the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Hillview Country Club with National, State, and local dignitaries in attendance. This year, a Special Recognition Award went to Police Chief Henry Purnell for his many years of dedicated service to North Reading Elderly. Our "Outstanding Citizen Award" was presented to Robert Turosz, Editor of the *North Reading Transcript* for his years of journalism and reporting for the Elderly and also the whole Community of North Reading. Recognition to our Police and Fire Departments for the wonderful safety and protection they gave our Elderly throughout the year.

Our appreciation to the following groups that have assisted us during the past year: Wakefield Elks, North Reading Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops, Boy Scouts, Tuesday Night A.A., Thursday Night Common Ground Groups, and the Golden Age Club, that gives North Reading High School scholarships.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all council members for their dedication and commitment that they have given to this Committee but most especially for the support that they have given to me and the Elderly of North Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith A. O'Leary, Director of Elder Affairs

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission is pleased to report that the North Reading Historical & Cultural Resources Survey, funded in part by a \$9,000.00 Grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission was successfully completed in the fall of 2002. Over 130 sites, both buildings and cemeteries, were photographed, recorded and described in the resulting inventory document. The original pages and photographs have been entrusted to the Town Clerk's care and are stored in the vault at Town Hall, Three copies of the complete Inventory are available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Community Planning Office in Town Hall, and in the Local History Room at Flint Memorial Library, respectively.

The office space at the Damon Tavern has been sub-leased by Habitech, Inc. of North Reading to Private Properties, a local real estate firm. Income from the lease of the office spaces has been used for the repair and upkeep of the building. Restoration work on the remaining portion of the building has been progressing slowly, but is being done with the utmost attention to appropriate period construction and detail.

The appraisal of the Rufus Porter Murals in the ballroom of the Damon Tavern was received from George Gregory Smart, specialist in American Folk Art, who lists their market value conservatively (as of June 2002) as \$125,000 to \$200,000. Efforts are still underway to find funds for a non-water fire suppression system for the room so that it can be opened to the public.

The North Reading Town Band has been using the basement of the Damon Tavern for rehearsal space. It is still somewhat "unfinished" with regard to the interior walls and floor, but the Band seems pleased to have a place to prepare for concerts and events. Realtors working during the evening rehearsal hours report that the music is enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Hayden & Patricia Romeo,
Co-Chairmen, pro tem
Barbara Neiley, Retired Chairman
(effective 12/31/02)
Carole Dingman, Vice-Chairman
John Davis, Secretary
Mabel DiFranza
Thomas W. Parker
David Osgood

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Two major building projects continued to comprise the bulk of the Commission's time in 2002: the proposed renovations and additions to both the Batchelder School and the Public Safety Building, specifically the Police Station.

The Commission continues to have a productive working relationship with the Elementary School Building Committee (ESBC). A walkthrough of the site began the year in January with a meeting to discuss our concerns regarding the site. Several other meetings were held during the course of the year including a workshop session to address plans and ongoing discussion as they came together. In the end, the ESBC chose to pursue the Swan Pond site plan which is not in the domain of this Commission. Ongoing discussions are expected with the ESBC as the Swan Pond proposal was defeated at the polls.

Meetings continued with the Police Station Building Committee (PSBC). The Commission did its best to work with the PSBC. Concerns remained over the size and scope of the proposed addition. In January, there was no funding left to address concerns of the Commission. We did not believe it was within our domain to recommend either way on spending additional money for design work. There was little movement on the project for much of the year. In the fall, an RFP was drafted by the PSBC. This is expected to be addressed in 2003.

Other matters were also addressed. In 2002, we continued the process of common district signage. A sign was approved and installed at the Damon Tavern which recognizes the major tenant and will soon recognize the existence of the historic boards in town. The signage is designed to be easily modified if tenants change and is the prototype for signage throughout the district.

The route 62 reconstruction project was reviewed with Dave Hanlon of the DPW. The installation of two transformer cabinets and 3 inground junction boxes were approved. Camouflage will be addressed after project completion. The Commission sent a letter to Mike Soraghan, Town Engineer, to ask that any unusual structures or artifacts found during the Route 62 reconstruction project be reported to the Commission after the tunnel was found and was not reported to us in any formal way.

We received a proposal for a major private addition to the Jared McLane House. The Commission is quite pleased with the design which looks like a pair of period barns added to the back of the house, it should also be noted that the architect enthusiastically accepted minor revisions recommended by the Commission and updated his drawings accordingly. Finally, the design was laid out to minimize both loss of trees and addition of parking. The proposed addition was not formally presented to the Commission in 2002 but we expect to see it in 2003.

Certificates of Appropriateness were issued as follows:

Air Conditioning enclosure at Damon Tavern
Route 62 reconstruction project
Lawn and shrub replanting at Damon Tavern and Flint Memorial Hall
Damon Tavern window screens
Damon Tavern property sign

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Solomon, chairman
Joe Saia, vice chairman
Happy DiFranza, clerk
John Davis
Marie Keane
Thomas Parker
Patricia Romeo

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The North Reading Cultural Council (NRCC) had a successful year, thanks to the dedication and commitment of its volunteers, for calendar year 2002, the appointed Members and Officers were:

Chair	Robert String, 18 Marblehead Street
Treasurer	Sherri Moda, 45 Spruce Road
Members	Christen Frothingham, 6 Sunset Avenue
	Ralph Hannan, 77 Haverhill Street
	Brett Johnson, 66 Lowell Road
	David McSweeney, 66 Lowell Road
	Mary Street, 379 Park Street

There were five official administrative meetings of the NRCC during 2002.

Grants Awarded for FY2002

The primary purpose of the NRCC is to function as the local cultural council (LCC) that makes grant recommendations to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). For FY2002, North Reading was appropriated \$6,611 by the MCC. This money was granted to individuals and organizations participating in cultural activities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. A delay in the Massachusetts Legislature budget postponed our FY2002 grant decisions until January. The final grants for calendar year 2002, approved and funded by the MCC for FY2002, were:

- \$400 to Batchelder Parents Organization for "High Touch - High Tech"
- \$170 to North Reading Parks & Recreation Department for a school vacation performer
- \$320 to Flint Memorial Library for "Amelia's Last Lecture"
- \$600 to J.T. Hood Parents Association for "Tribal Rhythms Celebrations"
- \$1,581 to E. Ethel Little School for Natalie Khisey-Warnock

- \$500 to North Shore Youth Symphony for a spring concert at the Collins Center, Andover, MA
- \$425 PASS grant to North Reading High School to attend the Merrimack Repertory Theater
- \$1,000 PASS grant to Batchelder School to attend the Boston Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert
- \$460 PASS grant to J.T. Hood School to attend Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
- \$235 PASS grant to J.T. Hood School to attend UMASS Lowell Center for the Arts
- \$600 PASS grant to Batchelder School to attend the Lowell National Historical Park and Tsongas Industrial History Center
- \$320 PASS grant to J.T. Hood School to attend the North Shore Music Theater.

Grants Awarded for FY2003

For FY2003, severe budget cuts at the state level decreased North Reading's MCC allocation by 70%. North Reading was appropriated \$2,000 by the MCC, and \$650 was added by the council from unclaimed grants, making a total grant budget of \$2,650. The final grants for calendar year 2003, approved and funded by the MCC for FY2003, were:

- \$712 to Andover Choral Society for "Brahms German Requiem Concert"
- \$610 to E. Ethel Little School Parent Organization for "Historical Perspectives"
- \$648 PASS grant to J. T. Hood School to Attend the Boston Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert
- \$680 PASS grant to Batchelder School to attend the North Shore Music Theater.

Concert Series

The Concert Series, administered by the NRCC, presented "New World Guitar Trio" on April 28, 2002. Unfortunately, the concert series did not receive funding from the Town and Board of Selectmen during the 2002 budget cuts, and the council voted to suspend the concerts.

Scholarship Fund

The NRCC Scholarship Fund, in memory of Peter Colford, administered through the Trustees of the Trust, awarded one scholarship of \$250 to North Reading High School Senior Emily Grossman.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert String, Chair, NRCC

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

The North Reading Fourth of July Committee would like to thank all of the individuals who helped make this year's July 4th event a huge success.

Because the fourth of July Committee is a non-profit organization and is not funded by the Town, the funding for the July 4th Fair comes from donations and fundraising conducted by the Fourth of July Committee. This year, the committee decided to put jars in different locations, asking each member of a family to donate one dollar, and thanks to the citizens of North Reading and their donations, the money collected helped a great deal in making the July 4th Fair a reality.

The Reading Co-op Bank was also a big benefactor in making the July 4th Fair a reality by helping to sponsor the July 4th Fair and also by helping with the one dollar fundraising.

The July 4th Committee participated in the Memorial Day Parade by having a pickup truck owned by Warren Pearce decorated in July 4th decorations and Gloria Mastro sitting in the back of the pickup truck dressed as Betsy Ross, with Warren Pearce and Laura Pintosopoulos walking beside the pickup throwing candy out to the children.

The events at the 2002 Fourth of July Celebration was again a spectacular display of fireworks put on by Warren Pearce and Dick Romboli and their crew, amusement rides, pony rides, carriage and bicycle parade, Kid Care I.D., face painting, and local teenage bands playing during the day, and the Tabasco Fiasco Band playing on the 3rd and 4th at night. In addition, there were a number of different town organizations there that had booths set up selling food, drinks, ice cream, candy, popcorn, crafts and games to play trying to raise money for their organizations.

The July 4th Committee presented Billy Manos a plaque at the Opening Ceremonies for his continued service in helping to clean up the park area during and after the event.

The July 4th Committee would like to thank the following departments for their continued help in making the July 4th Fair a success.

1. North Reading Police Department
2. North Reading Fire Department - Deputy Fire Chief Jim Brady
3. Recreation Committee and Brian Wood

In August 2002, the July 4th Committee lost one of their most dedicated members, Honorary Chairman Tania Wulleman. Tania was one of the first people to organize the July 4th Fair, and continued to work hard on making the July 4th Fair a success until her passing in August. She will be missed by all of us for a long time to come.

The Fourth of July Committee would welcome anyone interested in becoming a member of our committee. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Edith O'Leary Senior Center in the Building on the Common.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Pierce, Chairman
Edith O'Leary, Vice Chairman
Laura Pintsopoulos, Treasurer
Jo-Anna Purnell, Recording Secretary
Gloria Mastro, Corresponding Secretary
Bette Pearce, Member
Ellen Manning, Member

FLINT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BUDGET

This was a dramatic year for the library, marked by a Proposition 2-1/2 override failure on May 7th. Beginning July 1st, the library budget was cut by 25% – \$99,771 – all in salaries. As a result, the library experienced a great reduction in staff and operating hours. The cuts also affected the town's Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR), jeopardizing the library's certification.

In order to be certified a public library must meet the following requirements: remain open a minimum number of hours from Labor Day to Memorial Day: 40 for a town of this size; spend 16% of the budget on materials – books, CDs, videos, etc.; and the town must provide a certain level of funding – the Municipal Appropriation Requirement. This figure is based on the average of the current year and previous two years' municipal appropriations, multiplied by 1.025%. Loss of certification means that a library will not receive annual state aid and it will not be allowed to apply for any grants. Additionally, other Massachusetts libraries are not required to lend materials to patrons from decertified libraries.

At the October 7th Town Meeting, North Reading citizens voted to re-instate \$75,228, an amount that allowed the library to meet its MAR and remain certified. Since November, the library has been open 44 hours a week. We are still \$24,543 under our original appropriation, however. We were not able to restore Sunday hours, Wednesday evenings, or the 10 am-11 am hour on Friday morning.

State, regional – (Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System) – and consortium, (Merrimack Valley Library Consortium) budgets were also affected. Services affected most severely were online databases interlibrary loan services.

PUBLIC SERVICES

During the first six months of 2002, the library offered a variety of programs. We hosted a book party for Nancy Bailey Miller, author of *Minitmen and Molly's*, *North Reading Neighbors Share Their Stories*. We held a breakfast for the members of the Reading/North Reading Chamber of Commerce. Author readings included poetry, the Pow Wow River Poets and fiction from Jane Ward and Peggy Rambach. The North Reading Chorale gave a concert. In March, people gathered to hear a one-woman play about Amelia Earhart. This event was co-sponsored by the North Reading Cultural Council and the North Read-

ing Historical and Antiquarian Society. In June, the North Reading Garden Club held a flower show. We had a tea for all volunteers. There were regular story hours for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers. We did hold a few programs for children during the reading program, *Star Spangled Summer*. After July 1st budget cuts, we were unable to offer programs for adults. Local businesses, however, generously donated gift certificates and coupons to readers and we held a readers' raffle for young adults and adults.

The library applied for, and received a \$7500 LSTA grant to be used for improving Customer Service. Due to the budget problems, we postponed implementing the grant until FY '04.

TECHNOLOGY

The library is a member of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC), a group of 32 libraries that shares materials. At the end of the year, MVLC upgraded our online catalog, IPAC, to IPAC 2.02, adding some new, patron-friendly features, including photographs of books. E-mail notification of holds and overdue is now available – and encouraged. We have put away the due date stamp and replaced it with a receipt printer.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

We have worked to improve and update the collection, responding to patron requests, to current trends, current events, and interests. We began to buy audiobooks on CD and continued to expand our DVD collection. We have made sure to have students' required reading books and organized them so that they are easy to find. Our aim is to develop a balanced collection that meets the recreational as well as educational needs of our community.

BOOKWORMS

The Bookworms once again funded a pass to the Children's Discovery Museum in Acton, a popular outing for families. The Teddy Bear Picnic at Ipswich River Park was a success, attended by over 300 children and their families. The Bookworms also held a book sale and a craft fair. We appreciate their contributions to the library.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have always played an important role at the library and this year they were more important than ever. Once the Page was laid off in July, volunteers helped lessen the burden of the shelving. We appreciate those who participate in the Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program, as well as other volunteers, including high school students. We thank the volunteers who shelved, retrieved items for interlibrary loan, typed, sent out mailings and assisted with special projects.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We have enjoyed working with the North Reading Antiquarian and Historical Society, the North Reading Garden Club, and the schools. We look forward to collaborating on projects in the future.

www.flintmemoriallibrary.org

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Items added: 1/02-12/02:	Total:	6,907
Print		6,201
Audio/Visual		706
Total of all materials as of 6/30/02:		66,182

Materials Circulated:	FY'00	FY'01	FY'02
Adult/YA:	26,582	28,870	30,134
Children:	36,755	43,436	43,254
Audi/Visual:	12,654	16,901	24,152
Museum Passes:	160	138	156

Interlibrary Loans:	FY'00	FY'01	FY'02
Borrowed:	2,034	2,772	4,247
Loaned:	3,885	2,667	5,761

Registered Borrowers, as of 6/30/02: 12,517

HOURS OF OPERATION

Due to the budget crisis, the library hours changed four times this year.

Current Hours:

Monday	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays	

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Minton, Library Director

Library Trustees
Diane Norris, chairman
John Tobin, vice chairman
Lorraine Sheehan, secretary
Elizabeth Habich
Mary Rubinstein
David Cores

Protection of Persons and Property

NORTH READING FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL

Edward O'Brien
Chief of Department

James Brady
Deputy Chief

Helen Gray
Secretary

Captains

David Harlow
William "Bill" Warnock

Richard Nash
Richard Harris

Firefighters

William "Bud" Warnock
Joseph Marotta
Andrew Nichols
David Lee
Jonathan Burt
Michael Tannian

Donald Cooke
Thomas Harris
Kevin Carter
Barry Galvin
Herbert Batchelder
Donald Stats

Public Safety Mechanic/Call Firefighter

Mark Fransen

Call Department

Robert Noseworthy
James Pothier
Hartnell Bartlett
Brian Deshaies
Eric Pepper
Vincent Zarella
Jeffery Graves

Paul Hardiman
Jeff Strong
Andrew Shaw
Jerry Ouellette
Christopher Lynch
David Lumb
Scott Myette

The members of your Fire Department have been in place, training and responding on a daily basis, to threats to the public well being. I would like to thank all of them for being on the "front lines" everyday, for facing whatever comes their way (no matter who or what the cause) and for the excellent job they do every time.

We have continued to participate in programs that provide specialized training and equipment which supplement area Hazardous Material Response Teams and local fire department members in responses from the every day threat to Weapons of Mass Destruction.

I would like to publicly thank those members of this department for their continued efforts in these areas. It means dedication offline and energy that they may normally spend with their families.

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

The department has placed into service three new trailers this past year. All of which were either donated by a local business, or supplied by the State, through a FEMA grant. These trailers will carry special rescue and Hazardous Materials response equipment. All of the members of the Department have been trained in the deployment and use of the trailers. These trailers are available for State and/or Regional-wide responses in the event of an event involving a Weapon of Mass Destruction or other catastrophic event.

The Department is also faced with providing our members support for the decision making process and practical support issues regarding small pox vaccinations, quarantine quarters if a member is exposed to and contaminated by any of the myriad of potential threats now faced by the United States.

PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOLS

The Fire Department makes annual visitations to the schools with fire prevention programs during the fall. This past year, in partnership with the North Reading Public Schools and Police Department this Department has taken part in the development of an Emergency Response Plan for our Schools. This "living document" is revisited on a regular basis and provides an all hazards plan for the protection of the children while they are in school. Much remains to be done, but a very good beginning has been established.

PERSONNEL

Captain Dana Rowe retired in January 2002 after nearly 40 years of service. Not only did Captain Rowe serve many years on this Department he did countless hours of other community service which included a term as a Selectman.

Call firefighters Joseph O'Rourke, Thomas Osborne and Christopher Ford all resigned the Call Fire Department due to other commitments that did not allow them to continue their membership.

New Call firefighter Scott Myette was appointed in August of 2002.

ACTIVITIES 2002

This past year the department responded to 1,928 calls for assistance from the department. This department reported 119 fires or explosions of some size and/or nature in buildings last year, of which three (3) were two (2) alarm fires that caused significant damage to three separate residences in the community. An additional 606 responses were made to alarms sounding in building, (208) for hazardous conditions, (398) that needed immediate attention by the fire department.

Our Emergency Medical calls totaled 1,034 of our total responses. Of that, 683 produced a transporting situation to a hospital.

PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATION AND SAFE (STUDENTS AWARENESS OF FIRE EDUCATION) GRANT PROGRAMS

The department, as always, continues to be active with children in the schools, K-eighth grade, in an effort to instill fire safe behavior in our next generation. This is accomplished through the cooperation of the school system and participation of several local businesses. We encourage prearranged Fire House visits by the various community groups, such as Boy and Girl Scout organizations. Many thanks to all those who participate in this effort, which may one day save a life.

I am pleased to report that, primarily through the efforts of Captain Richard Harris, a grant of \$4,390 was awarded through the Fire SAFE (Student Awareness & Fire Education) program.

Several times a year an outreach program is delivered to our elder population in cooperation with Elder Affairs Director Edith O'Leary and North Reading Fire Department. Mrs. O'Leary was paramount in securing funding through a grant from Reading Municipal Light Company. The program provides updated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors through the grant and the installation of the same, by the firefighters, in those households that apply through Elder Affairs.

JUVENILE FIRE SETTERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Through Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley's Office, this Department participates with the Middlesex Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Program for children up through age 16. This past year, one child was referred into the program. This program includes screening interviews and fire safety educational interventions. Also available is access to referral services for further treatment when necessary. This is a collaborative program that the Fire Department and the North Reading Police Detective Unit works within.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Through the Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division under the 2002 Firefighter Safety Equipment Program the department was awarded a grant of \$21,000. The department shall upgrade all of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

TRAINING

Fortunately, due to efforts by several Fire Chiefs in Essex County, including Chief O'Brien, Marinetimes Gas Company Funded specialized training in areas of Confined Space, Trench, and technical rope rescue. Also, gas emergencies including a Gas Command school for the officer of this and the nine other area fire departments that are affected by this major project. This past year, specialized training in response to the Attack on America was received from various sources, both local and state-wide.

Again this past year, the Department had the unique opportunity to con-

duct a live fire-drill in a structure slated for demolition. I would like to thank Ranger Construction for allowing us to conduct this exercise in this structure.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING

The other aspect of our training is the continued education and re-certification of the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). The training and continuing education is coordinated by Captain Dave Harlow and OEMS Instructor Captain Bill Warnock. This process provides the firefighters with an extremely high level of training which directly translates to the highest quality of service. The community can be confident that those who need the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system are served by one of the best.

I would like to thank all the various departments that allow us to meet our mission and make our daily work load a bit easier to carry. Included are the Town Administrator, DPW, Financial Division and as always special thanks to the North Reading Police Department.

I respectfully submit this report,

Edward A. O'Brien
Chief of Department

NORTH READING POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL

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
Ms. Laura Parow, Secretary

Sergeants

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

Patrol Officers

Bruce Donle	Roger Wulleman
Bruce Heerter	John Morrison
James McCormack	Anthony Morlani
Scott Tilton	Michael McAuliffe
Paul Dorsey, Jr.	Derek Howe
Jodi Gerardi 2	Joseph Encarnacao
Michael LeBlanc	Thomas Hatch
Sean O'Leary	Keith Lamont
Dana Rowe 1	Thomas Encarnacao
David DiFraia	Kevin Donle

1 Dana Rowe is on active military duty overseas
2 Jodi Gerardi temporarily assigned to detectives

Detectives

Thomas Romeo	Michael Murphy
Jodi Gerardi	

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Dear Citizens:

Let me begin by expressing my deepest sympathy for the family of Officer Frank Romeo who passed away on November 22, 2002. As you are probably aware, Frank was a member of this Department for many years. Frank had a profound influence on many people. His wife Pat and two sons are police officers. Pat, a constable and Tom a detective serve the citizens of this community and Dan is a LAPD corporal. Frank was a gentlemen, loyal, hardworking, dependable and respectful. He exemplified what we expect of all police officers.

Because of Constable Frank Romeo's positive influences on the lives of our officers and citizens, the North Reading Police Department will honor one of its own annually when he or she receives the "Frank Romeo Police Officer of the Year Memorial Award." The officer that receives this special award will have exhibited those qualities and characteristics which were demonstrated by Frank.

During the Summer of 2002, we became frightfully aware of a growing drug problem in our community. Detectives Tom Romeo and Mike Murphy are active members of the Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force. As a result of their participation in Task Force work they became aware that significant numbers of North Reading adolescents and young adults were involved with dangerous drugs. Most alarming are the facts that the numbers of our young involved were increasing and the drug of choice is heroin. Several young people are "dealing" and many are abusing this nightmare from the past. Many of the abusers are snorting and/or smoking the drug but several are injecting. The NRPD has enlisted the aid of the Task Force, other effected communities, the Department of Health and of course our School Department. An action plan has been written and implemented. Be assured that the Department and its partners are doing all they can to end this epidemic. But we need your help. Become aware and involved.

Secretary of Public Safety James Jajuga, took up the challenges confronting law enforcement as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Secretary Tom Ridge, Director of Homeland Security advised each state in the Union to develop a response plan that would address information sharing and responding to terrorist related incidents. Secretary Jajuga developed what now has become a national model – the SATURN Program (Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network). The simplicity of the system is remarkable. Each community assigns a team of three individuals as SATURN Blue, Red and White team members. Blue represents police, red – fire and white – local emergency management. Lt. Nolan was assigned as the Blue Team representative. I am happy to report that under his leadership the Police Department is in full compliance with the philosophies and standards of the SATURN Program. To date emergency response equipment has been purchased, protocols developed, tested and implemented and every officer on this Department has received several levels of training. The most distinctive and demanding training was a full-field simulation exercise that involved all NRPD personnel, members of the Fire, School, Public Works, Emergency Management and Recreation Departments. Many police personnel from surrounding towns and the NEMLEC (North East Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council), a police mutual aid organization participated, as well.

By the end of January 2003, supervisors and senior officers will have been trained in the Management of Critical Incidents, a process that is unique to law enforcement. Critical Incident Management focuses on managing the critical incidents first moments – when there is still a possibility of slowing the acceleration curve.

The Community policing grant has provided funding to purchase equipment such as computer and tactical equipment and to conduct all of the train-

ing mentioned above. Funding provided the Department with an opportunity to continue the RAD program which is designed to provided women with survival skills if confronted with a sexual assault/rape situation.

Our RAD officers have devoted themselves to providing quality training to the women of North Reading. Most recently they recognized the safety needs of young women on college campuses and offered a special session of RAD during the holiday semester break.

EOPS Community Policing Grant programs have provided the opportunity to continue with exciting programs such as, the Department's web page, www.nrpd.org, which is up and running and programs such as the Family Fun Day, the "Kids Care Program" and the PAL program.

The D.A.R.E. Program completed its fifteenth year. The Executive Office of Public Safety has discontinued funding of the D.A.R.E. Grants program because of the fiscal crisis.

The PAL program is entering into its seventh year. The focus of the PAL program changed this year. PAL flag football was initiated this past summer. A league was put together featuring several teams from various age groups. The league and the teams were coached by NRPD officers. Detective Mike Murphy did an outstanding job organizing this program.

The Department has received funding for the sixth year from the Federal Byrne Grant Program funded through the Violence Against Woman Act and matching funds from the Town. The Grant is administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety. To date, Ms. Lisa Maccario, the victim advocate and outreach coordinator and Ms. Lori Harris, Assistant Advocate have attended specialized training, become part of professional networks, conducted training, performed outreach and community education and maintained a heavy case load of clients. Sergeant Kevin Brennan has been assigned the responsibility of supervising and coordinating the local VAWA effort.

Patrol Officers Bruce Donle and Roger Wulleman are certified as crime prevention specialists. Presentations can be made to local organizations and home and business security surveys can be conducted by calling Officer Wulleman for an appointment. Roger has appeared several times with "McGruff" the crime prevention dog.

In the spirit of the new evolving philosophy of "Community Policing and Problem Orientated Policing," I wish to recognize the efforts of our Community Services personnel for their efforts participating in the Community Based Justice Program; the School Committee's "Zero Tolerance and Safe Schools Programs."

In particular, I want to highlight the partnership formed the North Reading School Department and this agency. In addition to supporting the many school based programs described elsewhere in the report the school department has broadened their partnership with us by actively participating in the NEMLEC STARS Program. In May 2002, the school, police and fire departments participated in a table-top training intended to sharpen their skills in the handling a multi-school hazards. In June of 2002, these skills were put to a test when all

participated in a full-field simulation drill, which was developed by Lieutenant Nolan and his team. A lot was learned and the information will be influence future decisions on training and protocol development.

The NRPD Survivors Committee continues to work on special projects. They held their second annual dance at the Hillview Country Club and citizens were recognized for their support of the department. This year's (2003) ball will see the first annual "Frank Romeo Police Officer of the Year Memorial Award" being awarded. In addition, the committee hosted the second annual "Family Fun Day" held at Ipswich River Park. About 1,000 families attended this day-long event, which featured children's rides and activities, police exhibits and a family cookout. This event is free of charge to residents.

I would like to thank the members of the Police Station Building Committee for "hanging in there." It looks like we might see the new and renovated facility after all.

Before I close, I would like to thank patrol officer Dana Rowe for his service to his Country. Dana was called up shortly after September 11th for airport security duty. He served in that capacity for about eight months. Almost immediately after concluding that tour, he and the rest of his unit were called to active duty – to serve in the Persian Gulf. We wish Dana and his family our prayers for his safe return.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of this Department who have worked enthusiastically and professionally on the many positive programs and projects now in place, I would like to thank all of our citizens who have participated in our Citizens Police Academy, D.A.R.E., PAL and RAD programs. It should be noted that we have learned a lot from these interactions with our friends. I would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Laura Parow, my secretary. The title secretary doesn't quite fit all the areas of responsibilities she has undertaken over the years. She is indispensable to the efficient operation of the department. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the fine job being done by Mr. Ed Donnelly and Peter Cardello of the tax abatement program. Their efforts have saved us countless hours of data entry. It should be noted that these two gentlemen give hundreds of additional hours – above and beyond what is required by the program.

Very truly yours,

Henry T. Purnell,
Chief of Police

Crimes Committed and/or Reported and Calls For Service January 1 through December 31,2002

Crimes Against Property: 281 offenses including larceny, breaking and entering, burglary, arson, robbery, etc.
Value Property Stolen: \$ 58,955.00
Value Recovered Goods: \$ 24,995.00

Stolen Motor Vehicles: 13
Value of Stolen Vehicles Estimated: \$200,000.00
Recovered Vehicles: 1
Value of Recovered Vehicle: \$20,000.00

Malicious Damage To Property: 186
Cost to Property Owner: \$ 75,000.00 estimate

Crimes Against People

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

Anthrax Scares	6
Assault	19
Child Abuse and Neglect	4
Child Custody Disputes	6
Civil Law Disputes	29
Domestic Abuse Offenses	260
Missing Persons, Child	28
Missing Persons, Adult	4
Overdoses/Suicides	9
Harassing Telephone Calls	40
Harassment	17
Kidnapping	1
School Threats	6
Threats	24
Threats, Bomb	3
Trespass	12
Weapons, Assault	6
Stalking	1
Sexual Violence Assaults	2
Rape	1
Robbery	3

Note: C.I.U. is investigating allegations of up to 30 to 40 "strong-arm" robberies were one drug dealer is robbing another drug dealer.

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

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

Arson	1
Breaking & Entering	51
Home Invasions	2
Larcenies	209
Counterfeiting-Frauds	17
Disturbances	1,017
Suspicious Activity	377
Alarms Total	854

Break Down:

Municipal Property	24
School Buildings	56
Commercial	390
Residential	379
Vehicles	4
Gun Law Violations	1
Illegal Dumping	30
Hazards	138
Narcotics	25
Cyber-Crimes	4
Hate Crimes	2
Animal Control Calls	440
Town By-laws	20
Warrants, WMS	24

Miscellaneous Calls For Service

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

Assists To NRFD	618
Mutual Aid	96
NEMLEC	22
911 calls	1,881*

544 Transferred to Fire/EMS, the remainder handled by the Police. This figure doesn't reflect other emergency calls made to seven digit lines.

911 hang-ups	418
Assists Town Hall	229
Assists School Dept.	40
Assists DPW	59
Assists Post Offices	24
Intelligence Gathering	463

Motor Vehicle Traffic

Stops	1,625
Selective Enforcement	93
Motor Vehicle Accidents	377
Disabled Vehicles	182
Repossessions	15

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE..... 11,341

Note: Generally does not include officer-initiated activities.

Arrests/Station Adjustments for 2002

Adults	237
Juveniles	6
Hearings/Summons	424
Adjustments, youth	152
Protective Custody	47

**REVENUES GENERATED BY
POLICE ACTIVITY/PROGRAMS 2002**

GRANTS RECEIVED TO DATE	\$2,076,590.00
Accident & Crime Reports	1,800.00
Administrative Fees	7,257.12
False Alarms Fines	9,900.00
\$7,500. received, 2,350. past due	
Woburn District Court	
Probation Program	NA
Fines, criminal offenses	3,195.00
Fines, motor vehicle	18,995.00
Permits & Firearms Licenses	7,015.00
228 Permits & Licenses	
Auctions/work permits	300.00

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Chief of Police and Town Administrator authorized an increase in the Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) staffing. Currently the unit is operating with three full-time detective-prosecutors. The increase in staffing was deemed necessary when the unit case load dramatically increased throughout the year. The CIU handles the investigation, evidence processing and prosecution functions of the North Reading Police Department. The CIU investigates all major crime committed and investigates crimes that are initially handled by the patrol force but require extensive follow-up investigation. In addition, the CIU has the capability to process all but the most complicated crime scenes. CIU members have been schooled in crime scene processing methodology and the Unit has many modern crime scene processing tools. The CIU also prosecutes most all criminal and civil actions developed by the NRPD and other Town governmental units.

CIU detectives are members of the Southern Middlesex Regional Drug Task Force. Participating members conduct joint investigations with other Task Force partners such as the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), State Police and municipal police.

During the first part of 2002, Detective Mike Murphy was assigned to the Task Force to assist the DEA in a major **heroin** distribution investigation. The Task Force found that vast amounts of drugs were being distributed throughout the Great Lawrence region. Task Force members observed many young adults and adolescents from North Reading participating in the illicit drug trade. Investigations are on-going.

It has been determined that about 15 to 20 adolescents and 25 to 30 young adults from North Reading are involved in the use and abuse of Heroin. The CIU, Task Force, NRPD and the School Department are working to gain control of this problem.

The CIU with authorization from the Chief of Police have conducted several alcohol and tobacco compliance checks. The compliance checks are conducted periodically to ensure that local businesses adhere to the law, regulations and license requirements are being strictly followed.

As mentioned at the beginning of this report the case load has dramatically risen during the year. The CIU was assigned 129 major investigations during the year. Many of these investigations are related to the rise in drug use in the community. Abusers fund their habits by committing robberies, break-ins, and larcenies, the CIU is investigating numerous leads in these areas. We have had success in many of the investigations as evidenced by the fact that 79 of these cases were cleared through arrest or other means.

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Thomas J. Romeo
Detective Michael P. Murphy
Detective Jodi A. Gerardi

SAFETY BUREAU REPORT

Since becoming a member of the Safety Officers Association, I have gained valuable information and insights into the responsibilities to which I've been assigned. For example, I've learned the proper information to glean from a preliminary subdivision plan and the proper questions to ask of the development team that will ensure a safe addition to our community.

I continue to work closely with Lt. Nolan and Dave Hanlon (and the DPW staff). The advice and counsel received has enabled me to contribute accurate information on special projects.

I have been actively working on reviewing several subdivisions located on North, Elm and Concord Streets, the Route 62 project, monitoring intersections for enforcement planning, speed signs across town and actively participating in selective traffic enforcement.

In addition, I, with the help of Sgt. Dan Jones, implemented the 4th of July traffic and parking program and look forward to working with 4th of July Committee again. Other special projects are the sports tournaments, road races and increasing numbers of block dances. I've had the pleasure of addressing local clubs and groups on safety issues and spending time with school aged children on similar topics.

I am looking forward to projects anticipated for the year 2003, and hope North Reading remains a safe community.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Tilton

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUREAU REPORT

The Department continues in their efforts to bring crime prevention programs to the Community. During the last year, presentations were made to our elder citizens on how to recognize and prevent "scams," and to one Citizens Police Academy session held over the year – these presentations focused on home and business security and personal protection.

The Department conducts security audits of local businesses and homes. These audits assess security strong and weak points and provide tips on "target hardening" your property. If you are interested, contact Officer Roger Wulleman. Roger introduced "McGruff" the crime prevention dog early in 2002. McGruff has made several appearances giving crime prevention tips.

In addition; crime prevention strategies have been the topic of several "COP TALK" articles in the North Reading Transcript.

Citizens Police Academies continue to be a success. To date, approximately 180 residents have participated in this learning and sharing experience. There are plans to continue with this program in 2003 (if the State funds our community policing grant) and all residents are welcome to apply.

Recognizing that our youth are our most precious resource, the Bureau plans to maintain its youth orientated programs but encourage more youngsters to participate.

Sergeant Brennan and Patrol Officers Tilton, Howe, Lamont and Encarnacao provided special mountain bike patrols in specific locations, i.e., Ipswich River Park, neighborhoods, the North Reading Youth Soccer Fall Tourney, and the 4th of July Celebration.

The Department's RAD Program is under way. Officers Morrison, Dorsey Jr., Gerardi, Detective Murphy and Ms. Laura Parow have done an outstanding job bringing this proactive program to the women of our community. To date, ten sessions have been conducted with about 160 participants in attendance.

Officers have been made available to local organizations, schools and institutions to provide information on a variety of topics – ranging from crime prevention to halloween safety. We wish to continue these public awareness programs, if anyone has an interest in having an officer speak at a function or event, please contact Lt. Nolan.

Members of the Police Survivors Committee and the Department in general, hosted a second fun-filled "Family Appreciation Day" at Ipswich River Park just before the current school year began. All events were free which included many fun activities and a cookout. Many of the Department's Community Service programs were represented at the event. A child car seat clinic was conducted, a RAD for Kids demonstration held and a bicycle helmet fitting and giveaway program initiated. The community response was overwhelming, about 1,500 adults and children participated. It is hoped that this event will be continued this year.

All in all, it's been a busy and rewarding year for the Bureau- We hope to have a repeat year only with more programs that are designed to bring us closer to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Jodi A. Gerardi

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

This year, the Building Department underwent several changes. The assistant building inspectors position was eliminated on July 1, 2002 due to budget constraints. On October 18, 2002, Mr. William Halligan retired as the Building Inspector. I was appointed Building Inspector on October 19, 2002 and would like to thank the Town Administrator Mr. Thomas Younger and the current Board of Selectmen for the confidence in my ability to run the department.

I would like to thank Mr. Halligan for his ten years of service to the town. I hope he is enjoying his retirement. A special appreciation goes to Michele Mawn, the Building Department's Administrative Assistant for making the transition between inspectors go as smooth as it did. Also thanks go to Corrine Castrine for the same transition with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

During this past year 621 building permits were issued, 70 more than last year. There were 43 new home permits, 10 more than last year, proving that construction is still on the rise in North Reading.

	Permits	Fees	Const. Cost
New Homes	43	\$91,505.00	\$12,858,990.00
Other Permits	576	161,902.00	9,132,137.00
Commercial Bldg.	1	<u>3,332.00</u>	<u>332,000.00</u>
Total Building		\$256,739.00	\$22,323,127.00
Total Department		\$321,906.00	

Respectfully submitted,

James DeCola
Inspector of Buildings/
Zoning Enforcement Officer

GAS INSPECTOR

There were two hundred and five (205) gas permits issued by this department in 2002. \$6425.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Approximately 372 inspections and re-inspections were made by me and my assistant, Essam Kader, during the year. I responded to 4 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, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diozzi
Gas Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There were two hundred and fifty nine (259) plumbing permits issued for work being done this year. \$10405.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Approximately 352 inspections and re-inspections were made by me and my assistant, Essam Kader during the year.

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 Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diozzi
Plumbing Inspector

WIRE INSPECTOR

During this past year of 2002, the Wiring Inspection Department issued 462 wire permits for residential and commercial work. Total fees brought in by these permits was \$43,784.00. These fees have been turned over to our Town Treasurer.

Effective July 1, 2002 the Assistant Wiring position was eliminated from the budget. I would like to thank James DeCola, my assistant wiring inspector for his dedication and professionalism for the last fourteen years. A total of 1,110 inspections were performed in 2002.

I also responded to approximately 19 nonrelated electrical problems. Our involvement with the North Reading Fire Department accounted for approximately 38 calls to assist them.

Applications for electrical permits are available at the Inspection Office which is located at the Town Hall on North Street. I am available to be contacted for assistance or inspections by calling (978) 664-4828 Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Michele Mawn is available to discuss fees at the Building Inspection Office at (978) 664-6040.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Gigante
Inspector of Wires

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of North Reading from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. I have inspected, sealed, adjusted, or condemned a total of four hundred and forty two (442) measuring units. Fees totaling \$4553.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts were received for same.

In addition, under the Consumers and Merchants Protection Act, fines were imposed for violations of item pricing and Weights and Measures Laws in the amount of \$1600.00. were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer for the purpose of enhancing the Town's Weights and Measures Law Enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Peck
Inspector of Weights & Measures

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gary T. Hunt continued as Chairman of the Board, with Michael Ricci and Pamela Vath, as members. Martin Fair, RS, C.H.O., continued as Health Agent/ Director of Public Health, and Susan Doherty, Administrative Assistant.

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, RS, for semi-annual inspections of 75 food establishments.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Middlesex East continued to provide community health services which include follow up on communicable diseases, blood pressure clinics for the elderly, Mantoux Testing for retired citizens working in the schools, immunization of students, as well as Flu Clinics. The Board also provides any necessary VNA assistance and supplies to the school for clinics, and testing.

The State cut the funding for Tobacco Control so that the Town joined with the *Andover Tobacco Control Program*. The Collaborative provided smoking cessation and educational programs for young people and the community. Compliance checks for sale of tobacco products to minors were conducted during the year.

The East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project performed larval mosquito control by helicopter *Bti* Application in the spring, of approximately 378 acres. There were further adult mosquito control aerosol applications throughout the summer.

There were two cases of Lyme Disease reported.

West Nile Virus surveillance continued this year. In June, approximately fifteen hundred catchbasins were baited with larvacide by DPW personnel.

Animal Inspectors were busy throughout the year isolating and confining pets that were potentially exposed to rabid wild animals.

The Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture requires all horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and flocks of poultry numbering twenty-five (25) or more to be inspected and an annual census completed. The Inspector of Animals conducted inspections of the animals and their housing conditions at thirty-two (32) sites or addresses in the Town.

Ducks	11	Geese	28	Dairy Cattle	3	Horses	155
Ponies	1	Goats	4	Chickens	1,496	Ferrets	35
Sheep	5	Turkeys	600	Pea & Guinea Hens	60		

The Board received several requests for emergency permits to trap beavers/breach dams two were granted.

The following numbers of doses of biologics were distributed during the year:

DTAP	IPV	MMR	TD	DT	HIB	HEP-B	HEPA	FLU	PPV-23	PCV-7
260	165	180	210	10	220	170	0	510	60	240

During the year/ the Board performed the following reviews and issued the types and number of licenses and permits listed below:

New Sewage Systems	59
Food Service	76
Sewage System Repairs	77
Soil Tests	339
Total Plans Reviewed	240
Semi-Public Pools	4
Massage Therapist	12
Installers	70
Mobile Home Park	2
Septage Haulers	11
Animal	34
Rubbish Haulers	3
Burial	54
Title V Certifications	29 Failed/117 Passed
Tanning	5
Recreation Camps for Children	1
Tobacco Permits	18
Well Permits	17

Total fees collected during the year were \$34,494.73.

Education

NORTH READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

The members of the School Committee are charged with the responsibility to develop policies and a budget to support the education of children within the public schools of North Reading. Toward that end, the Committee is 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.

GOALS

The School Committee established four major goal areas to direct its work in 2002: 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 continue with the process of systematic policy review with a focus on policies related to school safety and school budget and finance
2. To develop and implement policies which are student-centered and consistent with Education Reform

Results: One of the fundamental responsibilities of the School Committee is to establish sound policies and regulations that govern the educational practices in our schools. During the past year work continued with the review of policies related to school finance, civil rights and non-discrimination. New policies were implemented to address physical restraint and student safety.

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

1. To continue to monitor and review the Food Services Program both in participation rate and the quality and choices of meals and to make the program more cost effective
2. To update the Capital Budget Plan
3. To successfully fund the FY03 Budget
4. To review the budgetary long-term needs and resources to support school facilities
5. To manage the FY02 Budget
6. To review the budgetary impact of retirements

Results: The School Committee worked closely with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee in the development of the FY03 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. This budget reflected the Committee's Budget Goals

including: *Continue to maintain reasonable class size and keep pace with enrollment growth. Maintain commitment to the school building needs plan, Support education reform mandates and improvements in the core curriculum, technology, and staff development, Enhance services to students, parents, and the community, and Support the implementation of the Strategic Plan.*

The FY03 budget of \$16,248,330 represented a 5.3% increase over FY02 and anticipates contract settlements to include a modest increase in salaries. Voters did not support a general override in the operating budget. Consequently, the School Department reduced 4.1 positions and increased user fees in athletics and transportation. Voters approved the following capital budget projects for the School Department in FY02: Technology Plan (\$100,000), Furniture Replacement (\$30,000), Tractor (\$40,000) and Copiers (\$25,000). Voters also approved funding for the schematic designs for the renovations and additions to the Batchelder School (\$225,000), repairs to the Batchelder School heating plant (\$10,000). Finally, although voters approved funding for the renovations and additions at the High School (\$13,501,188) and the Middle School (\$14,562,000), voters did not support the necessary debt exclusion votes for these projects.

The Committee was particularly pleased with the generous donations made in support of the "Support Our Students" (SOS) Foundation. More than \$55,000 was raised toward the purchase of new math textbooks in the elementary and middle schools and literature and social studies texts at the high school. Additionally, the Committee was also very appreciative of the funds and in-kind contributions that led to the construction of a new press box on the High School athletic field.

While the School Department's budget is in compliance with state-mandated funding under Education Reform, the per pupil expenditures continue to fall well below the state average. Coupled with uncertainties of Chapter 70 funding from the state and continued increases in student enrollment, the School Committee remains concerned about the ability to continue to provide quality education in North Reading.

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

1. To more actively involve the School Councils within the school system
2. To increase communication with various community groups

Results: The School Committee continued to work cooperatively with all segments of Town Government. The School Committee continued to encourage the work of the School Councils, booster groups, and Parent Associations in the support of our schools. Of particular note was the reactivation of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC).

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. To implement the Strategic Plan with a specific emphasis on "Environment and Culture"
2. To explore new curriculum and instructional practices which are con-

sistent with Education Reform and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

3. To review time and learning
4. To continue to discuss issues of school environment and culture
5. To provide appropriate and adequate facilities for teaching and learning
6. To complete contract negotiations with all employee groups
7. To review the Middle School philosophy, practices, programs and scheduling
8. To enhance the use of technology in the schools

Results: The School Committee continues to support the implementation of the School Department's *Strategic Plan 2000*. The Committee continued to work closely with both the Elementary and Secondary Schools Building Committees to address the space needs of our schools. The schematic designs for additions and renovations at the Middle and High Schools were completed and a modular unit with two classrooms was installed at the Little School. Work is underway for the installation of the modular units at the Hood and High Schools. The Committee also continued to support improvements in curriculum, technology, special education, and professional development and approved several new textbooks. Contract negotiations occupied a major portion of time and tentative agreements have been reached with the teachers, custodians and food services department and a new contract was signed with the paraprofessionals.

Town Meeting Action and Special Elections

Annual Town Meeting: At the Annual Town Meeting the Committee requested and the voters approved two FY03 School Department Budgets ("Recommended /Override" Budget of \$17,122,979 and "Available Funds" Budget of \$16,019,393. Voters also supported capital budget projects for technology, furniture, copiers and a tractor as well as capital project for the construction of a new elementary school on Swan Pond Road.

Regular Election (May): Voters did not approve a debt exclusion vote to construct a new elementary school at Swan Pond Road and did not support an override for the operating budget.

October Town Meeting: Voters approved funding for the improvements to the Batchelder School heating system and funds to complete designs of the Batchelder School renovation/addition. Voters also approved funding for the construction of additions and renovations to the Middle and High Schools.

Regular Election (November): Voters did not approve debt exclusion votes for funding the additions and renovations at the Middle and High Schools.

School Committee Recognition

The Committee presented Mr. Geof Simons with an Award of Appreciation and Awards of Appreciation were presented to all past and current members of the Elementary Schools Building Committee. The School Committee also recognized the participation of High School Seniors: Cherice Landers, Chris Peters, and Marc Pherson, who served as Student Representatives to the School Committee.

School Committee Membership and Special Projects

In May 2002, Mr. Stephen Jervey was re-elected to a three year term. School Committee officers included: Maureen Vacca, Chair; Patricia Colella, Vice-Chair; Stephen Jervey, Secretary; Stephen Van Beaver, Legislative Representative; and Patricia Colella, Liaison to Support Groups. Mr. Venezia replaced Mr. Van Beaver on the Elementary School Building Committee and Mr. Jervey was re-appointed to the Secondary Schools Building Committee. In June 2002, the following students were elected as Student Representatives to the School Committee: Sabrina Giannattasio (Class of 2004, Junior Representative/second year term), Andrew Lee (Class of 2005, Member-at-Large), Sarah Switchenko (Class of 2004, Member-at-Large), Steve Stafford (Class of 2004, Member-at-Large) and Katie McCarthy (Class of 2003, Senior Representative).

School Committee Members actively participated in the following special projects:

- MASC Annual Delegate/Annual Conference (Mr. Jervey)
- Elementary Schools Building Committee (Mr. Van Beaver, Mr. Venezia)
- Secondary Schools Building Committee (Mr. Jervey)
- Policy Sub-Committee (Mrs. Vacca, Mr. Venezia)
- School Safety Committee (Mr. Van Beaver)
- Director of Curriculum Search Committee (Mr. Jervey)
- Finance Planning Team (Mrs. Colella, Mr. Jervey, Mrs. Vacca)
- Athletics Sub-Committee (Mrs. Colella, Mr. Venezia)
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Mr. Jervey)
- Contract Negotiations (Mrs. Colella - teachers, Mr. Jervey - teachers, Mr. Venezia - paraprofessionals, Mrs. Vacca - custodians, Mr. Van Beaver - administration)

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen H. Vacca, Chairperson
Patricia A. Colella, Vice-chairperson
Stephen D. Jervey
Stephen Van Beaver
Gerald Venezia

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 central theme for the past year has been "maintaining quality" in our schools. The passage of the federal legislation, *No Child Left Behind*, initiated broad changes in public education across the nation and established high standards for performance. All students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in math and reading and educators are held to high standards for quality performance. Massachusetts has been identified as an exemplary model of education reform. In North Reading, our schools have responded to these high standards and, by all measures, our students, staff and schools meet or exceed the benchmarks for quality education.

BENCHMARK RESULTS

Student Accountability

- North Reading students continue to perform at a high level on the MCAS tests
- The district achieved a rating of "Very High" on the English Language Arts assessment and "High" on the Mathematics assessment and is "On Target" met or exceeded the target improvement goals
- The number of students who took Advanced Placement tests increased
- SAT results remain strong
- Percentage of students attending colleges and universities remains high (90%)

Teacher Quality

- Teachers new to the district participate in a series of "New Teacher Forums" and are supported through a Mentor Program
- All teachers met or exceeded state standards for high performance Technology
- North Reading received grant from Intel to support professional development programs for staff in the use of technology in the classroom
- Continued progress is made toward the state benchmarks of a 5/1 ratio of students to type A/B computers (North Reading: 6.8/1) and 100% of classrooms connected to the Internet (North Reading: 60%)

Curriculum and Instruction

- New math program implemented in grade 6 and K-5
- Collins Writing Program implemented 3-12
- English Language Arts Curriculum Guide (K-8) published
- High School completes self study in preparation for NEASC accreditation
- MCAS remediation programs implemented
- Curriculum Standards Committee continues to review curriculum K-12 in alignment with the Mass. Curriculum Frameworks

Professional Development

- On-going professional development programs are provided to all staff
- District-wide training programs completed in writing
- Elementary teachers participate in training in new math program
- Staff participates in a program entitled "Supporting the Professional and Personal Needs of Staff"
- High School staff provided with additional release days to complete NEASC accreditation self study

Administration

- Marcia O'Neil, Director of Curriculum, resigns to accept new position in Andover as Assistant Superintendent and Caroline Harris, Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Chair, becomes Interim Director of Curriculum
- Christine D'Anjou is appointed as the new Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Administrators participate in a workshop on building leadership capacity

Facilities

- Schematic designs for the additions and renovations at the Middle and High Schools completed
- Modular classrooms (2) installed at the Little School and modular cafeteria unit for the High School and Hood Schools under construction
- Upgrades to the Batchelder School heating plant initiated
- Batchelder kindergarten students redistricted to the Hood School
- Plans are underway to complete the designs for the additions and renovations at the Batchelder School
- A new press box, dedicated to Mildred Canavan, is constructed at the High School athletic field through community and business donations

Pupil Personnel Services

- North Reading completes the state mandated "Compliance Audit" in special education, Title I, and civil rights
- An Action Plan for the Compliance Audit is submitted to the Dept. of Education
- The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is reconstituted
- Program and staffing needs at the Middle and High School are addressed

Budget

- The FY02 Budget is managed successfully and a small surplus is returned to the Town
- The FY03 Budget results in a decrease in staffing (4.1 positions) and the reduction in physical education, health, technology and administrative support

School Safety

- School Safety Plans developed at each school
- Staff participates in mock disaster drill sponsored by the North Reading Police Department and NEMLEC
- Building security measures implemented at each school

Communication

- School Committee sub-committees organized in the following areas: policy, school safety, athletics, finance planning team, elementary building committee, and secondary building committee
- School Improvement Plans were completed and approved at each school
- Community members participate on School Councils, Parent Organizations, Building Committees, Director of PPS Search Committee, SEPAC, and High School Accreditation Sub-committees
- Staff members were kept informed of district policies and practices through faculty meetings, Superintendent's Newsletter, the district web page, staff orientation programs, and the annual distribution of the personnel manual
- Curriculum brochures were developed at each grade level
- An Elementary Student/Parent Handbook was developed

Policy

- Policies were reviewed, revised, and/or developed in the following areas: civil rights, extracurricular activities, physical restraint and school safety
- The formal review of the School Committee's Policy Manual continued with a focus on school finance, budget and civil rights

SYSTEM-WIDE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2002

- Strong performance of North Reading students on MCAS tests
- 100% passing of Math and English MCAS tests for the Class of 2003
- High performance ratings achieved on the state-wide "School Performance Rating Report"
- Implementation of a new math programs in grades 3-6
- Financial support for new texts provided by SOS ("Support Our Students")
- Completion of the schematic designs for the additions and renovations at the Middle and High School
- Staff involvement in on-going professional development
- Continued parental and community support and involvement in schools
- Successful completion of the state-mandated Compliance Audit in special education, Title I, and civil rights

FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Maintenance of quality education
- Management of the FY03 Budget and the approval of the FY04 under the potential for decreased state aid
- Completion of the designs for the additions / renovations at the Batchelder School
- Increase in the per pupil expenditure to the state average
- Completion of the high school accreditation
- Recruitment and retention of professional staff
- Improvement in resources for technology
- Funding of the Middle and High School building projects

SCHOOL STAFF

The following individuals retired from the School Department in 2002; It is important that we recognize and thank these individuals for the outstanding contributions each has made to our students and the North Reading Public Schools.

Lawrence E. Beam	Custodian, Little School
Sabatino J. Bolognese	Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Linda R. Burke	Paraprofessional, Hood School
Ronald T. Cooke	Maintenance Custodian
Elizabeth J. Durrell	Grade 3 Teacher, Hood School
F. Michael Fenton	Science Teacher, High School
Robert M. Gosse	Science Teacher, High School
Joan M. Janes	English Teacher, High School
Charles E. Jones	Assistant Principal, Middle School
George L. Lord	Maintenance Custodian
Barbara L. Maxwell	Grade 2 Teacher, Little School
Raymond S. Mears	English Teacher/Dept. Head, Middle School
Pamela K. Oliver	Grade 5 Teacher, Hood School
Carl J. Puglia	Math Teacher, High School
Robert G. Pushkar	English Teacher, High School
Cherrie N. Seth	Foods/Cultures Teacher, Middle School
Raymond B. Woods	Custodian, Hood School

As Superintendent of Schools, I believe strongly in the importance of providing all children with a quality learning environment. The future success of our society depends greatly upon the ability of our public schools to provide each child with a quality education. The provisions of the *No Child Left Behind* act set high standards for performance for our students and schools. In North Reading, our schools have responded to these high standards and, by all measures, our students, staff and schools meet or exceed the benchmarks for quality education. As Superintendent, it is a pleasure to work in a school district and community that places such a high value on education.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Troughton
Superintendent

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT

October 1, 2002

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Batchelder</u>	<u>Hood</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>High</u>
Pre-Kindergarten	20			20		
Ungraded	23			22	1	
Kindergarten	198		143	55		
Grade 1	250	85	91	74		
Grade 2	221	77	83	61		
Grade 3	201	74	73	54		
Grade 4	230	87	72	71		
Grade 5	221	74	73	74		
Grade 6	220				220	
Grade 7	203				203	
Grade 8	182				182	
Grade 9	202					202
Grade 10	143					143
Grade 11	153					153
Grade 12	95					95
Post-Graduate						
Total	2,562	397	535	431	606	593
Elementary	1,363					
Middle School	606					
High School	593					
TOTAL	2,562					

**NORTH READING
MCAS TESTS OF SPRING 2002
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS AT EACH PERFORMANCE LEVEL**

	<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Proficient</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>	<u>Warning/ Failing (Tested)</u>	<u>Warning/ Failing (Absent)</u>	<u>Average Raw/Scaled Score</u>	<u>Number of Students Included</u>
ALL STUDENTS							
Grade 3							
Reading		87	12	1	0	34	234
Grade 4							
English Language Arts	17	59	21	3	0	248	228
Mathematics	24	41	32	2	0	247	228
Grade 6							
Mathematics	27	44	21	8	0	247	203
Grade 7							
English Language Arts	22	65	10	2	0	251	188
Grade 8							
Mathematics	27	36	27	10	0	245	206
History and Social Science	9	46	39	6	0	241	206
Grade 10							
English Language Arts	27	57	15	1	0	250	157
Mathematics	30	40	26	4	0	247	157

NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL

The 2001-2002 school year at North Reading High continued to be one of many successes. As a Nationally designated "Breaking Ranks" model high school schools from across the United States visit us to observe our successful educational practices.

Student involvement in community service continues to grow. The "Interact Club," "National Honor Society" and senior Government classes continue their commitment to services to both school and the North Reading community.

Although the Junior Class trip to Washington D.C. was cancelled due to the events of September 11, students from North Reading High School traveled to Nicaragua in February to visit the American School of Nicaragua. The cultural experience, and travel itself, were positive educational experiences. The exchange program with the American School of Nicaragua and North Reading High School has been in existence for many years and has proven to be a very positive learning venture for both schools. In May, members of the Class of 2002 traveled with school chaperones to Disney World to participate in Disney's "Grad Night" festivities. Our seniors enjoyed the four-day excursion and represented both their school and community admirably.

Our students continue to score well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The scores were most successful for the classes of 2003 and 2004. In addition to student scores, North Reading High School received its School Performance rating in November 2002. The Cycle II performance ratings for North Reading High School showed a Very High in ELA and High in Mathematics. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

In June, 129 members of the Class of 2002 received diplomas. The total percentage of members of the Class of 2002 furthering their education was 91%. The mean scores in the S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test) for the Class of 2002 were 531 Verbal and 512 Math.

Although we have been very successful in all of our initiatives at North Reading High School, there are many challenges facing our school community. We are completing a very intense 18-month self-study phase of the re-accreditation process. A NEASC "visiting team" will arrive at North Reading High School in March (23-26) to assess North Reading High School's compliance with the seven standards of accreditation. Increased enrollment, space needs, an aging facility, community and school resources and education reform will greatly impact the outcome of this process. The continued support and cooperation of the entire North Reading community is essential for North Reading High School to successfully transition into the new schooling vision of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal
North Reading High School

**NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2002**

Jennifer Lynn Aldrich	* Emily Megan Grossman
Nichole Alexis	** Jessica Jill Hart
** AnneMarie Alvarez	Brian Alan Hawkes
* Salvatore Peter Anastasi III	Megan Kate Hernandez
Robert C. Anderson	Liam Patrick Hunt
Jacquelyn Anzalone	** Kimberly Beth Johnson
* Andrea Renee Arvanites	* Micaela Kasparian
* Melissa Susan Bastian	* James David Kazmierczak
* Emily Jane Batchelder	Michael J. Kazmierczak
* Christopher Michael Beaton	* Amy Elizabeth Kennedy
Jason Adam Bernardo	** Jennifer Ann Kern
Jessica Beverage	* Gregory Gerard LaJoie
* Rudolf Christopher Boentgen	** Cherice Natiesha Landers
* Joseph Francis Bokuniewicz	* Amanda Alexandria Larkin
Samantha Ann Brennan	Michael Larkin
Nona Lorraine Brown	* Adam Richard LeBouef
Christopher P. Bruno	* Eric Anthony Lee
David Thomas Butler Jr.	** Jacqueline Ann Locke
Jonathan Campbell	* Nathan Daniel Lopez
** Karen Leigh Capua	** Christine Ruth Lundell
* Meghan Theresa Carrette	Matthew A. Lynch
Blake C. Casassa	Darren Malek
Sarah Lawrence Castine	* Marleen Maria Marino
** Shaleighne M. Collins	* Seth Clarke McCullough
Stephen J. Colwell	Robert David McGlaufflin
* Ashley A. Crooker	* Sarah Jean McGlinchey
** Michael Daszkewicz	** Rachel Gayle McKinney
* Laura V. Dewar	Michael Sean McNeil
** Bryan Joseph DiMare	Jacquelynne Grace McQuesten
** Lauren M. DiPrizio	** Lauren Christine Miele
* Jennifer A. Doherty	** Rachel Ann Mitton
** Laura Katherine Dowd	** Amanda Blair Molhan
** Declan Jeremiah Dwyer	* David W. Monahan
Brianna Marie Eisenhaure	Corinne Amanda Monk
Christopher Thomas Erbafina	Jonathan Matthew Morrison
Daniel Face	Andrew George Mounter
* Nicole Joyce-Marie Falcione	Richard Michael O'Neil
Andrew Mark Favreau	Jessica Lee O'Neill
Elizabeth Ann Fillmore	Stephanie Ann O'Rourke
* Joseph G. Finocchiaro	* Gregory Michael Orlowski
John Michael Fletcher	
* Colleen Marie Foley	* Graduating with Honors
* Jacqueline Marie Frithsen	** Graduating with Honors
** Amy Claire Gallant	Also Members of
** Amanda C. Gerade	National Honor Society

* Elaine Marie O'Toole	** Alyson Kristine Serwacki
Gregory Orlowski	Shena Beth Simone
* Julia Mulcahy Paone	Anders Straume
Melody Parsa	Kristopher D. Talluto
** Robyn J. Parsons	Jillian Michelle Tremblay
* Reginald Boynton Pawle	** Jessica Vacca
Patrick Pennie	Breanne Danielle VanOfferen
** Christopher John Peters	Mark Gregory Vaughan
** Mark Stephen Pherson Jr.	Scott Eric Vaughan
Mark Joseph Pinkham	* Matthew G. Venezia
Michael N. Pollets	* Stephanie Dawne Venuto
* John David Porrazzo	Monique Marie Visconti
Davin Michael Potvin	Lauren Ashley Waters
Christopher Patrick Ramsdell	Michael Patrick Waters
Justin Erik Rand	* Michael Christopher Wetherbee
Leanne Jessica Redmond	Erica J. White
Nicholas Ryan Rippel	** Michelle Marie Wilkinson
Christopher D. Rizzo	Danielle C. Wilson
Stephanie Elizabeth Romig	* Kirsten Marie Wojtanek
* Andrea M. Russo	
* Lindsay Elizabeth Ryder	* Graduating with Honors
Jessica G. Saccardo	** Graduating with Honors
Meghan Eileen Sardella	Also Members of
Kimberly Ann Sawyer	National Honor Society

**NORTH READING CITIZEN'S SCHOLARSHIPS
CLASS OF 2002**

Michael Askenase	Jacqueline Locke
Jeffrey Bien	Christine Lundell
Karen Capua	Robert McGlaufflin
Michael Daszkewicz	Rachel McKenney
Bryan DiMare	Lauren Miele
Laura Dowd	Rachel Mitton
Delcan Dwyer	Christopher Peters
Colleen Foley	Mark Pherson, Jr.
Amy Gallant	Jeffrey Switchenko
Amanda Gerade	Kristopher Talluto
Megan Hernandez	Jessica Vacca
Amy Kennedy	Mark Vaughan
Jennifer Kern	Scott Vaughan
Gregory Lajoie	Matthew Venezia
Cherice Landers	Michelle Wilkinson
Amanda Larkin	Kristen Wojtanek

**NORTH READING CITIZEN'S SCHOLARSHIP
POST GRADUATES – 2002**

Kirsten Boentgen	Kimberly Roberts
Jennifer Cornetta	Brandon Schrenker
Lisa Desrochers	Michael Silvestro
Adam Forrest	Christopher Soucey
Kristyn Marasca	Kathryne Tone
Lauren McAuliffe	Tyson Vasapoli
Jennifer Montanaro	Elizabeth Vaughan
Kristen Resca	

**CLASS OF 2002
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

James R. & Barbara E. Aylward Memorial Scholarship	Seth McCullough
Nedio E. Barrasso & Mary Barrasso Memorial Scholarships	Bryan DiMare
Peter Bruno Memorial Scholarships	Kimberly Johnson
	Matthew Lynch
	Robyn Parsons
	Jessica O'Neill
	Davin Potvin
Steven L. Burt Memorial Scholarship	Christopher Peters
Ellsworth Crowell Memorial Scholarship	Amy Kennedy
Edward J. & Phyllis E. Coakley Memorial Scholarship	Christopher Peters
Joseph Gavin "Keep The Faith" Scholarship	Michelle Wilkinson
Stephen Gregory Scholarship	Jonathan Morrison
James Gregory Hannon Scholarship	Laura Dowd
Edith K. Holt Memorial Scholarship	Christine Lundell
Ethel Little School Scholarships	David Monahan
	Jacqueline Locke
	Mark Vaughan
Hunt Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Vacca
Knights of Columbus-Paul Feelen Memorial Scholarship	Adam Lebouef
Frank W. Jr. & Glen A. Kenrick Memorial Scholarship	AnneMarie Alvarez
Nicholas L. Marano Memorial Scholarship	Mark Vaughan
Nicholas Martinho Memorial Scholarships	Meaghan Carrette
	Richard O'Neil
	Mark Pherson
Walter Miller Scholarship	Cherice Landers
Michael J. Mitton Memorial Scholarship	Michael Daszkiewicz
Mount Carmel Order of Eastern Star Scholarship	
Moynihan Lumber Scholarship	
North Reading Community YMCA Scholarship	Amy Gallant

North Reading Education Association
Scholarship
North Reading Golden Age Scholarship
North Reading League Of Woman Voters
Scholarship
North Reading Masonic Lodge Scholarship
North Reading Music Boosters Scholarships

North Reading Rotary Club Scholarship
North Reading Youth Basketball Scholarships

North Reading Youth Football Scholarships

North Reading Youth Soccer Scholarships

North Reading Youth Softball Scholarships

Reading Co-operative Bank Scholarship
Edward Sapienza Scholarship
Bonnie Simes Memorial Scholarship
James Skinner Memorial Scholarship
Richard K. Smith Memorial Scholarship
Cultural Council Scholarship
Reading Municipal Scholarship
Massachusetts Elks Scholarship
Allen B. Rogers Memorial Scholarship
Robert Marchionda Memorial Scholarship
Massachusetts Elks Association Scholarship

Jessica Hart
Shaleighne Collins
Lauren Diprizio
Gregory Orłowski
Kimberly Johnson
Darren Malek
Robert McGlaufflin
Amanda Molhan
Rachel McKinney
Christopher Ramsdell
Joseph Finichiaro
Amanda Larkin
Rachel Mitton
Richard O'Neil
Alyson Serwacki
Christopher Ramsdell
Julia Paone
Monique Visconti
Jennifer Kern
Shena Simone
Kirsten Wojtanek
Matthew Venezia
Michael Wetherbee
Meghan Carrette
Robert McGlaufflin
Jason Bemardo
Emily Grossman
Kimberly Johnson
Christopher Beaton
Gregory LaJoie
Christopher Beaton
Jessica Vacca

NORTH READING MIDDLE SCHOOL

The North Reading Middle School staff provides a balance of nurturing, support and direction to enable the students to cope with the complex emotional, physical, social, and academic changes specific to their developmental needs. This middle school environment encourages students to increase academic competencies and skills, discover their own self-worth and potential, begin taking responsibility for the decisions they make, and respect the individual rights and values of others. It is the goal of the entire Middle School community to prepare students to function in today's socially and technologically challenging world and to promote life-long learning.

Students at the Middle School participate in an academic program composed of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. In addition, all students are involved in a General Arts program composed of Computer, Art, International Cultures, Music, World Language (an 8th grade elective), and Physical Education. Organizational, decision-making, writing, reading and critical thinking skills permeate the curricula. Team participation and interdisciplinary projects bind together the individual subject areas.

Student enrollment at the Middle School for the 2002-2003 school year is 616 youngsters. As of October 1, 2002 the student population by grade was 220 students in sixth grade, 203 in seventh grade, 182 in 8th grade. The Middle School has the highest enrollment of all the schools in the district. Furthermore, one SEEM class for special education students is maintained with 10 students. There are presently 125 6th, 7th and 8th graders with Special Education Plans this year.

A total of nine new teachers joined the Middle School staff, replacing teachers who retired or moved. In addition, a new vice principal, David Callaghan was hired to replace Mr. Jones who retired after almost four decades of service to North Reading.

This fall, the Principal and the Secondary School Renovation Committee continued to meet with the architectural firm of Knight, Bagge and Anderson in order to prepare for the renovation of the middle school. However, at this time it appears that the Batchelder School will be next in line for renovations and the middle school will come after the completion of that project.

A variety of clubs, sports and activities are offered to students as extracurricular opportunities. Intramural sports include field hockey, cross country skiing, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, floor hockey, and softball. This year our 8th graders enjoyed a hiking trip to Mt. Wachusett in the fall and all students were offered the opportunity to enjoy an evening of roller-skating. We had a Night of the Fine Arts last May with student artists and musicians and because of its enormous success, we will be doing it again this coming May. School clubs available to students include Student Council, Peer Leaders, Memory Book, Newspaper, Science, World Affairs, Mock Trial, Speech and Debate Club, Math and Geography Club, and the Bradford Ski program. Our Student Council and Peer Leaders continue to organize students and staff to rally around relief efforts for needy people.

The emphasis on communication between parents and school continues to be very important. A middle school newsletter is sent home each of the four quarters. Our Back to School Night in October for all parents and an Orientation evening in March for incoming 6th grade parents, provided valuable information concerning middle school organization and curriculum. Our parent/teacher conferences (held in November), interim academic progress reports, report cards and countless phone calls and notes to parents continue to make communication a high priority in dealing effectively with parents and guardians.

The Middle School Parents' Association continues to be one of the hardest working parent organizations 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, assisting at the Jogathon, and providing opportunities and funds for enrichment programs and informative speakers.

MCAS Results: This is a year to brag about the student and staff accomplishments at the middle school. As a school district the Town of North Reading placed 14th in the state, our 8th graders, with combined scores in Math and Social Studies, placed 4th in the state, and our 8th graders were 1st in the state in Social Studies. What was also remarkable about this was that 97% of all other school districts in the state of Massachusetts pay more to educate their students (per pupil cost) than the Town of North Reading.

Each middle school department created an approach to best deal with the needs of students. Program descriptions from each area are included in the following sections:

Language Arts

The Language Arts Department at North Reading Middle School continued our primary purpose which is to focus on skills in the areas of writing, reading, vocabulary building, 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.

— **Katherine Hashian** (*NRMS Language Arts Department Chair*)

Mathematics Department

The department's course offerings included heterogeneous grouping in grade six, two levels of curriculum in grade seven, and four levels of curriculum in grade eight. Honors Algebra I continued to be taught in the eighth grade along with Level 1 Algebra.

In the fall, the 6th grade began using the Passport Series from McDougal Littell. We are hoping to add textbooks for the 7th grade next year and new 8th grade textbooks the year after that. When this happens, we will have a 6th through 12th grade math program that is fully aligned. Our Math Department has also continued with its practice of individual Math portfolios. The portfolios contain a complete collection of a student's homework, class notes, tests, quizzes, project, and open-response questions, which comprises their work throughout the school year. This portfolio was also used to aid the Mathematics teacher in evaluating students' growth and progress throughout the school year.

— **Diane M. Moody** (*NRMS Mathematics Department Chair*)

Science Department

The past year marked the Science Department's eleventh year employing an interactive science program patterned after Scope Sequence & Coordination of Secondary School Science developed by the National Science Teachers Association. The program reflects careful sequencing of content from all four disciplines: chemistry, physics, biology, and earth/space science. The program has been correlated against and reflects the MA Curriculum Framework in Science and Technology/Engineering. Emphasis involves hands-on activities and a decrease in factual content. The text Science Interactions by Glencoe has been adopted and purchased for this program.

The school department approved funding for the purchase of new upgraded Science textbooks, however, through the budget process, they were unfunded. This resulted in a shortage of student textbooks. Teachers will maintain class sets of textbooks instead of issuing textbooks to each student. We are also examining the possibility of **purchasing CD's** which have the entire contents of the textbook for our students. This may not only lighten the load in the book bag, but at the same time provide more access for students at home and at school to this important resource. – **David R. Elliott** (*NRMS Science Department Chair*)

Social Studies

The North Reading Middle School Social Studies Department provides our students with Social Studies education in Geography, World History, and United States History. The curriculum is Geography in grade six, World History in grade seven and United States History (Pre-history to the Civil War) in grade eight. The Social Studies Curriculum is 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, interdisciplinary and multi-sensory projects.

The Social Studies Department is pleased to announce that the result of the History and Social Science MCAS Test placed the Middle School Social Studies Department in FIRST PLACE in Massachusetts. The North Reading Middle School Social Studies Department was the only public school in Massachusetts to score on the Proficient Level on the 2002 MCAS Test. Students and faculty are to be congratulated for their hard work on this very difficult test which encompassed World History, American History, Geography, Civics and Government and Economics.

– **Carolyn Harris** (*NRMS Social Studies Department Chair*)

World Language

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

Reading

The Reading program at the Middle School is divided into four areas: developmental reading, remedial reading, critical reading and sustained silent reading. The reading consultant has assisted the staff with all four components of the program.

General Arts

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Hodges, Principal
North Reading Middle School

L.D. BATCHELDER SCHOOL

In September, the L. D. Batchelder School opened its doors to 398 students. The Batchelder School community is strong and always works together to provide the best for our students. Unfortunately, Batchelder kindergarten students will continue to attend the Hood School until a decision can be made about the future of the Batchelder School. To meet the needs of the budget, we reduced a section of fifth grade. The Batchelder School will need to restore the position to meet next year's enrollment. The Batchelder School currently services four classrooms of each grade, one through four, and three sections of grade five.

The relocation of the Batchelder kindergarteners did help relieve some of the strain on the physical space of the school. The Batchelder School was able to reclaim half of the school's library, maintain a conference area, and improve the administrative space. As part of summer improvements, the Batchelder School added a window to create a view of the main entrance and has improved the security of the school. The Batchelder School also replaced the antiquated intercom system to improve communication throughout the building. Deteriorating conditions continue to require financial commitments to improve the heating system and overall air quality. The building continues to struggle with accessibility issues, drainage, roofing, and wood decay problems. There is a great need for the Town of North Reading to make a commitment to address the quality of educational space at the Batchelder School.

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 library and 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 reading specialist, and a special education paraprofessional. The part-time services of a speech and language therapist, guidance counselor/psychologist, and an occupational therapist were 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 instructional and student support to improve teaching and learning at the Batchelder School.

As of September 2002, all nineteen classroom teachers at the Batchelder School have been trained in *The Reach Out to Schools: Social Competency Program*, also known as Open Circle. In addition, training was provided to specialists, paraprofessionals, and support personnel. The program is centered on problem solving, responsibility, communication, peer relations, and social awareness. Therefore, the Batchelder community shares a common vision and vocabulary to support the social development of each child. Open Circle promotes the understanding and appreciation of each other, and stresses the importance of community.

The Literacy Committee made-up of teachers from every grade level was busy throughout the year. In March, they lead the school in joining students across the country in "Read Across America." To celebrate "Read Across America," Author/Illustrator Giles Laroche visited the Batchelder School students to share his experience (compliments of the Batchelder Parents' Organization). In May, students turned off their televisions during the nation's "TV Turnoff Week," and in November, Batchelder School families celebrated Literacy Month by reading books aloud together, and donating over 400 gently worn books to "Hands Across the Water," a charity designed to promote World Wide Literacy. The Literacy Committee works to promote the appreciation and importance of reading to Batchelder School students and families.

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

The Parents' Organization

This year, the Batchelder Parents' Organization supported grade level field trips, and funded several enrichment programs. Second grade students spent a day at Plimoth Plantation. First and Third graders will enjoy the program *High Touch, High Tech*, and fifth grade students visited the Harvard Museum in

Cambridge. Whole School performances continue to be a challenge at the Batchelder School due the lack of space to facilitate such assemblies, but the BPO has funded a visit by Rob Surette "Hero Art." The Parents' Organization supports the efforts to enrich the curriculum for the students at the Batchelder School.

In March of 2002, Mrs. Cala Mahoney coordinated the first ever Batchelder School Auction. The Batchelder School Auction raised over \$14,000 for the Batchelder School. The funds were utilized to increase student enrichment opportunities, support technology initiatives, and to purchase materials for students. The Auction was a wonderful event that involved the collaboration of the school, families, and the community. The Batchelder School Auction is scheduled for March 21, 2003.

As Principal, I am continually impressed by the financial and services donated to help the Batchelder School. The "S.O.S." community fundraiser provided 3-5 grades students with all of the necessary materials to successfully implement the "Everyday Math" Program. 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 individual class picnics, organized family dances, held an ice-cream social and pancake breakfast, and provided the resources needed to hold Field Day at Ipswich River Park. 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

J. TURNER HOOD SCHOOL

The J. Turner Hood School opened the 2002 school year with an enrollment of 535 students. There were eight classes of Kindergarten, four first and second grades and three third, fourth and fifth grade classes.

The Vivian D. Eisenhaure Library was extremely productive in helping students. Classes came in each week to hear a story, learn library skills, check out books and do research projects. With the help of parent volunteers the new computer and inventory system continued to catalog and scan in over ten thousand books and related materials. Additional parent volunteers worked to keep the library up to date and aid the teachers and students. A successful book sale contributed to the library collection and allowed for the addition of science and math literature.

The Parents' Association coordinated additional school and social activities and provided enrichment programs for the students. The enrichment pro-

grams included presentations on Historical Perspectives: Madame Marie Curie, Explore the Ocean World, The Discovery Van, Johnny the K—I Can, I Am, I Will, Rain Forest Reptiles, Tribal Rhythms, Bubblemania, Museum of Science Starlab, Brown Bag Opera, Adventure Africa, The Plastics Van, Mad About Math and the Tanglewood Marionettes. Through fundraising activities the Parents' Association donated playground equipment, additional books for the 100 day book swap, and discretionary grants for each teacher to purchase classroom materials. They also funded an extracurricular coordinator to run the program for the Hood School Council. The Parents' Association organized and sponsored many events and activities including the annual open house, Hood School Directory, teachers' luncheon, Ipswich River Park Family BBQ, Ice Cream Social, Field Day, fifth grade banner and the Hood School cookbook. The Parents' Association continued to play a vital role in the Hood School.

The Hood School Council continued to implement the School Improvement Plan. The Council offered two extra curricular programs. Over 200 students participated in ceramics, championship chess, French, memory soup, Hood Improv., cooking kids, math enrichment, Red Cross baby sitting, Harry Potter Book Club and computers. The Council sponsored visits to the senior center for a Hood School chorus holiday program and the Ipswich River Arbor Day celebration. A newsletter was published three times during the year to inform parents on school building updates, Council responsibilities, winter safety for children, family literacy, book notes, homework tips, dental health, and the internet. The parents' reading and information center was expanded with the addition of videos and additional parenting books. The Council sponsored the fourth TV Turnoff Week and a holiday card project for senior citizens. A philosophy of behavior and homework policy was distributed to all parents and students. Each parent and child signed the documents in recognition and support. The Hood School art exhibit was held for the first time since the building renovations. In conjunction with the Parents' Association, all North Reading parents of elementary children were invited to attend a seminar by author and TV personality Mr. John Reardon who spoke on raising children and having fun. The display case for parents to take home literature on a variety of issues continues to be set up in the lobby and updated each month. The Hood School Council continued to be an integral part of the school.

The Hood School faculty is constantly seeking to improve and update their skills by attending in-service courses, obtaining additional college degrees and attending conferences and workshops. A partial list of professional development activities include, North Reading Teachers' Book Study Group, John Collins Writing Program, Project Read, Standards Based Curriculum, School Law, Resolving Conflict, Everyday Math Workshops, Portfolio of John Collins' Writing Activities, Special Educators' Study Group on Inclusion Practices, Strategies for Using Student Assessment, Strategies for Effective School Leaders, Core Values, School Culture and Team Building, Curricula Alignment of Social Studies, Supervising Learning, Refocusing on the Classroom, Supervision and Evaluation, Assessment of Learning Disabilities, and Kindergarten Curriculum Study Group. The teacher mentoring program continued its second year and provided assistance to two new teachers. The Professional Library

continued to be expanded in order to inform faculty about current research and practices. Teachers scheduled peer classroom visits to observe and/or model new strategies. This was done on a regular basis by all teachers.

Workshops were held for parents to explain the new Everyday Math series. Grade three and four teachers conducted Family Math Night for their students and parents to spend an interesting and fun family evening together at the Hood School

During the year the faculty organizes numerous activities to promote literacy and a love of reading. Each week the staff and students participate in a theme to promote reading and "Drop Everything and Read." All students enjoy the 100th day of school by participating in the 100 Day Book Swap. The Kindergarten and first grade students develop their reading skills when they work with their fifth grade reading buddies. First grade authors publish their books and have an author's presentation for their parents. The students publish books and share them with other classes.

Parents and friends shared their interests, talents, culture and expertise by guest speaking of various topics. Some of the topics were aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt, rockets, health, the Revolutionary War, Mary Pratt professional baseball player, Jerry Bagley Professional biker, solar balloons, growth and development, and hand washing.

Classes visited the Ipswich Audubon Sanctuary, North Shore Music Theater, Wolf Hollow, The Butterfly Place, Fenway Park, Museum of Fine Arts, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Science Museum, the Charles River and the North End.

The J. Turner Hood School community experienced a productive and exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Perry, Principal
J. Turner Hood School

E. ETHEL LITTLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 4, 2002 signaled the end of summer vacation, the start of the 2002-2003 school year and the 8th anniversary of the reopening of the Little School. Fifty staff and 462 children, preschool through grade five, were welcomed back from their summer vacation to freshly painted walls and a thoroughly cleaned school. Twenty classrooms and one portable unit house two language-based programs, two preschool programs, two kindergarten classes and three classes each of grade levels 1-5.

We continue to work toward incorporating technology into the classroom. There are 28 computers in our technology center and approximately 40 computers in classrooms, the library and specialist stations. There is a strong focus on the integration of technology into the content areas of the curriculum

through technology projects. Updated software which supports the production of multimedia presentations incorporating students' technological and research skills, and software which integrates technology across all curriculum content areas, have been sought. During the computer lab classes students continue to practice keyboarding and word processing skills. We will continue to research a plan that considers future needs of hardware, software and professional development based upon system goals. Hardware purchases from the Town technology warrant article continue to be helpful to our school. Our school web page (www.northreadingmass.com/little/little-htm) keeps the Little School community informed of school happenings.

Our school library is an integral part of students' learning at the Little School. In addition to weekly read alouds and library skills classes, we capitalize upon opportunities to connect students' learning between the library skills and the curriculum in the classroom. Throughout the year students participate in programs including Read Across America, National Children's Book Week and the Salem State College Book Award program. The spring reading incentive program traditionally features an author, illustrator or poet organized by the school librarian and PTO with the possibility of a grant by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to assist with funding. Support for our library from the school budget, the parent teacher association, birthday book club and book fairs has enabled us to replace some well loved classics and enlarge our collection of books, videos and software. Emphasis this year has been on updating titles on history, biography and fairy tales for our readers. Participation by our skilled group of volunteers is an important component of our library program. The dedicated volunteers, including the parents of our students and senior volunteers, enable us to provide students and staff with efficient and extended services.

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 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 boards, the many parents who are PTO members and all the parents and friends who support their work through 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, science fair, childcare program and art program. We are also grateful to the many North Reading businesses that contribute food and services that are used at our various events throughout the school year. In return, Little School students are actively involved in developing an understanding of others' needs within the community as well as beyond North Reading. Through our community outreach program students continue to be afforded the experience of participating in a school wide piggy bank for the Make A Wish Foundation (Wheels for Wednesdays), donating, packing

and delivering food to the North Reading Food Pantry, sending letters, cards and projects to the Winchester Pediatric Unit, visiting Sunbridge Health Center and donating plantings to the North Reading Recreation Committee.

The commitment of our staff to their professional development is strong. They are represented on district wide committees that are studying the assessment of student progress and the refinement of our language arts curriculum. Teachers serve on other committees involving mentoring, professional standards and curriculum standards committees. Most staff serves on two school improvement plan committees that focus on the goals stated in our school improvement plan. Others are engaged in completing requirements for their Master's degrees, recertification and/or professional growth plans. Their willingness to pursue opportunities that continually upgrade their knowledge around current research, materials and pedagogy is reflected in the exceptional quality of instruction demonstrated by our school's 2002 statewide testing results. Performance and improvement ratings for Massachusetts public schools and districts are issued every two years. Ratings are used to track schools' progress toward meeting the goal of all students achieving proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The Little School's performance rating for Cycle II was "Very High" in English Language Arts and "High" in Mathematics. Congratulations to students, parents and staff!

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 2002-2003 school year that incorporates school goals recommended by the staff. The school committee approved the plan in the spring of 2002.

It has been a year of growth, success and accomplishment for students, parents and staff at the Little School.

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 addition to the day-to-day efforts of our regular education staff. These supports encompass three major areas, each of significant importance. These 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. In Spring 2002, the school system underwent a program audit that evaluated compliance with all state and federal laws. As a result of this audit the school system was required to respond to those areas where it was out of compliance and develop a plan to bring all programs and policies into compliance in a state approved time span.

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.

During the 2002-2003 school year, there are 375 North Reading students requiring special education services. Students may receive those services from their third to their twenty-second birthday. The services may range from regular classroom accommodations to highly specialized programs provided in settings outside of the public schools.

Currently, North Reading is providing 37 students with full academic programs outside of their neighborhood school. To meet the needs of some of these more complex learners, North Reading is a member of the SEEM Collaborative. This is a partnership of the towns of Lynnfield, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wilmington, Winchester and Woburn providing specialized programs for low incidence populations.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. D'Anjou
Director, Pupil Personnel Services

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

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Rebekah Silva of Saugus, a senior in the Cabinetmaking 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.

VOCATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Northeast Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony in May. At the ceremony, 12 seniors and 37 juniors were inducted. These students joined the previously inducted members to bring the Vocational Technical Honor Society Chapter to 65 members for 2001-2002 school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Fifth Annual Induction Ceremony to the Northeast Chapter of the National Honor Society "Artisans" was held in May. Four seniors, seven juniors, and eight sophomores were inducted for the 2001-2002 school year bringing the total membership to twenty-six.

VICA AWARDS

At State VICA Competition Northeast winners were Amanda McManus of Maiden who finished 1st in the Dental Assisting Program, Samnag Bou of Revere who finished 3rd in the Accounting Program, Sheena Giodano of Haverhill who finished 2nd also in the Accounting Program, James McGrath of Saugus finished 3rd in the Plumbing Program and Salvatore Messina, also from Saugus finished 1st in the Plumbing Program, Scott DeVeau of Chelsea finished 2nd in the Sheet Metal Program and Leo Carbone, a Plumbing student from Malden received a State Office Award, as did Stephanie Pierrette, a Dental Assisting student also from Malden, Jillian Ostler, a Dental Assisting student from Revere who finished 2nd in the Most Outstanding Chapter.

STUDENT ADVISORY REP TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sabrina Testa, a junior from Revere, was elected as the Student Representative to the School Committee for the 2001-02 school year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Northeast Scholarship Committee awarded individual scholarships to 66 deserving students at the Second Annual Senior Recognition Night. The total of \$251,000 was given in scholarships. The average award was \$3,600 with 71% of the scholarship aid going to students furthering their education at four-year schools.

MCAS ACADEMIC SUPPORT AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The after school program termed "Project Success" focused on 11th grade students who were not successful in the previous spring's MCAS testing. Approximately 40 students participated in a technology-driven MCAS tutorial review. This program was supplemented by small-group instruction in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts. ELA MCAS prep was conducted after school for Limited English Proficient students.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Guidance Department offers several Support Groups and workshops for Northeast students. Two Workshops are presented to all freshmen.

The Peer Mentoring Program provides educational assistance to students having difficulty with one or more academic subjects. The mentoring program is designed to supplement after school assistance provided by the classroom teachers. The mentors are supervised by staff teachers who are also available for academic support.

The Guidance Department offered an Anger Management program throughout the year that serviced approximately 25 students.

In addition, counselors offer an after school substance abuse intervention group and teen issues groups for those identified to be in need.

PEER MENTORING

A program of students mentoring other students and providing support in both vocational and academic subjects has been initiated. Targeted areas are: Related Theory, Science and Mathematics. By having students work together in a mentoring situation, we are looking to impact academic and social skills as well.

GRANTS

Class Size Reduction – funding from this grant provided for an English Language Arts Instructor.

Emergency Immigration – funds from this grant have enabled us to provide English language support to our bilingual students after school. This support was utilized for MCAS preparation.

Perkins Funding – money from this grant was utilized for computers in Drafting and Design, Electronics, Dental Lab, Welding, Auto Tech, and Auto Body.

Class of 2003 Academic Support – this grant provided for a partnership with the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. This partnership resulted in MCAS data analysis and professional development opportunities.

Eisenhower State Grant – this grant provided funding for the purchase of graphing calculators. These calculators were used to train the vocational related teachers in the use of technology in problem solving.

Palms Grant – the funds from this grant were used to purchase manipulative for use in mathematics classrooms.

Title I – this grant provided funding for one English Language Arts teacher, one Mathematics teacher and two Teaching Assistants. Additionally, computers and on-line MCAS tutorials were purchased.

Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration – this grant provided for our participation in "High Schools That Work," and enabled approximately 50 professional staff members to attend national conferences.

Eisenhower Federal Grant – this source of funding provided for a professional development interchange between the Mathematics Department and the Special Education Department.

Title VI – this federal funding provided for an upgrade of the technology-driven curriculum in the Drafting and Design Department.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The summer of 2002 was a busy time at Northeast with a full scale academic and vocational summer school in operation. More than 337 students in grades 9 through 12 participated.

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.

2001 GRADUATES

The 2001-02 school year represents the thirty second class to matriculate at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. Northeast graduated 221 students in the class of 2002. Breakdown of graduates' status after graduation is as follows:

Entering Military Service	3
Employed	145
Not in labor force	2
Pursuing additional education	47 *
Status unknown	16
Unemployed – seeking employment	10

* It should be noted that 21% of the graduating class went on to further their education either in a two or four year college or in an apprentice program. One hundred and ninety-five members of the graduating class either entered military service, are employed or seeking further education, that figure represents 88% of the class of 2002.

SPECIAL NEEDS ENROLLMENT

Special Needs enrollment for the 2001-02 school year continued to represent a fair share of the total school enrollment with students. The 237 Special Needs students represent 21% of the school population.

ATHLETIC RECORDS

The Northeast Girls' Softball team won the Lower Division Commonwealth Athletic League Championship and advanced to the state tournament.

The Northeast co-ed swim team won C.A.C. League Meet Championship.

The Northeast Boys' soccer team qualified for the State Tournament this past year.

SHINING KNIGHTS

Once again the Shining Knights, a motivational program to encourage students, had a very successful year. Donations were received from several businesses and Banks. Private citizens donated cars specifically for the Shining Knights Program.

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual Organizational Meeting of the District School Committee on January 10, 2002, the following members were elected Officers of the District School Committee:

Chairman William C. Mahoney of Melrose
Vice Chairman Michael T. Wall of Chelsea
Secretary Deborah P. Davis of Woburn
Treasurer Paul L. Sweeney of North Reading
Asst. Treasurer Anthony E. DeTeso of Stoneham

CONCLUSION

As Northeast celebrates its thirty-second 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. Northeast is continually updating curriculum and has instituted MCAS Enrichment Classes, Summer and After School MCAS Academies, as well as a Computer Reading Laboratory with SuccessMaker Software where all students are offered the opportunity to improve English/Language Arts and math levels toward passing the MCAS Test.

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 to assist in and provide counsel to the school in maintaining the highest standards of educational excellence possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Sweeney, Treasurer
Northeast School Committee
North Reading Representative

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2002

Assets:

	Cash	\$ 52,703.00
Note 1	Accounts Receivable	300,743.00
	Transportation	
	Due from municipalities	<u>551,952.00</u>
	Revere	\$ 499,338.00
	Saugus	52,614.00
	Total Assets	<u>905,398.00</u>

Liabilities:

	Accrued vacation & sick	\$ <u>179,293.00</u>
	Total liabilities	179,293.00

Fund balances:

	Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 69,120.00
	Undesignated	<u>656,985.00</u>
	Total fund balances	726,105.00
	Total liabilities & fund balances	<u>905,398.00</u>

Note 1	Transportation payment received	7/2/2002
	Revere payment received	7/19/2002

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
COMPARISON OF ASSESSMENTS – 2/26/01**

	Budget FY2001	Budget FY2002	Variance \$	Variance %
GROSS BUDGET	\$13,695,509	\$14,575,797	\$880,288	6.43%
LESS REVENUES	\$6,071,679	\$6,426,270	\$354,591	5.84%
Sch. Aid Ch. 70	(\$572,257)	(\$300,462)	\$271,795	-47.50%
School Choice	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$0	0.00%
Transportation	\$22,725	\$25,000	\$2,275	100.00%
Investment Earnings				
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,072,147	\$6,700,808	\$628,661	10.35%
NET ASSESSMENTS	\$7,623,362	\$7,874,989	\$251,627	3.30%
CHELSEA	\$936,234	\$1,476,628	\$540,394	57.72%
MALDEN	\$1,299,870	\$1,086,996	(\$212,874)	-16.36%
MELROSE	\$191,042	\$68,399	(\$122,643)	-64.38%
NO. READING	\$52,286	\$124,929	\$72,643	138.93%
READING	\$153,752	\$154,287	\$535	0.35%
REVERE	\$1,838,820	\$1,997,352	\$158,532	8.62%
SAUGUS	\$958,117	\$964,672	\$6,555	0.68%
STONEHAM	\$298,556	\$329,568	\$31,012	10.39%
WAKEFIELD	\$462,714	\$295,137	(\$167,577)	-36.22%
WINCHESTER	\$74,357	\$65,965	(\$8,392)	-11.29%
WINTHROP	\$69,107	\$180,801	\$111,694	161.62%
WOBURN	\$1,288,507	\$1,130,255	(\$158,252)	-12.28%
TOTAL	\$7,623,362	\$7,874,989	\$251,627	3.30%

	Students FY2001	Students FY2002	Variance	Percent of Contribution
CHELSEA	236	276	40	24.90975%
MALDEN	206	172	-34	15.52347%
MELROSE	28	19	-9	1.71480%
NO. READING	14	21	7	1.89531%
READING	23	23	0	2.07581%
REVERE	267	270	3	24.36823%
SAUGUS	128	129	1	11.64260%
STONEHAM	39	40	1	3.61011%
WAKEFIELD	52	41	-11	3.70036%
WINCHESTER	8	8	0	0.72202%
WINTHROP	27	35	8	3.15884%
WOBURN	64	74	10	6.67870%
TOTAL	1092	1108	16	100.00000%

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

2002 saw continued progress towards completion of the town's elementary school construction program.

The Batchelder School

At the start of the year, the committee identified a series of questions that had to be answered to determine whether a renovation/addition to the Batchelder or construction of a new school was more appropriate.

These questions included:

- Is a renovation/addition project attractive?
 - o Can a building, which satisfies historical and educational goals, be designed?
 - o How much will it cost?
 - o What are the relocation options? Are they acceptable?
- How feasible is it to expand the Hood school to accommodate four sections per grade?
- How much will it cost to build a four or five section new school at Swan Pond?
- Do non-school options exist for the Batchelder building and how much do they cost?
- What will be required if none of the proposed options are accepted by the town?

Every member was assigned to one or more of these tasks and worked diligently during the months of January and February. The team took a fact-based approach to reach an informed decision and provide the public with the rationale for the committee's eventual recommendation.

In concert with this effort, the committee retained the Office of Michael Rosenfeld (OMR) to design a renovation/addition at the Batchelder site and generate a cost estimate. The committee and OMR met extensively and coordinated with the Historic District Commission and School Committee in the development of this conceptual design. OMR took a different approach than what had been looked at in the past, suggesting an addition in the front of the site, nestled between the existing annex and original building but built into the ground. The committee would like to thank OMR for their hard work. In addition, we appreciate the efforts of the Historic District Commission to participate in the process and provide their feedback.

As the committee evaluated the results of OMR's work and the team's analysis, the recommendation was made to pursue a new school at Swan Pond. One factor that drove this recommendation was that the proposed Batchelder design had several issues, which made it difficult to evaluate the overall attractiveness of a renovation/addition project. A second key issue was that of relocation given the options of constructing an expensive modular city behind town hall or leaving a substantial number of students on the site. While that had been done at the Hood school, the extent of work to be done at the Batchelder would have been significantly greater. The committee held a public hearing and meetings with other committees to get their feedback, and once again saw

the proposal pass at town meeting. When brought to the voters, the proposal was defeated. The committee discussed the reasons for this and decided that the best course of action to address the elementary school problem was to reevaluate a project on the Batchelder site.

During the summer and fall, the ESBC met with the School Committee to look at ways to make a project at the Batchelder site more attractive. These discussions generated some substantial changes that we believe greatly improve the prospects for a renovation/addition. First, we have agreed on ranges for educational specifications that stay within state guidelines but will help us work with an old building on a difficult site. Second, we will be open to the reuse or demolition of the 1949 annex. While functional educational space today, it still requires significant renovations and it may be a better value for the town to demolish this so as to minimize the impact of a new addition. The Batchelder is a very challenging site with four distinct levels and allowing our architect the flexibility to determine whether to reuse the annex should improve the design significantly. Of course, the committee will be looking at the costs and benefits of retaining the annex in the process to ensure a responsible use of taxpayer funds. Third, the expectation is that the children will be moved off the site during construction to the other school sites in town. While there will be some cost for modular classrooms, it is likely to fall well below the \$3,000,000 estimate previously assumed for a modular city behind town hall. This will give the contractor much more flexibility at the site, reducing construction costs.

At the October town meeting, the town agreed to fund \$225,000 towards schematic designs for this project. As we concluded 2002, the committee was evaluating architects to perform this work. The expectation is that the ESBC will present a new plan at the October, 2003 town meeting in the hopes of receiving construction funding at the November election. Based on that timing, we would expect the Batchelder project to be completed sometime during 2006. The committee looks forward to bringing the town a plan that will enhance the town center, meet our educational needs and do so at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

Membership

During 2002, the membership of the ESBC expanded slightly. Bob Amiacost and Jayne Swart joined the committee as Associates to help us continue our work towards a solution. In addition, Gerald Venezia replaced Stephen Van Beaver as the School Committee's representative. The committee would like to thank Mr. Van Beaver for his hard work and dedication towards a complete elementary schools building plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan DeSimone, Chairman

Rich Lasdin, Vice Chairman

Scott Stimpson, Secretary

Fred Clark

Tom O'Connor

Shep Spear

Gerald Venezia, School Committee Representative

Bob Armacost, Associate

Kristen Ellis, Associate

Ellen Glew, Associate

Jayne Swart, Associate

Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In finishing my eleventh 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 2002.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration provides the managerial and clerical support for the Department. It also coordinates the policies and procedures established by Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator along with setting long term goals and annual objectives for the DPW. Operating expenditures during 2002 were approximately \$4,897,202. These costs addressed all Public Works disciplines including Snow and Ice, Fleet Maintenance, Cemetery and Public Grounds, Public Buildings, Engineering, Sanitation, Highway and Water.

ENGINEERING

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

This past year Engineering reviewed the following subdivision projects:

Clover Road

Mentus Farm Lane

New Campbellton Road

Site plans reviewed:

77 Concord Street

Converse site redevelopment

Streets accepted at April Town Meeting were:

Wren Circle

Fairway Road

Storm Water Program:

In order to qualify for permit coverage under EPA Phase II Storm Water Management Program (SWP), the Department has performed an assessment of its current storm water program and is developing a draft plan for complying with the EPA new Phase II requirements. In addition, the department has assessed its maintenance facilities for permit compliance and has also performed a mapping needs assessment and pilot study. The department has submitted and received preliminary approval for State Revolving Funds (SRF) to pay for cost of implementing the program over the next five years.

Hazard Mitigation:

A Hazard Mitigation grant was applied for and received to remedy deficiencies within the Town's storm water system on Bigham Road.

CEMETERY

There were 56 internments in 2002. In addition, there were 37 grave sites sold and 37 foundations installed for stone monuments. All three Cemeteries were treated with weed control and fertilizer.

STREET AND ROAD MAINTENANCE

Currently there are 89.44 miles of road. No bituminous concrete paving was done this year on local roads. Micro surfacing was applied on Marblehead Street, North Street and portions of Haverhill Street. Last year these streets were prepared for this final wearing course.

A major storm drain project was constructed on Linwood Avenue from Rock Street to Linwood Avenue. A culvert was replaced on Haverhill Street at the intersection of Scotland Heights.

SNOW AND ICE

During the year 2002 we received 49 inches of snow. Of this snowfall 15.5 inches fell in January, 2 in February, 7.5 in March, 7.5 in November and 16.5 in December.

GROUNDS/ PARKLANDS & PLAYGROUNDS

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

TREES

Trimming and removal continued during the year as well as clean up from storm damage. The large Oak tree on the common had a high pressure deep root fertilizing to elevate the health of the tree and to ward off insect infestation.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Annual service and inspections were accomplished on the following:

Alarm devices
Fire extinguishers
Emergency lighting
Elevator Certification
Security systems

Septic systems were pumped and inspected at:

Building of the Common
DPW Garage
Police/Fire/Library
Town Hall

Back flow devices/all buildings

- Roofs/electrical, heating/ ventilating/ air conditioning and plumbing on all buildings continue to be maintained.
- Carpeting was completed in the Finance and Assessing Departments.
- The independent audit of fleet maintenance facilities is completed and they are in compliance with EPA Regulations.

SOLID WASTE

The Solid Waste Contract is in its seventeenth year of a twenty year contract with the Northeast Solid Waste Committee (NESWC). Our guaranteed annual tonnage is 5,246 tons per year.

In July, the town instituted a curbside recycling program. The recycle bins were purchased through a Massachusetts DEP Recycling Grant.

WASTEWATER

See report of the Wastewater Planning Advisory Committee (WPAC).

WATER

The construction of a third water storage tower, located between Swan Pond Road and James Millen Drive, was completed in November and the tower was placed into service. The additional tower was necessitated by the ongoing residential growth and increasing water demands on the eastern side of North Reading. The tower holds 1.3 million gallons of water when full, bringing the total volume of treated water held in storage in North Reading to 3.35 million gallons. The new tower was sized to meet the peak summer water demands and fire protection needs of North Reading when the town is completely developed.

The town experienced drought conditions for much of the year, with extremely limited snowfall over the winter of 2001-2002 and below normal rainfall through September. Restrictions on outdoor water use were in effect for the entire year. Portions of the Ipswich River and Martins Brook in North Reading experienced extended periods of no flow during the summer months. Residents were asked to balance their desire for a green lawn with the need for maintaining flows in the river and tributaries.

The Water Department completed a comprehensive leak detection survey of the entire 80 miles of water distribution piping within North Reading. This survey used sensitive listening equipment capable of detecting leaks as small as 1/4 gallon per minute on water mains, fire hydrants and water service lines to residences and businesses. The survey is conducted every two years to ensure that the water system is not wasting water through leaks that – due to soil or drainage conditions – are not surfacing. The survey found five leaks (since repaired) totaling less than 5 gallons per minute, indicating the overall health of the water distribution system is very good.

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

WASTEWATER PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The North Reading Wastewater planning Advisory Committee (WPAC) was formed to assist in guiding the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). The purpose of the CWMP is to develop a plan that can be implemented to meet the sanitary wastewater needs of the town for the foreseeable future. A Plan of Study was developed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) with the assistance of representatives of various state agencies and our wastewater consultant Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. The Town Meeting and the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program have approved funding of \$400,000 for the CWMP project. The town is currently in Phase 2 of the five-phased CWMP.

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) currently will not allow the town to discharge wastewater to a surface water or outside the Ipswich River basin.

Phase 1 selected two sites, the former J.T. Berry Rehabilitation Center and the property behind the DPW Garage, for hydrogeologic investigations to determine if the sites were suitable for subsurface disposal of treated wastewater. Both sites were found to be good candidates for subsurface wastewater disposal and warrant further investigation.

Phase 2 consists of needs analysis, public participation, and a preliminary screening of alternatives. To date, public participation has included: *North Reading Transcript* articles, a town-wide public outreach questionnaire, and formation of the WPAC. The WPAC membership, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, consists of representatives from various elected and appointed boards and committees, as well as a cross-section of North Reading citizens. The focus of the WPAC is to review information and alternatives presented by the DPW and the town's consultant and make recommendations relative to the CWMP.

The needs analysis is nearing completion, study areas have been prioritized and wastewater alternatives are being reviewed. In 2003, further assessments will be performed on groundwater discharge sites, a preliminary recommended plan for a wastewater collection and treatment system will be laid out, and a draft CWMP report will be submitted to DEP.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hunt, Chairman
Scott Haynes, Vice Chairman
Denise Corny
Bradley Jones
James Muldoon
Theodore Neals
Nick O'Brien

Warren Pearce
Michael Scannell
Shepard Spear
Karl Touet
Martin Weiss
David Hanlon, DPW
Mark Clark, DPW

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 saw a slight increase in activity with seventy hearings. Most applications were special permits for businesses moving into or within the Town, or homeowners seeking variances for additions to homes that were built prior to current zoning requirements.

In October, the Board welcomed James DeCola, who was officially sworn in as Building Inspector. Mr. DeCola replaced William Halligan, who retired after ten faithful years of service to the Town. The Building Inspector serves as the zoning enforcement officer, and the Board is looking forward to continuing their cooperative working relationship with Mr. DeCola.

Peter Miranda stepped down after a three year term as an Associate Member, and James DePaolo was appointed by the Selectmen to replace him.

The office is located in Town Hall and is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings, as well as Thursday afternoons. The secretary, Corrine Castrini, is available to help with the application process and explain hearing procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul O'Leary, Chairman
James Demetri, Member
Joseph Murphy, Member
Joseph Keyes, 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:

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

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

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 2002 on fifteen Approval-Not-Required plans, and twelve definitive subdivision plans in one stage or another.

New Preliminary Plan Activity:

Cobblestone Crossing	36 lots
87 Marblehead Street	6 lots

New Definitive Plan Activity:

Mentus Farm Lane	7 lots	Approved
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Subdivisions Previously Approved and Under Construction:

The following subdivisions were approved by the Community Planning Commission prior to 2002 and remain uncompleted:

Adrian Drive	7 lots
Estates at Eisenhaure Pond	11 lots
Deerfield Place	12 lots
Demetri Lane	9 lots
Pine Estates	6 lots
Bridle Way	11 lots
Forest Hill Estates	8 lots
MacIntyre Crossing	63 lots
MacIntyre Woods	9 lots
Walnut Corners	8 lots
Charles St./Deerfield Place	11 lots
Deer Run	25 lots
Country Edge Phase III	6 lots
Blueberry Woods	4 lots
Fairbanks Estates	10 lots
Pine Forest Park	10 lots

Approval Not Required Activity:

Fifteen 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:

Janice Avenue	Approved
Malm Road	Approved
16 Maple Road	Approved
4 Clover Road	Approved

Site Plan Review Activity:

The following is a list of the ten Site Plan Reviews that were reviewed in 2002 by the Community Planning Commission:

1 Fordham Road	Approved
204 Main Street	Approved
226 Main Street	Approved
N.R.H.S. pressbox	_____
Teradyne	Approved
237 Main Street	Approved
31 Main Street	Approved
160 Park Street	Approved
162 Park Street	Approved
72 Main Street	Approved

Other

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.

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, 23 5 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,

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

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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, by working with business or property owners. In addition the NRCD will serve as resource to the public on the laws and rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

During 2002, Commission members met with other surrounding towns' Commissions on Disability for regional ADA meetings. For 2002, the Commission has focused on raising awareness on handicapped parking signage. At the October Town Meeting, the committee sponsored and saw passed a bylaw, which will maintain public access of sidewalks around businesses insuring they will be cleared of snow and ice.

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 persons with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Robertson,
Chairman

Natural Resources

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw is the primary function of the Conservation Commission. The Commission is required to review any work within one hundred feet of a wetland, or two hundred feet from a perennial stream or river, such as the Ipswich River. Although many of the Commissions permitting activities involve new home construction and subdivisions, there are a large number of items on the Commission agenda that deal with additions to existing homes; installation of swimming pools and other property improvements and landscaping alterations. During 2002, the Commission reviewed over 65 Notice of Intent applications, and approximately 35 Requests for Determination of Applicability. Each filing requires a site visit by the Commission, at least one public hearing, and the issuance of a permit or decision.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
North Reading Conservation Commission
Bill Reed, Chairman
Paul Dick, Vice Chairman
Greg Brown, Treasurer
Martin Weiss, Member
Martha Cregan, Member
Ralph Simard, Associate

MARTINS POND RECLAMATION STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE MARTINS POND ASSOCIATION

The Martins Pond Reclamation Study Committee (MPRSC) and Martins Pond Association (MPA) spent 2002 working on many important local issues with cooperation and assistance from state and local officials, Merrimack College; and private consultants.

These issues included:

- Flooding
- Development of a watershed management plan and ways to reduce invasive aquatics
- Execution of the Lakes and Ponds study
- Identifying and applying for funds for future studies and actions

The committee held two public meetings (April 4 and December 18) where we gained four new members and reviewed ongoing projects. We attended workshops to improve our knowledge of lake and pond issues.

Flooding:

In January and February, we met with the town's Development Team about flooding problems in the pond area. We continued to work with the Town Engineer, Public Works, Water Dept. and Malcolm Pirnie Engineers to evaluate the causes of flooding around Martins Pond and how to lessen its severity in the future. In response to our concerns, the water dept. agreed to start a water testing program for swimming quality. The DPW agreed to support a *Flood Emergency Management Plan* involving fire, police, schools, DPW, and a Martins Pond representative. A plan is in initial draft stage with further meetings planned.

Jim Muldoon, the Committee's liaison to the Board of Selectman, urged the town to apply to the **Army Corps of Engineers for a community flood assistance grant**. We received second place priority for assistance and expect a Spring 2003 study to begin at no cost to the town. Conservation agreed to help streamline the process to remove beaver dams that has become a town-wide problem. We continue to investigate and identify beaver activity in Martins Brook, Martins Pond and the Skug River, and research long-term solutions. The beaver dam at the end of Fieldcrest Terrace was breached in December.

Watershed Management Plan and Invasive Aquatics:

In December 2001, the Town, in conjunction with the MPRSC; requested assistance from Malcolm Pirnie Engineers for the submittal of a Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Lake and Pond Grant application. In

April 2002, North Reading was awarded the grant. The voters at April's town meeting approved article 19 to fund the Lakes and Pond Grant for \$50,000. The grant will reimburse the town 50% (\$25,000) of the total project cost.

We continued our partnership with the Environmental Science program at Merrimack College and the town. In the fall of 2001, the MPA contacted Dr. Jon Lyon to see if Merrimack College would be interested in working with Martins Pond on the biological control of Purple Loosestrife. Dr. Lyon agreed and integrated Martins Pond into his *Environmental Management* course at Merrimack in the spring semester of 2002. Merrimack College worked with the MPA/MPRSC and the Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists to develop a biocontrol program for Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*).

Once the DEM Lake and Pond grant was approved, Merrimack College offered to assist with the grant assessment work and a project team was formed to complete the grant scope of work. The team included the Town of North Reading, the MPA/MPRSC, Merrimack College and Malcolm Pirnie Engineers. The Merrimack class also investigated several aspects of the ecology and water quality in Martins Pond, its surrounding wetlands and the pond's watershed. The semester ended with a presentation of their results at the North Reading Town Hall in April 2002. This partnership continued through the summer and fall of 2002, and is planning to continue through 2004.

Zoning:

Benevento currently owns a large unused plot of land that abuts the wetlands buffering Martins Pond. We met with the Community Planning Commission about the proposed change of zoning of that parcel from residential to industrial/office. This would prevent any developer from building more houses that would lessen our school space problem. In addition, any industrial office that may be built would have to allow more open space around the wetlands. This could help the Martins Pond area residents retain the natural beauty to the south of the pond. This was passed at town meeting.

New Legislation/Funding Sources:

We kept in touch with our elected officials on our needs and concerns. The Mass. House of Representatives and the Senate approved the *Environmental Bond Bill* on August 30. Thanks to Senator Bruce Tarr and Rep. Brad Jones, up to \$300,000 has been earmarked for projects to benefit Martins Pond and Martins Brook. The intended use of this funding will be to implement the actions recommended by the Lakes and Pond Study and/or the U.S. Army Corps study.

At October 2002 town meeting, a new by-law was passed regarding restrictions on the use of recreational vehicles (including snowmobiles). It is now unlawful to operate in or within 300 feet of a residential zone except on land owned by the owner of such vehicle. The MPA plans to hand out snowmobile etiquette flyers at the Winter Festival.

Members:

As of the end of the year, there were five regular members of the Martins Pond Reclamation Study Committee: Missy Correlle (37 Lakeside Blvd.), Lida Jenney (6 Shore Road), Janet Nicosia (2 Poplar Terrace), Ann O'Hearn (15C Shore Road), and Scott Ronco (4 Poplar Terrace). The Martins Pond Associa-

tion can have an unlimited number of members. To learn more about these two groups, visit our web site: www.martinspond.org. Mike Scannell of the MPA agreed to join the Wastewater Planning Advisory Committee as the Martins Pond Association representative.

MPA Events/Fundraisers:

This year's fundraisers earned over \$3,100.

Saturday, February 2nd – MPA had their annual Winter Festival at Clarke Park that raised about \$500. Special events included pony rides, photos with Clifford the big red dog, huge inflated caterpillar to climb in, face painting, hot food, campfire, games, raffles and prizes.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Parade

The MPA prepared a "float" from a canoe on a trailer pulled by a bicyclist. The canoe was filled with children dressed as pirates and a mom and daughter as mermaids.

Drop-in Volleyball at Clarke Park, 6 PM - dusk, Thursday nights

July 3rd and 4th - We had a booth at the town festivities at Ipswich River Park where we displayed environmental posters on Martins Pond and the watershed prepared by Merrimack College.

Saturday, July 13 - MPA had their annual Summer Festival at Clarke Park that raised about \$1,500.

Saturday, October 19 – We had our Children's Haunted Playground that raised about \$1,100.

Ongoing Fundraiser: Drop offs of returnable cans and bottles are accepted at N.E. Beverage and Redemption Center. Upon request, the proceeds will be forwarded to the Martins Pond Gift Account.

Pending Clarke Park Improvements:

The Association funded \$11,500 of a \$21,000 new play structure for Clarke Park to be installed in 2003.

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. Our clientele base continues to increase each year. Parks and Recreation is responsible for 4 soccer fields, 11 ball fields, 2 tennis courts, 3 basketball courts, a volleyball court, 2 beaches, a street hockey rink, picnic areas, irrigation infrastructure, 3 children's play areas, summer playground programs, Children's Art Center, after school events, special events, a summer BBQ/Concert series and many other recreation and park programs.

Department revenues are generated by user fees and program fees. The revenues are used for park maintenance and recreational program development. Most programs run by the department are self-supporting and prices are set to maintain a responsible and reasonable budget. User fees and program fees are set at a level that encourages participation from all residents.

The Parks and Recreation Department has successfully completed the year 2002. 2002 was a year complicated by the effects of September 11th, felt locally through an economic downfall and coupled with a higher demand for Parks and Recreation services. Many Town departments including our own, spent a good portion of 2002 deliberating about budget cuts and hoping for reinstatement of funding and in some cases, positions. We would like to thank the Town Administrator Selectmen, and Townspeople for recognizing the importance of those positions and/or services, and having the fortitude to reinstate the majority of them.

Recreation:

As 2002 comes to end, we can reflect on what we have accomplished throughout the year. Recreational programming continues to develop into a valuable resource for residents of North Reading. The department offered a variety of new programs including; spring and fall tennis lessons, additional pee wee sports classes. Kids Fitness, Young Artist, Skater Island trip, summer roller hockey clinic, multisport clinic, a second minihawk clinic, 5 & 6 year old basketball, 1st grade basketball, fall ceramics and more.

Summer programs, although attendance was steady, were tough on staff and participants with 23 out of 38 program days over 90 degrees. This year the department hosed down the heat, by offering some water activities including water balloons, water brigade, etc. The playground program went on trips to Chunky's, Kids Playground, Charming Fair Farm, Water Country and Canobie Lake Park. The Lowell LockMonsters K9 School, and the Literary Llama Zoomobile visited the program.

Special events for 2002 included the 2nd Annual Parent Child Valentines

Dance, children's vacation performers Marcus Gale and Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionette Medley, Fourth of July Road Race and children's races and the 6th Annual Harvest Festival. The Valentine's Dance, which was held at the Hood School, was a great success with over 150 participants dancing and having fun with the chicken dance and limbo contest. Approximately 150 kids attended the Fourth of July races, but the 90+ temperatures kept attendance down from prior years.

The department offered a variety of discounted items including tickets to the Lowell Spinners, Lowell Lock Monsters, and North Shore Music Theater's Wizard of Oz and Christmas Carol. Next year look for tickets to the new North Shore Spirit professional baseball games, and discount movie tickets. The department offered Entertainment books for the first time and they sold like hotcakes. These will be available again in August 2003.

The Children's Art Center, which offers programming for children ages 18 months to 6 years had a successful year with enrollment up from the year before. This program offers the following classes; Sing & Play, Tot Time Gym, Playtime, Cooking, Science, Creative Kids, Behind the Scenes, and All About Me. In the spring we added two new classes, which were Outdoor Adventures and Stories Come Alive. This fall, we added a Spanish class for four to six year olds.

Parks System:

The weather presented itself as a major factor for the parks system this year, requiring much effort and funding to maintain good turf conditions. Maintenance was the key component for Parks this year, and will prove out to be a major factor in future years.

Parks and Recreation sponsored their first annual and very successful "Wine and Food Tasting" at the Thomson Country Club in May. We had a successful Concert / BBQ season this year with an average of 600 people attending at IRP each Wednesday evening for ten weeks in the summer. A concession stand, picnic shelter, and horseshoe pits were built at IRP this year.

At Clarke Park, new playground equipment was purchased to replace outdated equipment, slated for installation spring 2003. Martins Pond Association contributed \$11,500 towards this project. A new well and irrigation system was also established at Clarke Park.

Benevento Little League Complex celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year. A dedication to the Benevento family was coupled with a new entry identification sign. The sign is part of a three-year program to install new identification signs at all the Park facilities.

As we move forward towards the year 2003 it is with great excitement and enthusiasm that we look at ways to make our department better, and that we continue to be challenged to develop new and innovative programming for the Residents of North Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Mullin, Chairperson
Ed Downing, Vice Chair
William Colbert
Elaine Daszkiewicz
Steve Hartwell
Ed Pawlowski
Wendy Werner, Recreation Administrator
Brian Wood, Parks Director, Dept. Head

THE HILLVIEW COMMISSION

State of the Enterprise

The Hillview Enterprise continues to thrive. Golf revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 were pretty much on plan. We continue to maintain adequate cash reserves assuring that operations, capital improvements and the debt service of the Hillview Enterprise can be covered in the event of a revenue shortfall.

We are in the sixth year of our course improvement plan with a goal to improve play and course safety. We also continue to make improvements to the inside and outside of the Function Hall aimed at improving its marketability for functions, meetings and parties.

Management

The Commissioners share the management responsibility of the Enterprise with individual Commissioners charged with overseeing specific segments of the enterprise. This approach continues to assure that the Golf Course, Function Hall and Business Operations get appropriate focus while balancing the workload of each Commissioner.

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. A new lease/license was signed with B&D Golf Enterprises for continued operation of the Function Hall.

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 for the Enterprise. To guarantee revenues will meet the needs of the Enterprise, we have continued to invest in equipment, capital improvement and maintenance.

A new 8th Tee and Green were opened this spring. Work was also completed at the Maintenance Building in response to the Environmental Audit Project spearheaded by the DPW. A new Greens Mower and Aerator were pur-

chased. The Pro Shop was repainted and improvements were made to the Irrigation System. Porta Potties were installed on the course in reply to suggestions from our golf clientele.

The GFMI Management Team of Steve Murphy, Mike Foster, Superintendent Matt Grady, Golf Pro Chris Carter, Assistant Pro 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.

Function Hall

Improvements were made to the inside and the outside of the Function Hall. Outside projects included decorative fencing on the roof, fencing around the dumpster, parking area and maintenance area. The installation of granite curbs, a tree rock garden and a brick walkway to the Gazebo were also completed. A new flat roof was also installed on the rear section of the function hall.

Inside projects included structural work to raise a sagging floor in the office building, the installation of hardwood floors in the office reception area, new furniture for the reception area, and air conditioning for the office area. New rugs were installed on the stairway in the main function area. The air conditioner in the pub was replaced along with fan and duct work for the pub kitchen.

Our Function Hall business remains stable under the capable leadership of Burton Page and his staff. We gratefully acknowledge their dedication and enthusiasm.

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.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes

The payment in lieu of taxes was increased to \$185,000 for FY 2003. This amount includes the current year's assessment and payment for past years' assessments on the Ipswich River Park properties. An additional makeup payment will be made in the forthcoming year. The Commission voted the increase to help offset the Town's budget woes with hope that some of the additional funds be allocated to the recreation budget.

Commission Membership

There was no change in Commission membership during 2002. Hank Purnell, Chuck Carucci and Jack Collins were reappointed to the Commission.

Acknowledgments

The Commission wishes to thank John Welsh, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the DPW for their efforts in overseeing the Environmental Audit project at the Maintenance Building.

We also wish to thank Red Mahoney for overseeing the Function Hall roof project.

Again, a very special thanks to Urilla Cheverie, Operations Manager for the Commission, for her efforts in improving our financial reporting, publishing our minutes and coordinating the many contractors who were involved in this year's projects. We also acknowledge the efforts of Mary Turcotte who is now a part time employee in the Hillview Office.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Mauceri, Chairman
George Stack, Vice Chairman
Steve O'Leary, Treasurer
Steve Burton
Chuck Carucci
Jack Collins
Hank Purnell

WATER COMMISSION

In 2002, The North Reading Water Commission worked with the North Reading Water Department on several major goals and projects.

The Commission is pleased to report that North Reading's third water tower construction project is complete and that the tower is online supplying much needed water and water pressure to the eastern side of town. The tower was built to ensure that North Reading has the water storage capability to supply water for all water consumers in Town and for emergency purposes.

The Commission continually monitors and reviews water rates to be sure that the Water Department can provide services needed by North Reading residents and businesses. Our goal is to supply the citizens and businesses in Town with quality water at a reasonable price.

We also work with the Water Department on a continuing public education program to inform North Reading's townspeople about water conservation and how each household can help by conserving water.

The Commission also continued its work with the Water Department on the department's capital plan for the improvement and upgrade of the town's water system.

Basil Paicos, an original Water Commission member and past Chairman, left the Water Commission, effective December 31, 2002. We thank Mr. Paicos for his years of service on behalf of the commission.

Again, we would like to thank Water Superintendent Mark Clark for his professionalism and guidance. We feel his contributions to the Town are invaluable, and we thank him for his help.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Pothier, Chairman
Carol Bourque, Vice Chairlady
Karl Touet, Treasurer
Joseph Marotta
Dorothy Paicos

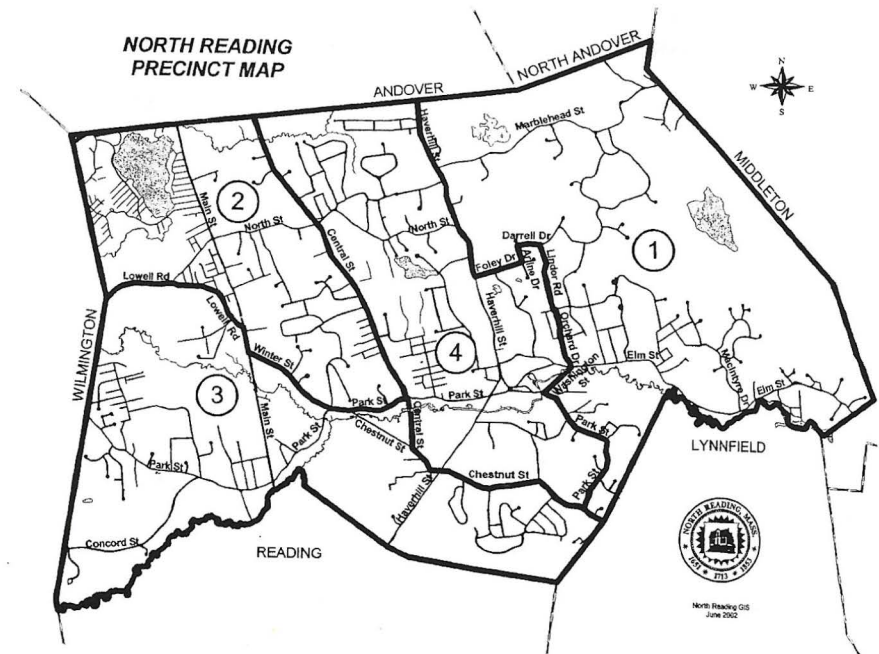
Town Clerk's Records

TOWN OF NORTH READING 2001 RE-DISTRICTING PLAN

The "official" figures from the Federal Census 2000 are used as the basis for legislative re-districting at the State level, as well as re-precincting at the local level. Specific criteria must be met at the local level for approval by the Local Election Districts Review Commission (LEDRC).

In addition, this process requires that revised precinct boundaries be initially accepted by the Board of Selectmen and then submitted to the LEDRC for final approval.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws 54:6 and in combination with the requirements of the LEDRC, the Board of Selectmen at their meeting of May 21, 2001, voted to accept the 2001 Re-Precincting Plan as presented by the Town Clerk / Federal Census 2000 Liaison. The 2001 Re-Precincting Plan was subsequently approved by the LEDRC on July 10, 2001 to be in effect as of December 31, 2001. Following is the map and boundary description for the approved plan:



PRECINCT 1

Beginning at a point in the center of Haverhill Street at the Andover Town Line;
thence running easterly along the Andover Town Line to the North Andover Town Line;
thence running easterly along the North Andover Town Line to the Middleton Town Line;
thence running southerly along the Middleton Town Line to the thread of the Ipswich River and the Lynnfield Town Line;
thence running westerly along the thread of the Ipswich River to the Lynnfield Town Line;
thence running southerly along the Lynnfield Town Line to the center line of Chestnut Street;
thence running westerly along the center line of Chestnut Street to the centerline of Park St. (E);
thence running northerly along the centerline of Park St. (E) to the centerline of Washington St.;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Washington Street to the center line of Elm Street and Orchard Drive;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Orchard Drive to the centerline of Susan Drive;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Susan Drive to the centerline of Lindor Road;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Lindor Road to the centerline of Darrell Drive;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Darrell Drive to the centerline of Arline Drive;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Arline Drive to the centerline of Foley Drive;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Foley Drive to the centerline of Haverhill Street;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Haverhill Street to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT 2

Beginning at a point in the center of Central Street at the Andover Town Line;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Central Street to the centerline of Park Street;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Park Street to the centerline of Winter Street;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Winter Street to the centerline of Main Street;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Main Street to the centerline of Lowell Road;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Lowell Road to the Wilmington Town Line;
thence running northerly along the Wilmington Town Line to the Andover Town Line;

thence running easterly along the Andover Town Line to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT 3

Beginning at a point in the center of Lowell Road at the Wilmington Town Line;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Lowell Road to the centerline of Main Street;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Main Street to the centerline of Winter Street;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Winter Street to the centerline of Park Street;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Park Street to the centerline of Central Street;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Central Street to the centerline of Chestnut St.;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Chestnut Street to the Lynnfield Town Line;
thence running westerly along the Lynnfield Town Line to the thread of the Ipswich River;
thence running westerly along the thread of the Ipswich River to the Wilmington Town Line;
thence running northerly along the Wilmington Town Line to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT 4

Beginning at a point in the center of Haverhill Street at the Andover Town Line;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Haverhill Street to the centerline of Foley Drive;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Foley Drive to the centerline of Arline Drive;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Arline Drive to the centerline of Darrell Drive;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Darrell Drive to the centerline of Lindor Road;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Lindor Road to the centerline of Susan Drive;
thence running easterly along the centerline of Susan Drive to the centerline of Orchard Drive;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Orchard Drive to the centerline of Washington St.;
thence running westerly along the centerline of Washington Street to the centerline of Park St.;
thence running southerly along the centerline of Park Street to the centerline of Chestnut Street;

thence running westerly along the centerline of Chestnut Street to the centerline of Central Street;
thence running northerly along the centerline of Central Street to the Andover Town Line;
thence running easterly along the Andover Town Line to the point of beginning.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats
Town Clerk / Federal Census 2000 Liaison

**JOHN J. FIRRIELLO, CONSTABLE
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING MA 01864**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 54 Section 8, a copy of the attached map and description of those precincts whose boundaries have changed following the Decennial Federal Census 2000 and the subsequent re-precincting of the Town of North Reading, has been posted in:

Town Clerk's Office – 235 North Street, North Reading, MA

and in three (3) places in each of the two changed Precincts at the following locations:

Precinct #1 M & H Auto Service
1 Washington Street, North Reading, MA
Viking Tree
3 Washington Street, North Reading, MA
Carpet Craft
3 Washington Street, North Reading, MA

Precinct #4 Flint Memorial Library
147 Park Street, North Reading, MA
Ryers Store
162 Park Street, North Reading, MA
U. S. Post Office
174 Park Street, North Reading, MA

ATTEST:

John J. Firriello, Constable
January 14, 2002

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING**

SS. To either of the Constables of the **TOWN of NORTH READING**
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote 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 TWELFTH DAY of FEBRUARY, 2002** 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 office:

SELECTMAN (to fill vacancy) **Unexpired Term to 2003**

and on 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 purchasing, installing and equipping modular classrooms to be located at various locations, and all costs incidental and related thereto?

YES NO

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 **TWENTY-SECOND** day of **JANUARY, 2002.**

Joseph R. Veno, Chairman
John J. Murphy, Vice-Chairman
James P. Muldoon, Clerk
Dana A. Rowe, Jr.
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:

John J. Firriello, Constable
January 22, 2002

**JOHN J. FIRRIELLO
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864**

January 26, 2002

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading 20 days before Special Town Election on February 12th, 2002 by posting the warrant in two places in each of the four precincts:

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

ATTEST:

John J. Firriello, Constable

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
FEBRUARY 12, 2002**

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>SELECTMAN</u>					
To fill a vacancy (term expires 2003) Vote for ONE					
Marcia L. Bailey	473	281	256	394	1,404
James E. Beggan	232	194	225	250	901
Blanks	13	7	9	11	40
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	718	482	490	655	2,345

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 purchasing, installing and equipping modular classrooms to be located at various locations, and all costs incidental and related thereto?

YES	486	268	282	414	1,450
NO	224	206	202	232	864
BLANKS	8	8	6	9	31
TOTALS	718	482	490	655	2,345

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
TOWN MEETING
April 1, 2002
Daniel Shay Auditorium
North Reading High School
7:00 P.M.**

The 1st session of the April 2002 Annual Town Meeting was called to order on April 1, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Klaus Kubierschky. The Moderator announced that the gymnasium was in readiness to accommodate an overflow should the need arise, at which time an Assistant Moderator would also be appointed to conduct the proceedings in the gymnasium.

Police Officer Bruce Heerter and Firefighters Thomas Harris and Donald Stats, Jr. were on duty. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Robert Mauceri, Joseph Maslar and George Rightmyer. Registrar Barbara Stats was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Joseph R. Veno.

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Carl Nelson, School Business Manager; David S. Troughton, Superintendent of Schools; Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); George E. Dow, Sr., Finance Director; Chris Peters (student), 2 Comeau Road; Wendy Werner, Recreation Administrator; Allen M. Lieb, PSBC Architect; Seth Albaun, AT&T Broadband (freedom of the floor); Dermot O'Keefe, Tierney Sound & Video (freedom of the floor); Alyson Olsen, Human Resources Administrator; Elizabeth Craveiro, Treasurer/Collector; David Hanlon, Public Works Director; Helena Minton, Library Director; Harold S. Miller, Jr., School Department (freedom of the floor); Robert Peabody, School Department (freedom of the floor); Richard Simmons, Assessing Manager; Elizabeth Fillmore (student), Fieldcrest Terrace; Robert Rodgers, CPC Administrator; Edward Nolan, NRPD; Thomas Younger, Town Administrator; Marybeth Murphy, 110 Fenwick St., Framingham; Robert Winn, 124 Chaffee Ave., Waltham; Martin Fair, Board of Health; Michael Soraghan, Town Engineer; Darren Klein, Town Counsel; Bob Hartzel, BSC Group, Seth McCullough (student), 9 Spruce Rd., Mark Vaughan (student), 13 Pleasant St.; Scott Vaughan (student), 13 Pleasant St.; Mark Clark, Water Superintendent; Liam Hunt (student), 259 Elm St.; Rachael Mitton (student), 4 Anglewood Ln.; Bruce Heerter, 152 Park St.; Todd Lee, Architect. *[J. Veno] UNANIMOUS*

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*

I move to consider Article 12 out of sequence for the following reason(s): Due to a 4:00 p.m. deadline on April 2, 2002 for the ballot for the May Town Election, the Board of Selectmen would like to take Article 12 at this time. *[J. Murphy] [Requires 4/5 vote]*

Finance Committee recommends
Board of Selectmen recommends

Hand Count on the motion to consider out-of-order: YES: 397 NO: 9

Motion **CARRIED**

At this time the Moderator was informed that there were many people waiting in the lobby of the Auditorium to be seated and not enough seats in the Auditorium to accommodate them, therefore the Moderator appointed Mr. Peter Lydotes to act as Assistant Moderator with the consent of the Town Meeting, thus allowing the Gymnasium to be opened as an over-flow facility. Mr. Lydotes was sworn in by the Town Clerk, received instructions by the Moderator and proceeded to the Gymnasium.

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Donald Stats, Jr., Firefighter on duty; Melissa Bastian (student), 116 North St.; and Michael Harris (student), 4 Meade Rd. *[J. Veno] UNANIMOUS*

Article 12 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, 2003; to appropriate the funds required for the aforementioned purposes: and to raise these funds by taxation as authorized by Ch. 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, by transferring unexpended funds remaining in accounts established by Warrant Articles of previous Town Meetings or other available funds, or by taxation as authorized through a referendum to be conducted pursuant to Ch. 59, sec. 21C(m) of the Massachusetts General laws; or what it will do in relation thereto;

Description...

This is the annual operating budget of the General Government and the School Department It sets forth appropriations of funds to pay for all the normal costs of providing governmental services to the community. Explanations of each of the appropriation groupings have been incorporated into the article to enable a better understanding on the part of Town Meeting participants of each appropriation's purposes and changes. A column labeled "Town Meeting Action" has been added for the convenience of those who wish to keep a running tally of appropriations.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

School Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Community Planning Commission: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: As specifically recommended in the "FinCom Recommends" column.

APRIL 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 12

FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET

FUNCTION SUMMARY

	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
ALL COSTS	37,272,752	35,096,483	1,753,329	36,849,812
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
ADMINISTRATION	881,982	867,882	13,100	880,982
FINANCE	4,275,471	4,185,021	77,500	4,262,521
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,214,001	4,683,852	274,985	4,958,837
PUBLIC WORKS	2,138,153	2,751,496	115,750	2,867,246
GENERAL SERVICES	1,001,664	764,332	165,508	929,840
LAND USE	189,099	175,104	2,900	178,004
EDUCATION	17,247,908	16,144,322	1,103,586	17,247,908
DEBT SERVICE	1,576,965	1,576,965		1,576,965
ENTERPRISES	3,947,509	3,947,509		3,947,509

ADMINISTRATION

MODERATOR	78	78		78
1 SALARIES	50	50		50
2 EXPENSES	28	28		28
FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,391	3,391		3,391
3 SALARIES	3,591	2,591		2,591
4 EXPENSES	800	800		800
RESERVE FUND	125,000	125,000		125,000
5 EXPENSES	125,000	125,000		125,000*
*Line 5 Fund \$15,000 from WATER REVENUE				
GENERAL INSURANCE	191,516	191,516		191,516
6 EXPENSES	191,516	191,516		191,516*
*Line 6 Fund \$10,000 from WATER REVENUE				
TOWN COUNSEL	117,000	110,000	7,000	117,000
7 EXPENSES	117,000	110,000	7,000	117,000*
*Line 7 Fund \$8,000 from WATER REVENUE				
SELECTMEN	16,573	16,573		16,573
8 SALARIES	16,573	16,573		16,573
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	247,700	241,600	6,100	247,700
9 SALARIES	185,800	185,800		185,800*
10 EXPENSES	61,900	55,800	6,100	61,900
11 CAPITAL				

*Line 9 Fund \$3,900 from WATER REVENUE

SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	179,724	179,724		179,724
Overtime and Longevity	10,000	10,000		10,000
Retirement Incentives/ Buy-backs				
Compensation Change	169,724	169,724	0	169,724
12 SALARY POOL SUPPLEMENT	179,724	179,724		179,724

FINANCE

FINANCE DIRECTOR	44,211	44,211		44,211
13 SALARIES	44,211	44,211		44,211*
*Line 13 Fund \$4,700 from WATER REVENUE				
ACCOUNTING	157,914	156,939	800	157,739
14 SALARIES	111,539	111,539		111,539*
15 EXPENSES	45,575	45,400		45,400*
16 CAPITAL	800		800	800

DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
*Line 14 Fund \$4,000 from WATER REVENUE			
*Line 15 Fund \$3,300 from WATER REVENUE			

ASSESSING	134,222	132,222	500	132,722
17 SALARIES	121,172	121,172		121,172
18 EXPENSES	12,550	11,050		11,050
19 CAPITAL	500		500	500
TREASURY	67,776	61,978	3,700	65,678
20 SALARIES	41,478	41,478		41,478
21 EXPENSES	26,000	20,500	3,400	23,900
22 CAPITAL	300		300	300
COLLECTION	183,221	176,848	3,000	179,846
23 SALARIES	140,646	140,646		140,646*
24 EXPENSES	42,575	36,200	3,000	39,200*
25 CAPITAL				

*Line 23 Fund \$4,000 from WATER REVENUE

*Line 24 Fund \$2,600 from WATER REVENUE

INFORMATION SYSTEMS	111,600	90,300	15,500	105,800
26 SALARIES	52,000	52,000		52,000*
27 EXPENSES	44,100	38,300		38,300*
28 CAPITAL	15,500		15,500	15,500

*Line 26 Fund \$12,000 from WATER REVENUE

*Line 27 Fund \$1,500 from WATER REVENUE

PENSIONS & BENEFITS	3,576,525	3,522,525	54,000	3,576,525
Employment Security	5,000	5,000		5,000
Workers' Compensation	122,000	122,000		122,000
Uninsured Medical Costs	10,000	10,000		10,000
Public Safety Disability	40,000	40,000		40,000
Retired P/S Disability	20,000	20,000		20,000
Health Insurance	2,208,548	2,154,548	54,000	2,208,548
Life Insurance	14,500	14,500		14,500
County Retirement	949,837	949,837		949,837
Medicare	206,640	206,640		206,640
Teachers ERI				
29 PENSIONS & BENEFITS	3,576,525	3,522,525	54,000	3,576,525*

*Line 29 Fund \$98,500 from WATER REVENUE

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,795,274	2,471,506	114,441	2,585,947
30 SALARIES	2,407,523	2,286,631		2,286,631
31 EXPENSES	273,310	184,875		184,875
32 CAPITAL	114,441		114,441	114,441
Operations				
- Salaries	2,379,023	2,258,131		2,258,131
- Expenses	265,860	181,775		181,775
- Capital	114,441		114,441	114,441
	2,759,324	2,439,906		2,554,347
Animal Control				
- Salaries	28,500	28,500		28,500
- Expenses	7,450	3,100		3,100
	35,950	31,600		31,600

	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,027,173	1,886,073	105,000	1,991,073
33 SALARIES	1,778,973	1,763,173	15,000	1,778,973*
34 EXPENSES	158,200	122,100		122,100*
35 CAPITAL	90,000		90,000	90,000
*Line 33 Fund \$76,217 from AMBULANCE REVENUE				
*Line 34 Fund \$24,300				
Operations				
- Salaries	1,594,022	1,579,022	15,000	1,594,022
- Expenses	120,400	89,600		89,600
- Capital	82,500		82,500	82,500
	1,796,922	1,668,622	97,500	1,766,122
Fire Alarm				
- Salaries	2,614	2,614		2,614
- Expenses	6,500	7,000		7,000
- Capital	5,000		5,000	5,000
	14,114	9,614	5,000	14,614
Emergency Medical Service				
- Salaries	76,217	76,217		76,217
- Expenses	24,300	23,400		23,400
- Capital				
	100,517	99,617		99,617
Call Force				
- Salaries	42,031	42,031		42,031
- Expenses	7,000	2,100		2,100
- Capital				
	49,031	44,131		44,131
Fire & Police Mechanic				
- Salaries	64,089	64,089		64,089
- Expenses				
- Capital	2,500		2,500	2,500
	66,589	64,089	2,500	66,589
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	3,200	1,600		1,600
36 SALARIES	1,200	1,200		1,200
37 EXPENSES	2,000	400		400
CODE ENFORCEMENT	189,544	155,164	34,344	189,508
38 SALARIES	174,158	141,214	32,944	174,158
39 EXPENSES	15,386	13,950	1,400	15,350
40 CAPITAL				
Building Inspection				
- Salaries	120,464	100,817	19,647	120,464
- Expenses	10,536	10,300	1,100	11,400
- Capital				
	131,000	111,117	20,747	131,864
Plumbing & Gas Inspection				
- Salaries	19,702	19,702		19,702
- Expenses	1,000	900		900
	20,702	20,602		20,602
Weights & Measures				
- Salaries	8,321	8,321		8,321
- Expenses	1,400	1,250	300	1,550
	9,721	9,571	300	9,871

	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
Electrical Inspection				
- Salaries	25,671	12,374	13,297	25,671
- Expenses	2,450	1,500		1,500
- Capital				
	28,121	13,874	13,297	27,171
HEALTH	198,810	169,509	21,200	190,709
41 SALARIES	110,034	110,034		110,034
42 EXPENSES	88,776	59,475	21,200	80,675
43 CAPITAL				
Administration				
- Salaries	110,034	110,034		110,034
- Expenses	15,986	10,600	2,500	13,100
- Capital				
	126,020	120,634	2,500	123,134
Environmental Health				
- Salaries				
- Expenses	49,775	48,875	3,200	52,075
	49,775	48,875	3,200	52,075
Community Health				
- Salaries				
- Expenses	23,015		15,500	15,500
- Misc. Capital				
	23,015		15,500	15,500
PUBLIC WORKS				
OPERATIONS	1,917,281	1,740,796	115,750	1,856,546
44 SALARIES	874,946	874,946		874,946*
45 EXPENSES	1,015,635	865,850	89,050	954,900*
46 CAPITAL	26,700		26,700	26,700
*Line 44 Fund \$40,600 from WATER REVENUE				
*Line 45 Fund \$20,000 from CEMETERY FUNDS				
Administration				
- Salaries	90,673	90,673		90,673
- Expenses	9,845	6,100		6,100
	100,518	96,773		96,773
Engineering				
- Salaries	33,192	33,192		33,192
- Expenses	4,550	3,900		3,900
	37,742	37,092		37,092
Road & Street				
- Salaries	429,847	429,847		429,847
- Expenses	235,285	178,400	57,800	236,200
- Capital				
	665,132	608,247	57,800	666,047
Snow & Ice				
- Salaries				
- Expenses	175,000	169,000		169,000
	175,000	169,000		169,000
Street Lighting				
- Expenses	125,000	93,750	31,250	125,000
Trees				
- Expenses	30,550	23,200		23,200
Machinery Maintenance				
- Salaries	155,208	155,208		155,208
- Expenses	110,500	103,100		103,100
	265,708	258,308		258,308

	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
Cemetery, Parks and Grounds				
- Salaries	117,459	117,459		117,459
- Expenses	29,400	22,100		22,100
- Capital				
	146,859	139,559		139,559
Town Buildings				
- Salaries	48,567	48,567		48,567
- Expenses	295,505	266,300		266,300
- Capital	26,700		26,700	26,700
	370,772	314,867	26,700	341,567
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,020,872	1,010,700		1,010,700
47 SALARIES	22,652	22,652		22,652*
48 EXPENSES	998,220	988,048		988,048*
*Line 47 Fund \$22,652 from NESWIC				
*Line 48 Fund \$125,000 from NESWIC				
*Line 48 Fund \$720,000 from RUBBISH FEES				
FOREST MANAGEMENT				
49 EXPENSES				
GENERAL SERVICES				
TOWN CLERK	167,411	166,446		166,446
50 SALARIES	136,866	136,866		136,866
51 EXPENSES	30,545	29,580		29,580*
52 CAPITAL				
*Line 51 Fund \$1,900 from WATER REVENUE				
Clerk				
- Salaries	116,673	116,673		116,673
- Expenses	12,015	10,400		10,400
- Capital				
	128,688	127,073		127,073
Elections				
- Salaries	20,193	20,193		20,193
- Expenses	18,530	19,180		19,180
- Capital				
	38,723	39,373		39,373
ELDER SERVICES	128,833	100,871	27,737	128,608
53 SALARIES	107,208	79,471	27,737	107,208
54 EXPENSES	21,625	21,400		21,400
VETERANS' SERVICES	85,370	85,295		85,295
55 SALARIES	42,895	42,895		42,895
56 EXPENSES	42,475	42,400		42,400
57 CAPITAL				
LIBRARY	459,366	307,557	99,771	407,328
58 SALARIES	337,622	202,913	99,771	302,684
59 EXPENSES	115,744	104,644		104,644
60 CAPITAL	6,000			
RECREATION	160,684	104,163	38,000	142,163
61 SALARIES	119,422	68,471	38,000	106,471
62 EXPENSES	35,762	35,692		35,692
63 CAPITAL	5,500			

	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
LAND USE				
CONSERVATION COMM	21,961	20,686	400	21,086
64 SALARIES	16,936	16,936		16,936
65 EXPENSES	4,625	3,750		3,750
66 CAPITAL	400		400	400
PLANNING COMMISSION	145,498	133,878	2,200	136,078
67 SALARIES	124,398	119,578		119,578
68 EXPENSES	18,900	14,300		14,300
69 CAPITAL	2,200		2,200	2,200
BOARD of APPEALS	21,640	20,540	300	20,840
70 SALARIES	17,040	17,040		17,040
71 EXPENSES	4,400	3,500	100	3,600
72 CAPITAL	200		200	200
EDUCATION				
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	17,122,979	16,019,393	1,103,586	17,122,979
SALARIES	13,288,659	12,185,509	1,103,150	13,288,659
TEACHERS...				
Teachers	8,488,133	8,051,333	436,800	8,488,133
Differentials	312,229	247,229	65,000	312,229
Extracurricular	53,045	23,045	30,000	53,045
Curriculum				
Substitute Teachers	120,000	120,000		120,000
73 TEACHERS	8,973,407	8,441,607	531,800	8,973,407
74 ADMINISTRATION	1,055,372	1,055,372		1,055,372
OFFICE STAFF...				
Business Office	135,613	120,313	15,300	135,613
Secretaries	357,734	345,734	12,000	357,734
75 OFFICE STAFF	493,347	466,047	27,300	493,347
PARAPROFESSIONALS/TUTORS...				
General	212,827	205,327	7,500	212,827
Special Education	254,415	254,415		254,415
Media Center	94,577	57,577	37,000	94,577
Resource Room	118,822	118,822		118,822
Home Tutors	27,500	27,500		27,500
Computer/AV Technician	54,879	54,879		54,879
Computer Laboratory	89,805	17,805	72,000	89,805
76 PARAPROFESSIONALS/ TUTORS	852,825	736,325	116,500	852,825
77 CUSTODIAL	703,014	670,014	33,000	703,014
ATHLETICS...				
Athletic Director	8,778	8,778		8,778
Coaches	139,045	126,495	12,550	139,045
78 ATHLETICS	147,823	135,273	12,550	147,823
79 HEALTH	205,837	205,837		205,837

	<u>DEPT REQUEST</u>	<u>PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT</u>	<u>OVERRIDE AMOUNT</u>	<u>FINCOM REC</u>
80 TRANSPORTATION SPED	58,210	58,210		58,210
81 THERAPEUTIC SERVICES	25,777	25,777		25,777
81 NEW POSITIONS	421,000	39,000	382,000	421,000
82 SALARY POOL	352,047	352,047		352,047
EXPENSES	3,834,320	3,833,884	436	3,834,320
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION				
82 School Comm./Superintendent	28,850	28,850		28,850
83 Finance & Administrative Serv.	73,691	73,691		73,691
INSTRUCTION				
84 Districtwide Academic Leadership	18,975	18,975		18,975
85 School Building Leadership	66,512	66,512		66,512
86 Professional Development	50,729	50,729		50,729
87 Textbooks & Materials	187,575	187,575		187,575
88 Library Materials				
89 Instructional Materials & Equip	71,569	71,569		71,569
90 General Supplies	253,814	253,814		253,814
91 Instructional Technology	44,230	44,230		44,230
92 Audio-Visual Services	20,056	20,056		20,056
93 Guidance, Counseling & Testing	11,500	11,500		11,500
94 Psychological Services	180,000	180,000		180,000
STUDENT SERVICES				
95 Medical/Health Services	5,500	5,500		5,500
96 Transportation Services	251,500	151,500	100,000	251,500
97 Special Ed Transportation	311,000	311,000		311,000
98 Food Services	5,000	5,000		5,000
99 Athletics	14,200	14,200		14,200
100 Other Student Activities	4,851	4,851		4,851
101 School Security	3,306	3,306		3,306
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
102 Custodial Services	20,000	20,000		20,000
103 Gas & Oil	233,500	233,500		233,500
104 Utility Services	281,250	281,250		281,250
105 Maintenance of Grounds	18,000	18,000		18,000
106 Maintenance of Buildings	153,817	153,817		153,817
107 Building Security	3,000	3,000		3,000
108 Maintenance of Equipment	53,910	53,910		53,910
109 Extraordinary Maintenance	10,000	10,000		10,000
110 Networking & Telecommunications	17,940	17,940		17,940
111 Technology Maintenance				
FIXED CHARGES	36,000	271,024	(235,024)	36,000
112 Insurance Programs				
113 Other Charges				

	<u>DEPT REQUEST</u>	<u>PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT</u>	<u>OVERRIDE AMOUNT</u>	<u>FINCOM REC</u>
114 EQUIPMENT	12,500	12,500		12,500
115 SPECIAL ED TUITION	1,229,500	1,229,500		1,229,500
116 HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION	26,585	26,585		26,585
117 PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT REQUESTS	135,460		135,460	135,460
118 UNASSIGNED REDUCTIONS/ ADJUSTMENTS				
119 REGIONAL VOTECH	124,929	124,929		124,929
DEBT SERVICE				
School Debt				
High School Renov	491,404	491,404		491,404
Hood School Renov	117,830	117,830		117,830
Heat Conversion	5,133	5,133		5,133
Middle School Roof	32,738	32,738		32,738
Middle School Lockers	3,065	3,065		3,065
Little School Heat	6,393	6,393		6,393
Batchelder Windows	25,402	25,402		25,402
Computers	11,105	11,105		11,105
High School Track	7,064	7,064		7,064
Swan Pond Planning	65,069	65,069		65,069
High School Parking Lot	21,434	21,434		21,434
Little School Renov	324,966	324,966		324,966
Modular Classrooms	5,194	5,194		5,194
Middle School Gym	14,156	14,156		14,156
Batchelder Septic	16,973	16,973		16,973
School Van	350	350		350
School Pick Up	693	693		693
Library Renovation	69,381	69,381		69,381
Murphy Center				
Title V	11,111	11,111		11,111
NESWIC				
Sr. Citizens Van				
Police/Fire Communications	10,303	10,303		10,303
Fire Pumper	22,473	22,473		22,473
Ladder Truck	43,419	43,419		43,419
Backhoe	1,386	1,386		1,386
Truck, Sander, Plow				
Road Construction				
Road Construction 2				
Road Construction 3	21,550	21,550		21,550
Fire Station Floor	46,530	46,530		46,530
Damon Tavern	60,394	60,394		60,394
Fuel Depot	64,650	64,650		64,650
Burroughs Road Sidewalk	31,163	31,163		31,163

	DEPT REQUEST	PROPOSITION 2-1/2 LIMIT	OVERRIDE AMOUNT	FINCOM REC
FY00 Dump Truck	11,025	11,025		11,025
Haverhill St Property				
Purchase	7,611	7,611		7,611
FY02 Dump Truck	2,000	2,000		2,000
Short Term Interest	25,000	25,000		25,000
118 DEBT SERVICE	1,576,965	1,576,965		1,576,965*
*Line 118 Fund \$46,530 from Reserved for Debt Service				
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
WATER DEPARTMENT	1,907,509	1,907,509		1,907,509
119 SALARIES	558,403	558,403		558,403*
120 EXPENSES	1,010,200	1,010,200		1,010,200*
121 CAPITAL				
122 DEBT	338,906	338,906		338,906*
*Line 119 Fund \$558,403 from WATER REVENUE				
*Line 120 Fund \$1,010,200 from WATER REVENUE				
*Line 122 Fund \$338,906 from WATER REVENUE				
HILLVIEW COUNTRY CLUB	2,040,000	2,040,000		2,040,000
123 SALARIES	33,000	33,000		33,000*
124 EXPENSES	782,000	782,000		782,000*
125 IN LIEU of				
TAX PAYMENT	185,000	185,000		185,000*
126 L.U.C. EXPENSES				
127 CAPITAL	140,000	140,000		140,000*
128 DEBT	900,000	900,000		900,000*
*Line 123 Fund \$33,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE				
*Line 124 Fund \$782,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE				
*Line 125 Fund \$185,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE				
*Line 127 Fund \$140,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE				
*Line 128 Fund \$900,000 from HILLVIEW REVENUE				

ARTICLE 12 - OPERATING BUDGET

I move to raise and appropriate the sums set forth in the column headed "Proposition 2-1/2 Limit" in the Line Items 1 through 128 including the transfers of funds as set forth in the warrant with the following change:

Line Item 48 - Solid Waste Management Expenses
Increase from \$988,048 to \$1,163,048

I further move to raise and appropriate the additional sums as set forth in the column headed "Override Amount" totaling \$1,753,329 provided that such additional sums shall be subject to a separate question in an Override Election to be held pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C(m). [J. Murphy]

Finance Committee recommends
Board of Selectmen recommends by a 4-1 vote

John Murphy, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, asked for a 30-minute leave of the meeting for a presentation by the BOS, FinCom, and School Committee. **UNANIMOUS**

John Murphy presented on behalf of the BOS and Patricia Colella on behalf of the School Committee. An additional 10-minute leave of the meeting was requested and **CARRIED** to allow Mark Sturdevant to continue a presentation on behalf of the FinCom. Following the presentations, the Moderator re-read the main motion.

Mr. Moderator, I move to amend Article 12 Operating Override Budget. I seek to amend the amount of the Proposition 2-1/2 Override from reading \$2,150,000.00 to reading \$1,527,000.00. [Kevin Callagy, 13 Williams Road]

The Moderator ruled that the motion was not in proper order in its present form, as it does not reference what line items would be changed to accommodate the decrease in the total amount.

With the assistance of BOS Vice-Chair J. Murphy, Mr. Callagy re-worded his motion to read as follows:

Move to amend Article 12 by reducing the override amount for the School Budget by \$518,000, and reducing the Proposition 2-1/2 limit in the General Government Line 9 Salaries by \$51,000, and reduce the override amount for Line 29 Pensions and Benefits by \$54,000. [Kevin Callagy; motion seconded by Wm. Smith]

Mr. Murphy pointed out that although he assisted Mr. Callagy with re-writing the motion to be worded in a proper form to be acted on, the BOS do not support the amendment. Mr. Callagy explained his intent through this motion.

School Committee does not recommend
Finance Committee does not recommend
Board of Selectmen does not recommend

Vote to terminate debate: In the Auditorium: **UNANIMOUS**
In the Gym: **UNANIMOUS**
Motion to terminate debate: **UNANIMOUS**

Vote on the Motion to Amend: In the Auditorium: **LOST**
In the Gym: **LOST**
Motion to Amend: **LOST**

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: State Senator Bruce Tarr, 80 Essex Ave., Gloucester; and Melissa Jenkins (student), 226 Haverhill St. [J. Veno] **UNANIMOUS** in the main hall and the gymnasium.

Move to terminate debate on Main Motion.
Vote in the Auditorium: **CARRIED**
Vote in the Gym: **UNANIMOUS**
Motion to terminate debate: **CARRIED**

A request for a paper ballot was made. The Moderator stated that under §172.13 of the Town By-Laws, at least 25 persons must stand in support of a paper ballot. The Moderator counted a total of 7 persons standing in support

of the paper ballot in the main hall, and the Assistant Moderator had none in the overflow facility, therefore the paper ballot was not allowed.

As a point of clarification, BOS Vice-Chairman J. Murphy stated that there were no monies being appropriated through bonding nor any transfers from stabilization under Article 12, therefore a 2/3 vote was not required under this motion, only a simple majority vote was required.

Vote on the Main Motion: In the Auditorium: **CARRIED**
In the Gym: **CARRIED**

The Moderator declared the Main Motion **CARRIED**; no objections were made to the Moderator's ruling.

Motion to Reconsider Article 12 [*requires 2/3 vote*]:
Voice vote in the Auditorium: **LOST**
Voice vote in the Gym: **LOST**

The Moderator declared the Motion to Reconsider **LOST**, no objections were made to the Moderator's ruling.

Article 1 Construction of New Elementary School

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

Sponsor: School Committee

Description...

This article will fund the cost of constructing and equipping a new elementary school facility on school owned property on Swan Pond Road.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1 – FUND NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT SWAN POND

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$16,887,137 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new elementary school facility on Swan Pond Road and all costs incidental and related thereto, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$16,887,137 under G. L. Chapter 44, sec. 7 or G. L. Chapter 70B or any other enabling authority, and that the School Building Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect and no borrowing may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G. L. Chapter 59, section 21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. [*P. Colella*] [*Requires 2/3 vote*]

Finance Committee unanimously recommend
Board of Selectmen recommend on a 4-1 vote

Jonathan DeSimone, Chairman of the ESBC, reviewed the proposal under Article 1. School Committee member Gerald Venezia stated that the School Committee just voted that no expenditures would be put toward the Batchelder School for any re-use of the building if the Swan Pond School is built.

Motion to terminate debate: Vote in the Auditorium: **UNANIMOUS**
Vote in the Gym: **UNANIMOUS**

Hand count on the main motion: Vote in the Auditorium: YES: 333 NO: 43
Vote in the Gym: YES: 55 NO: 10
TOTAL: YES: 388 NO: 53

Motion **CARRIED**.

Motion to Reconsider Article 12 [*requires 2/3 vote*]:
Voice vote in the Auditorium: **LOST**
Voice vote in the Gym: **LOST**

The Moderator declared the Motion to Reconsider **LOST**; no objections were made to the Moderator's ruling.

At this time the Moderator asked the Assistant Moderator if those persons in the overflow facility would like to join those in the main auditorium as a number of persons had vacated the auditorium following the last vote. Mr. Lydotes stated that all those in the gym would proceed to the auditorium. The Moderator thanked Mr. Lydotes for filling in as Assistant Moderator under such short notice and also acknowledged and thanked State Senator Bruce Tarr for his attendance at the Town Meeting.

Article 2 Construction and Renovations of Police Station

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

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will fund an additional sum to reconstruct, temporarily relocate and equip a new police station at the site of the present station. \$4.8 million was approved at the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting to fund the project. This article would require a further debt exclusion vote at a local election.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2 -

CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS OF POLICE STATION

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1.4 million for the purpose of reconstructing, renovating and equipping the North Reading Police Station; and all costs incidental and related thereto, including the costs of temporarily relocating the Police Station; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under G.L. Chapter 44, sec. 7; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided however, that this vote shall not take effect and no borrowing may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. Chapter 59, section 21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. *[J. Veno] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee does not recommend (1-6)

Board of Selectmen recommends (3-2)

Robert Stone of the Police Station Building Committee gave a presentation under Article 2.

Motion to terminate debate: **UNANIMOUS**

Hand count on the main motion under Article 2: YES: 61 NO: 221
Motion **LOST**.

I move to adjourn to Thursday, April 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., Daniel H. Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street. *[J. Veno] CARRIED*

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

There were 590 voters present.

Checkers for the evening were Norma Stiles, Vera Hart, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Bamard, Mary Stanuchenski, Shirley Hoyt, John Davis, Rose Vitale, Sara LaMonica, Millie Lytle, Jean Gigante, Dorothy Hartery, Mary Turcotte, Norman Litchfield, and Frank Stanuchenski.

AT&T Cable Services were provided by Seth Albaum; audio and video services to the gym were provided by Dermot O'Keefe, Sound Technician for Tierney Sound & Video; facilities services were provided by Harold S. Miller, Jr. and Robert Peabody. Administrative Assistant Gail Parker assisted with the minutes for the meeting and Carol Ducrow assisted with the check-in procedures.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ADJOURNED SESSION TOWN MEETING**

April 4, 2002

Daniel Shay Auditorium

North Reading High School

7:00 P.M.

The 2nd session of the April 2002 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2002 by Moderator Klaus Kubierschky.

Police Detective Thomas Romeo and Firefighter Michael Tannian were on duty. Registrar Barbara Stats was present.

Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Kenneth Jones, Robert Mauceri, and Drew Lydotes.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Joseph R. Veno.

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); Harold S. Miller Jr., School Department (freedom of the floor); David Hanlon, Public Works Director; George E. Dow, Sr., Finance Director; Seth Albaum, AT&T Broadband (freedom of the floor); Thomas Younger, Town Administrator; Carl Nelson, School Business Manager; Robert Rodgers, CPC Administrator; Alyson Olsen, Human Resources Administrator; Mark Clark, Water Superintendent; Bob Hartzel, BSC Group; Darren Klein, Town Counsel; David S. Troughton, Superintendent of Schools and David Potvin (student), 351 Haverhill Street. *[J. Veno] UNANIMOUS*

Article 3 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 Selectman

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 Bylaws or the Charter.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No action required.

ARTICLE 3 - 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. *[J. Veno] UNANIMOUS*

Article 4 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 4 - HEAR AND ACT ON REPORTS OF
TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

I move to accept the printed Town Report for the year 2001 as the report of Town Officers and Committees and to hear other reports as may be presented at this meeting. *[J. Veno]*

Warren Pearce, Chairman of the CPC, asked for a 15-minute leave of the meeting for a conceptual presentation by their consultant, Bob Hartzel of the BSC Group, regarding Eisenhaure Pond Park. **UNANIMOUS**

David Osgood, Historical Commission, presented a status update on the Damon Tavern.

Stephen Jervey, Secondary School Building Committee, presented a status report on the renovation plans regarding the Middle and High Schools.

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

Article 5 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 5 - 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 5 as printed in the warrant. *[J. Veno]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 6 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 2003 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 6 - AUTHORIZE COMPENSATING
BALANCE AGREEMENTS**

I move to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements as specified in Article 6 as printed in the warrant. *[J. Veno]*

Finance Committee recommends

Board of Selectmen recommends

UNANIMOUS

Article 7 Grant Easement to Reading Municipal Light Department

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to grant an easement to Reading Municipal Light Department for the purpose of placing electrical equipment to provide for transmission of electricity and intelligence over and under a certain parcel of land owned by the Town and under the control of the School Department, as shown on the plan below. Said land is further identified and shown on Assessors Map 74. Parcel 69, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article proposes that the School Committee grant an easement on School Department property off MacIntyre Drive to Reading Municipal Light Department to allow RMLD to install an outdoor cabinet, transformer and electric meter to supply electrical and intelligence service to the Swan Pond water tower.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

School Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 7 - GRANT EASEMENT TO READING
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

I move to authorize the School Committee to grant an easement to Reading Municipal Light Department as specified in Article 7, as printed in the Warrant. *[J. Veno]*

Finance Committee stated that no recommendation was required as there was no financial impact.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

School Committee recommends.

David Hanlon, Director of Public Works, presented a brief explanation.

UNANIMOUS

Article 8 Amend Code of the Town of North Reading – Add New Section – Chapter 158, Streets and Sidewalks – Section 158.10, Utility Poles

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of North Reading by adding Section 158.10, Utility Poles as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

“158.10 Utility Poles

A. Location restricted; exception.

No public or private organization or utility company shall place or allow more than one pole to exist within five feet of another utility pole on any public or private way within the Town of North Reading without the permission of the Board of Selectmen; which may contain conditions. There is excepted from this provision the temporary emergency replacement of a damaged utility pole.

B. Order to remove, relocate or alter.

(1) Following a public hearing, the Selectmen may issue an order for the removal, relocation or alteration of any utility pole or poles in excess of one at any given location, upon the determination that more than one utility pole at any given location presents a nuisance, hazard or threat to the public safety, welfare or convenience to the inhabitants of the town.

(2) Any organization or utility company which owns or is responsible for a utility pole or poles subject to any order issued by the Selectmen shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of any such order within 180 days of the date of its issuance unless such period is extended by the Selectmen in their sole and absolute discretion. In the event of noncompliance with the terms of any order issued by the Selectmen, the Selectman may take whatever enforcement action they deem appropriate, including, without limitation:

(a) The imposition of a fine of \$300 per day for each day of noncompliance;

(b) The application for an injunction restraining the continued existence of any such pole or poles subject to such order; and

(c) Any other penalties, impositions or relief as the Selectmen may deem necessary.”

and further to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by amending the list of fines under Chapter 1, General Provisions 1-5B(3), Violations and Penalties, to include the following under Chapter 158, Streets and Sidewalks:

“§ 158.10, Utility Poles Building Inspector \$300 each offense”

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would create a by-law which would have a process for the removal of double utility poles within the Town.

Background...

As of October 1, 2001, there were over 200 double utility poles in the Town. This by-law would assist in the expeditious removal of them.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 - AMEND CODE OF TOWN OF NORTH READING – ADD NEW SECTION – CHAPTER 158, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS SECTION 158-10, UTILITY POLES

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding a new section to Chapter 158, Streets and Sidewalks, Section 158.10, Utility Poles as specified in Article 8 as printed in the Warrant [J. Veno]

Finance Committee stated that no recommendation was required as there was no financial impact.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 9 Amend Code of the Town of North Reading – Zoning By-Laws Add Article XVIII, § 200-100, Unaccepted Streets-Adequate Access

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by re-numbering, re-captioning and re-positioning § 158-9, Unaccepted Streets - Adequate Access to Article XVIII, § 200-100, Unaccepted Streets - Adequate Access of the North Reading Zoning By-Laws with no other substantive changes to the existing text; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Description...

This article will change the numbering of the existing by-law to allow it to be placed in the appropriate section of the Code Book. This by-law was accepted by Town Meeting in April 2001 as a General By-Law and subsequently approved by the Attorney General as a Zoning By-Law. Because it was numbered in accordance with the General By-Law section of the Code when presented to and accepted by Town Meeting, it is currently located within the General By-Law section of the Code. This change will allow the existing by-law to be re-located into the Zoning portion of the Code with no modifications to the text.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9 - AMEND CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH READING – ZONING BY-LAWS, ADD ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 200-100 UNACCEPTED STREETS – ADEQUATE ACCESS

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading - Zoning By-Laws by adding Article XVIII, Section 200-100, Unaccepted Streets-Adequate Access as specified in Article 9 as printed in the Warrant. [W. Pearce, CPC Chair] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee stated that no recommendation was required as there was no financial impact.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Warren Pearce, Chairman of the CPC reported to the Town Meeting the intent under this Article.

UNANIMOUS

**Article 10 Authorize Chapter 90 Highway Construction Funds
(Pending authorization of the Department of Revenue)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Chapter 90 Bond Issue Apportionment, a sum of money received from the State for the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of roadways in Town; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Description...

This article authorizes the use of Chapter 90 State Highway Aid for highway maintenance.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 10 - 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 10 as printed in the Warrant. *[J. Veno]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 11 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 Charters 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 By-laws. A 2/3 vote is required for transfers from the Stabilization Fund and for borrowing.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

FY03 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

	FY03 APPROP.	FY03 COST	FINANCING METHOD
FIRE DEPARTMENT	199,500	199,500	
a. Replace Ambulance	165,000	165,000	Ambulance Reserve
b. Repeater	13,500	6,750	Ambulance Reserve
		6,750	Cell Tower Revenue
c. Hose & Fittings and Air Packs	21,000	21,000	Free Cash
POLICE DEPARTMENT	69,200	69,200	
d. 2 Cruisers and Equipment	67,300	67,300	Free Cash
e. 2 Dispatch Chairs	1,900	1,900	Free Cash
FINANCE	15,500	15,500	
f. Computer Equipment	15,500	15,500	Free Cash
DPW	73,000	73,000	
g. Storm Water Management Act	50,000	50,000	Tax Levy
h. Slice Seeder/dethatcher	5,500	5,500	Free Cash
i. Hot Box	9,500	9,500	Free Cash
j. Portable Lighting	8,000	8,000	Free Cash
TOWN BUILDINGS	36,500	36,500	
Town Hall			
k. Various Improvements	16,500	16,500	Free Cash
l. HVAC Improvements	20,000	20,000	Cell Tower Revenue
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	195,000	195,000	
m. Furniture Replacement	30,000	30,000	Free Cash
n. Technology Plan	100,000	100,000	Free Cash
o. School Copier	25,000	25,000	Free Cash
p. Tractor	40,000	40,000	Bond
TOTAL	588,700	588,700	
Transfer from Free Cash =	300,200	300,200	
Transfer from Ambulance Reserve =	171,750	171,750	
Transfer from Cell Tower Revenue =	26,750	26,750	
General Obligation Bonds =	40,000	40,000	
Tax Levy =	50,000	50,000	
	588,700	588,700	

ARTICLE 11 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$300,200.00 and transfer from the Ambulance Reserve the sum of \$171,750.00 and transfer from Cell Tower Revenue the sum of \$66,750.00 for a total of \$588,700.00 to fund the FY03 Capital Expenditures Items a - p as stated in the Warrant with the exception of Item "p" *[Tractor]* which shall be funded by Cell Tower Revenue. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee recommend all items with the exception of Item "n" (School Technology Plan) - could not come to a consensus on Item "n."

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

School Committee recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 13 Appropriate Money to Stabilization

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: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 ~ STABILIZATION FUND

I move to transfer the sum of \$16,648.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 14 Conservation Revolving Fund – Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Conservation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 20 Revolving Funds - Wetlands Protection, at the April 1992 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Conservation Commission to fund its administration of the local Wetlands Protection By-law.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14 - 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 53 Vi and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2003 at \$100,000, as specified in Article 14 as printed in the Warrant. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 15 Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Recreation Revolving Fund as voted in Article 22 Revolving Fund - Parks & Recreation, at the October 1997 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Recreation

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

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15 - 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 53 1/2 and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2003 at \$200,000, as specified in Article 15 as printed in the Warrant. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Brian Wood, Recreation Director, spoke on behalf of the Article and amended the motion as follows:

I move to amend the Parks & Rec. Revolving Account maximum expenditures in Article 15 by removing the figure 200K and adding in 250K. [B. Wood]

Board of Selectmen recommend by a 4-1 vote.

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Voice vote on the motion to amend: **CARRIED**

On the main motion as amended to \$250K:

UNANIMOUS

Article 16 Recycling Promotion Revolving Account - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Recycling Promotion Revolving Account as voted in Article 12i of the April 1995 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article continues in place the mechanism used by the Town to utilize the revenue from returnable bottles collected at the Recycling Center to promote the Town's Recycling Program.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 - RECYCLING PROMOTION REVOLVING ACCOUNT – RE-AUTHORIZE

I move to re-authorize the Recycling Promotion Revolving Account originally authorized under Article 12 of the April 1995 Town Meeting in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2 and to set the maximum expenditure for FY2003 at \$2,000, as specified in Article 16 as printed in the Warrant. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 17 Revolving Fund – Damon Tavern

To see if the Town will vote to authorize under MGL Ch. 44, sec. 53E 1/2, the establishment of a Damon Tavern Revolving Fund into which funds collected from the lease of the first floor of the Damon Tavern shall be deposited for use by the Historical Commission and Department of Public Works to pay any costs related to maintenance and repair of the Damon Tavern and further to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$24,000 for said purposes; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This Revolving Fund will be used by the Historical Commission and the Department of Public Works to pay any costs related to maintenance and repair of the Damon Tavern. The funds will come from the lease of the first floor of the Damon Tavern.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17 - ESTABLISH DAMON TAVERN REVOLVING FUND

I move to authorize under MGL Chapter 44, sec. 53E 1/2, the establishment of a Damon Tavern Revolving Fund as specified in Article 17, as printed in the Warrant. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 18 Fund Retirement Obligations

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of funding FY03 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 FY03. 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: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 - RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$262,540.00 and transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from Free Cash for a total of \$412,540.00 to fund retirement obligations of employees. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 19 Fund Lake and Pond Grant

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to prepare a watershed management plan for the Martins Pond area; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow, the sum of \$50,000 to defray the costs of said project, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Department of Public Works to apply for, accept and expend any State and/or Federal funds which might be available to defray all or part of said project; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article will allow for a management plan to assess the current condition of the watershed, including water quality, flooding, wildlife issues, and invasive plant species, and will supplement efforts currently being accomplished under the Town's Storm Water Management Plan. The Town has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management for a Lakes and Pond Grant which would reimburse the Town 50% (\$25,000) of the total project cost. Funding needs to be appropriated prior to the grant announcement.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 19 – FUND LAKE AND POND GRANT

I move to authorize the Department of Public Works to prepare a watershed management plan for the Martins Pond area and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be used together with a grant from the Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$25,000 as specified in Article 19 as printed in the Warrant. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

David Hanlon, Director of Public Works, made a presentation on behalf of the Article.

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

Article 20 Purchase of Map 41, Parcel 52 (Salem to Lowell Railroad Bed)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, land shown on Assessor's Map 41 as Parcel 52. the old Salem to Lowell railroad bed; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Background...

Three years ago Parks and Recreation placed an article on the April Warrant to petition the State DCPO for the disposition and subsequent acquisition of Parcel 52 on Map 41. This was accomplished through House Bill 356 which the Governor signed.

Description...

This article will allow the Town to purchase the old Salem and Lowell railroad bed land to be used as open space and park land.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting;

**ARTICLE 20 - PURCHASE OF MAP 41, PARCEL 52 –
SALEM TO LOWELL RAILROAD BED**

I move to pass over Article 20. [J. Veno]

UNANIMOUS

**Article 21 Fund the Costs of Pedestrian Bridge Salem/Lowell Railroad Bridge
(Map 36, Parcel 35)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the costs associated with the purchase and installation of a pedestrian bridge to be located at the site of the old Salem to Lowell Railroad bridge as shown on Map 36. Parcel 35; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article fund the costs to place a prefabricated, low maintenance pedestrian trestle bridge across the Ipswich River to form a connection between North Parish Park and the Ipswich River Park.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 21 - FUND COST OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FROM
NORTH PARISH PARK TO IPSWICH RIVER PARK**

I move to pass over Article 21. [J. Veno]

UNANIMOUS

Article 22 Fund Court Judgments

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay FY02 court judgments; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Town has certain court judgments which were required to be paid. The funds to make these payments will come from FY03's revenues unless this article passes.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting;

ARTICLE 22 - FUND COURT JUDGMENTS

I move to appropriate the sum of \$131,152 from Free Cash to pay a court judgment as specified in Article 22 as printed in the Warrant. [J. Veno]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends by a 4-0 vote with 1 abstention.

Hand Count: YES: 52 NO: 22

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 23 Purchase of Map 62, Parcel 64.193 Elm Street Property

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws. Chapter 79, the land with all improvements, structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessor's Map 62, Parcel 64, located on 193 Elm Street consisting of approximately 27 acres more or less, meaning and intending to include all of the land at said location owned by Dana A. Rowe, or their successors in title, for the purpose of open space and recreation land; and to designate and include the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of such property within the Hillview Commission charge and the Hillview Enterprise Account; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, or to transfer from the Town stabilization fund, or to transfer from surplus Hillview funds as determined by the Hillview Commission, or to borrow a sum of money for the acquisition, and to authorize, but not direct, the Selectmen to accept and receive federal, state or other grant funds, and also to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to apply the same toward defraying the costs of acquisition, financing and other related costs and expenses of said Rowe Property; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Town would like to purchase the 27 acres for open space and recreation use.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 23 - PURCHASE OF MAP 62, PARCEL 64
193 ELM STREET PROPERTY**

I move to pass over Article 23. [J. Veno]

UNANIMOUS

The following two articles call for the acceptance as "Town Ways" of two new streets. All have been certified by the Community Planning Commission and the Town Engineer as complete and properly constructed to the Town's standards. It has been the Town's practice to accept ownership of a new street once the standards are met.

Article 24 Street Acceptance – Wren Circle

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Wren Circle as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Wren Circle: From the point of intersection with Country Club Road at Station 0+00 to Station 3+48.35.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Wren Circle as a public way in accordance with the description and plans dated July 29, 1996, now on file with 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 ways, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Community Planning Commission: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 24 - STREET ACCEPTANCE - WREN CIRCLE

I move to accept the layout of Wren Circle 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. [W. Pearce]

Finance Committee stated that no recommendation was required of them as there was no financial impact to the Town. The Moderator stated that there was a \$1.00 financial impact; however there was no further recommendation by the Finance Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Warren Pearce, CPC Chairman, spoke on behalf of the Article.

UNANIMOUS

Article 25 Street Acceptance - Fairway Road

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Fairway Road as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Fairway Road: From the point of intersection with Fluff Avenue at Station 0+00 to Station 3+66.16.

Meaning and intending to layout and accept Fairway Road as a public way in accordance with the description and plans dated October 7, 1999, now on file with 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 ways. and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Community Planning Commission: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 25 - STREET ACCEPTANCE - FAIRWAY ROAD

I move to accept the layout of Fairway Road as specified in Article 25 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. [W. Pearce]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Warren Pearce, CPC Chairman, spoke on behalf of the Article.

UNANIMOUS

Article 26 Citizens Petition - Recreational Vehicles

It shall be unlawful to operate any registered or unauthorized recreational vehicles, including those commonly referred to as snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, minibikes within three hundred feet (300) of any residentially occupied structure in any zone of the city.

On the petition of Ray J. Martinez and others.

Description...

This article would prohibit the use of any snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles and minibikes within 300 feet of an occupied house, apartment building or condominium unit.

Recommendations...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 26 - CITIZENS PETITION - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

I move to prohibit the use of any registered or unauthorized recreational vehicles within 300 feet of any residentially occupied structure in any zone of the city as specified in Article 26 as printed in the warrant. [R. Martinez]

Finance Committee stated that no recommendation was required of them as there was no financial impact to the Town.

Board of Selectmen do not recommend.

Town Counsel Darren Klein, spoke referencing Town Counsel's recently rendered written opinion questioning the effectiveness of this Article in its present form.

Motion to terminate debate: **UNANIMOUS**

Hand count on the main motion: YES: 35 NO: 56

Motion **LOST**

I move to adjourn this meeting sine die.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

There were 125 voters present.

Checkers for the evening were Norma Stiles, Vera Hart, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Bamard, Mary Stanuchenski, Shirley Hoyt, John Davis, Rose Vitale, Sara LaMonica, Norman Litchfield, and Frank Stanuchenski.

AT&T Cable Services were provided by Seth Albaum; facilities services were provided by Harold S. Miller, Jr. Administrative Assistant Gail Parker assisted with the minutes for the meeting and Carol Ducrow assisted with the check-in procedures.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

[Article 8 and Article 9 of the April 4, 2002 Adjourned Session of Town Meeting were approved by Assistant Attorney General Robert W. Ritchie on June 77, 2002 and subsequently advertised in the North Reading Transcript on June 20, 2002 and June 27, 2002.]

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTH READING
WARRANT FOR TOWN 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 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 SEVENTH DAY of MAY, 2002** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following offices:

SELECTMAN – One for Three Years;
MODERATOR – One for One Year;
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – One for Three Years;
COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION – One for Three Years;
HOUSING AUTHORITY – One for Five Years;
HOUSING AUTHORITY – One for Three Years (*Unexpired Term*);

and on the following questions:

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Question #1

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to assess an additional \$2,150,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding a portion of the general operating budget as stated in the warrant for the April 1st Annual Town Meeting, including but not limited to compensation for all elected officers, providing for a reserve fund, and allocating sums of money to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002?

Question #2

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct and equip a new elementary school facility on Swan Pond Road 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 meeting.

Given under our hands this **TWENTY-SECOND** day of **APRIL, 2002.**

John J. Murphy, Vice-Chairman
James P. Muldoon, Clerk
Dana A. Rowe, Jr.
Marcia L. Bailey
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:

John J. Firriello, Constable
April 22, 2002

**JOHN L. FIRRIELLO
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864**

April 23rd 2002

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading **14 days** before **TOWN ELECTIONS** on **TUESDAY, MAY 7th, 2002** by posting the warrant in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts:

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

ATTEST:

John J. Firriello, Constable

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
TOWN ELECTION
MAY 7, 2002**

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SELECTMAN for Three Years	Vote for ONE				
G. Kevin Gallagy	680	596	558	678	2,512
Robert Mauceri.....	765	493	536	708	2,502
Blanks	76	108	107	84	375
Write-Ins	2	2	2	2	8
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

MODERATOR

for One Year	Vote for ONE				
Klaus Kubierschky*	1,127	851	883	1,104	3,965
Blanks	389	342	316	368	1,415
Write-Ins	7	6	4	0	17
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for Three Years	Vote for ONE				
Stephen D. Jervy*	760	496	521	692	2,469
John C. Wiese	603	559	544	636	2,342
Blanks	160	143	138	144	585
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

for Three Years	Vote for ONE				
Christopher B. Hayden*	1,014	767	771	968	3,520
Blanks	499	429	428	502	1,858
Write-Ins	10	3	4	2	19
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

HOUSING AUTHORITY

for Five Years	Vote for ONE				
James L. Carriere	995	768	771	988	3,522
Blanks	523	431	431	482	1,867
Write-Ins	5	0	1	2	8
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Unexpired Term) for Three Years	Vote for ONE				
William A. Palladino	994	759	755	979	3,487
Blanks	525	440	445	493	1,903
Write-Ins	4	0	3	0	7
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

* Candidate for Re-Election

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to assess an additional \$2,150,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding a portion of the general operating budget as stated in the warrant for the April 1st Annual Town Meeting, including but not limited to compensation for all elected officers, providing for a reserve fund, and allocating sums of money to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002?

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
YES	802	513	540	736	2,591
NO	720	678	657	732	2,787
BLANKS	1	8	6	4	19
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

QUESTION #2

Shall the Town of North Reading be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct and equip a new elementary school facility on Swan Pond Road 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>
YES	724	455	493	643	2,315
NO	795	737	702	820	3,054
BLANKS	4	7	8	9	28
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
TOWN ELECTION – MAY 7, 2002
RECOUNT – MAY 21, 2002**

A Town-Wide Recount for the Office of Selectman of the May 7, 2002 Town Election was petitioned by Selectman Candidate Robert J. Mauceri on May 16, 2002. The Board of Registrars certified the recount petitions at a duly-posted meeting also held on May 16, 2002, and determined that the petitions for all precincts (Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4) met the statutory requirement often "certifiable" signatures.

Accordingly y the Board of Registrars called for the Town-Wide Recount for the Office of Selectmen of the May 7, 2002 Town Election to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall Gymnasium, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA. All parties were notified in accordance with MGL 54:135.

RESULTS OF TOWN-WIDE RECOUNT

Election Results – May 7, 2002

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SELECTMAN					
Blanks	76	108	107	84	375
G. Kevin Gallagy	680	596	558	678	2,512
Robert Mauceri	765	493	536	708	2,502
Write-Ins	2	2	2	2	8
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,397

Recount Results – May 21, 2002

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SELECTMAN					
Blanks	76	105	105	82	368
G. Kevin Gallagy	680	595	556	680	2,511
Robert Mauceri	765	494	540	708	2,507
Write-Ins	2	4	2	2	10
TOTALS	1,523	1,199	1,203	1,472	5,396

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats
Town Clerk/Board of Registrars

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

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 SEVENTEENTH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2002** 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:

U.S. SENATOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
LT. GOVERNOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 6th Congressional District
COUNCILLOR 5th Councillor District
SENATOR in GENERAL COURT 1st Essex & Middlesex Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE in GENERAL COURT ... 20th Middlesex Representative District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY Northern District
REGISTER OF PROBATE Middlesex County

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 **TWENTY-SIXTH** day of **AUGUST, 2002.**

John J. Murphy
Joseph R.Veno
Marcia L. Bailey
G. Kevin Callagy
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:

Paul D. Dorsey, Sr., Constable

April 22, 2002

**PAUL D. DORSEY, SR.
CONSTABLE – TOWN OF NORTH READING
18 MAGNOLIA ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864**

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading **20 days** before **STATE PRIMARY** on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2002** by posting the warrant in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts:

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

ATTEST:

Paul D. Dorsey, Sr., Constable
August 28, 2002

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE PRIMARY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	Vote for ONE				
John F. Kerry*	344	355	323	406	1,428
Write-Ins	2	2	0	0	4
Blanks	61	56	83	77	277
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
GOVERNOR	Vote for ONE				
Thomas F. Birmingham	120	125	109	151	505
Steven Grossman	2	0	2	1	5
Shannon O'Brien	105	135	132	145	517
Robert B. Reich	82	90	77	87	336
Warren E. Tolman	90	62	83	93	328
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	8	1	3	6	18
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	Vote for ONE				
Christopher F. Gabrieli	144	173	144	168	629
Lois G. Pines	103	107	104	121	435
John P. Slattery	119	92	112	151	474
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	40	41	46	43	170
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Vote for ONE				
Thomas F. Reilly*	321	319	306	387	1,333
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	86	94	100	96	376
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
SECRETARY OF STATE	Vote for ONE				
William Francis Galvin*	299	305	289	359	1,252
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	108	108	117	124	457
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
TREASURER	Vote for ONE				
Michael P. Cahill	114	96	91	117	418
Timothy P. Cahill	129	156	130	154	569
Stephen J. Murphy	46	56	55	58	215
James W. Segel	61	44	59	81	245
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	57	61	71	73	262
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
AUDITOR	Vote for ONE				
A. Joseph DeNucci*	290	298	283	343	1,214
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	117	115	123	140	495
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709

* Candidate for Re-Nomination

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Sixth District	Vote for ONE				
John F. Tierney*	322	323	307	378	1,330
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	85	90	99	105	379
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
COUNCILLOR					
Fifth District	Vote for ONE				
Mary-Ellen Manning*	194	161	145	233	733
Louis James Connolly	65	114	103	96	378
Mark E. Tuttle	35	33	43	32	143
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	113	105	115	122	455
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
First Essex & Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Andrew F. Armata	293	312	293	354	1,252
Mark J. T. Caggiano	38	34	36	36	144
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	75	67	77	93	312
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
Twentieth Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	4	5	0	0	9
Blanks	403	408	406	483	1,700
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
Northern District	Vote for ONE				
Martha Coakley*	291	303	293	378	1,265
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	116	109	113	105	443
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709
REGISTER OF PROBATE					
Middlesex County	Vote for ONE				
John R. Buonomo*	171	166	153	197	687
Diane Poulos Harpell	59	56	70	67	252
Ed McMahon	79	97	76	108	360
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	98	94	107	111	410
TOTALS	407	413	406	483	1,709

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

* Candidate for Re-Nomination

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE PRIMARY
REPUBLICAN PARTY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	8	5	0	0	13
Blanks	313	219	218	238	988
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
GOVERNOR					
	Vote for ONE				
Mitt Romney	290	192	193	215	890
Write-Ins	1	4	0	0	5
Blanks	30	28	25	23	106
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
	Vote for ONE				
Kerry Murphy Healey	200	127	134	143	604
Jim Rappaport	112	92	83	93	380
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	9	5	1	2	17
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	321	223	218	238	1,000
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
SECRETARY OF STATE					
	Vote for ONE				
Jack E. Robinson III	175	99	112	117	503
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	145	125	106	121	497
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
TREASURER					
	Vote for ONE				
Daniel A. Grabauskas	178	116	119	124	537
Bruce A. Herzfelder	104	65	66	71	306
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	39	43	33	43	158
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
AUDITOR					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	321	224	218	238	1,001
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Sixth District	Vote for ONE				
Mark C. Smith	214	135	125	152	626
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	107	89	93	86	375
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001

* Candidate for Re-Nomination

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
COUNCILLOR					
Fifth District					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	320	224	218	238	1,000
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
First Essex & Middlesex District					
	Vote for ONE				
Bruce E. Tarr*	237	160	154	180	731
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	84	64	64	58	270
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
Twentieth Middlesex District					
	Vote for ONE				
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.*	269	189	180	205	843
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	51	35	38	33	157
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
Northern District					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	320	224	218	238	1,000
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001
REGISTER OF PROBATE					
Middlesex County					
	Vote for ONE				
John W. Lambert	207	137	125	148	617
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	114	87	93	90	384
TOTALS	321	224	218	238	1,001

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

* Candidate for Re-Nomination

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE PRIMARY
LIBERTARIAN PARTY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
	Vote for ONE				
Michael E. Cloud	1	1	1	2	5
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	1	0	2
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
GOVERNOR					
	Vote for ONE				
Carla A. Howell	1	1	1	2	5
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	1	0	2
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
	Vote for ONE				
Richard P. Aucoin	1	1	1	2	5
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	1	1	0	2
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	2	7
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
SECRETARY OF STATE					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	1	1	2	2	6
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
TREASURER					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	1	1	2	2	6
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
AUDITOR					
	Vote for ONE				
Kamal Jain	0	1	1	0	2
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	1	1	2	5
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Sixth District					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	1	1	2	2	6
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
COUNCILLOR					
Fifth District					
	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	2	7
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
First Essex & Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	1	1	2	2	6
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
Twentieth Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	2	7
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
Northern District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	2	7
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7
REGISTER OF PROBATE					
Middlesex County	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	2	2	7
TOTALS	1	2	2	2	7

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE PRIMARY
MASSACHUSETTS GREEN PARTY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
GOVERNOR					
Jill F. Stein	0	0	0	1	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Anthony F. Lorenzen	0	0	0	1	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
SECRETARY OF STATE					
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
TREASURER					
James O'Keefe	0	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
AUDITOR					
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Sixth District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
COUNCILLOR					
Fifth District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT					
First Essex & Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT					
Twentieth Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
Northern District	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1
REGISTER OF PROBATE					
Middlesex County	Vote for ONE				
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	0	0	1	1

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
TOWN MEETING
October 7, 2002
Daniel Shay Auditorium
North Reading High School
7:00 P.M.**

The 1st session of the October 2002 Annual Town Meeting was called to order on October 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Klaus Kubierschky.

Police Lieutenant Edward Hayes and Call Firefighter Christopher Lynch were on duty. Registrar Barbara Stats was present. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Anthony Romano, Peter Lydotes and Kenneth Jones.

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Harold S. Miller Jr., School Department (freedom of the floor); Paul McAndrew, KBA Architects; David Hanlon, Public Works Director; Seth Albaum, AT&T Broadband (freedom of the floor); Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); Carl Nelson, School Business Manager; George E. Dow, Sr., Finance Director; Michael Soraghan, Town Engineer; Helena Minton, Library Director; Robert Rodgers, CPC Administrator; Steven Stafford, 35 Shady Hill Drive (Student Advisor); Alyson Olsen, Human Resources Administrator; Nicole Shedd, 208 Main Street (Student); Mark Clark, Water Superintendent; Thomas Younger, Town Administrator; John Giorgio, Town Counsel; Susie Tringali, Student; Carmen Bonfiglio, Student; Domenic Pellegrino, Student. *[J. Veno]* **UNANIMOUS**

The Moderator announced that should there be a need to provide for an over-flow facility, the cafeteria was in readiness for such need and he was at this time appointing Mr. Drew Lydotes, with the consent of Town Meeting, to act as the Assistant Moderator in accordance with Section 172.15 of the Code of North Reading. Mr. Lydotes would be sworn-in by the Town Clerk should his services be required. **UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATION** was given by Town Meeting.

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Kevin Buckley, KBA Architects; David S. Troughton, Superintendent of Schools; Jennifer Cermak, 1 Peabody Street and Patrick O'Rourke, 1 Peabody Street. *[J. Veno]* **UNANIMOUS**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, John J. Murphy.

The Moderator called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Warrant from the Board of Selectmen.

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.

ARTICLE 1 – HEAR AND ACT ON REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I move to hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees as may be presented at this meeting. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Board of Selectmen had no recommendation.

No reports were presented to the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS

The Moderator once again called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and the return of service by the Constable before proceeding with the next Article.

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. Murphy]* **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Moderator. I move to take Article 14 out of order in the warrant and to dispense with action on Articles 2 thru 13 until action is taken on Article 14. *[Wm. Smith] [Requires 4/5 vote]*

Finance Committee had no recommendation on the Motion to Take Out of Order.

Board of Selectmen had no recommendation on the Motion to Take Out of Order.

Mr. Smith presented his reasons for the Motion.

Hand Count on the Motion to Take Out of Order: YES: 25 NO: 141
Motion **LOST**

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: Michael Luck, 3 Rust Lane. *[J. Murphy]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 2 Amend Code – Add General By-law Chapter 139 Recreational Vehicles

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding the following to the General By-laws; or what it will do in relation thereto:

“Chapter 139 Recreational Vehicles

§ 139.1 Restrictions on Use

It shall be unlawful to operate, for recreation or pleasure, any motor vehicle designed or modified for use over unimproved terrain, in or within three hundred (300) feet of a residential zone established by the Zoning Bylaw, except on land owned by the owner of such vehicle.

§ 139.2 Violations and Penalties

Whoever violates the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to the following penalties: first offense: (Warning); second offense: (\$50.00); third and subsequent offenses: (\$100.00). Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.”

And further to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by amending the list of fines under Chapter 1, General Provisions 1- 5B(3), Viola-

tions and Penalties, to include the following under Chapter 139, Recreational Vehicles:

§ 139 Recreational Vehicles

Police Department

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: \$50

3rd and subsequent offenses: \$100

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would create a by-law which would restrict the use of recreational vehicles within 300 feet of a residential zone.

ARTICLE 2 AMEND CODE -

ADD GENERAL BY-LAW CHAPTER 139 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding Chapter 139 Recreational Vehicles to the General By-Laws as specified in Article 2 as printed in the warrant. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee stated that no action was required of them.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

A one-minute recess was called by the Moderator to allow Mr. Anthony Romano to consult with Town Counsel for an amendment to the article.

I move to amend Article 2 by adding the words “except vehicles registered by the Commonwealth” after the words “unimproved terrain” in the first paragraph and by adding the words “or with the permission of the owner” at the end of the first paragraph. *[A. Romano]*

Motion to amend **LOST**.

Hand count on the main motion: YES: 152 NO: 30

Main motion **CARRIED**

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: State Senator Bruce Tarr; Rob Crugnale, 3 Strawberry Lane; and Al Walker 11 Flash Road. **UNANIMOUS**

Article 3 Amend Code - Add General By-law Section 158-9 Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding the following General By-law, Section 158-9 Snow Removal on Streets & Sidewalks; or what it will do in relation thereto:

“158-9 Snow Removal on Streets & Sidewalks

A. The tenant or occupant, and in case there is no tenant or occupant, the owner or any other person having the care of any building or lot of land which is used for non-residential purposes abutting upon any street or public place within the town where there is a sidewalk, shall exert reasonable effort to keep the sidewalk free of snow and ice. If the sidewalk becomes covered with ice that cannot be readily removed, the tenant, occupant, or owner shall place sand, ash, salt or similar materials on the sidewalk so as to render it safe for pedestrians.

- B. The owner, or any other person having the care of any non-residential building abutting upon or any part of which stands within fifteen (15) feet of the line of any street, the roof of which building pitches or slopes toward the street or sidewalk, shall fit or provide such roof with snow barriers or guards sufficient to prevent the sliding of snow and ice from such building onto any part of the street or sidewalk.
- C. No person shall lay, throw or place or cause to be placed any snow or ice on any portion of any street or sidewalk within the town, which has been cleared or plowed for travel. No snow shall be plowed across any public way by any private plow to deposit snow from one property to another. No snow shall be deposited in such a way as to obstruct the operation of any fire hydrant, including Fire Department connections to buildings, cisterns and dry hydrants. This provision shall be in addition to the provisions of Section 158-6.
- D. This bylaw shall be enforceable through the non-criminal disposition provided for in Section 1-5. The penalty for violation shall be: first offense: (Warning), second offense: (\$50.00), third offense: (\$100.00). Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. The North Reading Police Department shall be authorized to enforce this bylaw.
- E. To the extent that any particular provision of this bylaw is determined to be invalid, such invalidation shall not affect the validity of any other provision."

And further to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by amending the list of fines under Chapter 1 General Provisions 1-5B(3) Violations and Penalties, to include the following under Chapter 158-9, Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks.

§ 158-9, Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks
Police Department
1st offense: Warning
2nd offense: \$50
3rd offense: \$100

Sponsor: Commission on Disabilities
Description...

This article will create a by-law which would mandate snow removal on sidewalks abutting non-residential buildings.

ARTICLE 3 AMEND CODE - ADD GENERAL BY-LAW **SECTION 158-9 SNOW REMOVAL ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

I move to amend the Code of the Town of North Reading by adding section 158-9 Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks to the General By-Laws as specified in Article 3 as printed in the warrant. *[J. Veno]*

Finance Committee had no recommendation.
Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.
Margaret Robertson and Michael Scannell of the Commission on Disabilities both spoke on behalf of the Article.
Move the question: **UNANIMOUS**

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

Article 4 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.

ARTICLE 4 – PRIOR YEAR'S BILLS

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

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 6 - General Insurance

Increase by \$33,225

To fund the cost of general liability insurance in FY03.

Background...

The Town appropriated \$191,516 at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting to fund our insurance costs. Our bill for general liability insurance increased by \$33,225 after Town Meeting concluded. This will be funded by the previously unanticipated increase in State Aid.

Line 31 - Police Expenses

Increase by \$15,550

To fund the operational expenses of the Police Department.

Background...

This amount was reduced from their budget in FY03. This will cover their communication and supply expenses. This will be funded by the previously unanticipated increase in State Aid.

Line 34 - Fire Expenses

Increase by \$10,000

To fund the operational expenses of the Fire Department.

Background...

This amount was reduced from their budget in FY03. This will cover their communication and maintenance expenses. This will be funded by the previously unanticipated increase in State Aid.

Line 42 - Health Expenses

Increase by \$7,800

To fund re-implementation of the Visiting Nurse Association program.

Background...

This amount was reduced from their budget in FY03. This will allow the Town to investigate causes of sickness and follow up on communicable diseases. This will be funded by the previously unanticipated increase in State Aid.

Line 53 - Elder Services Salaries

Increase by \$8,812

To fund a full time clerk for the department

Background...

Due to FY03 budget reductions, the Assistant Elderly Affairs Director position was eliminated. This position would give clerical assistance to the Director of the Department. The State will fund \$9,953 of the total cost (\$18,705) of the position via a grant. The remainder will be funded by the previously unanticipated increase in State Aid.

Line 58 - Library Salaries

Increase by \$75,228

To fund re-implementation of Library hours.

Background...

Various positions within the department were not funded in FY03. This additional funding would allow the Library to remain certified by the State and guarantee borrowing privileges at other area libraries. This will be funded by the previously unanticipated increase in State Aid.

Line 45 - DPW Expenses

Increase by \$25,000

To fund the reinstatement of the street lights.

Background...

Due to FY03 budget reductions, 25% of the street lights were shut off. This additional funding would reinstate them.

Line 38 - Code Enforcement Salaries

Increase by \$24,101

To fund the reinstatement of the Assistant Building/Wire Inspector position.

Background...

Due to FY03 budget reductions, the Assistant Building/Wire Inspector position was eliminated. This additional funding would reinstate the position.

Line 35 - Fire Small Capital

Increase by \$5,000

To fund the reinstatement of protective gear and technical rescue equipment for the Fire Department.

Background...

Due to FY03 budget reductions, these items were eliminated. This additional funding would reinstate these health and safety items.

Line 61 - Recreation Salaries

Increase by \$38,000

To fund the position of Recreation Administrator.

Background...

Due to FY03 budget reductions, the funding source for the position of Recreation Administrator was deleted from the operational budget and expended from their revolving fund. This reduction of funds in their revolving account created a reduction of field maintenance and programs. This additional funding would allow the revolving fund to be utilized for these reduced programs.

Line 119 - Regional Votech

Increase by \$63,170

To fund the Regional Votech for FY03.

Background...

Due to increase in budget for FY03.

Line 34 - Fire Department Expenses

Amend funding source for the \$24,300 transfer to Line 34 to read:

"Line 34 Fund \$24,300 from AMBULANCE REVENUE"

Background...

This is a housekeeping item. In the printed warrant for the FY03 Operating Budget, the funding source for the transfer of \$24,300 to Line 34 - Fire Department Expenses, was approved but the funding source was not provided, it should have read "from Ambulance Revenue."

ARTICLE 5 - AMEND FY 2003 OPERATING BUDGET

I move to increase the FY2003 Operating Budget by the sum of \$213,785 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy, and by the sum of \$92,101 and that said sum be appropriated and transferred from Cell Tower Revenue. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend this article to be presented as an "omnibus" article; would like it to be presented line item-by-line item.

The Moderator asked for a consensus from the Town Meeting which agreed with the Finance Committee.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen John Murphy requested 10 minutes for a presentation on the Article. Motion ***CARRIED***

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 6 - General Insurance

Increase by \$33,225

To fund the cost of general liability insurance in FY03.

ARTICLE 5 - Line 6 - General Insurance

I move to increase Line 6 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - General Insurance, by the sum of \$33,225.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee unanimously recommends as there is no choice but to fund this item.

UNANIMOUS

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 31 - Police Expenses

Increase by \$15,550

To fund the operational expenses of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 31 - Police Expenses

I move to increase Line 31 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Police Expenses - by the sum of \$15,550.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee unanimously does not support.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 34 - Fire Expenses

Increase by \$10,000

To fund the operational expenses of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 34 - Fire Expenses

I move to increase Line 34 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Fire Expenses - by the sum of \$10,000.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 42 - Health Expenses

Increase by \$7,800

To fund re-implementation of the Visiting Nurse Association program.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 42 - Health Expenses

I move to increase Line 42 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Health Expenses - by the sum of \$7,800.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Hand Count: YES: 123 NO: 77

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 53 - Elder Services Salaries

Increase by \$8,812

To fund a full time clerk for the department.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 53 - Elder Services Salaries

I move to increase Line 53 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Elder Services Salaries – by the sum of \$8,812.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 58 - Library Salaries

Increase by \$75,228

To fund re-implementation of Library hours.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 58 - Library Salaries

I move to increase Line 58 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Library Salaries - by the sum of \$75,228.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following person be admitted to the meeting: Greg Sponzo, 38 Westward Circle. *[J. Murphy]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 45 - DPW Expenses

Increase by \$25,000

To fund the reinstatement of the street lights.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 45 - DPW Expenses

I move to increase Line 45 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - DPW Expenses - by the sum of \$25,000.00 and that said sum be appropriated and transferred from Cell Tower Revenue. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Motion **LOST**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 38 - Code Enforcement Salaries

Increase by \$24,101

To fund the reinstatement of the Assistant Building/Wire Inspector position.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 38 - Code Enforcement Salaries

I move to increase Line 38 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Code Enforcement Salaries - by the sum of \$24,101.00 and that said sum be appropriated and transferred from Cell Tower Revenue. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 35 - Fire Small Capital

Increase by \$5,000

To fund the reinstatement of protective gear and technical rescue equipment for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 35 - Fire Department Capital

I move to increase Line 35 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Fire Department Capital - by the sum of \$5,000.00 and that said sum be appropriated and transferred from Cell Tower Revenue. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 61 - Recreation Salaries

Increase by \$38,000

To fund the position of Recreation Administrator.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 61 - Recreation Salaries

I move to increase Line 61 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Recreation Salaries - by the sum of \$38,000.00 and that said sum be appropriated and transferred from Cell Tower Revenue. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

Hand Count: YES: 101 NO: 81

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 119 - Regional Votech

Increase by \$63,170

To fund the Regional Votech for FY03.

ARTICLE 5 – Line 119 - Regional VoTech

I move to increase Line 119 of the FY 2003 Operating Budget - Regional VoTech - by the sum of \$63,170.00 and that said sum be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee recommends as there is no choice in this matter.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 5 Amend FY 2003 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2003 Operating Budget voted under Article 12 of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as follows; or what it will do in relation thereto:

Line 34 - Fire Department Expenses

Amend funding source for the \$24,300 transfer to Line 34 to read:
“Line 34 Fund \$24,300 from AMBULANCE REVENUE”

ARTICLE 5 – Line 34 - Fire Department Expenses

I move to amend Article 12 of the April 1; 2002 Annual Town Meeting by adding the words “from AMBULANCE REVENUE” as the funding source for the \$24,300 transfer to Line 34, as specified in Article 5 as printed in the warrant. *[J. Murphy]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 6 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.

ARTICLE 6 – APPROPRIATE MONEY TO STABILIZATION

I move to pass over Article 6. *[J. Murphy]*

UNANIMOUS

Article 7 Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund - Re-authorize

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund as voted in Article 15 Establish Revolving Fund for Emergency Medical Services; at the April 1999 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would re-authorize the revolving fund approved as amended at April 1999 Annual Town Meeting, to establish a non-emergency trans-

port program for residents. This would be an option to utilize instead of a private ambulance service for routine hospital transports. There would still be a charge for the use similar to a private ambulance service. The program was not instituted in 1999, 2000 and 2001 since the approved article required that the Board of Selectmen approve such a program. The Board of Selectmen did not approve such.

ARTICLE 7 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REVOLVING FUND - RE-AUTHORIZE

I move that the Town vote to re-authorize the Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund as voted in Article 15 Establish Revolving Fund for Emergency Medical Services, at the April 1999 Town Meeting, as specified in Article 7 as printed in the warrant. [J. Murphy]

Finance Committee does not recommend. Would prefer that the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Department come to terms on this before any funding is authorized.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Motion **LOST**

Article 8 Fund Efficiency Expert Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of six hundred dollars to fund the Efficiency Expert Program for employees; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a new program which will reward one employee per month \$100 for cost saving ideas. This is authorized pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, sec. 5(43).

ARTICLE 8 – FUND EFFICIENCY EXPERT PROGRAM

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of funding an Efficiency Expert Program for Town Employees and that said sum be transferred from the Overlay Reserve. [M. Bailey]

Finance Committee does not recommend at this time; would prefer to see this brought forward at the April Town Meeting together with other new programs.

Board of Selectmen recommends on a vote of 3-2.

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 9 Fund Hazard Mitigation Grant - Bigham Road

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to prepare a Bigham Road Culvert Replacement Plan; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow, a sum of money to defray the costs of said project; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Department of Public Works to apply for, accept and expend any State and/or Federal funds which might be available to defray all or part of said project; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would authorize the construction of new piping and culverts

to replace existing drainage on the road. The intersection of Bigham Road and Elm Street has been a chronic flooding area.

ARTICLE 9 – FUND HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT - BIGHAM ROAD

I move to appropriate the sum of \$19,860.00 for the purpose of replacing drainage culverts and improving drainage on Bigham Road and that said sum be transferred from the Overlay Reserve. [J. Murphy]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

UNANIMOUS

Article 10 Purchase of Map 62, Parcel 64-193 Elm Street Property

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79; the land with all improvements, structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessors Map 62, Parcel 64, located on 193 Elm Street consisting of approximately 27 acres more or less, meaning and intending to include all of the land at said location owned by Dana A. Rowe, or their successors in title, for the purpose of open space and recreation and/or other municipal purposes; and to designate and include the acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of such property within the Hillview Commission charge and the Hillview Enterprise Account; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, or to transfer from the Town stabilization fund, or to transfer from surplus Hillview funds as determined by the Hillview Commission, or to borrow a sum of money for the acquisition, and to authorize, but not direct, the Selectmen to accept and receive federal, state or other grant funds, and also to authorize the Selectmen and the Treasurer to apply the same toward defraying the costs of acquisition, financing and other related costs and expenses of said Rowe Property; and to appoint a seven person, ad hoc 193 Elm Street Property Reuse Committee, the members of which will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve for a period of three years or until the project is completed; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Town would like to purchase the 27 acres for open space and recreation and/or other municipal use.

ARTICLE 10 – PURCHASE OF MAP 62, PARCEL 64 - 193 ELM STREET

I move to appropriate the sum of \$1,250,000, and the Board of Selectmen is authorized, to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts G.L.c.79, the land with all improvements; structures and buildings, if any, as shown on North Reading Assessor's Map 62, Parcel 64, located on 193 Elm Street consisting of approximately 27 acres more or less, meaning and intending to include all of the land at said location owned by Dana A. Rowe, or their successors in title for the purpose of open space and recreation and/or other municipal purposes, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to

borrow \$1,250,000 under G.L.c.44, sec. 7(3) or any other enabling authority, that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote; and that a seven person, ad hoc 193 Elm Street Property Reuse Committee is hereby established for the purpose of evaluating the potential uses of the property and making a recommendation to the Town for the development and use of the property, the members of which shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve for a period of three years or until work is completed. [J. Murphy] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee does not recommend as there is no definitive use for the land and the Town cannot afford at this time.

Board of Selectmen do not recommend by a 4-1 vote - [Town cannot afford at this time].

Hillview Commission voted 6-1 NOT to expend Hillview funds on this Article.

I move to amend Article 10 by deleting the existing wording and substitute it with:

"I move to take Parcel 62-064 by eminent domain for the purpose of affordable housing for the appraised value of \$680,000 and to authorize funding by bonding." [S. Jervey]

The Moderator recessed the meeting for two minutes to review the scope of the amendment and ruled that sufficient notice is contained within the printed Article to cover the scope of the amendment. Discussion continued on the amendment.

Board of Selectmen unanimously do not recommend the amendment as it only allows affordable housing as a use for the land.

Finance Committee does not have enough information on the amendment to take a position.

After consulting with Town Officials and Town Counsel, S. Jervey requested that Town Meeting defeat his amendment.

Motion to amend **LOST**

Motion to terminate debate: **UNANIMOUS**

Hand count on the main motion: YES: 74 NO: 113

Motion **LOST**

I move to adjourn to Thursday, October 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Daniel Shay Auditorium, North Reading High School, Park Street. [J. Murphy]

Motion **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m. There were 286 voters present.

Checkers for the evening were: Norma Stiles, Vera Hart, Marguerite Dugas, Marie Barnard, Mary Stanuchenski, Shirley Hoyt, John Davis, Sara LaMonica, Norman Litchfield and Frank Stanuchenski.

Facilities services were provided by Harold S. Miller, Jr., and AT&T Broadband cable services were provided by Seth Albaum. Administrative Assistant Gail Parker assisted with the minutes, and Carol Ducrow assisted with check-in procedures.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

[Article 2 and Article 3 of the October 7, 2002 Fall Annual Town Meeting were approved by Assistant Attorney General Kelli E. Lawrence on December 30, 2002 and subsequently advertised in the North Reading Transcript on January 9, 2003 and January 16, 2003.]

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
ADJOURNED SESSION TOWN MEETING
October 10, 2002
Daniel Shay Auditorium
North Reading High School
7:00 P. M.**

The 2nd session of the October 2002 Town Meeting was called to order on October 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Klaus Kubierschky.

Police Officer Paul Dorsey, Sr. and Call Firefighter Jeff Strong were on duty. Registrar Barbara Stats was present. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were Ken Jones, Stuart Downing and Peter Lydotes.

Mr Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: George E. Dow,

Sr., Finance Director; Seth Albaum, AT&T Broadband (freedom of the floor); David Troughton, School Superintendent; Robert Rodgers, CPC Administrator; Thea Castine, 131 Main St., Shelbourne Falls; Marc LaBella, Attorney w/ K&P; Robert Turosz, North Reading Transcript (freedom of the floor); John Giorgio, Town Counsel; Harold S. Miller Jr., School Department (freedom of the floor); Gary McAteer, School Department (freedom of the floor); Thomas Younger, Town Administrator; Mark Clark; Water Superintendent; and Kevin Buckley, KBA Architects. *[J. Muldoon]* **UNANIMOUS**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Joseph Veno.

Article 11 Fund Middle School Renovations

To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Middle School, including original equipment and furnishings related 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, provided, however, that no debt may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2) amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee and
Secondary School Building Committee

Description...

This article will fund the cost of constructing additions, remodeling, reconstruction, equipping, site alterations and improvements and making extraordinary repairs to the Middle School.

ARTICLE 11 – FUND MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

I move to appropriate the sum of \$14,562,453 for constructing an addition to and/or for remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Middle School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the

Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$14,562,453 under G.L.c.44 or G.L.c70B or any other enabling authority; and that the Secondary Schools Building Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L.c.59, sec.21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. *[M. Vacca] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends by a 4-1 vote.

School Committee unanimously recommends.

Charles Carucci, Chairman of the Secondary Schools Building Committee, reviewed the history of the project and the architectural plans by the firm of Knight, Bagge & Anderson. Through the Moderator, C.Carucci requested an additional 5 minutes to continue his presentation.

UNANIMOUS

Hand count on the main motion: YES: 157 NO: 11

Motion **CARRIED**

Mr. Moderator, I move to reconsider Article 11 .

Hand count on the Motion to Reconsider: YES: 3 NO: 145

Motion to Reconsider **LOST**

Mr. Moderator, I move that the following persons be admitted to the meeting: Carl Nelson, School Business Manager; Kathy McGillvray, 6 Bates Ave. Wilmington. *[J. Muldoon]* **UNANIMOUS**

Article 12 Fund High School Renovations

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, including original equipment and furnishings related 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; provided, however, that no debt may be incurred under this vote unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee and
Secondary School Building Committee

Description...

This article fund the cost of constructing additions, remodeling, reconstruction, equipping, site alterations and improvements and making extraordinary repairs to the High School.

ARTICLE 12 – FUND HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

I move to appropriate the sum of \$13,501,180 for constructing an addition to and/or for remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the

Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$13,501,180 under G.L.c.44 or G.L.c.70B of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and that the Secondary Schools Building Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L.c.59, sec.21C (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote. [M. Vacca] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends by a 4-1 vote.

School Committee unanimously recommends.

Charles Carucci, Chairman of the Secondary Schools Building Committee, reviewed the history of the project and the architectural plans by the firm of Knight, Bagge & Anderson.

Hand count on the main motion: YES: 151 NO:17

Motion **CARRIED**

Article 13 Fund Batchelder School Heating/Ventilation System Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to complete specified repairs to the Batchelder School Heating and ventilation system; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee

Description...

This article will fund needed repairs to the Batchelder School Heating and Ventilation System.

ARTICLE 13 – FUND BATCHELDER SCHOOL HEATING/ VENTILATION SYSTEM REPAIRS

I move to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of making repairs to the Batchelder School HVAC and that said sum be transferred from the Overlay Reserve. [M. Vacca]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

School Committee unanimously recommends.

Maureen Vacca made a presentation on the Article on behalf of the School Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Article 14 Fund Design Work for Remodeling L .D. Batchelder School

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the design work for the enlargement, reconstruction, and remodeling of the L. D. Batchelder School; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: School Committee and
Elementary Schools Building Committee

Description...

This article would fund the design work for renovations and additions to the Batchelder School.

ARTICLE 14 – FUND DESIGN WORK FOR REMODELING L.D. BATCHELDER SCHOOL

I move to appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for designing the enlargement reconstruction and remodeling of the L.D. Batchelder School; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$225,000 under G.L.c.44 or G.L.C.70B or any other enabling authority; and that the Elementary Schools Building Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. [G. Venezia] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee recommends.

Board of Selectmen recommends.

School Committee enthusiastically recommends.

Jonathan Desimone made a brief presentation on behalf of the Elementary Schools Building Committee.

Marie Keane read a statement to Town Meeting on behalf of Howard Solomon, Chairman of the Historic District Commission.

Hand count on the motion: YES: 160 NO: 0

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mr. Moderator, I move to reconsider Article 14.

Motion to Reconsider **UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED**

Article 15 Transfer Custody and Control of Land to Conservation Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer custody and control of the parcels, known as Assessors Map 52, Parcel 53 and Assessors Map 51, Parcel 5, to the North Reading Conservation Commission. This land will be administered under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Description...

The purpose of this article is to transfer care, custody, management and control of two parcels of land to the Conservation Commission- Map 52. parcel 53 is located between Lindor Road and Foley Drive. It is a 2.45 acre parcel, consisting predominately of wetlands. Map 51, parcel 5 is a 6.2 acre parcel of land located adjacent to the state owned Harold Parker State Park. The parcel is landlocked, with no access or frontage to a public way.

ARTICLE 15 – TRANSFER CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF LAND TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I move transfer custody and control of Parcel 53 on Map 52 and Parcel 5 on Map 51 to the North Reading Conservation Commission as specified in Article 15 as printed in the Warrant. [Wm. Reed] [Requires 2/3 vote]

Finance Committee unanimously recommends.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

William Reed made a brief presentation on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Article 16 Amend Zoning Map

To see if the Town will vote to amend the North Reading Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of approximately 100 acres from Residences (RB) to Industrial Office (I/O). Said land being specifically identified as:

73 Lowell Road	(Map 14 / Parcel 11)	2.5 Acres
239 North Street	(Map 14 / Parcel 10)	97.5 Acres

or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Description...

This article would rezone the area across from the J.T. Berry facility from Residence B to Industrial Office. This site will then be zoned the same as the Berry facility.

ARTICLE 16 – AMEND ZONING MAP

I move to amend the North Reading Zoning Map as specified in Article 16 as printed in the Warrant. *[W. Pearce, Jr.] [Requires 2/3 vote]*

Finance Committee stated that although no action was required of them under this Article, they do recommend.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends.

Warren Pearce, Chairman of the Community Planning Commission, gave an oral report and presentation on the Article.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Article 17 Citizens Petition -

Fund Extension of Water Main on Plymouth Street

To see if the Town of North Reading will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the extension of a water main in Plymouth Street for the purpose of placing a fire hydrant at the end of Plymouth Street; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take other action relative thereto.

On the petition of Peter Easler and others

Description...

This article would extend the water main on Plymouth Street for the purpose of placing a fire hydrant at the end of the street.

ARTICLE 17 – FUND EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN ON PLYMOUTH STREET (CITIZENS PETITION)

I move to appropriate the sum of \$26,000.00 for the purpose of extending the water main in Plymouth Road and that said sum be taken from the Stickney Fund Account. *[J. Murphy for petitioner Peter Easler]*

Finance Committee recommend on a vote to 5-1 with 1 abstention.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend (and offered that \$300,000 would be the balance in the Stickney Fund Account following this appropriation).

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Article 18 Citizens Petition - Naming of High School Press Box

To see if Town Meeting will authorize the naming of the new Press Box located at North Reading High School in memory of Mildred "Millie" Canavan.

On the petition of John Norton and others

Description...

This article would name the newly constructed Football Field Press Box in memory of Mildred "Millie" Canavan who was involved with the Athletic Department of the High School for more than 25 years, starting in 1975 as a Cheerleading Coach, 1982 as a clerk typist for the Department and when she retired, as Secretary to the Athletic Director.

ARTICLE 18 – NAMING OF HIGH SCHOOL PRESS BOX (CITIZENS PETITION)

I move that the North Reading High School Football Field Press Box be named for Mildred "Millie" Canavan. *[J. Norton]*

Finance Committee stated that although no action was required on their part, they unanimously recommend.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend.

John Norton made a brief presentation on behalf of the Article.

School Committee supported the Article and thanked the North Reading Athletic Boosters and Mr. Norton for their efforts in building the press box.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

I move to adjourn this meeting sine die. *[J. Murphy]*

Motion **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. There were 200 registered voters present.

Checkers for the evening were: Shirley Hoyt, John Davis, Sara LaMonica, Mary Stanuchenski, Dorothy Hartery, Rose Vitale, Millie Lytle, Norman Litchfield and Frank Stanuchenski.

Facilities services were provided by Harold S. Miller, Jr. and Gary McAteer; AT&T Broadband cable services were provided by Seth Albaum. Administrative Assistant Gail Parker assisted with the minutes, and Carol Ducrow supervised check-in procedures.

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

[Article 16 the October 10, 2002 Adjourned Session Fall Annual Town Meeting were approved by Assistant Attorney General Kelli E. Lawrence on December 30, 2002 and subsequently advertised in the North Reading Transcript on January 9, 2003 and January 16, 2003.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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 NOVEMBER, 2002** 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 of political parties for the following offices and the following questions:

U.S. SENATOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
LT. GOVERNOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 6th Congressional District
COUNCILLOR 5th Councillor District
SENATOR in GENERAL COURT 1st Essex & Middlesex Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE in GENERAL COURT ... 20th Middlesex Representative District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY Northern District
REGISTER OF PROBATE Middlesex County

QUESTIONS

(Text of all questions attached to Warrant)

- #1 – Eliminating State Personal Income Tax
- #2 – English Language Education in Public Schools
- #3 – Taxpayer funding for Political Campaigns *[this question is not binding]*

LOCAL QUESTIONS

- #4 – Construction and Renovations to the North Reading Middle School
- #5 – Construction and Renovations to the North Reading High School

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 **TWENTY-FIRST** day of **OCTOBER, 2002.**

John J. Murphy
James P. Muldoon
Joseph R. Veno
Marcia L. Bailey
G. Kevin Callagy
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:

John J. Firriello, Constable
October 21, 2002

**The COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS
STATE ELECTION WARRANT
NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

BALLOT QUESTIONS

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 1, 2002?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would provide that no income or other gain realized on or after July 1, 2003, would be subject to the state personal income tax. That tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized before July 1, 2003.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would eliminate any state personal income tax for income or other gain realized on or after July 1, 2003.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in state tax laws.

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 1, 2002?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the current state law providing for transitional bilingual education in public schools with a law requiring that, with lim-

ited exceptions, all public school children must be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and being placed in English language classrooms.

The proposed law would require public schools to educate English learners (children who cannot do ordinary classwork in English and who either do not speak English or whose native language is not English) through a sheltered English immersion program, normally not lasting more than one year. In the program, all books and nearly all teaching would be in English, with the curriculum designed for children learning English, although a teacher could use a minimal amount of a child's native language when necessary. Schools would be encouraged to place in the same classroom children who are from different native-language groups but who have the same level of English skills. Once a student is able to do regular schoolwork in English, the student would be transferred to an English language mainstream classroom. These requirements would not affect special education programs for physically or mentally impaired students or foreign language classes for children who already know English.

Parents or guardians of certain children could apply each year to have the requirements waived, so as to place their child in bilingual education or other classes, if the parents or guardians visit the school to be informed, in a language they can understand, about all available options. To obtain a waiver, the child must either (1) already know English; or (2) be at least 10 years old, and the school principal and staff believe that another course of study would be better for the child's educational progress and rapid learning of English; or (3) have special physical or psychological needs (other than lack of English skills), have already spent 30 days in an English language classroom during that school year, the school principal and staff document their belief that the child's special needs make another course of study better for the child's educational progress and rapid learning of English, and the school superintendent approves the waiver. If 20 or more students in one grade level at a school receive waivers, the school would have to offer either bilingual education classes providing instruction in both the student's native language and English or classes using other generally recognized educational methodologies permitted by law. In other cases, a student receiving a waiver would have to be allowed to transfer to a school offering such classes.

A parent or guardian could sue to enforce the proposed law and, if successful, would receive attorney's fees, costs and compensatory money damages. Any school employee, school committee member or other elected official or administrator who willfully and repeatedly refused to implement the proposed law could be personally ordered to pay such fees, costs, and damages; could not be reimbursed for that payment by any public or private party; and could not be elected to a school committee or employed in the public schools for 5 years. Parents or guardians of a child who received a waiver based on special needs could sue if, before the child reaches age 18, they discover that the application for a waiver was induced by fraud or intentional misrepresentation and injured the child's education.

All English learners in grades kindergarten and up would take annual standardized tests of English skills. All English learners in grades 2 and up would

take annual written standardized tests, in English, of academic subjects. Severely learning disabled students could be exempted from the tests. Individual scores would be released only to parents, but aggregate scores, school and school district rankings, the number of English learners in each school and district, and related data would be made public.

The proposed law would provide, subject to the state Legislature's appropriation, \$5 million each year for 10 years for school committees to provide free or low-cost English language instruction to adults who pledged to tutor English learners.

The proposed law would replace the current law, under which a school committee must establish a transitional bilingual education program for any 20 or more enrolled children of the same language group who cannot do ordinary classwork in English and whose native language is not English or whose parents do not speak English. In that program, schools must teach all required courses in both English and the child's native language; teach both the native language and English, and teach the history and culture of both the native land of the child's parents and the United States. Teaching of non-required subjects may be in a language other than English, and for subjects where verbalization is not essential (such as art or music), the child must participate in regular classes with English-speaking students.

Under the current law, a child stays in the program for 3 years or until the child can perform successfully in English-only classes, whichever occurs first. A test of the child's English skills is given each year. A school committee may not transfer a child out of the program before the third year unless the parents approve and the child has received an English-skills test score appropriate to the child's grade level. A child may stay in the program longer than 3 years if the school committee and the parent or guardian approve. Parents must be informed of their child's enrollment in the program and have the right to withdraw their child from the program.

The proposed law's testing requirements would take effect immediately, and its other requirements would govern all school years beginning after the proposed law's effective date. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would require that, with limited exceptions, all public school children must be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and being placed in English language classrooms.

A **NO VOTE** would make no changes in English language education in public schools.

QUESTION 3

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Do you support taxpayer money being used to fund political campaigns for public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

QUESTION 4

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

bonds to be issued in order to finance constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Middle School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto?

QUESTION 5

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 bonds to be issued in order to finance constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto?

JOHN L. FIRRIELLO
ONE SULLIVAN ROAD
NORTH READING, MA 01864

October 25th, 2002

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading **14 days** before **STATE ELECTIONS** on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 2002** by posting the warrant in two (2) places in each of the four (4) precincts:

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

ATTEST:

John J. Firriello, Constable

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **STATE ELECTION** **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS Vote for ONE					
John F. Kerry* Democratic	1,272	1,088	998	1,246	4,604
Michael E. Cloud Libertarian	360	268	314	340	1,282
Randal Forsberg [Declared Write-In]	2	4	3	7	16
Write-Ins	2	1	0	1	4
Blanks	170	144	142	166	622
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for ONE					
Howell and Aucoin Libertarian	19	18	17	17	71
O'Brien and Gabrieli Democratic	511	477	471	590	2,049
Romney and Healey Republican	1,197	922	905	1,055	4,079
Stein and Lorenzen Massachusetts Green	53	56	40	70	219
Johnson and Schebel Independent	10	8	13	7	38
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	15	24	11	21	71
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528
ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for ONE					
Thomas F. Reilly* Democratic	1,301	1,103	1,051	1,288	4,743
Write-Ins	0	2	0	0	2
Blanks	505	400	406	472	1,783
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528
SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for ONE					
William Francis Galvin* Democratic	1,100	972	926	1,104	4,102
Jack E. Robinson Republican	519	384	386	478	1,767
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	187	149	145	178	659
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528
TREASURER Vote for ONE					
Timothy P. Cahill Democratic	653	599	564	653	2,469
Daniel A. Grabauskas Republican	942	689	714	868	3,213
James O'Keefe Massachusetts Green	87	91	81	108	367
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	123	126	98	131	478
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528
AUDITOR Vote for ONE					
A. Joseph DeNucci* Democratic	1,140	1,008	945	1,148	4,241
Kamal Jain Libertarian	119	98	100	96	413
John James Xenakis Independent	264	168	187	231	850
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	283	231	225	285	1,024
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

* Candidate for Re-Election

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS					
Sixth District	Vote for ONE				
John F. Tierney* Democratic	1,008	909	839	1,041	3,797
Mark C. Smith Republican	672	490	513	598	2,273
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	126	106	105	121	458
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

COUNCILLOR

Fifth District	Vote for ONE				
Mary-Ellen Manning* Democratic	1,096	941	867	1,098	4,002
Write-Ins	0	1	0	2	3
Blanks	710	563	590	660	2,523
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

First Essex & Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Bruce E. Tarr* Republican	970	750	677	860	3,257
Andrew F. Armata Democratic	715	639	664	781	2,799
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	121	116	116	119	472
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Twentieth Middlesex District	Vote for ONE				
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.* Republican	1,488	1,213	1,180	1,426	5,307
Write-Ins	0	2	2	6	10
Blanks	318	290	275	328	1,211
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Northern District	Vote for ONE				
Martha Coakley* Democratic	1,263	1,080	1,001	1,272	4,616
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	2
Blanks	543	424	456	487	1,910
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Middlesex County	Vote for ONE				
John R. Buonomo* Democratic	795	743	681	839	3,058
John W. Lambert Republican	744	513	542	653	2,452
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	267	249	234	268	1,018
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

* Candidate for Re-Election

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 1, 2002?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would provide that no income or other gain realized on or after July 1, 2003, would be subject to the state personal income tax. That tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married

couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized before July 1, 2003.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would eliminate any state personal income tax for income or other gain realized on or after July 1, 2003.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in state tax laws.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
YES	770	647	576	737	2,730
NO	831	664	703	857	3,055
BLANKS	205	194	178	166	743
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

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 1, 2002?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the current state law providing for transitional bilingual education in public schools with a law requiring that, with limited exceptions, all public school children must be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and being placed in English language classrooms.

The proposed law would require public schools to educate English learners (children who cannot do ordinary classwork in English and who either do not speak English or whose native language is not English) through a sheltered English immersion program, normally not lasting more than one year. In the program, all books and nearly all teaching would be in English, with the curriculum designed for children learning English, although a teacher could use a minimal amount of a child's native language when necessary. Schools would be encouraged to place in the same classroom children who are from different native-language groups but who have the same level of English skills. Once a student is able to do regular schoolwork in English, the student would be transferred to an English language mainstream classroom. These requirements would not affect special education programs for physically or mentally impaired students or foreign language classes for children who already know English.

Parents or guardians of certain children could apply each year to have the requirements waived, so as to place their child in bilingual education or other classes, if the parents or guardians visit the school to be informed, in a language they can understand, about all available options. To obtain a waiver, the child must either (1) already know English; or (2) be at least 10 years old, and the school principal and staff believe that another course of study would be better for the child's educational progress and rapid learning of English; or (3) have special physical or psychological needs (other than lack of English skills), have already spent 30 days in an English language classroom during

that school year, the school principal and staff document their belief that the child's special needs make another course of study better for the child's educational progress and rapid learning of English, and the school superintendent approves the waiver. If 20 or more students in one grade level at a school receive waivers, the school would have to offer either bilingual education classes providing instruction in both the student's native language and English or classes using other generally recognized educational methodologies permitted by law. In other cases, a student receiving a waiver would have to be allowed to transfer to a school offering such classes.

A parent or guardian could sue to enforce the proposed law and, if successful, would receive attorney's fees, costs and compensatory money damages. Any school employee, school committee member or other elected official or administrator who willfully and repeatedly refused to implement the proposed law could be personally ordered to pay such fees, costs, and damages; could not be reimbursed for that payment by any public or private party; and could not be elected to a school committee or employed in the public schools for 5 years. Parents or guardians of a child who received a waiver based on special needs could sue if, before the child reaches age 18, they discover that the application for a waiver was induced by fraud or intentional misrepresentation and injured the child's education.

All English learners in grades kindergarten and up would take annual standardized tests of English skills. All English learners in grades 2 and up would take annual written standardized tests, in English, of academic subjects. Severely learning disabled students could be exempted from the tests. Individual scores would be released only to parents, but aggregate scores, school and school district rankings, the number of English learners in each school and district, and related data would be made public.

The proposed law would provide, subject to the state Legislature's appropriation, \$5 million each year for 10 years for school committees to provide free or low-cost English language instruction to adults who pledged to tutor English learners.

The proposed law would replace the current law, under which a school committee must establish a transitional bilingual education program for any 20 or more enrolled children of the same language group who cannot do ordinary classwork in English and whose native language is not English or whose parents do not speak English. In that program, schools must teach all required courses in both English and the child's native language; teach both the native language and English, and teach the history and culture of both the native land of the child's parents and the United States. Teaching of non-required subjects may be in a language other than English, and for subjects where verbalization is not essential (such as art or music), the child must participate in regular classes with English-speaking students.

Under the current law, a child stays in the program for 3 years or until the child can perform successfully in English-only classes, whichever occurs first. A test of the child's English skills is given each year. A school committee may not transfer a child out of the program before the third year unless the parents

approve and the child has received an English-skills test score appropriate to the child's grade level. A child may stay in the program longer than 3 years if the school committee and the parent or guardian approve. Parents must be informed of their child's enrollment in the program and have the right to withdraw their child from the program.

The proposed law's testing requirements would take effect immediately, and its other requirements would govern all school years beginning after the proposed law's effective date. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would require that, with limited exceptions, all public school children must be taught English by being taught all subjects in English and being placed in English language classrooms.

A **NO VOTE** would make no changes in English language education in public schools.

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
YES	1,348	1,072	1,057	1,235	4,712
NO	373	353	340	438	1,504
BLANKS	85	80	60	87	312
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

QUESTION #3 – THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Do you support taxpayer money being used to fund political campaigns for public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
YES	398	293	294	374	1,359
NO	1,350	1,148	1,100	1,308	4,906
BLANKS	58	64	63	78	263
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

QUESTION #4

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 bonds to be issued in order to finance constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Middle School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto?

	<u>Prec. 1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
YES	837	581	583	738	2,739
NO	919	865	825	973	3,582
BLANKS	50	59	49	49	207
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

QUESTION #5

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 bonds to be issued in order to finance constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto?

	<u>Prec.1</u>	<u>Prec. 2</u>	<u>Prec. 3</u>	<u>Prec. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
YES	753	561	518	672	2,504
NO	1,007	899	898	1,045	3,849
BLANKS	46	45	41	43	175
TOTALS	1,806	1,505	1,457	1,760	6,528

ATTEST:

Barbara Stats, Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS AND LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

Vital Statistics for 2002:

Births	163
Marriages	46
Deaths	104

Number of Dogs Licensed To Date 585

Business Certificates Issued:

New Certificates	31
Renewals	29

licenses Issued for Division of Fisheries & Wildlife:

Hunding & Fishing	212
Free	40
Water Fowl Stamps	12
Archery Stamps	35
Primitive Firearms Stamps	21

Public Welfare

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Department of Veterans Services responded to the varied requirements of the North Reading veteran community within parameters of specific state and federal veterans programs. Sufficient financial resources were in place for the maintenance of public assistance activities conducted in conformance with 108 CMR (Commonwealth of Mass. Regulations) and Chapter 115, Mass. General Laws. Federal veterans benefits were available through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and it's various facilities. The interface of state and federal programs affords a more comprehensive profile of veterans benefits and services.

The state sponsored veterans benefits program (public assistance) is administered by the Mass. Dept. of Veterans Services and implemented locally through this office. Public assistance was provided in support of veterans emergency, transitional and longer term requirements. Obligations for the foregoing were discharged through expenditures of \$35,923.88. within the budgetary allocation of \$37,000.00. Program liabilities are funded by both the town and state through 75% reimbursement by the state of authorized costs for veterans benefits. Client transfers to alternative support programs (veterans pensions, disability compensation, unemployment insurance, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Mass. Health, etc.) reduced demands on veterans local public assistance assets and, in some cases, afforded a broader spectrum of services.

Federal veterans benefits were coordinated with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Assistance, counsel and referral were afforded for the acquisition of benefits and services as well as advocacy for appeals and hearings. Claims generated during the year accounted for a percentage of \$1,099,773 in federal funds dispensed directly to North Reading claimants throughout the year generally for veterans and dependents pensions, disability and indemnity compensation, medical and death benefits entitlement. An inordinate number of veterans prescription claims were processed through Veterans Administration resources in view of the low cost (\$7 per prescription) in lieu of commercial venues with escalating prices for prescription services.

The state annuity program sponsored by the Mass. Dept. of Veterans Services and coordinated through this office disbursed \$25,500 to 17 local annuitants during the year. Annuities are paid to 100% disabled veterans, Gold Star parents and widows of veterans killed in action. The federal Low Income Heating Energy Assistance program, managed by the Energy Office, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC), provided fuel grants totaling \$30,841 to 51 recipients of North Reading. Support for fuel assistance consisted of inquiry response, information and referral to the GLCAC. Referrals were made to the Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program for certain residents with appropriate need.

The continuing support of all town departments is acknowledged and appreciated. An expression of appreciation is extended to Maureen Stevens, administrative assistant, in recognition of her contribution to the provision of

services for the resident veteran population. A successful program of benefit acquisition and service was accomplished largely through her outreach initiatives, interpersonal skills and case management. Her motivation, judgement and attention to detail facilitated goals of comprehensive and timely service delivery to the veteran community. Maureen is an outstanding administrative assistant and an invaluable asset to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Callahan
Director of Veterans Services
Veterans Agent

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The North Reading Veterans Memorial Committee held meetings on September 12, October 16 and October 30 for the purpose of conducting committee business and to plan and organize an observance on Veterans Day, November 11, 2002. Plans were developed and coordinated with representatives of North Reading VFW Post 10874, North Reading Minutemen Company and invited guests. Meeting agendas centralized on observance format and assignment of specific tasks for committee members. Contacts were required for the availability of a guest speaker, North Reading Selectmen, aircraft flyover, Edith O'Leary Senior Center, North Reading High School Band and Troop 750 Boy Scouts, Olde Reading Battery, National Guard, State Legislators, official guests, buglers, and a bell ringer. Other tasks included obtaining flags, decorative wreaths, military static displays, publicity, programs and support services.

The ceremony on Veterans Day was a joint effort by the VFW Post 10874, North Reading Minutemen, and the Veterans Memorial Committee. Commander James E. MacLauchlan, 18th District, Mass. VFW, served as master of ceremonies. The Veterans Day Proclamation was read by John Murphy, Chairman, North Reading Selectmen. The guest speaker, Bernard Becker, past National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., spoke eloquently relevant to the meaning of Veterans Day and emphasized the responsibility of citizens to demand full federal funding for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs in providing medical services for veterans. Reverend Rachel M. Fisher, Pastor, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and benediction. Senator Bruce Tarr gave his customary eloquent performance later. The North Reading High School Band, under the direction of Eric Forman, provided an appropriate musical background with medleys of patriotic selections, the National Anthem, and a rendition of taps. Posting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed by the North Reading Boy Scout Troop 750 with leadership by Jeffrey Anderson. Musket volleys and cannonading was performed respectively by the North Reading Minutemen and Olde Reading Battery. Patrick Wicker, Cub Scout Pack 73, sang God Bless America without accompaniment, repeating his wonderful performance of Veterans Day last year. John Watson, Veterans Memorial Committee, rang the bells to initiate the ceremony. (John was a substitute for the customary ringer and performed admirably). The Mass. National Guard provided military vehicles for a static display that enhanced

the memorial venue. Inclement weather precluded a flyover that had been arranged.

Participants and members of the assemblage were grateful for the hospitality of Mrs. Edith O'Leary, Director of the Council on Aging, in providing her facility for a social gathering, collation and as a refuge from the cold weather. Mrs. O'Leary's continuing commitment and dedication in support of our Veterans Day observance is acknowledged and gratefully appreciated.

Memorial maintenance was performed on October 1, 2002 by our contractor, Bruce Lane, Mount Pleasant Memorials Co., Gloucester, Mass. Five town common memorials were cleaned and Incralac was applied to the seven bronze plaques. A contractor proposal for revision of the maintenance schedule for the memorials was approved by the Veterans Memorial Committee. The WWII memorial will be reworked in 2003 along with cleaning and lacquering of the four remaining memorials at a reduced cost. The schedule change will facilitate the resumption of the original biannual plan for required maintenance on all town common memorials. The Dept. of Public Works responded to a request for limited maintenance satellite memorials and further enhanced memorial sites with decorative floral complements.

The Veterans Memorial Committee's current membership was reviewed. A proposal for expansion of committee membership to nine members was voted on favorably. William McDonnell and Edward Percy will be added pending approval by proper authority.

North Reading Veterans Memorials:

Bow Street – Daniel P. Callahan, Vietnam
Chestnut Street – Lewis A. Titcomb, WWII
Clarke Park – Frederick Clarke, WWII
High School – All veterans
Library Square – Eugene R. Moreau, Vietnam
Mill Street – John Bacheller, GAR
Park Street – Robert R. Richardson, Korea
Pine Ridge Road – Jimmie Couto, Vietnam
Town Common – WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, French & Indian, Revolutionary, Civil, 1812 and Spanish American Wars

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Callahan
Director of Veterans Services

Financial Reports

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors report for fiscal 2001 is as follows:

The FY2001 Total Real Estate Valuation: \$1,706,535,000
 Personal Property Valuation: 13,322,184
 Tax Rate for Residential/Open Space: 12.45
 Tax Rate for Commercial/Industrial: 12.45

Amounts Levied By Class, Percentage, Valuation & Taxes:

Classes	Percentage	Valuation	Taxes
Residential	85.19%	\$1,465,180,100	\$18,241,492.25
Open Space		0	
Commercial	6.95%	119,603,400	1,489,062.33
Industrial	7.08%	121,751,500	1,515,806.18
Personal Property	0.77%	13,322,184	165,861.19
Percentage	100.00%	\$1,719,857,184	\$21,412,221.94

Total Exemptions Granted: 147 Amount \$59,730.50

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Number of Vehicles Assessed as of 1/1/02 16,027
 Assessed Valuation as of 1/1/02 \$94,194,670.00
 Excise Tax Rate \$25.00 per thousand *\$2,034,671.51

*Assumes a full year of taxation on all bills.

State and County Assessment:

County	None
State	\$6,317,147.00

Gross Amount to be raised \$37,656,638.95
 Estimated Receipts and Available Funds \$16,244,417.00
 Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation \$21,412,221.95

Appellate Tax Board: 14 appeals for FY02

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Simmons, Jr.
 Assessing Manager

TOWN TREASURER

The transactions in the General Cash Account in summary form were as follows:

Balance 6/30/2001	\$10,223,127.74
Balance 6/30/2002	\$ 8,349,105.91

FUNDED DEBT

Outstanding 7/1/2001	\$15,600,676.00
Bonds and notes paid 2002	2,089,009.35
Outstanding June 20, 2002	\$13,511,666.65

DEBT ACCOUNT

Hillview Land 1990	\$ 1,030,000.00
School Remodeling 1991	1,900,000.00
Hillview 1991	730,000.00
School Renovation 1991	107,000.00
Library	98,000.00
School Renovation 1993	50,000.00
School Roof	150,000.00
Andover Water 1993	240,000.00
Water Mains 1993	570,000.00
Library 1993	40,000.00
Heat Conversion 1993	5,000.00
Hillview 1995	1,165,000.00
Water 1995	177,000.00
General Government 1995	123,000.00
General Government 1998	750,000.00
Hillview FY 98	960,000.00
Water FY 98	885,000.00
General Government FY 99	730,000.00
Hillview FY 99	415,000.00
FY 2000 School Bonds	2,970,000.00
FY 2000 Gen. Gov. Bonds	250,000.00
Title V - Septic (Comm of Mass. Bonds)	166,666.65

Total \$13,511,666.65

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Craveiro
 Town Treasurer

TOWN COLLECTOR

Outstanding Balances June 30, 2002:

Levy of 2000	
Motor Vehicle	\$ 12,338.58
Personal Property	\$ 7,362.75
Levy of 2001	
Motor Vehicle	\$ 21,243.66
Personal Property	\$ 3,452.81
Levy of 2002	
Real Estate	\$344,577.08
Motor Vehicle	\$116,893.41
Personal Property	\$ 4,688.95
Levy of 2003	
Real Estate (bills mailed on 6/27/02)	\$10,677,126.68

FY 2002 TOWN OF NORTH READING TRUST FUND ANALYSIS

Account Number	Account Description	7/1/01		Receipts			Transfers In (Out)	6/30/02	
		Expendable	Non-Expendable	Revenue	Bequests	Disbursements		Balance	Non-Expendable
911	Flint Memorial Hall	30,521.20	6,000.00	817.65		2,250.00		29,088.85	6,000.00
912	Edith F. Holt Scholarship	4,315.30	3,000.00	115.44		300.00		4,130.74	3,000.00
913	Walter S. Flint	43,227.33	10,000.00	1,193.61				44,420.94	10,000.00
914	Alice G. Wilson	4,040.33	500.00	110.70				4,451.03	500.00
915	West Village Club Scholarship	4,580.43	1,780.64	125.63				4,706.06	1,780.64
916	Flint Memorial Library	10,782.17	3,150.00	346.97	75.00	3,485.00		7,644.14	3,225.00
917	Elliot Flint	25,576.32	5,000.00	707.41				26,283.73	5,000.00
918	Thomas Stafford	2,516.63	1,000.00	68.31				2,584.94	1,000.00
919	Library Piano Trust	4,298.77	2,715.00	118.76				4,417.53	2,715.00
920	Ebenezer Damon	12,713.05	5,000.00	348.31				13,061.36	5,000.00
921	Anne U. Abbott	4,474.94	1,000.00	121.27				4,596.21	1,000.00
922	Harmony Vale	6,808.69	1,000.00	185.14				6,993.83	1,000.00
923	Luther G. Howard	5,556.15	500.00	151.12				5,707.27	500.00
924	Park Street Cemetery	1,848.17	300.00	49.21				1,897.38	300.00
925	Perpetual Care	573,208.07	436,823.00	26,081.75	10,250.00			599,289.82	447,073.00
926	150th Anniversary	393.11	125.00	10.00				403.11	125.00
927	Tri-centennial Amer/Revltm	339.70	100.00	8.62				348.32	100.00
929	Stabilization	542,379.64	406,195.16	314,253.47	292,920.95	122,374.20		734,258.92	699,116.11
930	Conservation	86,951.61	25,000.00	2,399.30				89,350.91	25,000.00
931	James E&Barbara Alyward	13,069.74	10,000.00	354.13		500.00		12,923.87	10,000.00
933	James Greg Hannon	11,380.28	10,000.00	305.79		500.00		11,186.07	10,000.00
936	Neido Barrasso	870.45	100,000.00	122,845.95				123,716.40	100,000.00
937	Richard Murphy Scholarship	4,460.17	3,000.00	120.92				4,581.09	3,000.00
	Cultural Council Scholarship	4,701.41	1,789.00	129.27				4,830.68	1,789.00
	James Stewart Scholarship	1,143.82	610.00	31.50				1,175.32	610.00
	Michael J. Mitton Memorial	26,510.40	24,100.00	707.92		1,500.00		25,718.32	24,100.00
	Richard K. Smith Scholarship	5,659.52	3,750.00	155.44				5,814.96	3,750.00
939	Veterans Mem. Scholarship	15,929.76	0.00	438.98				16,368.74	0.00
	Fitzgerald Prize For Comm.	16,254.14	8,464.00	15,950.46	2,050.00	15,500.00		16,704.60	10,514.00
	Eleanor Frazier Mem. Scholar.	698.78	675.00	19.39				718.17	675.00
	Eric Nelson Mem.Schol. Fund	5,574.17	5,764.91	705.42	550.00	1,000.00		5,279.89	6,314.91
Citizens Bank 1,812,352.89									
Andover Bank 18,254.64		1,470,784.25	1,077,341.71	488,977.84	305,845.95	147,409.20	0.00	1,812,352.89	1,383,187.66

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The following pages are the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Town of North Reading for the Fiscal Year 2001. These statements and the accompanying notes were prepared by Guisti, Kingston 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 decline in the economy in general. The Town's ability to generate sufficient revenue to provide the services demanded is severely limited by the constraints of Proposition 2-1/2. The Town is faced with difficulty, funding not only the operating budget, but major capital projects over the next several years. This can only be accomplished by careful and thoughtful planning of the Town's leaders.

I would like to thank my entire staff for their continued commitment to providing the highest level of service. My thanks also go to the Department Heads for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Dow, Sr.
Finance Director/Town Accountant

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups June 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Deferred Property Taxes	97,359					97,359
2003 Property Taxes Paid in Advance	17,520					17,520
Tax Liens	219,467					219,467
Excises	74,315					74,315
User Charges	147,930					147,930
Liens	7,868	1,562,888				7,868
Special Assessments						1,562,888
Intergovernmental						
Tax Foreclosures						
Total Liabilities	272,646	1,685,514	7,992,174	500	7,382,804	272,646
	2,936,843	6,014,062				26,011,897
Fund Equity						
Contributed Capital			158,736			158,736
Retained Earnings:						
Reserved for Encumbrances		(4,783,725)	380,339			(4,403,386)
Reserved for Subsequent Year's Expenditure			429,394			429,394
Designated			(739,786)			(739,786)
Unreserved						
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	585,085			942,591		585,085
Reserved for Special Purposes	133,195	1,491,167				2,566,953
Reserved for Subsequent Year's Expenditure	769,750			695,660		769,750
Reserved for Endowments						695,660
Unreserved:						
Undesignated	1,184,455	(65,003)		186,213		534,125
Designated	(175,027)	(771,540)				(175,027)
Total Fund Equity	2,497,458	1,426,164	228,683	1,824,464	0	421,504
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$5,434,301	\$3,111,678	\$8,220,857	\$1,824,964	\$7,382,804	\$26,433,401

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types
and Account Groups
June 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types				Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise			General Long-Term Debt	
<u>Assets</u>								
Petty Cash	\$585	\$	\$	\$150	\$	\$		\$735
Cash/Investments	4,252,774	663,112	458,797	1,148,944	1,824,964			8,348,591
Receivables:								
Property Taxes	255,051							255,051
Deferred Property Taxes	97,359							97,359
Tax Liens	219,467							219,467
Excises	145,641							145,641
User Charges	147,930			131,215				279,145
Liens	7,868			30,347				38,215
Special Assessments		125,523						125,523
Intergovernmental	34,980	2,323,043						2,358,023
Tax Foreclosures	272,646							272,646
Fixed Assets (Net Accumulated Depreciation)				733,201				733,201
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Bonds				6,177,000			7,382,804	13,559,804
Total Assets	\$5,434,301	\$3,111,678	\$458,797	\$8,220,857	\$1,824,964		\$7,382,804	\$26,433,401
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	\$420,187	\$27,585	\$7,562	\$10,472	\$500			\$466,306
Accounts Payable	88,134							88,134
Withholdings Payable	1,059,749			6,646				1,066,395
Accrued Salaries Payable	21,050			53,056				74,106
Guarantee Deposits	29,226							29,226
Unclaimed Items	(27,240)							(27,240)
Due to Individuals	1,324							1,324
Due to Other Governments		95,041						95,041
Other Liabilities	371,500		6,006,500	1,745,000				8,123,000
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable				6,177,000			7,382,804	13,559,804
Bonds Payable								
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	135,808							135,808

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Charges in Fund Balance
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
June 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$21,232,109	\$	\$	\$	\$21,232,109
Tax Liens	56,181				66,181
Departmental	138,466	223,343			361,809
Excises	1,967,715				1,967,715
Penalties and Interest	87,165				87,165
Licenses and Permits	319,257				319,257
Charges for Services	462,491				462,491
Intergovernmental	8,350,670	1,341,766			9,692,436
Fines and Forfeits	14,926				14,926
Earnings on Investment	140,355	33,451		61,020	234,826
Gifts		278,305		3,886	282,191
User Charges		1,029,941			1,029,941
In Lieu of Taxes	225,597				225,597
Miscellaneous	242,347	5,417			247,764
Total Revenues	33,247,279	2,912,223	0	64,906	36,224,408
Expenditures:					
General Government	5,455,021	155,670			5,610,691
Public Safety	4,957,544	197,464		932	5,155,940
Education	18,040,017	1,444,407		7,550	19,491,974
Highways and Public Works	3,339,551	76,774			3,416,325
Human Services	438,447	13,194			451,641
Culture and Recreation	525,590	194,552		5,735	725,877
Capital Outlay			1,040,060		1,040,060
Debt Service	1,732,440				1,732,440
Intergovernmental	281,570				281,570
Total Expenditures	34,770,180	2,082,061	1,040,060	14,217	37,906,518
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,522,901)	830,162	(1,040,060)	50,689	(1,682,110)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers - In	1,200,682		268,520		1,469,202
Operating Transfers - (Out)	(52,120)	(864,295)		(342,778)	(1,259,193)
Proceeds from Bonds					
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes			268,520	(342,778)	210,009
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,148,562	(864,295)	268,520	(342,778)	210,009
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(374,339)	(34,133)	(771,540)	(292,089)	(1,472,101)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2001	2,871,797	1,351,513	(4,783,725)	1,420,893	860,478
Prior Period Adjustment		108,784			108,784
Fund Balance, June 30, 2002	\$2,497,458	\$1,426,164	(\$5,555,265)	\$1,128,804	(\$502,839)

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Budget and Actual - (Non GAAP) - General Fund
For The Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other Sources:			
Property Taxes	\$21,219,187	\$21,217,142	(\$2,045)
Tax Liens		66,181	66,181
Departmental	196,659	138,466	(58,193)
Excises	1,867,000	1,941,735	74,735
Penalties and Interest	85,000	87,165	2,165
Licenses and Permits	550,000	319,257	(230,743)
Charges for Services	175,000	199,274	24,274
Intergovernmental	6,160,518	6,090,373	(70,145)
Fines and Forfeits	25,000	14,926	(10,074)
Earnings on Investments	241,000	140,355	(100,645)
In Lieu of Taxes	225,000	225,598	598
Miscellaneous	90,000	242,347	152,347
Proceeds from Borrowing	66,000	66,000	0
Operating Transfers In	1,174,931	1,200,682	25,751
Budgetary Fund Balance	1,069,006	1,069,006	0
Total Revenue and Other Sources	33,144,301	33,018,507	(125,794)
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
General Government	5,454,898	5,411,662	43,236
Public Safety	5,008,168	4,987,751	20,417
Education	15,802,090	15,801,110	980
Highway and Public Works	3,299,410	3,315,225	(15,815)
Human Services	444,041	439,502	4,539
Culture and Recreation	590,322	559,440	30,882
Debt Services	1,822,227	1,765,441	56,786
Intergovernmental	280,584	281,570	(986)
Operating Transfers Out	33,600	52,120	(18,520)
Fund Balance Deficits	408,961	408,961	0
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	33,144,301	33,022,782	121,519
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$0	(\$4,275)	(\$4,275)

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues Expenses and Changes
In Retained Earnings/Fund Balances-All
Proprietary Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum Only)
	Enterprise	Non Expendable Trust	
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$3,909,781	\$	\$3,909,781
Departmental	178,000		178,000
Gifts	33,192		33,192
Bequests		16,189	16,189
Miscellaneous			
Total Operating Revenues	4,120,973	16,189	4,137,162
Operating Expenditures:			
Highways and Public Works	1,576,402		1,576,402
Culture and Recreation	820,318		820,318
Debt Principal	976,000		976,000
Depreciation	27,900		27,900
Total Operating Expenditures	3,400,620	0	3,400,620
Operating Income	720,353	16,189	736,542
Nonoperating Income (Expenses):			
Earnings on Investment	22,012		22,012
Intergovernmental			
Interest Expense	(332,768)		(332,768)
Capital Outlay	(1,913,284)		(1,913,284)
Total Nonoperating (Expenses)	(2,224,040)	0	(2,224,040)
Income (Loss) Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,503,687)	16,189	(1,487,498)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In			
Operating Transfers (Out)	(210,000)		(210,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	(210,000)	0	(210,000)
Net Income (Loss)	(1,713,687)	16,189	(1,697,498)
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance, July 1, 2001	1,942,370	679,471	2,621,841
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance, June 30, 2002	\$228,683	\$695,660	\$924,343

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Cash Flows
All Proprietary Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002
(Indirect Method)

	Enterprise Funds	Nonexpendable Trust Funds	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,713,687)	\$16,189	(\$1,697,498)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Earnings on Investments	(22,012)		(22,012)
Depreciation Expense	27,900		27,900
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	38,574		38,574
Increase in Accounts Receivable			
Increase in Amounts to be Provided for Notes and Bonds			
Decrease in Amounts to be Provided for Notes and Bonds	976,000		976,000
Increase in Guarantee Deposits Payable			
Increase in Warrants Payable	4,199		4,199
Decrease in Warrants Payable	(171,445)		(171,445)
Increase in Accrued Salaries Payable	6,646		6,646
Decrease in Accrued Salaries Payable			
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	(853,825)	16,189	(837,636)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Earnings on Investment	22,012		22,012
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	22,012	0	22,012
Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities:			
Net Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities	0	0	0
Cash Flows from Capital Related Financing Activities:			
Payments on Long Term Debt	(976,000)		(976,000)
Proceeds from Bond Anticipation Notes	1,110,000		1,110,000
Net Cash Flows from Capital Related Financing Activities	134,000	0	134,000
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(697,813)	16,189	(681,624)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2001	1,846,757	679,471	2,526,228
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2002	\$1,148,944	\$695,660	\$1,844,604

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Combining Balance Sheet-Enterprise Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Water Fund	Hillview Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
<u>Assets</u>			
Petty Cash	\$	\$150	\$150
Cash/Investments	531,049	617,895	1,148,944
Receivables:			
User Charges	131,215		131,215
Liens	30,347		30,347
Intergovernmental			
Fixed Assets (Net of Depreciation)	733,201		733,201
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Bonds	1,877,000	4,300,000	6,177,000
Total Assets	3,302,812	4,918,045	8,220,857
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>			
Liabilities:			
Warrants Payable	4,725	5,747	10,472
Accrued Salaries Payable	6,342	304	6,646
Guarantee Deposits		53,056	53,056
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	1,435,000	310,000	1,745,000
Bonds Payable	1,877,000	4,300,000	6,177,000
Total Liabilities	3,323,067	4,669,107	7,992,174
Fund Equity			
Contributed Capital	158,736		158,736
Retained Earnings:			
Reserved for Encumbrances	337,493	42,846	380,339
Reserved for Subsequent Year's Expenditure			
Designated	323,725	105,669	429,394
Unreserved	(840,209)	100,423	(739,786)
Total Fund Equity	(20,255)	248,938	228,683
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$3,302,812	\$4,918,045	\$8,220,857

Combining Statement of Revenues Expenses and Changes
in Retained Earnings-All Proprietary Fund Types
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Water	Hillview	Total (Memorandum Only)
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$2,340,666	\$1,569,115	\$3,909,781
Departmental		178,000	178,000
Gifts		33,192	33,192
Total Operating Revenues	2,340,666	1,780,307	4,120,973
Operating Expenses			
Highways and Public Works	1,576,402		1,576,402
Culture and Recreation		820,318	820,318
Debt Principal	336,000	640,000	976,000
Depreciation	27,900		27,900
Total Operating Expenses	1,940,302	1,460,318	3,400,620
Operating Income	400,364	319,989	720,353
Nonoperating Income (Expenses):			
Earnings on Investments	10,144	11,868	22,012
Interest Expense	(102,172)	(230,596)	(332,768)
Capital Outlay	(1,443,850)	(469,434)	(1,913,284)
Total Nonoperating (Expenses)	(1,535,878)	(688,162)	(2,224,040)
Income (Loss) Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,135,514)	(368,173)	(1,503,687)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In			
Operating Transfers (Out)	(210,000)		(210,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(210,000)	0	(210,000)
Net Income (Loss)	(1,345,514)	(368,173)	(1,713,687)
Retained Earnings, July 1, 2001	1,325,259	617,111	1,942,370
Retained Earnings, June 30, 2002	(\$20,255)	\$248,938	\$228,683

Town of North Reading, Massachusetts
Combining Statement of Cash Flows
All Proprietary Fund Types
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002
(Indirect Method)

	Water	Hillview	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,345,514)	(\$368,173)	(\$1,713,687)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Earnings on Investments	(10,144)	(11,868)	(22,012)
Depreciation Expense	27,900		27,900
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	38,574		38,574
Increase in Accounts Receivable			
Increase in Amounts to be Provided for Notes and Bonds			
Decrease in Amounts to be Provided for Notes and Bonds	336,000	640,000	976,000
Increase in Guarantee Deposits Payable			
Increase in Warrants Payable		4,199	4,199
Decrease in Warrants Payable	(171,445)		(171,445)
Increase in Accrued Salaries Payable	6,342	304	6,646
Decrease in Accrued Salaries Payable			
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(1,118,287)	264,462	(853,825)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Earnings on Investments	10,144	11,868	22,012
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	10,144	11,868	22,012
Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities:			
Net Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities	0	0	0
Cash Flows from Capital Related Financing Activities:			
Proceeds from Bonds			
Payments on Long Term Debt	(336,000)	(640,000)	(976,000)
Payment to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent - Bond Principal			
Proceeds from Bond Anticipation Notes	800,000	310,000	1,110,000
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes			
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes from Bond			
Net Cash Flows from Capital Related Financing Activities	464,000	(330,000)	134,000
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(644,143)	(53,670)	(697,813)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2001	1,175,192	671,565	1,846,757
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2002	\$531,049	\$617,895	\$1,148,944

