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## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE	Emergency	911
	Business Line	508 947-4422
FIRE		508 946-4425
	Emergency	911
	Business Line	508 947-4121

## TOWN WEBSITE ADDRESS

[www.lakevillema.org](http://www.lakevillema.org)

## TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Animal Shelter	508 947-3891
Board of Assessors	508 947-4428
Board of Health	508 946-8805
Board of Selectmen	508 946-8803
Building Commissioner	508 946-8804
Civil Defense	508 947-4121
Conservation Commission	508 946-8823
Health Agent	508 946-3473
Highway Department	508 947-9521
Planning Board	508 946-8803
Public Library	508 947-9028
Senior Center	508 947-7224
Town Accountant	508 946-8817
Town Administrator	508 946-8813
Town Clerk	508 946-8800
Treasurer/Collector	508 946-8801
Veterans Services	508 947-7224
Superintendent of Schools	508 923-2000
Apponequet Regional High School	508 947-2660
Freetown/Lakeville Middle School	508 923-3518
George R. Austin Intermediate School	508 923-3506
Assawompset School	508 947-1403

## TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Closed Sunday & Monday; Tuesday – Noon to 8:00 PM  
Wednesday through Saturday – 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **MARGUERITE A. MILLS**

Development & Industrial Commission 1958 - 1962

Board of Registrars 1962 - 1992

Director of State Decennial Census 1964

Council on Aging 1978-1983

### **JOHN V. GIBERTI**

Commission on Disability 1992 - 2004

## **BITS AND PIECES**

Incorporated	1853
Square Miles of Area	36.16
Miles of Accepted Town Ways	77.40
Miles of Unaccepted Town Ways	29.30
Miles of State Highway	12
Population (2000 Federal Census)	9,821

### **We are now in:**

4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Barney Frank

The Jones Building

29 Broadway #3310

Taunton, MA 02780

Phone (508) 822-4796

2252 Rayburn Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20515-2104

Phone (202) 225-5931

### **U.S. Senators**

Edward M. Kennedy

2400 JFK Federal Building

Boston, MA 02203

(617) 565-3170

317 Russell Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

(202) 224-4543

John Kerry

One Bowdoin Square, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 565-8519

304 Russell Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

(202) 224-2742

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bristol and Plymouth Senatorial District**

Senator Joan Menard

State House, Room 215

Boston, MA 02133-1053

(617) 722-1114

Somerset Town Hall

Somerset, MA 02726

(508) 673-8408

### **9<sup>th</sup> Bristol Representative District (Precinct 1)**

Representative John F. Quinn

State House, Room 527A

Boston, MA 02133-1053

(617) 722-2020

### **12<sup>th</sup> Bristol Representative District (Precinct 2 & 3)**

Representative Stephen Canessa

State House, Room 443

Boston, MA 02133-1053

(617) 722-2460

## VOLUNTEER FORM

If interested in serving on an appointed Town committee, please complete the following and forward to the Board of Selectmen, Town Office Building, 346 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA 02347.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AREAS OF INTEREST\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Experience is not necessary, but if you have had experience or have expertise that you feel would benefit the Town through service on a committee, please explain below.

**TOWN OFFICERS  
(ELECTED)  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Name	Term Expires
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**Board of Selectmen**

Derek A. Maksy	2010
Nancy E. Yeatts	2011
Charles E. Evirs, Jr.	2012

**Board of Assessors**

Paul Meleedy	2010
Dana Lucas	2011
Janet M. Black	2012

**Board of Health**

Jennifer Turcotte (resigned 9/09)	2010
Pietro Pannettieri (appointed 9/09)	2010
Terrence Flynn	2011
William E. Garvey, Jr.	2012

**Cemetery Commission**

Bradford Bates	2010
Richard DeMoranville	2011
Kenneth Upham	2012

### **Finance Committee**

James Hanlon	2010
Stephen Olivier	2010
Michael Petruzzo	2011
Gary Mansfield	2012
Melissa Hopkins	2012

### **Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee**

Charlene Shea	2010
Lorraine Carboni	2012

### **Lakeville School Committee**

David Goodfellow	2010
David McQueeney	2010
Charlene Shea	2011
Carolyn Gomes	2012
Aaron Burke	2012

### **Moderator**

Gordon Goodfellow	2010
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### **Park Commission**

Darryl Bernier	2010
Jaime Velazquez	2010
Daniel Hopkins	2011
John Maloof	2011
Barry Evans	2012

### **Planning Board**

Brian Hoeg	2010
Walter Healey, Jr.	2011
Kevin St. George	2012
Gregory Kashgagian	2013
James A. Marot	2014

### **Town Clerk**

Janet Tracy	2010
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### **Treasurer/Collector of Taxes**

Debra Kenney	2010
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### **Trustees of Public Library**

Nancy A. LaFave	2010
Ruth Gross	2011
Elizabeth Walters	2012



**TOWN OFFICERS  
(APPOINTED)  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Name	Term Expires
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**ADA Coordinator**

Charles E. Evirs, Jr.	2010
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**Board of Appeals**

Joseph Beneski	2010
Eric Levitt	2010
John W. Veary, Jr.	2010
David Curtis	2011
Donald A. Foster	2011
Carol Zimmerman, Associate	2010
John Olivieri, Jr., Associate	2010
Joseph Urbanski, Associate	2010

**Board of Registrars**

Yvonne Capella	2010
Waltraud Kling	2010
Barbara Rose	2012
Janet Tracy	2012
Lillian Drane, Assistant Registrar	2010

**Cable TV Advisory Committee**

David Curtis	2010
Thomas Cirignano	2010
Donald Foster	2010
James Longo	2010
Sheri Colucci	2010
James Curley, Alternate	2010

**Capital Expenditures Committee**

Michael Petruzzo	2010
Rita Garbitt	2010
Scott Sweet	2010
David Morwick	2010
Nancy Yeatts	2010

### **Conservation Commission**

Emery Orrall	2010
Joseph A. Chamberlain, II	2010
Martha Schroeder	2010
Randall Kenney	2011
Thomas Mason	2011
Robert J. Bouchard	2012

### **Council on Aging**

Vivian Lee	2010
Robert Brady	2010
Mildred B. Fitting	2010
Dorothy Marvill	2010
Arlene Bowles	2010
Marjorie Cleverly	2011
Francis J. Brogan	2011
Patricia Bessette	2011
Catherine Sankus	2012
Emily J. Sparkman	2012
Dorothy Wilson	2012

### **Delegate to GATRA Advisory Board**

Robert Brady	2010
Carl Asbury, Alternate	2010

### **Delegates Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District**

Rita Garbitt	2010
James Marot	2010

### **Emergency Planning Committee**

Cindy Dow	Rita Garbitt
William Garvey	David Goodfellow
Daniel Hopkins	Robert Iafrate
Marilyn Mansfield	Richard May
John McCarthy	Christopher Peck
Mark Sorel	Robert Souza
Richard Velez	Nancy Yeatts

### **Historical Commission**

Brian H. Reynolds	2010
Geraldine Taylor	2010
Kathleen Barrack	2010
Nancy A. LaFave	2011
Joan Morton	2011
Delia Murphy, Associate	2010
Felicia Carter, Associate	2010

### **Joint Transportation Planning Group**

Christopher Peck, Delegate	2010
Charles E. Evirs, Jr. Alternate	2010

### **Labor Counsel**

Albert Mason	2010
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### **Lakeville Arts Council**

Daniel Cooney	2010
Robin Fielding	2010
Richard Tripp	2010
Joanne Corrieri-Upham	2011
David Kraemer	2011
Sophia Rose	2011
Ann Oliveira El-Khoury	2011
Jacqueline Kennedy	2011

### **Lakeville Emergency Management Agency**

Daniel Hopkins, Director

Nancy Yeatts, Deputy Director

### **Middleborough/Lakeville Herring Fisheries Commission**

Thomas Barron, Warden

William Orphan, Warden

Harold Atkins, Observer

Kristin Chin, Observer

Luke Leonard, Jr., Observer

### **Master Plan Implementation Committee**

Edward Bunn

Rodney Dixon

Rita Garbitt

Robert lafrate

Derek Maksy

Robert Mello

James F. Rogers, II

### **Old Colony Elderly Services Board**

Marilyn Mansfield

Catherine Sankus

### **Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee**

Robert Brady, Delegate

2010

Carl Asbury, Alternate Delegate

2010

### **Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee**

Robert E. Marshall

2010

Joseph Simas

2011

Donald Foster

2012

### **Open Space Committee**

Donald Foster

Linda Grubb

Joan Morton

Michael Renzi

Brian Reynolds

Martha Schroeder

Jaime Velazquez

### **Parking Clerk**

Charles E. Evirs, Jr.

2010

### **Rent Control Board**

Paula Beech

John Cataldo

Donna Glidden

### **Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers**

Steve Leannues

2010

Thomas Robinson

2010

### **Town Forest Committee**

George A. Orrall

2010

William E. Garvey, Jr.

2011

Gene Bartlett

2012

### **Water Study Board**

Edward Barrett, Jr.

Robert Bouchard

Terrence Flynn

William Garvey

Colleen Sheerin

Patricia Welch

Nancy Yeatts

### **Animal Control Officer**

David Frates

### **Asst. Animal Control Officers**

Jared Darling

Laurice Hedges

Darcy Lee

Harold Marshall

### **Board of Health Agent**

Lawrence Perry

Joseph Beneski, Asst. Health Agent

### **Special Asst. Board of Health Agents**

Terrence Flynn

William Garvey

Jennifer Turcotte

### **Building Commissioner**

Robert Iafrate

Nathan Darling, Asst. Bldg Ins.

### **Alternate Inspector of Buildings**

Paul R. Bourgeois

Robert Whalen

## **Constables**

Frank B. Alvihiera

Valerie Bartholomew

Michael Dwyer

Sean Joyce

Ryan Maltais

Daniel W. Mosher

Thomas M. Robinson, Jr.

Paul Columbo

David Frates

Herve W. Vandal, Jr.

Antonio Amaral

James K. Bowles

Paul E. Hunt

Steven A. Leanues

John E. McGinn

Matt Perkins

Mark J. Sorel

Danielle Elliot

Kenneth W. Upham

## **Emergency Response Coordinator**

Daniel E. Hopkins

## **Fire Chief**

Daniel E. Hopkins

David Goodfellow, Deputy

## **Gas Inspector**

Frederick A. Parmenter

Jon Catalano, Assistant

## **Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

Daniel E. Hopkins

## **Inspector of Animals**

Jared Darling

## **Inspector of Wires**

John E. Beech

C. Robert Canessa, Additional

## **Keeper of the Lockup**

Mark J. Sorel

## **Milk Inspector**

Lawrence Perry

## **Municipal Coordinator for "Right to Know" Law**

Daniel E. Hopkins

## **Parking Clerk**

Charles E. Evirs, Jr.

## **Police Chief**

Mark J. Sorel

## **Plumbing Inspectors**

Jon Catalano

Fred Parmenter, Assistant

**Sealers of Weights and Measures**

David Enos

Mark Sorel, Deputy

**Smart Growth  
Reporting Officer**

Robert lafrate

**Stormwater Management  
Coordinator**

Rita Garbitt

**Superintendent of Streets**

Christopher Peck

**Town Accountant**

Cynthia McRae

**Town Administrator**

Rita Garbitt

**Town Counsel**

Kopelman & Paige

**Tree Warden**

Christopher Peck

**Director of Veterans  
Services**

Charles E. Evirs, Jr.

**Veterans Agent and Veterans  
Graves Officer**

Marilyn Mansfield

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

In the year 2009 Lakeville, along with many other municipalities across the State, suffered economic setbacks as State funding continues to be cut and revenue generating projects continue to be stalled.

### **Residential Growth**

Kensington Court, the State approved (40R) Smart Growth project at the commuter rail train station, was 50% completed this year, and the Town received a portion of the incentive payment. An extra bonus was that all of the 96 units completed were rentals. These units count toward Lakeville's affordable housing quota, bringing us closer to the State standard of 10%. The developer is hopeful that the second half of the project will get financing and begin construction in 2010. These will be market rate units. The Fairways at LeBaron Hills was permitted and began construction in 2009. This development will create fifty-six (56) units of affordable housing for seniors aged 55 and older.

### **Commercial Development**

A top priority remains encouraging economic development to maximize tax revenue and target new businesses.

National Development's project (the former Lakeville Hospital property), continues to be a victim of the current economic conditions. The retail development along Main Street was brought to a halt when Target decided to cancel their plan to locate at the site. National Development began investigating the possibility of developing the residential aspect of the development along Rhode Island Road. National went to Town Meeting in 2009 requesting that the 55+ age restriction be lifted from the project stating that this would spur development on the rest



of the property. Town meeting did not agree and voted down the proposal. There is good news on the horizon, however, as interest to purchase the property by another company was evident this summer.

The 100% design for the relocation of Route 79 was completed this year, and construction will begin in the Spring of 2010. This will trigger construction of a new CVS, which comes with the contingency that it must be located on the corner of two (2) streets.

As the economy continues to recover, this section of Town is poised and ready to welcome new businesses, which will add to the tax base and help relieve the burden on the residential taxpayer.

### **Water Infrastructure**

Lakeville's Master Plan acknowledges that it will be difficult for the Town to meet future water demands without some sort of municipal water system. Due to water quality and pressure issues, any economic development essential to our tax rate would be impossible.

Lakeville is proactively moving forward with a water master plan, which will help the Town maintain and deliver an acceptable, reliable, and safe supply of potable drinking water to its residents and commercial establishments both now and in the future.

Toward this end, the Town has secured funding to build a 500,000 gallon water storage tank and associated pumping station. The water tank will be located on Town owned property within the Great Ponds Industrial Park. The associated pumping station will be located on the Town owned Highway Barn property.

Lakeville was extremely fortunate that this project was “shovel ready” and slated to receive a State Revolving Fund loan when American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds became available. Because the Town was able to keep up with the strict timeline requirements, Lakeville will realize a 20% savings over the life of the loan. This equates to over \$900,000 saved!

It is projected that this project will be completed and online by January 2011.

### **Summation**

The Board of Selectmen would like to commend all Town employees, especially the Department Heads, for their continued efforts to provide quality service to Lakeville residents despite continually shrinking budgets.

Also a very special debt of gratitude is owed to the residents who volunteer countless hours of their valuable time to serve on Boards and Committees. Their dedication is invaluable and appreciated.

Lastly, to the residents of Lakeville, you have chosen to live here because it is indeed a wonderful place. Our natural resources are among the most beautiful in the entire State, and that is because of your continued dedication in choosing to protect them, and for this, we give our heartfelt thanks!

Your Board of Selectmen,

Derek A. Maksy, Chairman  
Nancy E. Yeatts  
Charles E. Evirs, Jr.

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 2009

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PARK ENTERPRISE	LANDFILL ENTERPRISE	TRUSTS	AGENCY	GENERAL LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	TOTALS
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash	1,387,980.00	773,316.00	299,735.00	88,193.00	378,548.00	2,456,312.00	57,666.00		5,441,750.00
Due from Special Revenue Receivables									0.00
Property Taxes	565,857.00								565,857.00
Motor Vehicle Taxes	104,467.00								104,467.00
Boat Excise Tax	2,041.00								2,041.00
Tax Leins & Deferrals	395,143.00								395,143.00
Farm Animal Excise	0.00								0.00
Departmental Receipts	190,700.00								190,700.00
Foreclosures	11,131.00								11,131.00
MWPAT Loans Due		305,140.00							305,140.00
MWPAT Leins Due									
Amounts To Be Provided For									
Long Term Obligations								5,453,427.00	5,453,427.00
Authorized & Unissued								348,500.00	348,500.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,657,319.00</b>	<b>1,078,456.00</b>	<b>299,735.00</b>	<b>88,193.00</b>	<b>378,548.00</b>	<b>2,456,312.00</b>	<b>57,666.00</b>	<b>5,801,927.00</b>	<b>12,818,156.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Allowance for Abatements	124,044.00								124,044.00
Withholdings Payable	126,987.00								126,987.00
Accounts Payable	302,959.00								302,959.00
Deferred Revenue	1,145,295.00	305,140.00							1,450,435.00
Due to others	2,310.00						57,666.00		59,976.00
Bonds & Notes Payable								5,453,427.00	5,453,427.00
Authorized & Unissued								348,500.00	348,500.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,701,595.00</b>	<b>305,140.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>57,666.00</b>	<b>5,801,927.00</b>	<b>7,866,328.00</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>									
Reserve for Encumbrances	354,414.00								354,414.00
Reserve for Expenditures	278,495.00	16,528.00		20,000.00	135,000.00				450,023.00
Designated	100.00	756,788.00	299,735.00			2,456,312.00			3,512,835.00
Undesignated	322,714.00								322,714.00
Retained Earnings				68,193.00	243,548.00				311,741.00
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>955,724.00</b>	<b>773,316.00</b>	<b>299,735.00</b>	<b>88,193.00</b>	<b>378,548.00</b>	<b>2,456,312.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,951,828.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>2,657,319.00</b>	<b>1,078,456.00</b>	<b>299,735.00</b>	<b>88,193.00</b>	<b>378,548.00</b>	<b>2,456,312.00</b>	<b>57,666.00</b>	<b>5,801,927.00</b>	<b>12,818,156.00</b>

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE - 2009 REVENUES  
Office of the Town Accountant

	09 ESTIMATE 7/1/2008	09 ACTUAL 6/30/2009	EXCEEDS ESTIMATES (UNDERESTIMATES) AMT +/-	% COLLECTED
<i>Local Revenue</i>				
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$1,350,000	\$1,264,999	(\$85,001)	93.70%
Other Excise	\$7,000	\$9,923	\$2,923	141.76%
Penalties & Interest/Taxes	\$87,000	\$96,920	\$9,920	111.40%
Lieu of Taxes	\$13,000	\$14,004	\$1,004	107.72%
Fees	\$387,900	\$418,999	\$31,099	108.02%
Rentals	\$30,000	\$33,487	\$3,487	111.62%
Cemeteries	\$300	\$3,450	\$3,150	1150.00%
Other Departmental	\$35,000	\$38,961	\$3,961	111.32%
Licenses & Permits	\$325,000	\$440,506	\$115,506	135.54%
Fines & Forfeits	\$10,000	\$14,439	\$4,439	144.39%
Investment Income	\$40,000	\$15,254	(\$24,746)	38.14%
* Miscellaneous Recurring	\$22,000	\$18,570	(\$3,430)	84.41%
** Miscellaneous & Non-Recurring	\$50,000	\$51,297	\$1,297	102.59%
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,357,200</b>	<b>\$2,420,809</b>	<b>\$63,609</b>	<b>102.70%</b>
<i>Taxes</i>				
Personal Property	\$245,762	\$242,945	(\$2,817)	98.85%
Real Estate	\$15,123,861	\$14,770,192	(\$353,669)	97.66%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$15,369,623</b>	<b>\$15,013,137</b>	<b>(\$356,486)</b>	<b>97.68%</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL, PROPERTY &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>\$17,726,823</b>	<b>\$17,433,946</b>	<b>(\$292,877)</b>	<b>98.35%</b>
<i>Cherry Sheet/State</i>				
LESS 9C CUTS	(\$99,233)			
Asswmt Sch Const Reimb	\$217,668	\$217,668	\$0	
<b>TOTAL CHERRY SHEET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,734,244</b>	<b>\$3,457,855</b>	<b>(\$276,389)</b>	<b>92.60%</b>

BUDGET REPORT

001 GENERAL FUND

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	AVAILABLE BUDGET
10004 REVENUE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (21,842,153)	\$ 21,842,153
11221 SELECTMEN PRSNL SERVICES	\$ 230,740	\$ 229,080	\$ 229,079	\$ 1
11222 SELECTMEN EXPENSE	\$ 119,800	\$ 117,860	\$ 14,086	\$ 103,774
11312 FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 673	\$ 327
11351 ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR PRSNL	\$ 104,794	\$ 101,924	\$ 101,499	\$ 425
11352 ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR EXP	\$ 54,935	\$ 53,014	\$ 26,997	\$ 26,017
11411 ASSESSORS PRSNL SERVICES	\$ 122,019	\$ 119,019	\$ 116,153	\$ 2,866
11412 ASSESSORS EXPENSE	\$ 31,720	\$ 25,140	\$ 18,891	\$ 6,249
11451 TREAS & COLL PRSNL SRVCS	\$ 180,241	\$ 178,316	\$ 178,315	\$ 1
11452 TREAS & COLL EXPENSE	\$ 37,800	\$ 42,000	\$ 41,923	\$ 77
11512 LAW EXPENSE	\$ 40,000	\$ 59,844	\$ 59,827	\$ 17
11522 PERSONNEL BOARD	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -
11611 TOWN CLERK PRSNL SERVICES	\$ 100,578	\$ 100,578	\$ 100,561	\$ 17
11612 TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,210	\$ 90
11622 ELECTIONS EXPENSE	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,387	\$ 413
11632 REGISTRATION EXPENSE	\$ 8,850	\$ 8,850	\$ 6,535	\$ 2,315
11711 CONSERVATION PRSNL SERVICES	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,600	\$ -
11752 PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 77	\$ 173
11762 APPEALS BOARD EXPENSE	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 189	\$ 461
11912 HISTORIC TOWN HOUSE EXP	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
11922 TO/FS EXPENSE	\$ 140,000	\$ 143,100	\$ 143,042	\$ 58
11952 TOWN REPORTS	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
11992 OTH GENERAL GOVT EXPENSE	\$ 17,002	\$ 15,502	\$ 15,500	\$ 2
12101 POLICE PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,412,634	\$ 1,384,249	\$ 1,384,249	\$ 0
12102 POLICE EXPENSE	\$ 150,350	\$ 165,350	\$ 155,076	\$ 10,274

# BUDGET REPORT

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	AVAILABLE BUDGET
12201 FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 848,518	\$ 813,286	\$ 809,553	\$ 3,733
12202 FIRE EXPENSE	\$ 104,785	\$ 129,797	\$ 114,797	\$ 15,000
12411 BUILDING INSP PRSNL SRVCS	\$ 100,631	\$ 97,901	\$ 97,900	\$ 1
12412 BUILDING INSP EXPENSE	\$ 5,700	\$ 4,700	\$ 2,816	\$ 1,884
12422 GAS INSPECTOR EXPENSE	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,760	\$ 8,035	\$ 725
12432 PLUMBING INSP EXPENSE	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,880	\$ 18,880	\$ -
12442 WEIGHTS & MEASURES EXP	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -
12452 ELECTRICAL EXPENSE	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,560	\$ 18,560	\$ -
12462 ANIMAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
12911 CIVIL DEFENSE DIR & DEPS	\$ 4,162	\$ 4,162	\$ -	\$ 4,162
12912 CIVIL DEFENSE EXPENSE	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2
12921 DOG OFFICER PERSONAL SRVS	\$ 70,041	\$ 74,331	\$ 74,329	\$ 2
12922 DOG OFFICER EXPENSE	\$ 18,800	\$ 18,710	\$ 18,127	\$ 583
13100 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 159,424	\$ 159,424	\$ 162,503	\$ (3,079)
13142 BUSINESS/EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,609	\$ (1,609)
13150 AES-CO/ADM/BNS/IMS&TECH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,232	\$ (5,232)
13200 INSTRUCTION	\$ 3,900,413	\$ 3,900,413	\$ 25,653	\$ 3,874,760
13240 IMS 4th GRADE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 807,048	\$ (807,048)
13250 AES K-4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,086,901	\$ (3,086,901)
13300 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 606,071	\$ 606,071	\$ -	\$ 606,071
13340 IMS-HEALTH SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,500	\$ (23,500)
13351 STUDENT ACTIVITIES S & W	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,571	\$ (180,571)
13352 STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 345,095	\$ (345,095)
13400 OPERATION & MT OF PLANT	\$ 553,362	\$ 553,362	\$ 12,845	\$ 540,517
13440 IMS - MT BLDG GRDS EQUIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,048	\$ (89,048)
13450 AES EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350,464	\$ (350,464)
13500 FIXED ASSETS	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 5,537	\$ 2,263
13700 ACQ OF FIXED ASSETS	\$ 943	\$ 943	\$ 340	\$ 603

# BUDGET REPORT

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	AVAILABLE BUDGET
13900 OTHER SCH VOTES/UNCLASSSED	\$ 35,318	\$ (24,682)	\$ -	\$ (24,682)
14201 HIGHWAY PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 437,235	\$ 416,112	\$ 415,586	\$ 526
14202 HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$ 137,765	\$ 122,430	\$ 89,971	\$ 32,459
14231 SNOW & ICE PRSNL SERVICES	\$ 10,000	\$ 42,077	\$ 42,077	\$ 0
14232 SNOW & ICE EXPENSE	\$ 30,000	\$ 185,168	\$ 175,167	\$ 10,001
14242 STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,480	\$ 14,472	\$ 8
14912 CEMETERY SERVICES EXPENSE	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,184	\$ 816
15101 BOARD OF HEALTH PRSNL SRV	\$ 152,920	\$ 150,056	\$ 148,805	\$ 1,251
15102 BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	\$ 18,700	\$ 13,700	\$ 6,754	\$ 6,946
15222 VISITING NURSE EXPENSE	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,283	\$ 218
15411 COUNCIL ON AGING PRSNL SR	\$ 111,233	\$ 106,233	\$ 101,902	\$ 4,331
15412 COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSE	\$ 28,175	\$ 23,175	\$ 22,557	\$ 618
15431 VETERAN'S BENEFITS P SRVC	\$ 5,479	\$ 5,479	\$ 5,168	\$ 311
15432 VET BENEFITS EXPENSE	\$ 13,150	\$ 14,350	\$ 14,244	\$ 106
16101 LIBRARY PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 177,771	\$ 175,701	\$ 175,699	\$ 2
16102 LIBRARY EXPENSE	\$ 98,550	\$ 101,060	\$ 101,060	\$ 0
16602 HISTORIC LIBRARY	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,853	\$ 347
16912 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 284	\$ 216
17103 DEBT SERVICE	\$ 479,155	\$ 479,155	\$ 479,153	\$ 2
17513 LONG TERM INTEREST	\$ 129,197	\$ 129,197	\$ 129,192	\$ 5
17523 SHORT TERM INTEREST	\$ 72,344	\$ 72,344	\$ 72,144	\$ 200
18202 STATE ASSESSMENT	\$ 124,353	\$ 124,353	\$ 122,523	\$ 1,830
18302 COUNTY ASSESSMENT	\$ 26,533	\$ 26,533	\$ 26,533	\$ 0
18602 REGIONAL PLANNING	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,586	\$ 1
19131 UNEMPLOYMENT EXPENSE	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,944	\$ 12,944	\$ 0
19141 GROUP INS/BENEFITS	\$ 2,272,483	\$ 2,333,903	\$ 2,063,124	\$ 270,779
19452 PROPERTY & LIAB INSURANCE	\$ 190,000	\$ 174,216	\$ 170,258	\$ 3,958
19505 OTHER FINANCING USES-TRANSFER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ (30,000)

BUDGET REPORT		ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	AVAILABLE BUDGET
LESS ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 13,785,363	\$ 13,911,499	\$ 13,319,934	\$ 591,565 \$ (354,414)
550 ENTERPRISE/PARK					
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55001 PARK ENTER PRSNL SERVICE		\$ 43,047	\$ 28,047	\$ 21,724	\$ 6,323
55002 PARK ENTERPRISE EXPENSE		\$ 55,643	\$ 55,643	\$ 31,427	\$ 24,216
55003 PARK ENTER CAPITAL OUTLAY		\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,793	\$ 5,207
		\$ 123,690	\$ 108,690	\$ 72,944	\$ 35,746
55004 ENTERPRISE/PARK REVENUE		\$ (123,690)	\$ (108,690)	\$ (84,223)	\$ (24,467)
590 ENTERPRISE/LANDFILL					
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59001 LANDFILL ENTER PRSNL SRVC		\$ 164,700	\$ 164,700	\$ 159,006	\$ 5,694
59002 LANDFILL ENTER EXPENSE		\$ 215,366	\$ 215,366	\$ 211,973	\$ 3,393
59003 LANDFILL ENT CAP&MONITORG		\$ 39,934	\$ 39,934	\$ 35,952	\$ 3,982
		\$ 420,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 406,932	\$ 13,068
59004 ENTERPRISE/LANDFILL REV		\$ (420,000)	\$ (420,000)	\$ (249,171)	\$ (170,829)



## **ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT**

David Frates, Animal Control Officer

During 2009, the staff at the Animal Shelter has continued to provide care and shelter for both stray and unwanted animals. I would like to thank my Assistant Animal Control Officers: Jared Darling, Laurice Hedges, Harold Marshall, and Darcy Lee for all their assistance during the year.

The Town has continued with its contracts with the Towns of Berkley, Freetown, Rochester and Carver for boarding stray and lost dogs. In addition, the Town of Raynham has contracted with the Town to board its stray and lost dogs. The Towns pay a fee for daily board of their dogs. The Town accepts dogs that are surrendered by their owners from these Towns and the owners pay a drop off fee to Lakeville. Dogs that are considered adoptable are placed into Lakeville's adoption program and the adoption fees collected are kept by Lakeville. During 2009, the five Towns brought 326 dogs to the Lakeville Shelter. Fees collected from the boarding program and adoptions from the out-of-town dogs in 2009 amounted to over \$21,000. We are glad that we can be of assistance to our neighboring Towns and hope to continue to offer them this service.

The Animal Control Department has become very proactive in the effort to ensure that all Lakeville dogs have current rabies vaccinations. The spread of rabies has become epidemic in certain areas of Massachusetts, making it imperative that residents comply with M.G.L., which requires any dog in Massachusetts to have a valid rabies shot. Dr. Wolfthal of the Lakeville Animal Hospital, Dr. Chase of Chase Veterinary

Clinic and Dr. Breen of Woodland Animal Clinic have been instrumental in helping the Town to provide rabies shots for any dogs adopted from the shelter and we thank them for their assistance. This is a program that we feel is of vital importance and hopefully we will be able to continue it.

One of the largest expenses at the shelter is the cost of feeding our guests. Super Dog of New England has been extremely generous with their donation of dog food throughout the year. Our animals are well fed and we can use leftover funds to purchase items for the shelter that we might not be otherwise able to do.

We cannot stress enough the importance of licensing your dog. If your dog has a license on its collar and is lost, chances are very good that you will be reunited with your pet. The Town has invested in a new computer software program which every registered dog is listed in. Soon the Animal Control Officers will have the ability to get vital electronic information about all licensed dogs to better assist residents with lost dogs and dog complaints. Please take the time to license your dog; it is the law.

If you are a Lakeville resident, we will accept your pet if you can no longer continue to care for it. We cannot say this enough: please do not abandon your animal at the shelter. By doing so, you deprive us of the ability to get crucial information about your pet for a prospective adopter. Leave a message at the shelter and we can make arrangements for your animal to be surrendered. Abandoning your pet is unfair to your pet and it is a criminal offense.

Once again, we would like to thank the students from the Assawompset School and the George R. Austin Intermediate School in Lakeville and the Memorial Early Childhood Center in Middleborough for their generous donations to our shelter animals. I would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of the residents who have made donations to the Animal Shelter. Despite the tough economic conditions we have experienced in 2009, the Shelter received generous donations from Lakeville residents and people from outside of Lakeville. The Shelter was the recipient of a grant from The Pedigree Foundation, which raises funds for animal shelters from the purchase of their Pedigree Dog Food. A special thank you to Peaceful Meadows and their customers, who donated over \$1,400 from their collection effort! Another special thank you goes to Alexandria Dube of Lakeville, who requested that friends and family make donations to the Animal Shelter, instead of giving her birthday presents. Thank you for your generosity!!!

We urge anyone who is considering adding a pet to their lives to come and visit the shelter. Most of these animals are at the shelter through no fault of their own. Save a life and adopt a Shelter Animal!

**Animal Shelter Statistics- Lakeville Animals**

Dogs:	Turned into shelter	131
	Adoptions	62
	Returned to owner	46
	Put to sleep	23
	Hit by cars	2
Deer hit by cars:		15

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Janet M. Black, Chairwoman  
Paul F. Meleedy  
Dana Lucas

FY 2010 was an interim year adjustment. The values have been adjusted to the fair market values based on the qualified sales of 2008. If residents want to check their assessment history, you may access the property information through the link on the Town's website or go to [www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com). The office hours have changed due to recent budget cuts. The new hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The office is closed to the public on Wednesday and Friday.

### Valuation as Assessed for FY 2010

Real Estate	\$ 1,521,471,120
Personal Property	\$28,187,330

### Assessors Warrant to Collector FY 2010

Real Estate	\$ 15,549,434.85
Personal Property	\$288,074.51

### Exemptions Granted FY10 Real Estate

CL. 17D (5)	\$1,178.90
CL. 37 (7)	\$3,062.50
CL. 22 (58)	\$23,200.00
CL. 22E (12)	\$12,000.00
CL. 41C (82)	\$82,000.00
CL. 22 Paraplegic (1) Ch. 58 S8	\$3,117.41

### Abatements Granted FY10

Real Estate/Personal Property	\$54,643.01
Bankruptcy	0

### Tax Rate Summary

A. Total Amount to be Raised FY10 Tax Levy	\$ 15,837,509.36
B. Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue	\$ 7,987,190.43

C. Total Receipts from all Sources	\$ 23,824,699.79
D. Tax rate for all classes	\$10.22 per thousand

Motor Vehicle and Trailers Assessed in 2009 on  
a 2009 Levy

Total Number Assessed	\$13,048
Total Value Assessed	\$ 57,702,600.00
Total Tax Committed	\$ 1,292,998.00

Motor Vehicle and Trailers Assessed in 2009 on  
a 2008 Levy

Total Number Assessed	325
Total Value Assessed	\$ 2,927,650.00
Total Tax Committed	\$ 14,408.95

Abatements Granted on Motor Vehicles and Trailers for 5 Commitments in 2008 and 6 Commitments in 2009	\$ 40,231.66
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Boats and Vessels Assessed in 2009 on a 2008  
Levy

Total Tax Committed	\$8,691.00
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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

William Garvey, Chairman  
Terrence Flynn, Member  
Pietro Panettieri, Member

The Board of Health is responsible for following State and Local Health Policies and Regulations and for assessing and protecting the health of all citizens in Lakeville. The Board of Health is involved with the licensing and enforcement of Food Establishments, Dry Cleaners, a Mobile Home Park, Semi-Public Pools, Sun Tanning Booths, Tobacco Sales, Hog Farms, Transport of garbage relative to the Hog Farms, Septic Pumps, Disposal Works Construction Installers, Dumpster Permits, Residential and Commercial Trash Collection Haulers, and Boarding and Personal Stables. Food Establishment inspections are done a minimum of twice a year to ensure food safety and compliance with the State and Federal Food Code.

The Board of Health issued 65 septic permits, 11 well permits, and witnessed 56 soil evaluations and percolation tests this year. The Health Agent and Health Inspector witnessed 68 Title V Inspections for the sale of properties in Lakeville this year, to ensure that State and Local Guidelines were followed, and that any systems requiring repairs were further assessed for prioritization.

The Health Agent reviews plans, reports, and documents pertaining to building additions, septic repairs and new construction, swimming pools, subdivisions, wells, Board of Appeal Petitions and stables. The Board of Health staff also disseminates a variety of public health information to the public in person, through telephone calls, emails, faxes, and on the

website relative to food recalls, water quality, analytical reports, and all aspects of Title V.

The Board of Health also works with the Visiting Nurse Association for the reporting and investigation of all infectious diseases sent to the Department of Public Health, and monthly blood pressure clinics and a seasonal flu vaccine clinic is held at the Lakeville Senior Center.

A Rabies Clinic was held on April 4, 2009 at the Highway Garage to vaccinate dogs and cats for rabies. A total of 104 animals were vaccinated; 62 dogs and 42 cats. The Board also received 13 dog bite reports and 2 cat bite reports, which were logged in and investigated by Jared Darling, Inspector of Animals.

The Board of Health staff receives numerous complaints annually in many diverse areas of public health. Some of these complaints are handled administratively, but others are investigated, if needed, with field work follow-ups and jointly with other departments and agencies.

The Board of Health applied for the HINI vaccine to administer to children and the general public at numerous clinics. The staff has participated in conference calls with the Center for Disease Control, the Bristol County Emergency Preparedness Coalition, and the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, relative to the setting up of these clinics to administer the vaccine. The Board of Health members would like to thank Deputy Fire Chief David Goodfellow and everyone who participated in making these clinics possible.

## **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Janet L. Tracy, Town Clerk  
Waltraud Kling  
Elaine Couto, Assistant

Barbara E. Rose  
Yvonne Capella  
Lillian Drane, Assistant

The following were held in the Town of Lakeville during 2009: the Annual Town Election on April 6; a Special and the Annual Town Meeting on June 15; an Override Election on July 18; and a Special Town Meeting on November 30. Prior to each of the above, the Board of Registrars held a special voter registration session at the Town Clerk's office from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM to accommodate registrants.

The Board of Registrars is also responsible for checking in voters at Town Meetings and, on voting days, for being on duty at the Town Clerk's office before and after regular office hours and until the polls have closed. Other duties of the Board of Registrars, through the Town Clerk's office, include conducting recounts whenever necessary, certification of signatures on all petitions and nomination papers, and electronically scanning all activity into each individual's voter history via the Central Voter Registry System.

As of December 31, 2009, the Lakeville active voter enrollment was 6,840 with a party breakdown as follows:



<u>Party</u>	<u>Prec 1</u>	<u>Prec 2</u>	<u>Prec 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Democrat (Official Party)	487	411	502	1,380
Republican (Official Party)	357	403	370	1,130
Unenrolled (Official)	1,374	1,457	1,455	4,286
Libertarian (Designation)	15	13	8	36
Rainbow Coalition (Designation)	0	1	0	1
Green Rainbow (Designation)	5	0	1	6
Interdependent Third Party (Designation)	0	1	0	1
Working Families (Official)	1	8	3	12
American Independent (Designation)	0	0	1	1

In addition to the official parties and political designations listed above, there are sixteen others in which no Lakeville resident is currently enrolled. They include the Conservative Party, the Natural Law Party, the New World Council, the Reform Party, the Green Party USA, We the People, Constitution Party, the Timesizing Not Downsizing Party, New Alliance Party, the Prohibition Party, the American Independent Party, the Socialist Party, American First Party, Veterans Party, America the Worlds Citizens Party, and Working Families.

The Board of Registrars echoes the sentiments of so many in commending the 47 years of dedicated service that Senator Edward M. Kennedy provided for the citizens of Massachusetts, as well as for the rest of our country. His leadership and commitment were recognized throughout the world and his presence will be greatly missed.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Robert Iafrate, Building Commissioner  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

I hereby submit my annual report for the Building Department for the calendar year 2009. The number and types of permits are as follows:

### Permits Issued in 2009

New Homes	*21	Annual Certificates of Inspection	33
Shed Permits	46	Certificates of Use & Occupancy	5
Roof/Shingle/Siding	143	Residential Addition/Alterations	120
Solid Fuel Appliances	26	New Commercial Construction	0
Swimming Pools	19	Commercial Addition/Alterations	11
Occupancy Permits	188	Misc. Permits (chimney, signs etc)	35
Several Temp. OP's included		Demo/Removals	9

\*Includes (14 new homes & 2 single family units, plus 5 apartment buildings)

*Total # of permits issued: 430*

*Occupancy permits & Certificate of Use & OP: 193*

*Annual Inspection Certificates: 33*

The number of new residential single family homes has decreased to 16 including one duplex. However, new residential units have significantly risen due to the construction of 100

apartments constructed in four buildings at Kensington Court and 56 apartments constructed in one building at the LeBaron site.

Other than the apartment construction, the economic environment continues to slow the construction of new single family homes. Residential renovations have kept pace with the activity shown in the previous years. There was no new commercial construction activity in 2009 and commercial alteration was also slowed to only 11 projects.

With the use of new software, the Building Department has substantially increased its ability to issue, track and store building permit information. The implementation of updated applications, along with the new software support, has expedited the permit process.

The primary goal of the Building Department continues to be public safety. This is accomplished through proper permitting and construction practices. Enforcement of the Lakeville Zoning By-Laws is also a function of the Department. Applications are reviewed for compliance with the by-laws, along with the building codes. Through the joint efforts of all Town Departments, we will continue to educate and enforce the proper codes to achieve this goal.

We would like to welcome Nathan Darling to the Building Department staff. Mr. Darling completed his State Certification in 2009 and was appointed by the Selectmen as Assistant Building Inspector.

On behalf of *Janice Swanson*, Building Clerk, *John Beech*, Electrical Inspector, *Robert Canessa*, Assistant Electrical Inspector *Jay Catalano*, Plumbing and Assistant Gas Inspector, and *Fred Parmenter*, Gas Inspector and Assistant Plumbing Inspector. I would like to thank the Townspeople and the Town Departments and Boards for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year.

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Kenneth Upham, Chairman

Brad Bates

Richard Demoranville

The numerous accomplishments for the year 2009 were a direct result of each member working together to find solutions. New fees for monument foundations were added to the Cemetery Fee Schedule with the approval of the Board of Selectmen on December 21, 2009. All foundations will be constructed only by appointed Town grave diggers. Previously, monument companies would charge for this service. The new fees are less than monument companies charge and will bring additional revenue to the Town.

Two cemeteries, Precinct and Clark, were re-planned and this effort resulted in acquiring 200 full burial plots now available for sale. Precinct Cemetery went through a process of removing old trees and bushes. The planting of Arborvitae trees is planned in the Spring of 2010. These trees will help to protect monuments and visitors from errant golf balls. They will be planted on the west boundary line and are a donation from the LeBaron Hills Golf Club. A combined effort to obtain granite posts for Clark Cemetery was successful. The posts are anticipated to be installed in early Spring of 2010. Along with chain, connecting the posts will give the cemetery the historical flair of the late 1700's. Volunteers are still in the process of repairing, repainting and in some cases, replacing cemetery signs. The response to these new signs with the established date painted on them has been well received.

Suggestions to help make our cemeteries better are always welcomed and appreciated.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Emery Orrall, Chairman

Joseph Chamberlain II, Secretary

Robert Bouchard

Martha Schroeder

Randall Kenney

Tara Ann Martin, Conservation Agent

The year of 2009 has been another busy year for the Lakeville Conservation Commission. We have had a large number of filings under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, due to the scarcity of high and dry, easily developable land. Each of these filings requires, at a minimum, a plan review; an on-site visit to make sure that the plan accurately represents the area; the public hearing itself; the writing of an Order of Conditions or Determination of Applicability; another on-site inspection to determine that proposed work is being done as anticipated and that all protective sedimentation and erosion control barriers are in place and operational; and a final on-site visit before the issuance of a final Certificate of Compliance when the work is completed. In addition, multiple continuances of hearings may be required due to the complexity of the proposal, as well as further meetings with engineers and /or consultants at either the Commission's or the applicant's request. There may also be appeals to the final Order of Conditions by abutters, the Department of Environmental Protection or the applicant.

Communications among Town boards has greatly improved in the past few years. The Commission now receives copies of all applications that come before the Board of Health and the Zoning Board of Appeals for

review under the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act. This helps answer questions and resolve situations before they can become major problems.

In the past year we received 16 Notices of Intent, 16 Requests for Determinations and 10 Certificates of Compliance. This year saw the permitting of the water main and pump station for the Town of Lakeville, an important step for development in the Town. We will continue to monitor the relocation of the intersection of Route 105 and Route 79 and the cleanup of the dump at the Lakeville Hospital site. The Commission will also continue to monitor the proposed Southcoast Rail Project.

In 2009, the Conservation Commission adopted an Administrative Fee Schedule to assist in covering the cost of services provided by the Department. In addition, we have developed a Simplified Permit Review, which streamlines the application process between the Building Department and Conservation Commission. The Review is a basic assessment for simple projects within the Buffer Zone such as sheds, pools or decks and it may alleviate the need for a larger and more costly filing with the Commission.

The Commission also administers various Town-owned conservation areas, including ongoing implementation of the land management plan for Tamarack Park and the adjacent Bedford Street Conservation Area. Work is in progress to landscape the site and provide tables, benches, a bird viewing platform and interpretive displays. The Commission is

currently working with volunteers to remove the Bittersweet, Autumn Olive and other exotic invasive plant species. We have been replanting several of the areas with native field and woodland species, creating spaces where all ages can picnic, explore and observe native plants, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and other wildlife.

Unlike many neighboring towns, Lakeville does not have its own Wetland Protection Regulations, hampering our ability to further protect the environment. A committee to educate voters has been formed for this purpose.

The Lakeville Conservation Commission has part-time staffing, which manages to keep the office open approximately three full days a week, but more staffing hours are needed for our very full schedule. Currently the Conservation Agent is available at the Conservation Office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and other times by appointment. Much of the agent's time is taken up with field work. The recording secretary is available for a few hours on Mondays and Wednesdays.

With regret the Board accepted the resignation of Board member Tom Mason. We would like to take this time to thank him for his service.



## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Marilyn Mansfield, Director

The most frustrating part of 2009 was the 20% cut in an already very small budget. The cut necessitated reducing our van service from five days a week to three days a week. We've had to make scheduling changes and are not able to serve all the seniors, especially those who need transportation on the days we are not operating the van. Also changed this year were the days of operation, which necessitated closing on Fridays. The budget cuts included our part-time staff person. Also lost this year were the monthly blood pressure clinics, because of a lack of staffing at the Visiting Nurses office.

Several luncheons were offered throughout the year. The kickoff for luncheons was the Inaugural Luncheon held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. In honor of our 44<sup>th</sup> president, Barrack Obama, we watched the swearing in ceremony and parade, followed by a "Hawaiian Luncheon". The Lakeville Jr. Girl Scouts, Troop 80093 provided an Italian luncheon in February. The girls were working on their Community Service Badge. They did a great job, and the seniors enjoyed the interaction with the girls. A "Waffle" breakfast was held in September to honor Grandparent's Day and National Waffle week. In addition to waffles with lots of toppings, there were many activities for grandchildren and grandparents to enjoy together. The Lakeville Firefighters provided a luncheon, followed by a very informative fire safety program. Island Terrace Nursing Home also participated in this luncheon with many gifts for those in attendance. In December, the Council on Aging hosted a Holiday Luncheon followed by a holiday musical program. Representatives Canessa, Quinn, Sullivan

and Senator Menard also provided a holiday luncheon. Both Representatives Canessa and Quinn hold monthly hours at the Senior Center. An appointment is not necessary; you may stop by to talk to them. We appreciate their support throughout the year, and especially the support of Formula Grant funds, which helped to fill in where the budget cuts were made.

Although last year seniors got an increase in their Social Security, this upcoming year saw no increase. There has been an increase in Fuel Assistance, thus making more families eligible for this very important program. The Council on Aging takes applications for elders and also for the non-elderly. Several applications were also taken for SNAP, which is the program for food stamps. Most seniors, who qualify for fuel assistance, also qualify for food stamps. We are fortunate to have both Attorney Robert Youngberg and Attorney Daniel Surpernant who provide some free legal counseling. Check the monthly calendar for dates and times. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Luncheon was held at the Middle School. Librarian Laurie Belanger chose *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. This was a wordless graphic novel depicting the awe with which immigrants respond to their new surroundings. After a very lively discussion, a delicious luncheon was served by the PTO. New this year was the Parkinson's Support Group, who meets monthly. The Are You OK program is a free computerized telephone reassurance service provided by the Plymouth Count Sheriff's Department. This program is especially important for those seniors who live alone. Two popular exercise programs are: Tai Chi, and PACE. Also available throughout the year are painting classes, the drop in room with a shuffle board and pool table, free books to take

home, videos to borrow and puzzles to put together. The Wii system proved to be popular. We had an active group bowling and competing for high score. SHINE Medical Counseling is available along with loans of medical equipment. Throughout the year many updates on fraud and scams which are aimed at seniors were posted in the monthly newsletter. Local transportation is provided by the GATRA Van, and out of town medical transportation is provided by volunteers. May is Elder Law Month, and Attorney Youngberg held a free seminar: Taking control of your future: A Legal Checkup. As part of a Senior Citizens Outreach Program, the Registrar of Deeds, John Buckley hosted a seminar at the Senior Center on services available through his office. The COA board members and staff took a trip to the Registry. It's well worth the trip. There are a lot of great displays and historical artifacts throughout the building. A copy of the original deed to the Ted Williams Camp property was framed and put on display for our visit.

There are many volunteer opportunities for those wishing to donate their time and talents. We mail 1,300+ newsletters every month. All the inserting, folding and labeling is done by volunteers. Meals on Wheels are delivered Monday through Friday by a host of volunteers and all out of town medical trips are provided by volunteers. The craft ladies have made many blankets, hats and various items for babies, and hats for soldiers to wear under their helmets to keep the sand off their heads. Many volunteers helped at the Annual Flu Clinic and various other programs at the Senior Center. There are always volunteer opportunities for those wishing to donate some time.

In 2009, 129 residents turned 60. We also saw the opening of The Fairways at LeBaron Hills, an affordable apartment building for seniors 55 and older. Many new clients from both these apartments and the apartments that opened by the train station now partake in programs, services and activities offered by the Council on Aging. Day and overnight trips continue to be a popular choice for many seniors. A thank you volunteer/staff luncheon was held in May. We could not offer the many choices, and services for Lakeville's seniors without these many dedicated people. Many, many thanks for all that each and everyone does to keep us operating. Stop by for a visit or to participate in a program. Remember our doors and hearts are always open.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Gary E. Mansfield, Chairman

Stephen Olivier, Vice Chairman

James Hanlon

Melissa Hopkins

Michael Petruzzo

“The more things change the more things stay the same.” The Finance Committee ended the year 2009 once again facing reoccurring issues. We continued our struggle with diminished Town revenues and rising expenses.

During 2009, the Town’s finances continued to reel from the effects of the worst National Recession since the Great Depression. Although Federal Stimulus Funds were slowly starting the US economy, locally increasing unemployment and reduced home values resulted in a lack of spending that lowered Town receipts. This, coupled with less State support, negatively affected Lakeville’s ability to provide all services to the Town. Both the Selectmen’s office and the Finance Committee worked diligently to equitably balance the budget. However, the resulting Draconian budget’s affect was to reduce staffing at all Departments, at Assawompset School to increase class sizes, and other Town Departments to cut programs and reduce hours and less essential services. We examined all these areas closely before implementing the cuts.

Our goals for the coming year is to work to, at a minimum, maintain and hopefully reinstate services. We encourage more effective methods to provide services. John McCarthy, Superintendent of Schools, has been working diligently toward full Regionalization with Freetown. Both financially and educationally this is a sound initiative and we believe this and like efforts deserve the Town’s support.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Daniel Hopkins, Fire Chief

The Lakeville Fire Department suffered significant setbacks this year due to the fiscal challenges of the Town. It was necessary for many of our community outreach programs to be scaled back or eliminated. At the beginning of the fiscal year, half of the Department's call force was not reappointed. We were able to reinstate several call firefighter positions last November thanks to grant funding obtained for one calendar year. If budget cuts are not restored, the grant funded positions will need to be eliminated once more. A vacant full time firefighter/paramedic position was not funded by grant requests and was eliminated.

The Department experienced an increase in requests for services and attended to 1,373 requests for service. We experienced many simultaneous requests for services which placed significant strains on our available resources. The Department's ambulance service continues to provide the highest quality of care possible and strives to maintain the most state-of-the-art medical equipment. We are truly fortunate to have such competent and dedicated providers.

The Department has been very active in seeking supplemental funding for a variety of projects, many of which are still pending a decision. Budget constraints continue to take their toll on the Department's apparatus. The Department is now dealing with several critically aging fire engines. The costs associated with the repair and refurbishment of

our existing engines nears the cost of their replacement. The Department continues to have its requests for replacement apparatus unfunded.

The Department successfully acquired and placed into service a used, 1989 109' ladder truck to replace a 1976 75' ladder at the end of its serviceability. We were able to purchase, repair, test, and place the required equipment on this truck for under \$35,000. We hope to get several years of service from it. A new ladder truck will cost well in excess of \$750,000.

The Firefighter/EMTs and Paramedics of the Department always welcome members of the community to come to the station. We remain ready to serve the community anyway we can.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Christopher Peck, Superintendent of Streets

The Highway Department provides numerous services to the Town outside of maintaining the Town's roadways. It is our responsibility for maintaining Ted Williams Camp and John Paun Park. The Department maintains approximately 30 cemeteries that are located within the Town. This maintenance includes mowing, trimming, and removal of downed tree limbs.

The Highway Department oversees the operation of the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station has continued to be a beneficial facility to the Town of Lakeville's residents. The facility provides a place for the Town's residents to dispose of trash, yard debris, metal, televisions, computers, and most importantly, recycle.

In accordance with the new State and Federal laws for Storm Water Management, the Highway Department, with the help of the Town Administrator, has created a Storm Water Hotline for use by the Town's residents to report an illicit discharge or potential illicit discharge to the Town's roadway drainage systems. The Storm Water Hotline Phone Number is 508-947-9521

During 2009 we purchased a new side arm mower for maintaining the sides of the roadways. The Department, utilizing Chapter 90 funds, was able to lease a new front end loader. These funds were also used for resurfacing Mullein Hill Drive, Applehouse Road, and Sampson's Path.



Chapter 90 Funds were also used for roadway line painting throughout Town, various drainage improvements, and placement of Cape Cod berm in areas where road drainage caused erosion/flooding problems.

We spent a good portion of the fall and winter months removing the dead oak trees that were located within the Town's Roadway Layouts. The work resulted in the removal of approximately 150-200 dead oak trees throughout Town.

At the Annual and Special Town Meetings held this past year both Demoranville Drive and Anderson Way were accepted as Public Ways by the Town's residents. This added approximately 1.5 miles of new public roadway.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Brian Reynolds, Chairman

Joan Morton, Co-Chair

Geri Taylor, Treasurer

Nancy LaFave, Secretary

Kathleen Barrack

Delia Murphy, Associate Member

Felicia Carter, Associate Member

In 2009, the Historical Commission continued our “Lakeville Perspective Series”. Our intent was to focus on preservation, areas of interest, and sites in Lakeville. In September, Regina Gaudette discussed her experiences with a program entitled “Restoration of Architectural Wood Finishes, an Artisans Point of View”. We plan on continuing with additional programs.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship was awarded to Eagle Scout Matthew Gilbert. His project included identifying historic sites in Lakeville and placing signs at their locations. He also created a brochure. We held our annual Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day Observances. We appreciate the support of our residents, Veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts. The World War II Staple Shores Memorial Flag Pole was placed next to the Honor Roll at the Town House – Town Hall. The project took place through the efforts of the residents of the Staple Shore area, Selectmen, and the Highway Department. On Veterans Day, the flagpole was officially dedicated.

We continue to accept information, photographs and material on behalf of the Town. We are especially interested in post World War II items that pertain to Lakeville and its inhabitants. We continue to work on adding to our State inventory, dispersing information to the public and supporting the Local History Room of the Lakeville Public Library. We hope to have our long range plans of providing a Town-wide Reconnaissance Archaeological Survey and Preservation Plan.

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Jared Darling, Inspector of Animals

There are 64 stables located in Town, of which five are accessible to the public. There were 15 animal bites reported, which included 13 dogs and two cats. The Animal Inspector quarantined 22 animals and six animals were tested for rabies (a Bat, a coyote, a Woodchuck, a dog, and two cats). All test results were negative.

The following list gives a breakdown of the kinds and number of farm animals surveyed:

Horses/Ponies	224	Sheep	32
Swine	701	Beef Cattle	31
Llamas/Alpacas	21	Dairy Cows	5
Goats	94	Chickens	344
Turkeys	8	Rabbits	52
Waterfowl	51	Game birds	34

## **INSPECTOR REPORTS**

### **GAS INSPECTOR**

Frederick A. Parmenter, Inspector  
Jay Catalano, Assistant Inspector

A total of 254 gas permits were issued in the year 2009. Fees collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer totaled \$16,260.00.

### **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Jay Catalano, Inspector  
Frederick A. Parmenter, Assistant Inspector

A total of 357 plumbing permits were issued in the year 2009. Fees collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer totaled \$35,570.00.

### **INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

John E. Beech, Inspector  
Robert Canessa, Assistant Inspector

A total of 294 wiring permits were issued in the year 2009. Fees collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer totaled \$48,011.00.

## LAKEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ruth Gross, Chair  
Elizabeth G. Walters

Nancy B. LaFave  
Olivia Melo, Library Director

The “new” Lakeville library has been open since August of 2005 and each year, the circulation of materials, registration of patrons, and items added to the collection has grown at a steady pace. This pace saw a decline during the calendar year of 2009 due to budgetary limitations in FY10. Hours of operation were impacted, as were the amount of programs being offered to the public. Both of these elements are key to statistical growth.

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Circulation	99,246	115,634	124,053	114,913
Items Added	4,894	5,641	7,094	4,727
New Cards	592	644	798	640

The library collection totals 48,901 titles for a total value of \$852,542.09. The total number of registered users for this library is 6,941 as of December 30, 2009. Borrowing of items has increased steadily over this four year period.

From January to June 2009, the Library was open 40 hours per week. As of July 1, 2009, the hours of operation were reduced to 32 due to a 20% reduction in the Library's budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Statistics collected in previous years indicated the slowest day of operation was Friday. In order to create the least impact on service to the public, the Board of Trustees voted to close the Library on Fridays. Eliminating this day resulted in a loss of story hour programs and general use of the collection. The budget reduction also created a gap in staffing due to elimination of staff hours for ordering and processing materials and program planning.

## Programs

Established story hours for toddler and pre-school aged children continued to be well attended throughout the year. Sign-ups were encouraged due to the high demand for these programs and we had to institute a waiting list for participants due to the heavy demand for the programs. To meet the needs of the working parent, and those on the waiting list, a Saturday morning story program continued to be offered throughout the year. In addition to these weekly events, the Library offered special programs led by volunteers and special guests. These included Anime & Manga, Bakugan, and Guitar Hero Clubs. Friday family movie nights continued to be offered and Saturday Matinee movies were introduced in the fall. Puppet making and tribal masks were specialty programs offered during school vacation weeks. During 2009, we held 130 children's programs with a total attendance of 2,842 children. This is a slight decrease from last year due to the elimination of two pre-school story hours and the club meetings.

Programs for adults included Book Signings with many local authors, computer workshops, employment counseling and movie matinees. The computer workshops were offered once a month to people needing basic computer help. Employment counseling was a successful offering this year to the public due to the economic downturn. These sessions were held once a week one-on-one with a retired Human Resources Manager who volunteered his time to meet with people to review resumes and do mock job interviews. Along with these presentations and programs, we continued to see a steady attendance in our clubs that met at the library weekly and monthly, including the Book, Genealogy and Knitting Clubs.

The Library also hosted several events for the Lakeville Arts Council for all ages throughout the year, as well as, being the hub of activity for the Arts Festival held the first Saturday in October.

## Collection

Our collection continued growing over this past year. Roughly 80% of the items added to the collection were new purchases with the remaining 20% being material donated to the Library. Donated material that meets the collection development policy and is in good condition is added to the collection. The duplicate material that is not deemed appropriate is put in our perpetual book sale, which is overseen by the Friends of the Library. The collection increased by 6,941 items during this past year, bringing the total in the collection to 48,901 items available for borrowing. The Friends of the Library contributed \$5,000 to our materials budget to help offset the loss in the appropriated budget and to allow us to meet the minimum standards required by the state.

## Projects

The Great Ponds Art Gallery continued to offer space for artists to exhibit their works on a monthly basis. Artists apply to the Art Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees, to have their material shown. They can showcase their work for one month and hold an opening reception for the public and invited guests to view their work.

Other projects included keeping the website up-to-date with Library events, utilizing social networking sites such as Facebook to alert patrons of programs, sending out publicity on a weekly basis to the local media, putting together “passports” which indicate the services provided by the library, a monthly calendar, proper signage to designate collections, and maintaining the schedule for the meeting room use by local groups.

## Volunteers

A lot of the work that was accomplished this year would not be possible if not done by the special group of people who volunteered weekly basis to the Library. The people who help with putting away of the books, to the people who help

process the books, to those who help with the book fairs and those who provide their time for teaching workshops, all contributed to the efficiency of services we were able to provide. Special thanks to Mary Fronzaglia for maintaining our book sale store, to Teddi Fryer for helping process the 6,941 books, to Pat Heino, Gloria Machado, Elizabeth Williams, Anita Gamache and Marilyn O'Shea for putting books away; Richard Wisniewski for the genealogy workshops, Robert Urbanek for the Internet workshops, Don Fronzaglia for the Employment Counseling, Jim Norris for taking care of the Herb Garden, Barbara Rose for chairing the Friends Group and all of the others who helped with the grounds keeping and book fairs. In 2009, we logged 982 hours of volunteer help.

### Friends of the Library

Some of the increased services would not be possible if not for the funding acquired by the Friends of the Library. This group helps the Library by continuously raising funds for programs, museum passes, and other items not funded through the Town budget. Throughout the year, 182 museum passes were used by patrons. This group has also provided the funding to acquire tools needed in the children's room such as a die-cut machine, purchasing of the movie license that allows us to showcase family movie nights, and funding for shades in the windows of the young adult room.

The continued success and growth of the Lakeville Library is due to the hard work of everyone involved, from the Trustees, to the Friends but above all, the staff. They work very diligently to provide the public with the best service possible. Teresa Mirra, Youth Services Librarian, Dianne Brennan, Carol Magner, Pamie Tan & Vicki Stuart, Library Assistants, are key elements to the success of the Library.

We continue to look forward to the growth and success of the Lakeville Public Library.



## **MIDDLEBOROUGH/LAKEVILLE HERRING FISHERY COMMISSION**

David J. Cavanaugh, Chairman

The Taunton River/Nemasket River herring run is the largest in New England. Herring have been part of local history since primitive times and played an important role in economics, agriculture, sport fishing and commercial fishing. This heritage is protected, in large part, by a small group of dedicated local volunteers.

The seven Fish Wardens and several Volunteer Observers, appointed by the Selectmen of Middleborough and Lakeville, protect and improve the herring habitat of Middleborough and Lakeville through sound management and public education. We monitor and count herring during the annual migration, administer the herring catching program and coordinate herring protection issues with other Boards, the State and interested public groups. We are not tax funded in any way. Our operating money comes solely from the sale of herring permits, which have not been sold for the past four years, due to the statewide ban on herring catching.

The first herring were seen at Oliver Mill Park on March 15<sup>th</sup> and were thickest during the first two weeks of April. Approximately 800,000 herring passed through the Wareham Street fish ladder on the way to the Assawompset Pond complex in 2009. This is an increase over last year, giving us hope that the serious decline in the herring population is turning around; but it is still a small increase. Water levels were very high this year. It will be interesting to see what this year's high water bodes for the herring hatched in 2009, and expected to return to the Nemasket in three

years. The Water Department lowered the Bascule dam at Wareham Street during the fall and winter, allowing an opportunity to clean out the fish ladder. The dam will have to be raised shortly to allow passage of fish next year.

2009 saw the second three-year Statewide ban on herring fishing. The Commission again voted to support the ban. We are in a unique position. Middleborough and Lakeville together are one of two communities in the State controlling their own herring runs. Even though we could technically allow herring fishing here, it would be illegal to possess a river herring as soon as a fisherman set foot on the public street.

The Commission provided about 2,000 herring to Rhode Island and 2,000 to the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries as part of a multi-year cooperative stocking program to populate herring into rivers where they were lost due to neglect in past years. The Commission assisted the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries with a six river herring monitoring program and assisted the University of Massachusetts with a herring research program again this year. We are in contact with the New Bedford Water Department about the water level at the dam and general concerns in the Assawompset spawning grounds. We continue to urge the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries to replace the Assawompset dam fish ladder in the near future. We still hope to reconstruct the retaining wall along the river at the Thomas Memorial Park. Middleborough is in the running for grant money, which will include this project. The wall is important to herring habitat because it holds back silt runoff that will damage spawning areas in the pool. Of course, the continuing public safety problem of a crumbling riverfront wall at a heavily used park is obvious.

Two Middleborough High School juniors, Greg Dudek and Mark Jackson, took the lead in performing a service project at the Thomas Memorial Park. They cleared brush, painted the Commission's information kiosk and planted flowers. We thank them for their efforts. We also thank the Middleborough Police, the Department of Public Works and the Water Department for their help during the past year. We wish Richard Tinkham a long and happy retirement. We ask that anyone seeing acts of vandalism or illegal fishing report it to the Police.

Even though catching is suspended, the Wardens and Observers were busy regulating the flow of water through the ladders and meeting visitors at Oliver Mill Park, the Wareham Street ladder and along the river. Wardens and volunteer observers are always willing to meet visitors and talk about the herring migration. We are willing to give tours and presentations to school groups, youth groups and any group interested in herring. Anyone wishing to view the annual herring run, from late March to mid May, is welcome at Oliver Mill Park and at the fish ladder at Thomas Memorial Park on Wareham Street. But please, no nets or herring fishing! Mass. General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 95 provides penalties for catching or disturbing herring.

We welcome Tom Barron of Lakeville and Bryant Marshall of Middleborough as our two newest fish wardens. We thank Tom DeBrum and Joe Runci for their years of service. In conclusion, on a personal note, I thank the Commission for their help and support and I thank all external groups and boards for their support and help over the years.

## **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Donald Foster

Linda Grubb, Chairman

Joan Morton

Michael Renzi

Brian Reynolds

Martha Schroeder

Jaime Velazquez

For the last two years, the Open Space Committee has worked to update Lakeville's Open Space and Recreation Plan. We would like more Town residents to review, critique, and comment on the plan. Anyone who has not reviewed the latest draft may read it on the Town's Website.

As our work on the revised plan draws to an end, the Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the authors and contributors to the 2001 Plan. The 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan is for the most part their effort.

At the completion of the 2010 Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Open Space Committee will turn its attention to fulfilling its charge. The Committee will compile and maintain a list of undeveloped parcels in Lakeville, assess their current degree of protection, prioritize the importance of their protection, and record the reasons for the prioritization. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen about the disposition of land being removed from the Chapter 61 Tax Program, land offered to the Town or other land conservation organization for conservation, cultural or recreational purposes through Agricultural Preservation Restriction, Conservation Restriction or as a gift to the Town. The Committee will maintain a list of easements, covenants,

and other deed restrictions granted by various Town Boards and Commissions and maintain a calendar to track renewal dates.

The Open Space Committee meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month in the Town Office Building at 7:30 PM. Our meetings are open and we welcome all.

## **PARK COMMISSION**

Daniel Hopkins, Chairman  
Darryl Bernier  
Jaime Velazquez

Barry Evans, Vice Chairman  
John Maloof

During 2009, the Park Commission was faced with many challenges. The budget had been reduced again and the question arose if we would be able to open Clear Pond Park on such a reduced budget. But with much review and the support from the residents of Lakeville, we managed to pull through another year. The Park Department continued to manage five of the Town's parks including, Dickran Diran Park, Shaw Park, Clear Pond Park, John Paun Park and Ted Williams Camp. Dickran Diran Park hosted several ceremonies honoring our country and our veterans, while Shaw Park was enjoyed by many residents and non-residents for picnicking, bird watching and launching canoes.

Clear Pond was still adjusting to all the previous year's adjustments. The hours the Park was open to the public had been adjusted slightly, but we still remained open five days. The Park hosted several group outings, reunions and birthday parties. A path that runs along the outskirts of the Pond was pruned back to allow for nature walks. The Park provides swimming, swim lessons, miniature golf and picnicking to the Lakeville residents and the surrounding communities. We would like to thank the local Boy Scouts that had camped out at Clear Pond Park again this year and helped clean it up in preparation for opening day.

John Paun Park is home to the Lakeville Girls and Women's softball programs. Women's Blooper Ball also hosted many games there as well. The lights on Field 1 were fixed and we are looking into some much

needed field work to be done on the back field. The Girl Scouts planted a memorial garden on the side of the concession stand in memory of Brenda Redpath, a former Girl Scout leader.

Ted Williams Camp was busy as usual this year. Ted Williams Camp offers many activities that are open to the public including tennis, basketball, horseshoes, volleyball, skateboarding and the use of the DiCarlo fitness trail. All the athletic fields were in constant use between the different leagues, ranging from T-ball to Men's Softball, as well as, tournaments for local and traveling teams. The Freetown-Lakeville Soccer Club was also a great success with their number of athletes still on the rise. The Camp is also home to the Loon Pond Horseshoe Club, Pop Warner Football program and the Lakeville Martial Arts School. In addition to hosting numerous outings, such as weddings, reunions, birthday parties, craft shows, church outings, Wendy's company outing and charitable dinner dances. We are truly proud to have hosted the eighth annual Cranberry Country Triathlon and the second annual Travis Albert Memorial Motorcycle Poker Run. Ted Williams Camp has been home to the Lakeville Haunted House for many years now. As another successful year closed, they made generous donations to the Park Department, Apponequet High School students, Assawompsett Elementary School, Natures Classroom program and many other Lakeville organizations.

The Park Commission would like to thank the Lakeville Development Corporation for an addition that was made on the maintenance building,

along with some major renovation work, including new restrooms, an area for the Lakeville Martial Arts program, and new shingles. Along with the addition and repairs to the building, we had two young men that needed to perform Eagle Scout projects. Robert Gonsalves built a 6' x 12" manual scoreboard for the Babe Ruth field. Christopher Holmes performed much needed repairs to the office building, including reshingling the roof, staining the building, windows, trim boards and pruning the shrubs.

The much needed renovations to the Commissary Building are going slowly. It has been an ongoing project to get approval from National Heritage to go forward with the gravel removal project. The removal project will allow us to fund the much needed renovations to the Commissary Building, as well as, put in football/lacrosse fields.

The Park Department would like to thank all the volunteers that have donated their time, skills and materials to help us keep our parks in a condition we can all be proud of. We would also like to thank the soccer and baseball leagues for helping maintaining the fields, dugouts and keeping our parks clean. And a special thanks to all the volunteers and committee members of the Lakeville Haunted House.



## **PLANNING BOARD**

James Marot, Chairman  
Kevin St. George  
Brian Hoeg

Walter Healey, Jr.  
Gregory Kashgagian

The Planning Board is a five member Board with terms staggered so that each year one member is elected at the Annual Town Election for a term of five years. The Planning Board is responsible for ensuring that new land development meets both state (Chapter 41-Subdivision Control Law) and local zoning regulations. Some of the duties of the Planning Board include reviewing subdivision plans, Form A plans (application for endorsement of plan believed not to require approval); Form B plans (preliminary plans); Form C plans (application for approval of a definitive plan) Form D plans (covenant); site plans, requests for new driveway cuts, curb cuts and by-law changes.

During 2008, the Planning Board processed five plans under Form A. Also, the Planning Board reviewed two site plans, five curb cuts, one driveway cut and The Planning Board also held hearings concerning rezoning of County Road, Main Street, a Neighborhood Business Zone, Accessory Apartment By-Law, Electronic Sign By-law, Gravel Removal Permit, Zoning Board of Appeals petitions and acceptance of Demoranville Drive.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople and the other Boards of the Town of Lakeville for their cooperation and encouragement during the past year.

## **PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: annual sustainable gardening lectures, annual fruit pruning demonstration; ornamental tree pruning lecture, research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance,

## **PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Extension web access [www.umassextension.org](http://www.umassextension.org)

### **Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:**

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## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL

Anthony Texeira, Superintendent

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2009. The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2009 season began with a high water table and above average rain fall into the fall season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding were accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 26, 2009 and ended on September 25, 2009. The Project responded to a record 20,713 spray requests for service from residents. In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was first isolated in the district from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Lakeville on August 24, 2009. Twelve EEE mosquito isolates were trapped in Plymouth County. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, two Plymouth County towns, Lakeville and Middleboro, were elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" for EEE Risk" and Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester were elevated to "High Level" EEE risk category. All other towns in Plymouth

County Mosquito Control Project remained in the “Low Level Risk” category. We are pleased to report that in 2009, there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus (WNV) was also found within the district. A total of two isolations of WNV mosquitoes were found. *Culex pipiens* bird biters were trapped in Lakeville on 8/30 and in Wareham on 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2009 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy, a total of 63,940 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health discontinued bird testing for West Nile Virus.

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm). The figures specific to the Town of Lakeville are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines, the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Lakeville residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 2,824 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September. During the summer 1,485 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission. Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which

can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas.

Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2009 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 985 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Lakeville this year, we aeri ally larvicided 960 acres.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Lakeville indicates that *An. walkeri* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Ur. sapphirina* and *Cs. melanura*.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Lakeville was less than two days with more than 785 complaints answered.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, or any other matters of concern.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Lakeville Police Department endured a tough year in the latter part of 2009. As with all Town Departments, the Police Department suffered budget cuts. As a result of these cuts, the Department lost five Officers, two Dispatchers, one Sergeant Position, and the K-9 Program. These cuts have been devastating to our Department. Along with these positions, the Citizens Police Academy and Car Seat Installation Program were cut.

The news was not all bad this year as the Department received stimulus funds from a Justice Department grant to bring back two Officers and a Dispatcher for one year. We were able to bring these Officers back to duty in December. This was welcome news to the Department. We also continue to receive 911 Grant funds, as well as Highway Safety Grant funds, for Click it or Ticket and You Drink, You Drive, You Lose. These Highway Safety Grant funds allow us at different times of the year to have extra patrols for traffic enforcement. These funds over the years have been beneficial to the Department and have resulted in several arrests.

As a result of the one year grant, our staffing at the end of 2009 consisted of the following: one chief, one lieutenant, three sergeants, nine officers, three full-time dispatchers, three part-time dispatchers, five reserve officers, and one full-time clerk. Due to budget cuts, Officers have shuffled their duties to maintain effectiveness. The full-time clerk has been utilized in dispatch to assist answering 911 calls and dispatching officers.

I would like to thank the Officers that have served our community over the past year. While a few have had to go on to find employment in other communities, they were an asset to our Department. Officer John “Jack” Taylor worked extremely hard to start our K-9 program. His work with his K9 partner, Fredo, located several suspects wanted for crimes in our community, as well as, others in the area. Officer Taylor dedicated his own time to train Fredo in narcotic detection. Officer Andrew Amaral was instrumental in starting the first Lakeville Police Department website. These Officers will be missed by our Department and community. I would also like to thank Dispatcher Judith Demoura, who retired in July 2009 after 23 years of dedicated service to our Department. Mrs. Demoura was an asset to our Department for many years and will continue to serve us in a part-time capacity.

We recognize the hard economic times upon our community this past year. We will continue to work hard to make our community safer for our residents. While with a reduced budget we face challenges for staffing and training, we will not spare the public the best possible service. We know that in these challenging times crime will be certain to rise and our Department will be there to serve the public to the utmost capacity. We encourage all of our citizens to call the Police Department with any questions or concerns.



### 2009 Statistics

Homicides	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Assaults	25
B & E	120
Larcenies	109
Vandalism	64
Arson/Bomb Threat	5
Medicals	468
Missing Person/Runaway	17
Suspicious Activity/Prowler	547
Animal Complaints	187
Alarms	656
Disturbances	112
<b>Total Incidents Reported</b>	<b>6,903</b>
Persons Arrested	212
Criminal Summons Cases	64
Protective Custody	15
Drug Arrests	20
Alcohol Arrests	22
Motor Vehicle Accidents	215
Fatal Accidents	0
Traffic Citations Issued	587
Traffic Warnings Issued	98

# SCHOOL REPORTS

## School Committees and Administration

### Lakeville School Committee

Aaron Burke . . . . . 2012                      Carolyn Gomes. . . . . 2012  
David Goodfellow . . . . 2010                David McQueeney . . . 2010  
Charlene Shea . . . . . 2011

*Meetings – First Wednesday of Each Month (Sept.-- June)*

### Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

#### Freetown Members

David W. Brown 2010  
Robert W. Clark - 1 yr. Appointment  
Sandra L. Souza - 2012

#### Lakeville Members

Lorraine Carboni 2012  
Charlene Shea 2010  
Carolyn Gomes- 1 yr. Appointment

*Meetings - Third Wednesday of Each Month (Sept. – June)*

*Special Joint School Committee Meetings scheduled when necessary*

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Louis E. Rodrigues – January 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009 - Interim  
John E. McCarthy – effective July 1, 2009

## DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Michael M. Ward

## DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Louis E. Rodrigues – January 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009  
Michael M. Ward – effective November 2, 2009

## DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

John E. McCarthy

As the new Superintendent of the Freetown and Lakeville Public Schools, it is an honor to introduce this report on the schools to you. As we all know, the schools are by far the largest budget in the town. Education is, and always has been, a high priority for the citizens of Lakeville and you fully recognize the importance of investing in your school system. A good public school system adds real value to your property and improves the quality of life in your community. We take our responsibility to provide the best possible education with the resources available very seriously. As you read the individual reports you will get a sense of the wonderful educational, social, and recreational opportunities being provided to your children through your public schools.

With that said, we all realize these are times of severe economic stress at the State and Local level. Our Towns and schools have been directly and severely impacted by this situation. Reductions in staffing have created unreasonably large class sizes. Programs have been cut back. Class size is an important factor in educational quality at the lower grades. We must work together to ensure that all Lakeville students get the very best start possible in their educational careers. If we do not, we will spend an inordinate amount of our resources on trying to catch them up in later grades. We are challenged by *No Child Left Behind* that all our students are achieving proficiency in school. There is no such thing as a “do over” in education.

This is a time of a transition in leadership and significant challenges to not only maintain the quality of what we have, but to build upon the success of the past for a better future. I look forward to working with the

elected officials and the citizens of Lakeville to provide the very best educational system you can afford. Please join me in that challenge.

## **APPONEQUET HIGH SCHOOL**

Gary P. Lincoln, Principal

On Sunday, June 7, 2009, graduation was held on Griffith Field for the Class of 2009, consisting of 214 students. Devon Williams, Class President, along with Amelia Tatarian, Valedictorian, led the class. Thomas Bachant was selected to give the "Charge to the Class." Thirty-five students were members of the National Honor Society. The NHS officers were President Jessica Mueller, Vice President Emily Rodenbush, Secretary Laura Douillette and Treasurer Christa Coscia. Jessica Levy served as President of Student Council. The Senior Awards Night was held the previous Tuesday, June 2nd, with the Senior Banquet on Thursday, June 4, 2009. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations for donating over \$100,000 in local scholarship money for our seniors. During of the Senior Banquet, held at the Hawthorne Country Club, yearbooks were distributed and a class video was presented.

We continued our preparation for the 2010 NEASC accreditation visit by approving a new Mission Statement, Academic Expectations, Social and Civic Expectations and the School and Community Profile.

We are very grateful for the years of service given by our staff members who retired in June: David Courtemanche, Marsha Maxwell, Norma McNally, Linda Pittsley and Darlene Raposa.

Apponequet students demonstrated great success at the upper performance levels on the MCAS tests. In English, 88% of our students scored in the Advanced and Proficient levels. In math, 75% scored in the top two levels. English and math scores are used for determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our students also scored significantly above the State average on the Biology MCAS test with 72% scoring in

the Advanced and Proficient levels. The DESE now requires an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP) for all students who scored in the Needs Improvement category on either the English or math tests.

The annual Freshmen Orientation was attended by over 150 incoming freshmen and their parents in late August. Students were given an introduction to Apponequet in the auditorium and then were met by their homeroom teachers to review some basic policies. Freshmen were then given 45 minutes to walk through their new schedules and find their classrooms. The evening ended with Student Council members providing a "What-Not-To-Wear" Fashion Show.

Parents continued to offer a tremendous amount of support for Apponequet students. Parents in the PTO assist in the main office, guidance office, nurse's office and library. The Apponequet After Prom Celebration Committee worked throughout the year to plan a safe and healthy activity for our students after the prom. Other parent groups at Apponequet include the Music Boosters, the Athletic Boosters, Supporters of Apponequet Players (S.O.A.P.), the football Gridiron, and the Laker Hockey Club. New members are always welcome to join any of our parent groups.

The Music Program continues to do outstanding work under the direction of Mrs. Denise Haskins and Mr. Ed Ledwith. Benjiman Durfee became only the third Apponequet student to be selected to the MENC All Eastern Honors Chorus. All-State recommendations were earned by Ben Durfee and Matt Logan. Evan Case was selected to the Senior SEMSBA Orchestra. Jacob Bernando and Marc Christiansen were chosen for the Junior SEMMEA District Orchestra. Molly McCabe and James Trubiano were accepted into the District Concert Band. Fourteen (14) students

were selected for the Southeast District Music Festival. This represented the largest delegation from any school in the district. The Apponequet Choir performed in four school concerts, including Apponopalooza in October. The following students had their artwork entered into the *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Award Program: Gillian Bissonnette, Kayla Cochran, Kalyenne DeMelo, Catherine Laraia, Hillary Locke, Julie Nash, and Abigail Tatarian. Kalyenne, Julie and Abigail received Honorable Mention certificates for their artwork.

The DECA program, under the direction of Mr. Frank Rosa, continued its successful program. Students attended the Southern and North Atlantic Regional Conference in Nashville Tennessee, the New York Experience Conference, the District 1 Conference, the Massachusetts State Conference, ICDC Conference in Anaheim, California. Students attended the LifeSmarts National Competition in St. Louis Missouri. The team of Kelsey Forward, William Hanna, Jessica Levy and Andrew Saccone won the 2009 Massachusetts LifeSmarts Challenge. Eric Edelman scored in the top one percentile in the country on the 2009 National Financial Literacy Challenge.

Our students participated in the Voice of Democracy Essay contest. We are appreciative of the Freetown V.F.W. Post for sponsoring the contest. The theme for the essay was "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth". Amelia Tatarian earned first place followed by Nicholas Snow and Danielle Atwood. The Math Team finished in third place in the 19-team Southeastern Massachusetts Conference Math League. From the 19 schools, only ten students are chosen for the All Star Team. Evan Field and Steven Barrett were chosen from Apponequet.

In athletics, user fees were instituted to offset the cost of fielding the 30 programs offered at Apponequet. Participants for the year totaled 654 students. The MIAA Sportsmanship Committee presented Apponequet with a new banner for the gymnasium for qualifying for the 2008 MIAA Sportsmanship Honor Roll. Kelsey Craveiro and Jackie Procknik represented Apponequet at the annual national Girls and Women in Sports Day at Faneuil Hall. Our ice hockey co-op team was redesigned with Apponequet serving as the host school and Bishop Connolly serving as the guest school. This switch was necessitated by the growing numbers of Apponequet players and the decreasing number of Connolly players. Boys' and girls' lacrosse teams began as club teams with coaches Mrs. Janet Tavares and Mr. Trevor Gagnier. If the teams continue to grow, Apponequet will have varsity lacrosse teams for the 2010-2011 school year. The football team won the South Coast Conference title going 11-0 on the season. Our boys' tennis team also won an SCC Championship. Teams qualifying for the MIAA tournament included girls' and boys' soccer, field hockey, golf, volleyball, girls' basketball, and girls' and boys' tennis teams. Individual athletes qualified for state tournament in swimming and diving, and girls' winter and spring track. The cheerleading squad finished third in the SCC Championship competition. Our majorettes had another outstanding year. In April, the A squad and the Open Class squad were overall champions in the Championship Competition.

We remain very proud of our students' accomplishments in the classroom, on the athletic field, in our music programs and on standardized tests, such as the MCAS and Advanced Placement tests.



## **FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

David Patota, Principal

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School continued to provide a challenging, safe learning environment for 813 students. Sixty-four students received awards for perfect attendance. Our professional staff focused on preparations for the upcoming NEAS&C (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation visit, which necessitates a self-study spotlighting the overall educational program. Teachers, parents, guardians, students, and our Regional School Committee members completed surveys made available through Endicott College. The survey will be utilized to help us assess our school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Our website, utilized by parents, students, and staff members was, and continues to be, a wealth of information and education thanks to our webmaster Mr. Paul Courcy.

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School offered Peer Leaders, Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society, School Newspaper, Yearbook Club, Computer Club, Media Club, Band and Choir Groups, Majorettes, and the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. The Drama Club presented school and evening performances of "Willy Wonka Jr." Additional funding for the production was provided by a Lakeville Arts and Culture Grant. We added a Mileage Walking/Running Club this year, which was available during the lunch/recess time and seasonally after school.

A banner year for the library resulted in a total of 35,188 visits to check out 16,353 items and complete research projects. The school library staff created an inviting workspace for teachers and staff and provided opportunities which resulted in increased technologies skills for all. The

students and visitors to the library enjoyed the “Picturing America” reproductions from a grant that the library received from the National Endowment for the Arts. Forty students and as many seniors from both Freetown and Lakeville took pleasure in a Literary Luncheon which was partially funded by the South Coast Education Compact grant. Our library hosted the MSLA Massachusetts School Librarians Association annual meeting.

Student support services were provided for the personal, social, and emotional growth of our students. Guidance programs in place promoted tolerance for our school community. One program is known as ‘Mix It Up Day.’ In thousands of schools, ‘Mix It Up Day’ occurred at lunch. Students took a brave step toward unity by sitting with someone new in the cafeteria. This practice helped break down social barriers that divide students. The second program was Rachel’s Challenge. Rachel’s Challenge was designed to help school staff and students create a safer and more productive place to learn and achieve. With both programs, the goal was to motivate and equip students with the skills to embrace values of kindness and compassion which in turn created a positive whole school climate. Regularly, guidance facilitated our monthly school C.A.R.E. awards, which acknowledged excellence in student character. The guidance department noted a very high number of nominations for both the John Hopkins Talent Search and the Presidential Academic Awards for Educational Excellence and Achievement.

Our students completed the MCAS ELA, Math and Science tests in March and May. Our school passed Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in the major aggregate categories. Our school did not pass in the subgroup category of special education. Our school was randomly chosen and

completed the National Assessment of Educational Process (NEAP) results for our state can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/profile.asp>. These results clearly demonstrate a continued increase in Reading and Math scores.

The Grant Committee worked diligently to commandeer funds which increased materials, technology equipment, afforded field trip funds for a ‘green home’ in Woods Hole, and other services for our students and staff. We received grants and funds totaling over \$10,500. The committee continuously worked after school and on their own personal time to advising and directly applying for upcoming grants. They focused on best matches for our school and completed one full in-house training day.

Local businesses, individuals, and families have donated or assisted on behalf of our students. Their generosity positively enhanced the full learning experience here at FLMS. These donations were very important to the success of our school. We sincerely appreciated all of the support our local community and anonymous local individuals and families provided in 2009. A list of our donors is below:

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| Stop and Shop Warehouse of Assonet                    |                               |
| Freetown-Lakeville Middle School PTO                  |                               |
| Olive Garden of Raynham                               |                               |
| Dunkin Donuts of Assonet, Freetown and Lakeville      |                               |
| Shaw's of Raynham                                     | Brockton Enterprise Newspaper |
| Grandpa's Place in Assonet                            | Lakeville Area Mothers' Club  |
| Heritage Flowers of Lakeville                         | Lakeville Haunted House       |
| B&C Floor Refinishing (Chris Lynch and Bill Cabral)   | National Dairy Council        |
| Mary Kay (Monique Christiansen)                       | Melanoma Society              |
| Martial Arts & Fitness Institute of Lakeville         | Gillette                      |
| Andrew's Construction (Paul Andrews)                  | Proctor and Gamble            |
| The Community Bank of Lakeville                       | Unilever                      |
| A&A Automotive & Towing LLC of Middleboro             | Funding Factory Recycling     |
| Lakeville Family Medicine (Dr. Robert Gagnon)         | Box Tops by General Mills     |
| Sam J. Ruest Building & Remodeling of Assonet         | Sox Tops by Hood              |
| East Coast Electronics Communications Sales & Service | King Arthur Flour             |
| Tommy's Music Shop of Assonet                         | Standard Times Newspaper      |
| Stargazer's Flowers and Gifts of Lakeville            | Freetown Trading Post         |
| Building #19 of New Bedford                           | Kevin Thew, Electrician       |
|   | Baldies Pizza of Lakeville    |

Christmas Tree Shops in South Yarmouth  
Target of Taunton  
Hannaford's Superstore and Pharmacy of Middleboro  
Ocean Spray of Lakeville  
Creations by Cathy at Crossroads Commons

Walmart in Raynham  
Subway of Raynham  
Savas Liquors of Lakeville  
Chamberlain Farms in Berkley

# GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Bethany Pineault, Principal

## **Enrollment:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 146

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Freetown – 113      Lakeville – 172

Over the past year, the George R. Austin Intermediate School has had a large focus on building curriculum and ensuring unity across all classrooms regarding the different areas of the frameworks provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Teachers worked diligently to write curriculum guides, as well as, curriculum maps that outline the scope and sequence of the year. We have also focused on building a school culture that encourages students to be active and responsible members of their community both in and outside of school.

The mission of the Austin Intermediate is to provide a challenging intermediate education that enables our students to realize and reach their potential and to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be productive citizens. In our ever changing and diverse world, we acknowledge that learning is best achieved through collaboration of students, parents, teachers, administration, and community.

Both our PTO and School Council have been very active over the course of the year. Our PTO presented several different assemblies, one each on Mr. Magnet, BMX rider on School goals, Mr. Science. The PTO also organizes and runs after school socials. This year students were able to attend a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Social, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Luau.

Our School Council was composed of two teachers, the principal, and one parent. The School Council assists the principal in developing the

budget and creating and maintaining the annual School Improvement Plan. This year the School Council sent out a survey to parents to gather feedback regarding services, policies, and their overall experiences at the GRAIS. The results of the GRAIS parent survey are as follows:

<b>Spring 2009</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>No Experience</b>
Transition from grade 3 to 4	<b>54%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>7%</b>	
Transition from grade 4 to 5	<b>40%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4%</b>	
Quality of Education	<b>43%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>2%</b>	
Homework Policy	<b>32%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>16%</b>	
Class size	<b>20%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>12%</b>	
Parent/Teacher Communication	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>10%</b>	
Parent/Administration Communication	<b>28%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>7%</b>	
Student Discipline	<b>26%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>6%</b>	
Student Safety	<b>45%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
Dismissal Procedure	<b>43%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
Bus Dismissal	<b>32%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>3%</b>	
Pickup/signout	<b>42%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>2%</b>	
Support Services (Counseling, SPED)	<b>33%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
Nurse/Health Services	<b>40%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>3%</b>	
PTO	<b>45%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
Library/Media Center	<b>51%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1%</b>	
Bus Transportation	<b>37%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>5%</b>	
Quality of lunch	<b>21%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>23%</b>	
Menu Selection	<b>25%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>17%</b>	
Overall quality	<b>34%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>1%</b>	

With the growing demands from the State and Federal governments, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. Our incoming 5th graders and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders did not make AYP. It is important to understand that the reason these grades are separated in reporting this statistic is due to the unique configuration of this school. While most schools are able to combine the students' scores from across all grade levels in reaching AYP, we are viewed by DESE as two separate schools.

Tutoring was available for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students (Lakeville) in Math and ELA to help support student growth in both these areas. Teachers have been using ½ day curriculums to analyze the MCAS data and adjust curriculum towards the weaknesses. All curriculums are available to staff on the district email system. GRAIS continued to share some special subject teachers with FLMS and Assawompset.

Our services have remained fairly constant, though due to grant funding and budget cuts we have lost some services. Starting in September 2009, we have lost World Language, Title I, and Remedial Math. This year secretarial support was once again limited to one full time administrative assistant.

This year we are focused on promoting the importance of community service and giving back to the community. Each month we are sponsoring a Spirit Day. On this day a local community organization is chosen and students may make a contribution to the organization and in return may wear what the theme for that spirit day is. Our first spirit day is to sponsor the Lakeville Animal Shelter, which takes in animals from Freetown and Lakeville.

Each quarter students are recognized in seven different areas: Improved Grades, Good Behavior, Extra-Curricular Activities, Community Service, Perfect Attendance, Reading and there is an extra nomination that teachers can complete for outstanding citizenship. Each quarter a drawing is completed in each category. Students receive an Austin Pride T-shirt and are recognized for their outstanding contribution or performance.

## ASSAWOMPSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Laurie Hunter, Principal

Lakeville's financial challenges had impact across all Departments, including the Local Elementary School. Assawompset faced significant and wide ranging budget reductions in opening the 2009-2010 school year. The overall Preschool-Grade 4 budget was cut by 20%, \$1.1 million. This reduction made for difficult and drastic decisions. In the Spring of 2009, it was decided that the fourth grade would return to Assawompset, bringing the total student population at Assawompset once again to over 700 children. Average class sizes are as follows:

K	110	22
1	145	24
2	144	29
3	151	30
4	151	30

Reductions to the Assawompset staff included classroom teachers, paraprofessionals and a .5 custodian, totaling 15 people in all. The combined impact of returning the fourth grade, the loss of staff and resulting large class size and lack of support services created a state of crisis that will remain into the close of the 2009-2010 school year.

Great losses resulted in abandoning the fourth grade's location at the Intermediate School. That new facility provided technology and resources Assawompset cannot provide. Children are now crowded into a building strained to support its population while the fourth grade classrooms at GRAIS remain empty.

Assawompset is a building in need of improvement. Upgrades to energy efficiencies and disability codes are overdue. These inefficiencies increase fuel costs and prevent the custodial staff from more proactive



measures. A very basic feasibility study conducted in 2009 indicated upgrades would total a minimum of \$7.1 million. Full range improvements are estimated to be twice that potentially.

The remaining custodial staff is attempting to maintain things as best they can. The reduction in custodial staff forces a rotating cleaning schedule where classrooms are cleaned every other night. Supply and maintenance funds are depleted, forcing decisions on what will get done and when.

Academics look very different than just one year ago. Large class sizes demand changes in instructional strategies. Children are at their desks completing pencil and paper tasks rather than engaged in the active learning known to be most effective. While making Adequate Yearly Progress requirements for 2009, it will be difficult to maintain that level of performance for the 2009-2010 school year. Indeed, the long term effect of class sizes approximating 30 children will be seen for years to come should it continue.

Full-day Kindergarten had one pilot classroom. Children were randomly selected in February 2009. The classroom has been greatly successful in seeing children's enthusiasm and academic gains.

Services to children were most profoundly impacted in the budget reductions. All of the supports to grade 4 were abandoned at GRAIS, with the exception of one Special Education teacher. Children unable to succeed in the large classrooms quickly needed more intense support. By October of 2009, it was clear that the current Special Education staffing was inadequate. The Regional School Committee provided funding for an additional Special Education teacher. Recently, Town

Officials supported the creation of a program to maintain behavioral students within Assawompset rather than sending them to out of district settings. Great concern lies for what is ahead in funding and staffing for Special Education.

Remedial services to all children in grades K-4 are now being conducted by one Reading Specialist. This means few children at each grade level are provided support. Despite this, combined efforts of the Reading Specialist, special education staff and classroom teachers resulted in a Response to Intervention model that shows signs of its future success in grade one. Continuing this program into 2010-2011 remains very much a question.

Among the most strained service to children is from the school nurse. With such a large population and increasing intense medical needs, the nurse is finding herself regularly needing emergency support.

The PTO continues to contribute to Assawompset. Their support in such diverse roles as planning professional assemblies, arranging special programs for children and supporting our programs with fundraising and volunteers is invaluable. They also organize and run a variety of activities throughout the year in order to promote the school community. This year, we are grateful for their willingness to provide some of our basic needs including a copy machine and supplies.

Our School Council, composed of two teachers, the principal, three parents elected and two community members creates and maintains the annual School Improvement Plan. This plan outlined many academic improvements that cannot be upheld. The plan will revert back to basic

needs such as class size and adequate funding while we look to incorporate some level of academic goals as well.

Each year we honor some special boys and girls who are leaving Assawompset. We select a boy and girl who best display their traits of good sportsmanship. These children are awarded a trophy and their names are engraved on our school plaque in the lobby. One award is named in memory of William F. Hitchcock, a teacher at Assawompset who was killed in the Vietnam War. We also recognize academic excellence by choosing the boy and girl who had the greatest academic achievement while a student at Assawompset. This award is named in memory of Felix F. Perrone, a former member of the Lakeville School Committee. The final award was given to commemorate Principal Tom Venice's thirty years of service at Assawompset. A boy and girl each receive the award based on their demonstration of responsibility, commitment, and loyalty in addition to the qualities valued in the Assawompset School community. Our normal award processes were continued this year as the children now remain at Assawompset until fourth grade. As a result, awards were not named in the spring of 2009. The awards will be presented to fourth graders at the close of this school year.

In conjunction with the work toward accreditation from the New England Association of School and Colleges, the Assawompset staff formally wrote a mission statement. This statement has been approved by the School Committee and shared with the public. It will continue to undergo revision and remain the focus of all of our programming. It is posted throughout the building as a reminder to all of us as to why we are here. Currently, the NEASC has requested a special report as to

Assawompset's educational status for the 2009-2010 school year. Continued years at this level puts our accreditation in jeopardy.

The mission of the community of Assawompset School is to provide students with the opportunities necessary to develop into well-rounded, independent and responsible individuals who demonstrate self-respect and an appreciation for diversity. Recognizing there are many different learning styles, a variety of teaching methods are utilized to offer numerous avenues for student achievement and life-long learning. The involvement of the entire Lakeville community is vital to the attainment of the school's goals.

New is a drafted mission statement meant to simply encompass all of what we try to do, "Achieve, Excel, Soar".

## **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Town of Lakeville is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by Federal and State grants and local assessments. For 2009, the Town of Lakeville paid \$1,586.39 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following: SRPEDD Commission: Rita Garbitt and James Marot; Joint Transportation Planning Group: Chris Peck and Chuck Evirs and Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force: Linda Grubb. SRPEDD provided municipal assistance to the Town of Lakeville by completing a Commonwealth Capital Fund Application

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2009 were:

- SRPEDD launched new programs to assist cities and towns to address the ongoing fiscal crisis. A regional cooperative purchasing program was begun this year with two rounds of bidding for public works related items. Regional groups were also established to explore the potential of regional 911 dispatch services and the possibility of combining other municipal services. This effort was funded under the state's DLTA program.
- Completion and approval of the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which sets regional priorities for federal

- transportation funds, and the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**. The TIP established priorities for federal and state regional targets for highway projects, and transit funds for GATRA and SRTA over the next 3 years.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts**, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- The **Taunton River** was designated by the US National Park Service as a **Wild and Scenic** River in 2009. This designation was the culmination of over a decade of work by SRPEDD and a group of hard working citizens. SRPEDD is also a partner with 9 other organizations in the Taunton River Campaign.
- South Coast Rail remained a major priority in 2009. SRPEDD continued to support the Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force, which includes representation from SRPEDD municipalities and regional organizations. SRPEDD's work on priority development and priority protection area designations culminated in the release of the Corridor Plan in August. Plans for development around the train stations commenced in 2009 and will continue into 2010.
- SRPEDD continued as the designated fiduciary agent by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for the **Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security** serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded \$23.12 million in Federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification, and 47 intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 125 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized "data layers" are added to the system. In 2009, SRPEDD completed

a web-based mapping tool for all cities and towns in the region that will enable them to evaluate sites in the community.

- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- In cooperation with UMass Dartmouth, SRPEDD organized the Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability in 2009, with assistance from the Island Foundation. The broad-based Council is addressing how the region prepares for the future.

SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting. SRPEDD also maintains a comprehensive database of all 355 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics. SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion.

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

## **TOWN CLERK**

Janet Tracy, Town Clerk

Wow, 2009 has come and gone in a blink of an eye. We've had some changes this year, some positive and some not. The economy has burdened all of us and we're hopeful that things will turn around soon. Due to budget constraints, our hours have changed. The Town Office Building is longer open on Fridays. Our hours are Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Our office is working to improve the efficiency of licensing our canine pets. Our mail-in dog licensing form seems to be a hit, and I am hopeful that the convenience of being able to mail-in your request to license your dog will enable residents who can't make it into Town Hall to utilize the form and avoid those dreaded late fees. We've all ready seen an increase in the number of dogs licensed this year!

2009 was busy in the Town Clerk's office as we supervised voter registration, ballot preparation, absentee balloting and set up for three elections, (April 6<sup>th</sup>, Annual Town Election; July 18<sup>th</sup>, Override Election; and December 8<sup>th</sup>, Special State Primary), reporting the results to the Secretary of State. The Special State Primary was held because of the death of Senator Edward Kennedy whose dedication and leadership will be missed by all.

We held three Town Meetings this year (the Annual, June 15, 2009, and two Specials, June 15, 2009 and November 30, 2009) for which this office supervised voter registration and prepared voting lists. In addition, I recorded and certified all official actions with the Attorney



General and Secretary of State, when necessary; and as keeper of the Town seal, signed all notes for borrowing.

The response to the 2009 census by mail was again very good, and we were able to facilitate the printing of our annual street list, as well as, many in-house lists. Although we are still bound by law to use the Federal census figure of 9,821 from the year of 2000; unofficially, we have a census count of 10,752.

During 2009 this office issued 43 burial permits, 111 business certificates/renewals, 424 hunting/fishing licenses and many permits for raffles, bazaars, storage tanks, junk dealers/collector and auctioneers. Again this year, even though we sold 1,899 dog licenses, there are still 88 residents who owe for 2009 that may be headed for court.

As the local registrar of vital statistics, I recorded 75 births, 66 deaths and 40 marriages during the year and issued 633 certified copies of same. As public records officer, I administered the oath of office to all elected and appointed officials, supplying them with copies of the State's open meeting and conflict of interest laws. We were also responsible for posting meeting notices for all governmental bodies, as well as accepting and recording resignations from same.

Providing access to public records in compliance with state record laws, we performed innumerable search requests and conducted, or assisted, with genealogical research for members of the public.

My office turned in to the general treasury of the Town the following monies: \$7,471.15 from Town Clerk fees and \$28,968.00 from

dog licenses. We sent \$10,007.70 to the State from the sale of hunting/fishing licenses and stamps.

I would like to say thank-you Lil for all your help and hard work. This office appreciates your continued support and we stand ready to be of assistance to you in any way we can.

## **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 6, 2009**

The Annual Election of the Town of Lakeville was held at the Ted Williams Camp, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Selectmen and properly posted by a constable of the Town.

Specimen ballots, penalty and instruction cards were posted in accordance with the law. The ballot boxes were inspected, found to be empty, and registers were set at zero. All election officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

The polls were declared open at 12:00 PM and closed at 8:00 PM in accordance with the Warrant. There were 163 ballots cast, including 10 absentees. Precinct One had 34, Precinct Two had 80 and Precinct Three had 49. Preliminary totals were announced about 8:12 PM by the Town Clerk and they were as follows:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b><u>P-1</u></b>	<b><u>P-2</u></b>	<b><u>P-3</u></b>
MODERATOR for 1 yr			
Gordon W. Goodfellow	27	76	47
Blanks/Write-Ins	7	4	2
SELECTMAN for 3 yrs			
Charles E. Evirs, Jr.	21	58	45
Blanks/Write-Ins	13	22	4
ASSESSOR for 3 yrs			
Janet M. Black	23	63	41
Blanks/Write-Ins	11	17	8
BOARD OF HEALTH for 3 yrs			
William E. Garvey, Jr.	27	67	42
Blanks/Write-Ins	7	13	7

<b>POSITION</b>	<b><u>P-1</u></b>	<b><u>P-2</u></b>	<b><u>P-3</u></b>
FINANCE COMM for 3 yrs			
Melissa Hopkins	26	64	40
Gary E. Mansfield	26	69	44
Blanks/Write-Ins	16	27	14
FINANCE COMM for 1 yr			
Steven A. Olivier	26	65	41
Blanks/Write-Ins	8	15	8
REGIONAL SHOOL COMM for 3 yrs			
Lorraine A. Carboni	29	69	42
Blanks/ Write-Ins	5	11	7
LAKEVILLE SCHOOL COMM for 3 yrs			
Carolyn R. Gomes	25	66	40
Aaron P. Burke	23	65	42
Blanks/Write-Ins	20	29	16
LIBRARY TRUSTEE for 3 yrs			
Elizabeth G. Walters	30	72	44
Blanks/Write-Ins	4	8	5
PLANNING BOARD for 5 yrs			
James A. Marot	19	68	44
Blanks/Write-Ins	15	12	5
PARK COMM for 3 yrs			
Barry R. Evans	26	71	42
Blanks/Write-Ins	8	9	7
CEMETERY COMM for 3 yrs			
Kenneth W. Upham	28	74	45
Blanks/Write Ins	6	6	4

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 15, 2009**

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Gordon W. Goodfellow called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM at Apponequet High School Auditorium when 100 registered voters had been checked in. Tellers had been appointed and sworn in by Town Clerk, Janet L. Tracy. They included Marilyn Hunt, Joseph Beneski, Robert Canessa, and Leanne Cataldo.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and we held a brief moment of silence in memory of **MARGUERITE A. MILLS-** Development & Industrial Commission- 1958-1962; Board of Registrars- 1962-1992; Director of State Decennial Census- 1964; Council on Aging- 1978-1983 and **JOHN V. GIBERTI-** Commission on Disability- 1992-2004.

Gordon read his usual ground rules of identifying oneself, going to the microphone to speak and submitting motions in writing. Then he entertained a motion to waive the reading of the entire warrant – so moved.

**Article 1:** It was voted that the Town transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, certain sums of money in order to defray unanticipated costs for Fiscal Year 2009 for various accounts in the General Fund and Park Enterprise Account, all as set forth on the document entitled, “Article #1 Special Town Meeting Transfers June 15, 2009.

Transfer/Appropriate From: Sources		Transfer/Appropriate To:	
GENERAL FUND			
Reserve Fund	48,150.00	Snow & Ice Wages & Expenses	172,245.00
Article 7/09 ATM Voc Out of District Tuition	11,770.00	Health Insurance Benefits	60,000.00
Article 8/09 Special Needs OOD Tuition & Tran.	29,000.00	Legal Fees	8,000.00
Article 9/09 ATM Regional School Assessment	22,216.00	Unemployment Expenses/ School Dept.	6,796.00
Selectmen Wages	2,000.00	Unemployment Expense/ Town	\$5,067.00
Highway Wages	14,262.00	Plumbing Inspector Fee Expense	6,000.00
Highway Expenses	15,335.00	Wire Inspector Fee Expense	3,000.00
Board of Assessors Wages	3,000.00	Animal Control Wages	4,200.00
Board of Assessors Expenses	2,500.00	Other General Gov't/ Sec'l Pool/ Emergency Labor	800.00
Police Department Wages	20,000.00	Veteran's Benefit Expense	1,200.00
Fire Department Wages	25,000.00	Police Expense	15,000.00
Accountant Wages	2,870.00	Fire Expense	20,000.00
Accountant Expenses	1,921.00		
Other General Governmental/ Prior Yr. Exp	4,000.00		
COA Wages	5,000.00		
COA Expenses	5,000.00		
Library Wages	1,500.00		
Treasurer Hrly Wages	2,000.00		
Treasurer Expenses	1,000.00		
Building Department Wages	1,500.00		
Building Department Expenses	1,000.00		
Board of Health Expenses	5,000.00		
Visiting Nurse Expenses	2,500.00		
Property & Liability Expense	15,784.00		
School K-4 AES/ IMS	60,000.00		
TOTAL	\$302,308.00	TOTALS	\$302,308.00
	PARK ENTERPRISE FUND		
Park General Fund Subsidy (Reduction)	15,000.00	General Fund/ Snow & Ice	15,000.00
TOTALS	15,000.00	TOTALS	15,000.00

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 2:** It was voted that the Town reduce the current year appropriations for FY09, for the purpose of ensuring the Town meets reductions for State revenue deficits.

**It was unanimously voted to postpone this matter indefinitely.**

**Article 3:** It was voted that the Town to transfer and appropriate Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Forty Three Cents (\$34,342.43) from the Special Revenue/ Reserve for Appropriation Account to the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund.

### **Unanimous**

**Article 4:** It was voted that the Town transfer and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund to design and elevated water storage tank and pump station, including but not limited to the hiring of architects, engineers, and other professionals for the preparation of designs, working drawings, bid documents and related materials.

### **281 to 29**

Motion to dissolve came at 7:05 PM.

A true copy of the record.

Attest: **Janet L. Tracy, Town Clerk**

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 15, 2009

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Gordon W. Goodfellow opened the meeting at 7:10 PM; immediately upon adjournment of the Special Town Meeting, which was held before the Annual, using the same tellers and newly appointed tellers that were used in the cafeteria that included Joseph Chamberlain, Diana Slocombe and Robert Bouchard. Also the same rules were applied. Entertaining a motion to waive the reading of the entire warrant we began.

**Article 1:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$137,666.00 to pay the salaries of all elected officers as follows:

		(Upon)	(Upon)
	FY 10 Fin Com Recommendation Non-Contingent Appropriations	FY10 Fin Com Recommendation Contingent Appro. \$1 Million Override	FY10 Fin Com Recommendation Contingent Appro. \$1.7 Million Override
Selectmen– Chair	\$2,000.00	\$0	\$0
Second Member	\$1,500.00	\$0	\$0
Third Member	\$1,500.00	\$0	\$0
Assessors– Chair	\$2,000.00	\$0	\$0
Second Member	\$1,500.00	\$0	\$0
Third Member	\$1,500.00	\$0	\$0
Board of Health-Chair	\$2,000.00	\$0	\$0
Second Member	\$1,500.00	\$0	\$0
Third Member	\$1,500.00		
Treasurer/Collector	\$65,254.00	\$0	\$0
Town Clerk	\$57,412.00	\$0	\$0

**Passed by Majority**



Town Counsel explained to the voters the process of an override and the details of a pyramid override, and how the appropriations of a non-contingent and contingent budget would be allocated should they pass at the Special Override Election on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Prior to taking up Article #2, Gordon explained that he would be reading totals only from the warrant booklet and if someone had a question within that Department, they should put a “hold” on it and we would return to all questions at the end of the reading.

**Article 2:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$11,851,759, appropriate \$200,000.00 from free cash, transfer and appropriate \$350,000 from the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund, transfer and appropriate \$16,528 from the from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, transfer and appropriate \$12,500 from Expendable Cemetery Trust; appropriate \$85,000 to Park Enterprise; and raise \$40,000 from Park Enterprise Receipts, transfer \$20,000 from Park Retained Earnings, and raise \$25,000 from the tax levy; appropriate \$387,000 to the Landfill Enterprise and raise \$252,000 from Landfill Enterprise receipts and transfer \$135,000 from Landfill Enterprise Retained Earnings; to defray town expenses for the fiscal period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 inclusive, all as set forth in the column captioned, “Fin Com Recommendation Non-Contingent Appropriations;” and further that the amounts shown in the column captioned “contingent Appropriations \$1 Million Override” be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Referendum Question under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C; and the additional amounts shown in the column captioned “Contingent Appropriations \$1.7 Million Override” be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Referendum Question under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, with the understanding that the vote taken hereunder shall authorize an override amount of not more than \$1.7 million.

**477 Yes to 5 No**

**ARTICLE #2-****TOWN EXPENSES  
GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT – 100**

	FY10 Fin Com Recomd. Non-Contingent Appropriations	FY10 Fin Com Recomd. Contingent Appropriations \$1 Million Override	FY 10 Fin Com Recomd. Contingent Appropriations \$1.7 Million Override
Selectmen Personnel	\$204,446	\$24,554	\$24,554
Selectmen Expenses	\$163,000(Hold)	\$0	\$0
Finance Committee Expenses	\$900	\$0	\$0
Accounting Personnel	\$100,778	\$1,286	\$1,286
Accounting Expenses	\$50,965	\$6,700	\$6,700
Assessors Personnel	\$103,922	\$11,000	\$11,000
Assessors Expenses	\$19,820	\$12,213	\$19,937
Treasurer & Collector Personnel	\$111,744	\$10,900	\$10,900
Treasurer & Collector Expenses	\$32,600	\$0	\$0
Law Expenses	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
Wage & Personnel Board Expenses	\$600	\$0	\$0
Town Clerk Personnel	\$39,529	\$6,176	\$6,176
Town Clerk Expenses	\$1,280	\$0	\$0
Elections Expenses Registration	\$12,800	\$0	\$0
Expenses Conservation	\$8,850	\$0	\$0
Commission Personnel	\$13,100	\$0	\$0
Planning Board Expenses	\$150 (Hold)	0	\$100
Appeals Board Expenses	\$300	\$0	\$350
Historic Town House Expenses	\$4,500	\$0	\$500
Town Office & Fire Station Expenses	\$126,00	\$7,000	\$17,500

Town Reports			
Expenses	\$500	\$0	\$500
Cable TV Advisory			
Expenses	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Other General			
Government			
Expenses	\$52,002	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>GENERAL</b>			
<b>GOVERNMENT-100</b>	<b>\$1,092,786</b>	<b>\$79,829</b>	<b>\$99,503</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY-200</b>			
Police Department			
Personnel	\$1,073,638(Hold)	\$242,448(Hold)	\$312,597(Hold)
Police Department			
Expenses	\$176,750	-\$8,000	\$0
Fire Department			
Personnel	\$775,947	\$39,665	\$77,946
Fire Department			
Expenses	\$82,025	\$8,000	\$17,384
Building Inspector			
Personnel	\$97,980	\$0	\$0
Building Inspector			
Expenses	\$5,200	\$0	\$0
Gas Inspector			
Expenses	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
Plumbing Inspector			
Expenses	\$16,500	\$0	\$0
Sealer of Weights &			
Measures Expenses	\$1,600	\$0	\$0
Electrical Inspector			
Expense	\$22,000	\$0	\$0
Animal Inspector			
Expense	\$5,400	\$0	\$600
Civil Defense			
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
Civil Defense			
Expenses	\$850	\$0	\$1,000
Animal Shelter/Dog			
Officer Personnel	\$60,441	\$3,500	\$10,500

Animal Shelter/Dog Officer Expenses		\$17,740	\$182	\$160
<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY – 200</b>		<b>\$2,347,071</b>	<b>\$285,795</b>	<b>\$420,187</b>
<b>EDUCATION – 300</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>SCHOOL -K – 4 300</b>		<b>\$4,182,410(Hold)</b>	<b>\$522,801</b>	<b>\$671,113</b>
<b>PUBLICS WORKS –400</b>				
Highway Department Personnel		\$389,418	\$40,500	\$51,000
Highway Department Expenses		\$99,332	\$17,000	\$35,250
Snow & Ice Personnel		\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Snow & Ice Exp.		\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Street Lighting Expenses		\$14,000	\$0	\$0
Cemetery services Expenses		\$12,500	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>PUBLIC WORKS – 400</b>		<b>\$555,250</b>	<b>\$57,500</b>	<b>\$86,250</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES – 500</b>				
Board of Health Personnel		\$127,032	\$16,662	\$22,683
Board of Health Expenses		\$6,264	\$0	\$10,641
Board of Health Visiting Nurse Expense		\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Council on Aging Personnel		\$94,353	\$13,926	\$16,926
Council on Aging Expenses		<b>\$17,174(Hold)</b>	<b>\$6,985(Hold)</b>	<b>\$10,956(Hold)</b>
Veteran's Benefits Personnel		\$5,379	\$0	\$0
Veteran's Benefits Expenses		\$13,250	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$265,452</b>	<b>\$37,573</b>	<b>\$61,206</b>

<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERV - 500</b>			
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION -600</b>			
Library Personnel	<b>\$153,919(Hold)</b>	\$28,448	\$28,804
Library Expenses	<b>\$67,138(Hold)</b>	\$13,000	\$26,460
Historic Library Building	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Historical Comm. Expenses	\$450	\$0	\$50
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION -600</b>	<b>\$224,507</b>	<b>\$41,448</b>	<b>\$55,314</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE-700</b>			
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE – 700</b>	<b>\$861,157</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY &amp; STATE ASSMTS - 800</b>	<b>\$148,050</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED-900</b>			
Regional Assessment Exp.	\$1,587	\$0	\$0
Unemployment Expense	\$440,000	-\$345,000	-\$427,000
Employee Benefits	\$2,312,141	\$120,054	\$150,254
Property & Liability Insurance Expense	\$190,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED – 900</b>	<b>\$3,091,778</b>	<b>-\$224,946</b>	<b>-\$276,746</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL/ TOWN EXP – 100-900</b>			
<b>PARK ENTERPRISE/ EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$12,620,411</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$1,116,827</b>
Park Enterprise Personnel	\$43,782	\$0	\$0
Park Enterprise Expenses	\$41,218	\$0	\$0

<b>TOTAL- PARK ENTERPRISE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>LANDFILL/TRANSFER ENTER EXPENSES</b>			
Landfill/Transfer Enterprise Personnel	\$160,725	\$0	\$0
Landfill/Transfer Enterprise Expense	\$211,275	\$0	\$0
Landfill/Transfer Capped Expense	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL- LANDFILL ENTERPRISE EXP</b>	<b>\$387,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$21,985,096</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,700,000</b>
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### 477 Yes to 5 No

The following budget line items totals were placed on “**hold**”:

- Selectmen Expenses
- Planning Board Expenses
- Police Department Personnel
- School K-4
- Council on Aging Expenses
- Library Personnel
- Library Expenses

A motion was then made to amend Article #2 to see if the Town will transfer from the Water Infrastructure Improvement Stabilization Fund \$1.35 Million to be used as follows:

- \$1 Million for K-4 Elementary Salaries
- \$300,000 for Police Salaries
- \$20,000 for Council on Aging
- \$30,000 for Library Personnel

After much discussion, a vote was taken, and the amendment to Article #2 failed by majority.

We then discussed the holds on Article #2, a vote was taken, and Article #2 passed by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s majority 477 Yes to 5 No.

**Article 3:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate for the use of the Trustees for the County Co-operative Extension Service the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and to set the length of the term of the Town Director at one year as provided in MA General Laws Chapter 128, Sections 41 and 42.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 4:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$642,465.00) as the share of the Town of Lakeville in the Plymouth County Retirement Association.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 5:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$659,109.00) as the Town's share of the 2009-2010 maintenance and operating budget for the Old Colony Regional Vocational High School District, to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Towns of Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/ or transfer from available funds the sum of Six Million Seven Hundred Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$6,793,181.75) as the Town's share of the 2009-2010 maintenance and operating budget for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, consisting of the Non-excluded Debt Assessment of Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seven Dollars and Five Cents 9\$46,507.05), the Excluded Debt

Assessment of Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Nine Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Ninety Nine Cents (\$5,986,837.99) to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Town of Freetown, and/ or to take any action relative thereto.

**Motion Failed**

A motion was made to amend Article 6, and after a lengthy discussion, the amended Article 6 passed by majority.

**Amended-Article 6:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$6,596,763.00) as the Town's share of the 2009-2010 maintenance and operating budget for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, consisting of the Non-excluded Debt Assessment of Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Five Cents (\$46,508.05), the Excluded Debt Assessment of Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$759,837.00), and the Operating Cost Assessment of Five Million Six Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$5,630,419.00), and the Transportation Assessment of One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$159,999.00) to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Town of Freetown.

**Passed by Majority (215 Yes to 88 No)**

**Article 7:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$150,528.00) for the payment of vocational education tuitions and related transportation for students enrolled in vocational educational programs other than at Old Colony Vocational School.

**Passed by Majority**



**Article 8:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$776,293.00) to cover the cost of tuition for special education students enrolled in out-of-district placements.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 9:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2011 Recertification of Values as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 10:** It was voted that the Town hereby appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$114,500) to pay costs of capital improvements and equipment as follows:

Equipment, Technology and Licensing for Town Network	\$30,000
Sidearm Mower for the Highway Department	15,000
One (1) New Police Cruiser	29,000
One Copier for School Department	7,500
Technology Enhancement (Server) School Department	7,000
Three (3) Voting Machines for Town Clerk	<u>26,000</u>
TOTAL	\$114,500

and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The amounts set forth above for each capital improvement or item of equipment are approximate in nature, and so long as sufficient funds are available to accomplish each capital improvement or acquire each item of equipment described above, the Selectmen may allocate amounts among the various capital improvements or items of equipment as needed to fully carry-out the purposes of this motion.

**255 Yes to 8 No**

**Article 11:** It was voted that the Town hereby appropriate the sum Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to pay costs of purchasing one Copier for the Town Offices, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**251 Yes to 1 No**

**Article 12:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,711.00) for the purpose of leasing for a term of five (5) years one (1) new Administrative Vehicle for the use of the Office of the Assessors.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 13:** It was voted that the Town accept under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 34, an apportionment in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$278,560.00).

**Unanimous**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/ or transfer from appropriated and/ or unappropriate available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any action relative thereto.

**It was unanimously voted to postpone this matter indefinitely**

**Article 15:** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Reserve Fund.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 16:** It was voted that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$57,493.90) for the purpose of financing

the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, as well as take any other action necessary to carry out the

**Unanimous**

**Article 17:** It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 42G through 42K.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 18:** It was voted that the Town hereby appropriate the sum of Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,800,000.00) is hereby appropriated to pay costs of constructing an elevated water storage tank and a pump station, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(4) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that all or any portion of the borrowing authorized by this vote may be issued through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust"), and in that regard, the Selectmen are authorized to enter into a Loan Agreement and a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Trust to evidence this borrowing, and to execute and deliver all other documents incidental to any such borrowing through the Trust, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to assess betterments in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 42G through 42 I and 42K for such percentage of the total cost to the Town of this project as the Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate upon all real property that obtains direct or remote

benefit from said storage tank and pump station, whether by the provision of potable water or water for fire protection, or otherwise.

**221 Yes to 9 No**

**Article 19:** It was voted that the Town elect as provided in Mass. General Laws, Chapter 80, Section 13, that all assessments made under General Laws Chapter 80 shall bear interest at a rate of five (5) percent per annum.

**Unanimous**

**Article 20:** It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 80, Section 13B, providing for the deferral of the payment of betterment assessments for owners eligible for exemption under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A.

**Unanimous**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for a Sewer Construction Project for the shorefront communities on the Western side of Long Pond, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Unanimously Rejected**

**Article 22:** It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a perpetual conservation restriction encumbering a portion of a parcel of land, said parcel located at Howland Road, Lakeville and described in a deed recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 18180, Page 228 and identified on Assessors Map 9, Block 2, Lot 5C, and said portion to be encumbered being shown as "Conservation Parcel" and "Access Easement (to Conservation Parcel)" on a plan titled "Conservation Plan of Land at Howland Road Lakeville, Massachusetts prepared by Prime Engineering, a copy of said plan is on file with the Town Clerk, to the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc., or other entity

qualified to hold a conservation restriction, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal conservation, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate.

**Unanimous**

**Article 23:** It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a temporary, non-exclusive easement to Stephen R. Couet and Kathleen M. Couet in, upon, along and under a portion of the discontinued way known as Old Main Street (Route 105), as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of accessing, maintaining and repairing the existing residential well located within said way, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, and for such duration as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

**Unanimous**

**Article 24:** It was voted that the Town rescind the vote on Article 17 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 27, 1991, which accepted the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 48, Section 42A in its entirety; and instead vote to accept Mass. General Laws Chapter 48, Section 42, 43 and 44.

**Unanimous**

**Article 25:** It was voted that the Town amend the General By-Law by adding a new section regarding Public Consumption of Marihuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol as follows:

**PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIHUANA OR  
TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL**

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, Section 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk,

public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 21, or by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 21D, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, Section 32L.

#### **Passed by Majority**

A motion was made from the floor to adjourned the meeting to another night, after much discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously denied.

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law Section 6.6.2.1 to prohibit electronic message signs by adding new language as follows. The new text is underlined:

6.6.2.1 Signs, including electronic message signs that display lighted messages that are capable of changing at intermittent intervals, any part of which moves, flashes, or incorporates traveling or animated lights, and all beacons and flashing devices, whether a part of, attached to, or apart from a sign, are prohibited.

#### **Motion Failed (49 Yes to 135 No)**

**Article 27:** It was voted that the Town amend the Zoning By-Law Section 2.0 Definitions by deleting the definition for "Dwelling: Single-Family with an attached apartment" as follows:

**Dwelling: Single-Family with an attached apartment:** For the purpose of this Zoning By-law, a single-family detached dwelling with an attached apartment shall mean an apartment not to exceed 600 to 720 square feet of habitable which may include a kitchen or kitchenette and be accessible to and attached to the main dwelling area and shall have a common entrance and maintain a single-family appearance.

and adding a new definition for "Accessory Apartment" as follows:

**Accessory Apartment:** An independent living unit containing a kitchen, bathroom, living area and independent means of egress, built into or attached to an existing single-family dwelling (referred to herein as the “principal dwelling”) and subordinate in size to the principal dwelling.

**155 Yes to 6 No**

**Article 28:** It was voted that the Town amend Section 4.1 of the Zoning By-Law, Table of Use Regulations, by deleting the entry in Section 4.1.1 “Single-family, detached dwelling with an attached apartment” and replacing it with the entry “Accessory Apartment” so as to read as follows:

	<u>R</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>I-B</u>
Accessory Apartment	Y	SP	N	SP

**171 Yes to 2 No**

**Article 29:** It was voted that the Town amend the current Zoning By-Law by adding the following new Section 7.8 Accessory Apartment:

## **7.8 ACCESSORY APARTMENT**

### **7.8.1 Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this Section 7.8 is to: 1) Provide an opportunity for family members who choose to live in close proximity, but separate from other family members, to remain within that family environment; 2) Provide for the health and security concerns of elder or disabled homeowners who wish to remain in their homes; 3) Protect residential stability, property values and the single-family character of neighborhoods; and 4) Make it possible for the Town to supervise and monitor such additions for code compliance and safety.

**7.8.2** Accessory apartments are allowed by right in Residential and by Special Permit in Business and Industrial B Districts when added within or attached to a pre-existing single-family dwelling in compliance with all the requirements of this Bylaw. In no case shall more than one accessory apartment be allowed on any lot.

**7.8.3** The owner of a single-family dwelling may apply directly to the Building Commissioner for the construction and occupation of an accessory apartment. Applications shall meet the following requirements:

**7.8.3.1** Only one (1) accessory apartment per lot shall be permitted.

**7.8.3.2** The accessory apartment shall contain no more than 33 1/3% of the entire proposed structure and in any case not to exceed 1,000 square feet.

**7.8.3.3** The accessory apartment shall be designed so that the appearance of the structure



remains that of a single-family dwelling, subject further to the following conditions:

- a.** All additional stairways to second or third stories shall be enclosed within the exterior walls of the structure;
- b.** Any new entrance shall be located on the side or in the rear of the structure;
- c.** Where there are two (2) or more existing entrances on the front façade of the principal dwelling, if modifications are made to any entrance, the result shall be that one appears to be the principal entrance and other entrances appear to be secondary.

**7.8.3.4** The accessory apartment shall contain a kitchen, bathroom and living room area and a maximum of one (1) bedroom. It shall be constructed in a manner consistent with the appearance of the existing structure.

**7.8.3.5** The accessory apartment shall not be used for commercial accommodations or seasonal rentals.

**7.8.3.6** Sufficient and appropriate space for at least one (1) parking space shall be constructed to serve the accessory apartment. Said parking space shall be constructed of materials consistent with the existing driveway and shall have vehicular access to the existing driveway.

**7.8.3.7** The accessory apartment and the principal dwelling shall be serviced and monitored by common utilities.

**7.8.3.8** A plot plan, prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor, of the existing dwelling unit and the proposed accessory apartment shall be submitted with the building permit application. The plan shall show the location of all structures on the lot along with septic system, well and drainage structures.

**7.8.4** Prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit, the accessory apartment shall meet all building code requirements and shall have properly installed and maintained fire safety devices for the protection of all occupants in the entire structure.

**164 Yes to 5 No**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the current Zoning By-Law by adding the following new Section 7.9, Neighborhood Business Overlay District as follows:

## **7.9 Neighborhood Business Overlay District**

### **7.9.1 Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of this Section 7.9 Neighborhood Business Overlay District, hereinafter referred to as the “NBOD”, shall be to provide sites for small scale service and retail establishments to support adjacent residential neighborhoods. The NBOD shall be an overlay district which shall not additionally restrict the rights of owners to exercise the uses allowed or permitted in the underlying zoning district unless the owner elects to develop pursuant to the NBOD. Any such NBOD development shall conform to all applicable requirements of the NBOD. The NBOD overlay district will permit personal service, retail or office establishments which conduct all business operations within an enclosed facility and do not present any adverse impact on appearance, peace or value of adjacent residential areas.

Designs shall be in keeping with those existing and shall be enhanced with landscaping, minimizing the visibility of parking areas and avoiding the appearance of commercial structures. Any permitted use shall be of a boutique or small scale and low impact nature. All such uses shall operate with a minimum of noise, smoke, odor, traffic or other nuisances which would have a negative impact on adjacent residential uses. All permitted uses shall require a Special Permit issued to the business owner and shall not be transferable to a subsequent property owner.

### **7.9.2 Uses Permitted by Special Permit:**

Professional or Business Office  
Barber Shop / Beauty shop  
Tailor or pressing shop (no dry cleaning)  
Doctors/ Dentist office  
Real Estate Office  
Shoe repair or cobbler shop  
Antique sales and service  
Insurance office  
Bank or Financial institution  
Photographic / art studio  
Florist  
Tea House/Coffee Shop  
Veterinarian office (no Boarding)  
Dress making or weaving  
Bicycle sales and service  
Cabinet/Woodworking shop  
Craft and/or gift shop

### **7.9.3 Special Permit Requirements:**

The Board of Appeals shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for projects proposed in the NBOD. Site Plan approval as required by section 6.7 will be required by the Planning Board for all permitted uses prior to any Special Permit being granted.

#### **7.9.4 Intensity Regulations:**

- 7.9.4.1. Lot Area** 70,000 sq. ft.
- 7.9.4.1.a** Lots in existence prior to 2000 shall be allowed to be developed in the NBOD providing that such lot at the time, and still, contained a minimum of 20,000 sq. ft. and can meet all setback and other requirements of the NBOD.
- 7.9.4.2. Building Size Maximum** 5,000 sq. ft.
- 7.9.4.3. Minimum lot width** 100 ft.
- 7.9.4.4. Minimum setbacks** front 30 ft.— sides 15 ft. — rear 15 ft.
- 7.9.4.5. Maximum lot coverage:** 25% including parking and impervious areas.
- 7.9.4.6. Sign Requirements:** All signs shall be a maximum of 10 sq. ft. per side with no internally lit signs on the premises. No additional signs on or displayed from inside the structure for external use shall be permitted. Signs as allowed by 6.6.4.3 shall be monument style not taller than 6 feet and shall have the base surrounding the sign landscaped.
- 7.9.4.7. Parking:** All parking shall be located on the same lot and no on street parking shall be permitted. Parking areas designed to have more than 6 spaces according to the parking regulations of 6.5.3.3 shall be located in the rear yard and are subject to Planning Board review. No parking shall be located closer to any lot line than 20 ft.

- 7.9.4.8. Noise:** Public address speakers, amplified music or other sources of noise are not permitted outside the building.
- 7.9.4.9. Drainage:** All ground surfaces shall be constructed to prevent standing water or the discharge of run off onto adjacent property.
- 7.9.4.10. Landscape:** Landscaping shall be required to create a visual barrier from all property being granted a special permit from any neighboring property and to shield parking areas from the street. All landscaping shall be part of the site plan review and will be required to be placed on a plan for approval by the Planning Board.
- 7.9.4.11. Hours of Operation:** All businesses within the NBOD shall not open before 9:00 AM and shall not remain open beyond 8:00 PM. Hours of operation shall include the service of such businesses by vendors or service personnel. No business shall operate on Sunday except as may be allowed on a temporary basis by the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion Failed (80 Yes to 80 No)**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Map to include the following parcels within the Residential Zone on Main Street and Bedford Street in the Neighborhood Business Overlay District: 0057-002-001, 0057-002-002, 0057-002-003, 0057-002-004, 0057-002-005, 0057-002-006, 0057-002-007, 0057-002-008, 058-001-017, 058-001-18, 058-001-19, or take any other action relative thereto.

**It was voted to postpone this matter indefinitely**

A Motion was made and seconded from the floor to adjourn meeting; a vote was taken and seconded not to adjourn.

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the current Zoning By-Law Section 7.5.3 by deleting sub-section 4) as follows:

- 4) Age-Qualified Housing, in which each Dwelling Unit contains, at the commencement of occupancy, at least one occupant who is at least fifty-five years of age. Age-Qualified Housing shall provide a minimum of one parking space per Dwelling Unit.

And replacing it with a new sub-section 4) as follows:

- 4) Limited Occupancy Housing (LOH), which the Planning Board determines as part of Site Plan Review, is designed for adult-targeted households described as: (i) limited to a maximum of two (2) bedrooms including a first floor master bedroom; (ii) reflects an attractive building design and architectural features customarily found in adult-targeted households which design shall be approved by a Design Review Committee comprised of members of the Planning Board; (iii) provides for any recreational amenities to be oriented toward an adult population and not to include playgrounds or play furniture. Property owners of Limited Occupancy Housing units, through a viable association, shall be obligated for the development, operation and maintenance of common

wastewater disposal systems, storm water systems, internal vehicular and pedestrian circulation systems and landscape maintenance. LOH shall provide a minimum of one (1) parking space per Dwelling Unit.

**Motion was Defeated (44 Yes to 114 No)**

There was a proposed amendment to Article 32 but Town Counsel stated that the amendment was outside the scope of the original warrant and would need a public hearing. Town Counsel made a recommendation to the Moderator that the amendment was outside the scope of the original warrant.

**Article 33:** To see if the Town vote to amend the official Zoning Map by rezoning from R-Residential to B-Business land on County Street as described as follows:

Starting at the property corner of land now or formally owned by Henry W. & Nancy Lee Van Laarhoven proceeding N 56-14-25 W for a distance of 380 feet along the State Highway Layout (SHLO) of County Street; then proceeding N 46-05-50 W for a distance of 375.03 feet along the SHLO of County Street; then, proceeding N 60-02-45 W for a distance of 211.70 feet along the SHLO of County Street; then proceeding N 57-03-00 W for a distance of 1113.05 feet along the SHLO of County Street to the property corner of land now or formally owned by Wallace W. & Marian E. McCarroll; then, proceeding N 40-16-57 E for a distance of 430 feet; then proceeding in a southeasterly direction parallel to the metes and bounds as described above along the SHLO of County Street until intersecting the property line of land now or formally owned by Henry W. & Nancy Lee Van Laarhoven abutting land now or formally owned by Robert E. Sr. & Edward C. & Carolyn J. Ranahan; then proceeding S 38-45 W for a distance of 14 feet; and, then, proceeding S 41-30 W for a distance of 416 feet to the starting point on the SHLO of County Street.

**Motion was Defeated (39 Yes to 112 No)**

**Article 34:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by rezoning from R-Residential to B-Business land on County Street as described as follows:

Starting at the property corner of land now or formally owned by Robert & Sandra Doherty proceeding N 57-03-00 W for a distance of 963.03 feet along the SHLO of County Street to the property corner of land now or formally owned by Wallace W. & Marian E. McCarroll; then, proceeding N 40-16-57 E for a distance of 430 feet; then proceeding in a southeasterly direction parallel to the metes and bounds as described above along the SHLO of County Street until intersecting the property line of land now or formally owned by Robert & Sandra Doherty abutting land now or formally owned by Mullien Hill Christian Academy Inc; then proceeding S 42-42-39 W for a distance of 178.38 feet; and, then, proceeding S 40-07-40 W for a distance of 251.72 feet to the starting point of the SHLO of County Street.

**Motion was Defeated (6 Yes to 125 No)**

**Article 35:** It was voted that the Town accept Anderson Way as a Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement or fee simple in the way and any related easements as shown on the road layout plan drawn by Azor Land Sciences, Inc. on file with the Town Clerk entitled "As Built Plan of Anderson Way in Lakeville, MA" dated April 23, 2009, or take any action relative thereto.

**Passed by Majority**

Motion to dissolve came at 12:25 AM.

A true copy of the record

Attest: **Janet L. Tracy, Town Clerk**



## SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION JULY 18, 2009

A special election was held at the Ted Williams Camp, in accordance with the warrant issued by the Selectmen and properly posted by a constable of the Town.

Specimen ballots, penalty and instruction cards were posted in accordance with the law. The ballot boxes were inspected, found to be empty, and registers were set at zero. All election officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

The polls were declared open at Noon and closed at 8:00 PM in accordance with the Warrant. There were 3,096 ballots cast, including 469 absentees. Precinct One had 940, Precinct Two had 1,106 and Precinct Three had 1,050. Preliminary totals were announced about 8:12 PM by the Town Clerk and they were as follows:

*(Questions 1a and 1b are separate questions. You may vote for or against each question independently. Each question requires a majority of those voting on that question to pass. If more than one question passes, the question with the highest dollar amount will prevail.)*

Question 1a. Shall the Town of Lakeville be allowed to assess an additional One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of operating the municipal government and the local public schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Precinct 1	YES	311	NO	618	Blanks	11
Precinct 2	YES	297	NO	798	Blanks	11
Precinct 3	YES	<u>268</u>	NO	<u>777</u>	Blanks	<u>5</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>876</b>		<b>2,193</b>		<b>27</b>

Question 1b. Shall the Town of Lakeville be allowed to assess an additional One Million Seven Hundred Thousand (\$1,700,000) Dollars in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of operating the municipal government and local public schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?

Precinct 1	YES	230	NO	694	Blanks	16
Precinct 2	YES	209	NO	879	Blanks	18
Precinct 3	YES	<u>195</u>	NO	<u>841</u>	Blanks	<u>14</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>634</b>		<b>2,414</b>		<b>48</b>

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 30, 2009**

Pursuant to the warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Gordon W. Goodfellow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Apponequet High School Auditorium when 100 registered voters had been checked in. Tellers had been appointed and sworn in by Town Clerk, Janet L. Tracy. They included Marilyn Hunt, Joseph Chamberlain and Robert Canessa.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Gordon read his usual ground rules of identifying oneself, going to the microphone to speak and submitting motions in writing. Then he entertained a motion to waive the reading of the entire warrant – so moved.

**Article 1:** It was voted that the Town amend the budget approved under Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting dated June 15, 2009 by making certain funding source adjustments as follows:

Raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$21,504.00; Transfer from Free Cash the total amount of \$178,496.00; Transfer from Landfill Enterprise Retained Earnings the total amount of \$135,000.00; and Transfer from Park Enterprise Retained Earnings the total amount of \$20,000.00.

**Unanimously**

**Article 2:** It was voted that the Town vote to transfer and/ or appropriate from available funds certain sums of money in order to defray unanticipated costs for Fiscal Year 2010 for various accounts in the General Fund, all as set forth on the document entitled “Article #2 Special Town Meeting Transfers November 30, 2009.

**ARTICLE #2**  
**Special Town Meeting Transfers-November 30,2009**  
**GENERAL FUND**

Transfer/Appropriate From:		Transfer/Appropriate To:	
Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	\$40,833.00	Town Clerk Wages	\$1,229.00
Fire Wages (Raise Freeze)	\$13,344.00	Treasurer Wages	\$1,232.00
		Selectmen Wages	\$5,290.00
		Accountant Wages	\$3,664.00
		Assessors Wages	\$4,059.00
		Treasurer/Collector Wages	\$5,246.00
		Town Clerk Wages	\$2,537.00
		Building Department Wages	\$3,007.00
		Animal Control Wages	\$823.00
		Highway Department Wages	\$10,478.00
		Board of Health Wages	\$6,123.00
		COA Wages	\$2,207.00
		Veterans Wages	\$54.00
		Library Wages	\$8,228.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$54,177.00</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$54,177.00</b>
Debt Service Interest Expense (\$1.4M Bond)	\$7,000.00	Selectmen Clerical Wages (Landfill Clerk)	\$7,000.00
Old Colony Tuition (Budget re-certified after ATM)	\$3,400.00	Assessors Expenses (Field Cards for Website)	\$3,400.00
Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	\$2,500.00	Special Municipal Hearing Officer	\$2,500.00
Employee Benefits-Health Insurance	\$6,000.00	Town Clerk Expenses (Special Election)	\$6,000.00
Other General Government (Prev. Year unpaid Bill)	\$5,000.00	Assistant Animal Control Officers Wages	\$5,000.00
Police Expense	\$15,000.00	Police Wages	\$15,000.00
Water Infrastructure Stabilization Fund	\$150,000.00	Selectmen Contracted Services	\$150,000.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$243,077.00</b>	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$243,077.00</b>

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 3:** It was voted that the Town transfer Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$64,117.00) from Employee Benefits for health insurance to wages for the School Department for the purpose of funding the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Educators' Association of Freetown and Lakeville.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 4:** It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$86,625.00) to establish a tuition-based Elementary Level Substantially Separate Classroom program for special education students at the Assawompset Elementary School; provided, however, that such funds shall not be expended until such time as the Regional School District funds a full time special education teacher for the Assawompset Elementary School for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year, and the Board of Selectmen and the Local School Committee enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the administration and operation of the Elementary Level Substantially Separate Classroom; and further, that a revolving fund be created for the administration of such program, with tuition payments, fees and other receipts received in connection with operation of the program to be credited to such account, to be spent by the Local School Committee for the operation of the program in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$86,625.00) for Fiscal Year 2010.

<b>ARTICLE #4</b> <b>FY 10 TUITION BASED ELEMENTARY LEVEL</b> <b>SUBSTANTIALLY SEPARATE CLASSROOM PROGRAM BUDGET</b> <b>November 30,2009</b>			
Transfer/Appropriate From:		Transfer/Appropriate To:	
Stabilization Fund	\$86,625.00	SPED Teacher (Salary & Benefits 6 months)	\$42,000.00
		2 Paraprofessionals (Salaries & Benefits 6 months)	\$30,000.00
		Part-time counseling (Contracted)	\$7,000.00
		Behavior Consultants	\$2,000.00
		Supplies/ Materials	\$1,500.00

		Administrative (5%) (Actual to be determined)	\$4,125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,625.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,625.00</b>

**157 Yes to 3 No**

**Article 5:** It was voted that the Town authorize leasing for a term of five (5) years one (1) new Front-end Loader for the use of the Highway Department.

**Unanimous**

**Article 6:** It was voted that the Town establish a water supply and water distribution system under the authority of Section 39A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and will vote pursuant to Section 69A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws to authorize its Board of Selectmen to act as a Board of Water Commissioners.

**129 Yes to 33 No**

**Article 7:** It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of G.L. c.44, sec. 53F ½, for the purpose of establishing a water facility enterprise fund effective Fiscal Year 2010 for the revenues and payment of costs associated with water infrastructure improvement projects, to be known as the Water Enterprise Fund, and further, to transfer a sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) from the Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund created hereunder and to appropriate the Water Enterprise Fund budget for 2010 as set forth in "Article #7 FY10 Water Enterprise Fund Budget November 30, 2009."

**ARTICLE #7  
FY 10 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET  
November 30,2009**

Transfer/Appropriate From:		Transfer/Appropriate To:	
Water Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund	\$650,000.00	Clerical Wages	\$22,000.00
		Workers Compensation (Assessed Annually)	\$500.00
		Medicare	\$300.00
		Education and Training	\$2,500.00
		Postage	\$1,500.00
		Printing	\$2,000.00
		Office Supplies	\$4,700.00
		Telephone	\$500.00
		Legal Services	\$15,000.00
		Administrative Services Assessed by Town Depts.	\$20,000.00
		Consultant Fees and Contractor Services	\$50,000.00
		Computer, Software & Server	\$50,000.00
		SRF Loan Origination Fee	\$31,000.00
		Capital Improvement Projects	\$450,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000.00</b>

**114 Yes to 25 No**

**Article 8:** It was voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.40, Sec 42A through 42F, inclusive.

**Passed by Majority**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by rezoning from R- Residential to B-Business land on Main Street as described as follows:

237 Main Street, 239 Main Street (formerly the McGuire property) now the Lakeville Assessors Office and 241 Main Street (formerly the Lakeville Public Library) now the Somethin's Brewin Café And Book Store, or take any action relative thereto.

After much discussion, a motion was made to call the question and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion to call the question passed by majority.

**The motion to amend the official zoning map failed.**

**82 Yes to 92 No**

**Article 10:** It was voted to accept DeMoranville Drive as a Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift and easement or fee simple in the way and any related easements as shown on the plan on file with the Town Clerk drawn by Cullinan Engineering Co., Inc. entitled "Road and Drainage As-Built DeMoranville Subdivision, Pickens Street, Lakeville, MA" dated November 8, 2007.

**Passed by Majority**

Motion to dissolve came at 8:37 PM.

A true copy of the record.

Attest: **Janet L. Tracy, Town Clerk**



## **SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The Special State Primary for Senator in Congress was held at the Ted Williams Camp, 28 Precinct Street on December 8, 2009 in accordance with the warrant issued by the Selectmen and properly posted by a constable of the Town.

Specimen ballots, penalty and instruction cards were posted in accordance with the law. The ballot boxes were inspected by the election officers, found to be empty and the registers were set at zero. All election officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

The polls were declared open at 7:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM in accordance with the Warrant. There were 1,183 ballots cast, including absentees. Precinct One had a total of 351 (112 Republicans, 239 Democrats, and 0 Libertarian). Precinct Two had a total of 420 (159 Republicans, 260 Democrats and 1 Libertarian). Precinct Three had a total of 412 (144 Republicans, 268 Democrats and 0 Libertarian). The unofficial results were posted shortly after 8:00 PM, then all ballots were checked for write-ins. The results were as follows:

### **DEMOCRATIC**

#### **SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>
Michael E. Capuano	63	67	56
Martha Coakley	128	133	137
Alan A. Khazei	17	23	30
Stephen G. Pagliuca	31	36	43
Blanks	0	1	1
Write-Ins	0	0	1

**REPUBLICAN****SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>
Scott P. Brown	106	135	126
Jack E. Robinson	3	22	17
Blanks	0	0	0
Write-Ins	3	2	1

**LIBERTARIAN****SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

	<u>Precinct 1</u>	<u>Precinct 2</u>	<u>Precinct 3</u>
None	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	1	0

A true copy of the record.

Attest: Janet L. Tracy, Town Clerk

## **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR**

Debra Kenney, Treasurer/Tax Collector

This is my tenth annual report for the Town of Lakeville. As usual, I would like to thank our veterans and active duty military for their service to our country.

We have seen enormous change this year. We have a struggling local and nationwide economy. Policies that have been presented to us are not clearly defined. Unfortunately this makes for distrust in government. The uneasy climate of this change, as well as the need to help our own, has caused a division in the country. In spite of the poor economy, the taxpayers and the employees of the Town of Lakeville have risen to the challenges facing them. Our Bond rating went up this year, which speaks to the way that our Town government is handled.

I have been in the fortunate position of listening to long time and new residents and their concerns for the future of our Town and for the first time, the future of our country. It is an honor to be able to connect with these people and get a glimpse of their vision. Change comes at the polls. To vote is a privilege that many countries do not have. Exercise your right to vote. Men and women gave their lives so we could have a voice. Use it.

We will see the departure of another Selectman. I will miss Chuck Evirs and the rational and calm approach he brought to Town government. He always acted in a respectful and professional manner. The Town was lucky to have such a man seated in that office. You didn't always have to agree with Chuck to respect him. He will be missed.

This office welcomes suggestions or complaints. We are taxpayers too. It is a privilege to have a pulse on what residents are thinking. I understand that people are busy and the world seems to be going at too fast a pace, but anyone is welcome to come in and let their voice be heard. We all need acknowledgement that what we say counts.

The Treasurer's office consists of Jean Cruise, Mary Desroche and Assistant Treasurer/Collector Roslyn Darling. I would like to thank them for their hard work and support throughout the year. Their contributions to this office are immeasurable.

Our staff hours have been cut, but we are not compromising the service that taxpayers deserve.

We are always willing to work with people that may be having a tough time. Just call our office and we can try to work out arrangements within the legal parameters of the Massachusetts General Laws. We understand that the price of basic necessities is stretching people's resources to the limit.

In closing, I would like to thank the townspeople again for their support and kindness.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**  
**July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009**

<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY JULY 1, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 3,970,851.68</b>
Received from Collector of Taxes	\$ 16,384,604.10
Received from Other Sources	\$ 9,420,921.75
Received from Park Ent.	\$ 88,192.69
Received from Landfill Ent.	\$ 378,548.31
BANS	\$ 264,500.00
Total Receipts for Fiscal 2009	\$ 26,536,766.85
Expenditures	\$ (23,986,951.14)
Park Ent. Expenditures	\$ (72,943.98)
Landfill Ent. Expenditures	\$ (406,548.31)
BANS	\$ (685,067.95)
Total Expenditures for Fiscal 2009	\$ (25,151,511.38)
<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY JUNE 30, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 5,356,107.15</b>

**DEPOSITORIES**

<b>NAME OF BANK</b>	<b>BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008</b>
Mellon Bank Deposit	\$ 1,214,040.62
Mellon Bank Vendor	\$ 1,664.88
Rockland Trust	\$ 80,955.12
Unibank	\$ 52,709.74
Citizens Bank	\$ 74,754.87
Eastern Bank General	\$ 617,571.00
Eastern Bank Payroll	\$ -
Cash in Drawer	\$ 100.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,041,796.23</b>
Eastern Bank Chapter 90	\$ 54,958.79
Eastern Bank School Activities	\$ 27,906.99
Eastern Bank MA Cultural	\$ 6,581.13
Eastern Bank School Lunch	\$ 11,926.04
Citizens Bank Septic Repair Grant	\$ 57,706.47
Eastern Bank DiCarlo	\$ 13,398.68
Vanguard Library Trust	\$ 29,654.12
Affordable Housing Trust	\$ 29,428.46
Eastern Bank Library Bldg fund	\$ 2,484.48
Bridgewater Savings Memorial Garden	\$ 3,362.71
Unibank Stabilization	\$ 16,499.98
MMDT Stabilization	\$ 462,082.57
Trust Accounts	\$ 149,897.36
Rockland Trust Cd	\$ 28,790.32
Park Ent.	\$ 71,821.47
Landfill Ent.	\$ 686,613.65
Rockland Trust CDARS	\$ 1,450,000.00
Rockland Trust mm mtbe	\$ 211,197.70
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITORIES</b>	<b>\$ 5,356,107.15</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Kenney  
Treasurer/Collector

FY 2009 TAX COLLECTIONS

	Uncollected	Committed	Adjustments and Abatements	Transfer to Tax Title	Collected	Balance Due
	8/1/2008					6/30/2009
09 Real Estate		\$ 15,180,713.77	(\$99,576.52)	\$ -	\$ 14,615,022.94	\$ 466,114.31
08 Real Estate	\$ 379,511.14	\$ 4,119.51	\$ 4,599.50	\$ 92,466.21	\$ 227,953.49	\$ 67,810.45
07 Real Estate	\$ 46,589.40	\$ -	\$ 5,355.01	\$ 46,993.29	\$ 4,951.12	\$ 0.00
09 Personal Property		\$ 245,897.25	\$ 1,560.79	\$ -	\$ 240,397.74	\$ 7,060.30
08 Personal Property	\$ 11,489.17	\$ -	(\$1,620.88)	\$ -	\$ 3,356.51	\$ 6,511.78
07 Personal Property	\$ 6,075.25	\$ -	\$ 6.99	\$ -	\$ 589.81	\$ 5,492.43
06 Personal Property	\$ 3,495.71	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 338.77	\$ 3,156.94
05 Personal Property	\$ 1,763.62	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,763.62
04 Personal Property	\$ 3,745.16	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,745.16
09 Motor Vehicle		\$ 1,149,512.80	(\$33,399.99)	\$ -	\$ 1,055,137.62	\$ 60,975.19
08 Motor Vehicle	\$ 78,119.38	\$ 148,012.04	(\$5,850.75)	\$ -	\$ 202,397.96	\$ 17,882.71
07 Motor Vehicle	\$ 28,876.64	\$ 2,830.95	(\$326.79)	\$ -	\$ 20,170.60	\$ 11,210.20
06 Motor Vehicle	\$ 12,757.27	\$ 62.50	(\$398.54)	\$ -	\$ 3,294.60	\$ 9,126.63
05 Motor Vehicle	\$ 5,985.53	\$ -	(\$0.11)	\$ -	\$ 713.64	\$ 5,271.78
04 Motor Vehicle	\$ 3,258.43	\$ -	(\$3,015.36)	\$ -	\$ 243.07	\$ (0.00)
03 Motor Vehicle	\$ 5,437.02	\$ -	(\$5,323.69)	\$ -	\$ 113.33	\$ 0.00
09 Boat Excise	\$ 8,691.00	\$ -	(\$443.93)	\$ -	\$ 7,465.40	\$ 781.67
08 Boat Excise	\$ 637.00	\$ -	\$ (40.00)	\$ -	\$ 366.00	\$ 231.00
07 Boat Excise	\$ 392.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 392.00
06 Boat Excise	\$ 276.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 276.00
05 Boat Excise	\$ 206.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206.00
04 Boat Excise	\$ 113.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113.00
03 Boat Excise	\$ 121.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.00
09 Farm Animal Excise	\$ -	\$ 2,091.50	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 2,091.50	\$ -
07 Repair Plates	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00
06 Repair Plates	\$ 91.25	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91.25
06 Dealer Plates	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
05 Dealer Plates	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
05 Repair Plates	\$ 616.25	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 616.25
						\$ -
						\$ -
	\$ 599,007.22	\$ 16,733,240.32	(\$138,474.27)	\$ 139,459.50	\$ 16,384,604.10	\$ 669,709.67
						\$ 669,709.67

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR  
OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/09

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Type of Payment</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
7/15/1998	Public Way (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 1,859.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/1998	Departmental Equipment-Fire Truck	Principal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 328.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4/29/1999	WPAT Septic Repair #1 (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 11,100.36	\$ 11,100.36	\$ 11,100.36	\$ 11,100.36	\$ 11,100.40
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/24/2003	WPAT Septic Repair #2 (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 5,426.12	\$ 5,426.12	\$ 5,307.49	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,414.36
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Senior Center (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
		Interest	\$ 12,590.00	\$ 11,840.00	\$ 11,090.00	\$ 10,433.75	\$ 9,772.50
7/15/2002	Betty's Neck (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
		Interest	\$ 34,512.50	\$ 32,262.50	\$ 30,012.50	\$ 27,762.50	\$ 25,497.50
7/15/2002	Tamarack	Principal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		Interest	\$ 3,492.50	\$ 3,117.50	\$ 2,742.50	\$ 2,367.50	\$ 2,085.00
7/15/2002	Howland Rd-Land	Principal	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
		Interest	\$ 11,793.75	\$ 10,856.25	\$ 9,918.75	\$ 8,981.25	\$ 8,037.50
7/15/2002	Daniel Road-Water Main	Principal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
		Interest	\$ 1,692.50	\$ 1,317.50	\$ 942.50	\$ 567.50	\$ 190.00
7/15/2002	Non-Conforming Land	Principal	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		Interest	\$ 846.25	\$ 658.75	\$ 471.25	\$ 283.75	\$ 95.00
7/15/2003	Library	Principal	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
		Interest	\$ 62,077.50	\$ 59,190.00	\$ 56,027.50	\$ 52,590.00	\$ 48,946.25
	Total Principal		\$ 356,526.48	\$ 256,526.48	\$ 256,407.85	\$ 251,514.72	\$ 251,514.76
	Total Interest		\$ 129,192.49	\$ 119,242.5	\$ 111,205.00	\$ 102,986.25	\$ 94,623.75
	GRAND TOTAL****		\$485,718.97	\$375,768.98	\$ 367,612.85	\$ 354,500.97	\$ 346,138.51

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR  
OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/09

Date of Issue	Purpose	Type of Payment	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
7/15/1998	Public Way (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/1998	Departmental Equipment-Fire Truck	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4/29/1999	WPAT Septic Repair #1 (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 11,100.40	\$ 11,100.40	\$ 11,100.40	\$ 11,100.40	\$ 11,100.40
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/24/2003	WPAT Septic Repair #2 (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,414.36
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Senior Center (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
		Interest	\$ 8,992.50	\$ 8,172.50	\$ 7,327.50	\$ 6,472.50	\$ 5,602.50
7/15/2002	Betty's Neck (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
		Interest	\$ 23,157.50	\$ 20,697.50	\$ 18,162.50	\$ 15,597.50	\$ 12,987.50
7/15/2002	Tamarack	Principal	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		Interest	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 1,473.75	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,042.50
7/15/2002	Howland Rd-Land	Principal	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
		Interest	\$ 7,062.50	\$ 6,037.50	\$ 4,981.25	\$ 3,912.50	\$ 2,825.00
7/15/2002	Daniel Road-Water Main	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Non-Conforming Land	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2003	Library	Principal	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
		Interest	\$ 45,233.75	\$ 41,452.50	\$ 37,465.00	\$ 33,271.25	\$ 28,940.00
	Total Principal		\$ 236,514.76	\$ 236,514.76	\$ 236,514.76	\$ 236,514.76	\$ 236,514.76
	Total Interest		\$ 86,336.25	\$ 78,045.00	\$ 69,410.00	\$ 60,513.75	\$ 51,397.50
	GRAND TOTAL****		\$ 322,851.01	\$ 314,559.76	\$ 305,924.76	\$ 297,028.51	\$ 287,912.26

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TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR  
OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/09

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Type of Payment</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
7/15/1998	Public Way (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/1998	Departmental Equipment-Fire	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4/29/1999	WPAT Septic Repair #1 (Exen	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/24/2003	WPAT Septic Repair #2 (Exen	Principal	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,414.36	\$ 5,524.86	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Senior Center (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 4,712.50	\$ 3,802.50	\$ 2,511.25	\$ 840.00	\$ -
7/15/2002	Betty's Neck (Exempt)	Principal	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 10,317.50	\$ 7,587.50	\$ 4,663.75	\$ 1,560.00	\$ -
7/15/2002	Tamarack	Principal	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 820.00	\$ 592.50	\$ 358.75	\$ 120.00	\$ -
7/15/2002	Howland Rd-Land	Principal	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 1,712.50	\$ 575.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Daniel Road-Water Main	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Non-Conforming Land	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2003	Library	Principal	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
		Interest	\$ 24,540.00	\$ 20,140.00	\$ 15,740.00	\$ 11,257.50	\$ 6,692.50
Total Principal			\$ 225,414.36	\$ 225,414.36	\$ 220,524.86	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Total Interest			\$ 42,102.50	\$ 32,697.50	\$ 23,273.75	\$ 13,777.50	\$ 6,692.50
			\$ 267,516.86	\$ 258,111.86	\$ 243,798.61	\$ 228,777.50	\$ 116,692.50

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TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR  
OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/09

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Type of Payment</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
7/15/1998	Public Way (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/1998	Departmental Equipment-Fire Truck	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4/29/1999	WPAT Septic Repair #1 (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/24/2003	WPAT Septic Repair #2 (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Senior Center (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Betty's Neck (Exempt)	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Tanarack	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Howland Rd-Land	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Daniel Road-Water Main	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2002	Non-Conforming Land	Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7/15/2003	Library	Principal	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Interest	\$ 4,410.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
			<u>\$ 109,410.00</u>				

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## **VETERANS' AGENT**

Marilyn Mansfield, Veterans' Agent

As mandated by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 115, the Department of Veterans' Services provided assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents. All approved benefits are reimbursed by the State at 75% and the Town pays 25%. The only exception is for flags, which the State reimburses at 100%. As mandated by the State, flags are placed on veterans' grave sites in May. There are veterans buried in 23 of Lakeville's cemeteries, and a total of 254 flags were placed at these cemeteries. If you know of a veteran who is buried in Lakeville and is not being honored with a flag, please let me know so the records can be updated.

After many years of working on a web base program, finally this year the Department of Veterans' Services launched the Web VSMIS (Veterans Services Management Information System) to be used in reporting cases, monthly expenses, and reimbursements. The new live system provides a snapshot of the submitted, authorized, modified and denied cases. Training in Boston was provided this summer. The Web VSMIS goals are to provide: Accuracy, Faster Response, Cost Savings, and Reports that are automatically generated from information that has been provided.

The Annual "Salute To Those Who Served" breakfast was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Apponequet High School students attended along with veterans from various branches of the military. Navy Veteran and Selectman, Chuck Evirs, unveiled a special flag that will fly at the Town House. Jean Douillette gave a presentation on various military markers

and headstones that are in the cemeteries in Lakeville. A wonderful bag pipe musical program was presented by Diane Wood-Bielski and her daughter Maeghan.

If you served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, or between September 11, 2001 to present, you may be eligible for a bonus. The amount you are eligible for depends on when you served. You must have an honorable discharge and have lived in Massachusetts at least 6 months prior to entering the military. A bill that takes effect January 2010 will also allow you to file for subsequent deployments. You must complete, date, and sign the application. You may call this office (508-947-7224) or go on line @ [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) to get your application. The majority of WWII, Korea and Vietnam veterans have already received payment; however, if you call, I'll check war records to see if you received your bonus. This year I did have a WWII Marine receive "her" bonus.

At Christmas time packages were sent to an active duty serviceman who is serving in Kuwait. Gifts were also given to his children and family who are at home waiting for his safe return. Our thoughts are prayers are with all the men and women who have served and continue to serve this great country.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals respectfully submits this report of its proceedings for 2009. The Board received seven petitions. The Board granted four Special Permits and one Variance. Three withdrawals were also accepted and two hearings were continued into 2010.

The Board turned over to the Treasurer fees amounting to \$600.

Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Lakeville Public Library. All hearings are advertised in the legal notice section of the Middleboro Gazette. These meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.