

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



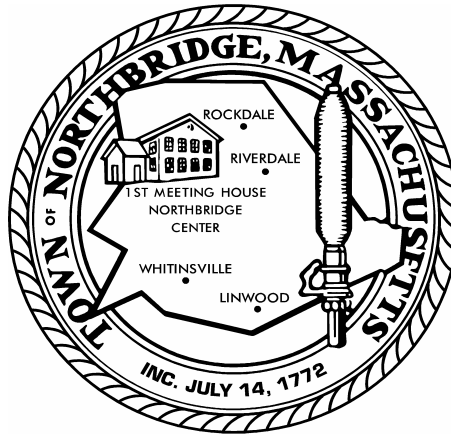
**Northbridge, Massachusetts
2006**

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Northbridge Memorial Town Hall
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Annual Town Report

**OF THE TOWN OF
NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**

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▪ Spring Annual Town Meeting	May 2, 2006
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General Statistics

Northbridge was incorporated as a Town July 14, 1772

Location -- 13 miles south of Worcester

Population -- 13,914

Area -- 17.96 square miles

Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 2006:

Real Estate	\$1,608,497,130
Personal Property	<u>28,213,296</u>
Total:	\$1,636,710,426

Tax Rate: \$8.54 per thousand FY 2007

Town Offices:

Northbridge Town Hall
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

United States Senators:	Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress:	Richard E. Neal (2 nd Congressional District)
State Senator:	Richard T. Moore (Worcester and Norfolk)
Representative in General Court:	George N. Peterson (9 th Worcester District)
Member of Executive Council:	Dennis P. McManus (7 th Councilor District)

Voting Qualifications

Must be 18 years of age on or before Election Day, born in the United States or fully naturalized, and a resident of Northbridge.

Registration of Voters

- (1) Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA, during regular Town Hall hours:
Mondays: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Fridays: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- (2) Special Session previous to all elections and Town Meetings.

Where to Vote:

Precinct 1	Northbridge Middle School Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville
Precinct 2	American Legion Hall Church Avenue, Rockdale
Precincts 3 & 4	Balmer Elementary School Crescent Street, Whitinsville

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Joseph J. Montecalvo	Term expires 2007
Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 2007
William J. Audette	Term expires 2008
John A. Davis	Term expires 2008
James R. Marzec	Term expires 2009

MODERATOR

Harold D. Gould, Jr.	Term expires 2007
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Karen Peterson Kittredge	Term expires 2007
Donald K. Lange	Term expires 2007
Carroll Paine	Term expires 2007
Susan M. Brouwer	Term expires 2008
Andrew Myers	Term expires 2008
Paula Grabowski	Term expires 2008
Carrie Marzec	Term expires 2009
Kristin Burns	Term expires 2009
Leeann Hansson	Term expires 2009

PLANNING BOARD

Harry Berkowitz	Term expires 2007
Barbara Gaudette	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Edward Palmer	Term expires 2008
James A. Vitello	Term expires 2009
Roger J. Dionne/*Associate Member	Term expires 2008

*(Appointed by Planning Board & Board of Selectmen)

TRUSTEES SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Board of Selectmen	Chap. 41, Sec. 105
Joseph Williamson	Term expires 2007
Philip R. Cyr	Term expires 2007
Spaulding Aldrich	Term expires 2008
Lawrence Long	Term expires 2008
Thomas Farley	Term expires 2009

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Lee Gaudette (STATE APPOINTEE)	Term expired 1999
Vacancy (2-yr)	Term expires 2007
Randall Morin (3-yr)	Term expires 2008
Timothy L. Boucher (4-yr)	Term expires 2009
Sharron Ampagoomian (5-yr)	Term expires 2011

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Lorraine Bell	Term expires 2008
Mary Frances Powers, Chairman	Term expires 2009
Barbara S. Chandler	Term expires 2010
Janet King	Term expires 2011
Carolyn Lavallee (State Appointee)	Term expires 2011

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jeff T. Koopman	(*until State Election in 11/2008)	Term expires 2008
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SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

TOWN COUNSEL

Leonard Kopelman	Term expires 6/30/07
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TOWN MANAGER

Michael J. Coughlin, Jr.

ADA COORDINATOR

Michael J. Coughlin, Jr.

ADA COORDINATOR/School Department

Paul Soojian

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Walter Convent, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Varkis Arakelian	Term expires 2008
John Gosselin	Term expires 2009

BOARD OF HEALTH

Christopher Cella	Term expires 2007
Paul McKeon, Chairman	Term expires 2008
Anne Marie Thompson, Vice Chairman	Term expires 2008
Steven Garabedian	Term expires 2009
Scott Chase	Term expires 2009

BLACKSTONE RIVER AND CANAL COMMISSION

Charles Peix	Term expires 2007
Vacancy (Associate Member)	Term expires 2007
Vacancy (Associate Member)	Term expires 2007
Vacancy (Associate Member)	Term expires 2007

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Sandra Ovian (Democrat)	Term expires 2007
John H. Baker (Republican)	Term expires 2008
Peter Andonian (Democrat)	Term expires 2009
Doreen Cedrone, Town Clerk (Republican)	Term expires 2010

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Patrick Smith	(Selectmen)	Term expires 2007
George Murray	(Moderator)	Term expires 2007
Donald K. Lange	(School Comm.)	Term expires 2007
David R. Morrow, Chair	(Selectmen)	Term expires 2008
W. Robert Knapik	(Moderator)	Term expires 2008
Neal Mitchell	(Selectmen)	Term expires 2009
William Ferguson	(Moderator)	Term expires 2009

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David Miedema III	Term expires 2007
Harry Berkowitz, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Anthony Davis	Term expires 2007
Jerry Bagdasarian	Term expires 2008
Sharron W. Ampagoomian	Term expires 2008
Dean Fortin	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2009

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Roger L. Jewell	Term expires 2007
Terence Bradley	Term expires 2007
Cheryl Peckham	Term expires 2008
Robert Anderson	Term expires 2008
Andrew J. Chagnon	Term expires 2009
JoAnn Teachout	Term expires 2009
Wyatt J. Mills, Chairman	Term expires 2009

CONSTABLES (Terms expire 2008)

Walter Warchol, Police Chief	Timothy Labrie	Conrad Chickinski
Leonard Smith	George H. Hamm	John Ouillette
Kristina Westbury	Thomas DeJordy	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Constance Dion, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Mary B. Tonry	Term expires 2007
Serge Grandoni	Term expires 2007
Phillip Poore	Term expires 2007
Marie Kreuzinger	Term expires 2008
Burnham P. Miller	Term expires 2008

Leon Duquette	Term expires 2008
Kenneth Guertin	Term expires 2008
Sidney Koopman, Jr.	Term expires 2009
Theodore Lachapelle	Term expires 2009
Thomas Sullivan	Term expires 2009

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Nola Stefancyk	Term expires 2007
Edmund Quigley	Term expires 2007
Kathryn Barry Ducey, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Amy Stark	Term expires 2008
Caroline Ramian	Term expires 2008
Pamela Siderewicz	Term expires 2008
Leeann Hansson	Term expires 2009

DISABILITY COMMISSION

Vacancy	Term expires 2007
Jon Frieswick	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2009

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / Civil Defense

Richard D. West, Director	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Kenneth Warchol, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Joseph J. Plaud	Term expires 2007
David Potty	Term expires 2008
Jerry Bagdasarian	Term expires 2008
Paula McCowan	Term expires 2009
Vacancy	Term expires 2009
Donald E. Gosselin	Term expires 2009

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY & COMMISSION

Vacancy	Term expires 2007	Vacancy	Term expires 2010
Vacancy	Term expires 2008	Vacancy	Term expires 2010
Vacancy	Term expires 2008	Vacancy	Term expires 2011
Vacancy	Term expires 2009		

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Barbara Gaudette	John Freeman	Sharron W. Ampagoomian, Chairman
Stephen Witkus	Henry J. Lane	Vacancy, Playground & Recreation
Priscilla Arbuckle	Andrew Chagnon	Darren Peckham, Vice Chair

PERSONNEL BOARD

Peter Mimmo	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
William F. Lavallee, Chairman	Term expires 2009
Peter Lachapelle	Term expires 2009

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Craig Bachman, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Scott Macintosh	Term expires 2007
Kenneth W. Taylor	Term expires 2008
Bridget Curley	Term expires 2008
John Phelan	Term expires 2008
Matthew White	Term expires 2008
Bruce Frieswick	Term expires 2009

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Marilyn Baker, Chairman	Denis LaTour	
Philip D. Simmons	Viola Bramel	Lisa Laflamme

SAFETY COMMITTEE (Terms expire 6/30/2006)

Walter J. Warchol, Police Chief	George Murray	Gary Nestor, Chairman
R. Gary Bechtholdt	Peter Bedigian	Richard Sasseville
Joseph Montecalvo	Alternate: James Sheehan	

YOUTH COMMISSION

Vacancy	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2009
Student Representative/Vacancy	Term expires 8/30/06
Student Representative/Vacancy	Term expires 8/30/06
Student Representative/Vacancy	Term expires 8/30/06

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Carol B. Snow	Term expires 2007
Thomas E. Hansson, Chairman	Term expires 2008
Sharron W. Ampagoomian	Term expires 2009
Diane Woupio	Term expires 2010
William Corkum	Term expires 2011

Associate Members

Harold Hartman	Term expires 2007
Stephen Witkus	Term expires 2007
John Manton	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008

TOWN MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS

ANIMAL CONTROL & DOG OFFICER

Chauvin Protective Services, Inc. (Daniel Chauvin) Term expires 4/30/07

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Daniel Chauvin Term expires 6/31/07

WIRING INSPECTOR

Henry Nydam Term expires 6/30/07

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

J. Herve Guertin Term expires 6/30/07

FENCE VIEWERS

James Sheehan Term expires 6/30/07
Denis Latour Term expires 6/30/07

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Gary A. Nestor

GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Richard Wunschel Term expires 6/30/07

ASSISTANT GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Larry Wiersma Term expires 6/30/07

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS & ZONING OFFICER

James Sheehan

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

M. Christine McLaughlin

PARKING CLERK

Robert E. Wheeler Term expires 6/30/07

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Walter J. Warchol, Police Chief

LOCKUP OFFICER

Walter J. Warchol, Police Chief

Term expires 6/30/07

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

Richard D. West, Captain

Vacancy

Vacancy

PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

Robert Fitzgerald

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DPW Director, Richard Sasseville

Tree Warden, Richard Sasseville

Highway Superintendent, Arthur Magowan

Sewer Superintendent, Mark Kuras

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES/Measurer of Wood & Bark

Edward Seidler

Term expires 6/30/07

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Neil Vaidya

Term expires 6/30/09

TOWN CLERK

Doreen Cedrone

Term expires 2/9/07

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Deborah Kristoff

Term expires 1/9/09

REGIONAL VETERANS' SERVICES DIRECTOR

Kenneth Trajanowski

Term expires 6/30/07

YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR

Vacancy

Term expires 6/30/07

TOWN MODERATOR

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Patrick Smith	(Sel.)	Term expires 2007
George Murray	(Mod.)	Term expires 2007
Donald K. Lange	(School Comm.)	Term expires 2007
David R. Morrow, Chair	(Sel.)	Term expires 2008
W. Robert Knapik	(Mod.)	Term expires 2008
Neal Mitchell	(Sel.)	Term expires 2009
William Ferguson	(Mod.)	Term expires 2009

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter F. Drew, Jr.		Term expires 2007
Plato Adams		Term expires 2007
Salvatore D'Amato		Term expires 2008
James Barron		Term expires 2008
Andrew Todd, Jr.		Term expires 2008
Mary Frances Powers, Chairman		Term expires 2009
Mary Thompson		Term expires 2009

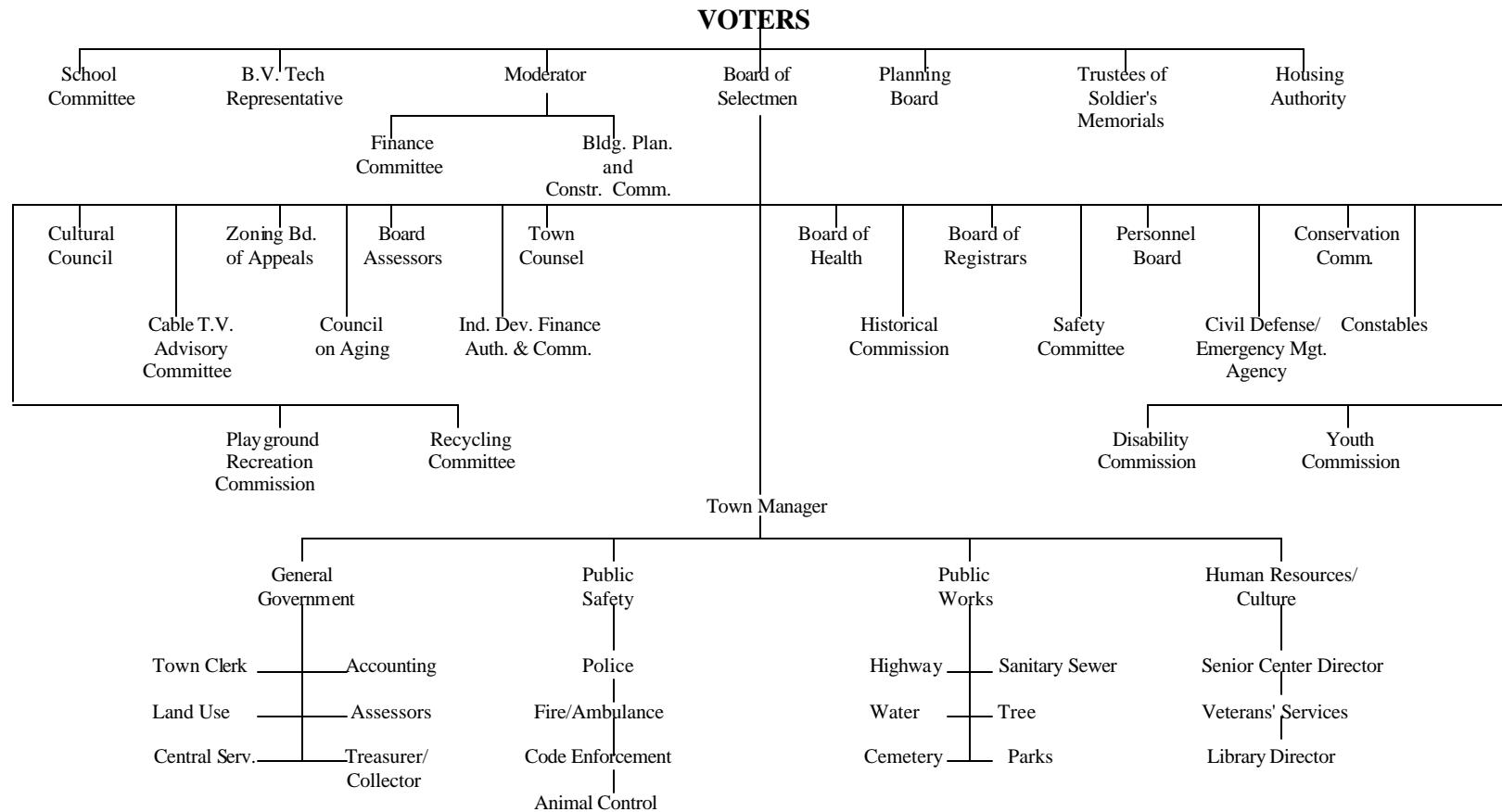
EARTH REMOVAL BOARD

Harry Berkowitz (Plan. Bd.) - Chairman		Vacancy (Cons. Comm.)
Richard Sasseville (DPW)	Vacancy (BOS)	Vacancy (BOH)

NORTHBRIDGE RETIREMENT BOARD

Neil Vaidya, Town Acct.	(Ex Officio)	Chap. 32, S. 20
Jeanne Sohigian	(Ret. Board Appt.)	Term expires 6/30/08
Sharon Susienka, Vice-Chair	(By Selectmen)	Term expires 2/24/09
Muriel Barry	(Election by Members of	Term expires 6/30/09
John Meagher, Chairman	Retirement System)	Term expires 6/30/09

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE - ORGANIZATION CHART



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Statement of Indebtedness
Fiscal Year 2006

Purpose	Outstanding July 1, 2005	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding June 30, 2006	Interest Paid in FY'06
LONG-TERM DEBT:					
<u>BONDS:</u>					
Inside the Debt Limit					
MWPAT (4)	7,771,849.00		400,444.00	7,371,405.00	91,156.00
High School-Land	1,260,000.00		90,000.00	1,170,000.00	62,100.00
Sub-Total Inside Debt Limit	9,031,849.00	0.00	490,444.00	8,541,405.00	153,256.00
Outside the Debt Limit					
High School-Building	23,800,000.00		1,400,000.00	22,400,000.00	1,170,750.00
TITLE V -#1	157,850.00		10,539.00	147,311.00	0.00
TITLE V-#2	84,621.00		4,709.00	79,912.00	
Sewer-Edgemere	1,035,000.00		130,000.00	905,000.00	26,922.50
Water Main-Benson, Hill & Kelly	595,000.00		75,000.00	520,000.00	15,468.75
Sub-Total Outside Debt Limit	25,672,471.00	0.00	1,620,248.00	24,052,223.00	1,213,141.25
GRAND TOTAL-LTD	34,704,320.00	0.00	2,110,692.00	32,593,628.00	1,366,397.25

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Bonds Authorized & Unissued
At June 30, 2006

Purpose	T.M. Date	Article #	Amount Authorized	Recinded	Issued	Authorized	Balance Unissued
Edgemere Sewer Construction	11/14/00	1	285,000.00				285,000.00
TITLE V -#2	11/14/00	13	200,000.00				200,000.00
Sutton Street Area Sewers	10/22/96	12	550,000.00				550,000.00
Water Mains - Sutton Street	10/22/98	4	110,000.00				110,000.00
Water Mains - Sutton Street	11/30/00	10	125,000.00				125,000.00
Whitinsville Sewer Interceptor	11/18/03	4	1,600,000.00				1,600,000.00
SEWER SIPHON # 2	11/18/03	5	250,000.00				250,000.00
Wastewater Treatment Facility	11/14/00	1	7,199,715.00		6,663,418.00		536,297.00
			<u>10,319,715.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,663,418.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,656,297.00</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

	FY 2005 Encumbered	ATM 6/05	ATM 11/05	Bond/Loan Transfers Proceeds	Expended	Continued Approp.	Closed to Fund Balance
Capital Articles:							
Town Hall Access ATM Art#10 11/98	61,640.30					61,640.30	0.00
TH Roof Replac Art#1 STM 2/99	11,563.00					11,563.00	0.00
Balmer Sch Roof Art#6 ATM 5/93	22,808.80					22,808.80	0.00
Sutton St Mains Art#14 5/97	(769.00)					-769.00	0.00
Prov Road Art# 17 ATM 11/99	30,047.77					30,047.77	0.00
Edgemere Art# 11 ATM 11/99	114,955.90					114,955.90	0.00
Library-Circulation Art#13 5/98	1,922.60					1,922.60	0.00
Parks-Soccer Fields Art#12 ATM/95	9,386.42					9,386.42	0.00
Bens.Kell.Hill WTR MNArt#15-00	(8,470.69)					-8,470.69	0.00
Wastewater Trt Art#10 10/96	142,845.71			356,473.90	496,929.91	2,389.70	0.00
Union St Sewer Art#11 10/96	41,308.21					41,308.21	0.00
Sutton St SewerArt#12 10/96	(3,917.40)					-3,917.40	0.00
Middle/Police Roof-Art#12 5/06(BPCC)	0.00	0.00		130,111.80	56,923.39	73,188.41	
Sub-Total	423,321.62	0.00		486,585.70	553,853.30	356,054.02	0.00
						0.00	
School Const- HS Art#2 STM 11/98	43,353.67			90,000.00		133,353.67	0.00
Schl Admin Roof Art# 10 6/03	581.90					581.90	0.00
Aldrich School Roof Art#13 11/03	250,882.85					250,882.85	0.00
U.S.TANK-Aldrich Schl Art#	78,910.00				74,898.00	4,012.00	0.00
Sub-Total	373,728.42	0.00		90,000.00	74,898.00	388,830.42	0.00
Grand Total	797,050.04	0.00		576,585.70	628,751.30	744,884.44	0.00

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

Trust Fund Activity

Fiscal Year 2006

	Fund Balance July 1, 2005	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers (Out)	Balance June 30, 2006
Expendable Trusts:							
Stabilization Fund	2,342,116.92	-	95,329.28		187,000.00	(435,000.00)	2,189,446.20
Law Enforcement	39,830.63	1,900.00	336.65	1,837.83	-	-	40,229.45
Memorial Hall	9,490.47		2,481.86	-	-	-	11,972.33
Historical Preservation	2,930.68	-	72.86		-		3,003.54
Conservation Fund	265.03	-	41.66		-		306.69
Sara Dawley Playground	318.78	-	50.13		-		368.91
Cemetery Trust	16,499.34	-	2,301.29		-		18,800.63
Cemetery Perpetual Care	6,671.32	800.00	486.92		-		7,958.24
Sara Dawley Scholarship	2,344.77	-	300.26		-		2,645.03
Elsa Mason Conservation	17,262.91	-	2,376.02		-		19,638.93
Health Insurance Trust	189,067.51	4,713,527.78	29,870.86	5,096,394.71	-		(163,928.56)
TOTALS	2,626,798.36	4,716,227.78	133,647.79	5,098,232.54	187,000.00	(435,000.00)	2,130,441.39
Non-Expendable Trusts:							
Elsa Mason Conservation	46,454.61	-	-	-	-		46,454.61
Conservation Fund	857.80	-	-	-	-		857.80
Sara Dawley Scholarship	5,850.00	-	-	-	-		5,850.00
Sara Dawley Playground	1,035.45						1,035.45
Cemetery Trust	49,000.76						49,000.76
Memorial Hall	57,562.19	-	-	-	-		57,562.19
	168,593.51	-	-	-	-		168,593.51
TOTALS	2,795,391.87	4,716,227.78	133,647.79	5,098,232.54	187,000.00	(435,000.00)	2,299,034.90

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
FY 2006 GAAP Basis - General Fund

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2005 Encumbered	A.T.M. 6/05 Budget	A.T.M.11/05 Supplement	S.T.M. 03/06 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	FY 2006 Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
122 SELECTMEN								
Compensation		5,150.00			0.00	2,991.51		2,158.49
Expenses		116,230.00			5,000.00	123,220.36	0.00	-1,990.36
123 TOWN MANAGER								
Personnel		145,114.00	21,600.00			164,840.58	0.00	1,873.42
Expenses		6,370.00			-1,782.00	4,012.64	0.00	575.36
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE								
Personnel		4,000.00				3,920.15		79.85
Expenses		11,000.00				9,834.79		1,165.21
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT								
Personnel		108,000.00	-30,000.00			76,111.56		1,888.44
Expenses		6,130.00	10,000.00		-1,155.00	14,416.45		558.55
141 ASSESSORS								
Personnel		129,266.00	3,900.00		1,195.98	134,361.81		0.17
Expenses		13,100.00	-2,500.00		-1,195.98	7,499.64		1,904.38
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR								
Personnel		159,439.00	-20,000.00		5,000.00	144,439.00		0.00
Expenses		45,005.00	9,000.00		-5,000.00	38,955.05		10,049.95
155 INFORMATION SYSTEMS								
Personnel		53,263.00	1,713.00			54,901.19		74.81
Expenses		56,255.00	-1,713.00			53,020.93		1,521.07
161 TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS								
Personnel		79,184.00	2,398.00			81,554.20		27.80
Expenses	3,500.00	31,331.00	-2,398.00		2,937.00	32,837.11	2,560.00	-27.11
175 LAND USE								
Conservation Personnel		13,685.00	1,335.00			13,780.34		1,239.66
Conservation Expenses	460.00	1,650.00				1,282.06		827.94
Planning Bd Personnel		63,789.00	1,611.00			65,204.54		195.46
Planning Bd Expenses	6,533.99	14,110.00	-1,611.00			8,446.80	5,500.00	5,086.19
Zoning/Appeals Bd Personnel		6,786.00			35.00	6,820.07		0.93
Zoning/Appeals Bd Expenses		7,345.00				4,564.63		2,780.37
192 TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES								
Personnel		0.00				0.00		0.00
Expenses	4.58	62,281.00			1,500.00	63,722.44		63.14
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	10,498.57	1,138,483.00	-6,665.00	0.00	6,535.00	1,110,737.85	8,060.00	30,053.72

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2005 Encumbered	A.T.M. 6/05 Budget	A.T.M.11/05 Supplement	S.T.M. 3/06 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
210 POLICE								
Personnel		1,951,785.00	-54,000.00			1,718,793.79		178,991.21
Expenses		187,929.00				167,032.18	543.23	20,353.59
220 FIRE								
Personnel		387,194.00			53,999.93	441,104.72		89.21
Expenses	56,780.30	357,175.00	9,100.00			418,436.49		4,618.81
230 AMBULANCE								
Personnel		437,299.00			-53,999.93	380,082.75		3,216.32
Expenses	200	60,180.00				54,809.95		5,570.05
240 CODE ENFORCEMENT								
Personnel		111,149.00	2,846.00		(35.00)	113,544.98		415.02
Expenses		9,665.00				9,094.07		570.93
291 CIVIL DEFENSE								
Expenses		16,540.00				11,403.89		5,136.11
PUBLIC SAFETY	56,980.30	3,518,916.00	-42,054.00	0.00	-35.00	3,314,302.82	543.23	218,961.25
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		17,275,599.00	-56,292.00	0.00		17,219,307.00	-	0.00
TRANSPORTATION		962,550.00				962,550.00		0.00
350 TRADE SCHOOL		142,145.00				32,025.40	-	110,119.60
350 BLACKSTONE VALLEY REG VOC.		836,711.00				836,711.00		0.00
EDUCATION	0.00	19,217,005.00	-56,292.00	0.00	0.00	19,050,593.40	0.00	110,119.60
422 HIGHWAY DIVISION								
Personnel		458,618.00	-15,000.00			424,871.92		18,746.08
Expenses	3,302.70	265,350.00	7,500.00		28,300.00	254,677.71	26,000.00	23,774.99
423 SNOW & ICE								
Personnel		30,000.00				47,774.82		-17,774.82
Expenses		30,000.00				240,208.32		-210,208.32
425 TREE MAINTENANCE								
Expenses		10,725.00				10,510.10		214.90
429 PARK MAINTENANCE								
Personnel		7,500.00				4,712.09		2,787.91
Expenses	785.40	12,600.00				11,862.06		1,523.34
440 WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL								
Expenses		159,556.00	-20,000.00			126,707.08		12,848.92

491 CEMETERY								
Personnel		2,000.00				0.00		2,000.00
Expenses		1,325.00				882.67		442.33
PUBLIC WORKS	4,088.10	977,674.00	-27,500.00	0.00	28,300.00	1,122,206.77	26,000.00	-165,644.67
189 BLDG & CONSTRUCTION								0.00
Expenses		34,000.00	-17,000.00			0.00	17,000.00	0.00
	0.00	34,000.00	-17,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00
510 BOARD OF HEALTH								
Personnel		33,929.00	846.00			34,774.12		0.88
Expenses		27,370.00	-846.00			20,699.72		5,824.28
541 COUNCIL ON AGING								
Personnel		80,317.00	3,068.00			82,632.30		752.70
Expenses		33,803.00	-1,483.00			29,629.33		2,690.67
543 VETERANS								
Personnel		31,500.00	1,013.00			32,468.87		44.13
Expenses	100.00	28,905.00	-400.00			27,260.80	149.17	1,195.03
HUMAN SERVICES	100.00	235,824.00	2,198.00	0.00	0.00	227,465.14	149.17	10,507.69
610 LIBRARY								
Personnel		176,762.00	3,780.00			179,427.55		-2,665.55
Expenses		26,730.00	-3,780.00			22,949.13		3,780.87
630 RECREATION								
Personnel & Expenses		44,475.00				34,270.43		10,204.57
Youth League Equipment		2,000.00				1,021.73		978.27
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION								
Expenses		250.00				50.00		200.00
692 MEMORIALS								
Memorials-Expenses		4,625.00				3,263.82		1,361.18
Soldier's Memorials		1,855.00				1,855.00		0.00
439 RECYCLING								
Personnel		730.00				525.81		204.19
Expenses		5,633.00				5,464.92	168.08	0.00
CULTURE & RECREATION	0.00	263,060.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	248,828.39	168.08	14,063.53
710 DEBT SERVICE								
Principal		1,552,748.00				1,491,575.00	0.00	61,173.00
Interest		1,232,850.00				1,232,850.00	0.00	0.00
Short Term Interest		57,500.00				0.00		57,500.00
BVRs Debt	0.00	97,919.00	0.00			97,919.00	0.00	0.00
DEBT SERVICE	0.00	2,941,017.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,822,344.00	0.00	118,673.00

0.00

910 NON-DEPARTMENTAL								
Retirement System		960,064.00			954,465.48	0.00	5,598.52	
Worker's Comp		75,000.00			73,939.00		1,061.00	
Unemployment Comp.	3,000.00	101,000.00			50,347.86	3,644.75	43,507.39	
Employee Ins. Benefits		3,965,126.00	0.00		4,012,504.43	-	-47,378.43	
Property & Liability		194,300.00			193,262.45	0	1,037.55	
Reserve for Wage Adj.		100,000.00			0.00	0.00	71,700.00	
Stabilization Fund			187,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Life Insurance					4,539.15		-4,539.15	
Reserve Fund				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	3,000.00	5,395,490.00	187,000.00	0.00	-34,800.00	5,289,058.37	3,644.75	70,986.88
OPERATING BUDGETS	74,666.97	33,721,469.00	39,687.00	0.00	0.00	33,185,536.74	55,565.23	407,721.00

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
FY 2006 GAAP Basis - Sewer Enterprise Fund

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2005 Encumbered	A.T.M. 6/05 Budget	A.T.M.11/05 Supplement	S.T.M. 3/06 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Closed to Fund Balance
OPERATING:								
Personnel	0.00	400,594.00				388,649.59		11,944.41
Expenses	89,864.16	1,662,250.00				1,411,397.20	17,178.71	323,538.25
TOTAL	89,864.16	2,062,844.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800,046.79	17,178.71	335,482.66

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
FY 2006 GAAP Basis - Water Enterprise Fund

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2005 Encumbered	A.T.M. 6/05 Budget	A.T.M.11/05 Supplement	S.T.M. 3/06 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Closed to Fund Balance
OPERATING:								
Personnel	0.00	16,282.00				14,459.21	0	1,822.79
Expenses	75,200.43	732,405.00	20,000.00			719,079.34	0.00	108,526.09
TOTAL	75,200.43	748,687.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	733,538.55	0.00	110,348.88

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2006

**Note: Unaudited

	General Fund Fund 0100	Special Revenue Fund 11-2900	Capital Projects Fund 3000	Enterprise Fund 6000	Trust Funds Fund 8000-8300	Agency Fund Fund 8401-8901	G.L.T.D.A.Group Fund 9001	Combined Totals
PETTY CASH	475.00							475.00
CASH-UNRESTRICTED CHECKING	4,771,972.78	3,168,948.14	913,304.55	3,287,043.10	2,292,426.50	714,264.14		15,147,959.21
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	1,473.46							1,473.46
REAL ESTATE TAX RECEIVABLE	311,981.03							311,981.03
ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEM.	(423,324.55)							(423,324.55)
TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE	259,366.14							259,366.14
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REC.	269,558.92							269,558.92
WATER LIENS								
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	11.13	402,947.90	109,204.46	817,040.91				1,329,204.40
DUE FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL		339,514.00						339,514.00
DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL	39.39							39.39
DUE FROM SPECIAL REVENUE	91.71							91.71
DUE FROM ENTERPRISE								
PRE-PAID TAXES								
TAX FORECLOSURES	6,150.32							6,150.32
BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS								
CUMULATIVE DEPRECIATION								
L.T.D.GROUP-TO BE PROVIDED							32,593,628.00	32,593,628.00
Total Assets	5,197,795.33	3,911,410.04	1,022,509.01	4,104,084.01	2,292,426.50	714,264.14	32,593,628.00	49,836,117.03
WARRANTS PAYABLE	628,603.45	100,046.12	414.37	164,186.49	22.64	(50,614.89)		842,658.18
ACCRUED PAYROLL	1,081,423.31	101,600.79						1,183,024.10
W/H PAYABLES	803.57							803.57
ACCRUED LIABILITY					461,000.00			461,000.00
ABANDONED PROPERTY AND UNCLAIMED	50,616.96							50,616.96
RETAINAGE PAYABLE								
DUE TO TRUST & AGENCY								
GUARANTEED DEPOSITS						764,879.03		764,879.03
DEFERRED REVENUE RE/PP	(109,551.29)							(109,551.29)
DEFERRED REVENUE TAX LIENS	259,366.14							259,366.14
DEFERRED REVENUE TAX FORECLOSURE	6,150.32							6,150.32
DEFERRED REVENUE MOTOR VEHICLE	270,132.50							270,132.50
DEFERRED REVENUE WATER LIEN (TT)								
DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		402,947.90	109,204.46	817,040.91				1,329,193.27
BAN'S PAYABLE			485,000.00	1,415,000.00				1,900,000.00
L.T.D.GROUP-PAYABLE							32,593,628.00	32,593,628.00
Total Liabilities	2,187,544.96	604,594.81	594,618.83	2,396,227.40	461,022.64	714,264.14	32,593,628.00	39,551,900.78
INVEST.-GIFTS								
F.B.RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	55,565.23			66,468.30				122,033.53
F.B.RESERVED FOR CONTINUING APPROP.	458,745.57			728,101.22				1,186,846.79
F.B.RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES	779,671.00							779,671.00
F.B.RESERVED FOR CONSTRUCTION				(1,412,145.15)				(1,412,145.15)
F/B RESERVE-SNOW/ICE DEFICIT	(227,983.14)							(227,983.14)
F.B.RESERVED FOR OVER/UNDER ASSMNT.								
F.B.RESERVED FOR UNPROVIDED ABMTS								
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	1,944,251.71	3,306,815.23	427,890.18	2,325,432.24	1,831,403.86			9,835,793.22
Total Fund Balance	3,010,250.37	3,306,815.23	427,890.18	1,707,856.61	1,831,403.86			10,284,216.25
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	5,197,795.33	3,911,410.04	1,022,509.01	4,104,084.01	2,292,426.50	714,264.14	32,593,628.00	49,836,117.03
BONDS AUTHORIZED							3,571,297.00	3,571,297.00
BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED							(3,571,297.00)	(3,571,297.00)

***EXCLUDES PENSION FUND

LONG-TERM DEBT GROUPS		9001 LTDG July 1, 2005	9001 LTDG Additions	9001 LTDG Deductions	9001 LTDG June 30, 2006
199600	BONDS - AMT.TO BE PROV.FOR PYM	34,704,320.00		2,110,692.00	32,593,628.00
	Total Assets	34,704,320.00			32,593,628.00
2941/42	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SCHOOL	1,260,000.00		90,000.00	1,170,000.00
294300	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SEWER	242,471.00		15,248.00	227,223.00
294500	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SEWER	7,771,849.00		400,444.00	7,371,405.00
294600	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SEWER	1,035,000.00		130,000.00	905,000.00
294610	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-WATER	595,000.00		75,000.00	520,000.00
294400	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SCH.CONST.	23,800,000.00		1,400,000.00	22,400,000.00
	Total Liabilities	34,704,320.00		2,110,692.00	32,593,628.00
376000	BONDS - BONDS AUTHORIZED	(580,000.00)	4,602,594.00	451,297.00	3,571,297.00
377000	BONDS - BONDS AUTHORIZED AND U	580,000.00	451,297.00	4,602,594.00	(3,571,297.00)
	Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	34,704,320.00	5,053,891.00	7,164,583.00	32,593,628.00

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Water Enterprise Fund - FY 2006

		FY 2005	ATM	Bond/Loan	Expended	Continued	Closed to
		Encumbered	11/05 6/05	Proceeds			
Operating:							
	Personnel	0.00	16,282.00	0.00	14,459.21	0.00	1,822.79
	Expenses	75,200.43	752,405.00	0.00	719,079.34	0.00	108,526.09
	Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	75,200.43	768,687.00	0.00	733,538.55	0.00	110,348.88
Articles:	Articles:						
61000215-589005	D&I CtrlValve ATM6.02 Art15	46,605.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,605.59	0.00
61000505-589005	Union Lane FATM 11.04 Art#5	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	97,316.00	2,684.00	0.00
	Total	146,605.59	0.00	0.00	97,316.00	49,289.59	0.00
Grand Total		221,806.02	768,687.00	0.00	830,854.55	49,289.59	110,348.88

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Sewer Enterprise Fund - FY 2006

		FY 2005	ATM	STM	Expended	BANS	Continued	Closed to
		Encumbered	11/05 6/05	3/06				
Operating:								
	Personnel	0.00	400,594.00	0.00	388,649.59		0.00	11,944.41
	Expenses	71,129.20	1,562,250.00	0.00	1,313,857.54		17,178.71	302,342.95
	In Kind Cost & Reserve	0.00	118,735.00	0.00	97,539.66		0.00	21,195.34
	Total	71,129.20	2,081,579.00	0.00	1,800,046.79		17,178.71	335,482.70
Articles:								
60009603-589100	Capital Art3 5/96	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		20,000.00	0.00
60009902-589100	Sludge/Closure Art2 STM 5/99	1,552.93	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,552.93	0.00
60009915-589100	Pre-Eng Metal BldgArt15 11/99	9,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		9,860.00	0.00
60000014-589100	Sewer Jet/Vac TruckArt14 5/00	906.50	0.00	0.00	0.00		906.50	0.00
60000203-589100	Inflow/Infiltr. Art# 3 Jan.02	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		100,000.00	0.00
60000205-589164	Storm Wtr/Swr Sys.Art 5Jan02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
60000206-589100	Rodding Mach/Art6/Jan.02	111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		111.00	0.00
60000212-585002	4Whl dr P/up Art#12 Jun 02	312.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		312.00	0.00
60000214-589004	5000-LF Interc ATM 6.02 Art14	79,875.38	0.00	0.00	58,050.38		21,825.00	0.00
60000305-589004	DSG/CON400 ' TM0103 #5	-345.55	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
60000307-589004	Jan.03 Art#7 Sludge Close Incr.	16,106.01	0.00	0.00	0.00		16,106.01	0.00
60000309-589004	ART# 9 ATM 6.03 Pump Replace	361,814.16	0.00	0.00	243,704.01		118,110.15	0.00
60003010-585002	ART# 10 ATM 6.03 P/UP	12,040.72	0.00	0.00	0.00		12,040.72	0.00
60003050-530000	ART#5 FATM D&C-C&S 2nd Siph	-30,994.27	0.00	0.00	136,458.83	167,455.00	1.90	0.00
60002406-589101	ART#6 FATM 11.03 DESIGN	14,460.34	0.00	0.00	38.28		14,422.06	0.00
60000404-589004	ART#4 FATM, Whitin Intercept-11/	-756,823.07	0.00	0.00	487,868.98	1,247,545.00	2,852.95	0.00
60000513-530000	ART#13 SATM 6.04; ART#3 FATM	350,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		350,000.00	0.00
60000605-589100	ART#5 FATM New Medium Dump	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00		60,000.00	0.00
	Total	178,876.15	60,000.00	0.00	926,120.48		728,101.22	0.00
Grand Total		250,005.35	2,141,579.00	0.00	2,726,167.27	1,415,000.00	745,279.93	335,482.70

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Special Revenue Fund - FY 2006

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2005	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	June 30, 2006
					In/(Out)	
Federal Grants:						
2209-359000	After School	-2,633.82		0.00	0.00	-2,633.82
2210-359000	Sped Curr Frameworks	-90.25		0.00	0.00	-90.25
2211-359000	PL 94-142	-277.41		0.00	0.00	-277.41
2212-359000	Integrated Preschool	-58.12		0.00	0.00	-58.12
2214 -359000	Health Grant	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
2215-359000	MEAP	-136.68		0	0	-136.68
2226-359000	FY'03 50/50 SPED Program	(13,250.92)		0.00	0.00	-13,250.92
2238-359000	FY'05 TITLE I Fed Grant	6,510.50		0.00	6,510.50	0.00
2239-359000	FY'05 SPED Prog Improvement	8,122.01		0.00	8,122.01	0.00
2240-359000	FY'05 SPED 94-142 Allocation	58,020.82		0.00	58,020.82	0.00
2241-359000	FY'05 Title IIA Tchr Quality	4,806.04		0.00	4,806.04	0.00
2242-359000	FY'05 Title IID Enh ED Thru Tec	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
2243-359000	FY'05 Title IV Drug Free School	1,249.49		0.00	1,249.49	0.00
2244-359000	FY'05 Title V	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
2245-359000	FY'05 Integrated Pre School	1,541.63		0.00	1,541.63	0.00
2246-359000	FY'06 TITLE I Fed Grant	0.00		200,487.00	193,159.83	7,327.17
2247-359000	FY'06 Title IIA Tchr Quality	0.00		88,993.00	87,344.00	1,649.00
2248-359000	FY'06 Title IID Enh ED Thru Tec	0.00		4,102.00	4,102.00	0.00
2249-359000	FY'06 Title IV Drug Free School	0.00		10,834.00	10,831.50	2.50
2250-359000	FY'06 Title V	0.00		3,183.00	3,183.00	0.00
2251-359000	FY'06 SPED 94-142 Allocation	0.00		598,986.00	575,580.01	23,405.99
2252-359000	FY'06 SPED Prog Improvement	0.00		10,000.00	4,469.55	5,530.45
2253-359000	FY'06 Mental Health Supp	0.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
2254-359000	FY'06 Early Child Comm Part	0.00		17,900.00	17,888.07	11.93
2255-359000	FY'06 Sped Electronic portfolio	0.00		1,500.00	682.50	817.50
1200-359000	CDBG	-28,361.32		44,841.37	49,088.80	-32,608.75
1206-359000	CDBG FY'03	17,021.79		49,100.00	55,627.83	10,493.96
1207-359000	CDBG FY'04	7,545.10		187,200.00	191,586.57	3,158.53
1208-359000	CopsFast	31,250.00		0.00	0.00	31,250.00
1210-359000	Law Enforcement Block Grant	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
1211-359000	South County Drug Task	-3,661.03		0.00	0.00	-3,661.03
1212 -359000	Cops More	175.00		0.00	0.00	175.00
1213 -359000	Prob. Solv. Partnership	372.53		0.00	0.00	372.53
1215-359000	Sch Based Partnership-Cops	-1,301.15		0.00	0.00	-1,301.15
1219-359000	B.V. Heritage Corridor Commission	284.00		0.00	0.00	284.00
1220-359000	All Hazards Emerg. Operations	1,368.02		0.00	0.00	1,368.02
1222-359000	FY'05 FEMA 3201 EM Snow Remove	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
1223-359000	CDBG FY'05	0.00		72,000.00	101,967.70	-29,967.70
1224-359000	FY'06 FEMA Homeland Fire	0.00		209,456.00	181,940.00	27,516.00
1225-359000	FY'06 FEMA Flood Grants	0.00		60,060.51	0.00	-60,060.51
		88,496.23		1,583,642.88	1,582,701.85	-60,060.51
						29,376.75

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Special Revenue Fund - FY 2006

		Balance				Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2005	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2006
State Grants:							
1100-359000	Highway CH 90	-22,041.31		441,640.51	410,208.94		9,390.26
2301-359000	Academic Support Balmer Sch	-400.31		0.00			-400.31
2302-359000	Academic Support Mid Sch	100.97		0.00			100.97
2305-359000	After School Program	733.00		0.00			733.00
2335-359000	FY'04 Kinder Enhancement	0.00		0.00			0.00
2338-359000	FY'05 Academic Support	0.00		0.00			0.00
2339-359000	FY'05 Kinder Enhancement	2,271.23		2,020.00	4,291.23		0.00
2340-359000	FY'05 Public Health Tobacco Schl	3,746.62		0.00	3,746.62		0.00
2341-359000	FY'06 Kinder Enhancement	0.00		164,725.00	163,706.50		1,018.50
2342-359000	FY'06 Early Intervention	0.00		10,700.00	10,700.00		0.00
2344-359000	FY'06 Public Health Grant	0.00		60,424.00	60,363.25		60.75
2345-359000	FY'06 Academic Support	0.00		9,180.00	9,180.00		0.00
1300-359000	Arts Lottery-Cultural Council	15,424.07		5,000.38	6,175.00		14,249.45
1301-359000	Bullet Proof Vests	8,876.00		0.00			8,876.00
1302-359000	Community Policing	-13.16		0.00			-13.16
1304-359000	COA Grant	0.00		13,249.00	13,248.83		0.00
1307-359000	Elections/Extended Polling Hours	0.00		0.00			0.00
1308-359000	FY'05 Firefighter Equipment	0.00		0.00			0.00
1311-359000	Greater Media Cable	33,135.02		24,747.02	24,377.22		33,504.82
1313-359000	Library - State Aid	37.40		18,169.09	18,232.67		-26.18
1314-359000	MSCP	75,448.03		1,276.05	66,200.85		10,523.23
1315-359000	Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	5,593.81		0.00	0.00		5,593.81
1316-359000	Skin Cancer Awareness	27.47		0.00			27.47
1317-359000	Health-Smoke Cease	6,732.16		0.00			6,732.16
1318-359000	Title 5 MWPAT Loan Acct.	1,216.86		0.00			1,216.86
1319-359000	Tobacco Grant	24.21		0.00			24.21
1320-359000	Waste to Energy MTPC Grant	0.00		0.00			0.00
1321-359000	Police Watch Your Car	75.00		0.00			75.00
1325-359000	Action Grant Comm. Dev. Check AR	-303.86		0.00	-5,000.00		4,696.14
1326-359000	FY'04 Traffic Enforcement	-8.20		0.00	0.00		-8.20
1327-359000	FY'04 Community Policing	329.39		0.00			329.39
1328-359000	FY'04 Fire Anti-Bioterrorism	3,515.80		0.00	788.88		2,726.92
1329-359000	FY'05 Community Policing	5,421.45		0.00	5,420.88		0.57
1330-359000	FY'05 MEMA LEPC	0.00		0.00			0.00
1331-359000	FY'05 SAFE Fire Program	1,472.11		0.00	744.29		727.82
1332-359000	FY'04 Ambu. Local Preparedness	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
1333-359000	FY'03 Ship Shape Grant	0.00		1,854.77	1,854.77		0.00
1334-359000	FY'06 BOH Youth Compliance	0.00		1,320.00	618.02		701.98
1335-359000	FY'06 Community Police	0.00		38,000.00	13,259.37		24,740.63
1336-359000	FY'06 Click it or ticket	0.00		2,773.00	3,806.78		-1,033.78
1337-359000	FY'06 Homeland Local Preparedness	0.00		10,638.54	10,638.54		0.00
1338-359000	FY'06 Safe Fire Program Grant	0.00		4,532.16	0.00		4,532.16
1339-359000	FY'06 Action Grant Comm Dev	0.00		175,414.00	190,181.91		-14,767.91
3200-359000	Title 5/Septic Mgmt Repayment	167,220.76		11,451.43	0.00	-15,248.00	163,424.19 #
3201-359000	Septic Administration. Grant	4,970.89		0.00	389.34		4,581.55
		313,605.41		997,114.95	1,013,133.89	-15,248.00	282,338.47

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Special Revenue Fund - FY 2006

		Balance			Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2005	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out) June 30, 2006
Revolving Funds:						
1601-359000	Board of Health Eng Ins Fees	-225.00		21,275.00	21,075.00	-25.00
1602-359000	Compost Bins	483.05		170.00	0.00	653.05
1603-359000	Food Service Permits	2,862.00		0.00	0.00	2,862.00
1605-359000	Inflow/Infiltration	35,852.03		1,980.00	0.00	37,832.03
1608-359000	Parks & Recreation	1,053.98		1,337.50	0.00	2,391.48
1609-359000	Ins. Recovery Town Undr 20 K	684.00		0.00	0.00	684.00
1610-359000	Ins. Recovery Other Under 20K	1,870.20		0.00	0.00	1,870.20
1611-359000	MRIP Recycling	9,085.63		0	1,477.00	7,608.63
1613-359000	Recycling Committee (53 E1/2)	4,710.06		3,303.58	2,130.90	5,882.74
1614-359000	Septic Permits	653.26		0.00	0.00	653.26
1616-359000	Conservation O/S Consult Rev	32,859.76		30,070.69	61,444.93	1,485.52
1617-359000	Youth Commission Revolving	357.54		0.00	0.00	357.54
1618-359000	Wetland Protection Revolver	34,450.96		25,290.25	8,335.00	51,406.21
1619-359000	Zoning O/S Consultants Revolver	5,624.17		67.03	4,696.45	994.75
1620-359000	Conservation- Hills Revolver	7,674.02		67.25	6,351.22	1,390.05
1621-359000	Conservation Northbridge Est. Revolver	0.00		2,709.84	2,623.77	86.07
1622-359000	Conservation- Alternatives revolver	0.00		1,053.08	1,000.00	53.08
1623-359000	Conservation- Marston Rd	0.00		20,275.68	0.00	20,275.68
2601-359000	Industrial Arts Revolving	273.47		0.00	0.00	273.47
2602-359000	Lost Book Account Revolving	1,302.88		0.00	0.00	1,302.88
2603-359000	School Athletics Revolving	45,708.24		79,234.00	100,423.14	24,519.10
2604-359000	School Choice Revolving	517,710.57		347,236.00	521,089.93	343,856.64
2605-359000	School Custodian Revolving	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
2606-359000	School Tuition Revolving	759,859.14		365,491.05	83,689.89	1,041,660.30
2608-359000	Use of School Property Revolving	26,316.56		51,382.07	28,252.51	49,446.12
2611-359000	Adult Education Revolving	1,336.55		0.00	0.00	1,336.55
2612-359000	School Bldg Rental Revolver	6.30		0.00	0.00	6.30
2100-359000	School Lunch	67,269.62		782,023.90	754,162.77	95,130.75
Gifts / Donations Funds:						
1800-359000	Ambulance Gift Fund	10,802.85		4,220.00	576.87	14,445.98
1801-359000	COA Donations	4,522.76		7,816.00	4,565.70	7,773.06
1802-359000	D.A.R.E. Gifts	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
1803-359000	Electric Pond Gift	90.00		0.00	0	90.00
1804-359000	Fire Gift Fund	19,008.96		1,650.00	0.00	20,658.96
1807-359000	Highway Gift	61.00		0.00	0.00	61.00
1808-359000	Recreation-Linwood Courts	18.00		6,000.00	0.00	6,018.00
1809-359000	Rockdale Pool Gift Fund	175.00		0.00	0.00	175.00
1810-359000	Flag Pole Donation	40.05		0.00	0.00	40.05
1812-359000	Youth Commission Gift	2,004.11		0.00	0.00	2,004.11
1814-359000	Soldiers Memorial Gift Account	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00	0.00
1815-359000	Plummers Corner Gift Account	0		61,250.00	0.00	61,250.00
		1,595,501.72		1,752,652.92	1,602,895.08	0.00 1,745,259.56

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Special Revenue Fund - FY 2006

		Balance	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Balance
		July 1, 2005				In/(Out)	June 30, 2006
Receipts Reserved:							
1500-359000	Ambulance-	905,436.49		556,679.82	5,301.91	-497,479.00	959,335.40
1501-359000	Animal Control	37,760.15		4,252.00	0.00		42,012.15
1502-359000	Gravel/Capital	94,303.27		0.00	0.00		94,303.27
1504-359000	Cemetery	665.00		0.00	0.00		665.00
1505-359000	Reserve for Sale of Land	17,679.38		0.00	0.00		17,679.38
1512-359000	Insurance Recovery-Hwy >20k	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
1513-359000	Insurance Recovery-Sewer <20k	1,374.50		0.00	0.00		1,374.50
1515-359000	Insurance Recovery-Town <20k	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
1516-359000	Sale of Property/Equipment	1,184.34		0.00	0.00		1,184.34
1517-359000	Parking Ticket	39,069.25		12,761.50	0.00	-6,000.00	45,830.75
2501-359000	State SPED Reimbursement	359,946.33		596,669.00	764,021.96		192,593.37
2500-359000	Insurance Recovery-School<20k	1,618.03		0.00	0.00		1,618.03
		1,459,036.74		1,170,362.32	769,323.87	-503,479.00	1,356,596.19
TOTALS		3,456,640.10		5,503,773.07	4,968,054.69	-578,787.51	3,413,570.97

Northbridge Contributory Retirement System

	Beginning Balance	Debit	Credit	Ending Balance
Assets				
Cash - Northbridge Payroll	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Cash - Bank of America Money Mkt.	43.60	212,001.81	212,045.41	0.00
Cash - Bank of America Checking	10.97	468,887.85	468,898.82	0.00
Cash - Unibank Money Mkt.	0.00	1,537,697.83	1,546,223.37	-8,525.54
Cash - Unibank Checking	0.00	1,240,795.06	1,232,182.62	8,612.44
PRIT Capital Fund	17,657,948.55	6,173,316.29	3,315,267.78	20,515,997.06
Accounts Receivable	42,357.58	16,755.84	42,987.58	16,125.84
Town NCR Accounts Receivable	0.00	27,087.12	27,087.12	0.00
Total Assets	17,705,360.70	9,676,541.80	6,844,692.70	20,537,209.80
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	-3,460.70	3,462.70	106.81	-104.81
Total Accounts Payable	-3,460.70	3,462.70	106.81	-104.81
Funds				
Annuity Savings Fund	-4,665,864.36	356,084.54	0.00	-4,309,779.82
Annuity Reserve Fund	-1,125,879.61	0.00	356,564.82	-1,482,444.43
Special Military Serv Credit Fund	-480.28	480.28	0.00	0.00
Pension Fund	58,785.58	0.00	371,955.00	-313,169.42
Pension Reserve Fund	-11,968,461.33	371,955.00	0.00	-11,596,506.33
Expense Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Balances	-17,701,900.00	728,519.82	728,519.82	-17,701,900.00
Receipts				
Investment Income Received	0.00	0.00	634,839.49	-634,839.49
Interest not Refunded	0.00	0.00	2,334.64	-2,334.64
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	44.29	-44.29
Realized Gain	0.00	0.00	1,290,811.66	-1,290,811.66
Realized Loss	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unrealized Gain	0.00	0.00	1,745,676.10	-1,745,676.10
Unrealized Loss	0.00	697,048.17	0.00	697,048.17
Members Deductions	0.00	0.00	624,528.10	-624,528.10
Transfers from other Systems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Members Make-up & Redeposit	0.00	30.05	2,803.97	-2,773.92
Pension Fund Appropriation	0.00	0.00	943,005.00	-943,005.00
Pension Reserve Appropriation	0.00	0.00	29,176.00	-29,176.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	19,821.11	-19,821.11
3(8)(C) Reimb. From other Syst.	0.00	0.00	29,678.77	-29,678.77
Rec'd From Comm. For Cola & Sur	0.00	0.00	36,212.79	-36,212.79
Member Payments from Rollovers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	0.00	697,078.22	5,358,931.92	-4,661,853.70
Disbursements				
Staff Salaries	0.00	46,604.57	0.00	46,604.57
Consultant Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees	0.00	108,984.21	0.00	108,984.21
Legal Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	0.00	1,242.99	0.00	1,242.99
Service Contracts	0.00	2,230.55	0.00	2,230.55
Administrative Expenses	0.00	38,073.40	1,262.53	36,810.87
Furniture & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	6,320.64	936.54	5,384.10
Annuities Paid	0.00	183,730.98	0.00	183,730.98
Pensions Paid	0.00	1,083,991.99	4,933.72	1,079,058.27
COLA's Paid	0.00	45,586.16	0.00	45,586.16
3(8)(C) Reimb. To other Systems	0.00	39,706.20	0.00	39,706.20
Transfers to other Systems	0.00	53,011.22	0.00	53,011.22
Refunds to Members	0.00	140,915.27	0.00	140,915.27
Option B Refunds	0.00	83,383.32	0.00	83,383.32
Total Disbursements	0.00	1,833,781.50	7,132.79	1,826,648.71
TOTAL	0.00	12,939,384.04	12,939,384.04	0.00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal 2006 local assessed values have increased, but at a slower rate than the past several years. Land values have continued to increase due to the constant demand for developable property. Demand for condominiums has increased more than other types of properties.

In addition to the real estate developments currently in process, there are several anticipated developments expected to begin construction including:
Krolls Farm (68 lots), Carpenter Estates (20 lots), West End Estates (47 lots), Winston Woods (9 lots), Pine Knoll (105 lots), Prospect Place (14 lots) and Hillside Garden Estates (18 lots).

The developments and condominium conversions have placed an increased work load on this department for inspections, permanent yearly market analysis, supplemental billing, and implementation of values for these properties, maintenance of over 700 deed transfers as well as of motor vehicle excise taxes, billing, and general inquiries.

This year required our office to conduct an interim year revaluation. This process involves tracking, inspecting and analyzing current sales, and then, adjusting values to comply with their statistical requirements. These interim adjustments should ensure valuations are closer to current market conditions than only conducting the triennial revaluation.

Under Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 59 2D, the Town of Northbridge makes a pro rata tax assessment on certain properties that receive a certificate of occupancy during the year. This procedure began last year and proves to be equitable and beneficial for the community. In Fiscal Year 2006, the town received an additional \$77,659 from this assessment.

The tax levy raised for Fiscal 2006 was \$13,476,956 with a tax rate set at \$8.62 per thousand for the taxable period 07/01/05 through 06/30/06. The tax rate was reduced by \$.44 per thousand. Breakdown by class of property is 90.13% residential and 9.87% commercial/industrial/personal property. A total of 147 taxpayers qualified for exemptions. There were approximately 900 excise abatements from approximately 15,000 motor vehicle bills processed.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Gosselin, Chairman
Varkis Arakelian
Walter F. Convent
Robert W. Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor

TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
And the citizens of Northbridge

Herewith, I respectfully submit my Annual Report as Town Clerk.

The report includes the proceedings of all Town Meetings and the results of all Elections held in Northbridge in 2006.

TOWN MEETINGS:

Special Town Meeting	March 14, 2006
Spring Annual Town Meeting	May 2, 2006
Spring Annual Town Meeting (adjourned session)	May 9, 2006
Fall Annual Town Meeting	October 24, 2006
Fall Annual Town Meeting (adjourned session 7:00 p.m.)	November 21, 2006
Fall Annual Town Meeting (further adjourned session 7:15 p.m.)	November 21, 2006
Fall Annual Town Meeting (further adjourned session)	December 12, 2006

ELECTIONS:

Annual Town Election	May 16, 2006
Special Town Election	June 13, 2006
State Primary	September 19, 2006
State Election	November 7, 2006

Reimbursement fees for services provided are documented, and the vital records (births, deaths, and marriages) recorded in this community are also part of my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen A. Cedrone
Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006 - 7:00 PM
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium
Linwood Avenue**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present. The invocation was given by the Reverend Michael Richard Underwood, Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Upon motion made and seconded and voted unanimously, the reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with. The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Constance Duquette, Richard Sasseville, Larry DiGregorio, Pamela LaTour, Christopher Thompson, and Sharon Susienka.

At this time, Moderator Harold D. Gould, Jr. made the following statement: As the appointing authority for the members of the Finance Committee and acting pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Section 7-10 of the Northbridge Home Rule Charter, I have this day suspended without prejudice Mr. Salvatore D'Amato, Jr. from his position as a member of the Finance Committee for conduct unbecoming that office. I have informed Mr. D'Amato of my decision. I have taken this action on my own and not at the request of any third party. During the period of his suspension, Mr. D'Amato will not be able to participate in any way as a member of the Finance Committee in any matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee. Mr. D'Amato's suspension will remain in effect until such time as I have completed a review of certain matters that occurred near the end of a Finance Committee meeting which took place on March 8, 2006 and, based on that review, have made a decision as to his future status as a member of the Finance Committee. I will make no further comment on this matter until I have made that decision.

Moderator Gould acknowledged the members of Girl Scout Troop 351 who were in attendance.

Attendance: 172

ARTICLE 1:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,775,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of the roofs and associated work at the Northbridge Middle School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7(3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project, and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to expend, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, any such grant and/or loan funds received, without the necessity of further appropriation.

Voted

APPROVED

Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by adding the following proviso at the end thereof: “provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said debt.”

Vote on Amended Main Motion:

Voted

APPROVED

2/3 vote attained

Moderator declared 2/3 Vote by

Virtue of Town By-Law C. 3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,775,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of the roofs and associated work at the Northbridge Middle School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7(3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project, and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to expend, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, any such grant and/or loan funds received, without the necessity of further appropriation, provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said debt.

Attendance: 240 (7:20 p.m.)

ARTICLE 2:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of the roof and associated work at the Northbridge Police Station, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7(3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project, and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to expend, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, any such grant and/or loan funds received, without the necessity of further appropriation.

Voted

APPROVED

Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by adding the following proviso at the end thereof: “provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on said debt.”

Vote on Amended Main Motion:

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of the roof and associated work at the Northbridge Police Station, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be

authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7(3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project, and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to expend, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, any such grant and/or loan funds received, without the necessity of further appropriation provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on said debt.

ARTICLE 3: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared 2/3 Vote by
Virtue of Town By-Law C. 3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve a five year lease-purchase contract for a multi-purpose municipal tractor with snow blower attachment, vee plow, angle plow, mower deck and over-the-guardrail mower complete with radio equipment, warning lights and other accessories; and to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$30,000 for the first year contract payment.

ARTICLE 4: Voted **DEFEATED** YES 85 NO 164

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend its Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map incorporated in said bylaw by rezoning from Residential-Three (R-3) and Residential-One (R-1) to Residential-Six (R-6) the premises described as follows:

BEGINNING	at a point westerly of Providence Road and 130 feet southeasterly of the intersection and center line of Henry Street and the center line of Thurston Avenue measured along a line with a bearing of S. 47° 36' 40" E.,
THENCE	Southeasterly 145 feet to a point 500 feet southwesterly of the center line of Providence Road;
THENCE	Southeasterly 1,793 feet by a line 500 feet southwesterly of and parallel to the center line of Providence Road to the center line of a proposed road known as Blackstone Boulevard shown on a plan entitled "Blackstone Valley Industrial Center" approved by the Northbridge Planning Board on February 27, 2001;
THENCE	Westerly and southwesterly 1,922 feet by the center line of said proposed road to a point;
THENCE	N. 58° 47' 41" W., 991 feet to a point 150 feet southeasterly of the center line of East Street;
THENCE	Northeasterly, northerly and northwesterly 1,067 feet by a line parallel to and 150 feet southeasterly, easterly and northeasterly of the center lines of East Street and Leland Road to a point 362 feet southwesterly of the center line of Church Street;
THENCE	Northeasterly 1,961 feet to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town pass over this Article.

That the Town vote to amend its Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map incorporated into said bylaw by rezoning from Industrial-One (I-1) to Residential-Three (R-3) the premises described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the center line of East Street, 325 feet easterly of the intersection of the center line of East Street with the center line of Granite Street;

THENCE Southeasterly by the existing R-3 zone line to a point 150 feet southeasterly of the center line of said East Street;

THENCE Northeasterly, northerly and northwesterly by a line parallel to and 150 feet southerly, easterly and northeasterly of the center lines of East Street and Leland Road to a point 362 feet southeasterly of the center line of Church Street;

THENCE N. 56° 55' 51" E., 381 feet to the existing R-3 zone line;

THENCE Northwesterly 574 feet more or less, by the existing R-3 zone line to the center line of Church Street;

THENCE Southwesterly by the center line of Church Street 46 feet to the existing R-3 zone line;

THENCE Southeasterly 329 feet more or less, by the existing R-3 zone line to a point;

THENCE Northwesterly 49 feet by the existing R-3 zone line to a point;

THENCE Southwesterly 144 feet by the existing R-3 zone line to a point;

THENCE Northwesterly 228 feet by the existing R-3 zone line to a point at the center line of Church Street;

THENCE Southwesterly 53 feet by the center line of Church Street to a point at the existing R-3 zone line;

THENCE Southeasterly by the existing R-3 zone line 213 feet to a point;

THENCE Southwesterly by a line parallel to and 200 feet southeasterly of the center line of Church Street and by the existing R-3 zone line to the center line of Leland Road;

THENCE Southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly by the center lines of Leland Road and East Street to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the Town pass over this Article.

That the Town vote to amend its Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map incorporated in said bylaw by rezoning from Industrial-One (I-1) and Residential-Three (R-3) to Business-Three (B-3) so much of the premises herein described as are not already zoned B-3. The premises to be zoned as Business-Three (B-3) are described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of Providence Road, 380 feet southerly of the intersection of the center line of Providence Road with the center line of Henry Street;

THENCE Southwesterly by a line perpendicular to the center line of said Providence Road, 500 feet to a point;

THENCE Southeasterly by a line 500 feet southwesterly of the center line of Providence Road, 2,300 feet more or less, to the existing I-2 zone;

THENCE Easterly by the existing I-2 zone, 542 feet to the center line of Providence Road;

THENCE Northerly by the center line of Providence Road, 2,553 feet to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 7: Voted **DEFEATED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town pass over this Article.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, a parcel of land containing approximately 2.25 acres located at the intersection of Main Street and West Water Street, upon such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate or necessary by the Board of Selectmen, as advised by the Building, Planning and Construction Committee.

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared 2/3 Vote by
Virtue of Town By-Law C. 3-106
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$100,000 for site testing, studies and analyses for a new fire station, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project.

ARTICLE 9: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared 2/3 Vote by
Virtue of Town By-Law C. 3-106
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$4,000.00 for the paving of Birch Street pursuant to Section 6-114, Maintenance and Repair of Private Ways, of the code of by-laws for the Town of Northbridge.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the **Special Town Meeting of March 14, 2006**, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the meeting.

Voted unanimously at 9:12 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

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ATTEST: _____
Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 7:00 PM
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium
Linwood Avenue**

The Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present. The invocation was given by the Reverend Michael Broderick, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

In accordance with the Town Charter Article 2-2, the Moderator appointed Dennis E. McCowan as Deputy Moderator.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment of Dennis E. McCowan as Deputy Moderator to serve as Acting Moderator in the event of the temporary absence or disability of the Moderator be ratified.

Upon motion made and seconded and voted unanimously, the reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with. The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Constance Duquette, Brenda Ouillette, Pamela LaTour, Richard Sasseville, Donald Lange, Peter Barbadora, Kenneth Warchol, and Sharon Susienka.

Attendance: 873 (8:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 1: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2005 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 7, 2005), and under Article 1 of the 2005 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 22, 2005), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS

Line 21B Expenses:

By transferring from the Reserve Fund (Line 44) the sum of \$28,300

CULTURE & RECREATION

Line 28B Recreation Expenses:

By transferring from Recreation Personnel (Line 28A) the sum of \$ 1,900

ARTICLE 2:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or the stabilization account, and/or the overlay surplus account, the following sums of money to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2007, beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

1 SELECTMEN

1A Personnel 5,150

By allocating \$1,150 to the Chairman and \$1,000 to each of the other 4 Selectmen

1B Expenses 116,230

Total Selectmen 121,380

2 TOWN MANAGER

2A Personnel 192,890

APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS

2A Personnel 0

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

2B Expenses 5,978

Total Town Manager 198,868

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
3A Personnel	4,000
3B Expenses	11,000
Total Finance Committee	15,000
4 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
4A Personnel	86,832
4B Expenses	37,298
Total Town Accountant	124,130
5 ASSESSORS	
5A Personnel	140,391
5B Expenses	12,000
Total Assessors	152,391
6 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
6A Personnel	144,074
APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS	
6A Personnel	25,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
6B Expenses	34,068
Total Treasurer/Collector	203,142
7 INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
7A Personnel	57,400
7B Expenses	79,447
Total Information Systems	136,847
8 TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS	
8A Personnel	93,294
8B Expenses	43,477
Total Town Clerk/Elections	136,771
9 CONSERVATION	
9A Personnel	0
APPROPRIATE FROM WETLAND FEES	
9A Personnel	15,000
9B Expenses	2,500
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
9B Expenses	0
Total Conservation	17,500
10 PLANNING BOARD	
10A Personnel	69,395
10B Expenses	52,640
Total Planning Board	122,035
11 ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	
11A Personnel	8,040
11B Expenses	7,345

Total Zoning/Appeals Board	15,385
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12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12A Personnel	0
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12B Expenses	0
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Total Economic Development	0
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13 TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES

13A Personnel	0
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13B Expenses	25,850
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Total Town Hall/Central Services	25,850
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Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,269,299

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

14 POLICE

14A Personnel	1,902,936
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14B Expenses	288,675
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Total Police	2,191,611
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15 FIRE

15A Personnel	479,632
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15B Expenses	364,268
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Total Fire	843,900
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APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS

16 AMBULANCE

16A Personnel	579,359
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16B Expenses	78,749
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Total Ambulance	658,108
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RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

17 CODE ENFORCEMENT

17A Personnel	124,450
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17B Expenses	9,665
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Total Code Enforcement	134,115
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18 CIVIL DEFENSE

18A Expenses	16,540
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Total Civil Defense	16,540
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Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Majority
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		3,844,274

EDUCATION

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20 School District 20,098,052

TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND

20 School District 300,000

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20B TRADE SCHOOL 142,145

20C BVRVTHS 842,983

TOTAL EDUCATION

21,383,180

Motion to amend main motion

Motion made and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Line Item 20, School District Transfer from Stabilization Fund, by deleting the figure of \$300,000 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$961,592.

Voted

APPROVED

2/3 vote attained

Moderator declared 2/3 vote by

Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

Moved and seconded that the question be moved.

Vote on motion to amend main motion:

Voted

APPROVED

(Secret Ballot)

YES: 609

NO: 201

That the main motion be amended with respect to Line Item 20, School District Transfer from Stabilization Fund, by deleting the figure of \$300,000 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$961,592.

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to TOTAL EDUCATION by deleting the figure \$21,383,180 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$22,044,772.

Voted

APPROVED

2/3 vote attained

Moderator declared 2/3 vote by

Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

EDUCATION

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20 SCHOOL DISTRICT 20,098,052

TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION

20 SCHOOL DISTRICT 961,592

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20B TRADE SCHOOL 142,145

20C BVRVTHS 842,983

TOTAL EDUCATION

22,044,772

PUBLIC WORKS

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

21 Public Works (Highway Division)

21A	Personnel	528,379
21B	Expenses	164,745
21C	Snow and Ice	60,000

Total DPW (Highway Division) 753,124

21 Facilities

21D	Energy and Utilities	274,945
21E	Building Maintenance (non-personnel)	241,390

Total DPW (Facilities Division) 516,335

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.

21F Building, Planning & Construction Comm. 17,000

Total Building, Planning & Construction Comm. 17,000

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS 1,286,459

Voted

APPROVED

Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Line Item 21A, DPW Personnel, by deleting the figure of \$528,379 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$614,616.

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Total Public Works by deleting the figure of \$1,286,459 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$1,372,696.

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

21 Public Works (Highway Division)

21A	Personnel	614,616
21B	Expenses	164,745
21C	Snow and Ice	60,000

Total DPW (Highway Division) 839,361

21 Facilities

21D	Energy and Utilities	274,945
21E	Building Maintenance (non-personnel)	241,390

Total DPW (Facilities Division) 516,335

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.

21F Building, Planning & Construction Comm. 17,000

Total BPCC 17,000

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS 1,372,696

HUMAN SERVICES		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
22 BOARD OF HEALTH		
22A Personnel	42,500	
22B Expenses	30,000	
Total Board of Health	72,500	
23 WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL		
23A Expenses	139,980	
Total Waste Collection & Disposal	139,980	
24 COUNCIL ON AGING		
24A Personnel	91,198	
24B Expenses	17,435	
Total Council On Aging	108,633	
26 VETERANS		
26A Personnel	44,276	
26B Expenses	30,170	
Total Veterans	74,446	
Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	395,559	
CULTURE & RECREATION		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
27 LIBRARY		
27A Personnel	199,704	
27B Expenses	11,254	
Total Library	210,958	
28 RECREATION		
28A Personnel	38,750	
28B Expenses	11,250	
28C Youth League Equipment	0	
Total Recreation	50,000	
29 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
29A Expenses	3,250	
Total Historical Commission	3,250	
30 MEMORIALS		
30A Personnel & Expenses	5,715	
30B Soldiers Memorials	0	
Total Memorials	5,715	

31 RECYCLING

31A Personnel	800
31B Expenses	9,176

Total Recycling	9,976
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TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	279,899
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Voted **APPROVED** Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Line Item 28B, Recreation Expenses by deleting the figure \$11,250 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$16,805.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION by deleting the figure of \$279,899 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$285,454.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

**CULTURE & RECREATION
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

27 LIBRARY

27A Personnel	199,704
27B Expenses	11,254

Total Library	210,958
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28 RECREATION

28A Personnel	38,750
28B Expenses	16,805
28C Youth League Equipment	0

Total Recreation	55,555
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29 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

29A Expenses	3,250
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Total Historical Commission	3,250
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30 MEMORIALS

30A Personnel & Expenses	5,715
30B Soldiers Memorials	0

Total Memorials	5,715
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31 RECYCLING

31A Personnel	800
31B Expenses	9,176

Total Recycling	9,976
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Total Culture and Recreation	\$285,454
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DEBT SERVICE**RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

32 Principal	1,505,248
33 Interest	1,180,700
TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND	
33 Interest	0
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
34 Short Term Interest	9,500
35 BVRVTHS Debt	111,450
36 Lease/Purchase Computers	0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	2,685,948

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Total Debt Service by deleting the figure of \$2,685,948 and inserting in place thereof the figure of \$2,806,898.

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
DEBT SERVICE		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
32 Principal	1,505,248	
33 Interest	1,180,700	
TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND		
33 Interest	0	
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
34 Short Term Interest	9,500	
35 BVRVTHS Debt	111,450	
36 Lease/Purchase Computers	0	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	2,806,898	

NON-DEPARTMENTAL	
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
37 Retirement System	966,348
38 Workers' Compensation	78,750
39 Unemployment Compensation	101,200
40 Employee Ins. Benefits	4,400,000
TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS	
40 Employee Ins. Benefits	0
APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS	
40 Employee Ins. Benefits	100,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
41 Property & Liability Ins.	180,000
43 Stabilization Fund	0
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
44 Reserve Fund	50,000

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL **5,876,298**
TOTAL **\$ 37,141,866**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting in accordance with Chapter 3-115 of the Northbridge Bylaws to Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts.

Voted to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

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Attest: _____
Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006
Adjourned to
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006 - 7:00 PM
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium
Linwood Avenue**

The adjourned session of the Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present, and the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed.

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Constance Duquette, Richard Sasseville, Barbara Gaudette, Sharon Susienka, George Murray, and Paula McCowan.

ARTICLE 3: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,292,752 to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2007.

ARTICLE 4: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$829,480 to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2007.

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for FY 2007, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate such funds as may become available from the Commonwealth's Department of Highways, Chapter 90 Bond Issue proceeds, to be used by the

Department of Public Works for the repair and maintenance of Town roads in conformance with MGL and further that the Town vote to raise such appropriation by borrowing and to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor in anticipation of the receipt of said State Aid.

Attendance: 104 (7:10 p.m.)

ARTICLE 7: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the Northbridge Recycling Committee to receive funds from grants and donations, and to authorize the Northbridge Recycling Committee to spend these funds to carry out the programs of Town recycling such as battery recycling, developing and implementing programs of school and Town department recycling, buy recycled-materials policy, or engage in educational programs on recycling and in other related costs, provided, however, that the maximum amount of money that can be expended from the account for FY 2007 is \$10,000.

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer within the FY 2007 budget, the amount of \$15,248.00 from account number 32001350-596100 "Receipts Reserved - Title V" to account number 01007100-591000 (line item 32) "Debt Principal."

ARTICLE 9: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 to conduct a cyclical data collection inspection and analysis for all properties in the Town of Northbridge in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws and the Department of Revenue.

ARTICLE 10: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town will vote to accept paragraph (e) of Section 7 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as added by Section One (1) of Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2005 – An Act Relative to Disability Retirement Benefits for Veterans.

ARTICLE 11: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, section 4A, to authorize the Northbridge Board of Health to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter-Municipal Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units.
Attendance: 119 (7:30 p.m.)

ARTICLE 12: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared 2/3 Vote by
Virtue of Town By-Law C. 3-106
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-Law, Chapter 173, Article XVI [Route 146 Overlay District], Section 173-99A, by AMENDING the ROUTE 146 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP to include the following properties: Assessors Map 1, Parcels 95, 96, 97, 98 (portion of), 99, and 100 (portion of/east of Lasell Road)

located off Main Street and Lasell Road and Assessors Map 8, Parcels 9 and 8 (portion of) located off Purgatory Road.

ARTICLE 13: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-Law, Chapter 173, Article XIII, Section 173-73 [Use regulations], Aquifer Protection District by

1) DELETING the use regulations set forth thereunder for “Accessory Uses” and SUBSTITUTING in place thereof the following use regulations:

Use	Schedule of Use Regulations	
	Zone 1	Zone 2
Accessory Uses		
Underground storage of hazardous materials, including fuel oil and gasoline	--	S
Aboveground storage of hazardous materials in quantities greater than associated with normal household use, other than fuel oil for residential heating purposes	--	S
Any use generating hazardous wastes in quantities greater than associated with normal household use	--	S
Animal feedlots, manure storage	--	--

and (2) by DELETING the use regulations set forth thereunder for “Other Uses” and SUBSTITUTING in place thereof the following use regulations:

Use	Schedule of Use Regulations	
	Zone 1	Zone 2
Other Uses		
Rendering impervious more than 20% of total lot area, regardless of size	S	S
Disposal of snow from outside the district	--	S
Removal of earth, loam, sand or gravel or any other mineral in excess of 10 cubic yards	--	S
Any use, including a single- or two-family dwelling, having on-site disposal system for domestic wastes with a design capacity no greater than set forth in 310 CMR 22.21(2)(a)	S	S

Grading resulting in creation of exterior grades less than five feet above maximum groundwater elevation.

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ARTICLE 14: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this article.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-Law, Chapter 173, by DELETING in their entirety the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District provisions adopted at the 2004 Spring Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this article.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the Playground & Recreation Commission, to credit to such fund any grants, donations, user fees and fund raising proceeds received by said Commission and to authorize said Commission to expend from such fund amounts required to maintain the Town's playgrounds and recreation fields, to make improvements thereto and to purchase, lease or rent equipment and support facilities for programs and activities taking place thereon provided, however, that the total amount which may be expended from such fund in fiscal year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) is \$ _____; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this article.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury (free cash), transfer from unexpended appropriated funds and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$75,000 for the development and preparation of Phase 3, so-called, of the Master Plan for the Town's playgrounds and recreation fields, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Playground & Recreation Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained

Moderator declared 2/3 vote by

Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the zoning map incorporated into its Zoning Bylaw by rezoning from Heritage (H) to Business One (B-1) the following parcel of land:

BEGINNING at the point at which the centerline of Cross Street intersects with a line 250 feet southerly of and parallel to the centerline of Church Street;

THENCE Southerly by the center line of Cross Street 103 feet, more or less, to a point;

THENCE Westerly 200 feet, more or less, partially by the southerly perimeter of Assessors Plat 14A Lot 46 to the existing Business one (B-1) district line 250 feet southerly of and parallel to the

center line of Church Street;
THENCE Northeasterly 230 feet, more or less, by the existing B-1 zoning district to the point of beginning, all as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Proposed Rezoning for 20 Cross Street" and dated March 14, 2006;

ARTICLE 18: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared 2/3 vote by
Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the zoning map incorporated into its zoning by-laws by rezoning from Business Two (B-2) and Residential Three (R-3) to Business One (B-1) the following parcel of land:

Beginning at a point on the centerline of Church Street, approximately 780 feet easterly of Prospect Street, said point being on the line dividing the existing B-1 and B-2 zones; thence northwesterly by the boundary of the existing B-2 zone approximately 375 feet to the northwesterly corner of said B-2 zone; thence northeasterly with the boundary of said B-2 zone and continuing on this bearing for a distance of approximately 760 feet to a point; thence southeasterly approximately 205 feet to the centerline of Church Street, the last course being partially by the northeasterly perimeter of the property shown on Assessor's map 15-A as parcel 178; thence southwesterly by the centerline of Church Street to the point of beginning; said parcel is shown on a plan entitled "Town of Northbridge – Zoning Proposal to rezone parcel on Church Street", dated March 16, 2006, and filed with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 19: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared 2/3 vote by
Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the zoning by-laws by deleting footnote (8) to the Table of Area Regulations which currently provides as follows:

(8) No building or structure shall be erected within 100 feet of a residential district, except where the zoning district boundary is in a street, in which case the setback from said boundary shall be 75 feet and the required landscaping shall be such as to form a visual buffer zone of a width of natural growth for at least 50 feet, provided that in a Business One (B-1) District which is less than 300 feet in depth, no building shall be erected within 50 feet of a residential district;

and substituting therefore the following:

(8) No building or structure in an industrial district (except fencing) shall be erected within 100 feet of a residential district boundary, except where the zoning district boundary is in a street in which case the set back from said boundary shall be 75 feet. No building or structure in a business district (except fencing) shall be erected within 50 feet of a residential district boundary, except where the zoning district is in a street. Along residential district boundaries (except streets) landscaping shall be such as to form a vegetated visual buffer zone of a width of at least 50 feet in industrial districts and 10 feet in business districts.

ARTICLE 20: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this article.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning map incorporated into its zoning bylaws by rezoning from Industrial One (I-1) to Residential One (R-1) the following parcels of land :

Assessors Map 28, Lot 4 (57.483 acres), Lot 5 (4.914 acres), Lot 24 (21.970 acres), Lot 48 (55.88 acres), Lot 76 (13,068 square feet), so much of Lot 23 as is west of the centerline of the Blackstone River, so much of Lot 27 as is not already in the R-1 zone, so much of Lot 34 as is not already in the R-1 zone, so much of Lot 45 as is located east of the centerline of the Blackstone River where the river runs northerly through Lot 45, and so much of Map 30, Lot 12 as is not already in the R-1 zone ; said parcels are shown on a plan entitled "Town of Northbridge – Zoning Proposal, to rezone parcels from I-1 to R-1 (shown over Assessor's Map #28 and #30)", dated March 3, 2006, and filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the **Spring Annual Town Meeting of May 2, 2006**, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the meeting.

Voted unanimously at 8:41 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

A true copy

Attest: _____
Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006 - 7:00 PM
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium
Linwood Avenue

The Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the town quorum of 50 present. The invocation was given by the Reverend Kenneth J. Nydam, Pastor of Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Richard Sasseville, Jeanne Gniadek, Sharon Susienka, Larry DiGregorio, Barbara Gaudette, and Andrew Myers. Upon motion made and seconded and voted unanimously, the reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with.

ARTICLE 1: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 1 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by taxation for Line Item 20, Education, by \$556,453.85, and transferring and appropriating to said Line Item 20 a total amount of \$556,453.85 from the following accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

No. 01020103-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting (May 1, 2001) for expenses of the Charter Review Committee;

No. 01029819-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 19 of the 1998 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 1998) for compliance with the DEP's closure requirements at the Quaker Street Landfill;

No. 01020002-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting (March 21, 2000) for Library renovations;

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No. 30009306-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 5 of the Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 1993) for the Balmer School Roof;

No. 30009813-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 13 of the Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 1998) for a new automatic circulation system for the Library;

No. 30006300-589140, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 12 of the Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 1994) for the construction of a new soccer field;

No. 30530310-589003, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting (January 21, 2003) to replace the roof and repair the chimney at the School Administration Building;

No. 30540413-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 13 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 18, 2003) for the repair and/or replacement of the Aldrich School Roof;

No. 30550412-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 12 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 18, 2003) for the removal of the underground fuel storage tank at the Aldrich School;

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 2 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by taxation for Line Item 14, Police, by \$98,000, and transferring and appropriating to said Line Item 14 a total amount of \$98,000 from the Overlay Surplus account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 3 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 4 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by increasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$56,800.00 to the new total of \$2,349,552; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 5 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by increasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$18,950.00 to the new total of \$848,430; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 6 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 9 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by decreasing the amount previously raised and appropriated to conduct a cyclical data collection inspection and analysis for all properties in the Town of Northbridge in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws and the Department of Revenue by \$45,000 to the new total of \$165,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 7 be postponed to an adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of financing the design of a project to upgrade and modernize the sludge management equipment including computerized monitoring and control technology, additional storage, thickening and pumping capacity and odor control systems at the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 8 be postponed to an adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of financing the design of a project to extend water mains on portions of Union Street, Quaker Street, and Church Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

Attendance: 156 (7:15 p.m.)

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that, when the Fall Annual Town Meeting adjourns, it adjourn to Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium.

ARTICLE 9: Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained

Moderator declared 2/3 vote by
Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,400,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of the roofs and associated work at the Northbridge Middle School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7(3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project, and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to expend, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, any such grant and/or loan funds received, without the necessity of further appropriation provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said debt.

ARTICLE 10: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of financing the replacement of the roof and associated work at the Northbridge Police Station, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7(3A), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and/or loan under the Community Facilities Program of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Agency to be used in support of said project, and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to expend, upon approval of the Board of Selectmen, any such grant and/or loan funds received, without the necessity of further appropriation provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said debt.

ARTICLE 11: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Map incorporated into its Zoning Bylaws by rezoning from Industrial Two (I-2) to Business Three (B-3) the parcel of land on the northwesterly side of Main Street between Valley Parkway and Route 146 shown on a plan dated August 9, 2006, on file with the Town Clerk, being bounded and described as follows:

Southerly and southwesterly by the north bound on-ramp of Route 146;
Southeasterly by the center line of Main Street;
Northerly and northeasterly by Valley Parkway;
Northwesterly by a line 275 feet northwesterly of and parallel to the centerline of Main Street.

ARTICLE 12: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Kennedy Circle Sta. 0+25.40 to 5+90.00, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 13: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Lincoln Circle Sta. 0+00.00 to 19+83.55, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 14: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, a portion of Brookway Drive (Graystone Subdivision), from Allyn Road to the end of the cul de sac, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectman, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 15: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as public way, Samuel Drive Sta. 23+29.97 through 42+04.14 (located in Reservoir Heights), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 16: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this Article.

Petition for a Street Acceptance of Arthur Drive Extension in Town of Northbridge.

ARTICLE 17: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 17 be postponed to the adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Marston Road (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 18 be postponed to the adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Nathaniel Drive (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 19 be postponed to the adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Hillcrest Road (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 20 be postponed to the adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Morgan Road (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Prospect Street (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 22: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this article.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning map incorporated into its Zoning Bylaws by rezoning from Residential Three (R-3) to Business Three (B-3) the parcel of land on southeasterly side of Church Street and southwesterly of Providence Road shown on a plan dated August 25, 2006, on file with the Town Clerk, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING	at a point in the center line of Church Street, which point is 290 feet northeasterly of the intersection of the center line of Church Street and the extended center line of Thurston Avenue;
THENCE	Southeasterly, S. 50° E., 600 feet to a point;
THENCE	N. 51° E. 300 feet, more or less, to the existing B-3 zoning line;

THENCE	Northwesterly by the existing B-3 and B-1 zoning line to the center line of Church Street;
THENCE	Southwesterly by the center line of Church Street, 500 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;
Or take any other action relative thereto.	

ARTICLE 23: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
 Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 23 be postponed to the adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend its general by-laws in accordance with the report and recommendations of the By-law Review Committee appointed in 2005 pursuant to Section 7-8(b) of the Charter, said report, recommendations and amendments being on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the Fall Annual Town Meeting adjourn to the date, time and place previously fixed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. as voted.

A true copy

Attest: _____
 Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Town of Northbridge
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION
 OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2006 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, November 21, 2006 7:00 PM
 Northbridge Middle School Gymnasium
 Linwood Avenue**

The adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Gymnasium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared there was not a quorum of 50 present.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that this adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting further adjourn to Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. as voted.

A true copy

Attest: _____
 Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FURTHER ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE
OCTOBER 24, 2006 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, November 21, 2006 7:15 p.m.
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium
Linwood Avenue

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Moderator Harold D. Gould, Jr. explained to the voters that, when the Town Meeting adjourned on October 24, 2006, it adjourned to November 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium. The Middle School Gymnasium was designated as the venue for the adjourned session on the assumption that the Town Meeting would be acting on the financial articles in the Warrant (Articles 1 through 8) that evening and a larger venue would be required. Since the Town's free cash had not yet been certified, the financial articles in the Warrant still could not be acted on and thus there was no need to hold the adjourned session in the Middle School Gymnasium as the Middle School Auditorium would be of sufficient size. Accordingly, at 7:04 p.m., the adjourned session convened in the Middle School Gymnasium and, a quorum not being present, it further adjourned to November 21, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

The further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the town quorum of 50 present, and the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed.

Attendance: 95 (7:15 p.m.)

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Richard Sasseville, Barbara Gaudette, Marilyn Baker, Paula McGowan, Denis LaTour, and Yolande Gosselin.

ARTICLE 1: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 1 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by taxation for Line Item 20, Education, by \$556,453.85, and transferring and appropriating to said Line Item 20 a total amount of \$556,453.85 from the following accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 2 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by taxation for Line Item 14, Police, by \$98,000, and transferring and appropriating to said Line Item 14 a total amount of \$98,000 from the Overlay Surplus account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 3 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 4 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by increasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$56,800.00 to the new total of \$2,349,552; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 5 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by increasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$18,950.00 to the new total of \$848,430; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 6 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 9 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by decreasing the amount previously raised and appropriated to conduct a cyclical data collection inspection and analysis for all properties in the Town of Northbridge in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws and the Department of Revenue by \$45,000 to the new total of \$165,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 7 be postponed to a further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of financing the design of a project to upgrade and modernize the sludge management equipment including computerized monitoring and control technology, additional storage, thickening and pumping capacity and odor control systems at the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that consideration of Article 8 be postponed to a further adjourned session of Fall Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of financing the design of a project to extend water mains on portions of Union Street, Quaker Street, and Church Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that, when this adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting adjourns, it further adjourn to Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium.

ARTICLE 17: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Marston Road (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 18: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Nathaniel Drive (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 19: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Hillcrest Road (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

ARTICLE 20: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Morgan Road (The Hills at Whitinsville), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in Town.

Attendance: 108 (7:30 p.m.)

ARTICLE 23:
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend its general by-laws in accordance with the report and recommendations of the By-law Review Committee appointed in 2005 pursuant to Section 7-8(b) of the Charter, said report, recommendations and amendments being on file with the Town Clerk.

Motion to Amend Main Motion
Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 1, Section 1-102 by inserting after the definition of the word "Following" and before the definition of the word "Gender" the following definition: "Financial management team--A team of Town employees made up of but not limited to the following: Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Town Information Technology Manager and Town Assessor."

Motion to Amend Main Motion
Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 2 by deleting therefrom the text of Section 2-302 and substituting in place thereof the following new text of Section 2-302:

"The School Committee shall have the power to select and to terminate the superintendent, shall review and approve budgets for public education in the Town, and shall establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the Town consistent with the requirements of law and statewide goals and standards established by the Board of Education."

Attendance: 109 (7:45 p.m.)

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 4, Section 4-102 by adding thereto the following new Subsection D:

“D. Qualifications. The Town Manager shall, in addition to the qualifications stated in Section 4-1 of the Northbridge Home Rule Charter, have the following qualifications:

(1) a bachelor’s degree in public administration, business administration or related field, master’s degree preferred; (2) at least two years’ prior experience in municipal government or business administration preferably as a Town Manager or in a similar management position.”

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 4, Section 4-304 as follows:

1) By adding thereto the following new Subsection B:

“B. The Building, Planning and Construction Committee is responsible for surveying the growth needs of the Town, the needs of the community and the physical condition of all municipal buildings and other facilities. The Committee shall meet from time to time with representatives of all municipal agencies to determine the need for additions or renovations to any existing buildings or for the construction of new buildings or any other facilities for the Town, and to determine the appropriate sites for such buildings and facilities.”; and

2) By redesignating former Subsections B, C, D, E and F as Subsections C, D, E, F and G respectively.

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

APPROVED

Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 4, Section 4-403 by deleting therefrom Subsection B and substituting in place thereof the following new Subsection B:

“B. Mode of appointment; term of office. The Board of Health shall annually, in March, nominate one or more Inspectors of Animals, and before April first, shall send to the Director of Animal Health of the Commonwealth the name, address and occupation of each nominee. Such nominee shall not be appointed until approved by the Director of Animal Health of the Commonwealth (MGL C. 129, §15).”

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 6 as follows:

- 1) By deleting from the Table of Contents the word “RESERVED” opposite the Section number “§6-112” and substituting in place thereof the words “Authority to order repair of private drains” opposite said Section number “§6-112”; and
- 2) By deleting in the text portion the Section number “§6-112” and the word “RESERVED” opposite thereto and substituting in place thereof the following:

“§6-112. Authority to order repair of private drains.

The Board of Health may require the owner or occupant of an estate which drains into a private drain in a public or private way to put such drain in good repair and condition. Such person must comply with said order within 10 days after notice thereof. This section is adopted under the authority of MGL C.83, §12, and enforcement shall be in conformity with such chapter.”

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 9, Section 9-1001 by deleting therefrom the text of said Section 9-1001 and substituting in place thereof the following text for said Section 9-1001:

“No construction, demolition, paving, alteration of buildings, excavation, loading or unloading of equipment or building materials, including idling trucks, shall be conducted between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., unless approved by the Building Inspector in advance. There shall be no work conducted on Sundays and all holidays unless permission has been issued by the Building Inspector, and a five-day notification to the Building Inspector is required. Violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a \$100 fine for each violation. This bylaw shall be enforced through non-criminal disposition by the Building Inspector or any police officer of the Town of Northbridge. This bylaw shall not apply to any emergency activities of town, county, state, or federal agencies or to emergency activities conducted by public utilities.”

Motion to Further Amend Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

DEFEATED

Majority

Moved and seconded that the proposed amendment to the main motion be further amended with respect to the first sentence by adding the word “commercial” after the word “No” and before the word “construction.”

Motion to Further Amend Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

APPROVED

Majority

Moved and seconded that the proposed amendment to the main motion be further amended by adding after the words “or to emergency activities conducted by public utilities” in the last sentence the following words: “or homeowners doing work on their residences”.

Motion to Amend Main Motion As Further Amended

Voted

APPROVED

Majority

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Chapter 9, Section 9-1002 by deleting therefrom the text of said Section 9-1002 and substituting in place thereof the following text for said Section 9-1002:

“All general contractors, design firms, and all subcontractors shall submit to the permit-granting authority a copy of their updated insurance certification before any permit shall be granted. All insurance documentation shall be held on file at said office for the duration of their work or contract and for no less than 120 days past completion of any and all work.”

Main Motion As Amended:

Voted

APPROVED

Unanimous

Moved and seconded that this adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting further adjourn to the date, time and place previously fixed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m. as voted.

A true copy

Attest:

Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FURTHER ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE
OCTOBER 24, 2006 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, December 12, 2006 7:00 p.m.
Northbridge Middle School Gymnasium
Linwood Avenue

The further adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Gymnasium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the town quorum of 50 present, and the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed.

Attendance: 406 (7:15 p.m.)

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Richard Sasseville, Jeanne Gniadek, Philip Cyr, Harry Berkowitz, Paula McGowan, Barbara Gaudette, Larry DiGregorio, and Dennis McGowan.

ARTICLE 1: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by taxation for Line Item 20, Education, by \$547,067.43, and transferring and appropriating to said Line Item 20 a total amount of \$547,067.43 from the following accounts:

\$8,202 from No. 01020103-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting (May 1, 2001) for expenses of the Charter Review Committee;

\$10,000 from No. 01029819-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 19 of the 1998 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 1998) for compliance with the DEP's closure requirements at the Quaker Street Landfill;

\$3,662 from No. 01020002-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting (March 21, 2000) for Library renovations;

\$8,065 from No. 01020206-530000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 6 of the 2002 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 11, 2002) for implementation of GASB 34 requirements;

\$13,582 from No. 01020403-520000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 18, 2003) to purchase optical scan voting equipment;

\$4,000 from No. 01020406-531000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 6 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004) for the Assessor's Revaluation including software upgrades;

\$3,711.19 from No. 01020506-585002, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 6 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004) for financing the purchase of a one-ton pick up truck for the DPW Highway Division;

\$1,075.59 from No. 01020507-585002, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 7 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004) for financing the purchase of an all-wheel-drive dump truck for the DPW Highway Division;

\$40,000 from No. 01020518-530300, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 18 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004) for engineering services to develop a site design for the placement of portable classrooms at Balmer School;

\$32,358.20 from No. 01020612-578000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 12 of the 2005 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 7, 2005) for installation of a unisex handicapped bathroom on the ground level of Town Hall;

\$35,000 from No. 01020622-520000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 22 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 22, 2005) for the development of a Master Plan for the Town's playground and recreation fields;

\$30,000 from No. 01026003-530000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting (March 14, 2006) for approval of a 5-year lease-purchase contract for a multi-purpose municipal tractor;

\$4,000 from No. 01020609-578000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting (March 14, 2006) for the paving of Birch Street;

\$61,640.30 from No. 30009810-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 10 of the Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 10, 1998) for the Town Hall Accessibility Project;

\$11,563 from No. 30009901-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting (February 23, 1999) for the Town Hall restoration project;

\$22,808.80 from No. 30009306-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 5 of the Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 1993) for the Balmer School Roof;

\$1,922.60 from No. 30009813-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 13 of the Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 1998) for a new automatic circulation system for the Library;

\$581.90 from No. 30530310-589003, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting (January 21, 2003) to replace the roof and repair the chimney at the School Administration Building;

\$250,882.85 from No. 30540413-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 13 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 18, 2003) for the repair and/or replacement of the Aldrich School Roof;

\$4,012 from No. 30550412-589100, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 12 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 18, 2003) for the removal of the underground fuel storage tank at the Aldrich School.

Voted **DEFEATED** Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting therefrom the following:
“\$35,000 from No 01020622-520000, the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 22 of the adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting (November 22, 2005) for the development of a Master Plan for the Town’s playground and recreation fields.”

ARTICLE 2: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by taxation for Line Item 14A, Police Personnel, by \$98,000, and transferring and appropriating to said Line Item 14A a total amount of \$98,000 from the Overlay Surplus account.

Attendance: 488 (7:30 p.m.)

ARTICLE 3:
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 2 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Line 1B: Selectmen's Expenses

By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$1,000**

Line 2A: Town Manager Personnel

By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$56,400**

Line 3A: Finance Committee Personnel

By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$4,000**

Line 4B: Town Accountant Expenses

By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$15,000**

Line 5B: Assessors Expenses	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$750
Line 6A: Treasurer/Collector Personnel	
By increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$764
and By appropriating from Parking Ticket Receipts	
the additional sum of	\$15,000
Line 7B: Information Systems Expenses	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$20,615
Line 8B: Town Clerk Expenses	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$7,800
Line 10A: Planning Board Personnel	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$13,000
and by appropriating from Wetland Fees the sum of	\$13,000
Line 10B: Planning Board Expenses	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$43,650
Line 13B: Central Services Expenses	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$2,000

Voted	<u>DEFEATED</u>	Majority
Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting therefrom the following:		
“Line 1B: Selectmen’s Expenses		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$1,000.”	

	<u>MOTION WITHDRAWN</u>	
Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by inserting the following:		
“Line 2B: Town Manager Expenses		
By decreasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$9,386.42	
and by transferring from Free Cash the sum of	\$9,386.42”	

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		(\$22,651)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Line 14A: Police Personnel	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$759,386
and by transferring from available funds in the treasury	
(free cash) the sum of	\$609,386
Line 14B: Police Expenses	
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$9,000

Line 15A: Fire Personnel
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$18,255**

Line 15B: Fire Expenses
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$83,271**
and by transferring **from Ambulance Expenses (Line 16B)**
the sum of **\$52,271**

Line 16B: Ambulance Expenses
By **reducing the amount previously appropriated from**
Ambulance Receipts by **\$52,271**

Line 17A: Code Enforcement Personnel
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$1,700**

Line 17B: Code Enforcement Expenses
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$300**

Line 18A: Civil Defense Expenses
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$14,000**

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		(\$276,526)

EDUCATION

Line 20: Education
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$1,414,129**
And by transferring from Stabilization Fund the sum of **600,000**

Line 20B: Trade School
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$106,946**

Line 20C: BVRVTHS
By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$111,450**

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	(Secret Ballot)	YES: 383	NO: 106
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Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting therefrom the following: "By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$1,414,129 and by transferring from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$600,000" and by inserting in place thereof the following:
"By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by **\$503,129**
and by transferring from Stabilization Fund the sum of **0."**

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	2/3 vote attained
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Moved and seconded that the question be moved.

Moderator declared 2/3 vote by
Virtue of Town ByLaw C3-106

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting
 therefrom the following:
 “TOTAL EDUCATION (\$1,032,525)” and inserting in place
 thereof the following:

“TOTAL EDUCATION (\$721,525).”

New Main Motion

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
<u>EDUCATION</u>		
Line 20: Education		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$503,129	
And by transferring from Stabilization Fund the sum of	0	
Line 20B: Trade School		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$106,946	
Line 20C: BVRVTHS		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$111,450	
TOTAL EDUCATION	(\$721,525)	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Line 21A: Highway Personnel
 By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$220,000

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (\$220,000)

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Line 21F: Building, Planning & Construction Committee
 By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$17,000

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
TOTAL BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (\$17,000)

HUMAN SERVICES

Line 22B: Board of Health Expenses
 By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$8,375

Line 23A: Waste Collection and Disposal
 By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$13,172

Line 24B: Council on Aging Expenses
 By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$6,120

Line 26B: Veterans Expenses
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$1,199**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES **(\$28,866)**

Attendance: 501 (8:15 p.m.)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Line 27B: Library Expenses
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$2,378**

Line 28A: Recreation Personnel
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$10,000**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION **(\$12,378)**

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

Line 37: Retirement System
 By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$19,000**

Line 38: Workers' Compensation
 By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$36,000**

Line 40: Employee Insurance Benefits
 By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$300,000**

Line 41: Property & Liability Insurance
 By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$25,880**

TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL **\$380,880**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended with respect to Line 40 by adding the following:
 “By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by \$911,000
and by transferring from Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$911,000.”**

New Main Motion

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

Line 37: Retirement System
 By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$19,000**

Line 38: Workers' Compensation
 By **increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$36,000**

Line 40: Employee Insurance Benefits	
By increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$300,000
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$911,000
and by transferring from Stabilization Fund the sum of	\$911,000
Line 41: Property & Liability Insurance	
By increasing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$25,880
TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$380,880

GRAND TOTAL **\$918,066**

ARTICLE 4:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by decreasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$349,552 to the new total of \$2,000,000.

The Moderator ruled that the proposed motion was out of order in that it was beyond the scope of the Article in the Warrant. The Article in the Warrant proposed to increase the amount previously raised and appropriated but the proposed motion sought to decrease the amount previously raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 4: Vote **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this Article.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by increasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$56,800.00 to the new total of \$2,349,552; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by increasing the amount raised and appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works by \$18,950.00 to the new total of \$848,430.

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this Article.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 9 of the 2006 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2006) by decreasing the amount previously raised and appropriated to conduct a cyclical data collection inspection and analysis for all properties in the Town of Northbridge in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws and the Department of Revenue by \$45,000 to the new total of \$165,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this Article.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of financing the design of a project to upgrade and modernize the sludge management equipment including computerized monitoring and control technology, additional storage, thickening and pumping capacity and odor control systems at the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this Article.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of financing the design of a project to extend water mains on portions of Union Street, Quaker Street, and Church Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the **Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 24, 2006**, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the meeting.

Voted unanimously at 10:19 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

A true copy

Attest:

Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 16, 2006**

Total vote: 1827

Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4
487	414	341	585

SELECTMEN 3 year term

(vote for one)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
James R. Marzec	309	221	185	376	1091
Russell D. Collins (Incumbent)	177	190	151	206	724
All Others (write ins)	0	0	2	1	3
Blanks	1	3	3	2	9
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 year terms

(vote for three)

Kristin A. Burns (Incumbent)	312	269	244	378	1203
Carrie E. Marzec	309	255	203	384	1151
Leeann M. Hansson	300	277	232	353	1162
All Others (write ins)	15	14	5	15	49
Blanks	525	427	339	625	1916
Total Vote	1461	1242	1023	1755	5481

PLANNING BOARD 3 year term

(vote for one)

James A. Vitello	358	304	256	428	1346
All Others (write ins)	3	4	1	7	15
Blanks	126	106	84	150	466
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS 3 year term

(vote for one)

Thomas A. Farley (Incumbent)	380	324	259	445	1408
All Others (All Others)	0	2	0	0	2
Blanks	107	88	82	140	417
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 5 year term

(vote for one)

Sharron Ampagoomian	6	0	0	0	6
All Others (write ins)	15	16	10	18	59
Blanks	466	398	331	567	1762
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 4 year term

(vote for one)

Timothy Boucher	3	0	0	0	3
All Others (write ins)	20	20	12	17	69
Blanks	464	394	329	568	1755
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 1 year term

(vote for one)

Neal Mitchell	3	0	0	0	3
All Others (write ins)	15	13	11	22	61
Blanks	469	401	330	563	1763
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

HOUSING AUTHORITY 5 year term

(vote for one)

Janet M. King (Incumbent)	340	289	247	405	1281
All Others (write ins)	1	4	0	2	7
Blanks	146	121	94	178	539
Total Vote	487	414	341	585	1827

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
June 13, 2006**

Total vote: 1718

Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4
471	422	315	510

Question: Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to assess an additional \$1,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the Town and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006.

YES or NO

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
YES	162	185	138	236	721
NO	309	237	177	274	997
Total Vote	471	422	315	510	1718

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
STATE PRIMARY
September 19, 2006**

**Total Vote
164**

Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total Vote
40	50	28	46	164

SENATOR IN CONGRESS
(vote for one)

Kenneth G. Chase	17	21	12	23	73
Kevin P. Scott	17	24	12	19	72
All Others	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	6	4	4	4	18
Total	40	50	28	46	164

GOVERNOR

(vote for one)

Kerry Healey	35	42	26	38	141
Deval L. Patrick	0	2	0	0	2
Christopher F. Gabrieli	0	1	0	1	2
All Others	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	4	5	2	7	18
Total	40	50	28	46	164

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(vote for one)

Reed V. Hillman	28	42	24	41	135
All Others	1	1	0	1	3
Blanks	11	7	4	4	26
Total	40	50	28	46	164

ATTORNEY GENERAL

(vote for one)

Larry Frisoli	28	43	23	37	131
All Others	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	12	7	5	8	32
Total	40	50	28	46	164

SECRETARY OF STATE

(vote for one)

All others	0	2	0	2	4
Blanks	40	48	28	44	160
Total	40	50	28	46	164

TREASURER

(vote for one)

All others	0	1	0	2	3
Blanks	40	49	28	44	161
Total	40	50	28	46	164

AUDITOR (vote for one)					
All Others	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	40	49	28	46	163
Total	40	50	28	46	164

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (vote for one)					
All Others	0	1	0	1	2
Blanks	40	49	28	45	162
Total	40	50	28	46	164

COUNCILLOR (vote for one)					
All Others	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	40	49	28	46	163
Total	40	50	28	46	164

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (vote for one)					
All Others	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	40	49	28	46	163
Total	40	50	28	46	164

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (vote for one)					
George N. Peterson Jr.	31	45	26	39	141
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	9	5	2	7	23
Total	40	50	28	46	164

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (vote for one)					
All Others	0	2	0	0	2
Blanks	40	48	28	46	162
Total	40	50	28	46	164

CLERK OF COURTS (vote for one)					
All Others	0	0	0	2	2
Blanks	40	50	28	44	162
Total	40	50	28	46	164

REGISTER OF DEEDS

(vote for one)

All Others	0	1	0	2	3
Blanks	40	49	28	44	161
Total	40	50	28	46	164

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ATTEST:

Doreen A. Cedrone
Town Clerk

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE STATE ELECTION November 7, 2006

Total Vote: 5232

Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec.3	Prec. 4	Total Vote
1364	1454	939	1475	5232

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

(vote for one)

Edward M. Kennedy	791	811	526	739	2867
Kenneth G. Chase	531	605	383	700	2219
All Others	0	2	0	2	4
Blanks	42	36	30	34	142
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

GOVERNOR and LIEUT. GOVERNOR

(vote for one)

Healey and Hillman	573	622	411	728	2334
Patrick and Murray	645	637	423	607	2312
Mihos and Sullivan	107	155	78	103	443
Ross and Robinson	23	26	19	26	94
All Others	1	3	0	4	8
Blanks	15	11	8	7	41
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

ATTORNEY GENERAL

(vote for one)

Martha Coakley	816	875	556	840	3087
Larry Frisoli	483	525	345	592	1945
All Others	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	65	54	38	42	199
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

SECRETARY OF STATE

(vote for one)

William Francis Galvin	959	1074	684	1047	3764
Jill E. Stein	208	217	140	226	791
All others	1	3	0	2	6
Blanks	196	160	115	200	671
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

TREASURER

(vote for one)

Timothy P. Cahill	987	1061	688	1066	3802
James O'Keefe	183	227	138	206	754
All others	2	2	1	0	5
Blanks	192	164	112	203	671
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

AUDITOR

(vote for one)

A. Joseph DeNucci	859	955	620	940	3374
Rand Wilson	284	299	199	312	1094
All Others	2	0	0	0	2
Blanks	219	200	120	223	762
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

(vote for one)

Richard E. Neal	972	1074	689	1016	3751
All Others	7	10	1	6	24
Blanks	385	370	249	453	1457
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

COUNCILLOR

(vote for one)

Thomas J. Foley	960	1054	668	997	3679
All Others	3	6	0	4	13
Blanks	401	394	271	474	1540
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

(vote for one)

Richard T. Moore	1059	1122	717	1093	3991
All Others	4	7	0	2	13
Blanks	301	325	222	380	1228
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

(vote for one)

George N. Peterson, Jr.	1005	1068	709	1107	3889
All Others	4	1	3	4	12
Blanks	355	385	227	364	1331
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(vote for one)

Joseph D. Early, Jr.	995	1072	692	1045	3804
All Others	4	4	1	1	10
Blanks	365	378	246	429	1418
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

CLERK OF COURTS

(vote for one)

Dennis P. McManus	955	1029	657	976	3617
All Others	4	4	0	1	9
Blanks	405	421	282	498	1606
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

REGISTER OF DEEDS

(vote for one)

Anthony J. Vigliotti	953	1027	650	995	3625
All Others	4	3	0	0	7
Blanks	407	424	289	480	1600
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

Bellingham					
Joseph M. Hall	502	544	383	536	1965
Alfred A. Tomassini	346	374	221	348	1289
Neal Mitchell	3	3	2	3	11
Russell Collins	1	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	512	533	333	588	1966
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

Blackstone					
William J. Pontes	809	867	573	817	3066
Neal Mitchell	1	1	0	0	2
Russell Collins	1	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	553	586	366	658	2163
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

Douglas					
John C. Lavin, III	808	865	570	820	3063
Neal Mitchell	1	1	0	0	2
Russell Collins	1	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	554	588	369	655	2166
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

Grafton					
Anthony M. Yitts	792	833	551	788	2964
Neal Mitchell	1	0	0	0	1
Russell Collins	1	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	570	621	388	687	2266
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

Hopedale					
Paul M. Yanovitch	773	818	540	773	2904
Russell Collins	1	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	590	636	399	702	2327
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

	Mendon				
Michael D. Peterson	785	832	548	777	2942
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	579	622	391	698	2290
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

	Milford				
Arthur E. Morin, Jr.	766	807	543	764	2880
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	598	647	396	711	2352
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

	Millbury				
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr.	752	803	529	762	2846
Neal Mitchell	1	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	611	651	410	713	2385
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

	Millville				
Gerald M. Finn	752	801	528	759	2840
All Others	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	612	652	411	716	2391
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

	Northbridge				
Alicia Schotanus	857	904	619	867	3247
Neal Mitchell	32	10	8	27	77
Russell Collins	3	0	0	1	4
Jared Collins	0	0	0	1	1
Stephen Roche	0	0	0	1	1
All Others	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	472	539	312	578	1901
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

			Sutton		
Mitchell A. Intinarelli	750	798	529	754	2831
Neal Mitchell	0	0	0	1	1
Alicia Schotanus	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	614	656	410	719	2399
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

			Upton		
Kenneth M. Pedersen Jr.	756	817	535	775	2883
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	608	637	404	700	2349
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

			Uxbridge		
Daniel L. Baker	794	810	555	786	2945
All Others	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	570	644	384	689	2287
Total	1364	1454	939	1475	5232

BIRTHS RECEIVED AND RECORDED - 2006	190
MARRIAGES ISSUED AND RECORDED - 2006	88
DEATHS FILED AND RECORDED - 2006	184

**FEES COLLECTED FOR
SERVICES, RECORDINGS, LICENSES/PERMITS AND
2006**

Birth Certificates	\$4,540.00
Death Certificates	4,475.00
Marriage Certificates	1,165.00
Marriage Intentions	1,290.00
Uniform Commercial Loans	393.02
Uniform Commercial Loan Search	10.00
Raffle Permits	120.00
Business Certificates	2,080.00
Pole Locations	120.00
Liquidation Sales	0.00
Zoning By-Law Books	90.00
Zoning Maps	26.00
Subdivision Rules & Regulations Books	30.00
Street Lists/Resi Discs	196.00
Town By-Laws/BOH	15.00
Copies/Labels/Postage/Miscellaneous	51.60
Cemetery Recordings	0.00
Trust Filing	0.00
Variances	\$6,950.00

CEMETERY LOTS - 2006

Fees Remitted to Treasurer:	0.00
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DOGS LICENSED - 2006

Fees Remitted to Treasurer:	\$7,597.00
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SUMMARY

Fees Collected for Town Clerk Services:	\$21,551.62
Cemetery Lot Fees Remitted:	0.00
Dog Fees Remitted:	\$7,597.00
Wildlife Fees Remitted to Commonwealth:	N/A
TOTAL:	<u>\$29,148.62</u>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology usage is continually being evaluated to take advantage of efficiencies and improvements in services. The expanding use of E-mail and the electronic data transmission of financial information have reduced effort and time, translating directly into cost savings. Network security, hardware maintenance, application upgrades, and training continue to be an integral requirement to keeping everything working together. Budget constraints and an aging infostructure create unique challenges for highly utilized computer systems.

The Town of Northbridge uses MUNIS software for all accounting and payroll applications. Vision appraisal software is used for real and personal property appraisal. Information Technology supports this effort with technical support to end users as well as server and software upgrades.

The Town has a lease agreement with Charter Business Communications, providing a WAN (Wide Area Network) connecting all municipal buildings at a reduced cost. The Northbridge WAN is promoting the decentralization of financial applications and improved communications between departments.

GIS (Graphical Information System) has been installed at the DPW to map groundwater and wastewater collections systems. This mapping system will be evaluated for use by other departments in town that are involved in creating and maintaining maps.

The Fire Department is in the process of implementing a new computerized dispatching system that provides emergency responders with information relative to the locations of resources (water, hydrants, etc) as well as hazardous materials and obstacles. Personnel and apparatus are dispatched based on the type and severity of the emergency. All information is collected for later reporting.

Computing technology user education is given a continuing emphasis with support for office applications, internet usage, and financial applications. Most training is informal and focused on the needs of the individual user.

Please visit the official web site for the town at www.northbridgema.org. This web site is a continual work in progress, hosting current announcements, schedules, and contact information, as well as a convenient way to pay your local taxes on-line.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Thayer
Systems Administrator

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 2006, the Cable Advisory Committee continued to upgrade and purchase new equipment to aid in the continuance of bringing local programming to the cable subscribers in the Town of Northbridge.

The past year saw the purchase of new equipment for live broadcasts. Sharron Ampagoomian has been attempting to cover more meetings, however, it should not be up to one person to cover so many hours of meetings. It is hopeful that more producers will come forward to aid in this informational aid for the citizens of Northbridge. We are two years from contract renewal and input from customers as to the service quality is welcomed.

Local programming continues on Channel 11 with live shows recorded events and recorded sports events.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Berkowitz, Chairman
Jerry Bagdasarian
Sharron W. Ampagoomian
Dean Fortin
David Miedema, III
Jeffrey Ellis
Anthony Davis

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Zoning Board of Appeals is created under the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 40A as a necessary part of the establishment of zoning regulations in a community. Chapter 40A empowers the Board of Appeals to hear appeals taken from decisions of any administrative official or board of the Town acting under the provisions of the law, grant variances from terms of the Zoning By-law, and grant special permits as provided by the Zoning By-law.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the second Thursday of the month. During the calendar year there were a total of forty-five (45) applications filed, sixteen (16) for variances and twenty-nine (29) for special permits.

The Board granted ten (10) variances, denied three (3), and two (2) of the applications were withdrawn by the applicants. One (1) of the applications for a variance will be discussed at a meeting in February, 2007.

The Board granted twenty-seven (27) special permits, denied one (1), and one (1) was withdrawn by the applicant.

Public hearings are still being held on an application for a Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit which was filed on July 28, 2004. Triangle Land Development Corp. of Berkley, MA has applied for a diversified housing project proposed for Providence Rd., Linwood, MA. The property consists of approximately 72 acres of land, shown on Assessor's Map 24 as Parcel 21. The proposed project known as Linwood Estates, consists of up to 125 units (single-family/condominium) within the I-2 Zoning District. The public hearings will continue in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
Diane Woupio, Member
Carol Snow, Member
Sharron Ampagoomian, Member

William Corkum, Member
Harold Hartman, Associate Member
Stephen Witkus, Associate Member
Brenda Ouillette, Secretary

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board consists of five (5) elected members and one (1) appointed associate member. The Board has the responsibility of reviewing proposed development projects (residential subdivisions, business/commercial and industrial site plans) and makes decisions on them in accordance with state/local by-laws & regulations. The Board is assisted by a professional staff: Town Planner, R. Gary Bechtholdt II and a shared Planning/Conservation Secretary.

The Planning Board's official powers and responsibilities are provided through the Northbridge Subdivision Regulations, Zoning By-laws and as prescribed in Massachusetts General Laws. These rules and regulations have been enacted for the purpose of protecting the safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of Northbridge by regulating the laying out and construction of ways in subdivisions and providing access to lots therein.

In addition to subdivision control, the Board reviews site plan development applications. The Board reviews these proposals in accordance with Chapter 173, of the Northbridge Zoning By-Law considering impacts on traffic, municipal and public services and utilities, environmental quality, and community economics for the purpose of ensuring health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the town.

During the year 2006, the Planning Board reviewed 8 ANR plans, 2 Preliminary Subdivision plans, 4 Definitive subdivision plans, 2 Subdivision Modifications, 8 Site plans, 9 Special permits, and 2 Scenic Road permit applications. In addition to these reviews the Planning Board continued to monitor multiple subdivision projects through the construction process.

Two larger scale residential subdivisions; Reservoir Heights, a Flexible development and The Hills at Whitinsville, a Planned Unit development were completed in 2006. In total over 170 acres of land was preserved as open space within these developments. Reservoir Heights includes Samuel Drive & Shannon Drive is located off Carpenter Road and consists of 73 single-family lots. The Hills at Whitinsville includes Nathaniel Drive, Marston Road, Hillcrest Road, Morgan Road, and the extension of Prospect Street. The Hills is comprised of 110 single-family lots and two condominium lots (Hillview & Marston Heights) totaling 92 condominium units.

At the Spring Annual Town Meeting the town approved expanding the Route 146 Overlay District to include additional parcels zoned Business along Main Street, Lasell Road and Purgatory Road. The Route 146 Overlay District is intended to facilitate the long-term economic growth by coordinating development and preserving the scenic, natural and cultural resources of the Blackstone Valley.

At the close of 2006, the town received two planning grants. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs awarded Northbridge, one of six communities within the Commonwealth, its Urban Rivers Visions Program. This planning study will focus on Rockdale along the Blackstone River. The Department of Conservation & Recreation, in partnership with the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor will be working with Northbridge in identifying special places as part of its Heritage Landscape Inventory program.

In the upcoming year the Planning Board will look to update the town's Master Plan. Despite lack of funding the Board is hopeful to accomplish this great task with the help of local officials, municipal departments and dedicated volunteers.

At the end of his term and after serving 18 years on the Planning Board Denis LaTour decided not to seek re-election. His knowledge and dedication as member of this Board will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harry Berkowitz, Chairman
Robert Clark, Clerk
Edward Palmer

Barbara Gaudette, Vice Chair
James Vitello
Roger Dionne, Associate Member

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Northbridge Conservation Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Conservation Office located at 21 Piedmont Street (in the Police Station building), where the public is welcome to attend all meetings and hearings. The Conservation Commission consists of seven (7) appointed members and is assisted by Planning / Conservation Secretary Barbara A. Kinney.

The purpose of the Conservation Commission is to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and related regulations as well as the town's local Wetlands Bylaws, regulations and policies. The purpose of these regulations and bylaws is to protect the wetlands, related water resources and adjoining land area (resource areas) within the Town of Northbridge by monitoring, reviewing and permitting activities.

The Conservation Commission is the official agency specifically charged with the protection of Northbridge's natural resources. The Commission also advises other municipal officials and boards on conservation issues that relate to their areas of responsibility. The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act prohibits any filling, excavation, or other alteration of the land surface, water levels or vegetation in wetlands, floodplains, riverfront areas or other wetland resource areas regardless of ownership without a permit from the local Conservation Commission.

During the Year 2006, the Commission reviewed seventeen (17) Notices of Intent (NOI), four (4) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA), three (3) Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, twenty-one (21) Requests for Certificate of Compliance, two (2) Requests for Extension Permits for Orders of Conditions and one (1) Amendment request for an Order of Conditions.

The Commission issued two (2) Extensions for Orders of Conditions, fourteen (14) Certificates of Compliance, eight (8) Cease and Desist Orders, five (5) Orders of Resource Area Delineations, twenty-one (21) Orders of Conditions, four (4) Amendments to Orders of Conditions, four (4) Determinations of Applicability, one (1) Town issued permit, five (5) miscellaneous requests and denied two (2) partial Certificates of Compliance.

At the end of his term after many years on the Commission, Paul Klocek decided not to seek reappointment; his dedication to the Commission will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt Mills, Chairman
Robert Anderson
JoAnn Teachout

Cheryl Peckham, Vice Chairman
Terence Bradley

Andrew Chagnon
Roger Jewell

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northbridge Police Department is to provide quality police services in cooperation and partnership with the community, emphasizing integrity, fairness and professionalism in order to improve the quality of life in Northbridge.

Cruiser patrols covered 180,708 miles using 14,054 gallons of gasoline and 259 quarts of oil. The present fleet of police cruisers is four marked, one semi-marked four-wheel drive vehicle, and four unmarked cruisers.

A total of 689 persons were arrested or summoned into court. These persons were prosecuted at the Uxbridge District Court, Milford Juvenile Court, Worcester Six Person Jury Session, Worcester Grand Jury and Superior Court.

These persons committed a total of 1,526 criminal violations in our community.

The breakdown of the 689 persons arrested or summoned into court is as follows:

Adult males	446	Juvenile males	68
Adult females	162	Juvenile females	13

In addition, 50 persons were held in Protective Custody.

A breakdown of the 1,526 criminal offenses taken before the different courts is as follows:

Accessory After the Fact	1
Accessory Before the Fact	1
Accost/Annoy Person Opposite Sex	2
Annoying Phone Calls	4
Assault	1
Assault and Battery	16
Assault and Battery Child With Injury	1
Assault and Battery Dangerous Weapon	12
Assault and Battery / Domestic	42
Assault Dangerous Weapon	4
Assault and Battery Police Officer	6
Attach Plates Illegally	7
Attempt to Commit Crime	1
Attempt to Defraud	1
Break and Enter Bldg NT	8
Break and Enter Bldg DT	11
Break and Enter Dwelling NT	11
Break and Enter Motor Vehicle	23
Burglary (unarmed)	1
Control Stolen Motor Vehicle	1
Credit Card Fraud	1
Default Warrant	99
Discharge BB Gun – private way	109

Discharge Firearm 500' Building	6
Disorderly Person	32
Disrupting School Assembly	2
Disturbing the Peace	19
Fail Register as Sex Offender	4
Fail Stop for Police Officer	8
Filing False Police Report	1
Forgery Check	4
Forged Inspection Sticker	1
Forgery	1
Fraud Obtain False Prescription	1
Fugitive from Justice	1
Identify Fraud	2
Improper Storage of Large Capacity Firearm	2
Indecent A & B Child Under 14	1
Indecent A & B Child Over 14	2
Indecent Exposure	2
Intimate Witness	6
Larceny Bldg.	5
Larceny by Check	54
Larceny Drug	1
Larceny M/V	3
Larceny Over \$250.00	39
Larceny Under \$250.00	45
Leave Scene Property Damage Accident	20
Lewd/Lascivious Speech/Behavior	1
License – Operate After Suspension/Revocation	90
License – Operate Without	33
License – Junior Operator Violation	1
Mayhem	1
Minor Motor Vehicle Offenses	167
Misuse of Credit Card	11
Operating Under Influence of Alcohol	30
Open and Gross Lewdness	1
Operate to Endanger /Negligently	13
Operate Uninsured M/V	44
Operate Motor Vehicle Revocation Registration	44
Permit Injury to Child	1
Person Under 21 Possess/Transport Alcohol	34
Poss Ammo Without FID Card	2
Pose Child in State of Nudity	3
Possession Dangerous Weapon	1
Poss Firearm Without FID Card	1
Rape and Abuse of Child Under 16	2
Rape – Child/Unnatural Force	8
Receive Stolen Property	5
Resisting Arrest	7
Runaway	6
Shoplifting	6
Threat Commit Crime	3

Trespassing	15
Unlawful Assembly	8
Unlawful Possession Firearm	1
Use M/V Without Authority	6
Uttering	17
Uttering False Prescription	1
Violation Restraining Order	20
Violation Drug Laws	102
Violation Town By-Law Open Container	7
Wanton Destruction Personal Property	5
Warrant of Apprehension	1
Wil and Mal Injury to Personal Property	203

MISCELLANEOUS:

Complaints Investigated	17,479
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	5,160
Parking Tickets Issued	327
E-911 calls	2,612
Bank/Burglar Alarms	477
Fire Department Assists	94
Funeral Service Traffic	11
Medical Calls	933
Mental Health Investigations	51
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	243
Unattended Deaths	11

ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED:

	510
Property Damage – Over \$1,000	160
Property Damage – Under \$1,000	301
Personal Injury Accident	66
Persons Injured	49
Pedestrians Injured	0
Bike Accident	0
Bicyclist Injured	0
Persons Killed	0

During the calendar year 2006 all police officers received mandatory in-service training in CPR, First Responder and Firearm Certification. All full time police officers also attended forty hours of in-service training in Boylston sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee. Included in this training was computer crimes; identity theft; contemporary gang trends; drug identification; legal and motor vehicle updates.

Several officers were sent to various specialized training seminars such as CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Systems); Internet Safety; Emergency Response sponsored by National Grid; Basic Computer Crimes Training; Command Training; Morals Investigations; Domestic Violence; Missing Children; Child Passenger Safety Technician; Criminal Intelligence; School Officers Legal Guide; NESPIN (New England State Police Information Network); Motor Vehicle Searches; Racial Profiling; Sexual Assault Intervention; Labor Relations; Hate Crimes; and Child Abuse.

The Northbridge Police Department was actively involved with the community during the past year. The police department in conjunction with Middle School Teacher Kenneth Warchol hosted a second 16 week Youth Police Academy. There are 20 students participating in the program. All licensed alcohol establishments in town were inspected by the police department with no major violations encountered. The police department conducted numerous "*Project Identification*" fingerprinting sessions which are requested by our schools, churches, businesses and other civic organizations. Officers also conducted numerous informational seminars in our schools, with our elderly community and other civic organizations concerning child safety, identity theft, fraud, internet safety, motor vehicle safety.

Calendar year 2006 was a very busy year for the police department. Annual statistics indicated that calls for service increased by 3.3%. There was a decrease of 7.8% in the number of people arrested or summoned to court. There was a 21% decrease in property damage accidents. I am concerned that there was a 20% increase in personal injury accidents. Motor vehicle citations increased by 15.9%. Crimes against persons decreased by 6.8% and property crimes increased by 15%.

Northbridge Police Department Detectives conducted numerous investigations throughout the year and solved numerous difficult cases. The detectives along with other members of the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force investigated and arrested several persons for various drug violations throughout the Blackstone Valley. Detective/ Sgt. Shawn Heney decided to return to patrol after 16 years of service in the detective unit. He will be replaced by Sgt. John Ouillette. I want to personally thank Sgt. Heney for his years of dedicated service to the unit.

Animal Control Officer Dan Chauvin was very busy and responded to 801 animal complaints.

The following are departmental highlights:

JANUARY

The police department completed an inspection of all licensed alcohol establishments in town. The inspections encountered no major violations, some minor violations were discovered and rectified.

The Detective Unit completed two intensive drug investigations which resulted in the arrest of two people: A Northbridge man was arrested on two counts of Distribution of Cocaine to an undercover police. An Ashland man was arrested for Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute.

FEBRUARY:

Dispatcher Lisa Lasala attended a Criminal Justice Information Systems Regional Working Group Meeting in Maynard, MA.

Lt. Warchol attended a meeting of the Bylaw Review Committee.

Lt. Labrie and Officer DeJordy gave a safety talk to Balmer Elementary School children concerning strategies when encountering strangers.

MARCH

Sgt. Zollin gave a tour of the police station to approximately 20 youths from the Youth Police Academy held at the Northbridge Middle School The Youth Police Academy is a weekly class

hosted by Middle School Teacher Kenneth Warchol in conjunction with the Northbridge Police Department.

Lt. Warchol attended an Executive Board meeting of the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force.

All Northbridge Police Officers completed an annual mandatory forty hours In Service Training Program sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee in West Boylston, MA.

Lt. Warchol and Sgt. Smith attended a meeting in Wrentham hosted by National Grid on Emergency Response.

Officer Chickinski and Officer DerKosroffian attended a two day Basic Computer training seminar concerning computer crimes.

APRIL 2005

Officer Chickinski gave a presentation to senior citizens at the Chestnut Street Retirement Community on fraud and scams.

Lt. Warchol was appointed as Chief of Police of the Northbridge Police Department at the Selectman's Meeting on April 10, 2006.
Chief Warchol attended a three day training seminar in Leominster sponsored by the MA Chiefs of Police Association.

Sgt. Ouillette graduated from the two week "*Command Training*" program held at Roger Williams College, RI. The training is sponsored by the New England Chiefs of Police Association.

MAY

Sgt. John Ouillette attended a one week "*Morals Investigation School*" sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee in West Boylston, MA. Sgt. Ouillette is certified to conduct morals investigations.

Officers of the Northbridge Police Department attended a "*Blue Mass*" in Worcester, MA honoring fallen police officers. Retired Chief of Police Thomas J. Melia received a Lifetime Law Enforcement Achievement Award.

Officers Kristina Westbury, Richard Gorman and Jeffrey White attended a three day comprehensive seminar on "*Domestic Violence*" in West Boylston.

Officer Chickinski attended a newly formed regional task force on "Identify Theft" in Auburn, MA.

JUNE

Officer Chickinski and Trooper Packard, MA State Police gave a presentation at the Northbridge High School concerning seatbelts and safe driving. Trooper Packard brought a rollover simulator to demonstrate to students what happens when you do not wear a seatbelt.

JULY

Officers of the Northbridge Police Department assisted with traffic duties and crowd control at the fireworks display on July 2nd.

The police department conducted an “*Auto Etching*” for town residents which allows them to save 15% on the comprehensive part of their auto insurance.

Officer Jeffrey White attended a one week school to become a certified “*Child Passenger Safety Technician*”.

AUGUST

Northbridge Police Officers provided traffic assistance to bicycle riders participating in the annual Jimmy Fund bicycle ride from Sturbridge to Bourne called the “*Pan Mass Challenge*”.

Officer DeJordy attended a one day training seminar in Franklin entitled “*School Officers – Legal Guide*.”

SEPTEMBER

Lt. Labrie attended a three day training seminar sponsored by NESPIN in Nashua, NH on Narcotics Enforcement.

Officer Nadeau and Officer White participated in the St.Patrick’s Fall Festival.

Chief Warchol attended a MA Chiefs of Police seminar on racial profiling.

OCTOBER

Officer Chickinski and Postal Inspector Brian Hendricks gave a presentation to Unibank employees on identity theft and fraudulent schemes.

Sgt. Heney attended a conference on Sexual Assault Intervention in Uxbridge.

Chief Warchol and Lt. Labrie participated in the annual “*Celebrity Reader*” in the Northbridge Elementary Schools.

Chief Warchol and Lt. Labrie attended an awards ceremony sponsored by AAA where Northbridge was awarded a citation for pedestrian safety.

NOVEMBER

Sgt. Smith attended an eight hour seminar on “*Hate Crimes*” at the Boylston Police Academy.

Sgt. Zollin and Auxiliary Police Captain Richard West attended a training seminar concerning Auxiliary Police in Framingham.

The Northbridge Police Department was awarded a state and federal grant to purchase new bullet proof vests for the department’s police officers.

DECEMBER

Chief Warchol met with Gary Bechtholdt and other department heads concerning updating the town’s “*Pre Mitigation Disaster Plan*”.

Verizon representatives came to the station to discuss the New E911 system and the location of the new equipment.

Lt. Labrie attended a conference with the District Attorney’s Office concerning Child Abuse.

The Northbridge Police Department increased its police presence during the holiday season due to a grant received from the Governors Highway Safety Bureau.

The Northbridge Auxiliary Police has served the town as volunteers for traffic duty at emergencies, road races, parades and numerous other town functions. Their dedication is appreciated by the Northbridge Police Department and the citizens of Northbridge. Auxiliary Police Sergeant Walter Lisak retired from the Auxiliary Police after 36 years of service to the town. Auxiliary Police Lieutenant David Jessing retired from the Auxiliary Police after 29 years of service to the town. Every member of the Northbridge Police Department would like to thank Walter Lisak and Dave Jessing for their service to the town and wish them the best of luck in their retirement.

This is my first annual report for the police department as your new Chief of Police. I have seen many changes in the police department during the last year. The police department has seen a reduction in the number of police officers from 22 full time officers to 18 full time officers, a 19% reduction in staff. This reduction in personnel has forced the police department to eliminate the School Resource Officer, a Community Policing Officer and a Detective's position. Due to these budget restraints the police department has been forced to eliminate many initiatives that have been implemented in the past to ensure the effective day to day operations of the police department. The police department acknowledges the growing budget deficit the town faces and will attempt to continue to provide the best quality services with the resources available.

I would like to thank all the members of the Northbridge Police Department for their support and dedication during the past year. With their continued support and dedication the Northbridge Police Department will continue to be one of the best police departments in Worcester County.

I would also like to thank former Town Manager Michael Coughlin, the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and all other town boards and departments for their continuous dedication and support which makes my job much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter J. Warchol
Chief of Police

The following is a list of 2006 Northbridge Police Department personnel:

Police Chief Walter J. Warchol
Lt. Timothy Labrie
Det. Sgt. Shawn P Heney
Sgt. Leonard W. Smith
Sgt. Stephen R. Zollin
Sgt. Timothy Labrie
Sgt. Ryan C. Bradley
Officer George Hamm
Det. Ptlm. Donald J. Roy
Officer Joshua A. Nadeau
Officer Conrad Chickinski
Officer Matthew W. Leonard
Officer Kristina M. Westbury
Officer Levon DerKosrobian
Officer John Ouillette
Officer Richard Gorman
Officer Daniel Lamoreaux
Officer Stephen Buma
Officer Thomas DeJordy
Officer Jeffrey White
Reserve Police Officer Anthony Ciccone
Reserve Police Officer Michael Gaudet
Reserve Police Officer Lisa LaSala

Administrative Asst. to Chief of Police Mrs. Linda Skillen

Full Time Dispatcher Lisa LaSala
Full Time Dispatcher John Inger
Full Time Dispatcher Brian Collins
Full Time Dispatcher Jennifer Leonard
Part Time Dispatcher Homer Rajotte
Part Time Dispatcher Shawn Matte

Northbridge Auxiliary Police
Capt. Richard D. West, Officer in Charge
Sgt. Walter B. Lisak
Sgt. David A. Jessing

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Structure Fires:	14
Motor Vehicle Fires:	8
Outside Fires (dumpsters, camp, illegal burning):	58
Brush, Grass, & Forest:	18
Malicious False Alarms:	8
Accidental False Alarms (honest mistakes, cooking, etc.):	80
Defective Alarm Systems:	107
Defective Sprinkler Systems:	15
Faulty Heating Systems:	14
Hazardous Conditions (liquid spills, wires down, haz-mat.):	23
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	32
Secure Landing Zones:	6
Mutual Aid to Other Towns:	34
Bomb Threats:	0
Search for Missing Persons:	0
Assistance Calls (lockout, cellar pumping, etc.):	21
Investigations:	169
CO Alarms:	2
Medial Emergencies:	241
Other Types of Alarms:	8
Total Fire Calls:	886
Public Service Calls:	680
Ambulance Alarms:	1,421
Total Alarms from all Sources:	2,987

Fire Losses for 2006

Buildings:	\$ 125,200.00
Contents:	\$ 73,900.00
Total:	\$ 199,100.00

Losses by Occupancy:

Residential (1 & 2 family)	\$ 40,600.00
Residential (3 – 6 family)	\$ 1,200.00
Residential (Apartment Buildings)	\$ 1,000.00
Residential (Nursing Homes)	\$ 500.00
Commercial Buildings	\$ 65,200.00
Motor Vehicles	\$ 11,700.00
Storage Buildings	\$ 70,000.00
Recreational Facility	\$ 1,000.00
Schools	\$ 600.00
Utility Equipment	\$ 7,000.00
Mail Box	\$ 100.00
Trash Receptacles	\$ 200.00
Total	\$199,100.00

Losses by Cause:

Electrical	\$ 70,200.00
Faulty Woodstove	\$ 11,000.00
Faulty Heating Equipment	\$ 1,600.00
Careless Disposal of Smoking Materials	\$ 1,600.00
Equipment Failure	\$ 7,600.00
Incendiary	\$ 1,700.00
Faulty Chimney	\$ 17,000.00
Careless Use of Cutting Equipment	\$ 45,000.00
Careless Cooking	\$ 4,300.00
Lightning Strikes	\$ 9,100.00
Motor Vehicle Accidents	\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$199,100.00

Permits Issued:

Open Burning of Brush:	705
Oil Burning Equipment:	144
Home Fire Detection Equipment:	321
Liquefied Petroleum Gas:	54
Blasting Operations:	16
Smokeless & Black Powder:	4
Tank Installations:	25
Tank Removals:	39
Miscellaneous:	28
Total:	1,336

Fire Drills Conducted:	33
Fire Safety Inspections: (Commercial, Educational, Public Assembly, etc.)	865

Safe Classes and Demonstrations:	22
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Total Fire Prevention Services:	2,256
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AMBULANCE SERVICE

The year 2006 was a busy year for the fire department ambulance service. The two emergency ambulances responded to 1,421 requests for medical assistance. Staffing during the year consisted of 12 fulltime and 13 on - call Emergency Medical Technicians.

EMT Training:

The department EMTs attended over 100 hours of in house in-service emergency medical training on the following subjects; Head and Cervical Spine Injuries, Hypothermia, Shock and Bleeding, Cardiac Emergencies, Infectious Diseases, Auto Extrication, Driver Awareness, and Roadway Safety.

The department sponsored a 24 hour Basic EMT Refresher Course and a 48 - hour Advanced Life Support Refresher Course in the fall.

The EMTs received training from other agencies such as; Central Mass. Emergency Medical Services Corp., Pathway's Ambulance Service, Quinsigamond Community College, and the Mass. Fire Academy.

Patient Care:

The fire department emergency medical staff continues to provide a quality level of service to the citizens. The fire department Paramedics and EMTs provided medical care to 1,421 patients. Of these, 750 patients required Advanced Life Support.

Fire Department Training:

During the course of the year, fire department personnel participated in over 1,400 hours of firefighter training. The training consisted of monthly in-house training covering general firefighting skills such as hose line use, fire behavior, ventilation, search and rescue, auto extrication, rope rescue, water rescue, ice rescue, rapid intervention teams, hazardous materials, and initial attack.

In addition to the to the in – house training provided by the department instructors, department members had the opportunity to attend various classes at the Mass. Fire Academy in Stow, the District 7 Recruit Training Facility, and the National Fire Academy.

Department members participated in several federally mandated courses on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS).

On October 24, 2006, five fire department members were recognized by the State Department of Public Safety, for their part in rescuing 7 individuals from the floodwaters on Church Street extension on October 15, 2005.

SAFE Program:

Fire department personnel conducted 22 fire safety education classes during the year. The subjects that were taught to the students and citizens included STOP, Drop, and Roll, how to report an

emergency, home fire safety, how to escape from their homes if a fire should occur, and how to identify potential fire hazards in the home or at work.

Grants and Donations:

The department received several Grants during 2006. The equipment that was purchased and the programs that were funded will help to enhance the safety of the firefighters and citizens of Northbridge. The department placed into service new Self - Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) that was purchased with a Home Land Security grant. We were also able to purchase equipment that will help to enhance our Public Education Program.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers, firefighters, and EMTs of the department for their support and dedication to duty. I would also like to thank the families of the firefighters and EMTs for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without their support it would be very difficult to operate the department. The citizens of Northbridge should be proud that the department is staffed by dedicated, qualified, and professional personnel that take an active interest in their community.

In closing I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, the former Town Manager – Mr. Michael J. Coughlin, the Finance Committee, the various town departments and boards, and especially to the citizens of Northbridge for their help and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Nestor
Fire Chief

CODE ENFORCEMENT

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

A total of **470** building permits were issued during Calendar Year 2006 with a report as follows:

25 Single family homes	15 Inground Pools
29 Condominium Units	14 Above Ground Pools
36 Residential Additions	36 Non-Residential Renovations
194 Residential Renovations	1 Elevator Shaft
13 Sheds	9 Signs
35 Wood/Pellet Stoves	1 Warehouse Facility
6 Foundations	1 Retail Facility
28 Decks	2 Commercial Buildings
2 Barns	1 Miniature Golf Facility
3 Residential Garages	8 Demolitions
1 Screenhouse	1 Temporary Office Trailer
1 Outdoor Freezer	1 Communications Tower
1 Fireplace	2 Antennas
1 Retaining Wall	3 Use Permits

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

A total of **272** Plumbing Permits were issued during Calendar Year 2006 with a report as follows:

46 Single Family Homes	36 Miscellaneous Residential
28 Condominium Units	6 Backflow Devices
6 ½ Duplex	1 Commercial Buildings
70 Residential Renovations	16 Non-Residential Renovations
10 Residential Additions	17 Miscellaneous Non-Residential
32 Hot water tanks	2 Non-Residential Additions
1 Warehouse Facility	1 Retail Facility

GAS INSPECTOR

A total of **207** Gas Permits were issued during Calendar Year 2006 with a report as follows:

12 New Homes	3 Unit Heaters
28 Condominium Units	11 Direct Vent Heaters
43 Water Heaters	3 Misc. Non-Residential
21 Furnaces	7 Miscellaneous Residential
7 Residential Renovations	6 Gas Tests
15 Range	2 Commercial Buildings
2 Pool Heaters	14 Fireplace
7 Dryer	1 Res. Addition
2 Generator	2 Non-Residential Renovations
1 Power Vent	20 Underground lines

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A Total of **419** Electrical Permits were issued for calendar year 2006 with a report as follows:

41 New Homes	14 Non-Residential Renovations
26 Condominium Units	35 Miscellaneous Non-Residential
4 ½ Duplex	1 New Retail Facility
11 Temporary Services	1 New Warehouse Facility
55 Service Changes	1 New Bank Building
71 Residential Renovations	2 Site Lighting
6 Residential Garages	1 Commercial Pump Station
37 Residential Additions	1 Blanket Permit
52 Miscellaneous Residential	1 Traffic Light System
26 Security Systems	3 Generators
14 In ground Pools	6 Fire alarm systems
10 Above Ground Pools	

TOTAL REVENUES FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPT. FISCAL YEAR 2006

Building Permits & Certificates of Inspections	\$271,788.46
Plumbing & Gas Dept.	34,845.00
Electrical Dept.	49,385.00
Total:	\$356,018.46

Respectfully Submitted:

James S. Sheehan, Jr.
Inspector of Buildings

Henry G. Nydam
Electrical Inspector

Richard Wunschel
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

J. Herve Guertin
Assistant Electrical Inspector

Larry P. Wiersma
Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector

NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Northbridge Safety Committee met the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Northbridge Police Station.

The committee is an advisory committee and reports directly to the Board of Selectmen.

Complaints and investigations included safety designs and traffic signage at several newly proposed housing developments along with associated school bus issues. Site reviews were also discussed and several field visits were conducted to check for possible safety hazards.

Granite Hills Estates was presented before the committee and recommendations were made that moved the entrance of the project from Rumonoski Drive to Highland Street. The intersection of North Main Street and Main Street was redesigned after committee members made recommendations. Several new businesses were proposed by developers and approved by the safety committee.

The committee investigated each complaint and recommendations were sent to the Board of Selectmen and all interested parties.

I would like to thank each Safety Committee member and all town boards and committees that helped in the decision - making process of the Safety Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Nestor, Chairman and Fire Chief
Richard Sasseville, Vice Chairman and DPW Director
Walter J. Warchol, Police Chief
Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner
George Murray, School Department
Joseph Montecalvo, Selectman
Peter Bedigian, Businessman

NORTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Northbridge School Committee, I am pleased to report that despite the financial problems that have plagued the town, the committee was still able to oversee a successful 2006 school year. Our student population continues to grow as construction of new homes continues at a rapid pace, placing our student population at 2,649 students. While the reorganization at the elementary level has provided some relief in terms of space, the ongoing growth will still require a new elementary school and renovation of the Balmer facility within a few years. While the roof of the middle school will hopefully be addressed in the summer of 2007, there are other repairs still needed to keep the middle school serviceable for the years to come.

The need for additional local funding for the town and school department budgets continues to be at a critical point. While the town was finally able to balance the FY 06 budget last November, and the FY 07 by late December, the reality of a substantial override looms for FY 08. Without a substantial increase in local investment, the district will not be able to maintain the quality of services and programs now offered its students. As was stated last year, Northbridge cannot continue to expect, nor rely on, over seventy percent (70%) of its educational funding coming from state aid, grants and school choice funds. In order to balance the FY 06 and 07 budgets, the district used virtually all-available funds from school choice and tuition revolver accounts. These one time funds will not be available for FY 08.

Our high school graduates continue to be accepted into some of the best schools of higher education in the country. However, as we approach our ten-year New England Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation, acceptances at these institutions of higher learning could be placed in jeopardy. NEASC has already expressed serious concern that the Town of Northbridge does not provide an adequate level of funding to sufficiently support a comprehensive high school's programs and curriculum.

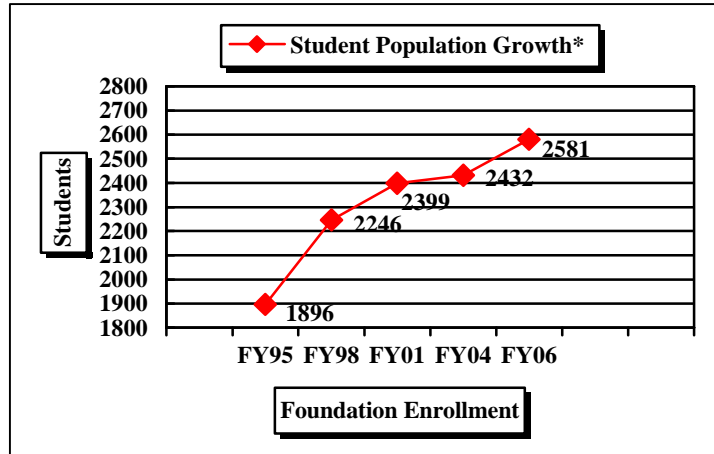
The Northbridge School Committee has reiterated its commitment to improve the quality of our school system and as always will be willing to work cooperatively with all other town boards to accomplish this goal. The continued support of the citizens of Northbridge is vital to the future of the school system.

Respectfully submitted,

Carroll Paine
Chairman, Northbridge School Committee

NORTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It has been an exciting, rewarding and sometimes trying experience as I complete my second year as Superintendent of Schools. The population of Northbridge and thus the school district, continues to grow. The increase in the school population over the past 11 years is clearly illustrated in the chart below.



Achievement

Our students experienced a mixed year of performance. Overall, the District reached its goal of reducing the number of students in the Warning and Needs Improvement categories on the MCAS test. The District needs to now shift its focus on moving students from the Needs Improvement category to Proficient and from the Proficient category to Advanced. One subgroup (low income students) at the middle school level did not make their goal for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the area of mathematics for a second year. In accordance with the No Child Left Behind standards, the school was labeled a “school in need of improvement”. The District developed a comprehensive corrective action plan that was approved by the School Committee. Based on this plan, the school and District have initiated a number of interventions that will hopefully assist members of this subgroup to meet their improvement goals as measured by the MCAS test this year.

At the 10th grade level, eighty-five percent (85 %) have passed the MCAS proficiency test on their **first attempt** meeting the State MCAS Competency Determination in Language Arts and Mathematics required for issuance of a diploma at graduation. In fact, in the past six years only one Northbridge student has received a Certificate of Attainment in place of a diploma due to the MCAS requirement.

Eighty-seven percent (87%) of Northbridge graduates have gone on to further their education at two and four year colleges. The District continues to see growth in the numbers of students who take both the PSAT and the SAT tests. Our SAT Mathematics, SAT 1 (519) and the Verbal SAT 1 (516), and SAT II Math (627) and Verbal (593) reflect continued increases in all four areas. On September 5, 2006 the Boston Globe published a ranking of the 336 Massachusetts High Schools’

performance on the SAT Reasoning Test. Northbridge High School, with 103 students tested, was ranked 118 in Math and 128 in Writing.

The District offers multiple opportunities for students to take Advanced Placement Courses, with sixty-four percent (64%) of the students who participated in these programs receiving *qualified* status in the areas of Calculus, English, Chemistry, Psychology and US History. However, the ongoing budget crisis continues to limit the District's ability to expand Advanced Placement offerings.

Budget

The District's FY 06 total expenditure budget was \$20,889,070. The largest portion of the budget is derived from State Chapter 70 Aid \$12,970,825 with Local Contribution at \$5,183,334. The balance (\$2,274,911) was derived from School Choice, Tuition Revolver and State and Federal Grants. This is the third year in a row that the School Committee has reduced its budget in order to assist the Town of Northbridge in resolving a budget deficit.

Despite any increases in the FY 06 budget, the District is still \$1,024 below the state average per pupil expenditure (see chart below). In the opinion of the Superintendent, Northbridge should be at or above the state average for per pupil expenditures if the District has any chance of maintaining or improving its educational programs.

**State vs. Northbridge
Total Per Pupil Expenditures**

Fiscal Year	State Per Pupil Expenditure	Northbridge Per Pupil Expenditure	Difference
2000	\$7,149	\$5,884	- \$1,296
2001	\$7,562	\$6,212	-\$1,350
2002	\$8,005	\$6,974	-\$1,031
2003	\$8,264	\$7,887	-\$ 377
2004	\$8,592	\$7,298	-\$1,294
2005	\$9,049	\$8,071	-\$ 978
2006	\$10,626	\$9,062	-\$1,024

Source – DOE Total Per Pupil Expenditure Data

Last year, I reiterated former Superintendent O'Donnell's concern of the Town of Northbridge's heavy reliance on state revenues and that the local contribution rate as being insufficient to meet the funding needs for the services and programs needed for our expanding student population. These concerns are greater now than ever. A day of reckoning is upon us. Unless the Town of Northbridge makes a serious commitment to increase its local contribution, as Superintendent I fear that the schools, as well as all other departments within the Town, are headed for major financial problems that will devastate the number and quality of the services that citizens of Northbridge have come to expect. In order to maintain excellence in programs and student performance, the school district will require an increase in the local contribution for next year's budget. This is an important investment in your children's future and the future of the Town of Northbridge.

Special Education
Beth Gonyea, Administrator of Special Education

During the 2006 academic year, the Northbridge Special Education Department serviced approximately 419 students. The department also was involved in the screening of over 200 kindergarten students for hearing, speech and language and academic skills. Additionally, at the preschool level the special education staff continues to provide screening of children for whom there are developmental concerns. Whether on site or at local preschools, this process of child find may lead to special education eligibility evaluation if results warrant.

The Northbridge Special Education Department services students Pre-K through Grade 12. The professional staff consists of Teamchairs, a psychologist, a behavior psychologist, special educators, speech/language specialists, an occupational therapist, physical therapists and paraprofessionals. This is a group of dedicated and talented specialists who provide highly effective services, detailed and comprehensive evaluation reports and Individual Education Programs (IEP's). A strong parent communication system exists to support families in understanding the new regulations pertaining to special education eligibility, recommended services and methodology.

Special Education staff review, evaluate and revise instructional programs on the basis of sound information, student enrollment and relevant data. Based on student need, a continuum of services exists that ensure a highly organized and specialized range of programs that meet the varied needs of students with specific and complex disabilities. Research and professional developmental opportunities allow regular and special educators to develop high quality interdisciplinary opportunities for all students. With regards to MCAS participation, again it is to the credit of both regular and special education teachers, as to the level of success that our students with disabilities have achieved on the tests. Special educators work collaboratively with the Curriculum Director, building Principals and staff to consider the specific needs of all students scoring in the Warning or Needs Improvement range. Additional discussion takes place on an ongoing basis regarding eligibility requirements for alternative assessments and implications for attaining a high school diploma.

Over the years, the Special Education Federal and State grants have substantially supported staff and programs within the Northbridge Public Schools. For the second year in a row, we have received notification from the Department of Education that our grants will be significantly reduced. Given the increase in the intensity and range of disabilities in our students, meeting their needs will continue to be a challenge as we budget for the upcoming year. Despite the budget constraints and increased enrollment, the District will continue to offer a continuum of special education programs in the least restrictive environment as mandated by law.

The Special Education Department services students from ages 3-21. If anyone wishes to refer a student for special education services, please contact your student's school or the Special Education office at (508) 234- 8120.

Curriculum Initiatives
Gail Arsenault, Director of Curriculum

The Northbridge School District remains committed to the attainment of the highest academic standards for all students by providing rigorous and challenging curriculum and programs from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. Over the past year, Curriculum staff has worked to update and implement comprehensive, sequential K-12 programs in the areas of Reading and

English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Across the curriculum areas the District has piloted or implemented innovative new programs and resources with a specific focus on Math, Science, and Writing. With a continued focus on differentiation of instruction, students have access to multi-media in classrooms, media centers and computer labs with appropriate programs/software for both enrichment and remedial support.

Curriculum task forces in the areas of Science, Social Studies/History, World Language, and English Language Arts have been formed. These task forces are comprised of administrators and teachers from across all grades and are charged with reviewing and updating the District's K-12 Curriculum and are instrumental in planning for program revisions and seamless inter-school transitions. Each task force fosters communication and collaboration between schools throughout the district striving for continuity and consistency of programs and services for all students.

In addition, our Curriculum administrators serve as liaisons on a variety of local and state professional committees and are responsible to disseminate current state and federal mandates to appropriate staff throughout the District.

Academic support continues to be a focus for the Northbridge School District. Students eligible for Title I services have access to an extended-day program in grades 3-8 to enhance skills in Reading and Math. Eligible students in grades K-2 receive services during their academic day.

Staff are appropriately licensed in their areas of instruction and have either attained or are progressing toward NCLB *highly qualified* status. Teachers are encouraged to take course work and to participate in high quality in-service training in their field of instruction. As new programs are introduced to the District, they are supported through comprehensive professional development and ongoing support.

In 2006, all students in Grades 3-8 and 10 were tested on the MCAS in Reading/English and Math and Grades 5 and 8 were tested in Science. Northbridge scored above the state in Grade 3 Reading and Math, Grade 5 and 8 English and Science, Grade 6 English, and Grade 10 English and Math. We were equivalent to the state in Grade 7 English. Our scores were slightly below the state in Grade 4 and in Math at the Northbridge Middle School. The District has addressed these areas of weakness through the implementation of multiple Math and Writing initiatives.

In order to receive a High School diploma, every student must not only meet the rigors of the District standards for the high school program but also pass the Grade 10 MCAS test in Reading and Math. Students who do not pass the MCAS but satisfy all District requirements, receive a Certificate of Attainment. Over the past six years, the District has had only one student who received a Certificate of Attainment instead of a diploma.

The District continually seeks out grants to provide funds to supplement existing educational initiatives and it remains a focus of the administrative team. Northbridge continues to participate in the Massachusetts Consolidated Grant Project to maintain the coordination and efficient administration of all state and federal programs.

Technology
Lorrie Langille, Director of Technology

The Technology Department strives to maintain our inventory of existing hardware and software while supporting efforts to introduce many new and exciting educational and administrative technologies.

This past year saw the introduction of FirstClass, a new email and collaboration toolset that has improved communication across the District. A computer lab was added at The Northbridge Elementary School that not only Middle School math classrooms, which assist teachers with presenting complex math topics in ways that students find easy to understand and interesting. Details on other District initiatives, such as increasing Internet bandwidth, graphing calculators, and new software/programs, can be found in the technology section of our redesigned website at www.nps.org.

Without adequate staffing and funding, the District will continue to grapple with the challenges of trying to maintain our aging inventory of computers and increased technology demands as is reasonably possible. This is the fourth year since budget reductions forced a 50% cut in tech staff and once again the technology support positions that were put into the budget were eliminated in balancing the budget deficit.

With limited funds, the District has looked to upgrading computers to avoid the costlier expense of replacing them. However, this will only allow the machines to give the District a very limited life extension. The District has automated nightly backups to insure we can recover in the event of a major server failure and upgraded our protection against spyware and other software threats.

School Nurses
Lori Johnson, School Nurse Leader

Northbridge Public Schools employs 4 full time and 2 part time registered nurses. Each school in the district has nursing coverage throughout the school day. This year, nurses saw over 45,000 student visits and over 1,000 staff visits. We have 1233 children with special health care needs who are able to attend school because nursing care is available to them. Our dismissal rate for students was 3.5%.

In addition to everyday nursing care and health promotion, the nurses have accomplished many health improvement measures this year.

- Continued participation in the Essential School Health Services Grant.
- Additional training and improved reporting procedures for Municipal Medicaid to increase reimbursement.
- Special presentations on tobacco and alcohol use by guest speakers to High School students.
- Continued smoking cessation classes at the Middle and High Schools.
- Participation in the Healthy Choices Grant and the Project Change Grant at the Middle School to promote healthy eating and activity. A Health Fair was held in April.
- The Mobile Dentist provided dental services to 56 students at the Balmer and Northbridge Elementary Schools.

- We received 50 bicycle helmets for Elementary and Middle School students through the Governor's Bicycle Helmet Safety Grant.
- A Crisis Intervention Manual was developed for the Middle School.
- Nurses participated in a Parent Satisfaction Survey for the Department of Public Health.
- An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) was installed at the Balmer Elementary School and training was provided. Plans are underway to provide an AED for the Middle School next year, with the goal of having an AED in all of our school buildings.

Dr. Dahl continues to provide support as the District's School Physician and conducted sports physicals for over 100 students this year.

Food Service **Debra King, Food Service Director**

Northbridge School Food Service's primary goal is to provide nutritious and appealing meals that meet our students' dietary needs and meet the nutrition standards developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Northbridge Food Service participates in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, After School Snack and Commodity Food Distribution programs in compliance with the Department of Education Nutrition regulations. All areas of the department including the preparation and service of nutritious meals, administration of funds, program monitoring, reporting, record keeping are all completed following strict state and federal regulations.

In response to the growing concerns regarding childhood obesity, as well as an increase in diet-related diseases, nutritious meals that are high in fiber, low in added fats, sugars, and sodium and served in the appropriate portion sizes, which are consistent with USDA standards are offered in all of our meals programs. A variety of food choices, including fruits, vegetables, dairy products, breads, pasta, cereals, rice, meat, poultry, fish, eggs and cheese are served daily to our students. New items are introduced throughout the year to evaluate student's acceptability, preparing time, holding qualities, vendor availability, and cost. All meals served meet the dietary Guidelines for Americans, which establishes specific minimum standards of caloric intake and key nutrients that each meal must provide.

As one of the Town's largest meal providers, we take pride in implementing the Serve Safe Program in all of our kitchens and feeding sites. Our emphasis on Food Safety and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point procedures exceeds the requirements set-forth by the Department Public Health and State Food Code. All staff has continued to be trained in and implement the nationally accepted sanitation and safety course known as "Serve Safe" when preparing and serving meals. It is mandatory for every feeding site to have at least one certified "Serve Safe" person in each kitchen during the hours of operation. The District has several at each location, far exceeding the state requirements. All food service personnel have also been trained in Choke Safety, Fire Safety, and are re-certified in Epi-Pen training bi-annually.

The District uses the Nutri-Kids Point of Sale system in all cafeterias. This system provides pre-payment convenience, anonymity of students who are eligible for free or reduced meals, speed, and accountability. Detailed sales and participation records are produced daily as well as, reports

needed for state reimbursement. The food service staff all display dedication and enthusiasm in preparing the thousands of meals for the students of Northbridge Public Schools and take great pride in their work.

A Glimpse of Our Schools

Aldrich and Northbridge Elementary Schools Maureen Rossetti, Principal

The Aldrich Early Childhood Center, Northbridge's integrated preschool program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nations leading organization of early childhood professions. The program serves one hundred and fifty, three and four year old children. The preschool schedule is a continuum of times and days designed to meet the individual needs of each student. The preschool program for three year olds is a half-day program that meets two days a week. Four year olds meet for a half-day for four days a week, while some students attend school full time for five days.

The preschool curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences. The faculty and staff encourage creative thinking and activities to develop social competency. At the Aldrich Early Childhood Center, we begin the process of developing confident learners and children's love for school.

The Northbridge Elementary School is committed to providing a quality, developmental educational experience for all learners. Our school is a place where the traits of honesty, effort, achievement, respect, responsibility, teamwork, and safety are valued and emphasized. Our 2006-2007 goals focus on the continued growth of a strong curriculum, enrichment opportunities and programs that focus on the social competence of the child.

In August of 2006, the former Primary School, a K-1 school, became the Northbridge Elementary School (NES), serving students in grades K-4. This change was part of a district wide reorganization at the elementary level. NES provides a rigorous academic program for four hundred and sixty students. Teachers have implemented a new math series and a science curriculum, which focuses on the use of cross curriculum activities and hands on experiences. Reading and writing are supported through a comprehensive literacy approach. NES utilizes assessment data to drive instruction so that each learner's educational program strives to meet their individual needs.

The faculty and staff provide students with academic support services through special education and Title I services. A new special education co-teaching model commenced this year, whereby the regular educator and special educator differentiate their instruction to meet the student's varied needs. In addition, in school and after school Title 1 support is provided to eligible students.

Northbridge Elementary School has continued with *Open Circle* training and expanded this program to grades K-2. This social competency program focuses on building cooperative classroom communities, positive relationships and problem solving in social situations. The curriculum complements our character education program, which emphasizes the traits of a good citizenship.

Our faculty and staff value a positive home-school connection. Parents and community volunteers are welcome participants in a variety of school activities that reinforce the celebration of learning.

We are committed to providing our students with a strong foundation for learning and recognize that it takes the efforts of students, faculty, parents and the Northbridge community as a whole to accomplish this goal.

W. Edward Balmer Elementary School
John Zywiec, Principal

The W. Edward Balmer Elementary School has experienced some significant changes since last year. Balmer's student population has consisted of Grades 2, 3 and 4 since the 2002-03 school year. Due to increasing student enrollment the former Northbridge Primary School and Balmer School were reconfigured to be two Kindergarten through Grade 4 schools. This reconfiguration required changes in staffing, student placement and materials, however, the transition was a smooth one with the benefit of lower class sizes, particularly at grades 3 and 4.

The Balmer Community reflects the belief that students, parents and teachers are responsible for working towards common goals. We believe that everyone's role is important in building a community of learners. In addition, we believe in creating an environment where learning is exciting and ever evolving. It is the effort, commitment, and support from our entire community that causes our core values to have such a positive impact on the daily lives of our students, faculty and parents at Balmer School.

The Balmer Staff continues to foster rigorous academic growth. A variety of instructional strategies and materials are used to teach students with varied interests, talents and abilities. Teachers continuously monitor student progress in all academic areas through a wide variety of assessments. During three Staff Meetings in November and December, teachers analyzed the 2006 MCAS results to identify areas of student strengths, weaknesses and general trends. As a result of this data analysis, teachers have produced action plans that are being implemented in their daily instruction in order to help all students attain the level of Proficient or Advanced on the MCAS Tests.

The Balmer Staff provides students with academic support through special education services, Title I services, extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities. Balmer special education and inclusion teachers at each grade level work together as a team to create an environment where all students are included in and have access to the regular education curriculum. Students receive academic support during the school day and in the Title I after-school program. Balmer students also participate in extra-curricular activities such as Destination Imagination, Kids are Authors Writers Club, Chorus and Show Choir. In addition, students participate in Enrichment Clusters each spring. This program provides students with the opportunity to participate in an activity of their choice such as robotics, quilt-making, soap-making, carpentry, science exploration, scrapbook-making and many more.

The Balmer Staff believes that collegiality is teamwork, cooperation, sharing, and supporting each other while recognizing differences in teaching roles. Each teacher is committed to meeting the No Child Left Behind definition of Highly-Qualified. The Balmer teachers are dedicated to growing as educators by participating in workshops, conferences and seminars in all curricular areas.

In closing, the entire Balmer Community can be proud of its accomplishments in 2006. We will continue to foster a love of learning by creating an educational community that sparks interesting,

mind-expanding ideas with multi-sensory activities through which high expectations can be determined and realized for all Balmer students from Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Northbridge Middle School
Michael Gauthier, Principal

The Northbridge Middle School continuously strives to adhere to the school motto, “Believe and Achieve”. Maintaining a positive and safe school climate, administering a rigorous and rich curriculum and promoting good citizenship are just a few of the basic tenets of our daily routine. Developing and guiding our students to maximize their academic, social and physical potential is something both faculty and administration take great pride in. We continue to provide our students with positive role models, a high level of support, excellence in programming and a variety of extracurricular activities.

The Northbridge Middle School faculty and administration continue to advance new and innovative methods in curriculum, instruction and assessment. Professional discussions with regard to assessment data analysis allow our faculty to monitor student progress and adjust the curriculum when necessary. Our ultimate goal is to have all of our pupils perform proficiently on all standardized tests administered in our academic year (MCAS). The Northbridge Middle School’s MCAS aggregate scores for 2005-06 showed positive progress, although one subgroup did not make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by No Child Left Behind standards. That subgroup has been identified as lacking progress in mathematics. A comprehensive corrective action plan was devised and approved by the School Committee this fall. The plan was implemented immediately in all grades to address the issue. Initiatives within the plan include, but are not limited to the following: a new textbook series, Pre-Algebra offered to all 7th grade students, Algebra offered to eligible students in Grades seven and eight, lower class size in math classes in Grades 5 and 6, professional development and coaching by a District Math Consultant, and a comprehensive Title I after school program.

We continue to work to implement recommendations made in the New England League of Middle Schools Assessment that took place during the 2003-2004 academic year. These initiatives range from flexible scheduling, teaming approaches and a professional library and increasing student input by forming an administrative advisory council. The faculty and administration will continue to self-assess our programming, look for positive ways to increase efficiency and student success rates. In coming years, we hope to reduce class size, expand our exploratory offerings, update our curriculum selections in all content areas and seek out appropriate academic support programs for all levels of our student population.

The Northbridge Middle School offers a variety of after school programs that range from academic and athletic activities to a health and wellness focus. Seventy percent (70%) of our student population takes part in at least one after school program during the academic year. Three hundred pupils participated in club programs and three hundred and twenty five in athletic events. Clubs range from the Drama and Homework Club to Cooking and Lego Robotics. Athletically, Northbridge Middle School was extremely successful once again with both our girls/boys basketball teams and girls soccer was undefeated. In addition, the football, baseball, softball, track, field hockey, soccer and cross-country teams all enjoyed a successful season. Offering these programs allows our students to be well rounded both physically and academically.

In closing, on behalf of the staff, students and administration, I wish to thank the parents/guardians and citizens of Northbridge for their continued support of the Northbridge Middle School. The faculty and administration realize the importance of our jobs and approach them with great seriousness and energy and strive to provide a high quality education for the children of Northbridge. It is a work in progress, but we are dedicated to working tirelessly to achieve all of our educational, social and community goals.

**Northbridge High School
Christine Johnson, Principal**

Northbridge High School's mission statement embodies our belief that in order for all students to realize academic and personal growth, the entire community must work collaboratively to provide students with opportunities to become competent, productive, and responsible participants in an ever-changing and diverse society. Our expectations are clearly articulated – **Responsibility, Acceptance, Mutual Respect and Scholarship**. Our rich academic program of study, varied athletic, and diverse activities program insures that all students be given pathways that inspire excellence, provide opportunities for students to achieve. We at Northbridge High School are committed and invested in the success of each student and encourage parental and community involvement. We embrace RAM pride and celebrate the accomplishments of our students as the entire school community rigorously prepares for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges decennial accreditation self-study visitation May 2008. Our program of studies provides for a curriculum, co-curricular and activities that support the standards articulated in NEASC and those expected of a comprehensive school.

Forty-three students in the Class of 2006 were awarded the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship for excellence in English and Mathematics MCAS. Recipients are eligible to receive full four-year tuition at a State college or the University of Massachusetts. All members of the graduation class were awarded diplomas through the fulfillment of both rigorous Northbridge High School graduation and State MCAS requirements. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the Class of 2006 plan to enroll in postsecondary study. Sixty-four percent (64%) of students participating in the Advanced Placement program received qualified status in the testing areas of Calculus, English, Chemistry, Psychology and US History. The MCAS scores reported by the Department of Education for the Class of 2008 indicate an eighty-five percent (85%) passing rate on the 10th grade test administration. This number exceeds the State average in both English and Mathematics.

The 139th Commencement was held in the Veterans Memorial Field House at Northbridge High School on June 2, 2006. Diplomas were awarded to 144 students. Twelve students were awarded the highest academic honor – the Gold Medal. Our guest speaker, Eleanor Balmer Orsini, is the daughter of Josephine Clark who received gold medal #1 in 1897, which was donated back to Northbridge High School by Mrs. Orsini. This year the Gold Medal recipients were: Brennan Bennett, Valedictorian; Michael Calabro, Kayla Charest, Salutatorian; David Graham, Class President, YeYoung Lee, Eric Mateer, Dennis Milechin, Michael Nedoroscik, Michael Petersen, Christopher Szkutak, Rachel Tatarek and Brooke Webb. We gratefully acknowledge the support of our community patrons, members of the business community and alumni for their generous support in the form of scholarships and awards. The Class of 2006 received recognition for its many accomplishments in the areas of academics, activities and athletics in the form of locally sponsored awards exceeding \$82,000 for a total grants and scholarships awarded in excess of \$1.8 million. A full list of scholarships and recipients is available at NHS.

The 2006-2007 school year's October 1 enrollment is 743 students and an instructional staff of 53. Teachers and students continue to prepare for accreditation while we embrace new initiatives in both curriculum offerings and co-curricular activities. Students participate in a wide-variety of academic competitions including Bridge Design, Envirothon, DECA, Mock Trial, etc., throughout the school year. Detailed information on all aspects of our School is available on line at www.nps.org - High School link. Our on-going relationship with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, BVCC Educational Foundation, Whitinsville Community Center and other community organizations provides educational and monetary opportunities for our students.

Our NHS RAM athletes received recognition by capturing two league titles in Boys Varsity Basketball and Baseball and qualifying students for the State wrestling competitions. Our athletes have embraced Service as a core expectation and launched a community service program in the fall. Field hockey walked for Cancer. Girls Soccer raised funds for the pediatric units at UMass. Boys' soccer and football collected food to restock the local food pantries. The cheerleaders sponsored a book drive on behalf of our seniors to stock community centers and hospitals.

At Northbridge High School we continue to live our motto, "Together...We Can."

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K. Soojian
Superintendent of Schools

* source Massachusetts DOE Foundation Enrollment. Foundation enrollment is based on a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and not an actual Head Count.

** source MA DOE Total Per Pupil Expenditure

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brighter Future on the Horizon

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical Regional School District has entered a new era.

Recognized statewide and nationally for excellence, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School is poised for even greater achievement.

This summary report of Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006) documents the measurable returns on investment our many generous stakeholders expect.

The hopes and vision of dedicated people advancing your vocational-technical regional school district became a reality in FY06 following the completion of a \$36 million expansion and renovation of the Upton-based campus. Made possible by the unanimous support of the 13 district member communities, this extensive project makes Valley Tech a technologically strong and energy efficient facility where future members of the 21st century workforce can expand their horizons in an inspiring, safe and environmentally friendly atmosphere.

The Valley Tech School Committee, administration, faculty, and staff are committed to continuously improving our approach to providing the best possible educational experience. This shared effort springs from an attitude that welcomes change and prizes adaptability. Everyone in the Valley Tech family focuses upon the long-term success of your vocational technical system. With enthusiastic teamwork and creativity, Valley Tech proactively pursues even higher goals for subsequent years.

Our Mission

To provide, in a safe learning environment, integrated academic and vocational technical skills, empowering each student to achieve world-class educational excellence, diverse career opportunities, and individual success in an ever-changing global society.

A Letter From the Superintendent-Director

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2006, I hope that everyone throughout the Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical Regional School District shares the sense of pride in the many accomplishments our students and staff achieve. Valley Tech, after all, belongs to not one, but thirteen municipalities. It is an honor to serve as Superintendent-Director of your vocational technical system, one that remains completely accountable to each and every citizen.

During FY06 we marked the completion of our expansion and renovation. The entire process summoned a great deal of patience and understanding from our staff and students. Any inconveniences, however, were worth the result. You will also be pleased to know that as a Massachusetts Green School the system's numerous renewable energy and cost-efficient aspects of the building translate into yearly operational savings from this point forward.

Due to the planning and phasing of the project, there was barely any lost instructional time. In this time of delays and cost over-runs, we are especially proud of being on-time and on-budget, particularly since the campus is occupied year-round. It is important to note that due to shrewd

fiscal foresight and sound bookkeeping, the District positioned itself to rebate to the towns nearly \$2 million in stabilization funds.

As part of the expansion we opened three new state certified vocational-technical training programs – cosmetology, dental assisting, and information technology. As these programs grow along with our overall student population, we are confident in our ability to provide the sophisticated vocational technical training and rigorous academic curriculum that makes success possible for every student in today's high-tech, information-driven economy.

The Commonwealth's financial recovery continues at a slow pace and Valley Tech is doing its utmost to reduce assessments despite increasing mandates associated with the federal education reform legislation. The District remains firm in its dedication to research and seek any non-taxpayer funds available to enhance learning opportunities for our students.

Our students and staff were deservedly lauded, regionally and nationally, by external individuals and organizations for their high levels of achievement in FY06. We remain steadfast in upholding Valley Tech's reputation as one of the stellar vocational technical schools in the Commonwealth and across the country.

Best regards,

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

Green Initiatives Save Dollars

Green Schools aim to improve the health, productivity and working environment of the students and staff while, in turn, saving on long-range energy costs. The Valley Tech Building Committee worked closely with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative during the expansion and renovation of Valley Tech's campus. Because of the energy-efficient and environmentally sound aspects of the Valley Tech project, the MTC awarded Valley Tech \$650,000 under its Green Schools Program grant.

The MTC is the state's development agency for renewable energy. Mass Tech officials work with industry, academia, and government leaders to advance technology-based solutions that lead to economic growth and a cleaner environment in the Commonwealth.

Valley Tech installed photovoltaic panels, made by Evergreen in Marlboro, on its new 14-classroom wing. The five massive array structures pitched at a 37-degree angle, hold four rows with 11 panels each that are capable of producing nearly 60,000 kWh AC a year directly into the school's electrical system. Those panels, along with another set of photovoltaic arrays pitched at five degrees on the roof along the south side of the building, the solar pre-heating water arrays, the high efficient lighting systems that include occupancy sensors, solar daylighting technology utilizing tubes, and Valley Tech's high efficiency boilers enable the school system to reduce energy usage by some 40 percent. That translates into cost saving projections of more than \$100,000 a year.

As an example, the light tubes use highly reflective light piping that provides more than 90 percent efficiency in redirecting incoming light to interior spaces. Also, the high-efficient lighting systems controlled by the occupancy sensors will help save more than 300,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year – an annual savings of approximately \$30,000.

By committing to more cost-effective and energy-efficient equipment and measures, Valley Tech positioned itself for grants such as those from the Green Schools Program of the MTC as well as other grants and rebates. Earlier, Valley Tech received a \$40,000 rebate from NStar Gas and \$72,000 rebate from American National Power toward the installation of the four boilers, which run on either natural gas or oil. Valley Tech also secured more than \$135,000 in rebates through Massachusetts Electric/National Grid Company.

Our Students Among the Very Best

The Valley Tech Class of 2006 distinguished itself in many ways while becoming the third straight from the school to have 100 percent of its members achieve a passing grade on the state-mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics. According to the latest results, the Class of 2007 needs just one student to pass the Math exam to become the fourth straight class at 100 percent. Commencing with the Class of 2010, students will also be required to achieve a sufficient grade in Science as well. In May 2006, the Commonwealth instituted new vocational technical competencies that all students at vocational-technical schools are challenged to master in addition to their academic requirements.

We are proud that 37 students in the Class of 2006 were eligible for the Commonwealth's John and Abigail Adams Scholarships due to their achievement on the MCAS exams during their sophomore year. The Class of 2006 nearly doubled the 20 students from the Class of 2005 who qualified for the scholarship.

Students qualifying for the scholarships have the option to receive four years of free tuition at any of the public Massachusetts state colleges or universities and community colleges (except for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the Massachusetts College of Art). Those students who accept the award must complete their studies in eight consecutive semesters and maintain a 3.0 grade-point average. The scholarship covers tuition only and not fees, books and other expenses. Twenty eligible Valley Tech students chose to pursue a state school education.

Responding to the demands of today's potential employers who have been calling for workers with more sophisticated skills and greater knowledge, 70 percent of the Class of 2006 planned to pursue their education at post-secondary learning institutions.

Once again, students from Valley Tech demonstrated they are capable of competing successfully against the most talented individuals from across the country. For the second straight year, Valley Tech sent six students to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo., and all five competing finished in the top 10, including one bronze medal. Stephen Giardini, the defending national champion in Electronics Technology, this time won a bronze and a \$2,000 scholarship. The Millville graduate now studies at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

SkillsUSA is a national organization that provides education experiences for vocational technical students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. At the district, state and national conferences students compete in their respective vocational-technical trades, earning scores on written tests and hands-on demonstrations.

"We are extremely proud of each of our students for the tremendous amount of effort they dedicated toward preparing for such a high level of competition and for their stellar performances

in Kansas City,” said James Woodward, Valley Tech SkillsUSA co-advisor. “They represented Valley Tech and Massachusetts with determination and dignity.”

In addition to Mr. Giardini, Christine Langelier of Bellingham finished 10th in Food & Beverage Services, Kari Robinson of Mendon came in ninth in CPR/First Aid, Modesto Montero of Bellingham achieved eighth in Extemporaneous Speech, and Megan Galipeau, of Millville, took sixth in Nurse Assisting. They were among the nearly 5,000 students who competed in more than 80 vocational-technical hands-on skill and leadership fields.

Valley Tech’s Dineen Gosselin of Sutton also represented the Commonwealth as SkillsUSA Massachusetts state Vice President. Ms. Gosselin received a \$1,000 scholarship for her leadership contributions.

The annual national conference features the top two percent of secondary and post-secondary vocational technical students from across the United States.

At the state conference, in addition to the five gold medals, Valley Tech students won four silver and three bronze medals. That came after an impressive performance at the district level when Valley Tech won 10 gold, nine silver and seven bronze medals – including sweeps of the top three spots in three categories.

Displaying their problem solving and engineering skills, the Valley Tech Robotics Team once again performed well in competitions in Florida, Pennsylvania, and Boston, where it finished second overall. The team, led by faculty members Michael Norton and Michael Faticanti, is supported by EMC Corporation, Raytheon, Allegro Microsystems, and Lampin Corporation. It also hosted its annual FIRST Lego League tournament, drawing a record 60 teams of potential future engineers, aged 9-14, from throughout the Northeast. The younger students must design, build, and program robots made of Legos to perform various tasks in a game that changes each year.

Additional Valley Tech Achievements

The 12th annual Superintendent’s Dinner deserved the spotlight as more than 250 guests were treated to a memorable night at the Oscars. The gourmet dinner was planned and prepared by the Culinary Arts students under the direction of Team Leader Michele LeBlanc and instructors Matthew Williams, James Bird and Dawn Haigis. The annual fund-raiser brought Hollywood and the Kodak Theatre to the Blackstone Valley courtesy of a tremendous amount of work by several of the school’s vocational-technical programs including Culinary Arts, Painting and Decorating/Maintenance, Carpentry, Electronics, and HVAC/R.

As part of their vocational technical and academic studies, Valley Tech students regularly integrate with members of the community throughout the District. For example, students assist at local nursing homes, teach lessons at elementary and middle schools through such initiatives as the JASON Project, introduce elementary school students to the advanced technologies at Valley Tech, and instruct youngsters about proper dental care.

By simultaneously maintaining high levels of scholarship, service, leadership and character, 23 students were inducted into the James S. Mullaney Chapter of the National Honor Society. The group of worthy inductees joins the 27 lifetime members for the 2006-07 school year at Valley Tech.

Dineen Gosselin of Sutton advanced through four levels to the state semifinals of the annual Lions Club Speech Contest. The president of the National Honor Society also represented Valley Tech well in many functions as the state vice president of SkillsUSA Massachusetts.

Sean Fitzpatrick, of Sutton, received a Congressional nomination and was selected as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Congressman Richard E. Neal visited Valley Tech to congratulate Fitzpatrick, along with family members and administrators, and officially announce his acceptance to West Point.

On the Sports front, student participation continued to soar and the girls softball team closed out the school year in record-setting fashion by bringing home the first District E Central Massachusetts Championship by a Valley Tech team in any sport. The team, a solid mix of veteran leadership and youthful talent, captured the Division 3 title at Worcester State College by defeating Whitinsville Christian. The Valley Tech cheerleading squad has won five straight Colonial Athletic League titles. Seven Valley Tech teams (girls volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, girls basketball, and boys lacrosse, softball and baseball) qualified for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Tournament.

Members of the Class of 2006 (listed by vocational technical program) from Northbridge include: Angela M. Beaupre, Painting & Design Technologies; Derek J. Bronson, Electrical; Shannon M. Colbeth, Business Technology; Erica J. Davis, Painting & Design Technologies (National Honor Society); Matthew V. DeMeo, Drafting; Tyler J. Duda, Auto Technology; Shane S. Dzicek, Electronics; Christopher D. Gagnon, Auto Technology; Michael A. Gelinas, Manufacturing Technology; Kara M. Hamm, Health Services; Lauren M. Henderson, Graphic Arts; Kelly M. Janovsky, Painting & Design Technologies; Albert V. Kellett, IV, Auto Technology; Justin G. Lanoue, Drafting; Samantha L. Lawson, Health Services; Candace M. Perron, Electrical; Diane A. Smith, Electronics; Katie J. Williamson, Health Services.

Valley Tech Returns Nearly \$2 Million

As FY06 came to a close, member towns received extra financial resources.

The District School and Building Committees made two distributions totaling \$1,750,000 to the participating towns in rebate payments of stabilization funds relating to the expansion and renovation. The two District committees were able to substantially reduce the apportioned funds to cover revised borrowing expenses.

Dr. Fitzpatrick noted that, "There were multiple contributing factors why the District was able to send the funds back to the towns which contributed to the stabilization account, but everyone from the Valley Tech team played key roles in enabling the situation to come to fruition."

During the project, which began in May 2003, District Treasurer Barbara Auger maintained a separate stabilization account while managing the project's complex financing in concert with the District's Business Office staff. Once the revamped Massachusetts School Building Authority made a \$20 million reimbursement to the District in June 2005, the short-term debt was reduced by nearly five years. This scenario allowed the District to quickly move into the long-term borrowing at a lower interest rate and several years earlier than first projected.

“Throughout the project, careful financial management and close adherence to public sector rules and procedures were maintained,” Dr. Fitzpatrick pointed out. “With the efforts of individuals such as our Building Committee chairman John Lavin, Project Manager Robert Gilchrist, Ronald Arruda of Bacon Construction, and the Municipal Financial Advisory Service Branch at UniBank, we were in the rare position of returning such a large a sum of money.”

The MSBA completed its audit and made a wire transfer of approximately \$7 million to fulfill its obligation of financing 75 percent of the project. With stricter guidelines by the new MSBA, which is under the watch of State Treasurer Timothy Cahill’s office, future school construction projects across the Commonwealth are expected to be reimbursed at a much lower percentage, likely in the 60 to 65 percent range.

A Look at the Numbers

The FY06 total operating budget for the District was \$14,052,616. Chapter 70 Aid contributed \$4,881,250 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen member towns totaled \$4,657,490.

In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$777,241 for transportation costs, \$38,352 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$434,984 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$458,653 in regional student transportation funds received from the state. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns supported the school’s operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. This investment provided the fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by 9 percent.

Ever mindful of overall municipal fiscal constraints and the state’s economic status, the District undertook efforts to identify any one-time revenue sources which enabled the system to provide a credit of \$30,000 and a reserve fund balance transfer of \$144,380 to offset the towns’ actual assessments. The member towns also benefited from a one-time, Venture Capital (long term debt) credit of \$100,000 which was raised through local businesses as well as leaders and citizens of our thirteen communities. The District is most appreciative of this unique support.

Researching and Earning Grants/Awards/Rebates

We continue to pursue grants, donations, and alternative sources of income, not only for the District, but stakeholder towns as well. For example, working cohesively with municipal officials and their legislators, Valley Tech personnel prepared successful proposals to secure more than \$760,000 in additional state aid for those towns eligible for Fiscal Year 2006 Foundation Reserve funding. The district member towns of Bellingham, Grafton, Milford, Millbury and Upton were eligible because those municipalities qualified under the guidelines of the Commonwealth’s Foundation Reserve Program.

In the second round of Foundation Reserve Program grants, Valley Tech received \$50,000 from Massachusetts Commissioner of Education David P. Driscoll. Commissioner Driscoll was also the keynote speaker at graduation.

Remarkably, in the past 13 years, Valley Tech has secured nearly \$11 million in non-taxpayer funds. Aggressive external resource pursuit has eased member towns’ assessments while enabling Valley Tech to provide special programs, services and opportunities to its students. Grants secured during this cycle include those listed below:

Academic Support Services	\$13,250
BVCC - "Technology Awareness"	\$2,500
BVCC - "Manufacturing Technology"	\$5,000
Curriculum Development	\$5,000
COP Project	\$10,000
PEP Grant - Project VITA	\$262,784
Perkins Act State Leadership	\$7,252
Perkins Occupational Ed./Vocational Skills	\$172,830
Perkins Safety & Health	\$25,000
SPED Entitlement	\$221,024
SPED Program Improvement	\$5,000
Title I	\$64,490
Title II Educator Quality	\$23,442
Title II Technology	\$1,737
Title IV Safe & Drug Free	\$2,996
Title V	\$1,959
UMass Model Implementation Guide Pilot Project Grant	\$7,500
Valley Tech Ed. Foundation Mini-grants- <i>SkillsUSA, Student Council, Project Smile, Aviation Club</i>	\$4,000
Vocational Technical Ed. Program Alignment	\$25,000
<u>SUB TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$860,764</u>
<u>OTHER GRANT AWARDS</u>	
Milford National Charitable Foundation	\$5,000
CS ² (Communities and Schools for Success)	\$25,000
Mass. Education Foundation Reserve Awards*	\$767,000
<u>SUB TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$797,000</u>
<u>AWARDS/REBATES</u>	
Foundation Reserve Award	\$50,000
<u>SUB TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$1,707,764</u>

* Chapter 70 "Pothole Funds" awarded to eligible district member towns

Individuals Deserve Praise

Throughout FY06, several Valley Tech educators were honored with awards and recognitions.

- Dr. Fitzpatrick received the 2006 Butch Moore "You Touched Upon My Life" Award from WMRC-First Class Radio, of Milford. Dr. Fitzpatrick was elected by his peers to the American Association of School Administrators Governing Board.
- Director of Students Services Katharine Gray was one of nine educators nationwide chosen by the American School Counselors Association as a winner in its annual Professional Recognition Awards Program. Ms. Gray, the 2005 president of the

Massachusetts School Counselors Association, was honored as Supervisor of the Year during the ASCA's annual conference in Chicago for her outstanding efforts at Valley Tech and at the state level.

- Technology Director Arthur Jackman was recognized for his impressive direction and leadership in the use of technology at Valley Tech with a Pathfinder Award from MassCUE.
- Faculty member Janis Tebo was honored with a stellar 2006 Blackstone Valley Superintendents' Collaborative Outstanding Practices of Teaching Award.
- School Based Health Center Director Jean Vazza received the highly regarded MetroWest Community Health Foundation Leadership Award.
- Faculty member Francine Breger was nominated for the meritorious 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year.
- Faculty member Michele LeBlanc and the Culinary Arts program were given the respected Massachusetts Agriculture Day Award during a State House event.

Changing of the Guard with School Committee

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee comprises 13 dedicated public service oriented individuals who provide leadership and expertise in overseeing the operations of the District. During FY06, longtime chairman E. Kevin Harvey of Bellingham chose not to seek re-election to the chairmanship while serving his term as a committee member. We thank the committee for its collective industry based experience and counsel.

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon, *Chairman*
Gerald M. Finn, Millville, *Vice Chairman*
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge, *Secretary*
Arthur E. Morin, Milford, *Assistant Treasurer*

E. Kevin Harvey, Bellingham
William J. Pontes, Blackstone
John C. Lavin, III, Douglas
Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton
Robert S. Metcalf, Hopedale

Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury
Joan A. Gautreau, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

Barbara Auger
District Treasurer

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The year 2006 was marked by a number of transitions which will have long term implications for the Department. Most notably among them was the retirement of long time Superintendent of Sewers, Jim Madigan, after a career spanning 41 years as a Town employee. Jim is a legend in the wastewater profession and possesses unmatched knowledge and experience in his field. His willingness to help anyone in need of help including neighboring communities was well known. He will be greatly missed.

Succeeding Jim as superintendent is Mr. Mark Kuras who has been employed by the Sewer Division for more than twenty five years. Mark has the education, training and experience to ably step in to Jim's very large shoes.

There was one major capital construction project completed this year. The replacement of the 33-year old raw sewerage pumps in the Rockdale Pump Station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed. This project included the installation of new pumps equipped with variable frequency drives motors which allow the pumps to match the rate of incoming flow, improving the operation of the treatment plant.

In November 2006, the Town received a new discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant from the USEPA and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The new permit, which replaces the permit issued in 1999, significantly reduces the allowable levels of pollutants that can be discharged by the plant. Upon evaluation, we have determined that the plant cannot meet the new limits without a potentially costly upgrade. The Town has appealed the new permit and is carrying out studies to determine what will be required to meet the new limits.

The number of connections to the Town's sanitary sewer system increased at a slower rate in 2006 than in recent years. The year ended with 3,015 sewer system customers, an increase of 82 during the year. This compares to 149 new customers in 2005. Nearly all of these new connections were the result of new home construction in the numerous residential subdivisions being developed. The number of Northbridge Water System customers also increased at a slower rate, picking up 40 new customers compared to 57 in 2005.

The Highway Division continued efforts to rebuild and improve the Town's infrastructure. Numerous catch basins and other drainage system components were repaired or rebuilt. The Division's ability to take on additional needed projects was hampered by both manpower and budget issues. While the original departmental budget approved in Spring 2006 included funding for additional manpower and increased maintenance, a spending and hiring freeze imposed when the new fiscal year began in July prevented any of the planned initiatives from being implemented.

The DPW once again conducted a very successful bagged leaf collection program in the fall of 2006. Seven thousand five hundred biodegradable recycled paper leaf bags were distributed to residents free of charge. The DPW provided curbside collection of the bagged leaves.

Seven public shade trees were removed during the year on Fletcher Street, Hill Street, Douglas Road, Granite Street and East Street. These trees had either sustained significant storm damage and were deemed hazardous or were in deteriorated condition that warranted removal.

At year end, the Highway Division received a new multi-purpose municipal tractor. This equipment had been on the Department's priority list for more than 12 years. Acquired through a five-year lease purchase contract funded using State Highway Aid Chapter 90 funds, this machine

includes sidewalk snow plows, a snow blower, a sidewalk sander, a 120 inch mower deck as well as an over the guardrail brush mower. This machine will significantly increase the division's year 'round capability.

The Sewer Division received a new medium duty dump truck with snow plow and sander. The addition of this equipment increases the division's capability and eliminates the need to borrow a Highway Division truck when one is needed.

The roster of employees of the Department at the end of the year 2006 is as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Director of Public Works	Richard R. Sasseville, P.E.	13
DPW Secretary	Patricia A. Nolan	7
Sewer Superintendent	Mark F. Kuras	25
Division Secretary	Laureen Menard	9
Assistant Chief Operator	Mark Lamontagne	7
Lab. Tech/Plant Operator	Vacant	
Treatment Plant Operator	Michael Havalotti	7
Treatment Plant Operator	Mark S. Watson	7
Treatment Plant Operator	Brian Levasseur	0
Highway Superintendent	Arthur J. Magowan	29
Master Mechanic	Brian Kinney	3
Working Foreman	Richard N. Brooks	18
Group Leader	Vacant/Unfunded	
Group Leader	Vacant	
Equipment Operator	John J. Brosnahan	10
Equipment Operator	Paul C. Bessette	9
Equipment Operator	Scott R. Grignon	7
Equipment Operator	Scott McGrath	3
Equipment Operator	Vacant/Unfunded	
Equipment Operator	Vacant/Unfunded	
Facilities Maintenance Tech	Vacant	
Facilities Maintenance Laborer	Paul Wilson	0
Facilities Maintenance Laborer	Vacant	

We want to extend our best wishes to Mr. Christopher Labrie who departed from the Sewer Division after nearly six years of service and to Mr. Walter Kanz who departed from the Highway Division after seven years of service to the Town. We want to remember two long time former DPW employees, Mr. Ed Bodwell and Mr. Leo Rondeau, both of whom passed away during 2006. Ed served the Town for more than fifty years before retiring in 2006. Leo, who worked for the Town for more than twenty three years, retired in 1998.

Finally, we want to commend all of the DPW's fine employees for their hard work and dedication during the past year. We also want to thank all elected and appointed officials of the Town for their support and encouragement of the Department and we look forward to overcoming the challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Sasseville, PE
Director of Public Works

Mark F. Kuras
Sewer Superintendent

Arthur J. Magowan
Highway Superintendent

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee continued its focus in 2006 on the safe disposal and recycling of household hazardous waste products for the citizens of Northbridge.

The Recycling Center in the yard behind the Main Street Fire Station continued its collections of surplus paint products, used automotive products (motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze), mercury-bearing waste (fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats), and several kinds of small batteries from residents and from Town buildings. The Center is open on the third Saturday of every month from 9AM to 1PM. Paint is collected only from April through October. The Center is open to Northbridge residents free of charge. Citizens are invited to exchange a mercury thermometer or thermostat for a free digital thermometer at the Board of Health or the Recycling Center.

During 2006, the Committee collected 1600 gallons of used motor oil, 2 55-gallon drums of antifreeze, 2 55-gallon drums of motor oil filters, 7.47 tons of electronics, and 793 fluorescent bulbs. Also collected were 8 cubic-yard boxes of surplus paints, thinners varnishes, and shellacs. Beginning in October, 43 car batteries were also collected @ \$2.00 each.

The Recycling Committee also collected electronic equipment at its Recycling Center, same times and place. The collection is open to residents and businesses, including schools, institutions, and government offices. The cost is \$.20@ pound, with an extra \$15.00 charge for air conditioners.

Button-cell batteries, containing mercury, can be dropped off at the Senior Center, the Whitinsville Social Library, the Town Hall, and the Main Street Recycling Center. Four kinds of small rechargeable batteries can be dropped off at Koopman's Hardware Store, Radio Shack, the Town Hall, and the Main Street Recycling Center.

The Committee met every other month on the first Monday of the month in the Town Hall. The opening balance in the Committee's revolving account in January, 2006, was \$12,875.83, and the closing balance in December, 2006, was \$13,774.93. The opening balance in the Committee's general budget in January, 2006, was \$1,766.87, and the closing balance in December, 2006, was \$5,586.79 .

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn J. Baker, Chairman
Viola Bramel
Lisa Laflamme
Denis LaTour
Philip Simmons

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Northbridge Council on Aging is to enrich the lives of our senior community by providing services, programs, and support that allow for independence and quality of life. The basic purposes of the Council are:

- a) To identify the total needs of the elderly population of the community.
- b) To educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens about these needs.
- c) To design, promote and implement services to fulfill these needs or refer to appropriate agencies as necessary.

The Council on Aging holds monthly meetings at the Senior Center usually at 9:00 A.M. on the second Tuesday of every month, except during the month of July. The board consists of eleven members and may also have associate members.

The officers of the Council on Aging beginning June 1, 2006 are as follows:

Chairman:	Constance Dion
Vice Chairman:	Phillip Poore
Secretary:	Thomas Sullivan
Treasurer:	Sid Koopman, Jr.

Additional Members of the Board:

Leon Duquette	Serge Grandoni
Kenneth Guertin	Marie Kruezingner
Ted Lachapelle	Burnham Miller
Mary Tonry	

Associate Member: Dorothy Salmon

The mission of the Council on Aging is accomplished through the operation of the Northbridge Senior Center. The Senior Center is a place for Northbridge elders to come for social interaction, health and nutritional support, as well as instructive and entertaining programs. Many services are available through the center such as Transportation, Health Insurance assistance, Fuel Assistance and Food Stamp applications, Notary Public, Tax Assistance, Informal Counseling, Outreach, Housing Application Assistance. Tri-Valley Inc. operates a Nutrition Program at the Senior Center which includes a Congregate Luncheon Program and Meals on Wheels services to homebound elders.

Services and programs are available to all residents of Northbridge who are 60 years of age or older or whose spouse is 60 years or over. In addition, in-town transportation services are also available to disabled Northbridge residents of any age. Statistics for services and programs for 2006 are as follows:

STATISTICS FOR 2006

GENERAL INFORMATION

Days Open	242
Hours/Open/Week	35
Total Attendance	18,201
Daily Average Attendance	75.2

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Miles Driven	17,172
Gas Used	2,152.7 gal.
Total Units Provided	7,529
Daily Average	31.2

Transportation Units Include:

Shopping – (grocery, misc. & mall trips)	3,467
In Town Doctor Appointments	425
Handicapped (disabled. & non ambulatory)	2,971
Nutrition	1,439
Social /Recreational/Bank/Misc. Appts.	2,327
Employment & Education	260
Total Elderly	7,094
Total Non-Elderly	508
Unduplicated Elderly Transportation Clients	105
Unduplicated Non-Elderly Transportation Clients	96 (incl. students)

OTHER UNITS OF SERVICES PROVIDED

Arranged Transportation for Out of Town Medical	608
Congregate Meals Provided	5,736
Home Delivered Meals Provided	16,643
Health Clinics & Services	507
Education	854
Information & Referral Services	9,312
Counseling & Misc. Assistance	170
Social & Recreational Units of Service	7,441
Fuel Assistance, Food Stamps & Food Pantry referrals	118
Tax Assistance	120
Notary Public	27
Health Benefits Counseling & Education	390
Fitness/Exercise	1,397
Newsletter	5,162
Outreach - Includes Phone Calls, Mailings, Appointments, Visits	1,149

SERVICES PROVIDED TO NON-ELDERS

General Information	32
Intergenerational	565
Transportation	840
Family Assistance & Counseling	23

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours Contributed 2006	13,335
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Estimated Value of Volunteer Services	\$125,853
Value of In-Kind Donations of Goods and Services	\$95,225

Significant Accomplishments and Achievements during 2006 were as follows:

- The installation of a unisex, handicapped accessible bathroom on the second floor. This was provided through a Community Development Block Grant and we certainly appreciate the support and assistance we received from the Community Development Department. The seniors are very pleased to have this facility.
- The implementation of new programs such as our very successful French Club, Genealogy Program, and Chair Yoga class resulted in a dramatic increase in the use of the Senior Center.
- Many seniors continued to receive assistance regarding the new federal prescription program, Medicare D, which began on January 1, 2006. More than 250 seniors attended seminars at the center and/or received individual help regarding this issue. We would like to thank our volunteer SHINE Counselor, Phil Poore, for his help in assisting many seniors through the process.
- Due to a generous donation from the Northbridge Police Department, the “Are You Okay Program” was upgraded with more advanced software. The program provides daily phone calls, generated from the Fire Dept., to elderly persons who live alone to make sure that they are okay. We appreciate the cooperation and support of the Northbridge Fire and Police Departments in the operation of this important program.
- The out of town medical transportation service was completely revamped this fall through the input from Senior Center staff, volunteer drivers and a newly formed Transportation Committee. We thank the drivers and clients for their patience during the implementation of the new procedures.

The annual VNA Flu Clinic was held at the Senior Center in November, 2006 and we would like to express our appreciation to the nurses of the Visiting Nurse Association for the organization of this clinic. Approximately 310 people received flu shots during this clinic and because of multiple nurses and other VNA staff, the clinic ran very smoothly. In order to alleviate previous years parking problems, we tried a new system of only allowing handicapped plates or placards to park in the Senior Center parking lot and a shuttle service from Wal-Mart parking lot accommodated all others. Thanks to the services of our Traffic Cop, Phil Poore, the new system worked very well.

Participation at the Senior Center continued to increase this year due to many factors including new programs being offered, increased senior population due to the Baby Boomer Generation, and increased promotion of programs and events. Attendance at the center was 1,003 more than last year. Transportation services have been in great demand and thus our bus driver has been very busy everyday bringing seniors and handicapped individuals to the center, to the grocery store, to medical and personal appointments, to the bank, post office, etc. Transportation units increased by 709 from 2005.

The town has been experiencing financial problems this year and we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the former Town Manager, Michael J. Coughlin, Jr., the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee for considering the need and importance of services that the Senior Center provides to the seniors. Although the COA budget was cut, we realize the cuts could have been a lot worse.

We thank the town for providing funding for three of our employees, the Director, Bus Driver, and Administrative Assistant and thank the State for funding the positions of the Outreach Worker and Volunteer Coordinator through the State Formula Grant Program.

Appreciation also needs to be expressed to our Friends group, The Friends of Northbridge Elders, Inc. for their continued assistance to the Senior Center. Their fundraisers and other donations provide the “extras” that make all the difference in quality programming at the Senior Center and the quality of life for Northbridge Senior residents.

The Senior Center is fortunate to have dedicated employees who work together very well to service the needs and interests of the seniors in the community. The Senior Center staff appreciates the support it receives from the Council on Aging Board and from the Friends of Northbridge Elders, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Dion, Chairman
Council on Aging

Gail Anderson, Director
Northbridge Senior Center

NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Northbridge Board of Health consists of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board has the responsibility of developing, implementing and enforcing health policies, overseeing inspections to maintain minimum standards for sanitation in housing and food service, and to assure that the basic health needs of the community are being met. The Board is assisted in its duties by a professional staff consisting of David L. Crocker – Registered Sanitarian, Theresa Gilchrist – Certified Food Safety Professional, James F. Malley – Registered Professional Engineer, and Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant. The Board of Health meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise noted, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Chambers of the Town Hall. The following is the report of the Board of Health for the year ending 2006.

HEALTH AGENTS

Due to the lack of an appropriate contract for health agent services, in May of 2006, Ethan Mascoop, a Registered Sanitarian with a Masters Degree in Public Health, who served as the Health Agent to the Board, was unable to continue his duties. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. Mascoop for his years of exceptional service to the Board and the Town of Northbridge.

The Town Manager appointed Mr. Steven Garabedian, a resident of Northbridge and Health Agent for the Town of Milford, to serve as an interim health inspector. Mr. Garabedian was later appointed to the Board of Health by the Board of Selectmen. Our thanks to Mr. Garabedian for all his assistance during this time.

Ms. Theresa Gilchrist, a Certified Food Safety Professional, was hired by the Town Manager on July 21, 2006 to conduct inspections of food establishments licensed by the Board of Health. During this relatively short period of time, Ms. Gilchrist conducted 52 Routine inspections, 41 Follow-up inspections, and 4 Complaint inspections. Of the 6 new business plans submitted, Ms. Gilchrist conducted 2 of these plan reviews. The other 4 plans were reviewed by Mr. Mascoop, Mr. Steven Garabedian, and a hired consultant, Mr. Thomas Purcell.

Mr. David Crocker, a Registered Sanitarian, recently retired from the City of Worcester Code Enforcement Department, was hired by the Town Manager on September 21, 2006 to assist the Board with its other inspection requirements. Mr. Crocker conducted 2 swimming pool inspections, 6 massage establishment inspections, 4 tanning salon inspections, 7 housing inspections, and 28 miscellaneous-type inspections. Needless to say, we kept him busy during his 3 months on staff.

TITLE 5

Agent of the Board of Health, James F. Malley Jr., PE, provided his expertise to the Board with regard to Title 5 issues. Mr. Malley witnesses percolation and groundwater testing, reviews the submission of subsurface sewage disposal plans, conducts inspections during the installation of these systems, and provides guidance to the Board as necessary. The Board received 37 applications for soils evaluation testing, 28 subsurface sewage disposal plan reviews, and 4 subdivision reviews. Mr. Malley reviewed 27 Certificates of Compliance.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Inspector of Animals, Daniel Chauvin, under the supervision of the Board of Health and the Department of Agricultural Resources – Bureau of Animal Health is responsible for the annual inspection of animals stabled within the Town of Northbridge and for the issuance of quarantine notices to animals that have bitten persons or to domestic animals with wounds of unknown origin. Mr. Chauvin issued 23 quarantines and inspected 18 barns in 2006.

RABIES CLINIC

The Sixth Annual Statewide Rabies Vaccination Day was held on April 1, 2006 at the Whitinsville Fire Station. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources – Bureau of Animal Health implemented a Statewide Rabies Vaccination Day to raise awareness of rabies and increase compliance with state vaccination laws. The Northbridge Board of Health is proud to be a participant in this event. Once again, the Board extends a very special thanks to Dr. E. Patrick Lawrence of the Agape Animal Hospital for volunteering his time, staff, and services to this worthwhile event. 52 cats and dogs received the rabies virus vaccine at this clinic.

COMPOST SITE

The compost site located behind the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Providence Road was open to Northbridge residents on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM from April 1, 2006 through its closing on December 2, 2006. It also operated on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM during the Spring and Fall seasons.

The sticker program for access to the site continues to be successful. In 2006, 423 stickers at a cost of \$10 each were sold. Our thanks to Paul Monast for monitoring the site during its hours of operation.

PERMITS & LICENSES

51	Permits were issued to Food Service Establishments
32	Permits were issued to Retail Food Establishments
1	Permits were issued to Catering Establishments
2	Permits were issued to Mobile Food Units
1	Permits were issued to Banquet Halls
3	Permits issued for a Residential Kitchen
12	One-Day Food Permits were issued
5	Frozen Dessert Permits
18	Tobacco Permits
3	Recreational Camp Licenses
31	Disposal Works Installers Licenses
7	Septage Hauler Permits
8	Trash Hauler Permits
6	Funeral Director Licenses
19	Stabling Permits
5	Tanning Facility Permits
4	Massage Therapy Establishment License
7	Massage Therapist License

- 2 Public Pool Permit
- 3 Construction & Demolition Dumpster Permits
- 12 Well Permits

QUAKER STREET LANDFILL

The Board continues to work with Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to comply with Post-Closure Maintenance and Monitoring Plans for the Quaker Street Landfill. Two new monitoring wells were constructed and water and gas testing of the site has begun.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

The Board continues to make local emergency preparedness planning its number one goal and objective. In the event that a vaccine is required to be dispensed to each resident of the community, an Emergency Dispensing Site Plan has been drafted and volunteers have been enlisted. Board of Health members and staff have completed emergency management trainings in Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS). Funds and supplies have been provided to the Board for use at the dispensing site. While this plan continues to be a work-in-progress, the Board has made the initial steps in the compilation of data and resources necessary to address a pandemic event.

MAHB TOBACCO GRANT

The Northbridge Board of Health continues its fight against youth access to tobacco products through its award of a mini-grant from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB). The grant award for 2006 was \$640 for a total of \$1,320. These funds have been used to conduct quarterly compliance checks of each tobacco retailer. Fines collected for non-compliance total \$1,200.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. McKeon, Chairman
Ann Marie Thompson, RN
Scott Chase
Steven Garabedian
Christopher Cella

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The VNA of the Greater Milford-Northbridge Area (VNA) provided public health nursing and health promotion activities to the residents of Northbridge under agreement from January 1, to December 31, 2006.

Communicable disease investigations include contacts to the Department of Public Health to confirm the report and then to the physician to establish that the resident is aware of their diagnosis, and contact with the individual in order to collect the required information and perform education as indicated by the circumstances. The following is a summary of the activities provided by the VNA:

Categories	Contacts, Visits Or Clinics	Total Hours	Attendees At Clinics
Mom-Baby Visits	5 visits		
Flu Clinic	2 clinics	29 hours	302
Pneumonia vaccine given			7
Flu clinic medical supplies	\$359.59		
BP Clinics	5 clinics	10 hours	80
TB Testing	1 test (see below)		
Communicable Disease Investigations for the following organisms:	56 investigations		
Pneumococcal Pneumonia	3		
Hepatitis B	5		
Lyme disease	26		
Screening of potential TB case	1 individual, 2 contacts		
Latent TB	1		
Salmonella Enteritis	5		
Legionnaire's Disease	1		
Head Lice	1		
Cryptosporidiosis	2		
Encephalitis	1		
Giardiasis	1		
Viral Meningitis	4		
Pertussis	4		

In addition to the agreed upon services identified above, the VNA provided a free health fair at the Middle school in April for 6 ½ hours.

Over the past year, the VNA has facilitated Emergency Management planning meetings amongst the VNA's contracted Boards of Health at no charge to any of the towns. Based on feedback from the attendees, each of the town representatives have found the information disseminated and shared to be helpful in their disaster planning. Our plan is to continue these meetings throughout 2007 as long as the town representatives find them helpful.

The VNA's goal is to provide health care to patients in their own homes and to support the public health of the community through health promotion activities. We continue to provide home health

care as a compassionate and dignified alternative to institutionalized care. Care at home is available 365 days per year.

I appreciate the Board of Health's continued support and trust in the VNA. Please feel free to contact me at 508-473-0862 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Masciarelli, MS, RN, BC
Director of Home Health Services

NORTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Background: Northbridge Housing Authority is a politic, corporate, and duly organized public housing agency. State and Federal lawmakers promulgate rules and regulations by which the Authority must follow. The Authority receives funding from the state agency Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Board of Commissioners: Mary Frances Powers, Chair
Janet King
Barbara Chandler
Lorraine Bell
Carolyn Lavallee, State appointee

As Public Housing Commissioners, they oversee the administration of the Authority, establish policy, provide leadership, and advocate for current and future housing.

Board Meetings: Board meetings are held monthly and as public officials, meetings are held according to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 2B of the open meeting law. Northbridge Housing Authority meetings are posted with the date and time of all regular, special, and annual meetings at the Northbridge Town Hall. Northbridge Housing Authority meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel: Executive Director, Office Administrator Charlotte Duquette, and Maintenance Mark Larson.

Current Housing Programs:

Lake Terrace	-	32 units
Colonial Drive	-	44 units
NHA/DMH 689-1 Program		

Eligibility: Applicants must be 60 years of age, handicapped or disabled to apply for an application for housing. Residents who work or live in the Town of Northbridge receive a preference when reviewed and verified by the Authority. When applications are completed and deemed eligible, they are then placed on a waiting list based on priorities and preferences. There are no asset limits and the income limits begin at:

One person	-	\$40,150.00
Two persons:	-	\$45,900.00

Office: The office is located at 12 Colonial Drive and office hours are Monday through Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:45 pm, Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and closed on Fridays, weekends and holidays. Applications are available either at the office or by mail. You may contact the office at (508) 234-7736 for an application or questions regarding housing.

New Activity: During the years 2005 and 2006, there have been two Senior Living (age 55 and over) applications filed with the Northbridge Planning board. Under the Northbridge Zoning By-laws each project would be required to ensure 10% of the units to be “affordable in perpetuity” with the Northbridge Housing Authority responsible for administering these units. Northbridge Housing Authority faces many new challenges and continuously addresses the needs of affordable housing within this community.

Northbridge Housing Authority would like to thank all agencies throughout our Town for their help whenever we needed or requested it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Powers, Chair
Janet King
Barbara Chandler
Lorraine Bell
Carolyn Lavallee, State Appointee

VETERAN'S COUNCIL

The Northbridge Veteran's Council consists of the following member agencies: American Legion, Oliver Ashton Post 343, Veterans of Foreign Wars, John & Richard Moran Post 6145, Disabled American Veterans, Alfred F. Seagrave Chapter 116, Am Vets, Kmiotek-Lachapelle Post 18, and the Blackstone Valley Nam Vets, Joseph E. Fitzgerald Post.

The combined members of the Northbridge Veteran's Council are responsible for formulating and conducting ceremonies on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. The Member Posts will also respond to all inquiries, and or invitations regarding veteran's activities or events.

In preparation for Memorial Day the Veteran's Council and its members placed American Flags on the graves of all deceased veterans from the Town of Northbridge. The Council would like to thank the members, and citizens of the Community that participated. A special thanks to the staff of St. Patrick's Cemetery, Pine Grove Cemetery, and of the Northbridge DPW. A very special thanks to the students and staff of the Balmer School for placing flags at the Northbridge Center Cemetery.

Services were held in both the Whitinsville and Rockdale sections of Town. Poems were read by Northbridge High School students in both ceremonies. A very powerful rendition of "God Bless America" was sung in Rockdale and Whitinsville, by 9 year old Matthew Vera of the Northbridge Middle School.

The Council would like to thank everyone that participated in Memorial Day 2006. Thank you to our soloist Gigi Zepp, and the Valley Airs Drum & Bugle Corps, and our student readers. Thank you to our girl and boy scouts. A special thanks to those citizens of Northbridge that took the time to come out and remember those that gave their all, for all of us.

Mr. John Rainville was honored for his service to Country. John's family pinned him with the World War II Victory pin.

Veteran's Day was a special day for Northbridge's Veterans. A Veteran's Day breakfast was held at the Northbridge Middle School for the Town's Veterans. Area Girl and Boy Scouts had a very special day on the Whitinsville Common for the Veterans. Many Veterans were present on the Common. The Veterans were given a gift by our young Scouts. It was a very special day for everyone present. Songs were sung, and poems read. The Girl Scouts spread along Church St., with signs thanking the Veterans for their services to their country. Thank you to everyone involved.

In closing, the Northbridge Veteran's Council asks that we remember all of those veterans that passed away in 2005. Their dedication and sacrifices will always be remembered. We also ask that you remember those brave men and women of our armed forces that remain in harms way all over this globe.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. AUDETTE, Adjutant
Northbridge Veteran's Council

VETERANS' SERVICES

This year the state began offering a one-time bonus to veterans of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), much as it has for past wars. GWOT veterans/active duty personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan are entitled to \$1000, tax-free. Those serving or having served in other regions (including CONUS) are eligible for \$500.

Disabled veterans or certain survivors are entitled to property tax abatements and more (depending on VA disability rating). This year, the MERIT bill was passed which increases and expands property tax exemptions beginning FY08.

Many veterans continue to take advantage of VA Healthcare benefits. Enrollment forms are available at my office. In many cases, free transportation to the VA Medical Center can be arranged. Veterans are finding they will save on prescription costs, which is a great concern to many of us. Form DD214 is the document necessary to obtain any veterans' benefits. If you have lost or misplaced yours, I should be able to obtain a copy for you.

When a veteran or survivor needs financial assistance, the Commonwealth's Chapter 115 benefits are available. These benefits can be applied for confidentially with the Veterans' Agent. Under Chapter 115, benefits can include reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses and fuel assistance.

During FY06, \$26,280.11 in benefits was disbursed for Northbridge veterans/dependants. The Commonwealth reimburses 75% of authorized benefits to the town. Also during FY06, the Towns of Douglas and Uxbridge reimbursed 60% of the Veterans' Agent salary and benefits.

Veterans' Services is located in the Town Hall, adjacent to the Great Hall in room 2-1. The telephone/fax number is 508-234-9808.

As always, Veterans' Services looks forward to assist veterans/dependents. Please call with any veteran concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Trajanowski
Director

WHITINSVILLE SOCIAL LIBRARY

The Corporators for the Whitinsville Social Library, the legal corporation that oversees the operation of the library and from which the trustees are drawn, held their 162nd annual meeting Sept. 21, 2006, and elected the following officers:

President -- Jeanne Gould	
Treasurer -- Kurt Lange	Clerk -- Dr. John Baker
Trustees --	
John A. Rauth	(Term expires 2007)
Janyce Murray	(Term expires 2007)
Barbara Leonard	(Term expires 2008)
Jack Walker	(Term expires 2008)
Harold D. Gould, Jr.	(Term expires 2009)
Dennis McCowan	(Term expires 2009)
Endowment Committee --	
Glenn Bloem	Maynard VandenAkker
Kurt Lange	Sidney DeYoung

EXPENSES: 7/1/05 thru 6/30/06

Received from Town of Northbridge: \$203,492

Expenditures:

Salaries	\$179,428.54
Electricity	3,588.16
Heat	5,679.12
Telephone	1,561.77
Water	213.82
Trash Pickup	200.38
Sewer Use	249.28
Building Maintenance	5,380.03
Office Supplies	6,053.15
Travel	5.80
Audio/Visual Materials	912.14
Returned to Town	1,141.95

The library's total operating expenses for FY06 were \$284,664. The budget was balanced by income from the Whitinsville Social Library and Manosh Trusts, an allocation of \$18,169 in State Aid To Libraries (LIG/MEG), fundraisers and donations. The library was certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) and was open 40 hours per week, including four hours on Saturdays, during the calendar year, with the exception of the summer hours implemented in July and August.

As of Dec. 31, 2006, the library owned 49,484 items, including 45,216 books, 422 volumes of periodicals, 2,607 videos and DVDs, 851 books on tape and compact disc, and subscribed to 92 newspapers and magazines.

During FY06, the library loaned 51,221 items: 23,331 adult books, 17,000 children's books, and 10,890 other items, such as magazines, videos, museum passes, CDs, audio books and games. In addition, the library filled 1,774 requests for Interlibrary Loans (ILLs) and registered 758 new patrons. The library also circulated passes for the Worcester Art Museum, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, the New England Science Center, Higgins Armory, and the Roger Williams Park

and Zoo. In addition, the library provided a discount pass for use in the statewide parks system for the first time.

The library continued its participation in the Central and Western Massachusetts Regional Computer System (CWMARS) and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS), with van deliveries to facilitate the ILL process.

The year 2006 was one of change for the Whitinsville Social Library. A landscaping project financed by the Board of Trustees enhanced the exterior appearance of our beautiful building, while inside, programming was expanded to serve a more diverse group of citizens. "Cycle of The Seasons," a musical series for preschoolers financed by the Northbridge Cultural Council, joined our longtime children's activities of Story Time and PajamaRama. For adults, the offerings were broadened too. Local author and sportswriter Bill Ballou discussing his experiences covering the Red Sox and workshops on genealogy and pastel drawing joined longtime speaker and gardening expert Paul Rogers and the programs cosponsored with the Northbridge Historical Society. The past year also saw the Adult Book Group double in size and acquire a moderator, volunteer Christine Drew.

"What's Buzzin' at Your Library," the 2006 version of the annual statewide summer reading program, also gained a new twist with the travels of Lily, a peripatetic plastic ladybug who led participants on a tour of local government buildings. For the first time, the library partnered with the rangers at West Hill Dam to offer outdoor nature programs, adding to the traditional activities of weekly crafts, story times and the ever-popular "Get Wet and Dirty Day" the end of summer party.

In the midst of all these activities, the library staff completed a final tweaking of the automated circulation system and added a receipt printer in response to patron demand. The library's Website was enlarged, and plans to streamline it were completed by the end of the year.

Introducing the new did not mean neglecting the old, since increasing the library's value as prime repository of the town's unique history came to the fore in 2006. In addition to completing an inventory of the library's antiques and paintings, two notable documents among its holdings -- the first patent received by Paul Whittin I and the original seals of the building -- were archivally framed and hung in the Reference Room. Hence, it was only fitting that we learned in August that the library had been awarded \$2,500 federal grant to fund a survey and reorganization of the Local History Room. The results of this survey will be implemented in 2007, as will a disaster plan started in 2006.

Despite all the progress this year, some problems remain intractable. Town finances were problematic in FY06 and FY07, and unfortunately promise to be so again in FY08. The library implemented summer hours again in 2007 as a cost-cutting measure, but other issues still remain to be addressed

The space constraints imposed by our 88-year-old building cannot be ignored. Our building is beautiful and a source of pride to the community, but it will eventually need another addition to accommodate the growth of its collection and the community it serves. In addition, while the town has made great strides in making technology available to library patrons, there simply are not enough workstations to meet patron demand, and those machines we do have are quickly showing their age.

Hopefully, the townspeople of Northbridge can continue to work together to find the funding necessary to meet the operating expenses engendered by an expanding community as well as plan for future capital expansion.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Christine McLaughlin, MLS
Library Director

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Northbridge Historical Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Fletcher House, 1 Elm Place, Whitinsville, MA.

The Commission responded to eighteen requests for historical information from the citizens of Northbridge during the past year. We continue to make historic walking tour pamphlets available to the citizens of the town. In addition, we sponsor a historic walking tour during the Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming weekend in October. The Commission also continues to provide historic tours for all grade 8 students in order to give them a greater appreciation of our heritage.

The Commission also acts in a regulatory and advisory capacity in determining which homes are historic and must be restored with like-kind materials on their exteriors when state or federal matching funds are used. We had nine such cases during the past year.

The Commission is presently working to complete a historic survey on the Northbridge Center section of town to determine which buildings might be eligible for the National Register listing of historic places. This will be a three-year project. The Commission is also working on the placement of historic welcome signs along Route 122 at the Northbridge-Grafton town line entrance and likewise on the Uxbridge-Northbridge town line.

Citizens that have historical questions regarding their homes may contact the Commission via the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Warchol, Chair
Paula McCowan
David Potty
Donald Gosselin
Joseph Plaud

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Key Highlights

The year 2006 the commission members were Ken Taylor, Craig Bachman, Bridget Curley, John Phelan, Bruce Frieswick, Caryn Gagner, and Mike Wytenus. In August, the commission had some changes. Craig Bachman became Chairman, John Phelan became Vice-Chairman, Bridget Curley remained Secretary and Bruce Frieswick became treasurer. Mike Wytenus and Caryn Gagner left the commission.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan was donated to the commission by Heritage Design Group. The voters approved phase 2 but at their December meeting, Playground & Recreation made the decision to give back the money to the town due to the town's financial situation.

The 1st annual Community Service Program was held in the spring. Over 750 hours of manpower was given to the town to help clean and improve the fields throughout the town. Groups that participated were Northbridge Baseball, Softball, Joe LaFleur Baseball, Scouts, 9th grade baseball from NHS and some youth groups.

A new policy for field user fees was implemented for all town sports, camps and organized activities. The fee is \$10.00 per person/sport for residents and \$15.00 per person/sport for non-residents. These fees will be used to improve fields; safety issues being the first improvements.

Pop Warner Football was started up this year by a group of parents. Playground and Recreation was happy to see this happen and wish them great success.

Summer Parks Program

The Summer Parks Program had the following number of consents for each program: Parks Program-210, Olympics-52 and Wallum Lake-100. This was an average of 60 children per day throughout all parks. The Commission is looking into changing the program. A proposal was handed into the BOS that recommended our changes.

Summer Concerts

The Summer Concert series was another success. We had 7 concerts, 6 sponsored by Playground and Recreation, and 1 sponsored by Unibank for Savings.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Bachman, Chairman

**CALENDAR YEAR 2006
ANNUAL SALARIES**

	EMPLOYEE NAME	YTD GROSS
SELECTMEN	C. AMPAGOOMIAN	\$ 1,036.05
	W. AUDETTE	\$ 1,000.00
	R. COLLINS	\$ 713.92
	J. MARZEC	\$ 373.75
	J. MONTECALVO	\$ 1,000.00
TOWN MANAGER	M. COUGHLIN JR	\$ 95,524.85 *
	D. GOSSELIN	\$ 32,795.00
	S. SUSIENKA	\$ 57,087.10
MIS	R. THAYER	\$ 56,221.22
ACCOUNTING	B. DESMARAIS	\$ 44,736.07
	M. LARAMEE	\$ 27,929.03
	N. VAIDYA	\$ 50,249.91
ASESSORS	S. BRENNAN	\$ 46,256.70
	J. CECCONI	\$ 34,622.70
	R. FITZGERALD	\$ 57,087.72
	G. KAZARIAN	\$ 1,197.00
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	C. DUQUETTE	\$ 35,418.73
	M. KEMP	\$ 40,311.30
	D. KRISTOFF	\$ 53,190.00
	L. WOELLER	\$ 38,982.37
TOWN CLERK	D. CEDRONE	\$ 49,877.60
	C. HILLS	\$ 38,346.48
PLANNING BOARD	R. BECHTHOLDT II	\$ 52,856.50
	C. BERTOLET	\$ 18,516.24
	J. DULMAINE	\$ 48,041.76
	B. KINNEY	\$ 29,083.64
POLICE DEPT	J. BONARDI	\$ 992.88
	R. BRADLEY	\$ 71,978.22 *
	S. BUMA	\$ 70,084.87 *
	C. BURRELL	\$ 5,423.83
	C. CHICKINSKI	\$ 60,406.05 *
	A. CICCONE	\$ 6,429.66 *
	R. COLLETTE JR	\$ 496.44 *

B. COLLINS	\$	13,208.30	*
D. CONLAN	\$	2,996.37	*
T. DEJORDY	\$	68,253.90	*
L. DERKOSROFIAN	\$	75,734.32	*
N. DESRUISSEAU	\$	25,572.02	*
M. GAUDET	\$	5,633.55	*
B. GAUTHIER	\$	141.84	*
R. GORMAN	\$	60,520.57	*
D. GRADY	\$	425.52	*
G. HAMM	\$	65,005.79	*
S. HENEY	\$	79,915.66	*
P. HEMINGWAY	\$	159.57	*
J. INGER	\$	43,053.03	*
D. JESSING	\$	425.52	*
T. LABRIE	\$	97,661.62	*
B. LAPOINTE	\$	709.20	*
D. LAMOREAUX	\$	77,831.19	*
L. LASALA	\$	51,633.65	*
P. LASALA	\$	99.00	
J. LEONARD	\$	4,765.14	*
M. LEONARD	\$	78,617.32	*
S. MATTE	\$	9,745.73	*
T. MELIA	\$	44,992.75	*
F. METIVIER	\$	195.03	*
T. MICHNIEWICZ	\$	691.47	*
J. NADEAU	\$	84,021.04	*
J. OUILLETTE	\$	95,898.86	*
C. PHILLIPS	\$	691.47	*
C. PLANT	\$	3,336.50	
C. PRICE	\$	3,791.76	*
L. O'ROURKE	\$	141.84	*
H. RAJOTTE	\$	3,029.40	
J. ROPIAK	\$	939.69	*
D. ROSENBERG	\$	30,233.36	*
D. ROY	\$	78,226.90	*
K. SAUNDERS	\$	5,365.08	
L. SKILLEN	\$	48,071.72	
L. SMITH	\$	72,752.70	*
C. STUART	\$	6,818.00	
M. SWIFT	\$	283.68	*
J. WALCKNER	\$	141.84	*
W. WARCHOL	\$	109,753.43	*
R. WEST	\$	1,560.24	*
K. WESTBURY	\$	76,316.72	*
J. WHITE	\$	63,899.00	*
A. YANNINO	\$	159.57	*
S. ZOLLIN	\$	88,108.00	*

FIRE DEPT

B. AGUIAR		
M. BAKER	\$	575.91
J. BEAUCHAIN	\$	1,950.75
L. BERNARD	\$	2,478.84
B. BLAIR	\$	2,005.23
E. BOUTHILLETTE	\$	59,297.61 *
F. BRACKLEY	\$	4,639.85
R. BRIAND	\$	80.54
B. CASTELL	\$	71,886.71 *
R. P. CAVALIERI	\$	3,060.08
W. DAVIS	\$	74,044.46 *
B. DUDA	\$	1,139.17
D. DUDA		
S. DUPRE	\$	5,540.77
S. FEEHAN	\$	1,268.33
A. GENG	\$	1,196.93
S. GEORGE	\$	879.86
J. GOSSELIN	\$	3,595.68
M. GULLA	\$	128.85
R. HARINGA	\$	3,609.98
D. HOLMES	\$	65,831.37 *
F. JACKSON	\$	31.82
D. KIMBALL	\$	2,373.04
M. KURAS	\$	1,596.46
R. LACHAPELLE	\$	75,598.13 *
D. LAFLASH	\$	1,203.94
N. MARSHALL	\$	6,201.79 *
D. MASSEY	\$	1,081.27
R. MONTBLEAU	\$	60,284.68 *
D. MORROW	\$	2,710.01
G. NESTOR	\$	74,915.95
J. NIRO	\$	1,511.73
G. NOEL	\$	72,938.84 *
D. NOWLAN	\$	61,159.19
M. PLANTE	\$	2,191.22
J. QUINN JR	\$	3,419.23
G. RILEY	\$	7,336.70
W. ROBIDOUX	\$	335.87
M. SHEAR	\$	3,606.82
J. SMITH	\$	767.91
J. SMITH	\$	840.29
K. VALDIVIA	\$	1,421.37
T. VALDIVIA	\$	69,508.81 *
K. WARD	\$	2,066.70
M. WATSON	\$	958.06
D. WHITE	\$	71,298.89 *
W. WHITE	\$	57,540.73 *

	M. WHITTAKER	\$	1,987.47
	H. WIELSMA	\$	769.90
BUILDING DEPT	B. OUILLETTE	\$	37,408.70
	J. SHEEHAN JR	\$	54,856.74
	R. SUSIENKA	\$	1,100.00
INSPECTORS	J. GUERTIN	\$	7,341.96
	H. NYDAM	\$	8,317.50
	E. SEIDLER	\$	5,966.86
	L. WIERSMA	\$	936.67
	R. WUNSCHER	\$	9,025.42
DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION	M. ANDRIKOWICH	\$	5,041.65
	P. BESSETTE	\$	44,777.45 *
	E. BODWELL	\$	12,176.33
	R. BROOKS	\$	58,342.05 *
	J. BROSDAHAN	\$	45,054.22 *
	D. BUTLER	\$	4,703.20
	M. GENEST	\$	353.85 *
	S. GRIGNON	\$	41,862.04 *
	W. KANZ	\$	34,658.27 *
	B. KINNEY	\$	48,820.85 *
	B. LUSSIER	\$	6,577.92
	A. MAGOWAN	\$	57,467.40 *
	S. MCGRATH	\$	44,756.21 *
	P. NOLAN	\$	24,873.96
	R. SASSEVILLE	\$	78,401.64 *
	P. WILSON	\$	15,200.24 *
DPW SEWER DIVISION	S. DEANE	\$	5,181.12
	M. HAVALOTTI	\$	52,349.53 *
	M. KURAS	\$	78,026.88 *
	C. LABRIE	\$	8,266.84 *
	M. LAMONTAGNE	\$	56,378.86 *
	B. LEVASSEUR	\$	2,264.32
	J. MADIGAN	\$	65,760.45 *
	L. MENARD	\$	31,854.90
	M. WATSON	\$	51,027.18 *
BOARD OF HEALTH	J. GNIADK	\$	38,610.70
COUNCIL ON AGING	M. ALEX	\$	14,610.27
	G. ANDERSON	\$	44,853.52
	J. BABINEAU	\$	1,660.13
	J. DIONNE	\$	7,368.26

	J. GALLAGHER	\$	82.70
	A. GENTRY	\$	4,792.00
	M. JACQUES	\$	351.49
	W. JORRITSMA	\$	24,138.51
VETERANS	K. TRAJANOWSKI	\$	38,077.51
LIBRARY	L. BELL	\$	17,446.88
	A. DZINDOLET	\$	16,367.54
	E. JOHN	\$	20,778.48
	H. JOHNSTON	\$	33,696.75
	M. MCLAUGHLIN	\$	47,147.10
	C. NABOUT	\$	5,415.00
	M. NICHOLS	\$	8,557.76
	P. PATNODE	\$	13,306.47
	E. SHAUGHNESSY	\$	23,766.72
PARKS & RECREATION	K. BEHRENS	\$	655.50
	R. BODDEN	\$	1,575.00
	J. BROCHU	\$	1,567.50
	M. CRONIN	\$	1,575.00
	J. FALVEY	\$	2,874.50
	L. FLETCHER	\$	1,485.00
	A. GAWLAK	\$	1,539.00
	Y. GIORDANO	\$	1,507.50
	J.. MCNEILLIE	\$	1,539.00
	P. MEHTA	\$	560.50
	M. MULLEN	\$	1,462.50
	S. NEDOROSIK	\$	225.00
	K. PETERSEN	\$	1,575.00
	A. SAFER	\$	2,507.50
	G. SCHOULER	\$	1,485.00
	J. STANLEY	\$	5,200.00
	S. SUSIENKA	\$	1,725.00
RECYCLING	D. THOMPSON	\$	533.50
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	P. SOOJIAN	\$	136,129.88
SCHOOL SECRETARY	M. BLODGETT	\$	35,499.39
	S. DOWNS	\$	41,587.01
	J. HARRIS	\$	46,318.55

	J. MELIA	\$	34,888.14	
SCHOOL NURSES	S. CALABRO	\$	45,202.06	
	L. JOHNSON	\$	61,349.46	
	M. ROKES	\$	36,238.47	
	W. SHENIAN	\$	54,116.63	
	J. THORNE	\$	54,041.63	
	S. WIEGERS	\$	9,145.58	
SCHOOL MAINTENANCE	M. BEDARD	\$	45,922.57	*
	K. DEYOUNG	\$	46,895.77	*
	P. HALACY	\$	53,208.00	
	J. LESIAK	\$	58,065.23	*
	B. SIMMONS	\$	50,688.78	*
	G. VARTERESIAN	\$	49,358.75	*
SCHOOL CUSTODIANS	L. ACHORN	\$	42,049.83	*
	C. BARTLETT	\$	1,988.00	
	R. BROUILLETTE JR	\$	33,676.87	*
	B. CARR	\$	145.00	
	D. CONNOLLY	\$	1,794.00	
	R. DEMREST	\$	45,798.44	*
	T. DEYOUNG	\$	39,572.69	*
	H. DION	\$	4,675.00	
	J. GAUTHIER	\$	38,631.37	*
	J. GILLEY	\$	46,096.88	*
	D. GRAHAM	\$	1,272.00	
	J. GUYETTE	\$	36,095.50	*
	J. HARRIS	\$	1,280.00	
	J. HOUGASIAN	\$	2,320.00	
	J. KIRITSY	\$	2,210.00	
	M. KUPCINSKAS	\$	1,882.00	
	R. LACHAPELLE	\$	450.00	
	J. MAYOTTE	\$	6,406.58	
	B. METCALF	\$	29,478.40	*
	P. MORIN	\$	35,088.23	*
	R. NEWMAN JR	\$	29,869.57	*
	R. OUELLETTE	\$	42,722.40	*
	M. POITRAS	\$	2,040.00	
	N. POLUCHA	\$	2,560.00	
	D. SETARO	\$	6,653.50	

	A. THIBAUT	\$	40,814.59 *
	J. VESPA	\$	528.00
	G. WALKER	\$	1,792.00
	K. WALKER	\$	45,075.29 *
FOOD SERVICES			
	I. AFONSO	\$	7,434.43
	C. ANDREWS	\$	227.50
	D. ARAKALIAN	\$	14,863.06
	C. BEAUDOIN	\$	210.00
	R. BLAIR	\$	14,015.17
	J. BLOOD	\$	27,299.24
	D. BUMA	\$	6,024.30
	T. CUGINI	\$	14,097.44
	K. DANSEREAU	\$	280.00
	E. FONTAINE	\$	18,232.90
	P. GARDINI	\$	25,831.92
	K. GOLDMAN	\$	11,655.88
	C. GREENE	\$	26,633.12
	K. HAMILTON	\$	1,405.25
	D. HARTLAND	\$	14,113.32
	K. HENDERSON	\$	11,604.77
	B. HOOVER	\$	201.25
	L. HUTCHINSON	\$	11,392.42
	D. KING	\$	50,932.26
	A. LOWELL	\$	15,984.48
	S. MARSHALL	\$	12,689.09
	S. MASSICOTTE	\$	21,331.28
	D. MCGRATH	\$	13,495.06
	C. MUTELL	\$	21,566.07
	J. PERKINS	\$	11,819.61
	R. PUGLISI	\$	24,016.45
	S. ROY	\$	15,196.67
	J. SEAGRAVE	\$	18,046.89
	L. SIMMONS	\$	7,422.44
	S. SWETT	\$	2,868.25
	J. WILLIAMSON	\$	21,709.30
BALMER SCHOOL			
	S. BAZOUKAS	\$	63,325.14
	L. BELSETH	\$	62,379.81
	K. BOULAY	\$	41,026.30
	A. BOURGET	\$	58,489.15
	J. BOUTHILLETTE	\$	64,449.54
	P. BRAZAUSKAS	\$	73,339.25
	P. CHESNA	\$	69,511.92

L. CLARK	\$	54,849.82
S. DAVIS	\$	64,512.04
M. DEJORDY	\$	64,363.56
J. DEYOUNG	\$	66,563.56
P. DEVEAU	\$	66,325.02
T. DIPILATO	\$	48,424.99
A. FULLER	\$	13,454.28
R. GERVAIS	\$	18,626.13
J. GUERTIN	\$	39,637.96
E. HITRON	\$	41,617.32
L. JASUKONIS	\$	24,857.21
S. KUROWSKI	\$	66,373.66
J. LACHAPELLE	\$	55,099.97
M. LANDRY	\$	59,044.73
S. LANZILLO	\$	50,397.22
S. MARINO	\$	61,134.04
L. MCCALLUM	\$	23,563.22
S. MCLAUGHLIN	\$	32,457.40
D. MIGNAULT	\$	63,375.14
J. O'BRIEN	\$	52,118.99
D. O'DONNELL	\$	40,642.64
S. PAUL	\$	63,325.14
J. PELLETIER	\$	64,312.04
C. PEPIN	\$	66,125.14
B. RANDALL	\$	47,444.09
S. REILLY	\$	21,113.57
J. SHANAHAN	\$	63,325.14
C. STEINWAND	\$	64,312.04
M. SUTTON	\$	50,410.74
K. THERIAULT	\$	38,386.30
K. TOWER-LUDWIG	\$	64,312.04
M. USENIA	\$	63,325.14
S. VINCENT	\$	39,266.84
S. WALKER	\$	47,999.97
K. WALKER	\$	52,611.42
S. WARCHOL	\$	51,911.30
J. WHORTON	\$	25,996.84
P. WILLIAMS	\$	67,311.92
A. WILSON	\$	41,617.32

ALDRICH SCHOOL

L. D'AMATO	\$	64,312.04
S. GUERTIN	\$	53,087.77
P. KUINDERSMA	\$	42,466.02
D. PINHEIRO	\$	66,085.14
M. SCHOFIELD	\$	63,325.14
M. SHENIAN	\$	66,516.01

HIGH SCHOOL

A. ABUSAMRA	\$	17,662.77
R. ADAMS	\$	48,988.36
P. BAKER	\$	45,840.82
P. BEDARD	\$	14,709.78
J. BEVERIDGE	\$	41,418.95
A. BOUDREAU	\$	17,179.28
K. BOYLE	\$	46,985.60
J. CESTONE	\$	45,242.64
J. CHARTRAND	\$	41,685.96
P. CHENET	\$	64,462.04
B. COLUMBUS	\$	65,212.04
R. CORAZZINI	\$	14,709.78
H. CORBETT	\$	43,785.96
M. DABNEY	\$	66,716.01
P. DEARY	\$	63,325.14
K. DEJONG	\$	72,912.04
V. EDWARDS	\$	22,735.14
W. EGAN	\$	68,939.25
A. FINKEL	\$	41,566.84
M. FRASCA	\$	48,419.68
S. FUCHS	\$	13,454.28
M. GADDIS	\$	54,295.95
C. GENDRON	\$	24,857.21
K. GOFF	\$	14,409.63
J. GOODRICH	\$	36,929.79
J. GORMAN	\$	49,779.48
C. GREEN	\$	64,312.04
R. GROVER JR	\$	62,895.66
K. GUERIN	\$	53,776.36
M. HENEY	\$	12,809.34
M. HUGHES	\$	65,529.81
D. KATZ	\$	48,847.96
J. KATZ	\$	51,836.86
W. KRAUSE	\$	71,939.13
K. LACHAPELLE	\$	59,127.90
A. LANDIS	\$	13,263.57
R. LAPOINTE	\$	1,200.00
R. LAURENS	\$	70,012.04
J. LEBLANC	\$	71,825.02
A. LINDBERG	\$	43,970.86
J. LUCENA	\$	14,709.78
E. MACOMBER	\$	63,325.14
D. MANCUSO	\$	65,658.03
M. MANOSH	\$	41,283.52
R. MARSHALL	\$	62,329.81
M. MARTIN	\$	48,499.97

P. MATHIEU	\$	33,957.40
D. MILLS	\$	16,530.21
A. MURADIAN	\$	68,939.25
G. OSTOPOWICH	\$	64,812.04
S. PALMER-HOWES	\$	54,995.95
A. PANEHELLI	\$	28,304.96
D. PAPAIZIAN	\$	63,325.14
K. PEARSON	\$	14,219.64
J. PEPIN	\$	67,828.91
R. PLASSE	\$	68,525.14
K. RANDALL	\$	42,102.86
M. REILLY	\$	59,068.93
A. RICHARDS	\$	65,607.23
J. ROBB	\$	19,540.64
J. SAUTER	\$	64,157.23
K. SAVAGE	\$	38,386.30
J. M. SHANAHAN	\$	66,285.04
S. SIMONCINI	\$	52,582.61
D. SKARIN	\$	40,933.52
J. SWAYZE	\$	45,797.21
N. SWEENEY	\$	73,054.43
S. THULIN	\$	34,727.02
M. VEJACK	\$	39,266.84
R. WATSON	\$	42,326.90
R. WRIGHT	\$	36,929.79

MIDDLE SCHOOL

M. ASHBY	\$	46,058.20
S. ASHBY	\$	5,358.75
L. BACHAND	\$	47,197.21
J. BEDIGIAN	\$	54,549.82
D. BENNETT	\$	46,452.86
L. BENOIT	\$	46,128.52
B. BERARD	\$	54,099.82
N. BERTRAND	\$	45,998.86
L. BLANDING	\$	37,161.18
S. CHALMERS	\$	13,130.28
T. COADY	\$	54,933.24
A. COLONERO	\$	56,051.83
M. CONNELL	\$	41,617.32
E. COX	\$	13,454.28
S. DECATALDO	\$	19,809.34
J. DONOHUE	\$	53,949.84
J. DUQUETTE	\$	23,872.18
J. FLAYHAN	\$	50,820.41
K. GAUDETTE	\$	29,444.02

M. GAUTHIER	\$	68,629.81
L. GERAGHTY	\$	53,952.73
C. GNIADEK	\$	49,451.49
S. GUERRA	\$	32,605.16
M. HAZELWOOD	\$	59,857.23
D. JACQUES	\$	47,248.08
K. JENKINS	\$	52,111.30
J. JONCAS	\$	27,254.28
L. KAMATARIS	\$	50,273.24
R. KLEIN	\$	39,466.84
M. LARSON	\$	51,420.41
B. LEONARD	\$	43,047.96
K. LEVY	\$	64,312.04
P. MACEK	\$	63,325.14
M. MALONE	\$	64,312.04
K. MANCINI	\$	66,325.14
R. MCLAUGHLIN	\$	51,911.30
K. MCNEIL	\$	45,231.36
M. MORASSE	\$	65,330.79
R. MORO	\$	64,312.04
J. MURRAY	\$	65,962.04
G. NEALON	\$	62,579.81
C. NELSON	\$	64,637.04
M. OUELLETTE	\$	54,299.82
N. OUELLETTE	\$	58,957.23
R. PHILLIPS	\$	44,872.21
D. PLAUD	\$	68,939.25
D. POLLARD	\$	65,212.04
J. PROVOST	\$	47,029.48
C. RAMIAN	\$	39,629.79
C. REMIAN	\$	48,517.21
K. RHEAUME	\$	66,175.14
P. RITTER	\$	47,841.42
J. ROACH	\$	44,588.36
C. ROBINSON	\$	64,037.64
J. ROIX	\$	41,683.52
J. RUSSO	\$	72,679.81
D. SABOURIN	\$	38,386.30
N. SANKO	\$	64,827.04
K. SAWDON	\$	65,162.04
J. SKILLEN	\$	47,999.97
S. SMALL	\$	67,116.01
L. SNELGROVE	\$	54,099.82
T. SPADARO	\$	47,461.80
J. SPRATT	\$	64,852.04
J., STANELY	\$	41,899.98
B. STEEVES	\$	65,212.04

M. STINCHFIELD	\$	37,085.12
P. STOCKHAUS	\$	63,325.14
J. SULLIVAN	\$	55,028.52
L. SULLIVAN	\$	58,957.23
P. THISTLE	\$	65,825.14
S. TRAVERS	\$	67,262.04
K. WARCHOL	\$	79,115.89
K. WOOD	\$	37,892.50
K. WORTHINGTON	\$	54,703.74

PRIMARY SCHOOL

E. ABBONDANZA	\$	65,749.54
K. AVERKA	\$	63,325.14
L. BELLAVANCE	\$	2,106.56
J. BRIAND	\$	66,316.01
J. BRYAN	\$	24,504.52
D. BURKE	\$	13,084.34
C. CAPITE	\$	70,012.04
D. CEDERBAUM	\$	38,386.30
C. CIOFFI	\$	64,312.04
K. DAIGE	\$	37,109.25
C. FULLER	\$	63,325.14
K. GICAS	\$	13,559.34
E. GOSSELIN	\$	64,399.54
T. GOULD	\$	14,179.28
C. GRAHAM	\$	12,809.34
W. HAWKINS	\$	15,704.60
M. HUELIN	\$	38,386.30
A. JETTE	\$	38,386.30
M. JUGES	\$	63,325.14
J. KUCINSKAS	\$	62,329.81
D. LIGHT	\$	68,712.50
P. LINDERMAN	\$	13,454.28
E. LINGA	\$	65,700.46
B. MARTIN	\$	69,315.89
L. MCGEE	\$	39,341.84
C. NATHAN	\$	61,595.38
S. PERRON	\$	66,603.51
T. PHIPPS	\$	12,809.34
L. PROCOPIO	\$	41,132.62
M. RACICOT	\$	64,387.04
J. REDDING	\$	68,682.75
W. RIORDAN	\$	64,312.04
R. SHARY	\$	14,564.07
M. STRID	\$	68,812.52
S. TRINGALI	\$	61,159.04

	R. TROMBLEY	\$	69,300.02
	D. VERDOLINO	\$	66,675.02
	D. WARE	\$	52,665.90
	T. WILCOX	\$	45,479.69
	J. WING	\$	43,916.66
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	G. ARSENAULT	\$	92,999.92
	J. CARROLL	\$	73,384.54
	S. CULLEN	\$	83,499.91
	S. DIMARE	\$	67,829.97
	J. DORR	\$	25,769.20
	S. FALCONER	\$	65,534.88
	M. GAUTHIER	\$	91,999.83
	B. GONYEA	\$	88,499.97
	D. INCUTTO	\$	87,449.96
	C. JOHNSON	\$	101,749.83
	L. LANGILLE	\$	87,719.97
	B. L'HEUREUX	\$	51,730.70
	R. MEAGHER	\$	81,999.84
	G. MURRAY	\$	94,922.96
	M. ROSSETTI	\$	90,349.91
	J. SUSIENKA	\$	53,749.93
	J. ZANGHI	\$	86,499.92
	J. ZYWIEN	\$	91,468.98
SCHOOL SECRETARY	L. BARTOLINI	\$	8,323.25
	K. CHENIS	\$	8,641.60
	B. DUCLOS	\$	32,433.39
	E. FISHER	\$	32,433.39
	N. GANGAI	\$	45,149.53
	M. GUILBEAULT	\$	29,218.86
	D. HENEY	\$	32,433.39
	P. LUBAS	\$	32,433.39
	D. MORREALE	\$	32,520.89
	S. POITRAS	\$	32,433.39
	C. ROY	\$	4,254.49
	L. ST. PIERRE	\$	32,433.39
	M. SHENIAN	\$	32,433.39
	L. WHITE	\$	32,433.39
LUNCH AIDES	S. BEGGS	\$	2,926.00
	S. BICKFORD	\$	378.00
	N. CUSSON	\$	241.50
	L. FINNEGAN	\$	124.25
	K. HEALY	\$	1,375.50

C. KELLETT	\$	994.00
R. LACHAPELLE	\$	1,123.50
A. MOORE	\$	2,870.00
L. O'CALLAGHAN	\$	770.00
M. RICHARD	\$	3,172.75
D. ROSS	\$	19.25
A. SCHOTANUS	\$	96.25
C. STUART	\$	3,206.00
D. THOMPSON	\$	17.50
T. TOURVILLE	\$	364.00
A. WHEELER	\$	2,705.50

SUBS/AIDES

K. ADAMS	\$	8,162.70
N. ADAMS	\$	1,949.50
D. ALBERTELLI	\$	2,500.00
H. ALIX	\$	1,145.00
J. ANDONIAN	\$	21,101.90
J. ARCHIBALD JR	\$	10,059.50
D. ARIEL	\$	14,504.85
D. AUDETTE	\$	1,650.00
A. BALANCA	\$	50.00
R. BEAUDOIN	\$	225.00
M. BEAUREGARD	\$	15,464.98
D. BECCIA	\$	2,425.00
B. BEDROSIAN	\$	4,675.00
K. BELANGER	\$	14,888.95
M. BENOIT	\$	12,309.33
J. BIBBO	\$	900.00
R. BOBERG	\$	6,225.00
C. BOMBARD	\$	7,729.77
M. BORGHETTI	\$	125.00
D. BOTT	\$	14,697.60
S. BRADLEY	\$	225.00
K. BRAZAUSKAS	\$	150.00
W. BROUWER	\$	18,100.00
D. BROWN	\$	450.00
T. BROWN	\$	4,876.95
M. BRUNEAU	\$	375.00
J. CAFFERKY	\$	15,591.83
J. CAMARRA	\$	15,849.98
L. CAPISTRAN	\$	650.00
A. CAPITE	\$	200.00
C. CASSIDY	\$	2,100.00
J. CASTONGUAY	\$	3,800.00
S. CHAUVIN	\$	22,686.56

D. CICCONE	\$	20,767.22
L. CIRAS	\$	15,135.85
D. CLASBY	\$	100.00
D. CLASBY	\$	50.00
L. CLEMENTS	\$	6,800.10
M. COLLETTE	\$	5,295.25
C. COONEY	\$	5,468.35
M. CONTNIO	\$	52,213.36
M. COYLE	\$	12,503.01
T. CRANE	\$	1,700.00
D. CUNDIFF	\$	850.00
R. DAHL	\$	5,000.00
J. DEMAGIAN	\$	24,633.45
K. DEMERITT	\$	3,525.00
B. DENAULT	\$	3,600.00
A. DEROSIERS	\$	14,203.87
C. DESROSIERS	\$	13,493.75
M. DOBRO	\$	350.00
S. DORFMAN	\$	13,387.50
T. DOUVILLE	\$	3,200.00
J. DUJNIC	\$	2,985.18
R. DUMAS	\$	4,377.22
R. DUVARNEY	\$	150.00
L. FAY	\$	15,831.41
D. FLEMING	\$	6,176.40
R. FLEMING	\$	16,361.23
K. GALLAGHER	\$	12,644.74
J. GARREAU	\$	575.00
K. GARRON	\$	3,900.00
M. GAY	\$	15,304.15
Z. GIEGUCZ	\$	8,995.00
M. GILBERT	\$	6,100.00
S. GOLDSTEIN	\$	2,945.00
K. GRADY	\$	575.00
S. GRANVILLE	\$	4,257.74
A. GUERIN	\$	6,027.22
D. HAAGSMA	\$	600.00
C. HARRINGTON	\$	25,995.25
L. HARTWICK	\$	12,784.62
H. HOWARD	\$	8,888.95
J. IADAROLA	\$	3,921.66
D. ISABELLE	\$	21,498.22
C. JAMESON	\$	825.00
N. JANE JR	\$	1,920.00
P. JOHNSON	\$	5,651.95
T. JUSSAUME-RICHARDS	\$	225.00
A. KATZ	\$	3,025.00

ME. KEITH	\$	14,899.51
T. KOOPMAN	\$	18,370.87
P. KOSCIAK	\$	5,850.00
E. KOTZEN	\$	11,625.00
L. KRARUP	\$	500.00
V. KUIK	\$	150.00
E. LACAVA	\$	8,247.50
J. LACEY	\$	6,840.00
J. LACHAPELLE	\$	775.00
R. LAGUE	\$	2,175.00
K. LARIVIERE	\$	14,697.60
D. LARSON	\$	13,048.63
C. LAVALLEE	\$	47,005.56
D. LAVALLEE	\$	12,238.44
C. LEBEL	\$	15,658.62
S. LESSARD	\$	19,402.32
A. LUND	\$	11,697.94
D. MACDONALD	\$	200.00
G. MAGUIRE	\$	12,779.34
L. MAHONEY	\$	425.00
P. MAHONEY	\$	48,146.00
B. MALCOLM	\$	5,197.90
A. MARQUIS	\$	1,175.00
K. MASSOTTI	\$	120.00
K. MCCLOSKEY	\$	2,500.00
S. MCKINSTRY	\$	2,728.50
M. MCLAUGHLIN	\$	256.25
M. MCNEIL	\$	16,454.20
M. MELLEN	\$	375.00
C. METCALF	\$	17,268.52
D. MIEDEMA	\$	500.00
K. MIEDEMA	\$	900.00
J. MILLER	\$	75.00
C. MITCHELL	\$	38,611.30
A. MUCCI	\$	3,800.00
P. MULHALL	\$	12,584.13
K. NABBOUT	\$	15,390.94
S. NELSON	\$	75.00
S. NICOLETTI	\$	700.00
C. OBIUDU	\$	5,920.00
K. O'DONNELL	\$	1,875.00
P. PAINE	\$	17,018.95
S. PARSLOW	\$	375.00
K. PARZYCH	\$	1,475.00
C. PHELAN	\$	225.00
N. PIPER	\$	17.50
C. PLANTINGA	\$	125.00

D. QUINAMA	\$	13,539.05
L. RAPP	\$	5,149.40
A. RATCLIFFE	\$	2,925.00
N. RAWLINGS	\$	17,021.99
D. RHEAUME	\$	250.00
J. ROBINSON	\$	1,150.00
K. ROBINSON	\$	1,150.00
P. ROCHE	\$	4,139.40
S. ROCHE	\$	2,416.27
E. RUSSO	\$	550.00
J. SALEM	\$	23,610.50
E. SHUGRUE	\$	675.00
M. SMITH	\$	16,069.34
K. SNYDER	\$	12,488.86
B. STEELE	\$	1,450.00
S. STONE	\$	11,760.97
F. STROM	\$	500.00
C. SUSIENKA	\$	350.00
L. SUSIENKA	\$	11,897.82
S. SUSIENKA	\$	18,857.53
D. TAYLOR	\$	2,449.42
J. TESSIER	\$	2,000.00
N. THEROUX	\$	300.00
M. TRABULSI	\$	525.00
K. TYNAN	\$	18,122.45
S. WALLACE	\$	16,703.53
K. WITTENBERG	\$	75.00
L. YEO	\$	800.00
L. ZYWIEN	\$	15,355.80

\$	21,619,870.05
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COURT PAY, EXTRA DUTY, OR INCENTIVE**

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL HOURS

Mondays: 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays:
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Fridays: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fire Department.....911 or 508-234-2111
Ambulance.....911 or 508-234-2111
Police Department.....911 or 508-234-6211
Whitinsville Medical Center.....508-234-6311

TOWN DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control.....508-234-7416
Assessor's Office.....508-234-2740
Board of Health.....508-234-3272
 Animal Inspector.....508-234-2162
 Visiting Nurse Association.....508-473-0862
Code Enforcement:
 Building Inspector.....508-234-6577
 (Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors)
Conservation Commission.....508-234-0817
Council on Aging.....508-234-2002
Department of Public Works:
 Highway Division.....508-234-3581
 Sewer Division.....508-234-2154
 Water Division.....508-234-7358
Fire Department.....508-234-8448
Housing Authority.....508-234-7736
Library.....508-234-2151
Planning Board.....508-234-2447
Police Department.....508-234-6211
Retirement.....508-234-0820
School Administration.....508-234-8156
Selectmen / Town Manager.....508-234-2095
Town Accountant.....508-234-2263
Town Clerk.....508-234-2001
Treasurer/Collector.....508-234-5432
 Tax Collector.....508-234-5432
 Treasurer.....508-234-3212
Veterans' Services.....508-234-9808
Zoning Board of Appeals508-234-0819