

# **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**



**Northbridge, Massachusetts  
2005**

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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, 2005

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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, 2005:

Real Estate	\$1,534,042,510
Personal Property	<u>28,725,647</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,562,768,157</b>

Tax Rate: \$8.62 per thousand FY 2006

### Town Offices:

Northbridge Town Hall  
7 Main Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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

<b>Precinct 1</b>	Northbridge Middle School Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville
<b>Precinct 2</b>	American Legion Hall Church Avenue, Rockdale
<b>Precincts 3 &amp; 4</b>	Balmer Elementary School Crescent Street, Whitinsville

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Russell D. Collins, Chairman	Term expires 2006
Joseph J. Montecalvo	Term expires 2007
Charles Ampagoomian, Jr.	Term expires 2007
William Audette	Term expires 2008
John A. Davis	Term expires 2008

### **MODERATOR**

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

David Ducey	Term expires 2006
Kristin Burns	Term expires 2006
Karen Rosati	Term expires 2006
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

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Denis LaTour, Chairman	Term expires 2006
Harry Berkowitz	Term expires 2007
Barbara Gaudette, Vice Chairman	Term expires 2007
Robert Clark	Term expires 2008
Edward Palmer	Term expires 2008
Roger J. Dionne/*Associate Member	Term expires 2008

\*(Appointed by Planning Board & Board of Selectmen)

### **TRUSTEES SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL**

Russell D. Collins, Board of Selectmen	Chap. 4I, Sec. 105
Thomas Farley	Term expires 2006
Joseph Williamson	Term expires 2007
Philip R. Cyr	Term expires 2007
Spaulding Aldrich	Term expires 2008
Lawrence Long	Term expires 2008

### **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Lee Gaudette (STATE APPOINTEE)	Term expired 1999
Sharron Ampagoomian (5-yr)	Term expires 2006
Vacancy (2-yr)	Term expires 2007
Vacancy (3-yr)	Term expires 2008
Shirley Noel (4-yr)	Term expires 2009

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Janet King	Term expires 2006
Carolyn Lavallee (State Appointee)	Term expires 2006
Lorraine Bell	Term expires 2008
Mary Frances Powers, Chairman	Term expires 2009
Barbara S. Chandler	Term expires 2010

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Joan Gautreau (*until State Election in 11/2006)	Term expires 2006
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**SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS**

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Leonard Kopelman	Term expires 6/30/06
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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**

John Gosselin	Term expires 2006
Walter Convent, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Varkis Arakelian	Term expires 2008

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

James Marzec	Term expires 2006
Scott Chase	Term expires 2006
Diane Mackintosh	Term expires 2007
Paul McKeon	Term expires 2008
Anne Marie Thompson	Term expires 2008

**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**

Beverly Keeler		Term expires 2006
Helen Sughrue, Chairman		Term expires 2007
John H. Baker		Term expires 2008
Doreen Cedrone, Town Clerk		Term expires 2008

**BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Neal Mitchell	(Selectmen)	Term expires 2006
Peter Barbadora, Chair	(Moderator)	Term expires 2006
Patrick Smith	(Selectmen)	Term expires 2007
George Murray	(Moderator)	Term expires 2007
Donald K. Lange	(School Comm.)	Term expires 2007
David R. Morrow	(Selectmen)	Term expires 2008
Christopher Thompson	(Moderator)	Term expires 2008

**CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Jeffrey Ellis		Term expires 2006
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

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Andrew J. Chagnon, Chairman		Term expires 2006
Paul Klocek		Term expires 2006
Wyatt J. Mills		Term expires 2006
Roger L. Jewell		Term expires 2007
Terence Bradley		Term expires 2007
Cheryl Peckham		Term expires 2008
Robert Anderson		Term expires 2008

**CONSTABLES** (Terms expire 2008)

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

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Sidney Koopman, Jr.		Term expires 2006
Theodore Lachapelle		Term expires 2006
Thomas Sullivan		Term expires 2006
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
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Burnham P. Miller	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Wilson Paul Bourgeois	Term expires 2006
Nola Stefancyk, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Edmund Quigley	Term expires 2007
Kathryn Barry Ducey	Term expires 2007
Amy Stark	Term expires 2008
Caroline Ramian	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008

**DISABILITY COMMISSION**

Vacancy	Term expires 2006
Vacancy	Term expires 2007
Jon Frieswick	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
Vacancy	Term expires 2008

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Paula McCowan	Term expires 2006
Jason Keefe	Term expires 2006
Donald E. Gosselin	Term expires 2006
Kenneth Warchol, Chairman	Term expires 2007
Joseph J. Plaud	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
David Potty	Term expires 2008

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY & COMMISSION**

Vacancy	Term expires 2006	Vacancy	Term expires 2009
Vacancy	Term expires 2007	Vacancy	Term expires 2010
Vacancy	Term expires 2008	Vacancy	Term expires 2010
Vacancy	Term expires 2008		

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

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

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

William F. Lavallee, Chairman	Term expires 2006
Peter Lachapelle	Term expires 2006
Peter Mimmo	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008

**PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Bruce Frieswick Term expires 2006  
Craig Bachman Term expires 2007  
Michael Wytenus Term expires 2007  
Kenneth W. Taylor, Chairman Term expires 2008  
Bridget Curley Term expires 2008  
John Phelan Term expires 2008  
Caryn Gagner Term expires 2008

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

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

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** (Terms expire 6/30/2006)

Thomas Melia George Murray Gary Nestor  
R. Gary Bechtholdt Peter Bedigian Richard R. Sasseville  
Joseph Montecalvo **Alternate:** James Sheehan

**YOUTH COMMISSION**

Harold E. Mathon Term expires 2006  
Vacancy Term expires 2007  
Vacancy Term expires 2008  
Vacancy Term expires 2008  
Student Representative/Vacancy Term expires 8/30/05  
Student Representative/Vacancy Term expires 8/30/05  
Student Representative/Vacancy Term expires 8/30/05

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

William Corkum Term expires 2006  
Carol B. Snow Term expires 2007  
Thomas E. Hansson, Chairman Term expires 2008  
Sharron W. Ampagoomian Term expires 2009  
Diane Woupio Term expires 2010

**ZBA Associate Members**

Vacancy Term expires 2006  
Vacancy Term expires 2006  
Harold Hartman Term expires 2007  
Stephen Witkus Term expires 2007

**TOWN MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS**

**ANIMAL CONTROL & DOG OFFICER**

Chauvin Protective Services, Inc. (Daniel Chauvin) Term expires 5/1/06

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Daniel Chauvin Term expires 4/30/06

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Henry Nydam Term expires 6/30/06

**ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR**

J. Herve Guertin

Term expires 6/30/06

**FENCE VIEWERS**

James Sheehan

Term expires 6/30/06

Vacancy

Term expires 6/30/06

**FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN**

Gary A. Nestor

**GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Richard Wunschel

Term expires 6/30/06

**ASSISTANT GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Larry Wiersma

Term expires 6/30/06

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS & ZONING OFFICER**

James Sheehan

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

M. Christine McLaughlin

**PARKING CLERK**

Robert E. Wheeler

Term expires 6/30/06

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief, Thomas J. Melia III

**LOCKUP OFFICER**

Police Chief, Thomas J. Melia

Term expires 6/30/06

**AUXILIARY POLICE / EMERG. MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Richard D. West, Captain

David Jessing

Walter Lisak

**PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR**

Robert Fitzgerald

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

DPW Director, Richard R. Sasseville

Tree Warden, Richard R. Sasseville

Highway Superintendent, Arthur Magowan

Sewer Superintendent, James Madigan

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES/Measurer of Wood & Bark**

Edward Seidler

Term expires 6/30/06

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Theresa Cenedella Term expires 6/30/06

**TOWN CLERK**

Doreen Cedrone Term expires 2/9/07

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Joyce Morin Term expires 6/30/06

**REGIONAL VETERANS' SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Kenneth Trajanowski Term expires 6/30/06

**YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR**

Vacancy Term expires 6/30/06

**TOWN MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS**

**BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

Neal Mitchell	(Sel.)	Term expires 2006
Peter Barbadora, Chair	(Mod.)	Term expires 2006
Patrick Smith	(Sel.)	Term expires 2007
George Murray	(Mod.)	Term expires 2007
Donald K. Lange	(School Comm.)	Term expires 2007
David R. Morrow	(Sel.)	Term expires 2008
Christopher Thompson	(Mod.)	Term expires 2008

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mary Frances Powers, Chairman	Term expires 2006
Constance M. Valois	Term expires 2006
Walter F. Drew, Jr.	Term expires 2007
James V. Ouellet	Term expires 2007
Vacancy	Term expires 2008
James Barron	Term expires 2008
Andrew Todd, Jr.	Term expires 2008

**EARTH REMOVAL BOARD**

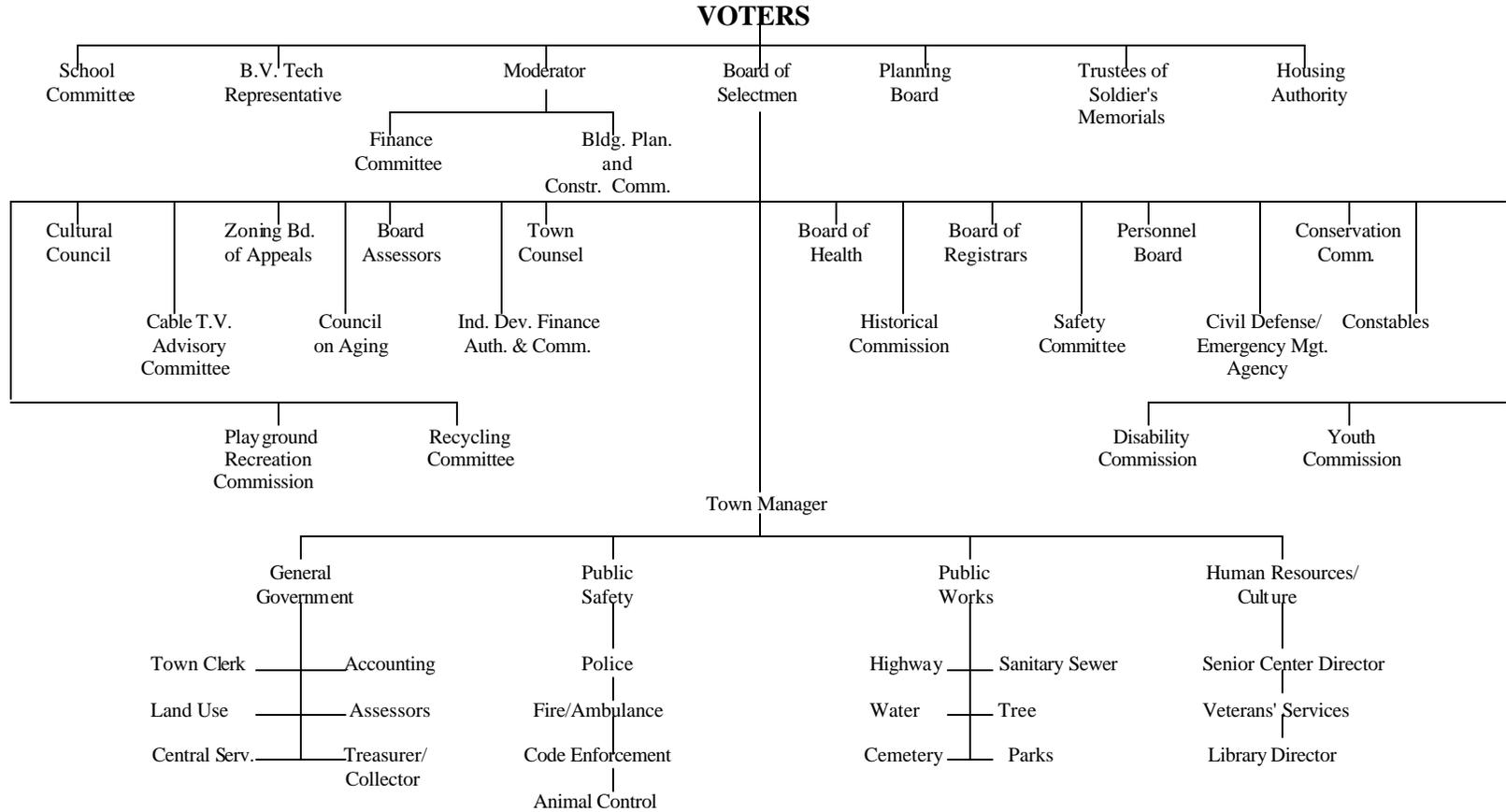
Harry Berkowitz (Plan. Bd.) - Chairman	Paul Klocek (Cons. Comm.)
Richard Sasseville (DPW)	Vacancy (BOS) James Marzec (BOH)

**NORTHBRIDGE RETIREMENT BOARD**

Neil Vaidya, Acting Town Acct.	(Ex Officio)	Chap. 32, S. 20
Sharon Susienka, Vice-Chair	(By Selectmen)	Term expires 2/24/06
Muriel Barry	(Election by Members)	Term expires 6/30/06
John Meagher, Chairman	of Retirement System)	Term expires 6/30/06
Jeanne Sohigian	(Ret. Board Appt.)	Term expires 6/30/06

# TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE - ORGANIZATION CHART

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**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Statement of Indebtedness**  
**Fiscal Year 2005**

Purpose	Outstanding July 1, 2004	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding June 30, 2005	Interest Paid in FY'05
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT:</b>					
<b><u>BONDS:</u></b>					
<b>Inside the Debt Limit</b>					
MWPAT (4)	8,161,811.00		389,962.00	7,771,849.00	396,149.51
High School-Land	1,350,000.00		90,000.00	1,260,000.00	66,600.00
Sub-Total Inside Debt Limit	9,511,811.00	0.00	479,962.00	9,031,849.00	462,749.51
<b>Outside the Debt Limit</b>					
High School-Building	25,200,000.00		1,400,000.00	23,800,000.00	1,240,750.00
TITLE V -#1	168,389.00		10,539.00	157,850.00	0.00
TITLE V -#2	89,575.00		4,954.00	84,621.00	
Sewer-Edgemere	1,165,000.00		130,000.00	1,035,000.00	29,847.52
Water Main-Benson, Hill & Kelly	675,000.00		80,000.00	595,000.00	17,268.75
Sub-Total Outside Debt Limit	27,297,964.00	0.00	1,625,493.00	25,672,471.00	1,287,866.27
<b>GRAND TOTAL-LTD</b>	<b>36,809,775.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,105,455.00</b>	<b>34,704,320.00</b>	<b>1,750,615.78</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Bonds Authorized & Unissued**  
**At June 30, 2005**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>T.M. Date</b>	<b>Article #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Rescinded</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Balance</b>
			<b>Authorized</b>				<b>Unissued</b>
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	1,150,000.00			450,000.00	1,600,000.00
SEWER SIPHON # 2	11/18/03	5	250,000.00				250,000.00
			<u>2,670,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>3,120,000.00</u>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Capital Projects Fund (30) - FY 2005**

		FY 2004 Encumbered	ATM June.04	ATM Nov.04	Bond/Loan/X-Fers Proceeds	Expended	Continued Approp.	Closed to Fund Balance
<b>Capital Articles:</b>								
30009810-589100	Town Hall Access ATM Art#10 11/98	61,640.30	0.00		0.00	0.00	61,640.30	0.00
30009901-589100	TH Roof Replac Art#1 STM 2/99	11,563.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	11,563.00	0.00
30009306-589100	Balmer Sch Roof Art#6 ATM 5/93	32,683.80	0.00		0.00	9,875.00	22,808.80	0.00
30009316-589100	Balmer Hdcp Access Art#6 5/93	6,525.00	0.00		0.00	6,525.00	0.00	0.00
30009714-589100	Sutton St Mains Art#14 5/97	(769.00)	0.00		0.00	0.00	-769.00	0.00
30009917-589100	Prov Road Art# 17 ATM 11/99	30,047.77	0.00		0.00	0.00	30,047.77	0.00
30009911-589100	Edgemere Art# 11 ATM 11/99	179,363.00	0.00		0.00	64,407.10	114,955.90	0.00
30009813-589100	Library-Circulation Art#13 5/98	14,141.22	0.00		0.00	12,218.62	1,922.60	0.00
30006300-589140	Parks-Soccer Fields Art#12 ATM/95	9,386.42	0.00		0.00	0.00	9,386.42	0.00
30064400-583000	Bens.Kell.Hill WTR MNArt#15-00	(8,470.69)	0.00		0.00	0.00	-8,470.69	0.00
30014400-578000	Wastewater Trt Art#10 10/96	195,640.03	0.00		0.00	52,794.32	142,845.71	0.00
30024400-578000	Union St Sewer Art#11 10/96	41,308.21	0.00		0.00	0.00	41,308.21	0.00
30034400-578000	Sutton St SewerArt#12 10/96	(3,917.40)	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,917.40	0.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	569,141.66	0.00		0.00	145,820.04	423,321.62	<b>0.00</b>
							0.00	
30503300-578000	School Const- HS Art#2 STM 11/98	199,385.91	0.00		0.00	156,032.24	43,353.67	0.00
30520211-589003	Primary Schl Roof Art#11 6/02	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30530310-589003	Schl Admin Roof Art# 10 6/03	581.90	0.00		0.00	0.00	581.90	0.00
30540413-589100	Aldrich School Roof Art#13 11/03	91,893.69	0.00	(50,000.00)	550,000.00	341,010.84	250,882.85	0.00
30550412-589100	U.S.TANK-Aldrich Schl Art#	98,425.00	0.00		0.00	19,515.00	78,910.00	0.00
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	390,286.50	0.00		550,000.00	516,558.08	373,728.42	0.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>959,428.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>550,000.00</b>	<b>662,378.12</b>	<b>797,050.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Trust Fund Activity**  
**Fiscal Year 2005**

	<b>Fund Balance July 1, 2004</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers (Out)</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2005</b>
<b>Expendable Trusts:</b>							
Stabilization Fund	3,073,527.83	-	62,768.09	-	400,000.00	(1,194,179.00)	2,342,116.92
Law Enforcement	37,773.96	4,519.80	183.87	2,647.00	-	-	39,830.63
Memorial Hall	9,593.82	-	1,332.22	-	-	-	10,926.04
Historical Preservation	1,967.57	-	39.09	-	-	-	2,006.66
Conservation Fund	266.76	-	22.37	-	-	-	289.13
Sara Dawley Playground	320.85	-	26.91	-	-	-	347.76
Cemetery Trust	13,354.51	-	1,235.28	-	-	-	14,589.79
Cemetery Perpetual Care	9,258.77	-	251.71	-	-	-	9,510.48
Sara Dawley Scholarship	2,514.97	-	161.19	150.00	-	-	2,526.16
Elsa Mason Conservation	17,361.90	-	1,275.38	-	-	-	18,637.28
Health Insurance Trust	940,454.31	3,936,741.79	21,030.58	4,724,119.34	-	-	174,107.34
	<u>4,106,395.25</u>	<u>3,941,261.59</u>	<u>88,326.69</u>	<u>4,726,916.34</u>	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>(1,194,179.00)</u>	<u>2,614,888.19</u>
<b>Non-Expendable Trusts:</b>							
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u><b>4,274,988.76</b></u>	<u><b>3,941,261.59</b></u>	<u><b>88,326.69</b></u>	<u><b>4,726,916.34</b></u>	<u><b>400,000.00</b></u>	<u><b>(1,194,179.00)</b></u>	<u><b>2,783,481.70</b></u>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**FY 2005 GAAP Basis - General Fund**

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2004 Encumbered	JUN A.T.M. 6/04 Budget	NOV A.T.M.11/04 Supplement	JAN S.T.M. 01/05 Supplement	MAR S.T.M. 03/05 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	FY 2006 Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
122 SELECTMEN									
Compensation		5,150.00					5,150.00		0.00
Expenses	0.00	76,230.00				10,000.00	86,067.21	0.00	162.79
123 TOWN MANAGER									
Personnel		157,700.00		-15,000.00		0.00	139,083.46	0.00	3,616.04
Expenses	40.00	6,370.00					6,298.66	0.00	111.34
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE									
Personnel							5,184.01		-5,184.01
Expenses	0.00	15,000.00				0.00	7,434.29	0.00	7,565.71
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT									
Personnel		105,538.00		-4,000.00		2,380.00	99,855.61	0.00	4,062.39
Expenses	1,800.00	28,130.00	21,000.00			-2,380.00	47,543.18		1,006.82
141 ASSESSORS									
Personnel		129,266.00					129,529.73	0.00	-263.73
Expenses	0.00	7,968.00					6,149.03	0.00	1,818.97
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR									
Personnel		164,919.00					159,852.38	0.00	5,066.62
Expenses	150.00	44,855.00		-10,682.00			25,095.09	0.00	9,227.91
155 INFORMATION SYSTEMS									
Personnel		53,263.00					53,261.50	0.00	1.50
Expenses	0.00	67,255.00					66,835.67	0.00	419.33
161 TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS									
Personnel		79,184.00					79,183.74	0.00	0.26
Expenses	12.00	41,248.00					31,706.43	3,500.00	6,053.57
175 LAND USE									
Conservation Personnel		12,684.00					12,619.55	0.00	64.45
Conservation Expenses		1,650.00					1,016.71	460.00	173.29
Planning Bd Personnel		62,788.00					62,721.67	0.00	66.33
Planning Bd Expenses		13,917.00					6,900.14	6,533.99	482.87
Zoning/Appeals Bd Personnel		6,786.00					6,759.90	0.00	26.10
Zoning/Appeals Bd Expenses	0.00	4,706.00				659.75	5,227.87		137.88
192 TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES									
Personnel		0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	297.00	62,281.00					62,029.71	4.58	543.71
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2,299.00</b>	<b>1,146,888.00</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>-29,682.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,659.75</b>	<b>1,105,505.54</b>	<b>10,498.57</b>	<b>35,160.14</b>
210 POLICE									
Personnel		1,877,406.00		-127,000.00			1,632,591.83		117,814.17
Expenses	20,694.44	244,700.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00			235,634.58		29,759.86
220 FIRE									
Personnel		413,539.00	19,607.00	-19,607.00			411,851.44	0.00	1,687.56
Expenses	0.00	357,555.00		-10,393.00			283,014.07	56,780.30	7,367.63

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2004 Encumbered	A.T.M. 6/04 Budget	A.T.M.11/04 Supplement	S.T.M. 01/05 Supplement	S.T.M. 3/05 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
230 AMBULANCE									
Personnel		407,474.00					365,560.02	0.00	41,913.98
Expenses	0.00	53,555.00					53,346.07	200.00	8.93
240 CODE ENFORCEMENT									
Personnel		108,575.00				4,846.00	113,244.41	0.00	176.59
Expenses	0.00	8,255.00					7,618.05	0.00	636.95
291 CIVIL DEFENSE									
Expenses	0.00	16,540.00					8,827.27	0.00	7,712.73
292 ANIMAL CONTROL									
Expenses	0.00	10,852.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00			10,714.22	0.00	137.78
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>20,694.44</b>	<b>3,498,451.00</b>	<b>39,607.00</b>	<b>-177,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,846.00</b>	<b>3,122,401.96</b>	<b>56,980.30</b>	<b>207,216.18</b>
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	-	16,443,194.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	16,442,446.00	-	748.00
TRANSPORTATION		837,000.00					837,000.00		0.00
350 TRADE SCHOOL		142,145.00					49,775.00	-	92,370.00
350 BLACKSTONE VALLEY REG VOC.		870,953.00					870,953.00		0.00
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,293,292.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,200,174.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>93,118.00</b>
422 HIGHWAY DIVISION									
Personnel		447,112.00		-2,000.00			413,330.17	0	31,781.83
Expenses	17.58	253,150.00					249,587.12	3,302.70	277.76
423 SNOW & ICE									
Expenses	0.00	60,000.00				0.00	341,562.64	0.00	-281,562.64
425 TREE MAINTENANCE									
Expenses	0.00	10,725.00				0.00	8,459.10	0.00	2,265.90
429 PARK MAINTENANCE									
Personnel		7,500.00		-2,000.00			6,281.83	0.00	-781.83
Expenses	0.00	12,600.00			0.00	0.00	11,200.73	785.40	613.87
440 WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL									
Expenses	16,771.71	153,862.00					140,999.11		29,634.60
491 CEMETERY									
Personnel		2,000.00		-2,000.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Expenses	0.00	1,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	467.35	0.00	857.65
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>16,789.29</b>	<b>948,274.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-6,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,171,888.05</b>	<b>4,088.10</b>	<b>-216,912.86</b>
189 BLDG & CONSTRUCTION									0.00
Expenses	6,000.00	34,000.00		-17,500.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	22,500.00
	6,000.00	34,000.00	0.00	-17,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,500.00
510 BOARD OF HEALTH									
Personnel		33,929.00					33,799.50	0.00	129.50
Expenses	0.00	27,490.00					25,555.80	0.00	1,934.20
541 COUNCIL ON AGING									
Personnel		77,861.00					77,737.66	0.00	123.34
Expenses	5,235.96	33,803.00					35,044.08	0.00	3,994.88
542 YOUTH COMMISSION									
Personnel		0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	FY 2004 Encumbered	A.T.M. 6/04 Budget	A.T.M.11/04 Supplement	S.T.M. 01/05 Supplement	S.T.M. 03/05 Supplement	Transfers	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
543 VETERANS									
Personnel		31,500.00					31,500.89	0.00	-0.89
Expenses	0.00	28,905.00	1,219.00				23,311.57	100.00	6,712.43
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>5,235.96</b>	<b>233,488.00</b>	<b>1,219.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>226,949.50</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12,893.46</b>
610 LIBRARY									
Personnel		176,762.00					174,098.01	0.00	2,663.99
Expenses	0.00	22,950.00					22,941.12	0.00	8.88
630 RECREATION									
Personnel & Expenses	950.00	46,475.00				0.00	44,572.37		2,852.63
Youth League Equipment		0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION									
Expenses	0.00	250.00					0.00	0.00	250.00
692 MEMORIALS									
Memorials-Expenses	0	3,795.00	1,281.00				4,774.58	0.00	301.42
Soldier's Memorials	0.00	1,855.00	5,000.00				3,585.42	0.00	3,269.58
439 RECYCLING									
Personnel		730.00					508.65	0.00	221.35
Expenses	0.00	5,633.00			0.00		5,386.76	0.00	246.24
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>258,450.00</b>	<b>6,281.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>255,866.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,814.09</b>
710 DEBT SERVICE									
Principal		1,535,539.00				18,039.00	1,491,100.00	0.00	62,478.00
Interest		1,307,350.00				0.00	1,307,350.00	0.00	0.00
Short Term Interest		57,500.00					62.14		57,437.86
BVRs Debt	0.00	155,134.00	0.00				155,134.00	0.00	0.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,055,523.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,039.00</b>	<b>2,953,646.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>119,915.86</b>
910 NON-DEPARTMENTAL									0.00
Retirement System	0.00	900,680.00					895,614.60	0.00	5,065.40
Worker's Comp	0.00	77,452.00					44,406.00		33,046.00
Unemployment Comp.	3,000.00	303,386.00		-160,000.00		-14,400.00	49,866.88	3,000.00	79,119.12
Employee Ins. Benefits	0.00	3,360,384.00				0.00	3,390,747.01	-	-30,363.01
Property & Liability		190,000.00				4,400.00	194,371.20	0	28.80
Reserve for Wage Adj.		0.00		0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
Stabilization Fund		0.00	400,000.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Insurance		0.00					7,379.81		-7,379.81
Reserve Fund	0.00	100,000.00		0.00	0.00	(659.75)		0.00	99,340.25
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>4,931,902.00</b>	<b>400,000.00</b>	<b>-160,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-10,659.75</b>	<b>4,582,385.50</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>178,856.75</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGETS</b>	<b>54,968.69</b>	<b>32,400,268.00</b>	<b>468,107.00</b>	<b>-390,182.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,885.00</b>	<b>31,618,817.60</b>	<b>74,666.97</b>	<b>462,561.62</b>

City Assessment = 95,649.00

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**FY 2005 GAAP Basis - Sewer Enterprise Fund**

	<b>FY 2004 Encumbered</b>	<b>A.T.M. 6/04 Budget</b>	<b>A.T.M.11/04 Supplement</b>	<b>S.T.M. 01/05 Supplement</b>	<b>S.T.M. 03/05 Supplement</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Retained Earnings</b>
OPERATING:									
Personnel		366,493.00					363,006.57		3,486.43
Expenses	30,679.91	1,535,000.00					1,228,152.17	30,679.91	306,847.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	30,679.91	1,901,493.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,591,158.74	30,679.91	310,334.26

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**FY 2005 GAAP Basis - Water Enterprise Fund**

	<b>FY 2004 Encumbered</b>	<b>A.T.M. 6/04 Budget</b>	<b>A.T.M.11/04 Supplement</b>	<b>S.T.M. 01/05 Supplement</b>	<b>S.T.M. 03/05 Supplement</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>Closed to Retained Earnings</b>
OPERATING:									
Personnel		15,830.00					14,130.82		1,699.18
Expenses	0.00	725,405.00					609,196.21	0.00	116,208.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.00	741,235.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623,327.03	0.00	117,907.97

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

\*\*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	3,878,560.68	3,490,436.49	981,738.69	3,124,597.91	2,771,319.30	647,272.52		14,893,925.59
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE	1,546.62							1,546.62
REAL ESTATE TAX RECEIVABLE	209,708.56							209,708.56
ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEM.	(230,202.38)							(230,202.38)
TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE	289,057.54							289,057.54
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REC.	216,925.35							216,925.35
WATER LIENS								
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	(215.59)	352,389.95	106,736.43	803,712.20				1,262,622.99
DUE FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL		994,443.10						994,443.10
DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL	37.55							37.55
DUE FROM SPECIAL REVENUE	39.09							39.09
DUE FROM ENTERPRISE	16,245.14							16,245.14
PRE-PAID TAXES	(171,317.51)							
TAX FORECLOSURES	6,150.32							6,150.32
BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS CUMULATIVE DEPRECIATION		(89,575.00)						
L.T.D.GROUP-TO BE PROVIDED							34,704,320.00	34,614,745.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,217,010.37</b>	<b>4,747,694.54</b>	<b>1,088,475.12</b>	<b>3,928,310.11</b>	<b>2,771,319.30</b>	<b>647,272.52</b>	<b>34,704,320.00</b>	<b>52,104,401.96</b>
WARRANTS PAYABLE	476,436.26	219,417.12	12,497.00	559,819.68	1,042.52	(47,302.45)		1,221,910.13
ACCRUED PAYROLL	911,584.12	84,390.92						995,975.04
W/H PAYABLES	31,027.12							31,027.12
ABANDONED PROPERTY AND UNCLAIMED	56,357.23							56,357.23
RETAINAGE PAYABLE								
DUE TO TRUST & AGENCY				16,245.14				16,245.14
GUARANTEED DEPOSITS						694,574.97		694,574.97
DEFERRED REVENUE RE/PP	(18,844.43)							(18,844.43)
DEFERRED REVENUE TAX LIENS	289,057.54							289,057.54
DEFERRED REVENUE TAX FORECLOSURE	6,150.32							6,150.32
DEFERRED REVENUE MOTOR VEHICLE	217,498.93							217,498.93
DEFERRED REVENUE WATER LIEN (TT)								
DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		1,334,013.05	106,736.43	803,712.20				2,244,461.68
BANS PAYABLE								
L.T.D.GROUP-PAYABLE							34,704,320.00	34,704,320.00
Total Liabilities	1,969,267.09	1,637,821.09	119,233.43	1,379,777.02	1,042.52	647,272.52	34,704,320.00	40,458,733.67
INVEST.-GIFTS	151,964.27							151,964.27
F.B.RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	74,666.97	1,368.02		165,064.59				241,099.58
F.B.RESERVED FOR CONTINUING APPROP.	177,137.60			1,060,481.74				1,237,619.34
F.B.RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES	779,671.00							779,671.00
F/B RESERVE-SNOW/ICE DEFICIT	(281,562.64)							(281,562.64)
F.B.RESERVED FOR OVER/UNDER ASSMNT.								
F.B.RESERVED FOR UNPROVIDED ABMNTS								
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	1,345,866.08	3,108,505.43	969,241.69	1,322,986.76	2,770,276.78			9,516,876.74
Total Fund Balance	2,247,743.28	3,109,873.45	969,241.69	2,548,533.09	2,770,276.78			11,645,668.29
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>	<b>4,217,010.37</b>	<b>4,747,694.54</b>	<b>1,088,475.12</b>	<b>3,928,310.11</b>	<b>2,771,319.30</b>	<b>647,272.52</b>	<b>34,704,320.00</b>	<b>52,104,401.96</b>
BONDS AUTHORIZED							(3,120,000.00)	(3,120,000.00)
BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED							3,120,000.00	3,120,000.00

\*\*\*EXCLUDES PENSION FUND

<b>LONG-TERM DEBT GROUPS</b>		<b>9001 LTDG</b>	<b>9001 LTDG</b>	<b>9001 LTDG</b>	<b>9001 LTDG</b>
		<b>July 1, 2004</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>June 30, 2005</b>
199600	BONDS - AMT.TO BE PROV.FOR PYM	36,809,775.00	401,103.51	2,506,558.51	34,704,320.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>36,809,775.00</b>	<b>401,103.51</b>		<b>34,704,320.00</b>
2941/42	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SCHOOL	1,350,000.00		90,000.00	1,260,000.00
294300	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SEWER	257,964.00		15,493.00	242,471.00
294500	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SEWER	8,161,811.00	401,103.51	791,065.51	7,771,849.00
294600	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SEWER	1,165,000.00		130,000.00	1,035,000.00
294610	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-WATER	675,000.00		80,000.00	595,000.00
294400	BONDS-PAYABLE-OUTSIDE DEBT-SCH.CONST.	25,200,000.00		1,400,000.00	23,800,000.00
	Total Liabilities	36,809,775.00	401,103.51	2,506,558.51	34,704,320.00
376000	BONDS - BONDS AUTHORIZED	(1,270,000.00)		1,850,000.00	(3,120,000.00)
377000	BONDS - BONDS AUTHORIZED AND U	1,270,000.00	1,850,000.00		3,120,000.00
	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Bal.</b>	<b>36,809,775.00</b>	<b>2,251,103.51</b>	<b>4,356,558.51</b>	<b>34,704,320.00</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Water Enterprise Fund - FY 2005**

	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>ATM</b>	<b>Bond/Loan</b>		<b>Continued</b>	<b>Closed to</b>
	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>11/04</b>	<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Approp.</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>
		<b>6/04</b>				
Personnel	0.00	15,830.00	0.00	14,236.77	0.00	1,593.23
Expenses	0.00	725,405.00	0.00	557,562.01	75,200.43	92,642.56
Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>741,235.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>571,798.78</b>	<b>75,200.43</b>	<b>94,235.79</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Sewer Enterprise Fund - FY 2005**

	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>ATM</b>	<b>STM</b>		<b>Continued</b>	<b>Closed to</b>
	<b>Encumbered</b>	<b>11/04</b>	<b>3/05</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Approp.</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>
		<b>6/04</b>	<b>1/05</b>			
Personnel	0.00	366,493.00	0.00	369,853.17	0.00	-3,360.17
Expenses	30,679.91	1,435,811.00	0.00	1,230,728.23	71,129.20	164,633.48
In Kind Cost & Reserve	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	108,609.72	18,734.96	-27,344.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,679.91</b>	<b>1,902,304.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,709,191.12</b>	<b>89,864.16</b>	<b>133,928.63</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Special Revenue Fund - FY 2005**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance	
		July 1, 2004	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2005
<b>Federal Grants:</b>							
2209-359000	After School	-2,633.82				0.00	-2,633.82
2210-359000	Sped Curr Frameworks	-90.25				0.00	-90.25
2211-359000	PL 94-142	-277.41				0.00	-277.41
2212-359000	Integrated Preschool	-58.12				0.00	-58.12
2214 -359000	Health Grant	1,554.43			1,554.43	0.00	0.00
2215-359000	MEAP	-136.68				0.00	-136.68
2226-359000	FY'03 50/50 SPED Program	(13,250.92)				0.00	-13,250.92
2227-359000	FY'04 SPED 94-142 Allocation	39,489.98			39,489.98	0.00	0.00
2228-359000	FY'04 SPED Prog Improvement	7,742.03			7,742.03	0.00	0.00
2229-359000	FY'04 Integrated Pre School	716.13			716.13	0.00	0.00
2230-359000	FY'04 Title I Distribution	4,796.97			4,796.97	0.00	0.00
2231-359000	FY'04 Title IIA Tchr Quality	1,648.00			1,648.00	0.00	0.00
2232-359000	FY'04 Title IIA Enh ED Thru Tec	1,120.00			1,120.00	0.00	0.00
2233-359000	FY'04 Title IV Drug Free School	1,311.45			1,311.45	0.00	0.00
2235-359000	FY'04 Public Health Grant	797.41			797.41	0.00	0.00
2236-359000	FY'04 SPED Electronic Portfolio	68.44			68.44	0.00	0.00
2237-359000	FY'04 SPED Corrective Action	4,946.08			4,946.08	0.00	0.00
2238-359000	FY'05 TITLE I Fed Grant	0.00		223,591.00	217,080.50	0.00	6,510.50
2239-359000	FY'05 SPED Prog Improvement	0.00		13,566.00	5,443.99	0.00	8,122.01
2240-359000	FY'05 SPED 94-142 Allocation	0.00		556,728.00	498,707.18	0.00	58,020.82
2241-359000	FY'05 Title IIA Tchr Quality	0.00		89,597.00	84,790.96	0.00	4,806.04
2242-359000	FY'05 Title IID Enh ED Thru Tec	0.00		6,008.00	6,008.00	0.00	0.00
2243-359000	FY'05 Title IV Drug Free School	0.00		11,017.00	9,767.51	0.00	1,249.49
2244-359000	FY'05 Title V	0.00		4,673.00	4,673.00	0.00	0.00
2245-359000	FY'05 Integrated Pre School	0.00		18,164.00	16,622.37	0.00	1,541.63
1200-359000	CDBG	43,367.32		473,700.00	545,428.64	0.00	-28,361.32
1206-359000	CDBG FY'03	-103,079.98		417,051.25	296,949.48	0.00	17,021.79
1207-359000	CDBG FY'04	0.00		234,800.00	227,254.90	0.00	7,545.10
1208-359000	CopsFast	18,750.00		12,500.00	0.00	0.00	31,250.00
1211-359000	South County Drug Task	-23,784.12		33,773.07	13,649.98	0.00	-3,661.03
1212 -359000	Cops More	175.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
1213 -359000	Prob. Solv. Partnership	372.53		0.00	0.00	0.00	372.53
1215-359000	Sch Based Partnership-Cops	-1,301.15		0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,301.15
1219-359000	B.V. Heritage Corridor Commission	14,000.00		0.00	13,716.00	0.00	284.00
1220-359000	All Hazards Emerg. Operations	1,368.02		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.02
1222-359000	FY'05 FEMA 3201 EM Snow Remove	0.00		36,178.20	36,178.20	0.00	0.00
		<b>-2,388.66</b>		<b>2,131,346.52</b>	<b>2,040,461.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>88,496.23</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Special Revenue Fund - FY 2005**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance	
		July 1, 2004	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2005
<b>State Grants:</b>							
1100-359000	Highway CH 90	-402,284.52		442,103.52	61,860.31		-22,041.31
2301-359000	Academic Support Balmer Sch	-400.31		0.00	0.00		-400.31
2302-359000	Academic Support Mid Sch	100.97		0.00	0.00		100.97
2305-359000	After School Program	733.00		0.00	0.00		733.00
2335-359000	FY'04 Kinder Enhancement	8,249.03		0.00	8,249.03		0.00
2338-359000	FY'05 Academic Support	0.00		6,383.00	6,383.00		0.00
2339-359000	FY'05 Kinder Enhancement	0.00		162,216.00	159,944.77		2,271.23
2340-359000	FY'05 Public Health Tobacco Schl	0.00		60,424.00	56,677.38		3,746.62
1300-359000	Arts Lottery-Cultural Council	16,501.15		4,187.92	5,265.00		15,424.07
1301-359000	Bullet Proof Vests	8,876.00		0.00	0.00		8,876.00
1302-359000	Community Policing	-13.16		0.00	0.00		-13.16
1304-359000	COA Grant	0.00		12,256.00	12,256.00		0.00
1307-359000	Elections/Extended Polling Hours	0.00		3,252.00	3,252.00		0.00
1308-359000	FY'05 Firefighter Equipment	0.00		21,000.00	21,000.00		0.00
1311-359000	Greater Media Cable	40,744.21		24,495.27	32,104.46		33,135.02
1313-359000	Library - State Aid	5,064.41		18,812.87	23,839.88		37.40
1314-359000	MSCP	50,057.16		42,063.51	16,672.64		75,448.03
1315-359000	Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	6,085.10		0.00	491.21		5,593.89
1316-359000	Skin Cancer Awareness	27.47		0.00	0.00		27.47
1317-359000	Health-Smoke Cease	6,732.16		0.00	0.00		6,732.16
1318-359000	Title 5 MWPAT Loan Acct.	-84,498.14		0.00	3,860.00		-88,358.14
1319-359000	Tobacco Grant	24.21		0.00	0.00		24.21
1320-359000	Waste to Energy MTPC Grant	0.00		6,375.14	6,375.14		0.00
1321-359000	Police Watch Your Car	75.00		0.00	0.00		75.00
1325-359000	Action Grant Comm. Dev. Check AR	-5,410.76		48,060.12	42,953.22		-303.86
1326-359000	FY'04 Traffic Enforcement	-1,460.73		3,456.10	2,003.57		-8.20
1327-359000	FY'04 Community Policing	2,125.68		0.00	1,796.29		329.39
1328-359000	FY'04 Fire Anti-Bioterrorism	0.00		6,000.00	2,484.20		3,515.80
1329-359000	FY'05 Community Policing	0.00		38,000.00	32,578.55		5,421.45
1330-359000	FY'05 MEMA LEPC	0.00		2,200.00	2,200.00		0.00
1331-359000	FY'05 SAFE Fire Program	0.00		4,532.16	3,060.05		1,472.11
1332-359000	FY'04 Ambu. Local Preparedness	0.00		12,820.00	12,820.00		0.00
3200-359000	Title 5/Septic Mgmt Repayment	120,887.35		64,372.41	18,039.00		167,220.76 #
3201-359000	Septic Administration Grant	6,449.78		0.00	1,478.89		4,970.89
		<b>-221,334.94</b>		<b>983,010.02</b>	<b>537,644.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>224,030.49</b>

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**Special Revenue Fund - FY 2005**

		Balance			Transfers	Balance	
		July 1, 2004	Audit Adj.	Receipts	Expenditures	In/(Out)	June 30, 2005
<b>Revolving Funds:</b>							
1601-359000	Board of Health Eng Ins Fees	-25.00		16,575.00	16,775.00		-225.00
1602-359000	Compost Bins	3.05		1,790.00	1,310.00		483.05
1603-359000	Food Service Permits	2,862.00		0.00	0.00		2,862.00
1605-359000	Inflow/Infiltration	22,542.03		13,310.00	0.00		35,852.03
1608-359000	Parks & Recreation	268.81		1,053.98	268.81		1,053.98
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	9,383.13		0	297.50		9,085.63
1613-359000	Recycling Committee (53 E1/2)	5,306.58		2,804.69	3,401.21		4,710.06
1614-359000	Septic Permits	653.26		0.00	0.00		653.26
1616-359000	Conservation O/S Consult Rev	19,595.26		78,140.14	64,875.64		32,859.76
1617-359000	Youth Commission Revolving	357.54		0.00	0.00		357.54
1618-359000	Wetland Protection Revolver	25,870.96		15,580.00	7,000.00		34,450.96
1619-359000	Zoning O/S Consultants Revolver	0.00		10,107.72	4,483.55		5,624.17
1620-359000	Conservation- Hills Revolver	0.00		10,095.69	2,421.67		7,674.02
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	45,133.41		88,692.00	88,117.17		45,708.24
2604-359000	School Choice Revolving	683,644.28		469,019.00	634,952.71		517,710.57
2605-359000	School Custodian Revolving	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
2606-359000	School Tuition Revolving	473,278.52		339,481.51	52,900.89		759,859.14
2608-359000	Use of School Property Revolving	3,819.92		43,817.33	21,320.69		26,316.56
2611-359000	Adult Education Revolving	1,336.55		0.00	0.00		1,336.55
2612-359000	School Blding Rental Revolver	6.30		0.00	0.00		6.30
2100-359000	School Lunch	73,416.46		761,797.67	767,944.51		67,269.62
<b>Gifts / Donations Funds:</b>							
1800-359000	Ambulance Gift Fund	10,952.03		3,214.50	3,363.68	0	10,802.85
1801-359000	COA Donations	1,663.38		11,730.00	8,870.62	0.00	4,522.76
1802-359000	D.A.R.E. Gifts	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1803-359000	Electric Pond Gift	70.00		20.00	0	0	90.00
1804-359000	Fire Gift Fund	19,008.96		0.00	0.00	0.00	19,008.96
1807-359000	Highway Gift	61.00		0.00	0.00	0	61.00
1808-359000	Recreation-Linwood Courts	18.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
1809-359000	Rockdale Pool Gift Fund	175.00		0.00	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	0.00	2,004.11
1814-359000	Soldiers Memorial Gift Account	0.00		1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
		<b>1,405,576.14</b>		<b>1,868,229.23</b>	<b>1,678,303.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,595,501.72</b>

**Northbridge Contributory Retirement System**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash - Northbridge Payroll		5,000.00		5,000.00
Cash - Fleet Money Market	29.55	764,919.46	764,905.41	43.60
Cash - Fleet Checking	10.75	1,514,909.47	1,514,909.25	10.97
PRIT Capital Fund	15,594,286.70	5,169,103.62	3,105,441.77	17,657,948.55
Accounts Receivable	42,039.69	42,357.58	42,039.69	42,357.58
Town NCR Accounts Receivable	0.00	26,544.54	26,544.54	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>15,636,366.69</b>	<b>7,522,834.67</b>	<b>5,453,840.66</b>	<b>17,705,360.70</b>
<b>Accounts Payable</b>				
Accounts Payable	-2,644.41	2,644.41	3,460.70	-3,460.70
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>-2,644.41</b>	<b>2,644.41</b>	<b>3,460.70</b>	<b>-3,460.70</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Annuity Savings Fund	-4,238,944.06	66,305.46	0.00	-4,172,638.60
Annuity Reserve Fund	-1,193,551.22	0.00	66,305.46	-1,259,856.68
Special Military Serv Credit Fund	-477.42	0.00	0.00	-477.42
Pension Fund	85,641.57	0.00	85,641.57	0.00
Pension Reserve Fund	-10,286,391.15	85,641.57	0.00	-10,200,749.58
Expense Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>-15,633,722.28</b>	<b>151,947.03</b>	<b>151,947.03</b>	<b>-15,633,722.28</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Investment Income Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Income Received	0.00	0.00	534,653.05	-534,653.05
Interest not Refunded	0.00	1.48	2,191.00	-2,189.52
Realized Gain	0.00	251,525.15	1,256,963.40	-1,005,438.25
Realized Loss	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unrealized Gain	0.00	0.00	1,674,364.31	-1,674,364.31
Unrealized Loss	0.00	1,226,257.27	0.00	1,226,257.27
Cont. Rec'd for Military Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Members Deductions	0.00	0.00	576,387.81	-576,387.81
Transfers from other Systems	0.00	0.00	43,026.25	-43,026.25
Members Make-up & Redeposit	0.00	2,600.99	6,065.60	-3,464.61
Pension Fund Appropriation	0.00	0.00	933,250.00	-933,250.00
Federal Grant Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	13,005.16	-13,005.16
3(8)(C) Reimb. From other Syst.	0.00	0.00	28,975.90	-28,975.90
Rec'd From Comm. For Cola & Sur	0.00	0.00	60,766.20	-60,766.20
Member Payments from Rollovers	0.00	0.00	6,090.91	-6,090.91
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,480,384.89</b>	<b>5,135,739.59</b>	<b>-3,655,354.70</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Staff Salaries	0.00	42,956.96	0.00	42,956.96
Consultant Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees	0.00	89,438.44	0.00	89,438.44
Legal Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	0.00	1,202.32	0.00	1,202.32
Service Contracts	0.00	6,896.96	0.00	6,896.96
Administrative Expenses	0.00	34,033.46	228.11	33,805.35
Furniture & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	2,522.67	0.00	2,522.67
Annuities Paid	0.00	167,979.80	0.00	167,979.80
Pensions Paid	0.00	996,837.49	4,643.82	992,193.67
COLA's Paid	0.00	52,130.43	0.00	52,130.43
3(8)(C) Reimb. To other Systems	0.00	37,453.58	0.00	37,453.58
Transfers to other Systems	0.00	83,361.87	0.00	83,361.87
Refunds to Members	0.00	77,236.41	1.48	77,234.93
Option B Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,592,050.39</b>	<b>4,873.41</b>	<b>1,587,176.98</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,749,861.39</b>	<b>10,749,861.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Fiscal 2005 was a revaluation year for Northbridge. Local assessed values have increased to remain current with recent sales market data. Land values have continued to increase due to the constant demand for developable property.

In addition to the real estate developments currently in process, there are several anticipated developments expected to begin construction including: Szerlag Farm (37 lots), Krolls Farm (68 lots), Carpenter Estates (20 lots), West End Estates (47 lots), Castle Hill Farms (75 lots), Winston Woods (9 lots), Moon Hill Heights (48 lots), Pine Knoll (105 lots), Prospect Place (14 lots), Hillside Garden Estates (18 lots) and Rocky Hill Farm Estates (15 lots).

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

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2005, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires local Assessor's Offices to conduct yearly interim adjustments in addition to the triennial revaluations. This process involves tracking, inspecting, and analyzing current sales and then adjusting values to comply with their statistical requirements. These interim adjustments should ensure that 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 2005, the town received an additional \$151,847 from this assessment.

The tax levy raised for Fiscal 2005 was \$12,533,872 with a tax rate set at \$9.06 per thousand for the taxable period 07/01/04 through 06/30/05. The tax rate was reduced by \$4.16 per thousand. Breakdown by class of property is 88.92% residential and 11.08% commercial/industrial/personal property. A total of 149 taxpayers qualified for exemptions. There were 849 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

## TREASURER/COLLECTOR

## DEBT IN FISCAL YEAR 2005

DEBT	RATE	MATURITY DATE	OUTSTANDING 7/1/04	RETIRED THIS YEAR	INTEREST THIS YEAR	BALANCE 6/30/2005
PERMANENT BONDING:						
PUCCI PROPERTY (NEW HIGH SCHOOL)	4.52%	2019	1,350,000.00	90,000.00	66,600.00	1,260,000.00
NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT	4.52%	2022	25,200,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,240,750.00	23,800,000.00
TOTAL REGULAR DEBT			<u>26,550,000.00</u>	<u>1,490,000.00</u>	<u>1,307,350.00</u>	<u>25,060,000.00</u>
SEWER PROJECT:						
EDGEMERE PROJECT	2.66%	2013	1,165,000.00	130,000.00	29,847.52	1,035,000.00
SEWER 98-47 #4		2019	330,900.00	19,000.00	3,203.84	311,900.00
SEWER 98-122 #5		2020	514,700.00	25,850.00	5,047.02	488,850.00
SEWER 00-20 #6		2021	1,366,871.00	64,869.00	13,148.97	1,302,002.00
SEWER 00-20 #7		2021	5,949,340.00	280,243.00	268,170.38	5,669,097.00
TITLE V 97-1087		2020	168,389.00	10,539.00	8,639.00	157,850.00
TITLE V 97-1087		2022	89,575.00	4,954.00	1,962.00	84,621.00
TOTAL SEWER DEBT			<u>9,584,775.00</u>			<u>9,049,320.00</u>
WATER PROJECT:						
KELLY, HILL, BENSON	2.66%	2013	675,000.00	80,000.00	17,268.75	595,000.00
TOTAL WATER DEBT			<u>675,000.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>17,268.75</u>	<u>595,000.00</u>
TOTAL OUTSTANDING			<u>36,809,775.00</u>			<u>34,704,320.00</u>

**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 2005.

**TOWN MEETINGS:**

Special Town Meeting	January 25, 2005
Special Town Meeting	March 15, 2005
Special Town Meeting	May 10, 2005
Spring Annual Town Meeting	June 7, 2005
Fall Annual Town Meeting	October 25, 2005
Fall Annual Town Meeting (adjourned session)	November 22, 2005

**ELECTIONS:**

Annual Town Election	May 17, 2005
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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



\$20,000.00 from No. 15000000-359000, ambulance receipts reserved;

\$400,000.00 from No. 80010000-359000, the Stabilization Fund

Attendance: 94 (7:30 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 2:**                      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 vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as subsequently amended by vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004), by reducing the amount appropriated by taxation for line item 20, Education, by \$151,964.27, and transferring and appropriating to said line item 20 \$151,964.27 from the Overlay Surplus account.

**ARTICLE 3:**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as subsequently amended by vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004), as follows:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

	Reduction Amount
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>	
Line 2A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	15,000
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>	
Line 4A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	4,000
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	
Line 6A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,682
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>(\$29,682)</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	

**POLICE**

Line 14A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	127,000
Line 14B Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,000

FIRE	
Line 15A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	19,607
Line 15B Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,393
ANIMAL CONTROL	
Line 19A Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>(\$177,000)</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
HIGHWAY (Includes Snow & Ice Personnel)	
Line 21A, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	2,000
PARK MAINTENANCE	
Line 21C Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	2,000
CEMETERY	
Line 21E Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	2,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>(\$6,000)</b>
<b>BUILDING, PLANNING &amp; CONSTRUCTION COMM.</b>	
Line 21F Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	17,500
<b>TOTAL BLDG., PLAN. &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>(\$17,500)</b>
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	
Line 39 Unemployment Comp., by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	160,000
Line 44 Reserve Fund , by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	50,000
<b>TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	<b>(\$210,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$440,182)</b>

Motion to Amend Main Motion

Voted                      **APPROVED**                      Majority

Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting from the category entitled **NON-DEPARTMENTAL** the following: **Line 44 Reserve Fund, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of \$50,000.**

Vote on new Main Motion:

Voted                      **APPROVED**                      **YES 57 NO 27**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as subsequently amended by vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004), as follows:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

	Reduction Amount
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>	
Line 2A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	15,000
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>	
Line 4A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	4,000
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	
Line 6A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,682
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>(\$29,682)</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>POLICE</b>	
Line 14A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	127,000
Line 14B Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,000
<b>FIRE</b>	
Line 15A Personnel, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	19,607
Line 15B Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,393
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	
Line 19A Expenses, by reducing the amount previously appropriated by the sum of	10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>(\$177,000)</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS**

HIGHWAY (Includes Snow & Ice Personnel)  
Line 21A, by reducing the amount  
previously appropriated by the sum of 2,000

PARK MAINTENANCE  
Line 21C Personnel, by reducing the amount  
previously appropriated by the sum of 2,000

CEMETERY  
Line 21E Personnel, by reducing the amount  
previously appropriated by the sum of 2,000

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (\$6,000)**

**BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.**

Line 21F Expenses, by reducing the amount  
previously appropriated by the sum of 17,500

**TOTAL BLDG., PLAN. & CONSTRUCTION (\$17,500)**  
**NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

Line 39 Unemployment Comp., by reducing the amount  
previously appropriated by the sum of 160,000

**TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL (\$160,000)**

**TOTAL (\$390,182)**

Motion to vote to reconsider Article 1.

Voted

**DEFEATED**

**YES 50 NO 41**

**2/3 vote not attained**

Action having been completed on all Articles on the Warrant for the **Special Town Meeting of January 25, 2005**, a motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

Voted unanimously at 8:35 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk



\$20,000.00 from No. 15000000-359000, ambulance receipts reserved; and

\$500,000.00 from No. 80010000-359000, the Stabilization Fund.

**ARTICLE 2:** 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 vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as subsequently amended by vote taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004), by reducing the amount appropriated by taxation for line item 20, Education, by \$727,469.29 and transferring and appropriating to said line item 20 a total amount of \$727,469.29 from the following accounts:

**\$50,000.00** from No. 30540413-589100, being the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Article 13 of the 2003 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 18, 2003) for repair or replacement of the Aldrich School roof;

**\$69,789.58** from No. 01020014-589100, on call engineering services account;

**\$1,184.34** from No. 15160000-359000, sale of property receipts reserved;

**\$33,804.97** from No. 15120000-359000, Highway insurance recovery receipts reserved;

**\$16,932.90** from No. 15150000-359000, Town insurance recovery receipts reserved;

**\$12,553.50** from No. 15170000-359000, parking tickets receipts reserved;

**\$20,000.00** from No. 15000000-359000, ambulance receipts reserved;

**\$311,640.00** from No. 80010000-359000, the Stabilization Fund; and

**\$211,564.00** from available funds (free cash).

Action having been completed on all Articles on the Warrant for the **Special Town Meeting of March 15, 2005**, a motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

Voted unanimously at 8:04 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 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005 - 7:00 PM**  
**Northbridge Middle School Auditorium**  
**Linwood Avenue**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. Mr. Gould announced that due to there being only one article on the warrant for this Special Town Meeting, there would be no invocation.

Mr. Gould asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Rosaire Rajotte who died on March 20, 2005 at the age of 85 years. Mr. Rajotte was extremely active in the community and for over 50 years never missed a Town Meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed.

Mr. Gould stated that all hats and political buttons must be removed.

The reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with. The following tellers were appointed and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Jeanne Gniadek, Pamela LaTour, Richard Sasseville, Paul Murray, George Murray, and Kenneth Guertin.

Attendance: 172 (7:06 p.m.)

Attendance: 199 (7:30 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 1:**                      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 Zoning Map incorporated into its Zoning Bylaws by rezoning from Residential Three (R-3) to Business Three (B-3) the parcel of land bounded as follows:

- Southerly**                      by Northern Avenue and the existing B-3 zone line extending from the centerline of Providence Road, to a point 800 feet westerly of the centerline of Providence Road;
- Westerly**                      by a line 800 feet westerly of and parallel to the centerline of Providence Road;
- Northerly**                     by the centerline of Wing Road extending from the centerline of Providence Road to a point 800 feet westerly of the centerline of Providence Road;
- Easterly**                      by the centerline of Providence Road; thereby extending the existing B-3 Zone.

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

Voted unanimously at 7:44 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, JUNE 7, 2005 - 7:00 PM**  
**Northbridge Middle School Auditorium**  
**Linwood Avenue**

The Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:09 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 Rev. Michael Richard Underwood, Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church 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.

The reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with. The following tellers were appointed and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Jeanne Gniadek, Paula McCowan, Richard Sasseville, Homer Rajotte, Pamela LaTour, and Philip Cyr.

The Moderator announced that School Superintendent Henry O'Donnell is retiring at the end of June. The new school superintendent, Paul Soojian, was introduced.

Attendance: 152 (7:09 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 1 of the 2004 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 8, 2004), under Article 1 of the 2004 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (November 9, 2004), under Articles 2 and 3 of the January 25, 2005 Special Town Meeting, and under Article 2 of the March 15, 2005 Special Town Meeting, appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as follows:

Line 3 Finance Committee

By adding the following new Line item:  
3B Personnel; and

By transferring the sum of \$4,000.00 from Line item 3A, **Expenses**, to said new Line item.

Line 17 Code Enforcement

17A Personnel

By transferring from available funds (free cash) the additional sum of \$4,846.

**ARTICLE 2:**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and from the Stabilization Fund, the following sums of money to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2006, beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Voted	<b>APPROVED</b>	Unanimous
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
<b><u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u></b>		
<b>1 SELECTMEN</b>		
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
<b>Total Selectmen</b>		<b>\$121,380</b>
<b>2 TOWN MANAGER</b>		
2A Personnel		139,114
<b><u>APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS</u></b>		
2A Personnel		6,000
<b><u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u></b>		
2B Expenses		6,370
<b>Total Town Manager</b>		<b>\$151,484</b>
<b>3 FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>		
3A Personnel		4,000
3B Expenses		11,000
<b>Total Finance Committee</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>4 TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>		
4A Personnel		108,000
4B Expenses		6,130
<b>Total Town Accountant</b>		<b>\$114,130</b>
<b>5 ASSESSORS</b>		
5A Personnel		129,266
5B Expenses		13,100
<b>Total Assessors</b>		<b>\$142,366</b>
<b>6 TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>		
6A Personnel		159,439
6B Expenses		45,005
<b>Total Treasurer/Collector</b>		<b>\$204,444</b>

<b>7 INFORMATION SYSTEMS</b>	
7A Personnel	53,263
7B Expenses	56,255
<b>Total Information Systems</b>	<b>\$109,518</b>
<b>8 TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS</b>	
8A Personnel	79,184
8B Expenses	31,331
<b>Total Town Clerk/Elections</b>	<b>\$110,515</b>
<b>9 CONSERVATION</b>	
9A Personnel	6,685
<u>APPROPRIATE FROM WETLAND FEES</u>	
9A Personnel	7,000
<u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u>	
9B Expenses	1,650
<b>Total Conservation</b>	<b>\$15,335</b>
<b>10 PLANNING BOARD</b>	
10A Personnel	63,789
10B Expenses	14,110
<b>Total Planning Board</b>	<b>\$77,899</b>
<b>11 ZONING/APPEALS BOARD</b>	
11A Personnel	6,786
11B Expenses	7,345
<b>Total Zoning/Appeals Board</b>	<b>\$14,131</b>
<b>12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	
12A Personnel	0
12B Expenses	0
<b>Total Economic Development</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>13 TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES</b>	
13A Personnel	0
13B Expenses	62,281
<b>Total Town Hall/Central Services</b>	<b>\$62,281</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$1,138,483</b>

Voted
APPROVED
Unanimous

PUBLIC SAFETY

**RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

**14 POLICE**

14A Personnel 1,951,785

14B Expenses 187,929

**Total Police \$2,139,714**

**15 FIRE**

15A Personnel 387,194

15B Expenses 357,175

**Total Fire \$744,369**

**APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS**

**16 AMBULANCE**

16A Personnel 437,299

16B Expenses 60,180

**Total Ambulance \$497,479**

**RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

**17 CODE ENFORCEMENT**

17A Personnel 111,149

17B Expenses 9,665

**Total Code Enforcement \$120,814**

**18 CIVIL DEFENSE**

18A Expenses 16,540

**Total Civil Defense \$16,540**

**19 ANIMAL CONTROL**

19A Expenses 0

**Total Animal Control \$0**

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY**

**\$3,518,916**

Voted

**APPROVED**

Unanimous

**EDUCATION**

**RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

**20 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

18,238,149

20B Trade School 142,145

20C Blackstone Val. Voc. Reg. School Dist. 836,711

**TOTAL EDUCATION \$19,217,005**

	Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS</u></b>			
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE			
21A <b>HIGHWAY (Includes Snow &amp; Ice)</b>			
Personnel			457,046
Expenses			266,922
Snow and Ice Personnel			30,000
Snow and Ice Expenses			30,000
<b>Total Highway (Includes Snow &amp; Ice)</b>			<b>\$783,968</b>
21B <b>TREE MAINTENANCE</b>			
Expenses			10,725
<b>Total Tree Maintenance</b>			<b>\$10,725</b>
21C <b>PARK MAINTENANCE</b>			
Personnel			7,500
Expenses			12,600
<b>Total Park Maintenance</b>			<b>\$20,100</b>
21E <b>CEMETERY</b>			
Personnel			2,000
Expenses			1,325
<b>Total Cemetery</b>			<b>\$3,325</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>			<b>\$818,118</b>

	Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
<b>BUILDING, PLANNING &amp; CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE</b>			
<b><u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u></b>			
21F <b>BUILDING, PLANNING &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Expenses			34,000
<b>TOTAL BUILDING, PLANNING &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>			<b>\$34,000</b>

	Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
<b><u>HUMAN SERVICES</u></b>			

**RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

**22 BOARD OF HEALTH**

22A Personnel 33,929  
22B Expenses 27,370

**Total Board of Health \$61,299**

**23 WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL**

23A Expenses 159,556

**Total Waste Collection & Disposal \$159,556**

**24 COUNCIL ON AGING**

24A Personnel 80,317  
24B Expenses 33,803

**Total Council On Aging \$114,120**

**26 VETERANS**

26A Personnel 31,500  
26B Expenses 28,905

**Total Veterans \$60,405**

**TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES**

**\$395,380**

Voted  
**CULTURE & RECREATION**

**APPROVED**

Unanimous

**RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

**27 LIBRARY**

27A Personnel 176,762  
27B Expenses 26,730

**Total Library \$203,492**

**28 RECREATION**

28A Personnel 35,225  
28B Expenses 11,250

28C Youth League Equipment 0

**Total Recreation \$46,475**

**29 HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

29A Expenses 250

**Total Historical Commission \$250**

**30 MEMORIALS**

30A Personnel & Expenses 4,625  
30B Soldiers Memorials 1,855

**Total Memorials \$6,480**

<b>31 RECYCLING</b>		
31A Personnel		730
31B Expenses		5,633
<b>Total Recycling</b>		<b>\$6,363</b>
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>		<b>\$263,060</b>

	Voted	<u><b>APPROVED</b></u>	Unanimous
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>			
<b><u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u></b>			
32 Principal			1,552,748
33 Interest			932,850
<b><u>TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND</u></b>			
33 Interest			300,000
<b><u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u></b>			
34 Short Term Interest			57,500
35 BVVRSO Debt			97,919
36 Lease/Purch. Computer			0
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>			<b>\$2,941,017</b>

	Voted	<u><b>APPROVED</b></u>	Unanimous
<b><u>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</u></b>			
<b><u>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</u></b>			
37 Retirement System			960,064
38 Workers' Compensation			75,000
39 Unemployment Comp.			101,000
40 Employee Ins. Benefits			3,965,126
41 Property & Liability Ins.			194,300
42 Reserve for Wage Adj.			0
43 Stabilization Fund			0
44 Reserve Fund			100,000
<b>TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>			<b>\$5,395,490</b>
<b>TOTAL ARTICLE 2</b>			<b>\$33,721,468</b>

Attendance: 207 (7:50 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 3:** 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, borrow or transfer a sum of money to supplement the monies appropriated under Article 2 of the warrant for the 2005 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 7, 2005) contingent upon the approval by the voters at an election of an override of Proposition 2½ so-called, as follows:

**EDUCATION:**

Line 20: School Department

By **raising and appropriating** the additional sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,062,844 to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2006.

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$748,687 to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2006.

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 2006, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$35,000 to be expended in order to comply with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection post closure maintenance and monitoring requirements at the Quaker Street Landfill in Northbridge.

**ARTICLE 8:** 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 M.G.L. 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: 217 (8:30 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 9:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to M.G.L. 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, to develop and implement 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 2006 is \$10,000.

**ARTICLE 10:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer within the FY 2006 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 11:** 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), borrow and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the replacement of the roof and associated work at the Northbridge Middle School and the Northbridge Police Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**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 transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$100,000 for the installation of a unisex handicapped bathroom on the ground level of Town Hall, in addition to other improvements to enhance handicapped access within the Town Hall, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee.

**ARTICLE 13:** Voted **DEFEATED** Majority

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

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$50,000 to enhance the Parks and Recreation facilities of the Town of Northbridge including the repair, maintenance, and expansion of existing fields and associated work including the planning and construction of new facilities, including a skateboard park, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee.

No action taken with respect to this article. Three (3) subsequent motions were ruled "out of order" by the Town Moderator.

**ARTICLE 14:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way Delwyn Barnes Drive (Delwyn Barnes Estates Subdivision), 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 15:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way a portion of Tipperary Drive, also known as Tipperary Lane, (located in Clover Hill Estates Subdivision), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Tipperary Drive in Northbridge, Mass. By: Board of Selectmen," dated September 23, 2002, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., a copy of which 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 amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2000 by rescinding the authority to borrow \$165,000 for the purpose of financing the planning, design, and construction of approximately 1,000 linear feet of replacement 12-inch sanitary sewer line on Providence Road in the Rockdale section of Northbridge between Sutton Street and Beaumont Drive, and by providing that the appropriation of \$165,000 therefor be met by transfer from the retained earnings account of the Sewer enterprise Fund, and vote to ratify and confirm the actions of the Treasurer/Collector with respect to the expenditure of funds for said purpose from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

**ARTICLE 17:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$811.00 to the Department of Public Works Sewer Division and authorize payment of a prior year bill.

**ARTICLE 18:** Voted **DEFEATED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to require that all newly accepted streets, all newly built and/or heretofore unnamed schools, parks, and other publicly owned buildings shall be named after Northbridge residents who were veterans of declared wars and/or armed conflicts and died while in service to our country.

**ARTICLE 19:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the zoning map incorporated into its Zoning By-Laws by re-zoning from Residential Three (R-3) to Business Three (B-3) the parcel of land at 40 Plummer Avenue, designated as Assessors Map 23-A Parcel 70 within the Town of Northbridge and further described as follows:

BEGINNING: at a point 270 ft, more or less, from the easterly edge of Providence Rd, Route 122, on the southerly side of Plummer Avenue;  
THENCE: N.86°E, 218 ft by said Plummer Avenue, to a point;  
THENCE: S.2°12'38"W., 310 ft by Lot #3 to a point at land now or formerly of Nydam;  
THENCE: N.84°29'W., 187 feet to a point;  
THENCE: N.4°00'W., 277.56 feet to the point of beginning.  
Containing 59,154 square feet of land more or less. The above described plan is recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 458 Plan 14.

Being the same premises conveyed to Linda I Mitchell, Trustee of the Mitchell Realty Trust by deed of Players Tavern, Inc. dated and recorded herewith in Worcester District Registry of Deeds as Instrument No. 25741.

**ARTICLE 20:** Voted APPROVED Unanimous  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to procure the services of an architectural/engineering firm to prepare plans, specifications and budgets to repair and/or replace the roofs and associated work at the Northbridge Middle School and the Northbridge Police Station, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to meet said appropriation by borrowing under M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 7(22) or any other applicable provisions of law and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**ARTICLE 21:** 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), borrow and/or transfer from the stabilization fund a sum of money to procure the services of an Architectural/Engineering firm to prepare plans, specifications and budgets for the installation of handicapped bathrooms on the ground level of Town Hall in addition to other improvements to enhance handicapped access within the Town Hall, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury (free cash) and/or transfer from the stabilization fund a sum of money to procure the services of an Architectural/Engineering firm to prepare plans, specifications and budgets for the enhancement of the Parks and Recreation facilities of the Town of Northbridge including the repair, maintenance and expansion of existing fields and associated work including the planning and construction of new facilities including a skateboard park, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Action having been completed on all Articles on the Warrant for the **Spring Annual Town Meeting of June 7, 2005**, a motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting. Voted unanimously at 9:55 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Northbridge  
PROCEEDINGS OF FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005  
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium  
Linwood Avenue**

The Fall 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, Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present.

Attendance: 59 (7:00 p.m.)

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Fall Annual Town Meeting to Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts.

Voted to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

A true copy

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doreen A. Cedrone

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Northbridge  
PROCEEDINGS OF FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005  
Adjourned to  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005 - 7:00 PM  
Northbridge Middle School Auditorium  
Linwood Avenue**

The adjourned session of the Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 Rev. Michele Ewers, Pastor of the United Methodist Church 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: Homer Rajotte, Burnham Miller, Constance Duquette, Larry DiGregorio, Donald Lange, Christine McLaughlin, Pamela LaTour, and Paula McCowan.

Attendance: 163 (7:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 1:**

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), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus, Budget Article as follows:

Voted	<u>APPROVED</u>	Unanimous
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>		
Line 2A: Town Manager Personnel		
By raising and appropriating		
the additional sum of		\$18,600
By appropriating from parking ticket receipts		
the additional sum of		\$3,000
Line 4A: Town Accountant Personnel		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by		\$30,000
Line 4B: Town Accountant Expenses		
By raising and appropriating		
the additional sum of		\$10,000
Line 5A: Assessors Personnel		
By raising and appropriating		
the additional sum of		\$3,900
Line 5B: Assessors Expenses		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$2,500	
Line 6A: Treasurer/Collector Personnel		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$29,000	
By appropriating from parking ticket receipts		
the additional sum of		\$9,000
Line 6B: Treasurer/Collector Expenses		
By raising and appropriating		
the additional sum of		\$9,000
Line 7A: Information Systems Personnel		
By raising and appropriating		
the additional sum of		\$1,713
Line 7B: Information Systems Expenses		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$1,713	
Line 8A: Town Clerk Personnel		
By raising and appropriating		
the additional sum of		\$2,398
Line 8B: Town Clerk Expenses		
By reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by	\$2,398	
Line 9A: Conservation Personnel		
By appropriating from wetland fees		
the additional sum of		\$1,335

Line 10A: Planning Board Personnel  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$1,611  
 Line 10B: Planning Board Expenses  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$1,611**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Line 14A: Police Personnel  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$54,000**

Line 17A: Code Enforcement Personnel  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$2,846

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

**EDUCATION**

Line 20: Education  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$56,292**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Line 21A: Highway Personnel  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$15,000**

Line 21A: Highway Expenses  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$7,500

Voted **APPROVED** Majority

**BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

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

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Line 22A: Board of Health Personnel  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$846

Line 22B: Board of Health Expenses  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$846**

Line 23A: Waste Collection & Disposal Expenses  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$20,000**

Line 24A: Council on Aging Personnel  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$3,068  
 Line 24B: Council on Aging Expenses  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$1,483**

Line 26A: Veterans Personnel  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$1,013  
 Line 26B: Veterans Expenses  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$400**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
**CULTURE & RECREATION**

Line 27A: Library Personnel  
 By **raising and appropriating**  
 the additional sum of \$3,780  
 Line 27B: Library Expenses  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **\$3,780**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
**NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

Line 40: Employee Ins. Benefits  
 By **reducing the amount previously raised and appropriated by** **328,000**  
 Line 40: Employee Ins. Benefits  
 By **appropriating from Ambulance Receipts**  
 the additional sum of \$78,000  
 Line 40: Employee Ins. Benefits  
 By **transferring from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash)**  
 the additional sum of \$250,000  
 Line 43: Stabilization Fund  
 By **transferring from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash)** 187,000

Attendance: 261 (7:25 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$20,000.00 to the Department of Public Works Water Division and authorize payment of a prior year bill.

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$9,100.00 to the Fire Department and authorize payment of a prior year bill.

**ARTICLE 4:** 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 \$450,000 for the purpose of financing the design, construction and installation of upgraded and modernized sludge management equipment including computerized monitoring and control technology, additional storage capacity and odor control systems at the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of financing the purchase of a new medium duty, all wheel drive dump truck complete with snow plow, warning lights, communications equipment and other accessories and auxiliary equipment for use by the Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works.

**ARTICLE 6:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$39,000 for the purpose of financing the purchase of two new sander bodies complete with warning lights, controls, tanks and anti-icing spray systems and installation on two existing Town owned vehicles, including such vehicle repairs and modifications as may be required to accept the new bodies, for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works.

**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 transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money (\$115,000) for the purpose of financing the purchase of one new heavy duty dump truck complete with combination body, warning lights, radio equipment, controls, tanks, and anti-icing spray systems for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works; 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 the sum of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of financing the design and construction of new water main extensions on Church Street and Quaker Street and on Union Street to Providence Road complete with all valves, fire hydrants and other appurtenances, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$2,500,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; to determine that betterments may be assessed for the purpose of recovering the cost of construction of that portion of the project directly related to providing water service connections from the new mains to the abutting property lines; and that the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager or other appropriate local body or official be authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, and to expend all funds available for the project; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:** 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 \$200,000 for the purpose of financing the preparation of a comprehensive wastewater management plan as outlined in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Guide to Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning for maintenance, repair and expansion of the Town's Sanitary sewer system and Wastewater Treatment Plant; or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Code of By-Laws, Chapter 10, PUBLIC WORKS, by adding the following new Section 10-400, Illegal Discharges and Stormwater Connections.

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**Section 10-400 Illegal Discharges and Stormwater Connections**

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**§10-401. Purpose/Intent.**

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Northbridge through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. This bylaw establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. The objectives of this bylaw are:

- A. To regulate the contribution of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) by stormwater discharges by any user
- B. To prohibit Illicit Connections and Illegal Discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system
- C. To establish legal authority to carry out all inspection, surveillance and monitoring procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this bylaw

**§10-402. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this bylaw, the following shall mean:

**AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** – Means the Department of Public Works and its employees or agents designated by the Director of Public Works to enforce this bylaw.

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)** -- Means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, general good house keeping practices, pollution prevention and educational practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants directly or indirectly to stormwater, receiving waters, or stormwater conveyance systems. BMPs also include treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.

**CLEAN WATER ACT** -- Means the federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), and any subsequent amendments thereto.

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY** -- Means activities subject to NPDES Construction Permits. These include construction projects resulting in land disturbance of 1 acre or more. Such activities include but are not limited to clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating, and demolition.

**DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS** – Means the addition from any source of any pollutants or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drainage system or into waters of the United States from any source.

**GROUNDWATER** – Means water beneath the surface of the ground.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** -- Means any material, including any substance, waste, or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to, a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, safety, property, or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.

**ILLEGAL DISCHARGE** -- Means any direct or indirect non-storm water discharge to the municipal storm drainage system, except as exempted in §10-407 of this bylaw.

**ILLCIT CONNECTIONS** -- An illicit connection is defined as either of the following:

Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows an illegal discharge to enter the storm drain system including but not limited to any conveyances which allow any non-storm water discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the municipal storm drainage system and any connections to the municipal storm drainage system from indoor drains and sinks, regardless of whether said drain or connection had been previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this bylaw, or

Any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the municipal storm drainage system, which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by an authorized enforcement agency.

**INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY** -- Means activities subject to NPDES Industrial Permits as defined in 40 CFR, Section 122.26 (b)(14).

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** -- Means the Northbridge Board of Selectmen.

**MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM** -- Means any facilities by which storm water is collected and/or conveyed, including but not limited to any roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, gutters, curbs, inlets, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, retention and detention basins, natural and human-made or altered drainage channels, reservoirs, and other drainage structures.

**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT** -- Means a permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or jointly with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group, or general area-wide basis.

**NON-STORM WATER DISCHARGE.** -- Means any discharge to the storm drain system that is not composed entirely of storm water.

**PERSON** -- Means any individual, association, organization, partnership, firm, corporation, or other entity recognized by law and any officer, employee or agent of such person.

**POLLUTANT** -- Means anything, which causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes, and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; non-

hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects and accumulations, so that the same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

**PREMISES** -- Means any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land whether improved or unimproved including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips.

**STORM WATER.** -- Means any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation, and resulting from such precipitation.

**STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN** – Means a document, which describes the Best Management Practices and activities to be implemented by a person or business to identify sources of pollution or contamination at a site and the actions to eliminate or reduce pollutant discharges to Stormwater, Stormwater Conveyance Systems, and/or Receiving Waters to the Maximum Extent Practicable.

**SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT** – Means a permit issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00 that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**WASTEWATER** -- Means any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning, or processing comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

**WATERCOURSE** – Means a natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

Other terms used in this bylaw and not specifically defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Clean Water Act.

**§10-403. Applicability.**

This bylaw shall apply to all water entering the municipal storm drainage system generated on any developed and undeveloped lands unless explicitly exempted by an authorized enforcement agency.

**§10-404. Responsibility for administration.**

The Town of Northbridge Department of Public Works shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this bylaw. Any powers granted or duties imposed upon the authorized enforcement agency may be delegated in writing by the Director of Public Works to persons or entities acting in the beneficial interest of or in the employ of the Department.

**§10-405. Severability.**

The provisions of this bylaw are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this bylaw.

**§10-406. Ultimate responsibility.**

The standards set forth herein and promulgated pursuant to this bylaw are minimum standards; therefore, this bylaw does not intend nor imply that compliance by any person will ensure that there will be no contamination, pollution, nor unauthorized discharge of pollutants.

**§10-407. Discharge prohibitions.**

Prohibition of Illegal Discharges .

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drainage system or watercourses any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than storm water.

The commencement, conduct, or continuance of any illegal discharge to the municipal storm drainage system is prohibited except as described as follows:

- A. The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by this bylaw: water line flushing; flow from potable water sources; landscape irrigation or lawn watering; diverted stream flows; rising ground water; uncontaminated ground water infiltration to storm drains or uncontaminated pumped ground water; water from foundation or footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation; springs; non-commercial washing of vehicles; natural riparian habitat or wet-land flows, swimming pools (if dechlorinated - typically less than one PPM chlorine), fire fighting activities, and any other water source not containing Pollutants.
- B. Discharges specified in writing by the authorized enforcement agency as being necessary to protect public health and safety.
- C. Dye testing is an allowable discharge, but requires a verbal notification to the authorized enforcement agency prior to the time of the test.
- D. The prohibition shall not apply to any non-storm water discharge permitted under an NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the municipal storm drainage system.

Prohibition of Illicit Connections.

- A. The construction, use, maintenance, or continued existence of illicit connections to the municipal storm drainage system is prohibited.
- B. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
- C. A person is considered to be in violation of this bylaw if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the municipal storm drainage system, or allows such a connection to continue.

**§10-408. Suspension of MS4 access.**

**Suspension due to Illegal Discharges in Emergency Situations**

The Department of Public Works may, without prior notice, suspend MS4 discharge access to a person when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge, which presents or may present imminent and substantial danger to the environment, or to the health or welfare of persons, or to the MS4 or Waters of the United States. If a person fails to comply with a suspension order issued in an emergency, the authorized enforcement agency may take such steps as deemed necessary to prevent or minimize damage to the MS4 or Waters of the United States, or to minimize danger to persons.

**Suspension due to the Detection of Illegal Discharge**

Any person discharging to the MS4 in violation of this bylaw may have his MS4 access terminated if such termination would abate or reduce an illegal discharge. The authorized enforcement agency will notify a violator of the proposed termination of its MS4 access. The violator may petition the authorized enforcement agency for a reconsideration and hearing.

A person commits an offense if the person reinstates MS4 access to premises terminated pursuant to this Section, without the prior approval of the authorized enforcement agency.

**§10-409. Industrial or construction activity discharges.**

Any person subject to an industrial or construction activity NPDES storm water discharge permit shall comply with all provisions of such permit. Proof of compliance with said permit may be required in a form acceptable to the Department of Public Works prior to the allowing of discharges to the MS4.

**§10-410. Monitoring of discharges.**

A. Applicability.

This subsection applies to all facilities that have storm water discharges associated with industrial activity, including construction activity.

B. Access to Facilities.

- (1) To the extent permitted by law, the Department of Public Works shall be permitted to enter and inspect facilities subject to regulation under this bylaw as often as may be necessary to determine compliance with this bylaw. If a discharger has security measures in force, which require proper identification and clearance before entry into its premises, the discharger shall make the necessary arrangements to allow access to representatives of the authorized enforcement agency.
- (2) Facility operators shall allow the Department of Public Works ready access to all parts of the premises for the purposes of inspection, sampling, examination and copying of records that must be kept under the conditions of an NPDES permit to discharge storm water, and the performance of any additional duties as defined by state and federal law.
- (3) The Department of Public Works shall have the right to set up on any permitted facility such devices as are necessary in the opinion of the authorized enforcement agency to conduct monitoring and/or sampling of the facility's storm water discharge.
- (4) The Department of Public Works has the right to require the discharger to install

monitoring equipment as necessary. The facility's sampling and monitoring equipment shall be maintained at all times in a safe and proper operating condition by the discharger at its own expense. All devices used to measure stormwater flow and quality shall be calibrated to ensure their accuracy.

- (5) Any temporary or permanent obstruction to safe and easy access to the facility to be inspected and/or sampled shall be promptly removed by the operator at the written or oral request of the Department of Public Works and shall not be replaced. The costs of clearing such access shall be borne by the operator.
- (6) Unreasonable delays in allowing the Department of Public Works access to a permitted facility shall be a violation of a surface water discharge permit and of this bylaw. A person who is the operator of a facility with a NPDES permit to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity commits an offense if the person denies the authorized enforcement agency reasonable access to the permitted facility for the purpose of conducting any activity authorized or required by this bylaw.
- (7) If the Department of Public Works has been refused access to any part of the premises from which stormwater is discharged, and is able to demonstrate probable cause to believe that there may be a violation of this bylaw, or that there is a need to inspect and/or sample as part of a routine inspection and sampling program designed to verify compliance with this bylaw or any order issued hereunder, or to protect the overall public health, safety, and welfare of the community, then the authorized enforcement agency may seek issuance of a search warrant from any court of competent jurisdiction.

**§10-411. Requirement to prevent, control, and reduce storm water pollutants by the use of best management practices.**

The Department of Public Works will adopt requirements identifying Best Management Practices for any activity, operation, or facility, which may cause or contribute to pollution or contamination of storm water, the storm drain system, or waters of the United States. The owner or operator of a commercial or industrial establishment shall provide, at their own expense, reasonable protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other wastes into the municipal storm drainage system or watercourses through the use of these structural and non-structural BMPs. Further, any person responsible for a property or premise, which is, or may be, the source of an illicit discharge, may be required to implement, at said person's expense, additional structural and non-structural BMPs to prevent the further discharge of pollutants to the municipal storm drainage system. Compliance with all terms and conditions of a valid NPDES permit authorizing the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity, to the extent practicable, shall be deemed compliance with the provisions of this section. These BMPs shall be part of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPP) as necessary for compliance with requirements of the NPDES permit.

**§10-412. Watercourse protection.**

Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes, or such person's lessee, shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse. In addition, the owner or lessee shall maintain existing privately owned structures within or adjacent to a watercourse, so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the watercourse.

**§10-413. Notification of spills.**

Notwithstanding other requirements of law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of any known or suspected release of materials which are resulting or may result in illegal discharges or pollutants discharging into storm water, the municipal storm drainage system, or waters of the United States said person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of such release. In the event of such a release of hazardous materials said person shall immediately notify emergency response agencies (including the Northbridge Police and Fire Departments) of the occurrence via emergency dispatch services. In the event of a release of non-hazardous materials, said person shall notify the authorized enforcement agency in person or by phone or facsimile no later than the next business day. Notifications in person or by phone shall be confirmed by written notice addressed and mailed to the Department of Public Works within three business days of the phone notice. If the discharge of prohibited materials emanates from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

**§10-414. Enforcement.**

A. Notice of Violation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision or fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Bylaw. The Department of Public Works and its employees and agents designated by the Director of Public Works shall enforce this bylaw. Whenever the Department of Public Works finds that a person has violated a prohibition or failed to meet a requirement of this Bylaw, the authorized enforcement agency may order compliance by written notice of violation to the responsible person. Such notice may require without limitation:

- (1) The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
- (2) The elimination of illicit connections or discharges;
- (3) That violating discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist;
- (4) The abatement or remediation of storm water pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property; and
- (5) Payment of a fine to cover administrative and remediation costs; and
- (6) The implementation of source control or treatment BMPs.

If abatement of a violation and/or restoration of affected property is required, the notice shall set forth a deadline within which such abatement or restoration must be completed. Said notice shall further advise that, should the violator fail to abate or restore within the established deadline, the Town of Northbridge may, at its option, undertake the work and the expense thereof shall be charged to the violator.

**§10-415. Appeal of notice of violation.**

Any person receiving a Notice of Violation may appeal the determination of the authorized enforcement agency to the Northbridge Board of Selectmen. The notice of appeal must be received within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Violation. A hearing on the appeal before the Board of Selectmen shall take place within 15 days from the date of receipt of the notice of appeal. The decision of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen shall be final.

**§10-416. Enforcement measures after appeal.**

If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, or, in the event of an appeal, within thirty (30) calendar days of the decision of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen upholding the decision of the authorized enforcement agency, then representatives of the authorized enforcement agency may, to the extent permitted by law, enter upon the subject property and are authorized to take any and all measures necessary to abate the violation and/or restore the property. It shall be unlawful for any person, owner, agent, or person in possession of any premises to refuse to allow the government agency or designated contractor to enter upon the premises for the purposes set forth above.

**§10-417. Cost of abatement of the violation.**

Within fifteen (15) calendar days after abatement of the violation, the owner of the property will be notified of the cost of abatement, including administrative costs, which cost shall be assessed to the owner. The property owner may file with the Board of Selectmen, a written protest objecting to the amount of the assessment within ten (10) calendar days. If the amount due is not paid by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or, if a protest is filed, within ten (10) calendar days after the decision of the Board of Selectmen upholding, in whole or in part, the amount of the cost, the cost shall become a special assessment against the property and shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of the assessment. The cost shall be paid in not more than 12 equal payments. Interest at the statutory rate provided in G.L. c. 59, §57 shall be assessed on the balance beginning on the 31st day after the cost first becomes due.

**§10-418. Injunctive relief.**

If a person has violated or continues to violate the provisions of this bylaw, the authorized enforcement agency may petition for a preliminary or permanent injunction restraining the person from activities, which would create further violations, or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.

**§10-419. Compensatory action.**

In lieu of enforcement proceedings, penalties, and remedies authorized by this bylaw, the authorized enforcement agency may impose upon violator alternative compensatory actions, such as storm drain stenciling, attendance at compliance workshops, creek cleanup, etc.

**§10-420. Violations deemed a public nuisance.**

In addition to the enforcement processes and penalties provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw is deemed to be a threat to public health, safety, and welfare, and is declared and deemed a nuisance, and a civil action to abate, enjoin, or otherwise compel the cessation of, such nuisance may be taken by the authorized enforcement agency.

**§10-421. Prosecution of Violations.**

Any person that has violated or continues to violate this bylaw shall be liable to criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law, and shall be subject to a penalty of \$500.00 dollars per violation per day. The authorized enforcement agency may recover all attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses associated with enforcement of this bylaw, including sampling and monitoring expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Town may choose to employ the "noncriminal" remedies detailed on Section 1-109 of this Code of Bylaws.

**§10-422. Remedies not exclusive.**

The remedies listed in this bylaw are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state, or local law and it is within the discretion of the authorized enforcement agency to seek cumulative remedies.

Attendance: 286 (8:00 p.m.)

**ARTICLE 11:**

Motion to Amend the Main Motion:

Voted

**DEFEATED**

Majority

Moved and seconded to amend the main motion by making the following changes to **§6-202 Duty of Property Owner and Occupant**.

1. Delete the words “the full paved width of such sidewalk.”
2. Insert in place thereof the words “a footpath of 12” to 16” wide.”

**§6-202 Duty of Property Owner and Occupant** would be amended as follows:

It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant, jointly, of every parcel of real estate adjoining a public sidewalk, whether the parcel of real estate is occupied by a structure or not, to keep such sidewalks adjoining such property free from snow and ice for ~~the full paved width of such sidewalk~~ *a foot path of 12”to 16” wide*. The term “sidewalk” shall mean any concrete or bituminous walkway, or walkway of other materials constructed in a public right of way, including walks and ramps leading to a crosswalk, and designed particularly for pedestrian, bicycle, non-motorized or motorized wheelchair, or other non-motorized travel.

Moved and seconded moving the previous question.

Voted

**APPROVED**

Unanimous

Vote on Main Motion:

Voted

**DEFEATED**

Majority

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Code of By-Laws, Chapter 6, USE OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, by adding the following new Section 6-200 Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks.

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**Section 6-200 Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks**

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**§6-201. Purpose/Intent.**

The purpose of this chapter is to contribute to the public welfare, safety and good order of the people of the Town of Northbridge and to contribute to their safe conveyance over the sidewalks of the Town by establishing certain regulations for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks of the Town that are consistent with the rights and privileges of other residents of the Town.

**§6-202. Duty of property owner and occupant.**

It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant, jointly, of every parcel of real estate adjoining a public sidewalk, whether the parcel of real estate is occupied by a structure or not, to keep such sidewalks adjoining such property free from snow and ice for the full paved width of such sidewalk. The term “sidewalk” shall mean any concrete or bituminous walkway, or walkway of other materials constructed in a public right of way, including walks and ramps leading to a

crosswalk, and designed particularly for pedestrian, bicycle, non-motorized or motorized wheelchair, or other non-motorized travel.

**§6-203. Time limit for removal.**

Snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. In addition, sidewalks in front of commercial establishments shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times. In the event of an unusually heavy snowfall, the time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Public Works.

**§6-204. Severe icing.**

In case snow and ice on any sidewalk shall be frozen so hard that it cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk, it shall, within the time specified in §6-203, be strewn and kept with sand or other suitable material, so as to be no longer dangerous to life and limb. As soon as practical thereafter, the sidewalk shall be completely cleared of snow, ice and other materials strewn thereon, as provided in this Section. The Town shall maintain a stockpile of sand/salt mix, which shall be available without charge for this purpose.

**§6-205. Removal by Town.**

Notwithstanding the above requirements, within available resources, the Town will continue the practice of plowing sidewalks and removing snow along those sidewalks where children are required to walk to school and within central business districts. This on-going practice does not relieve the abutting property owners and occupants from their responsibilities to ensure that the sidewalks are completely cleared of snow and ice within the timeframe specified above.

**§6-206. Exceptions – Age or Infirmary.**

Property owners/occupants who are seventy (70) years of age or older, or who are physically incapable of performing the activities required for compliance are exempt from the provisions of this by law. Proof of age shall be by birth certificate or other public record and proof of physical infirmity shall be by means of a written statement from competent medical authority certifying physical inability to comply with the requirements of this bylaw.

**§6-207. Snow, ice and water falling from buildings.**

The owners or occupants of buildings adjacent to public sidewalks shall take measures to protect the public from the falling of snow, ice, or water from such buildings.

**§6-208. Violations and penalty.**

Violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be punishable as set forth in §1-109A and B of this Code of Bylaws. In addition to any criminal enforcement, the town may pursue any available civil remedies deemed appropriate and necessary.

If a violation of any provision of § 6-200 is enforced through the procedures of MGL C. 40, § 21D and § 1-109A of this Code of Bylaws, the penalty shall be \$25 for the first offense in any calendar year, \$50 for the second offense and \$100 for the third and each subsequent offense in the same calendar year.

**§6-209. Severability.**

The provisions of §6-200 are severable. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of the bylaw shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this bylaw, but they shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent that this bylaw shall remain in effect notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**ARTICLE 12:** Voted APPROVED Majority  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to adopt a Scenic Roads Bylaw, as set forth below.

### **SCENIC ROADS**

#### **Section XX: DEFINITIONS**

In the absence of contrary meaning established through legislative or judicial action pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C, the following terms used in this bylaw shall be defined as follows:

##### **A. Cutting or Removal of Trees**

Shall mean the removal of one or more trees and/or the removal of tree limbs having a diameter greater than 4 inches.

##### **B. Repair, Maintenance, Reconstruction, or Paving Work**

Shall mean any work done within the right-of-way of a road by any person, or public or private agency. This definition includes the construction of new driveways or alteration of existing driveways that takes place within the right-of-way.

##### **C. Road**

Shall mean any way used and maintained as a public way including the vehicular traveled way plus necessary appurtenances within the right-of-way such as bridge structures, drainage systems, retaining walls, traffic control devices, and sidewalks. When the boundary of the road is in question, the trees and stone walls shall be presumed to be within the way until the contrary is shown.

##### **D. Tearing Down or Destruction of Stone Walls**

Shall mean the destruction of more than 15 linear feet of stone wall involving more than one cubic foot of wall material per linear foot above existing grade. Tearing down or destruction of stone walls shall not be construed to include temporary removal and replacement of walls at the same location with the same materials. Reconstructed portions of stone walls shall match the existing wall.

##### **E. Trees**

Shall include any living tree whose trunk has a diameter of four inches or more as measured one foot above the ground level.

#### **Section XX: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the scenic quality and character of certain Town roads by establishing controls on alterations that can take place within public rights-of-way.

#### **Section XX: SCENIC ROADS**

The following roads are designated as scenic roads in the Town of Northbridge: Castle Hill Road, a portion of Fletcher Street (from the point 1,000 feet easterly of the most easterly line at Elm Street and the westerly line of Keeler Road), Hill Street, Cooper Road, Kelly Road, and Old Quaker Street. The Town may from time-to-time designate additional roads as scenic roads.

#### **Section XX: CONTROL**

**XX.X. Control by the Tree Warden.**

Within the public right-of-way of designated scenic roads, the tree warden or his designee may approve the cutting or removal of up to three trees per 200 contiguous linear feet of right-of-way. The tree warden shall not approve the cutting or removal of trees with diameters greater than 12-inches.

**XX.X. Control by the Planning Board.**

Within the public right of way of designated scenic roads, the following activities shall require written approval of the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw:

- a. The tearing down, painting or destruction of stone walls;
- b. The cutting or removal of trees the scope of which is outside the responsibility of the tree warden, as defined above; and
- c. Repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving work, including the construction of new driveways or alteration of existing ones, insofar as they affect stone walls or trees within the public right of way.

In cases where a threat to public safety does not allow sufficient time to obtain approvals from the tree warden or the Planning Board, the Planning Board must be notified within five business days of any action which, had the threat not existed, would be a violation of this bylaw.

**XX.X Hearings**

The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of an application, with notice given in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 15C, and shall approve, conditionally approve or deny an application within sixty (60) days of receipt. In making its decision, the Planning Board shall consider the following criteria and shall not grant approval if the proposed action will be in violation of one or more of them:

- a. Preservation of historic values;
- b. Preservation of scenic and aesthetic quality of the area;
- c. Protection of natural resource and environmental systems; and
- d. Public safety.

**XX.X Compensatory Actions**

The Planning Board may impose conditions on the approval of an application such as the planting of new trees or the reconstruction of stone walls. If the overall effect of the proposed alteration, including compensatory action, is to maintain or improve the scenic quality and character of the road, the Board may grant approval even if the proposed action would be in violation of one or more of the criteria set forth above.

**Section X. PUBLIC SHADE TREE ACT**

Whenever feasible, notice shall be given, and Planning Board hearings shall be held, in conjunction with the hearings held by the tree warden acting under M.G.L. Chapter 87. The consent of the Planning Board to a proposed action shall not be regarded as implying consent by the tree warden, or vice versa. The Planning Board decision shall contain a condition that no work should be done until all applicable provisions of the Public Shade Tree Law, M.G.L. Chapter 87, have been complied with.

**Section X: ENFORCEMENT**

The building inspector, tree warden, or others designated by the Town Manager may issue a citation for violation of this bylaw. A failure to respond to properly issued citations, or the issuance of three (3) or more citations in a twelve (12) month period, or failure to take responsible



of such lot or lots, that was, either in whole or in part, previously disturbed by wholesale or manufacturing uses, including without limitation, mining or quarrying, construction activities or suppliers, manufacturing or light industries, railroads or railway express services, trucking service or warehousing, other transportation services (taxi cabs) or wholesale trade, provided the owner or occupant of such lot submits a certificate from a registered professional engineer stating that:

- (a) Post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development peak discharge rates for the 2 year, 10 year, 25 year, 50 year, and 100 year storm events, for a 24-hour storm frequency.
- (b) The annual recharge on site is based on underlying soil types classified from National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil surveys. The infiltration systems are sized to recharge no less than the following volume of runoff per storm.

<u>Hydrologic Group</u>	<u>Volume to recharge</u> <u>(x total Impervious Area)</u>
A	0.40 inches of runoff
B	0.25 inches of runoff
C	0.10 inches of runoff
D	waived

- (c) Stormwater management systems have been designed to remove 80% of the average annual load (post development conditions) of total suspended solids.
- (d) All stormwater management systems have in place an operation and maintenance plan.

**ARTICLE 14:** 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-Law by DELETING in its entirety the Article entitled "**LIMITED REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT,**" the text of which is printed in Article 14 of the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

**A - Purpose.**

The Limited Redevelopment Overlay District has been established: (1) to encourage the redevelopment of lots containing existing disturbed or improved land within the Route 146 Overlay District which are not immediately adjacent to Route 146 for retail and related purposes in order to address the limited availability of land zoned for commercial non-industrial purposes with the Town; and (2) to promote the preservation of existing undisturbed land and open space within the

Town. The foregoing purposes are consistent with the Town's 1994 Master Plan in that the creation of the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District is intended to meet the Town's development goals of promoting economic vitality to the Route 146 area and broadening the tax base while meeting the natural resource goals of preserving open space and protecting the environment.

**B - Overlay District.**

This **Article XX** is adopted as an overlay district within the existing Route 146 Overlay District. The use and other regulations of the underlying districts and any applicable overlay districts shall remain in place and other provisions of the Zoning By-Law will apply to this district unless specifically superseded by the provisions of this Article, in which event the provisions of this Article shall govern.

**C - Location of District.**

The Limited Redevelopment Overlay District shall consist of any lot of 35 acres or more within the Route 146 Overlay District, which at such lot's closest point to the Route 146 1981 State Highway Layout is set back from the Route 146 1981 State Highway Layout by at least 500 feet.

**D - Permitted Uses.**

The Limited Redevelopment Overlay District is intended to permit more extensive uses than are permitted in the underlying zoning districts or in the Route 146 Overlay District. The following uses shall be permitted as of right in the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District, provided that: (i) at least 25% or 10 acres of a proposed development site, whichever is less, has been previously disturbed by wholesale or manufacturing uses, including, without limitation, mining or quarrying, construction activities or suppliers, manufacturing or light industries, railroads or railway express services, trucking service or warehousing, other transportation services (taxicabs) or wholesale trade; (ii) the proposed use is located within any building containing 5,000 or more square feet of floor area and requiring the creation of ten or more parking spaces or the alteration of any existing parking lot containing ten or more spaces; and (iii) the underlying district is not a residential zoning district:

- (1) retail and service uses, including retail stores usually selling a combination of two or more of the following: dry goods, apparel, and accessories, furniture and home furnishings, small wares, hardware and food;
- (2) establishments selling food and drink for home preparation and consumption or on its premises;
- (3) personal service establishments;
- (4) miscellaneous business offices and services; and
- (5) year-round greenhouse or stand for the wholesale and retail sale of agricultural or farm products.

Any person seeking to develop any of the foregoing as -of-right uses shall not be required to submit to the Planning Board any of the submittals required to be submitted under Article XVI of the Zoning By-Law and the Design Standards set forth in §173-101 shall not be applicable to such developments.

Except as expressly permitted in this Section D, any use permitted by right or special permit in any of the underlying zoning districts or in any other overlay district applicable to any property located within the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District shall not be affected by virtue of the provisions of this section.

**E - Dimensional Requirements.**

The uses described in Section D above shall be subject to the dimensional requirements applicable in the underlying zoning district except as expressly modified by the following:

(1) Water Quality and Quantity. Any development within the Limited Resource Overlay District shall incorporate the following design standards as certified to the building inspector by a registered professional engineer:

- (a) Post-development peak discharge rates do not exceed pre-development peak discharge rates for the 2 year, 10 year, 25 year, 50 year, and 100 year storm events, for a 24-hour storm frequency.
- (b) The annual recharge on site is based on underlying soil types classified from National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil surveys. The infiltration systems are sized to recharge no less than the following volume of runoff per storm.

<u>Hydrologic Group</u>	<u>Volume to recharge</u> <u>(x total Impervious Area)</u>
A	0.40 inches of runoff
B	0.25 inches of runoff
C	0.10 inches of runoff
D	waived

- (c) Stormwater management systems have been designed to remove 80% of the average annual load (post development conditions) of total suspended solids.
- (d) All stormwater management systems have in place an operation and maintenance plan.

(2) Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 173-18.2 of this Zoning By-Law, grading or construction that will result in final slopes of 15% to 50% on 15% or less of lot area shall be allowed as of right on lots that have been previously disturbed, either in whole or in part, by wholesale or manufacturing uses, including, without limitation, mining or quarrying, construction activities or suppliers, manufacturing or light industries, railroads or railway express service, trucking service or warehousing, other transportation services (taxi cabs) or wholesale trade.
- (b) Exposed or disturbed areas due to stripping of vegetation, soil removal, and regrading shall be permanently stabilized or seeded, weather permitting, within fourteen days after construction ending on any

particular area of the lot or as soon thereafter as weather permits as determined by the building inspector.

- (c) During construction, temporary vegetation and/or mulching shall be used to protect exposed areas from erosion. Until a disturbed area is permanently stabilized, sedimentation in runoff shall be trapped by using staked hay bales, sediment traps, or other acceptable methods as determined by the Building Inspector.

(3) Open Space.

- (a) A minimum of 45% of any parcel shall be left as open space. Open space shall not include land under rights-of-way for utilities and required yard setbacks. Up to 25% of the required open space may be developed with manmade features such as stormwater detention devices, non-commercial recreational structures and uses, septic systems and similar features.
- (b) In order to preserve the natural features of a lot, a minimum of 35% of the lot shall be left in its pre-development state.
- (c) When a proposed development abuts a residential district in any community, whether presently developed or not, landscaped buffers shall be employed and shall contain a screen of plantings not less than three feet in width and six feet in height at the time of planting. At the owner's election, (i) either individual shrubs or trees shall be planted not more than three feet on center, and shall thereafter be maintained by the owner or occupant so as to maintain a dense screen year-round with at least 50% of the plants consisting of evergreens or (ii) existing vegetation of at least three feet in width shall be preserved at the site. A solid wall or fence, not to exceed six feet in height, complemented by suitable plantings may be substituted for such landscaped buffers.

(4) Landscaping and Access.

- (a) In connection with a building permit application, a registered landscape architect shall submit to the building inspector a landscape plan drawn to scale, including dimensions and distances. The plan shall delineate all existing and proposed parking spaces or other vehicle areas, access aisles, driveways, and the location, size and description of all landscaping materials and tree cover.
- (b) Access ways into the site thoroughfares within the development shall be provided with deciduous trees at intervals of approximately 50' on both sides of the road to provide an overhanging canopy at maturity. Such trees shall be a minimum of two-inch caliper at breast height when planted and shall normally attain a height of at least 50' at maturity.
- (c) Outside storage areas for materials, equipment or trash shall be provided with an opaque screen to shield such areas from view from adjacent streets and residential districts. Such screens may be walls, fences, landscaped beams, evergreen plantings, or any combination thereof. Walls or fences exceeding

four and one-half feet shall have plantings on any side facing a residential district.

- (d) Up to two entrances and exits are permitted from any street or subdivision road to a development and such entrances/exits need not be separated by a traffic island.

(5) Lighting and Utilities.

- (a) All electric, telephone, television and other communication lines, both main and service connections, servicing new developments shall be provided by underground wiring within easements. These lines shall be installed in accordance with the prevailing standards and practices of the utility company providing such services. Electric transmission lines responsible for transporting power through the area and provision of three-phase power are exempt from the underground requirement.
- (b) Each outdoor luminaire shall be a full cutoff luminaire, and the use of decorative luminaries with full cutoff optics is permitted. A full cutoff luminaire is an outdoor light fixture shielded in such a manner that all light emitted by the fixture, either directly from the lamp or indirectly from the fixture is projected below the horizontal plane.

(6) Infrastructure Availability.

- (a) Each development shall tie-in to a public water system if an available connection is located within 1000' of the property, unless evidence is submitted by the water supplier that its available capacity is insufficient to service the development.
- (b) Intensity of development shall vary with the proposed sewage treatment method. The floor area ratio (FAR) shall vary depending upon the proposed sewage treatment method, as follows:

Sewage Treatment Method	FAR
Connection to Public Treatment Works	0.75
Package Treatment Plant	0.25
On-Site Septic System	0.12

(7) Dimensional Requirements.

- (a) In lieu of minimum lot size and frontage requirements, the FAR and open space requirements specified above shall govern the overall project development intensity.
- (b) There are no required minimum side and rear yards between buildings within the development. Where the lot(s) abuts land zoned for commercial or industrial use, side and rear yards of 15 feet shall be provided. Where the tract abuts property lines of residential districts, side and rear yards shall be provided of fifty feet (50') which may contain no buildings or parking lots.

**F - Parking Requirements.**

The number of parking spaces for developments within the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District shall conform to the parking requirements for each individual use set forth in Section 173-27 of this Zoning By -Law.

In addition, the following parking and loading requirements shall be required for developments in the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District:

- | (1) | <u>Use</u>                      | <u>Number of Loading Spaces</u>  |
|-----|---------------------------------|--|
|     | <b>Business or Industrial</b>   | 1 for the first 25,000 s.f. of net floor space and an additional space per each additional 35,000 s.f. of net floor space  |
| (2) | <u>Location of Parking.</u>     | Parking may be provided at the front, rear, and side of a primary use structure.   |
| (3) | <u>Parking Lot Landscaping.</u> | Interior parking lot landscaping requirements contained in this Zoning By-Law shall not be required to the extent that a proposed development within the Limited Redevelopment Overlay District maintains at least 35% of the site in its naturally landscaped state. To the extent that less than 35% of the lot or lots remain in their natural state, the provisions of §173-101(C)(3) shall apply. |

**G – Signage.**

- (1) For uses permitted as of right under Section 4 hereof, the following signs shall be permitted: seven wall signs for each business located in a building and in the case of a business which has more than a single department, one sign for each department, provided such department occupies no less than 300 square feet of the building and provided the aggregate of all such wall signs on the building shall not exceed 680 square feet. Such wall signs may be illuminated internally or externally.
- (2) Up to two monument signs, which shall not exceed 350 square feet, each shall be set back at least one half the depth of the required front yard and, if lighted, may be illuminated internally or externally.
- (3) For other uses, the provision governing signs in the underlying zoning district shall be applicable.

**H - Site Plan Review.**

The site plan review requirements in Section 173-49 of this Zoning By-Law shall not be applicable to developments permitted as of right pursuant to Section D hereof and that comply with the dimensional requirements in Section E hereof;

**ARTICLE 15:** Voted

**DEFEATED**

**Standing Vote**

**YES 148 / NO 86**

**2/3 vote not attained**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to AMEND the Zoning By-law, Section 173-12 [Table of Area Regulations], by INCREASING the minimum lot area within the Residential –One, Residential –Two and Residential –Three zoning districts where serviced by public sewer system as provided below:

**TABLE OF AREA REGULATIONS**  
Minimum required where serviced by public sewer system

District	Use	Area (square feet)
R-1	Any permitted structure or principal use	<del>30,000</del>
		60,000
R-2	One-family detached dwelling	<del>20,000</del>
		40,000
	Two-family dwelling	<del>20,000</del>
		40,000
R-3	One-family detached dwelling	<del>20,000</del>
		30,000
		<i>[Amended 9-10-1955 STM, Art. 8; 5-5-1998 ATM, Art. 20]</i>
	Two-family dwelling	<del>20,000</del>
		30,000

**Note:** the existing minimum requirement to be amended is shown with a line through it – the proposed change is provided below.

**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 AMEND the Zoning By-law, Section 173-12 [Table of Area Regulations], by INCREASING the minimum lot area within the Residential – Four and Residential – Five zoning districts, where serviced by public sewer system as provided below:						
<b>TABLE OF AREA REGULATIONS</b>						
Minimum required where serviced by public sewer system						
District	Use	Area (square feet)	Width (feet)	Yards		
				Front (feet)	Side (feet)	Rear (feet)
R-4	One-family detached dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>8</del>	20
		10,000	100	20	20	
	Two-family dwelling	<del>10,000</del>	<del>80</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>10</del>	20
		15,000	100	20	20	
	Multifamily dwelling	<del>5,000</del> plus 2,500 per unit	100	<del>10</del> 20	<del>10</del> 20	15
		10,000, plus 3,000 per unit				

R-5	One-family detached dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>8</del>	20
		10,000	80	20	20	
	Two-family dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>10</del>	20
		15,000	80	20	20	
	<b>Multifamily dwelling</b>	<del>2,000</del>	<del>50</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>15</del>
		plus 2,000 per unit 10,000, plus 3,000 per unit	100	20	20	20

**Note:** the existing minimum requirement to be amended is shown with a line through it –the proposed change is provided below.

**ARTICLE 17:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous  
 Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over this article.

<b>TABLE OF AREA REGULATIONS</b>						
<i>Minimum required where not serviced by public sewer system</i>						
District	Use	Area (square feet)	Width (feet)	Front (feet)	Yards	
					Side (feet)	Rear (feet)
R-1	Any permitted structure or principal use	<del>40,000</del>	<del>200</del>	40	<del>25</del>	50
		80,000	200		30	
R-2	Any permitted structure or principal use <i>[Amended 11-10-1998 ATM, Art.20]</i>	<del>40,000</del>	<del>150</del>	40	<del>15</del>	40
		60,000	200		20	
R-3	One-family detached dwelling	30,000	<del>100</del>	40	<del>10</del>	30
			125		40	
	Two-family dwelling	<del>20,000</del>	<del>125</del>	40	<del>10</del>	30
		30,000	150		40	

**Note:** the existing minimum requirement to be amended is shown with a line through it – the proposed change is provided below.

**ARTICLE 18:** 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 By-law, Section 173-12 [Table of Area Regulations], by INCREASING the minimum lot area within the Residential –Four and Residential –Five zoning districts, where not serviced by public sewer system as provided below:

<b>TABLE OF AREA REGULATIONS</b>						
Minimum required where not serviced by public sewer system						
<b>District</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Area (square feet)</b>	<b>Width (feet)</b>	<b>Front (feet)</b>	<b>Yards Side (feet)</b>	<b>Rear (feet)</b>
R-4	One-family detached dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>8</del>	20
		10,000	100	20	20	
	Two-family dwelling	<del>10,000</del>	<del>80</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>10</del>	20
		20,000	100	20	20	
	Multifamily dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	100	<del>10</del>	<del>10</del>	15
		<del>plus 2,500 per unit</del>		20	20	
15,000 plus 4,000 per unit						
R-5	One-family detached dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>8</del>	20
		10,000	80	20	20	
	Two-family dwelling	<del>5,000</del>	<del>60</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>10</del>	20
		15,000	100	20	20	
	Multifamily dwelling	<del>2,000</del>	100	<del>50</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>15</del>
		<del>plus 2,000 per unit</del>		20	20	
15,000 plus 3,000 per unit						

**Note:** the existing minimum requirement to be amended is shown with a line through it – the proposed change is provided below.

**ARTICLE 19:** 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 By-law by ADDING a new section to Article IX for Lawfully Nonconforming structures and uses as follows:

**ALTERATION, RECONSTRUCTION, EXTENSION OR STRUCTURAL CHANGE OF  
 LAWFULLY NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES AND USES**

Lawfully nonconforming structures or uses may be altered, reconstructed, extended, or structurally changed in a manner that increases the degree of nonconformity of the structure or use, provided that the permit granting authority finds that such actions shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the lawfully nonconforming structure or use. Or take any other action relative thereto.

**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 votes taken under Article 2 of the 2005 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 7, 2005), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, with respect to Line 22 as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Health**

<b>22A</b> Personnel	\$62,775
<b>22B</b> Expenses	<u>\$17,370</u>
Total	\$80,145

**ARTICLE 21:** Voted **APPROVED** Majority

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend Section 4-311 (C) of the Town's By-Laws by adding thereto the following new Sub-section:

"(3) Anything in the Town's By-laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board of Health shall appoint and, in appropriate circumstances, dismiss, suspend or discipline a health agent, whether full-time or part-time, who shall devote his time to the enforcement of the laws and regulation related to public health and to such other duties as may be assigned to him by said Board".

Voted **APPROVED** 2/3 vote attained  
**Moderator declared 2/3 vote by Virtue of Town By-Law C3-106**

Moved and seconded to suspend Town By-Law C3-115 and continue the Fall Annual Town Meeting beyond 10:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 22:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (free cash), the sum of \$35,000 for the development and preparation of a Master Plan for the Town's playgrounds and recreation fields, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Playground & Recreation Commission.

**ARTICLE 23:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (free cash), the sum of \$25,000 for the design and construction of a skateboard park, so-called, to be located on Town owned or Town leased land in the Town, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee.

**ARTICLE 24:** Voted **DEFEATED** 2/3 vote not attained

**Moderator declared lack of 2/3 vote by virtue of Town Bylaw C3-106**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$160,000 for improvements to the street known as Arthur Drive, including widening of the travel surface and the construction of sidewalks, said project to be executed under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

**ARTICLE 25:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to rezone the following property on Providence Road from Industrial 1 to Industrial 2. The meets and bounds of said parcel are more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Northbridge and being shown as Parcel #21A on plan recorded in Plan Book 494, Plan 67, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly line of the Providence & Worcester Railroad at the northwesterly corner of the hereinafter described premises;  
THENCE northeasterly 280 feet to a point;  
THENCE southeasterly 100 feet to a point;  
THENCE northerly, northeasterly by various courses and by Lot #22A on said plan 775.89 feet, more or less, to a point;  
THENCE S. 50° 41' 23" E., 64.10 feet to a point;  
THENCE S. 50° 41' 23" W., 44.39 feet to a point;  
THENCE S. 21° 24' 10" W., 116.75 feet to a point;  
THENCE S. 56° 09' 49" E., 27.17 feet to a point;  
THENCE N. 40° 17' 16" E., 5.46 feet to a point;  
THENCE along the brook and over the pond, 1,229 feet, more or less, to a point at parcel 20A on said plan;  
THENCE by said parcel 20A on said plan 1,147.85 feet, more or less, to a point of land of the said Providence and Worcester RR Co.;  
THENCE northwesterly by said RR 840 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 25.07 acres, more or less, according to said plan.

**ARTICLE 26:** Voted APPROVED Unanimous  
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Map incorporated into its Zoning Bylaws by re-zoning from Residential Two (R-2) to Business Three (B-3) the parcel of land bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the center line of Main Street and the easterly side of Lasell Road;  
THENCE Southeasterly 495.12 feet, more or less, by the easterly line of Lasell Road to its intersection with the Northbridge/Sutton Town line;  
THENCE Northeasterly 1400 feet by the Northbridge/Sutton Town line to a point;  
THENCE Northerly 300 feet to a point;  
THENCE N. 75° W., 405 feet to a point;  
THENCE S. 83° 13'26" W., 294.5 feet to a point;  
THENCE N. 56° 06'40" W., 237 feet, more or less, to the center line of Main Street;  
THENCE Southwesterly by the center line of Main Street 1011.4 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, thereby extending the existing B-3 Zone.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the **Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 25, 2005**, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously at 11:23 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
May 17, 2005**

<b>Prec.1</b>	<b>Prec.2</b>	<b>Prec.3</b>	<b>Prec.4</b>
534	461	359	560

**SELECTMEN 3 yr terms  
(vote for two)**

	<b>Prec.1</b>	<b>Prec.2</b>	<b>Prec.3</b>	<b>Prec.4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Timothy L. Boucher (Inc)	214	232	142	207	795
John A. Davis	228	157	144	270	799
Salvatore D'Amato	216	144	160	263	783
William J. Audette	308	320	192	294	1114
Michael A. Genest	49	27	46	46	168
Blanks	53	42	34	40	169
<b>Total Vote</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>3828</b>

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr terms  
(vote for three)**

Paula L. Grabowski	331	288	234	346	1199
Sean L. Dorfman	208	186	136	244	774
Andrew J. Myers	351	261	253	355	1220
Susan Massey Brouwer (Inc)	334	297	226	338	1195
Gary A. Duquette (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Mary Slaney (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Gregory Fuller (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Leo Audette (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Michael Coughlin(write in)	1	0	0	0	1
All others (fictitious name)	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	375	351	227	395	1348
<b>Total Vote</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>1383</b>	<b>1077</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>5742</b>

**PLANNING BOARD 3yr terms  
(vote for two)**

Robert E. Clark, Jr.	365	335	258	360	1318
Edward J. Palmer (Inc)	390	319	271	422	1402
Stephen Walker (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Phil Cyr (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Robert Silva (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
William Cundiff (write in)	4	0	0	1	5
Scott Harland (write in)	0	0	1	0	1

Susan Brouwer (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
James Ciras (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
All others (fictitious name)	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	308	268	186	334	1096
<b>Total Vote</b>	1068	922	718	1120	3828

Spaulding R. Aldrich (Inc)	443	361	296	455	1555
Lawrence M. Long (Inc)	384	313	261	392	1350
Robert Mellor (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Michael Dumas (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Joseph Williamson (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	241	247	160	272	920
<b>Total Vote</b>	1068	922	718	1120	3828

(vote for one)

Tony Carreri (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Shelley Buma (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Timothy Boucher (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Denis Latour (write in)	1	0	0	1	2
Paul Mahoney (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Thomas Patnode (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Lee Gaudette (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Charlotte Crawford (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Randall Morin (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Leo Wiersma (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Tom Brouwer (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Tom Dejordy (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Spaulding Aldrich (write in)	1	0	1	0	2
Sal D'Amato (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Steve Sansoucy (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Jim Archibald (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Marty Green (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
John Doldoorian (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Andre Mooradian (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Matt Leonard (write in)	2	0	0	0	2
Leo Rendeau (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Lee Hebert (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
J. Arquette (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Douber (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Ryan Langlois (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Kathleen Michniewicz (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Kenneth Taylor (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
John Perro (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Thomas Paine (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	522	454	350	556	1882
<b>Total Vote</b>	534	461	359	560	1914

(vote for one)

Gary Duquette (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
William Audette (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Dennis Latour (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Jay Foley (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Spaulding Aldrich (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Jim Archibald, Jr. (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Steve Sansoucy (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Jack Davis (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
S. Joseff (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Ryan Langlois (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Thomas Farley (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Wayne Taylor (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
James Susienka (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Thomas Paine (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Anthony Brookhouse (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Leo Wiersma (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Laurie Ciras (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Paul Mahoney (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Henry Lane (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Randall F. Morin (write in)	0	0	2	0	2
Blanks	529	455	352	557	1893
<b>Total Vote</b>	534	461	359	560	1914

(vote for one)

Robin Poole (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Mike Genest (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Edward Nicolette (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Dennis Latour (write in)	0	0	0	1	1
Chris Cowan (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
David Morrow (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Spaulding Aldrich (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Steve Sansoucy (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Mary Francis Powers (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Paul McKeon (write in)	2	0	0	0	2
David St. Martin (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Thomas Paine (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
James Susienka (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Kenneth Taylor (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Homer Rajotte (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
J. Anderson (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
T. Transar (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Marion Mulgrew (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Sal D'Amato (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Leo Wiersma (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Dirk Koopman (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Randall Morin (write in)	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	527	453	355	556	1891
<b>Total Vote</b>	534	461	359	560	1914

**HOUSING AUTHORITY 5yr term**

(vote for one)

Barbara A. Chandler (Inc)	379	313	263	383	1338
Thomas Paine (write in)	0	1	0	0	1
Paul Boulard (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Matt Leonard (write in)	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	153	147	96	177	573
<b>Total Vote</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>1914</b>

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk

<b>BIRTHS RECEIVED AND RECORDED – 2005</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>MARRIAGES ISSUED AND RECORDED – 2005</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>DEATHS FILED AND RECORDED - 2005</b>	<b>178</b>

**FEEES COLLECTED FOR  
SERVICES, RECORDINGS, LICENSES/PERMITS AND BY-LAWS  
2005**

Birth Certificates	\$4,685.00
Death Certificates	4,665.00
Marriage Certificates	1,300.00
Marriage Intentions	1,260.00
Uniform Commercial Loans	664.86
Uniform Commercial Loan Terminations	N/A
Uniform Commercial Loan Search	20.00
Raffle Permits	100.00
Business Certificates	1,600.00
Business Discontinuance	0.00
Pole Locations	480.00
Gasoline Permits	435.00
Liquidation Sales	0.00
Zoning By-Law Books	570.00
Zoning Maps	18.00
Subdivision Rules & Regulations Books	165.00
Street Lists/Resi Discs	251.00
Town By-Laws/BOH	105.00
Copies/Labels/Postage/Miscellaneous	118.60
Fish/Game Fees	N/A
Cemetery Recordings	20.00
Trust Filing	0.00
Variances	5,400.00

	<b>CEMETERY LOTS - 2005</b>	
Fees Remitted to Treasurer:		1,600.00
	<b>DOGS LICENSED - 2005</b>	
Fees Remitted to Treasurer:		6,601.00
	<b>FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES - 2005</b>	
Fees Remitted to Treasurer:		N/A
	<b>SUMMARY</b>	
Fees Collected for Town Clerk Services:		\$21,857.46
Cemetery Lot Fees Remitted:		1,600.00
Dog Fees Remitted:		6,601.00
Wildlife Fees Remitted to Commonwealth:		N/A
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$30,058.46</u></b>

## 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.

The Town of Northbridge uses MUNIS software for all accounting and payroll applications. 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 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.

Automation of the Whitinsville Social Library catalog and lending systems continues. Books and library cards are now bar coded and scanned to improve productivity and effectively track the location and movement of materials. A database accessed by library patrons replaces the card catalog for finding books and materials controlled by the library. Several computers have been installed providing access to the internet for added reference.

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](http://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 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The equipment update continues with the purchase of recording and play back DVD recorders and DVD playback machines. The control room was not moved as planned. A revaluation was done and it was decided that it would work better in the current location. The need for volunteers to cover meetings is still a great need since no one has come forward to date. Live programming and taped programs continue and the viewer audience continues to grow based on feed back received by phone calls and contact with residents on the street. It is hoped however that at some time in the future the town will take over the total operations of local access to include the hiring of technical personnel. The people who bring the Programming on Channels 11, 12, and 13 are worthy of much appreciation since the added viewing choices and information that is made available to Northbridge residents is second to no other town. Sharron W. Ampagoomian deserves even more thanks since she brings the most local programming as well as coverage of the ever more watched Selectmen's Meetings. David Miedema, III continues to bring coverage of school sporting events allowing for parents and relatives of our local athletes to see them perform even if they cannot be at the game.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Berkowitz, Chairman  
Jerry Baghdasarian  
Sharon 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 36 applications filed for variances or special permits. The Zoning Board held twenty one (21) public hearings for variances, nineteen (19) of which were granted and two (2) withdrawn by the applicant.

The Board held fourteen (14) public hearings for special permits, thirteen (13) of which were granted, and one (1) withdrawn by the applicant.

The Board also held one public hearing on an application appealing a decision of the Building Inspector. The Board upheld the decision of the Building Inspector and denied an overturn of that decision.

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 2006.

Members of the Board were as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas E. Hansson

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Northbridge Planning Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Selectmen's Chambers of the Town Hall. 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. A professional staff of Town Planner, R. Gary Bechtholdt II and Barbara A. Kinney, Planning/Conservation Secretary assists the Board.

The Board's official powers and responsibilities are provided through the Northbridge Subdivision Regulations, the town's Zoning By-laws and as prescribed in Massachusetts General Laws. The 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 of non-residential uses and structures within the town. 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.

The Planning Board performs long range, comprehensive plans; reviews development proposals from the planning stage to the road construction; and drafts local land use regulations. The specific types of review performed by the Planning Board are as follows: Approval Not Required Plans (Form A) - division of land on existing roadways; Preliminary and Definitive Subdivision Plans - divisions of land creating new roads and lots; Site Plans - plans of commercial/industrial developments; Common driveway special permits; and Scenic roads.

During the year the Planning Board reviewed 27 Form A's, 11 Preliminary plans, 5 Definitive plans, 2 Subdivision Modifications, 6 Site plans, 1 Common Driveway permit, 2 Special permits, and 1 Scenic Road permit. In addition to these reviews, the Planning Board continued to monitor multiple subdivision projects throughout the construction process.

The Board also made recommendations for zoning change and amendments to the Zoning Bylaws. At the Spring Annual Town Meeting, the Planning Board recommended changing the zoning designation of parcel(s) of land located off Plummer Avenue from Residential-3 to Business-3 zone. At its Special Town Meeting (May 2005) the Planning Board recommended support of changing the zoning designation of a parcel(s) of land located off Providence Road, Northern Avenue and Wing Road from Residential-3 to a Business-3 zone. During the Fall Annual Town Meeting, the Planning Board recommended changing the zoning designation of a parcel(s) of land located off Providence Road from Industrial-1 to Industrial-2 and a parcel(s) of land located off Lasell Road to a Business-3 zone.

The Planning Board also sponsored a zoning amendment article to increase the minimum lot area requirements within the residential zoning districts. Town meeting action however failed to meet the required two-thirds vote and such article was defeated. A formal Scenic Roads By-Law was adopted into the General By-Laws of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denis Latour, Chairman  
Barbara Gaudette, Vice Chair  
Harry Berkowitz  
Robert Clark, Clerk  
Edward Palmer  
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 2005, the Commission reviewed thirty-one (33) Notices of Intent (NOI) and eleven (11) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) permits.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Chagnon, Chairman  
Robert Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Terence Bradley  
Paul Klocek  
Roger Jewell  
Wyatt Mills  
Cheryl Peckham

**NORTHBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Northbridge Police Department is to provide the utmost quality in policing, in cooperation and partnership within the business and citizen community emphasizing integrity, fairness, and professionalism.

I respectfully submit for your consideration a complete report for the year 2005.

Cruiser patrols covered 190,666 miles using 15,012 gallons of gasoline and 236 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 743 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 1,164 criminal violations in our community.

The breakdown of the 743 persons arrested or summoned into court is as follows:

Adult males	494	Juvenile males	57
Adult females	178	Juvenile females	14

In addition, 69 persons were held in Protective Custody.

A breakdown of the 1,164 criminal offenses taken before the different courts is as follows:

Abandon Child Under Age of 10	2
Accost/annoy Person of Opposite Sex	3
Affray	2
Annoying Phone Calls	3
Assault	1
Assault and Battery	21
Assault and Battery/Domestic	29
Assault and Battery Dangerous Weapon	18
Assault Dangerous Weapon	3
Assault and Battery Police Officer	5
Assault with Intent to Rape Child	1
Attach Plates Illegally	4
Attempt Larceny	1
Break and Enter Bldg. NT	5
Break and Enter Bldg DT	8
Break and Enter Bldg. DT, Armed	1
Break and Enter Dwelling NT	1
Break into Depository	2
Break Glass Bldg.	5
Contribute to Delinquency of Minor	1
Cruelty to Animals	3
Default Warrants	108

Discharge Firearm 500' Bldg.	2
Disorderly Person	36
Disrupting School Assembly	4
Disseminate Visual Matter of Child Depicted in Sexual Conduct	1
Disturbing the Peace	15
Fail to Disperse	1
Fail to Register as Sex Offender	2
Fail Stop for Police Officer	5
False Name to Police Officer	2
Filing False Police Report	2
Fugitive from Justice	1
Identity Fraud	1
Indecent A & B Child Under 14	6
Indecent A & B Child Over 14	9
Indecent Exposure	2
Intimidate Witness	1
Larceny from M/V	2
Larceny by Check	122
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	2
Larceny Over \$250.00	31
Larceny Under \$250.00	38
Leave Scene Property Damage Accident	21
Leave Scene Personal Injury Accident	1
Lewd/Lascivious Speech Behavior	1
License – Operate After Suspension/Revocation	57
License – Operate Without	33
Loitering	1
Minor Motor Vehicle Offenses	139
Misuse of Credit Card	6
Misuse of Drivers License	1
Operating Under Influence of Alcohol	25
Operating Under Influence of Drugs	12
Open and Gross Lewdness	1
Operate to Endanger / Negligently	10
Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle	25
Operate Rec. Vehicle on Public Way	3
Operate Motor Vehicle After Revoc.Registration	24
Parole Violation	2
Person Under 21 Possess/Transport Alcohol	30
Poss. Fictitious ID	1
Poss. Visual Material of Child Depicted in Sexual Conduct	1
Procuring Alcohol for Minor	14
Receiving Stolen Property	4
Resisting Arrest	9
Runaway	4
Shoplifting	12
Threat Commit Crime	2

Throw Glass on Public Way	1
Trespassing	5
Unlawful Assembly	6
Use M/V Without Authority	3
Uttering	9
Uttering False Prescription	7
Violation Restraining Order	13
Violation Drug Laws	80
Violation Drug Laws Within 1000' School Zone	14
Violation Town By-Law Open Container	9
Wanton Destruction Personal Property	14
Wil and Mal Injury Personal Property	52

MISCELLANEOUS:

Complaints Investigated	16,906
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	4,452
Parking Tickets Issued	641
E-911 calls	2,466
Bank/Burglar Alarms	497
Fire Department Assists	106
Funeral Service Traffic	19
Medical Calls	950
Mental Health Investigations	44
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	313
Unattended Deaths	6

ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED:

	614
Property Damage – Over \$1,000	208
Property Damage – Under \$1,000	351
Personal Injury Accident	55
Persons Injured	67
Pedestrians Injured	3
Bike Accident	1
Bicyclist Injured	0
Persons Killed	2

During the calendar year 2005, all police officers received mandated training in CPR, First Responder, and Firearm Certification. All full time officers also attended forty hours of in-service training in Boylston sponsored by Mass Criminal Justice Training Council. Included in this training was a ten-hour segment on incident command, which is a critical aspect of emergency planning and preparedness. Additional training received by in-service officers was incident response to terrorism, legal and motor vehicle updates, CPR, E-911 and computer software updates. Several officers were sent to various specialized training seminars such as SAIN (Sexual Assault Intervention Network for assisting juvenile victims of sexual assault), Emergency Storm Coordination seminar, training in Police Background Investigations, seminar sponsored by the District Attorney's Office on Crime Scene Policies and Procedures, fingerprint identification and recovery, firearms laws and licensing, all officers received training in Alzheimer's Detection and

Awareness, training in writing Affidavits and Search Warrants, seminar on ID Theft, Autism and the Proper Response, Labor Relations, Det. Sgt. Shawn Heney conducted a training seminar on Detection and Identification of Controlled Substances at the Whitinsville Office of the Department of Social Services, Officer Chickinski and U.S. Postal Inspector Brian Hendricks conducted a seminar on Combating Elderly Fraud. Elderly Fraud and Identity Theft are considered to be one of the fastest growing crimes in America.

During this past year, Northbridge Police in conjunction with Middle School Teacher Ken Warchol hosted its first Youth Police Academy as part of a Middle School enrichment program. The program began December 22, 2005 and will end May 4, 2006. 15 students are participating in the program. There were also several child “*Project Identification*” programs where approximately 300 children were fingerprinted. These programs were hosted by requesting schools, businesses and at church fairs.

In March, Patrolmen Stephen Buma and Thomas DeJordy graduated from the Boylston Police Academy. Officer Buma was assigned to the 12-8 a.m. shift. Officer DeJordy was assigned to the 4-12/8-4 Community Policing Shift. In February, Reserve Officer Jeffrey White was appointed a full time police recruit and began his 22-week police academy training in Boylston. In July, Officer White graduated from Boylston Police Academy. He was assigned to the 12-8 a.m. shift.

In July of 2005, the Animal Control Officer, Dan Chauvin, came under the authority of the Northbridge Police Department.

Calendar year 2005 was again a very busy year for the police department. Annual statistics indicated Calls for Service increased by 3.7%. There was a decrease of 7.9% in people arrested or summoned to court. There was a 12.7% increase in property damage accidents. I am happy to report a decrease in personal injury accidents by 7.2%. I believe increased traffic on our roads is partially responsible for the increase in property damage accident. Motor vehicle enforcement citations were up 7.1% and there was a 7.4% decrease in the issuance of parking tickets.

Crimes against persons and property increased this year. Property type crimes increased .3% while Crimes Against Persons increased 9.2%. By maintaining a full time complement of 22 police officers and four full time dispatchers, I believe the town will be well protected in the immediate future.

In December, Sgt. Timothy Labrie was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer John Ouillette was appointed to the rank of Sergeant.

Northbridge Police Detectives remained busy throughout the year. They conducted numerous investigations that resulted in the solving of several difficult cases. The detectives in conjunction with the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force were responsible for the investigation and arrest of numerous suspects for various drug violations throughout Blackstone Valley.

The following are departmental highlights:

#### JANUARY

School Resource Officer Christopher Burrell held a “*round table*” meeting at Northbridge Police Department involving representatives from Northbridge Schools, the District Attorney’s Office and Juvenile Court System.

## FEBRUARY:

Sgts. Smith, Labrie, and Det. Roy attended a “*SAIN*” Protocol and Procedure Seminar sponsored by the District Attorney’s Office and hosted at Uxbridge Police Department.

Chief Melia hosted an annual meeting at the Northbridge Police Department conference room for all department supervisors. Subject matter was policies, past and present work performance of staff, budget projections and investigation updates.

Recruit Jeffrey White started the 22-week mandatory police academy in Boylston sponsored by the Municipal Criminal Justice Training Council.

## MARCH

Chief Melia attended the annual legislative breakfast held at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. This was sponsored by the Central Mass Chiefs of Police Association.

Recruit Officers Stephen Buma and Thomas DeJordy graduated from the 22-week Municipal Training Academy in Boylston, MA. Officer Buma was assigned to the 12-8 a.m. shift and Officer DeJordy to the split evening and day Community Policing shift.

Chief Melia and Fire Chief Nestor attended a seminar in Wrentham sponsored by Mass Electric Company regarding “*Emergency Storm Coordination*”.

Lt. Warchol, Sgt. Heney, Smith, Zollin, Labrie, and Bradley received training on the department’s new audio/video system to be used for police interrogations.

Sgt. Labrie attended a two-day seminar at Milford Police Department sponsored by Hutchinson Law Enforcement Training on the subject of “*Police Background Investigation*.”

## APRIL 2005

Officers Christopher Burrell and Stephen Buma fingerprinted young children at the annual “*Kids Fair*” held at the Whitin Community Center.

Sgt. Labrie, Officer Burrell, Det. Roy, and Adm. Asst. Linda Skillen fingerprinted all kindergarten children at the Northbridge Primary School as part of the department’s annual “*Child Identification*” program.

Det. Sgt. Heney, Det. Roy, Det. Ouillette, Officers Burrell and Lamoreaux attended a District Attorney’s Workshop on “*Crime Scene Policies and Procedures*”.

Det. Ouillette, Officers Gorman, Lamoreaux, Buma, and DeJordy were trained in the art of fingerprint identification and recovery. This class was taught by retiree BCI Sgt. Frank Cameron of the Worcester Police department.

Lt. Warchol, Sgt. Zollin and Labrie attended a seminar in Boxboro on the subject of “*Firearms Laws and Licensing*.”

Chief Melia attended a three-day training conference for police chiefs in Leominster, MA. This annual conference is sponsored by the Mass Chiefs of Police Association.

Northbridge Police took part in Student Government Day sponsored by the Town Manager's Office and the School Department. Police Chiefs for the day were: Emily Langille and Ariana White.

School Resource Officer Christopher Burrell attended a weeklong training program for School Resource Officers in Portland, ME.

School Resource Officer Burrell took part in the Christian School "*Job Shadow Day*." The program commenced with a breakfast held at the Pleasant Street Church. Two students, Justine Kilian and Matthew Haddad "*shadowed*" Officer Burrell during his cruiser shift.

Northbridge Police directed traffic and led the parade for the Northbridge Little League "*Opening Day*". During this ceremony, long time Patrolman George Hamm was asked to throw out the opening game ball.

#### MAY

All dispatchers, reserve and auxiliary police officers were recertified in medical first responder training.

All police and civilian employees attended a seminar on "*Alzheimers's Detention and Awareness*".

Sgt. Leonard Smith attended a seminar at Natick Police Department on new statewide policies regarding parolees entering the community.

Chief Melia received a "*Lifetime Achievement Award*" from the New England Narcotic Officers Association at their annual conference and awards banquet in Hyannis, MA.

#### JUNE

Nicole Desruisseaux was hired as a full time dispatcher replacing Alicia Pincence who resigned for a position with the Massachusetts State Police.

Officers Conrad Chickinski and John Ouillette attended a seminar in Shrewsbury on "*Incident Response to Terror Bombing – Awareness Level*".

Chief Melia, Mrs. Skillen, School Resource Officer Burrell and Dispatcher Lisa Lasala attended a brunch ceremony at the Middle School for the "*Pen Pal Program*".

Northbridge Officers were assigned traffic duty for the annual "*Alternatives Unlimited Friendship Tour*" and the Whitin Community Center "*Picnic in the Park*".

Sgt. Timothy Labrie and Det. Ptlm. John Ouillette attended a seminar at Milford Police Department regarding "*Drafting Affidavits for Issuance of Search Warrants*."

## JULY

Northbridge full time, reserve and auxiliary police officers conducted traffic and pedestrian assignments at the annual fireworks display. Approximately 3,500 citizens were in attendance.

Recruit Officer Jeffrey White graduated from the 22-week police academy in Boylston sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Council. Officer White was assigned to the 12-8 shift.

Day Dispatcher and Reserve Police Officer Lisa LaSala attended a one day seminar in Milford sponsored by "Powerphone" and titled "*Homeland Security Dispatch*".

Det. Sgt. Shawn P Heney sponsored a seminar at Northbridge Police Department for new social workers assigned to the Whitinsville Office of Department of Social Services. The subject of the class was "*Detection and Identification of Controlled Substances*".

## AUGUST

Northbridge officers were assigned to traffic posts for the over 3,000 bicyclists traveling through town on their way to Provincetown as part of the "Pan Am Challenge" for cancer.

Officer Conrad Chickinski and U.S. Postal Inspector Brian Hendricks conducted a seminar at the Whitinsville Retirement Home titled "*Combating Elderly Fraud*".

## SEPTEMBER

School Resource Officer Christopher Burrell held a round table meeting with school personnel, social services and court agencies at the Northbridge Police Department conference room.

Det. Sgt. Shawn P. Heney and Dispatcher and Reserve Police Officer Lisa LaSala were recognized by "Worcester Magazine" for their investigative work on solving the animal abuse case of "*Phoenix the Cat*."

Sgt. Leonard W. Smith and Sgt. Timothy Labrie took part in the annual St. Patrick's Festival in Whitinsville. Officers fingerprinted children and passed out crime prevention material.

Officers Conrad Chickinski, Levon DerKosroffian, John Ouillette and Richard Gorman attended a seminar held by the Worcester County Fraudulent Check Association on the subject of "*ID Theft – Don't Become a Victim*".

## OCTOBER

Chief Melia and Town Manager Michael Coughlin attended an "AAA *Community Traffic Safety Awards*" Luncheon in Worcester. The Northbridge Police Department was presented an award for "*Five years without a pedestrian fatality*."

Sgt. Timothy Labrie and Lt. Warchol took part in the "*Community Reading Program*" at the Northbridge Primary School on Cross Street.

Chief Melia took part in the annual good will tour at the Dana Farber Children's Hospital in Boston, MA sponsored by the Jimmy Fund and the Mass Chiefs of Police Association.

Sgt. Timothy Labrie and Officer Kristina Westbury attended a seminar at the Boylston Police Academy regarding "Autism and Proper Law Enforcement Response".

Sgt. Leonard Smith and Ptlm. Joshua Nadeau took part in the annual Child ID Program sponsored at the Whitinsville Wal-Mart Store.

#### NOVEMBER

Lt. Walter Warchol and Sgt. Timothy Labrie attended a seminar in Marlboro sponsored by Mass Municipal Association regarding Labor Relations.

Chief Melia and other local and state officials visited Rockdale Center to view damage to homes and businesses as a result of the October 15<sup>th</sup> flood. Lt. Gov. Kerry Healy, Senator Richard Moore and Representative George Peterson took part in the tour.

Chief Thomas J. Melia worked his last day as Police Chief after serving in the department for 36 years, 17 of which were as Chief of Police.

The Northbridge Police Department received a grant from the Governors Highway Safety Bureau to increase traffic and drunk driving enforcement throughout the holiday period.

Lt. Warchol and DPW Director Richard Sasseville attended a meeting in Worcester sponsored by MEMA/FEMA concerning reimbursements to municipalities for costs incurred during the recent flooding.

#### DECEMBER

Lt. Warchol attended a meeting at the sewer department with DPW Director Richard Sasseville to discuss FEMA submission paperwork concerning financial assistance for costs incurred during the recent flood of October 14<sup>th</sup> to October 16, 2005.

Town Manager Michael Coughlin and Lt. Warchol participated in the interview process for the position of Lieutenant. The interview was conducted by Captain Thomas Greene, MA State Police, Shrewsbury Chief of Police Wayne Sampson and Leicester Chief of Police Andrew Sluckis.

Sgt. Timothy Labrie was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer John Ouillette was appointed to the rank of Sergeant.

The Northbridge Police Department increased its police presence during the holiday season by implementing drunk driving patrols. These patrols were paid for by a grant received from the Governors Highway Safety Bureau.

Throughout the year, the Northbridge Auxiliary Police served the Town as volunteers for traffic duty at road races and parades. The dedication of these officers is greatly appreciated by officers of the Northbridge Police Department as well as citizens of the Town of Northbridge.

This is my 17<sup>th</sup> and final annual report for the police department. I will be retiring in January 2006 after 36 years of service to the department, the last 17 as your Police Chief. It has been a privilege and a distinct honor to have served in this capacity. I have seen many changes in the police profession over this time period. None could have been accomplished without the support and dedication of both police and civilian employees at the police department. Their support and dedication to the police department has made it one of the best police departments in Worcester County.

I would also like to thank the Town Administration, the three Town Managers, the members of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Safety Committee and all town departments for the same. Without their support many accomplishments would not have been completed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas J. Melia  
Chief of Police

The following is a list of 2005 Northbridge Police Department personnel:

Police Chief Thomas J. Melia  
Lt. Walter J. Warchol  
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 Christopher J. Burrell  
Officer Levon DerKosrofian  
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 Cynthia Price  
Full Time Dispatcher Lisa LaSala  
Full Time Dispatcher John Inger  
Full Time Dispatcher Nicole Desruisseaux  
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:	7
Motor Vehicle Fires:	7
Outside Fires (dumpster, camp, illegal burning):	24
Brush, Grass, & Forest:	17
Malicious False Alarms:	1
Accidental False Alarms (honest mistakes, cooking, etc.):	76
Defective Alarm Systems:	93
Defective Sprinkler Systems (low air, accidental flows, etc.):	12
Faulty Heating Systems:	23
Hazardous Conditions (liquid spills, wires down, haz-mat.):	36
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	30
Secure Landing Zones:	3
Mutual Aid to Other Towns:	22
Bomb Threats:	1
Search for Missing Person:	1
Public Assistance Calls (lockouts, cellar pumping, etc.):	62
Investigations (smoke, odors, CO, extinguished fires, etc.):	174
Medical Emergencies:	437
Other Types of Alarms:	14
<b>Total Fire Alarms:</b>	<b>1,040</b>
Public Service Calls:	432
Ambulance Alarms:	1,507
<b>Total Alarms from all Sources:</b>	<b>2,979</b>
<b>Fire Losses for 2005</b>	
Buildings:	\$ 74,650.00
Contents:	\$ 23,550.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 98,200.00</b>
<b>Losses by Occupancy:</b>	
Residential (1 & 2 Family)	\$ 27,600.00
Residential (3 – 6 Family)	\$ 5,000.00
Residential (Apartment Buildings)	\$ 500.00
Commercial Buildings	\$ 1,500.00
Motor Vehicles	\$ 21,000.00
Storage Buildings	\$ 34,000.00
Utility Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Manufacturing	\$ 3,500.00
Recreational Vehicles	\$ 100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 98,200.00</b>
<b>Losses by Cause:</b>	
Electrical	\$ 19,400.00
Heat from Hot Object	\$ 400.00
Careless Cooking	\$ 1,700.00
Open Flame (Cutting Torch)	\$ 6,500.00

Careless Disposal of Smoking Materials	\$ 3,100.00
Lightning	\$ 25,400.00
Suspicious	\$ 41,700.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 98,200.00</b>

Permits Issued:	
Open Burning of Brush:	729
Oil Burning Equipment:	138
Home Fire Detection Equipment	435
Liquefied Petroleum Gas:	41
Blasting Operations:	31
Smokeless & Black Powder:	3
Underground Tank Installations:	34
Miscellaneous:	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,423</b>

Fire Drills Conducted:	33
Fire Safety Inspections:	
(Commercial, Educational, Mercantile, Public Assembly, etc.)	816
Safe Classes:	22
<b>Total Fire Prevention Services:</b>	<b>2,294</b>

#### **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The year 2005 was a busy year for the fire department ambulance service. The two emergency ambulances responded to 1,507 requests for medical assistance. Staffing during the year consisted of 12 fulltime and 15 call Emergency Medical Technicians.

#### EMT Training:

The department EMT's attended 182 hours of in house in-service emergency medical training on the following topics; Head and Cervical Spine injuries, Fractures, Shock and Bleeding, Cardiac Emergencies, Infectious Diseases, and Auto Extrication.

The EMT's also received training from other agencies such as; Central Mass. Emergency Medical Services Corp., Pathway's Ambulance Service, Quinsigamond Community College, Mass. Fire Academy, and U-Mass. Life Flight.

#### Patient Care:

The fire department emergency medical staff continues to provide a quality level of service to the citizens. This was our second year operating at the Paramedic level. We presently have 9 fulltime paramedics and 3 part-time paramedics on the department. The ambulance service responded to a total of 1,507 emergency calls. Of these, 814 patients required advanced life support care.

#### **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 fire

fighting 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 fire attack.

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

#### **SAFE Program:**

Throughout the year, 22 SAFE classes were conducted at the schools, at community events, and at the fire stations. The subject that were taught to the students were STOP, DROP, and ROLL, how to report an emergency, how to escape from their home if a fire should occur, and how to identify potential fire and safety hazards in their homes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school department and the teachers for their assistance with this important program.

#### **Grants and Donations:**

The department received several Grants during 2005. The equipment that was purchased and the programs that were funded will help to enhance the safety of the firefighters and the citizens of Northbridge. The department received a total of \$233,500.00 in grants and equipment donations last year.

I would like to thank the officers, firefighters, and EMT's of the department for their support and dedication to duty. I would also like to thank the families of the firefighters and EMT's 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 serving their community.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager – Mr. Michael 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 527 building permits were issued during Calendar Year 2005 with a report as follows:

79 Single family homes	22 In ground Pools
40 Condominium Units	20 Above Ground Pools
14 1/2 Duplex	16 Non-Residential Renovations
42 Residential Additions	1 Non-Residential Additions
154 Residential Renovations	7 Signs
23 Sheds	1 Non-Residential Storage Building
27 Wood/Pellet Stoves	1 Outdoor Pavilion
31 Foundations	1 Commercial Building
15 Decks	1 Concession Stand
1 Barn	11 Demolitions
12 Residential Garages	2 Retaining Walls
1 Gazebo	1 Carport
4 Fireplaces	

### **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

A total of 273 Plumbing Permits were issued during Calendar Year 2005 with a report as follows:

91 Single Family Homes	9 Miscellaneous Residential
36 Condominium Units	7 Backflow Devices
4 ½ Duplex	2 Commercial Buildings
48 Residential Renovations	9 Non-Residential Renovations
11 Residential Additions	8 Miscellaneous Non-Residential
48 Hot water tanks	

### **GAS INSPECTOR**

A total of 265 Gas Permits were issued during Calendar Year 2005 with a report as follows:

36 New Homes	4 Unit Heaters
36 Condominium Units	10 Direct Vent Heaters
61 Water Heaters	1 Misc. Non-Residential
38 Furnaces	6 Miscellaneous Residential
20 Residential Renovations	7 Gas Tests
23 Range	2 Commercial Buildings
5 Pool Heaters	8 Fireplace
5 Dryer	1 Res. Addition
1 Generator	1 Non-Res. Renovation

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

A Total of 512 Electrical Permits were issued for calendar year 2005 with a report as follows:

93 New Homes	9 Non-Residential Renovations
33 Condominium Units	2 Commercial Buildings
10 ½ Duplex	1 Barn
11 Temporary Services	27 Miscellaneous Non-Residential
71 Service Changes	1 Blanket Permit
70 Residential Renovations	
7 Residential Garages	
40 Residential Additions	
49 Miscellaneous Residential	
53 Security Systems	
22 In ground Pools	
13 Above Ground Pools	

**TOTAL REVENUES FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPT.  
FISCAL YEAR 2005**

Building Permits & Certificates of Inspections	\$234,739.90
Plumbing & Gas Dept.	37,290.00
<b>Electrical Dept.</b>	<b>35,380.00</b>
	307,409.90

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

\*Richard Wunschel was appointed Plumbing & Gas Inspector in September 2005 replacing Clarence Lachapelle who retired. Larry P. Wiersma was appointed Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector in September 2005 replacing John Davis.

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

**Inspections:**

**Scales:**

Capacity Over 10,000 pounds	1
100-5,000 pounds	4
Under 100 pounds	31
Balances	1

**Weights:**

Avoirdupois	13
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**Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices:**

Gasoline (Sealed)	106
Gasoline (Unsealed)	11
Vehicle Tank Meters	4

**Total Inspections / Sealed: 160**

**Total Inspections / Unsealed: 11**

**Total Fees Collected: \$3,120**

Respectfully submitted,

Edward R. Seidler  
Sealer of Weights & Measures

## **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.

This committee is “*advisory*” only and answers to and reports directly to the Board of Selectmen.

Complaints and investigations included additional streetlight and crosswalk requests, redesign of Park Street, Whitinsville, allowing one way traffic and diagonal parking, signage at Brookway and Allyn Drive as a result of neighbor safety concerns because of increased commuter traffic using their neighborhood as a shortcut, school bus stop location requests, parking complaints and issues at Arthur Drive, additional traffic signage at the intersection of Fowler Road/Cooper Road/Highland Streets, proposed by-law for sidewalk snow removal by town residents was discussed and later voted down at a town meeting, and traffic problems at Plummer’s Corner as the result of Dunkin Donuts and Hess Gas Station.

Of major importance was the discussion of safety issues for several proposed housing developments throughout town. When completed, these developments will add close to 1,000 new homes throughout our town. Discussed and forwarded to the Planning Board were the following proposed developments – Rocky Ridge Estates, Valley Business Park, Hillside Garden Estates, Apple Ridge Estates, Whitin Mill Project, Granite Hills, Wal-Mart Construction sequence, the Meadows at Northbridge, Carpenter Estates, Castle Hill Farm, West End Estates, Moon Hill Heights, North Pasture and Winston Woods.

A redesign of the intersection of Main and North Main Streets, proposed and paid for by the Wal-Mart development, was also proposed and accepted.

Each complaint was investigated by the committee and recommendations sent to the Board of Selectmen and all interested parties.

I will be retiring from the Northbridge Police Department in December after 36 years of service, the last seventeen as your Police Chief and as Chairman of the Northbridge Safety Committee. I firmly believe that this is one of the most important committees in town.

I would like to thank each member of the current and previous safety committees for their help in the decision making process over the last seventeen years. Special thanks go to my Administrative Assistant, Linda Skillen for all her administrative support on scheduling, agenda preparation and taking and transcribing the meeting minutes during my tenure.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Melia, Chairman and Chief of Police  
Gary Nestor, Vice Chairman and Fire Chief  
Richard Sasseville, DPW Director  
George Murray, School Department

Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner  
Joseph Montecalvo, Selectman  
Peter Bedigian, Businessman  
Alternate: Arthur Magowan, Highway Supt.

## **NORTHBRIDGE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Jan. 17, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was training Officer, discussion on violence in the home.

Feb. 21, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was training Officer, various subjects were discussed and members worked on go-kits and radios.

Mar. 21, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was training Officer, discussion in local traffic and road changes.

Apr. 18, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was training Officer, discussion on a Video entitled "Electric & Gas Hazards"

May 3, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Special Meeting, all members attended the First Responder class at the Police Station from 6:30 to 9:30. P.M.

May 16, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was training Officer. Class on firearms and a field training exercise at the firing range. 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

May 29, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Memorial Day Parade in Rockdale, all Officers will meet at the Police Station at 12:15 P.M. Rockdale Parade will start at 1:00 P.M.

May 30, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Memorial Day Parade, all Officers will meet at the Police Station at 9:00 A.M. for the annual Whitinsville Memorial Day Parade. Parade will start at 10:00 A.M.

June 20, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was training Officer, class on night firearms was given.

July 3, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, All members will help with pedestrian safety and traffic control at the annual Fourth of July Fireworks. Officers will meet at the Police Station at 6:30 P.M.

July 18, 2005 - Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was the training Officer. Class on new flashlights and night firing with the lights. A meeting at 9:00 P.M. on HURRICANES, ARE WE READY, and IS THE TOWN READY?

Aug. 11, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was the training Officer, various subjects were discussed.

Sept. 19, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was the training Officer, various subjects were discussed and a video entitled "Rapid Deployment: Immediate Response to the Active Shooters."

Oct. 17, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting. Sgt. Steve Zollin was the training Officer. Because of the flood in Rockdale, members went to the flood area and assisted with removing people from their homes, which were condemned by the Board of Health and the Building Inspector. This put everyone there from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Nov. 21, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was the training Officer, various subjects were discussed and a DVD video entitled “Basic Close Quarters Shooting for Law Enforcement” – Part 1.

Nov. 24, 2005 — Northbridge Aux. Police Officers helped with pedestrian safety and traffic control at the annual Thanksgivings Day Road Race. All Aux. Police Officers were at the Police Station at 7:15 A.M. to be assigned a duty location. At 10:30 A.M. the Road Race was over.

Dec. 19, 2005 — Aux. Police Meeting, Sgt. Steve Zollin was the training Officer, various subjects were discussed and Sgt. Zollin gave a class on “Basic Close Quarters Shooting for Law Enforcement” – Part 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. West  
Director / Capt. Aux. Police

## NORTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Northbridge School Committee, I am pleased to report that the Committee oversaw a successful 2005 school year with a smooth transition to a new Superintendent. Our student population continues to grow as construction of new single-family homes continue at a rapid pace, placing our student population at an all-time high of 2,649 students, a 40% increase over the past 11 years. This ongoing growth continues to intensify the need for a new elementary school and renovation of the Balmer facility. The roof of the Middle School will soon be addressed, however this is just one of the many repairs that will be needed to keep the building serviceable for future generations.

The need for additional local funding for Northbridge's operating budget, and specifically the school department's budget has reached a critical juncture. In 2002, the economic downturn forced a decrease in state funding which triggered over 20 layoffs in the school department alone. Over the past two years, the District has been able to make up some of these lost positions however, it has not been able to keep pace with the staffing needs generated by the increase in enrollment. One clear example of this is at the high school, which currently has over 200 more students, but two **less** teachers than it had when it opened five years ago. Fiscal Year 2007 will require a substantial local investment if the District is to maintain the quality of services and programs that it offers to its students. Northbridge cannot continue expect nor rely on over seventy percent (70%) of its educational funding coming from State Aid, Grants, and School Choice funds. Without additional local funding for instructional supplies and services, the school district will begin to experience the erosion of program quality and student performance that Northbridge has taken pride in for many years.

Our high school graduates continue to be accepted into some of the best schools of higher education in the country. Eighty-five percent of the Class of 2005 entered post secondary school education, 3% entered the military, and 12% were undecided at the time of graduation.

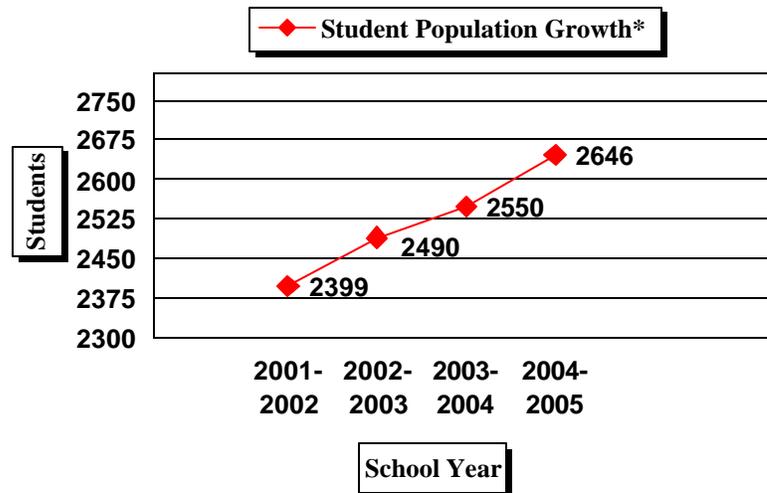
The Northbridge School Committee is committed to working to maintain and improve the quality of our school system and will work cooperatively with the Selectmen, Finance Committee and the citizens of Northbridge to accomplish this goal. Your continued support is vital to the future of our school system.

Respectfully submitted,

Carroll Paine, Chairman  
Northbridge School Committee

## NORTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It has been an exciting and rewarding experience as I work through my first year as your Superintendent of Schools. The population of Northbridge continues to grow and the school district continues to grow in kind. With over 710 housing units under construction and another 504 units under review, it is obvious that this trend will continue for the foreseeable future. The increase in the school population over the past 3 years is clearly illustrated in the chart below.



### Achievement

Our students experienced another fine year of performance. The District has realized its goal of reducing the number of students in the Warning and Needs Improvement categories on the MCAS test and has initiated a shift in focus to raising the bar for all students and moving student performance into the Advanced and Proficient categories. At the 10<sup>th</sup> grade level, eighty-nine percent (89%) have passed the MCAS proficiency test on their first attempt, one hundred percent (100%) of the class of 2005 met the State MCAS Competency Determination in Language Arts, and Mathematics required for issuance of a diploma at graduation. Eighty-five percent (85%) of Northbridge graduates have gone on to further their education at 2 and 4-year colleges with another five percent (5%) who were still undecided. The District continues to encourage all eligible students to take the PSAT and SAT tests. Our students performance on the SAT I and SAT II's [Mathematics -SAT I (514) and the Verbal - SAT I (509), SAT II -Math (601) and Verbal -(584)] are comparable to both state and national averages. In addition, the District offers multiple opportunities for students to take Advanced Placement Courses, with over fifty percent of students who participated in these programs receiving *qualified* status in the areas of Calculus, English, Chemistry, Psychology and US History.

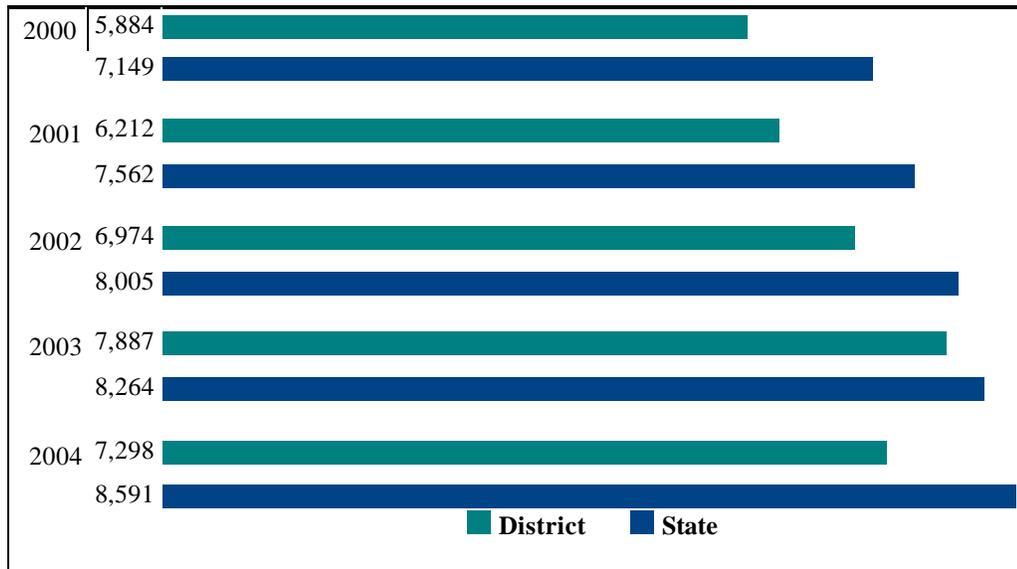
### Budget

The District's 2005 total operating budget was \$18,529,930.00 (excluding transportation), which was \$575,168.00 over the State required \$17,954,762.00 Minimum Net School Spending for the Town of Northbridge. The largest portion of the budget is derived from State Chapter 70 Aid

(\$12,150,287.00) with Local Contribution at \$5,129,907.00. The balance was derived from School Choice, State and Federal Grants.

It should be noted that in each year since 2000, Northbridge has lagged behind the state in the total per pupil expenditure. Total per pupil expenditure takes into account both regular and special education students. While the gap between the State and Northbridge was closing, for 2004, the last year the DOE has posted data, Northbridge was \$1,293 below the State total per pupil expenditure, a widening of the gap almost back to the 2000 level, eliminating the gains that had been made over the prior three year period.

**Total Per Pupil Expenditure\*\***



In the 2004 annual report, former Superintendent O’Donnell wrote that he was “concerned about the Town of Northbridge’s heavy reliance on state revenues (70%) and that Local aid is presently insufficient to meet the funding needs for the services and programs needed for our rapidly growing student population (40% increase in the past 10 years).” As the new Superintendent, I not only share this concern, but feel that it is of even greater consequence now than in years past, since School Choice funds used to supplement the school district’s operating budget during the economic downturn, are now substantially depleted. In order to maintain excellence in programs and student performance, the school district will require an increase in the local contribution for the budget. This is an important investment in your children’s future and for the future of the Town of Northbridge.

**Special Education**  
**Beth Gonyea, Administrator of Special Education**

During the 2005 academic year, the Northbridge Special Education Department has celebrated the achievements of all of our students. The heartfelt dedication of our staff, administration, Parent Advisory Council and of course our students resulted in student's success through out the year.

The Special Education Department services students from age 3-21. The overall increase in student enrollment has resulted in the special education department experiencing an increased enrollment of students this year.

Over the years the Special Education Federal and State grants have substantially supported staff and programs within the Northbridge Public Schools. For the first time this year, we have received notification by the Department of Education that our grants will be significantly reduced next year. This will be a challenge to the budget process for the 2006-2007 school year.

In spite of budget constraints, increased enrollment and reduction in grant monies, the District will continue to offer a continuum of special education programs in the least restrictive environment as mandated by law. Any parent wishing to make a referral for special education services should contact your child's school or the special education office at 508-234-8120.

### **Curriculum Initiatives** **Gail Arsenault, Director of Curriculum**

The Northbridge School District Office of Curriculum remains committed to the attainment of the highest academic standards for all students by providing rigorous and challenging programs and services from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. Over the past year, the Curriculum Department continued to maintain comprehensive, sequential programs K-12 in Reading and English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, History, Social Studies and the Arts. The District has piloted and/or implemented innovative new programs and resources in all areas of the curriculum, with a specific focus on Math and Science. All initiatives maintain a continued focus on differentiation of instruction in order to meet the needs of all students. Students have access to multi-media software in classrooms, media centers, and computer labs with appropriate programs for remedial support and enrichment, including Internet access.

Curriculum administrators, under the direction of the Superintendent, have coordinated and managed task forces that focus on District initiatives, such as teacher evaluation, Mathematics, and Student Record revision. They foster communication and collaboration between schools throughout the district striving for continuity and consistency of programs and services for all students. Additionally, these administrators serve as liaisons on a variety of local and state professional committees and are responsible to disseminate current state and federal mandates throughout the district.

High quality professional development continues to be a priority. All teachers are encouraged to take in-district and college-based courses in their fields of instruction with a wide variety of opportunities available for all staff. All new programs are supported through a comprehensive professional development program, which is coordinated and managed through the Office of Curriculum.

Grant writing continues to be a focus of the administrative team with several grants providing funds to supplement existing educational initiatives. 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 had a challenging and productive school year with behind-the-scenes advances, such as upgrading network infrastructure and enhancing anti-spyware protection. These efforts are critical to the District maintaining reliable networks for the education of our students and the efficiency of our operations.

The District is faced with the reality that our inventory of roughly 1,000 computers continues to age and has a heightened need for service. With the exception of 86 new PCs purchased this past spring, the computers are out-of-warranty and approaching obsolescence, including the 400 computers at the "new" High School, which are now over 4 years old. In addition to the aging equipment, increased enrollment, and growing usage among teachers and students all lead to an increased need for tech support. This is the third year since budget reductions forced a 50% cut in tech staff, leaving Aldrich, Primary and Balmer schools without on-site support on any regular basis.

Despite these obstacles, the District continues to move ahead, albeit slowly, with the implementation of our Department of Education (DOE) approved technology plan. For example, the District has implemented the installation of a fiber optic wide area network (WAN), connecting all school locations at gigabyte speeds, implemented the new Connect Ed calling system to notify parents/guardians of school closings and emergencies and implemented a new IEP software system for Special Education to accommodate the many regulatory changes in that area. In addition the District will be exploring a replacement for our student management software that is obsolete, no longer supported by the manufacturer, and incapable of meeting the additional reporting requirements of the DOE.

**School Nurses**  
**Lori Johnson, School Nurse Leader**

The Northbridge Public School District employs 4 full time Registered Nurses and 2 part time Registered Nurses, assuring that all students in Northbridge have nursing care available throughout the school day. It should be noted that two additional Northbridge School Nurses achieved National Certification in School Nursing.

The Nurses received over 50,000 student visits and over 1,000 staff visits during the year. The District services 815 students with special health care needs, allowing these students to remain in their home school setting, as a result of the quality nursing care provided to them. The school dismissal rate for students was 3.4%, indicating that the nurses are helping to keep students in school. Research shows that when students are healthy and in school, student performance is improved and MCAS scores are enhanced.

In addition to everyday nursing care and health promotion, the nurses have accomplished many health improvement measures this year, including but not limited to:

- participation in grants such as the Enhanced School Health Services Grant, a grant through Project Change and a grant by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to provide nutrition and fitness education and activities in the Middle School

- coordination with the Blackstone Free Medical Services, bringing the Clinic to the nurse's office in the High School thus providing greater access to free medical care for our uninsured students; participation in an outcome study on the treatment of asthma for the State, which provided support and education groups for students with asthma and in a statewide study of the effects of student health on MCAS scores
- smoking cessation sessions, presentations on the effects of substance use on driving and head injuries at High School and continued involvement in Health Education at the High School, Middle and Balmer Schools
- developing Individual Health Care plans and Medication Administration Plans for every student with a medical condition
- providing Epi-Pen trainings for staff.

Dr. Dahl serves as the District's physician and provided sport physicals for 110 students this year.

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

The School Food Service Program promotes a school environment supportive of healthy eating and nutritious and appealing meals that meet our student's dietary needs. Northbridge School Food Service participates in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Food Distribution programs under the guidance of the Department of Education.

During the year, the School Food Service served a total of 323,838 meals to the students of Northbridge. All meals meet the dietary Guidelines for Americans, which establishes specific minimum standards of caloric intake and key nutrients that each meal must provide. 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, preparation time, holding qualities, vendor availability, and cost.

The Serve Safe Program is implemented in all school kitchens and feeding sites, with an emphasis on Food Safety and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point procedures, which exceed the requirements, set-forth by the Department of Public Health and State Food Codes. The District continues to train all food service staff in the nationally accepted sanitation and safety course known as "Serve Safe" and exceeds state requirements in this area. All food service personnel have also been trained in Choke Safety, Fire Safety and have been re-certified in Epi-Pen training.

**A Glimpse of Our Schools**

**Aldrich and Primary 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 nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. Our preschool is a half-day program serving one hundred and fifty, three and four-year-old children. The goal of our program is to provide a safe and nurturing environment while promoting the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of our

students. The preschool curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences. At the Aldrich Early Childhood Center, we begin the process of developing confident learners and children's love for school.

The Northbridge Primary School provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum to over four hundred kindergarten and first grade students. The Kindergarten is a full-day program and has also received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Our students are given many opportunities to explore and develop new concepts and acquire academic skills as well as social and emotional competence. Children's efforts at learning to read and write are supported through a comprehensive literacy approach in kindergarten and first grade. New and exciting math and science programs have been added to our curriculum to enhance students' learning. Also, this year at the Primary School, we have implemented the Open Circle Program, a social skills curriculum that helps children foster healthy relationships, become engaged thoughtful citizens, and enjoy productive, fulfilling lives.

A positive home-school connection is valued and fostered at the Aldrich Early Childhood Center and Primary School. Parents and volunteers are always welcome visitors and a key component in a variety of school activities that reinforce the joy of learning. We are committed to providing our students with a strong foundation for learning and recognize that it takes a team effort from students, faculty, parents, and the Northbridge community to accomplish this goal.

**W. Edward Balmer Elementary School**  
**John Zywiec, Principal**

The W. Edward Balmer Elementary School is a community of learners, which embodies a sense of respect, leadership, and pride. Our school is a place where learning is exciting and ever evolving. Curiosity, enthusiasm, individuality, and diversity are valued and mental and physical wellness are encouraged and supported. The Balmer Staff truly believes all children can learn and foster rigorous academic growth. A variety of instructional strategies are used to teach students with varied interests, talents, and abilities. The staff has analyzed the 2005 MCAS results to identify areas of student strengths, weaknesses, and general trends. In addition, teachers continuously identify strategies that are needed to support the improvement of student performance.

As part of the District goal to improve student performance in math, a new math program has been implemented in Grades two, three, and four. Teachers are utilizing the new materials to plan and implement math lessons that meet the individual needs of students. In addition, Grades two through four are piloting three science programs over a two year period to determine the one that will best meets our students' needs.

Balmer provides students with academic support services through special education, extra-curricular activities, and enrichment opportunities. The Balmer special education teachers and inclusion teachers create an environment where all students are included in and have access to the regular education curriculum. Balmer students participate in extra-curricular activities such as Destination Imagination and Math Olympiad. Each Spring, students participate in Enrichment Clusters providing them 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 is committed to a professional development program based on identified needs in instruction and curriculum, resulting in the adoption of best teaching practices. Teachers attend workshops, conferences, and seminars in all curricular areas and share their experiences with other teachers. The staff and administration at Balmer are committed to foster a love of learning by promoting an educational community that sparks interesting, mind-expanding ideas with multi-sensory activities through which high expectations for all students are realized.

**Northbridge Middle School**  
**Michael Gauthier, Principal**

The Northbridge Middle School works diligently to create and promote a positive school climate. Our motto “Believe and Achieve” is continuously intertwined into our curriculum, assessment, instruction, athletics and extra curricular activities.

The Northbridge Middle School faculty and administration continue to focus on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests by aligning our curriculum and reviewing pertinent student data. The Northbridge Middle School staff is also following the strict requirements of the Federal No Child Left Behind Law. We will continue to work with our Curriculum Directors, faculty, parents, and pupils to assure that a high quality of curriculum and instruction exists at the Northbridge Middle School.

The Northbridge Middle School is committed to offering a full compliment of athletic and extracurricular activities ranging from Bowling and Pool, Homework Club and Cooking Club to interscholastic football and softball. Every student is encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities. Additionally, the school continues to promote student leadership and community service through the Student Council and Grade 8 Advisor/ Advisee Program.

Northbridge Middle School completed a self-evaluation conducted by the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS). The evaluation was extremely positive and included several recommendations in the areas of governance, student leadership, scheduling, and instruction, which will be implemented during the 2005-2006 school year to further improve all aspects of the Northbridge Middle School philosophy. The staff and administration are committed to develop the skills and talents of all our students so that they are prepared academically, socially and emotionally for the rigors of high school and beyond.

**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 every changing and diverse society. Our expectations are clearly articulated: **R**esponsibility, **A**cceptance, **M**embership, and **S**cholarship. Our rich academic program of study, varied athletic, and diverse activities program insures that all students will be given pathways that inspire excellence and provide opportunities for achievement. Northbridge High embraces RAM pride and celebrates the accomplishments of our students as we continue to prepare for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC ) ten year accreditation self-study beginning in May of 2006. 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 high school.

Sadly, the 2005 school year began with the loss of two beloved students. Joseph Bergeron, graduate of the Class of 2004 and Heather Kacmarcik, a member of the Class of 2006. The spirit of community was never more present as we came together to celebrate the lives and share memories of those lost too young. The students were comforted by the knowledge that the entire Town of Northbridge, residents, officials, clergy, businesses, along with the greater school community, shared in their loss and provided loving support during this difficult time.

Forty students in the Class of 2006 have been awarded the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship for excellence on the MCAS and are eligible to receive full four year tuition at the 4 and 2 State colleges 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.

The 138<sup>th</sup> Commencement was held at Lasell Field on June 3, 2005. Diplomas were awarded to 133 students. Twelve students were awarded the highest academic honor – the Gold Medal. Recipients in order of numbers 409-420 are Katie Marie Baris, Adam Paul Butler, Christopher Bradford Hall, Melody Elizabeth Johnson, Ashley Lynn Kalel, Andrew Macmillan Knott, Jr., Erica Nicole Lariviere, Matthew Neil LeBlanc, Alicia Helen Molt, Amber Tania Qureshi, Jessica Brown Robie, Rachel Joy Sasseville. The class Salutatorian, Andrew Macmillan Knott; Class President, Matthew Scott Wilson; Student Council President, Alicia Helen Molt; and Valedictorian, Erica Nicole Lariviere, gave commencement speeches. Students at Northbridge High School continue to benefit from the support of our community patrons, members of the business community and alumni for their generous scholarships and awards. The Class of 2004 received recognition for its many accomplishments in the areas of academics, activities and athletics in the form of locally sponsored awards exceeding \$77,775 for a total grant and scholarship award in excess of \$1.6 million.

Teachers and students continue to embrace new initiatives in both curriculum offerings and co-curricular activities. Students participate in a wide-variety of academic competitions including Bridge Design, Botball, DECA, etc., throughout the school year. Northbridge High's on-going relationship with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce and the BVCC Educational Foundation provides educational and monetary opportunities for our students.

Northbridge High athletes received recognition in the following areas: Boys' Basketball Winter '05 SWCL East Champions, District Semi-Finals & Clark Tournament Runner-up; Girls Softball Spring '05 District E Tournament; Baseball SWCL East Champions and District E Tournament Semi-Finalists; Boys Lacrosse District E Tournament (in only our second varsity season of play); Girls Field Hockey District E Tournament; Football Fall Central Massachusetts Football Official's Sportsmanship Award. Three new junior varsity teams were incorporated into our athletic program: lacrosse, swimming, wrestling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul K. Soojian  
Superintendent of Schools

\* source MA DOE October 1 Enrollment

\*\* source MA DOE Total Per Pupil Expenditure

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Always aiming for higher goals ....*

The highest possible quality vocational technical experience, for each student, remains your Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District's main focus. The stakeholders living within our 13 member towns expect to receive defined measurable results in return for their substantial investment.

We believe that this summary report of Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005) proves that your vocational technical system delivers superior results.

Yet again, state and national recognition came to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School for our successful strategies and impressive student achievements. Our dedicated faculty, inspired staff, visionary leadership team, and accountable and accessible School Committee cooperated in producing educational initiatives that our students embraced, converting these advances into their own experiences. The public record shows that our combined creativity and commitment steadily pushes higher the benchmarks of progress and improvement. We place these demands on ourselves, mindful that we operate as both educators and employers.

Just as bicyclist Lance Armstrong achieved unparalleled excellence by peddling furiously his way to the top again and again, Valley Tech never treats its previous plaudits as justification to rest. Constantly, we innovate, redefine day-to-day operations, activate forward thinking in financial planning, and track down additional and alternative resources. This businesslike approach benefits every taxpayer and each student.

*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 ....*

It is difficult to believe that the fiscal year July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 was my 12<sup>th</sup> in serving the citizens and students of the Blackstone Valley, and I am pleased to inform you that FY05 was another banner year for Valley Tech.

The year culminated with Valley Tech named a 2005 Vanguard Model School by Massachusetts Insight Education, the Class of 2005 becoming the second straight to have 100 percent of its members attain competency determination on the MCAS tests, and two students crowned national champions in their respective vocational technical programs. The numerous external recognitions, which Valley Tech has received during the past three years, are a direct result of the remarkable accomplishments of those young men and women who grace the halls, classrooms, and technical laboratories every day. Their belief in the initiatives and practices instituted by dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators captures one of the most important components of your system's successful equation.

Even more noteworthy is that these impressive outcomes were achieved during the next scheduled phase of construction as the Valley Tech campus undergoes a \$36 million expansion and renovation, which will reach its completion during FY06. The project has been a well-planned and well-phased undertaking, but everyone in the Valley Tech family deserves credit for their flexibility and understanding while remaining focused on our objectives and goals.

As you read this report, you will learn District officials moved expeditiously to sell the long-term bond for the District's portion of the project, providing short- and long-term debt reductions to each of our thirteen member towns. In these challenging economic times, the District has used shrewd fiscal planning and altered daily operations to remain conservative in its financial requests.

I hope all of our stakeholders share in the pride of the accolades Valley Tech receives. It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent-Director and the resolve to reach even higher levels remains firm.

Best regards,

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick  
*Superintendent-Director*

#### ***Getting bigger and better ....***

The 2004-05 school year was a transitional one for everyone on campus as the \$36 million expansion and renovation project progressed through major phases. The new entrance and two-story classroom wing were opened and utilized, several vocational technical shops were renovated, student services and main office personnel moved to new quarters, the new library media center was available, and the spacious competition center was completed.

By the end of FY05, more than 90 percent of the project was complete. An ambitious schedule for the summer of 2005 aimed to keep the entire project on schedule and under budget. The Building Committee, chaired by School Committee representative Mr. John Lavin of Douglas, and Project Manager Mr. Robert Gilchrist expect completion during the first half of FY06. The District Treasurer Barbara Auger, UniBank's Municipal Financial Advisory Service Branch, particularly Margaret MacLean, and the incredibly talented Bacon Construction team coordinated by Mr. Ronald Arruda deserve special recognition.

We received another rebate from American National Power/Blackstone in excess of \$68,000 for the energy efficient boilers, which now heat the building. The district incorporated many cost-effective measures into the project, such as light sensors, light tubes, a solar hot water pre-heating system, and photovoltaic arrays. We worked closely with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the Renewable Energy Trust which awarded the District a \$500,000 grant for being a Massachusetts "Green School." A full case study, prepared in cooperation with a graduate team from Harvard University, outlines the aspects and details of Valley Tech's environmentally friendly project. The study will be featured on a special state based web site. In addition to the more than \$100,000 in annual energy cost savings, our project will provide numerous learning experiences for our students in both their academic and vocational technical studies.

As we continue to move forward, we are proud that the expansion of our building by more than 80,000 square feet to a total of nearly 300,000 square feet will allow us to gradually increase our student enrollment by nearly 40 percent over the next several years. For the 2005-06 school year, we expect our enrollment to increase by an additional 100 students to nearly 950, the most in the recent history of the District. Some of those students will be enrolled in one of our three new vocational programs – cosmetology, dental assisting, and information technology.

Obviously, it is logistically impossible to accept all of the more than 600 applicants due to space, safety code and state governed program-teacher ratios. However, we aim, with the valued support of our District stakeholders, to meet the needs of a greater number of students seeking a quality and challenging vocational technical education.

***Valley Tech named a Vanguard model ....***

After being recognized with three national awards in FY04, we were humbled and honored to be chosen as a 2005 Vanguard Model School by Massachusetts Insight Education.

Valley Tech, the first vocational technical system to receive the Vanguard award, was chosen by an expert panel of judges to be one of 11 school systems from the Commonwealth to be designated by Mass Insight and its Building Blocks Initiative for Standards-Based Reform. Mass Insight and its Research Institute are based in Boston and work to improve, through the implementation of effective standards-based reform, student achievement in Massachusetts public schools.

Mass Insight cited Valley Tech's practices of targeted intervention to strengthen student reading skills and a data-driven reading remediation program replicated in writing and math. "Central to these ongoing initiatives is an integrated instructional approach that reinforces reading, writing, and math across the curriculum. (Valley Tech's) business-like management model encourages shared decision-making (staff committees recommend all new hires), offers bonus incentives linked to student performance, and promotes school successes in extensive community awareness campaigns. By encouraging innovation and collaboration, the leadership team has fused academic and vocational studies within a culture that values cohesiveness and a common approach."

In looking at middle and high schools that take at-risk populations and bring them to higher performance levels, Mass Insight also lauded Valley Tech for the gradual lengthening of the school year, administering diagnostic assessments to incoming freshmen to schedule individualized help in reading and math, and multi-disciplinary team planning in facilitating the integration of academic and vocational learning.

"You are here because you are doing for your children what many said couldn't be done. What you're doing in Massachusetts is working because it's common sense."

Raymond Simon  
Deputy Secretary  
United States Department of Education  
Addressing schools chosen as 2005 Vanguard models

***Final report most favorable ....***

After an extensive review in FY04 by a team from the Massachusetts Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, the Educational Management Audit Council approved a finalized March 2005 Tier II Report of Valley Tech.

The report scrutinized a three-year time span and found that “during 2000-2003, Valley Tech was among the ‘high’ performing vocational technical districts in the Commonwealth.”

“The council noted the extraordinary gains the school has made in student achievement and commends Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School and its administration for their strong focus on data, and the high quality of management and leadership,” Dr. Joseph B. Rappa, Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, wrote.

**A few highlights from the EQA Report:**

- The school’s modified long-block schedule, adopted in 2002, helped students pass the MCAS test by letting the district incorporate writing, reading, and math across both the academic and vocational-technical curricula.
- During the period under review, the District made a great commitment to student attendance. In addition to increasing attendance requirements, the district maintained a 193-day school year.
- The district’s clear assessment policies and high expectations for students contributed to all student subgroups exceeding the state requirements for MCAS test participation.

***Our students among the best ....***

**When competing against the top students from around the country,** Valley Tech students proved they are golden. Erik Macchi of Douglas and Stephen Giardini of Millville both captured gold medals in their respective vocational technical fields at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Macchi won the Technical Drafting competition, while Giardini captured first in Electronics Technology.

Four other Valley Tech students represented Massachusetts at the national conference. Jillian Dumont of Blackstone finished fourth in CNC Milling. She was the only female high school student to compete in CNC Milling. Troy Gignac, also of Blackstone, finished in the top 20 in Architectural Drafting, and Modesto Montero of Bellingham competed in the first round of Extemporaneous Speech. All five students were gold medal winners at the state level.

Dineen Gosselin of Sutton took part in the national conference after she was elected a Massachusetts SkillsUSA state officer by her peers at the state competition. She will hold office throughout FY06.

The annual national conference features the top two percent of secondary and post-secondary vocational technical students from across the United States. There were more than 4,600 students competing in 80 categories.

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

SkillsUSA is a national organization that provides education experiences for vocational technical students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development.

**The Valley Tech Class of 2005** became the second straight from the school to have 100 percent of its members achieve a passing grade on the state-mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests. The Class of 2006 is not far behind as re-tests from the spring of 2005 revealed that 100 percent of the students in that class already passed the English Language Arts portion and 98 percent passed the Math. We were also extremely pleased that 20 members of the Class of 2004 were among the first to receive the Commonwealth's new John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Those who qualify for the scholarship based on their tenth grade MCAS performance have the option to receive four years of free tuition at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst or at any of the 9 state or 15 community colleges in Massachusetts.

**Students from the Auto Technology Program** shined in two major state competitions. Ryan Carter of Douglas recorded the highest individual score on the written test and combined with Keith Brouillette of Blackstone for the highest team written score during the annual 2005 AAA/Ford Student Auto Skills Contest. Earlier in FY05, Jeremy Galas of Uxbridge, Raymond Diaz-White of Millbury and William Campbell of Douglas swept the Underclassmen Category at the Massachusetts Auto Dealers Technology Competition.

**The Valley Tech Robotics Team** once again distinguished itself by performing well in competitions in Florida and Pennsylvania, as well as in Boston and Worcester. The team, led by Mr. Michael Norton and Mr. Michael Faticanti, won the Motorola Quality Award at the Florida Regional. The team was supported by EMC Corporation, Raytheon, Allegro Microsystems and Lampin Corporation. The team again hosted its annual FIRST Lego League tournament, drawing 48 teams of potential future engineers aged 9-14 from throughout the Northeast in a contest where students must design, build and program robots made of Legos to perform various tasks.

#### *Additional highlights ....*

For the 11<sup>th</sup> straight year, the annual Superintendent's Dinner was a rousing success as more than 250 guests were treated to a spectacular evening. The gourmet dinner was planned and prepared by the Culinary Arts students under the direction of Team Leader Ms. Michele LeBlanc and instructors Mr. Matthew Williams, Mr. James Bird and Ms. Dawn Haigis. The annual fund-raiser featured a literary link with an "Alice in Wonderland" theme and the renovated cafeteria was transformed into a fairy tale atmosphere by several of the school's vocational technical programs including Culinary Arts, Painting and Decorating/Maintenance, Carpentry, Electronics, and HVAC/R.

At the Dinner, the Valley Tech Educational Foundation held its popular prize drawing, raising funds for student scholarships, special projects and student support. The Foundation also hosted its annual golf tournament in the spring, once again raising funds for various school initiatives. More than 90 golfers took part in the event.

Continuing an integrated across the curriculum learning experience for our students, Valley Tech was actively involved in the nationally renowned JASON Project. This year's theme was "Disappearing Wetlands." Valley Tech students from several vocational technical programs focused on a variety of projects that were spearheaded by Health Services Team Leader Ms. Janice Muldoon-Moors. The book "Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's

Cajun Coast,” was a source for student reading or for guest readers. The book is a first-person account of the ongoing destruction of the bayou country in Southern Louisiana, written by Mike Tidwell. In observance of “Read Across America Day,” Mr. Tidwell visited Valley Tech and spoke to the entire student body.

The newly formed Style, Design and Fashion Club held a first-ever Fashion Show, which proved to be a highly popular event. Similar to the charitable works performed by all of Valley Tech’s clubs and organizations, the Fashion Club held a winter clothing drive for the Salvation Army, raised funds for Tsunami relief for those affected by the natural disaster in December 2004, and established a scholarship fund.

Promising to make a greater commitment to their studies, peers, school and community, 37 exceptional students were inducted into the James S. Mullaney Chapter of the National Honor Society. The students worthy of induction were selected by the Valley Tech Faculty Council. The 37 inductees joined the 12 current members for the 2005-06 school year.

More than 25 Valley Tech students participated in a live Internet video conference called “Livin’ Fit,” sponsored by the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. Students took part in the conference from the state National Guard headquarters in Milford. There were three main locations and schools from around the Commonwealth linked to the conference, which addressed the issue of obesity and promoted healthy living.

**On the Sports front,** our students again participated in record numbers. After claiming it’s first-ever Colonial Athletic League title in the winter of 2004, the Valley Tech cheerleading squad made it three straight CAL titles by sweeping the fall and winter crowns in FY05. The golf team won the State Vocational Championship even though its incredible record of 63 straight match victories came to its inevitable end. Four Valley Tech teams (girl’s volleyball, girl’s soccer, softball and baseball) qualified for the MIAA Tournament and the football team played in the inaugural Massachusetts State Vocational Football Championship game.

**Members of the Graduating Class of 2005 from Northbridge:** Jennifer L. Anderson, Office Technology; Rachael A. Anderson, Graphic Arts; Matthew H. Arrell, Painting & Decorating/Maintenance; Kimberly M. Bangma, Office Technology; Julie L. Barbadora, Culinary Arts (NHS); Samson R. Blanchard, Manufacturing Technology; John E. Brooks, Jr., Auto Technology; Mariel I. Brosnahan, HVAC/R; Michael G. Burbank, Jr., Auto Body; Robert J. Castonguay, III, Drafting; Randy M. Demery, Carpentry; Amy D. Dyer, Culinary Arts; Robert A. Finch, Drafting; Brandon K. Garza, HVAC/R; Natalie M. Go, Painting & Decorating/Maintenance; Amanda L. Henderson, Painting & Decorating/Maintenance; Matthew S. Hoyt, Drafting; Kristopher R. Keegan, Manufacturing Technology; David W. Klocek, Manufacturing Technology; Jessica J. Klocek, Office Technology; Aaron J. Marshall, Auto Body; Jarred M. Meagher, Maintenance Repair Service; Andrew M. Mossman, Electronics; Heather M. Murray, Office Technology; Ashley E. Rabaioli, Graphic Arts; John P. Rodgers, Jr., Manufacturing Technology; Matthew M. Vaz, Auto Technology; Matthew S. Wooster, Plumbing.

***Praise after a closer look ....***

Throughout FY05, national, state and local officials, dignitaries, and stakeholders visited Valley Tech to observe our daily operations, discuss future endeavors, and interact with our staff and students.

United States Congressman Richard E. Neal went back in time to his Western Massachusetts teaching days to address a variety of issues with students from History classes. Congressman Neal represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, which encompasses 41 towns in Western and Central Massachusetts, including the thirteen communities Valley Tech serves.

In remarking to the students about the expansion and renovation, Congressman Neal said: “I would like to credit the citizenry for supporting this project and this school. You have a beautiful building. And you should be proud of your parents for stepping forward to finance this.”

Congressman Neal, a former Mayor of Springfield who was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988, added: “Vocational education is working beyond anyone’s imagination. . . I believe in vocational education.”

Newly-elected State Senator Edward M. Augustus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Worcester District, also visited Valley Tech in a spirit of investigative research and collaboration. Senator Augustus’ district includes three of Valley Tech’s towns (Grafton, Millbury and Upton).

“Valley Tech is clearly not your father’s vocational school,” Senator Augustus said after touring the building. “It’s a first-class facility that exposes students to emerging technologies revolutionizing our society, helping prepare them to succeed in life and to secure good-paying jobs.”

We were honored to have State Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill deliver the Keynote Address during our Graduation Ceremonies, and to host the Blackstone Valley Superintendents’ Collaborative that included state legislators Senator Richard T. Moore, Representative Paul K. Frost, and Representative George N. Peterson. Representatives Marie J. Parente and Dr. Jennifer M. Callahan visited Valley Tech earlier in the year.

#### ***Researching and Earning Grants/Awards/Rebates ....***

We continue to pursue grants, donations, and alternative sources of income. As an example, Valley Tech partnered with one of its sister vocational systems to secure federal funding of more than \$711,000 for physical education programs. Under the Carol M. White Physical Education Program, Valley Tech receives grants of \$279,542; \$262,784, and \$169,098 over the next three years.

The system has a strong history of aggressively seeking optional funding to support initiatives for expanded learning opportunities and improving the overall health of our students. The system has gone from a total of \$267,208 in FY94 to \$1,441,696 in FY05. In the last 12 fiscal years, Valley Tech has secured a total of \$9,210,210 in non-taxpayers dollars, an average of \$767,517 per year.

Those totals are exclusive of land donations, which to date, exceed more than \$1 million in market value.

<b><u>GRANTS/AWARDS/REBATES LISTING FOR FY05</u></b>	
<b><u>GRANT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Academic Support Services	\$9,525
BVCC - "FIT (Financial Instruction & Training) Program"	\$2,100
BVCC - "Manufacturing Technology"	\$5,000
PEP Grant - Project VITA	\$279,542
Perkins Act State Leadership HSTW	\$5,000
Perkins Equipment and Supplies for Instruction and Learning in All Aspects of the Industry	\$24,495
Perkins Occupational Ed/Vocational Skills	\$160,395
Renewable Energy Trust Fund's Green Schools	\$500,000
Special Ed 94-142 Entitlement	\$210,054
Special Education Corrective Action Assistance	\$5,000
Special Ed Program Improvement	\$5,000
Title I	\$73,296
Title II Educator Quality	\$23,986
Title II Enhancing Technology	\$2,612
Title IV Safe & Drug Free Schools	\$3,578
Title V	\$3,115
Valley Tech Educ. Foundation Mini-Grant - "Aviation Club Field Trips"	\$1,000
Valley Tech Educ. Foundation Mini-Grant - "Oh The Places You'll Go" Jason Integration Project	\$1,000
Valley Tech Educ. Foundation Mini-Grant - "S-10 Electric Truck"	\$1,000
Valley Tech Educ. Foundation Mini-Grant - "Lego Summer Camp"	\$1,000
Valley Tech Educ. Foundation Mini-Grant - Skills USA	\$1,000
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,317,698</b>
<b><u>OTHER GRANT AWARDS</u></b>	
MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation	\$37,788
SEP Grant from Shining Rock Golf Community	\$16,875
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$54,663</b>
<b><u>AWARDS/REBATES</u></b>	
Vanguard Model School Award	\$1,000
ANP Blackstone Rebate – CO <sub>2</sub> Mitigation through Energy Efficiency	\$68,335
<b>SUB TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$69,335</b>
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b>\$1,441,696</b>

*A look at the numbers ....*

The FY05 total operating budget for the District was \$12,726,554. The Net School Spending requirement for the District was \$8,867,487. This sum was funded through Chapter 70 Aid of \$4,671,602 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen member towns totaling \$4,195,885.

In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$691,358 for transportation costs, \$85,552 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$408,000 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$360,652 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. 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 \$285,000 and a reserve fund balance transfer of \$250,000 to offset the towns' actual assessments. The member towns also benefited from a one-time, School Committee voted total return of \$100,000 due to higher than anticipated regional transportation aid from the state.

With new legislation forming the Massachusetts School Building Authority and interest rates likely to rise over the next few years, the District moved quickly to sell the long-term bond for its portion of the expansion and renovation. The District secured an advantageous interest rate of 3.95 percent with a \$50,000 premium to offset bond-filing costs. We are extremely pleased to report that just after FY05 closed, the MSBA made a wire transfer to the District for \$20,786,746. The payment, made years earlier than originally thought, represents 75 percent of the state's share of the expansion and renovation project debt. The other 25 percent of the Commonwealth's share will be delivered upon completion of a final audit. The state is paying 75.5 percent of the entire project cost.

The Valley Tech budget request for FY06 was approved by twelve of the thirteen district member towns. The total increase in operating expenses was 5.5 percent over that supported for FY04. By selling the long-term bond of the District's share of the project, and by applying a one-time venture capital credit of \$100,000 made possible by the superintendent's private fund-raising, the debt portion of the budget request was reduced by more than \$360,000 (36.7 percent), for a combined budget increase of only 2.52 percent.

During this cycle the District devised and implemented multiple strategies to reduce costs and maximize new revenue streams for the operational budget. These included but were not limited to: a reconfiguration of staff, the consolidation of several administrative and support functions, the use of non-supplanting grant subsidies for eligible positions, a recycling partnership, and accepting in-house responsibility for several technological services previously outsourced to private vendors.

The District also received an additional 5.5 acres of donated land, which is adjacent to the 23 acres of land that was donated in 2001 to Valley Tech by local attorney Harvey Trask in memory of his parents. The 5.5 acres was donated by Ms. Joyce Zeiner on behalf of the Kenneth J. McGill family. The combined property is earmarked to be developed and conserved as an athletic complex, recreation area, and nature study facility. All activity will be in concert with local town officials and conservation boards.

***Our School Committee leads the way ....***

Much of our success originates in the positive attitude and expertise contributed by the 13 community leaders who serve as members of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee. Their clarity of vision, industry based experience and wise counsel set the framework for our responsibilities in preparing each student for the demands of global competition. And efficiency in operations, thanks to the vigilance of our School Committee, stands as our hallmark.

Kevin Harvey, Bellingham  
*Chairman*

Gerald M. Finn, Millville  
*Vice Chairman*

Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge  
*Secretary*

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon  
*Assistant Treasurer*

William J. Pontes, Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III, Douglas

Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton

Robert S. Metcalf, Hopedale

Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford

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*

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Several major projects were completed by the DPW during 2005. Sewer projects included the reconstruction of more than a mile of the Whitinsville Sewer Interceptor between the Heritage Park condominium complex and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new 24-inch plastic sewer line was placed into service in August and replaces a combination of 15-, 16- and 18-inch sewer pipe installed in 1906. This main interceptor serves approximately sixty percent of the Town's population who have Town sewer service. The project was mandated under an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) issued in 2001 by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that requires the town to make improvements to the sewer system. Another project required under the ACO was the installation of a second sanitary sewer siphon under the Blackstone River in the Rockdale section of Town to reduce the potential for sanitary sewer overflows in the downtown Rockdale business district. This project was completed and the new siphon was placed into service in September. With the completion of these two projects, the Town has completed all of the mandated system upgrades.

Two major roadway reconstruction projects were also completed during 2005. A 2,000-foot section of Swift Road received a full depth reconstruction. This work completed a project begun in 2004. Approximately 4,000-feet of Mendon Road between the West River bridge and the Mendon Town line also received a full depth reconstruction. Finally, fifteen residential streets and roadways received a stone seal treatment to provide a new wearing surface and to prevent deterioration of the underlying pavement structure. All of these road projects, totaling more than \$400,000, were completed using State Chapter 90 Highway funds.

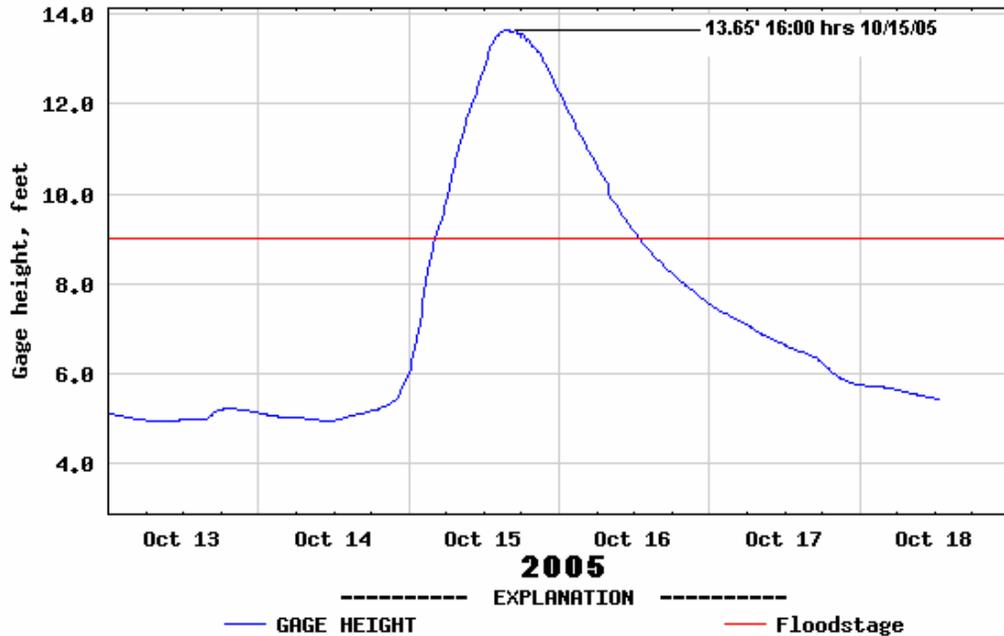
The number of connections to the Town's sanitary sewer system continued to increase in 2005. The year ended with 3,015 sewer system customers, an increase of 149 during the year, representing a growth rate of nearly 5.2 percent. Nearly all of these new connections were the result of new home construction in the numerous residential subdivisions being developed. Northbridge Water System customers also continued to increase, numbering 2,079 at the end of 2005, an increase of 57 from the previous year.

In April, the DPW sponsored a very successful household hazardous waste collection day. More than 240 residents took advantage of this opportunity to dispose of solvents, chemicals, pesticides, oils and a host of other hazardous items in an environmentally safe manner. There was no charge to residents for this event, with the \$16,000 disposal cost funded by the Water and Sewer Enterprise funds. We want to extend a "Thank You" to Tom Berkowitz Trucking for donating a roll off container for disposal of non-hazardous waste materials.

A major flooding event occurred in mid-October when more the 8-inches of heavy rains fell on October 14 and 15. The Blackstone River left its banks and flooded sections of downtown Rockdale as well as Church Street at the Blackstone Canal. At its peak, the Blackstone was nearly five feet above flood stage. DPW crews from both the Highway and Sewer Divisions responded to the emergency by opening blocked storm drains, closing flooded roadways, removing storm debris, and repairing damaged road surfaces and washouts. Once the flood waters had receded it was determined that the sewer line suspended beneath the Sutton Street bridge over the Blackstone River had been broken by debris flowing under the bridge allowing raw sewage to be discharged into the river. An emergency bypass pumping system was set up and an emergency contract was procured to replace the broken line. The chart below, taken from the U. S. Geological Survey gauging station in Rockdale, shows the elevation of the river during the flooding event.



### USGS 01110500 BLACKSTONE RIVER AT NORTHBRIDGE, MA



**Provisional Data Subject to Revision**

The DPW once again conducted a very successful bagged leaf collection program in the fall of 2005. 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.

The DPW Highway Division received two new vehicles, a one-ton pick up truck and a 1-1/2 ton dump truck. These replaced a 1994 pickup and a 1985 one-ton dump truck respectively.

The roster of employees of the department at the end of the year 2005 is as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Director of Public Works	Richard R. Sasseville, P.E.	12
DPW Secretary	Patricia A. Nolan	6
Sewer Superintendent	James E. Madigan	40
Division Secretary	Laureen Menard	8
Assistant Chief Operator	Mark F. Kuras	24
Lab. Tech/Plant Operator	Mark Lamontagne	6

Treatment Plant Operator	Michael Havalotti	6
Treatment Plant Operator	Mark S. Watson	6
Treatment Plant Operator	Christopher J. Labrie	5
Highway Superintendent	Arthur J. Magowan	28
Master Mechanic	Edwin G. Bodwell	50
Group Leader	Richard N. Brooks	17
Group Leader	Vacant/Unfunded	
Equipment Operator	John J. Brosnahan	9
Equipment Operator	Paul C. Bessette	8
Equipment Operator	Scott R. Grignon	6
Equipment Operator	Scott McGrath	2
Equipment Operator	Vacant/Unfunded	
Equipment Operator	Vacant/Unfunded	
Facilities Maintenance Tech	Brian Kinney	2
Facilities Maintenance Laborer	Walter W. Kanz	6

We want to extend best wishes to Mr. Michael Genest who departed from the Highway Division after six years of service to the Town. 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

James E. Madigan  
 Sewer Superintendent

Arthur J. Magowan  
 Highway Superintendent

## RECYLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee continued its focus in 2005 on the safe disposal and recycling of household hazardous 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 batteries from residents and from Town buildings. The Center is open on the third Saturday of every month from 9 AM to 1 PM. 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 2005, the Committee collected 2,350 gallons of used motor oil, 4 55-gallon drums of antifreeze, 4 55-gallon drums of motor oil filters, 5.65 tons of electronics, and 339 fluorescent bulbs. Also collected were 19 cubic-yard boxes of surplus paints, thinners, varnishes and shellacs.

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 a \$15 extra 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 such as nickel-cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, and small sealed lead 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 the first Monday of most months in the Town Hall. The opening balance in the Committee's revolving account in January 2005, was \$10,973.25, and the closing balance in December 2005 was \$12,098.12. The opening balance in the Committee's general budget in January 2005, was \$700.29, and the closing balance in December 2005, was \$343.57.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Northbridge Senior Center provides services and programs to the senior citizens of Northbridge under the supervision of the Council on Aging. Statistics for these services and programs for 2005 are as follows:

### **STATISTICS FOR 2005**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Days Open	242
Hours/Open/Week	35
Total Attendance	17,198
Daily Average Attendance	71

#### **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Miles Driven	16,774
Gas Used	2,320.6 gal.
Total Units Provided	6,820
Daily Average	28

##### **Transportation Units Include:**

Shopping – (grocery, misc. & mall trips)	3,232
In Town Doctor Appointments	470
Handicapped (disabled. & non ambulatory)	3,057
Nutrition	1,474
Social /Recreational/Bank/Misc. Appts.	1,729
Employment & Education	283
Total Elderly	6,161
Total Non-Elderly	649
Unduplicated Elderly Transportation Clients	111
Unduplicated Non-Elderly Transportation Clients	63

#### **OTHER UNITS OF SERVICES PROVIDED**

Arranged Transportation for Out of Town Medical	643
Congregate Meals Provided	5,548
Home Delivered Meals Provided	15,320
Health Clinics & Services	502
Education	183
Information & Referral Services	8,545
Counseling & Misc. Assistance	76
Social & Recreational Units of Service	7,045
Fuel Assistance & Food Stamps	67
Tax Assistance	163
Notary Public	12
Health Benefits Counseling & Education	592
Fitness/Exercise	1,378
Newsletter (5 issues)	6,800
Outreach - Includes Phone Calls, Mailings, Appointments, Visits	863

SERVICES PROVIDED TO NON-ELDERS

General Information	32
Intergenerational	316
Transportation	649
Family Assistance & Counseling	36
Notary Public & Fuel Assistance	22

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours Contributed 2005	9,054
Estimated Value of Volunteer Services	\$135,810
Value of In-Kind Donations of Goods and Services	\$129,000

It has been a busy year at the Senior Center. We held an Open House on May 15th that proved to be very successful. The event brought in new people and provided community awareness of our services and programs. Also in May, our very important transportation service was rewarded with the receipt of a new 18-passenger wheelchair accessible mini-bus from the state. We extend sincerest thanks to our State Representative, George Peterson, for his support of our grant request and for providing the lettering on the bus. Another accomplishment was receiving support from the town on the need of a bathroom for the second floor of the Senior Center and the eventual reward, in the summer, of a CDBG grant for this project. We are anticipating this project to begin early in 2006. The fall brought hundreds of seniors calling and coming to the center for assistance with the new Medicare Prescription Program that begins in 2006. Many educational seminars and personal appointments were scheduled to help the seniors understand the maze of material they were receiving in the mail and hearing on the news.

A highlight of the fall was our television debut on Channel 5 for Chronicle. We sponsored a Safe Driving Program for seniors that was presented by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and Channel 5 aired short segments of the program and interviewed some of our seniors. It was exciting to view our center, our mini-bus, and our seniors on TV!

Our total attendance increased in 2005 by over 3,400 from the previous year, bringing the average per day to 71 people. As we begin to now service the Baby Boomer Generation it is expected that our numbers will continue to rise. The center offers a multitude of services in addition to programs and some of these are as follows: transportation, nutrition, fuel assistance, housing assistance, food stamp applications, health insurance assistance and counseling, personal counseling, outreach, and notary public services. Program types include a combination of fitness, wellness, education, nutrition, and education. Weekly programs offered during 2005 were as follows: Aqua Exercise (in cooperation with the Whitin Gym), Billiard Pool, Bingo, Bridge, Ceramics, Computer Classes, Craft Class, Cribbage, Dart League, Exercise Class, Movies, Quilting, Scrabble, Pitch, Whist, Shuffleboard, Watercolor Painting, Keep Well Clinics, and a daily Nutrition program including Meals on Wheels for homebound elders. Many educational programs included such topics as Reverse Mortgages, Advance Directives, Legal Information, Importance of Blood Pressure Monitoring, etc.

The Council on Aging holds monthly meetings at the Senior Center at 9:00 A.M. on the second Tuesday of every month except during the month of July. The meetings are open to the public and town residents of any age are welcome to attend. Presently, there are two openings on the board.

Any resident of Northbridge who has an interest in the health and well-being of the senior citizens of the town, are welcome to consider becoming a member of the board. If someone is interested, it is required that they attend a COA meeting to see what the responsibilities consist of, before submitting a Talent Bank Application to the Board of Selectmen.

The officers of the Council on Aging, beginning June 1, 2005 are as follows:

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

Additional Members of the Board:

Serge Grandoni	Marie Kruezinger
Ted Lachapelle	Burnham Miller
Mary Tonry	

Associate Member: Dorothy Salmon

The Northbridge Council on Aging would like to thank the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the citizens of the Town of Northbridge for their support of the Northbridge Senior Center operation. They would also like to thank the Friends of Northbridge Elders, Inc. for their demonstrated support of the center by providing funding for various items necessary for the senior center operation as well as instructors for some of the programs. In addition, we would like to thank Wal-Mart and the Board of the Arthur Fletcher Whitin Fund for their continued recognition of the importance of services and programs for seniors.

The COA and the staff of the Northbridge Senior Center are pleased to provide services and programs to assist the senior citizens of the town in order that they can age with distinction, independence and the best quality of life possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Dion, Chairman  
Council on Aging

Gail Anderson, Director  
Northbridge Senior Center

## **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 Ethan Mascoop, a Registered Sanitarian, James F. Malley, a Registered Professional Engineer, and Jeanne M. Gniadek, Administrative Assistant.

The Board of Health meets the first and third Wednesdays 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 2005.

### **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 35 applications for soils evaluation testing, 44 subsurface sewage disposal plan reviews, and 8 subdivision reviews. The Board approved 6 local upgrade applications.

### **HEALTH AGENT**

Ethan Mascoop, a Registered Sanitarian with a Masters Degree in Public Health, serves as the Health Agent to the Board with primary responsibilities to ensure compliance with housing standards and food service regulations mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additional duties include inspections of tanning salons, massage establishments, swimming pools, and recreational camps for children.

The Board held 5 hearings in accordance with the State Sanitary Code: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation. The Board also adopted a food establishment plan review guidance document and plan review fee to assist potential food establishment owners in the proper design of their establishments in accordance with state and local regulations.

### **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

The Board wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to Henry Ebbeling for his service as Animal Inspector over the past fourteen years. Mr. Ebbeling retired on June 30, 2005. His outstanding service and commitment deserve recognition. Daniel Chauvin, hired by the Board after Mr. Ebbeling's retirement, under the supervision of the Board of Health and the Division 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. Ebbeling issued 3 quarantine notices and Mr. Chauvin issued 12 quarantines and inspected 24 barns in 2005.

## **RABIES CLINIC**

The Sixth Annual Statewide Rabies Vaccination Day was held on April 2, 2005 at the Whitinsville Fire Station. The Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture 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. 41 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 9, 2005 through its closing on December 3, 2005. It also operated on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM during the Spring and Fall seasons.

The Board, in an effort to defray costs associated with keeping this site open to the residents of Northbridge, instituted an annual sticker program. The stickers, available for a fee of \$10, are required to gain access to the site for the disposal of grass, leaves, and small brush. In its third year, the program sold 421 stickers.

Special thanks to Paul Monast, our compost site monitor, for ensuring that the site is open during these hours and that no unwanted refuse is left behind.

## **PERMITS & LICENSES**

49	Permits were issued to Food Service Establishments
35	Permits were issued to Retail Food Establishments
3	Permits were issued to Catering Establishments
3	Permits were issued to Mobile Food Units
2	Permits were issued to Banquet Halls
2	Permits issued for a Residential Kitchen
15	One-Day Food Permits were issued
5	Frozen Dessert Permits
17	Tobacco Permits
4	Recreational Camp Licenses
38	Disposal Works Installers Licenses
7	Septage Hauler Permits
8	Trash Hauler Permits
6	Funeral Director Licenses
21	Stabling Permits
5	Tanning Facility Permits
6	Massage Therapy Establishment License
8	Massage Therapist License
2	Public Pool Permit
4	Construction & Demolition Dumpster Permits
20	Well Permits

### **MAHB TOBACCO GRANT**

The Northbridge Board of Health was awarded a mini-grant from the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) for the purpose of conducting youth access compliance checks during the period of October – December 2005. Payment of the grant was calculated at \$40 for each youth access check conducted. The Board hired Elliott C. Brown as their consultant to oversee these activities and to ensure compliance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines governing youth access compliance checks. Mr. Brown brings years of experience in conducting these youth access checks to Northbridge. In November of 2005, each of the 17 licensed tobacco retailers were checked. Two establishments sold tobacco to a minor; each was fined \$100. The MAHB has approved funding to the Northbridge Board of Health to conduct a second round of compliance checks in 2006.

### **QUAKER STREET LANDFILL**

The Board, assisted by Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM), completed a draft Post-Closure Maintenance and Monitoring Plan as required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the final closure of the Quaker Street Landfill. Once approved by the DEP, the Board will be able to proceed with this final phase of monitoring (water and gas) at the site.

### **NORTHBRIDGE-ROCKDALE FLOODING**

The Northbridge-Rockdale flooding event of October 2005 presented a significant public health and safety issue for the Board and its staff. Numerous hours were spent assessing damage and assisting residents and business owners during this crisis. Several businesses that had significant water damage were forced to close while necessary repairs and restorations were conducted. The event reinforced the concept that cooperation between all town departments is fundamental when a crisis of this magnitude strikes the citizens of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marzec, Chairman  
Ann Marie Thompson, Vice Chair  
Scott Chase  
Diane Mackintosh  
Paul McKeon

## 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, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

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
<b>Mom-Baby Visits</b>	7		
<b>Flu Clinic</b>	2 clinics	38 hours	409
<b>Flu clinic medical supplies</b>	\$441.72		
<b>BP Clinics</b>	6 clinics	11 hours	113
<b>TB Testing</b>	0 tests		
<b>Communicable Disease Investigations for the following organisms:</b>	30 investigations		
<b>Campylobacter</b>	1		
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	3		
<b>Lyme disease</b>	8		
<b>E. coli</b>	1		
<b>Observation of suspected TB case</b>	1		
<b>Latent TB</b>	2		
<b>Salmonella Enteritis</b>	2		
<b>Bacterial infection due to Streptococcus,     Group B</b>	1		
<b>Babesiosis</b>	2		
<b>Varicella</b>	4		
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	3		
<b>Shigellosis</b>	2		

In addition to the agreed upon services identified above, the VNA provided an additional health education program on blood pressure at the Senior Center on December 13, 2005 for 1 ½ hours. There were 21 attendees. The program was well received.

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.

Sincerely,

Jean Masciarelli, MS, RN, BC  
Director of Home Health Services

## 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 Commissioners, they oversee the administration of the Authority, establish policy, provide leadership, and advocate for current and future housing.

**Board Meetings:** As public officials, they hold meetings according to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 2B of the Open Meeting Law. Housing Authority meetings are posted at the Town Hall with the date and time of all regular, special, and annual meetings. Northbridge Housing Authority holds their meetings on the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**Personnel:** Executive Director Patricia Genoa, 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. Once applications are reviewed and deemed eligible, they are then placed on a waiting list. There are no asset limits and the income limits begin at:

One person	-	\$38,800.00
Two persons:	-	\$44,350.00

**Office:** The office is located at 12 Colonial Drive and is opened from 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays, weekends and holidays. If you want to apply for housing, please call the office at (508) 234-7736 for an application. You may pick up the application or have it mailed.

**New Activity:** During the year 2005, 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 the same. This is a new area of responsibility for the Authority with many new challenges.

Northbridge Housing Authority would like to thank all of the agencies throughout the Town for their help whenever we requested it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frances Powers, Chair  
Janet King  
Barbara Chandler  
Lorraine Bell  
Carolyn Lavallee, State Appointee

## TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS

It was not a difficult year for the Trustees. The items scheduled were completed with the exception of one, and we are pleased with the events that were finished.

The memorials in both Rockdale and Whitinsville were cleaned after many years of weathering. This brought the shine back to the names listed on the Memorials. Additionally there were three names added to the Northbridge WWII/Korean War Honor Roll: Adeline Ziegler, Mike Shamshoian, and Koorkan Shamshoian, who are now rightfully recognized and have received the honor they deserve.

The Northbridge WWII/Korean War Honor Roll was rededicated in a ceremony on Veterans' Day marking the fiftieth anniversary of the memorial and the sixtieth anniversary of the end of WWII.

This also marked the first anniversary of the dedication of the Northbridge High School **Veterans' Memorial Field House**. The formal dedication was on Veterans' Day in 2004 and shortly after that; the plaque was installed over the entrance. Later in the summer of 2005, the lettering on the arched wall in the field house was completed. This facility represents a tribute to all veterans, past, present, and those to come who pass through the Northbridge School System.

Two Thousand Five was also the year that the Trustees introduced a proposal, which was adopted as a formal policy by the Board of Selectmen to officially welcome home any soldier returning from an area of conflict. In this way, we can insure that our returning troops realize that as a Town we do appreciate the sacrifices they have made.

A long time resident of Northbridge was officially recognized for his service to America and to his native Poland during World War Two. Stanislaw Chmielewski was honored with a plaque from the Trustees, and certificates from both the Town and The American Legion at a Town Hall ceremony. His service in the Polish American Army and his efforts to subvert the German invasion of Poland as well as his surviving the infamous concentration camps was cited.

The one item that was not completed was the restoration of the Rockdale Memorial due to the onset of winter. Work is scheduled to begin as soon as spring will allow and we hope to be able to preserve this structure for many years to come.

As a veteran, and the chair of the Trustees Committee, I would like to thank the citizens of Northbridge for their support, not simply in this past year, but for many years past. Northbridge has a reputation of supporting its veterans and making sure they are appreciated for their time in service. This support is the motivation we as a committee use to continue recognizing our fellow veterans from both the past conflicts and the ones currently going on. This recognition is a small measure but I promise you it is greatly appreciated by all service men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Cyr, Chairman  
Thomas Farley  
Joseph Williamson  
Spaulding Aldrich  
Lawrence Long

## 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 the year 2005, the Veteran's Council was under the direction of the Blackstone Valley Nam Vets, Joseph E. Fitzgerald Post.

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 the staff 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.

At the end of the regular services, those men and women that served in Afghanistan and Iraq were welcomed home. These Veterans were awarded lapel pins for their service to our Country.

The Council would like to thank everyone that participated in Memorial Day 2005. 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.

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. Songs were sung, and then the Girl Scouts spread along Church St., with signs thanking the Veterans for their services to their country.

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 veterans are returning home from duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and other duties around the globe. It is important to know there are some time-sensitive benefits that should be looked into while settling back into "normal" life. The state and federal governments offer educational and health benefits. You may not know that veterans are eligible for a tuition waiver at any state-supported course in an undergraduate degree program or certificate program offered by a public college or university.

Disabled veterans are entitled to property tax abatements and more (depending on VA disability rating). Certain decorated veterans are entitled to free vehicle registration *for life*.

Many veterans continue to take advantage of VA Healthcare benefits. Enrollment forms are available at my office or online at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). 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 a veteran's widow(er) needs financial assistance, the Commonwealth's Chapter 115 benefits are available. These benefits can be applied for confidentially with the Veterans' Agent.

As in the previous years, I have associated with the Veterans' Council and Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials, providing technical assistance when needed. Northbridge can be proud of the support shown in Veterans' causes. I am happy to be a small part of that.

Veterans' Services is located in the Town Hall, Room 2-1. The telephone number is 508-234-9808.

As always, Veterans' Services looks forward to assisting veterans/dependents. Please contact me 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 161st annual meeting Sept. 15, 2005, and elected the following officers:

President -- Dennis McCowan  
 Treasurer -- Kurt Lange                      Clerk -- Dr. John Baker

Trustees --  
           Harold D. Gould, Jr.                      (Term expires 2006)  
           Dennis McCowan                        (Term expires 2006)  
           John A. Rauth                            (Term expires 2007)  
           Janyce Murray                         (Term expires 2007)  
           Barbara Leonard                      (Term expires 2008)  
           Jack Walker                             (Term expires 2008)

Endowment Committee --  
           Glenn Bloem                             Maynard VandenAkker  
           Kurt Lange                              Philip Brown  
           Sidney DeYoung

**EXPENSES: 7/1/04 thru 6/30/05**

Received from Town of Northbridge: .....\$199,712

**Expenditures:**

Salaries	\$174,069.09
Electricity	3,237.15
Heat	4,900.97
Telephone	1,576.43
Water	110.74
Trash Pickup	204.00
Sewer Use	111.68
Building Maintenance	5,116.26
Office Supplies	6,631.97
Travel	139.78
Audio/Visual Materials	912.14
Returned to Town	2,702.66

The library's total operating expenses for FY05 were \$287,712.00. The budget was balanced by income from the Whitinsville Social Library and Manosh Trusts, an allocation of \$17,487.00 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.

As of Dec. 31, 2005, the library owned 48,586 items, including 43,132 books, 1,916 volumes of periodicals, 2,437 videos and DVDs, 721 books on tape and compact disc, and subscribed to 90 magazines.

During FY05, the library loaned 46,809 items: 19,911 adult books, 17,145 children's books, and 9753 other items, such as videos, museum passes, CDs, and audio books. In addition,

the library filled 1,172 requests for Interlibrary Loans (ILLs) and registered 456 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.

The library continued its participation in the Central and Western Massachusetts Regional System (CWMARS) computer network and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS), with van deliveries to facilitate the ILL process.

The highlight of 2005 proved to be the full automation not only of the library's card catalog, but also all circulation functions. In addition, the library continued to offer unrestricted Internet access and maintained a Website (<http://www.northbridgemass.org/WSL/wslhome.htm>), enhanced this year by Eventkeeper, an online interactive calendar. This innovation came in handy, since the library greatly increased its programming, especially for adults. In addition to the perennial favorites – appearances by Paul Rogers and programs cosponsored by the Northbridge Historical Society -- the library also hosted workshops on genealogy and pastel drawing, discussions by local authors Paul Lavallee and Mark Clement and a “Colonial Soldier of King Philip’s War,” portrayed by area resident Guy Morin.

The children’s programs did not go begging either. Besides hosting “[GoingPlaces@yourlibrary](mailto:GoingPlaces@yourlibrary),” the 2005 summer reading program, the library presented preschool music and movement classes, storytellers, puppet shows and a return engagement of “the reptile guy,” who brought his favorite attraction: a 12-foot long python. In addition, the library offered two preschool story hours during the school year, as well as the ever-popular “PajamaRama” evening story hour all year long.

Obviously, the library and its staff made great progress in 2005, despite the continuing demands of integrating new technology into traditional work processes. The director and her assistant also spent many hours this past year developing and writing the Five Year Long Range Plan required by the MBLC. Thanks go to all those in the community who helped in this process. Thanks also go to desk assistants Bill Lemeshevsky and Anne Crosby, who both retired this year, much to the regret of the staff and patrons.

In 2006, the final phase of automation -- posting the library’s holdings on the CWMARS regional network -- will be completed. This, however, will only allow local residents to view the library’s holdings online. The library must receive funding for full membership in CWMARS before patrons have complete access to the library’s holdings online.

In addition, the space constraints imposed by our 87-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.

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 P.M. at the Fletcher House on 1 Elm Place.

The Commission has been working on completing a survey of historic cemeteries within the town over the past two years. We finally completed surveying and documenting all of the historic cemeteries with the help of Northbridge High students and volunteers from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Commission would like to thank Mike Killeen, Jason Warchol, Caitlin Shaughnessy, Sarah Dederian, and Leah Cameron for all of their effort and dedication in completing this momentous task. The completed survey is available for viewing or using by contacting the Historical Commission. The state Historical Commission was sent copies of the cemetery survey as well.

The Commission has also worked closely with Alternatives Unlimited on their expansion and restoration plans, which will include a small historical museum that will be open to the public. The project will revitalize the entire area along the Mumford River on Douglas Road. The Commission is totally supportive of the project and very excited.

The Commission was also involved in the downtown streetscape project with the planning board in an advisory capacity. The Commission has also been used in an advisory and regulatory capacity in determining which homes are historic and determining which ones must restore their exteriors with like-kind materials when using state or federal funds in doing the work.

The Commission has responded to 21 requests for historical information from the citizens of Northbridge during the past year. We continue to make historic walking tour pamphlets available to citizens of the town. In addition, we sponsored a historic 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.

Finally, the Historical Commission was called upon to give "Chronicle" of Channel 5 television a historic tour and narrative so that they could produce a segment on Northbridge. It aired in November and gave our town New England wide exposure. The Historical Commission has tapes of the program available to borrow.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Warchol, Chair  
Paula McCowan  
David Potty  
Donald Gosselin  
Joseph Plaud  
Jason Keefe

## PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### Key Highlights

The year 2005 marked the first time in recent memory that the Playground and Recreation Commission had its full complement of seven members. Joining long time commission members Ken Taylor, Craig Bachman, and Caryn Gagner were Bridget Curley, John Phelan, Bruce Frieswick, and Mike Wytenus. The newly energized commission quickly set out to streamline policies and procedures including a new field use authorization process, development of a field use grid, and issuance of permits to those people and organizations using the facilities at their approved times.

In October, the commission voted to approve the use of the Plummer's Corner basketball court for placement of a Skate Park in support of an initiative by a group of Middle School and High School students who wish to develop a Skate Park in town.

The commission also recognized the enormous growth in the Town of Northbridge, and set a course of action to address the shortage of safe, quality recreational facilities in town by voting to secure funding for a Master Plan. This proposal was put before town voters in November and funding for phase II of the program was approved. Aspects of phase II will include detailed assessment, analysis, and development of several categories, including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

### PHASE II - Program Development

*Determination of Design Standards*  
*Type and Number of Fields*  
*Site Utilization and Landscaping*  
*Parking Requirements*  
*Site Lighting and Utilities*  
*Buildings*  
*Irrigation Systems*  
*Amenities*  
*Project Phasing*  
*Geotechnical Investigation*  
*Limited Parking and Traffic Assessment*

Next steps include issuing a RFG for assignment of phase II execution, development of Phase III needs and strategies, and setting a timeline for completion of the various projects to be identified through the Master Plan.

The Playground and Recreation Commission would like to extend their thanks to the voters of the town for supporting this important initiative, and also thank the leaders of the various sports and school organizations in town for their cooperation and communication. We believe the future of recreation in Northbridge looks bright, and we look forward to continued improvement and success.

### **Town Parks Program**

The Playground and Recreation Department successfully ran the Parks and Recreation program once again this year. Four hundred and forty - two children from the Town of Northbridge signed up for the Parks Program. This summer the program included five trips to Wallum Lake, Olympic Games, which were held at Lasell Field, the first annual Mid-Summer Classic that was held at Vail Field, and an end-of-summer dance given to commemorate the seven-week program.

In 2003, we saw an average weekly attendance of approximately five hundred and fifty children and in 2004, we saw an average weekly attendance of approximately seven hundred children. In 2005, the average weekly attendance rose to approximately seven hundred and nineteen children showing that the number of children we service in the town continues to increase.

The Stanley Thomas Memorial Beach was not opened this summer.

### **Summer Concert Series**

The six-week Town of Northbridge Summer Concert Series was resumed in 2005, after a year off due to budget cuts. The concert series ran from 7/14/05 through 8/18/05 showcasing mostly local acts. Audience attendance averaged 100 to 200 people per event.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Taylor  
Caryn Gagner  
Craig Bachman  
Bridget Curley  
John Phelan  
Bruce Frieswick  
Mike Wytenus

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Beginning balance 1/1/05	\$17,833.05
Grants paid	\$ 5,215.00
State funds	\$ 4,750.00
Interest income	\$ 131.02
Ending Balance 12/31/05	\$17,499.07

The following new members were appointed: Pamela Siderewicz, Amy Stark and Caroline Ramian. Donald Gosselin did not seek reappointment

In October 2005, the Massachusetts Cultural Council informed the Town of Northbridge that it would receive \$4,750.00 in state funds.

The Northbridge Cultural Council received thirty-seven grant applications by October 15, 2005, with requests totaling \$17,630.00 for FY2006. Final selections were made on December 15, 2005. The following grants were awarded:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Algonkuin Theatre Company	\$ 400
Audio Journal, Inc.	\$ 250
Blackstone Valley Community Chorus	\$ 400
Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band	\$ 500
Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming	\$ 500
George M. Whitin Memorial Committee Assoc.	\$ 500
Grace Notes	\$ 50
Grace Notes	\$ 270
Heritage String Band	\$ 400
Maichak, Gregory	\$ 350
New Repertory Theatre	\$ 300
Northbridge Middle School	\$ 300
Operation Graduation 2006	\$ 500
Valley Music School, Inc.	\$ 400
Whitinsville Social Library:	
Diane Postoian	\$ 200
John Porcino	\$ 300
Tower Hill Passes	\$ 150
Worcester Art Museum Passes	\$ 250
You and Me Puppets	\$ 300
Yankee Notions	<u>\$ 400</u>
	\$6,720

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Barry Ducey  
Chairman

**ANNUAL SALARIES  
CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>	
<b>SELECTMEN</b>	C AMPAGOOMIAN	\$ 750.00	
	W AUDETTE	\$ 370.99	
	T BOUCHER	\$ 379.06	
	R COLLINS	\$ 802.45	
	R MELLOR	\$ 379.06	
	J MONTECALVO	\$ 809.95	\$ 3,491.51
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>	M COUGHLIN JR	\$ 91,269.01 *	
	S SUSIENKA	\$ 54,427.83	\$ 145,696.84
<b>MIS</b>	R THAYER	\$ 53,571.53	\$ 53,571.53
<b>ACCOUNTING</b>	T CENEDELLA	\$ 36,360.58	
	M LARAMEE	\$ 17,145.78	
	N VAIDYA	\$ 39,786.19	
	B DESMARAIS	\$ 42,628.12	\$ 135,920.67
<b>ASESSORS</b>	S BRENNAN	\$ 43,357.91	
	J CECCONI	\$ 32,303.66	
	R FITZGERALD	\$ 54,427.83	
	G KAZARIAN	\$ 80.00	\$ 130,169.40
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>	C DUQUETTE	\$ 33,995.41	
	M KEMP	\$ 37,615.53	
	J MORIN	\$ 42,983.98	
	L WOELLER	\$ 33,995.41	\$ 148,590.33
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	D CEDRONE	\$ 45,902.31	
	C HILLS	\$ 35,983.52	\$ 81,885.83
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	R BECHTHOLDT II	\$ 50,394.08	
	B KINNEY	\$ 26,059.76	
	J DULMAINE	\$ 35,379.61	\$ 111,833.45
<b>POLICE DEPT</b>	R BELANGER	\$ 124.66	
	R BRADLEY	\$ 81,315.25 *	
	S BUMA	\$ 54,680.78 *	
	C BURRELL	\$ 64,363.85 *	
	C CHICKINSKI	\$ 58,432.82 *	
	A CICCONE	\$ 6,858.40	
	J CROSBY	\$ 139.04	
	L DERKOSROFIAN	\$ 72,134.88 *	
	N DESRUISSEAU	\$ 18,584.05 *	
	M GAUDET	\$ 5,275.31	
	R GORMAN	\$ 59,526.26 *	
	G HAMM	\$ 62,332.55 *	
	S HENEY	\$ 82,791.09 *	
	J INGER	\$ 39,734.65 *	
	D JESSING	\$ 2,499.36	
	T LABRIE	\$ 89,154.55 *	
	D LAMOREAUX	\$ 60,563.49 *	
	L LASALA	\$ 48,944.86 *	
	P LASALA	\$ 234.00	
	M LEONARD	\$ 75,157.49 *	
	S MATTE	\$ 7,817.01	
	T MELIA	\$ 129,362.66 *	
	J NADEAU	\$ 78,203.20 *	
	J OUILLETTE	\$ 77,457.17 *	
	A PINCINCE	\$ 13,113.38 *	
	C PLANT	\$ 2,770.00	
C PRICE	\$ 43,236.71 *		
H RAJOTTE	\$ 3,928.43		
D ROY	\$ 77,291.19 *		

**ANNUAL SALARIES  
CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>	
	L SKILLEN	\$ 42,629.05	
	L SMITH	\$ 72,971.59	*
	C STUART	\$ 5,516.00	
	W WARCHOL	\$ 96,993.84	*
	K WESTBURY	\$ 71,085.78	*
	J WHITE	\$ 48,700.26	*
	S ZOLLIN	\$ 82,245.18	*
	T DEJORDY	\$ 51,637.67	*
	K SAUNDERS	\$ 10,507.19	
	R COLLETTE JR	\$ 1,179.12	
	D CONLAN	\$ 460.08	
	D GRADY	\$ 272.64	
	B LAPOINTE	\$ 987.26	
	F METIVIER	\$ 955.90	
	J ROPIAK	\$ 1,764.60	
	R WEST	\$ 443.04	
	R. MONTIVERDI	\$ 272.64	\$ 1,804,648.93
<b>FIRE DEPT</b>	B AGUIAR	\$ 360.28	
	J BEAUCHAIN	\$ 1,759.72	
	L BERNARD	\$ 1,552.88	
	B BLAIR	\$ 2,210.59	
	F BRACKLEY	\$ 4,153.61	
	R BRIAND	\$ 95.29	
	B CASTELL	\$ 50,360.69	*
	B CASTELL	\$ 8,191.78	
	R P CAVALIERI	\$ 3,354.63	
	W DAVIS	\$ 54,041.78	*
	W DAVIS	\$ 7,279.41	
	B DUDA	\$ 577.65	
	D DUDA	\$ 192.62	
	S DUPRE	\$ 4,049.75	
	S FEEHAN	\$ 753.32	
	A GENGA	\$ 4,852.59	
	S GEORGE	\$ 342.42	
	J GOSSELIN	\$ 1,690.43	
	D HOLMES	\$ 51,250.06	*
	F JACKSON	\$ 827.35	
	M KURAS	\$ 905.17	
	R LACHAPELLE	\$ 57,351.85	*
	R LACHAPELLE	\$ 9,340.82	
	D LAFLASH	\$ 1,021.29	
	N MARSHALL	\$ 19,084.95	*
	D MASSEY	\$ 806.92	
	W MAYNARD	\$ 15,212.01	*
	W MAYNARD	\$ 1,654.07	
	R MONTBLEAU	\$ 45,680.18	*
	R MONTBLEAU	\$ 636.08	
	D MORROW	\$ 4,897.65	
	G NESTOR	\$ 66,357.28	
	G NOEL	\$ 56,588.08	*
	G NOEL	\$ 12,398.10	
	D NOWLAN	\$ 50,113.97	*
	D NOWLAN	\$ 1,852.52	
	M PLANTE	\$ 2,367.12	
	G RILEY	\$ 6,041.74	
	W ROBIDOUX	\$ 565.73	
	J SMITH	\$ 485.34	
	J SMITH	\$ 792.03	
	T VALDIVIA	\$ 9,465.08	
	T VALDIVIA	\$ 48,331.03	*
	K WARD	\$ 3,248.48	
	M WATSON	\$ 634.23	
	D WHITE	\$ 53,639.73	*
	D WHITE	\$ 6,203.59	
	W WHITE	\$ 38,260.42	*
	M WHITTAKER	\$ 1,456.01	
	H WIELSMA	\$ 6,815.87	
	H WIELSMA	\$ 7,303.62	

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>	
	J WINSLOW	\$ 1,924.85	
	M BAKER	\$ 1,685.78	
	E BOUTHILLETTE	\$ 40,964.41 *	
	M GULLA	\$ 440.68	
	R HARINGA	\$ 3,058.27	
	D HOLMES	\$ 5,251.48	
	D KIMBALL	\$ 1,664.45	
	J NIRO	\$ 1,045.00	
	J QUINN JR	\$ 1,603.20	
	M SHEAR	\$ 8,935.65	
	K VALDIVIA	\$ 3,010.41	\$ 796,991.99
<b>BUILDING DEPT</b>	B OUILLETTE	\$ 33,995.42	
	J SHEEHAN JR	\$ 52,301.48	
	R SUSIENKA	\$ 400.00	\$ 86,696.90
<b>INSPECTORS</b>	C LACHAPELLE	\$ 5,987.92	
	J DAVIS	\$ 528.35	
	L WIERSMA	\$ 352.23	
	R WUNSCHER	\$ 2,289.49	
	E SEIDLER	\$ 5,693.00	
	J GUERTIN	\$ 7,005.00	
	H NYDAM	\$ 7,936.00	\$ 29,791.99
<b>DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION</b>	P NOLAN	\$ 22,658.94	
	M ANDRIKOWICH	\$ 4,276.48	
	P BESSETTE	\$ 47,703.48 *	
	E BODWELL	\$ 44,464.96 *	
	R BROOKS	\$ 53,777.68 *	
	J BROSONAHAN	\$ 44,604.32 *	
	D CONNORS	\$ 4,736.51	
	S GRIGNON	\$ 44,290.76 *	
	W KANZ	\$ 31,505.37 *	
	B KINNEY	\$ 44,582.74 *	
	B LUSSIER	\$ 5,173.26	
	A MAGOWAN	\$ 61,746.08 *	
	S MCGRATH	\$ 44,210.03 *	
	J OOSTERMAN	\$ 332.80	
	R SASSEVILLE	\$ 71,223.20	
	M GENEST	\$ 34,964.85 *	\$ 560,251.46
<b>DPW SEWER DIVISION</b>	M HAVALOTTI	\$ 53,115.29 *	
	M KURAS	\$ 62,344.24 *	
	C LABRIE	\$ 53,094.49 *	
	M LAMONTAGNE	\$ 50,736.98 *	
	J MADIGAN	\$ 68,302.49 *	
	L MENARD	\$ 27,330.22	
	M WATSON	\$ 50,958.62 *	\$ 365,882.33
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	J GNIADEK	\$ 35,179.43	\$ 35,179.43
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	G ANDERSON	\$ 40,890.15	
	J BABINEAU	\$ 2,822.19	
	J GALLAGHER	\$ 194.35	
	M JACQUES	\$ 343.21	
	W JORRITSMA	\$ 23,095.89	
	M ALEX	\$ 13,309.06	
	J DIONNE	\$ 6,496.00	
	A GENTRY	\$ 5,528.00	\$ 92,678.85
<b>VETERANS</b>	K TRAJANOWSKI	\$ 31,682.68	\$ 31,682.68
<b>LIBRARY</b>	L BELL	\$ 16,701.35	
	A CROSBY	\$ 5,004.34	
	A DZINDOLET	\$ 16,362.43	
	E JOHN	\$ 19,977.80	
	H JOHNSTON	\$ 29,254.76	
	W LEMESHEVSKY	\$ 3,322.12	
	M MCLAUGHLIN	\$ 44,945.65	

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>	
	E MOMBOURQUETTE	\$ 1,882.50	
	C NABBOUT	\$ 4,342.50	
	M NICHOLS	\$ 2,450.35	
	P PATNODE	\$ 8,125.97	
	E SHAUGHNESSY	\$ 22,301.28	\$ 174,671.05
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	J ARCHIBALD	\$ 3,600.00	
	R BODDIN	\$ 1,473.75	
	J COSTANZA	\$ 1,530.00	
	M CRONIN	\$ 1,575.00	
	J FALVEY	\$ 1,575.00	
	L FLETCHER	\$ 1,575.00	
	Y GIORDANO	\$ 450.00	
	B GUGLIEMO	\$ 1,552.50	
	S MORVAN	\$ 1,488.75	
	A MUMMENTHEY	\$ 1,575.00	
	K PETERSEN	\$ 1,575.00	
	C PIPER	\$ 517.50	
	A SAFER	\$ 1,440.00	
	J SHERWOOD	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 21,502.50
<b>RECYCLING</b>	D THOMPSON	\$ 474.35	\$ 474.35
<b>SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT</b>	P SOOJIAN	\$ 61,499.88	
	H O'DONNELL	\$ 92,701.53	
<b>SCHOOL SECRETARY</b>	S DOWNS	\$ 39,810.39	
	J HARRIS	\$ 44,145.01	
	J MELIA	\$ 33,412.40	
<b>SCHOOL NURSES</b>	W SHENIAN	\$ 46,723.77	
	J THORNE	\$ 50,927.60	
	S CALABRO	\$ 40,798.82	
	L JOHNSON	\$ 58,046.01	
	M ROKES	\$ 34,510.49	
	S WIEGERS	\$ 8,119.58	
<b>SCHOOL CUSTODIANS</b>	M BEDARD	\$ 45,214.91	
	K DEYOUNG	\$ 46,186.41	
	P HALACY	\$ 50,968.98	
	J LESIAK	\$ 55,853.01	
	B SIMMONS	\$ 47,277.33	
	G VARTERESIAN	\$ 46,576.79	
	L ACHORN	\$ 41,140.34	
	M BLODGETT	\$ 12,504.00	
	R BROUILLETTE JR	\$ 30,622.60	
	R DEMREST	\$ 44,190.87	
	T DEYOUNG	\$ 34,575.49	
	H DION	\$ 4,708.00	
	J GAUTHIER	\$ 35,817.72	
	J GILLEY	\$ 45,186.87	
	J GUYETTE	\$ 33,839.56	
	K HUGHES	\$ 562.50	
	J KIRITSY	\$ 2,034.00	
	R LACHAPELLE	\$ 4,602.00	
	R MCKOY	\$ 16,427.32	
	B METCALF	\$ 32,702.61	
	P MORIN	\$ 32,996.57	
	R NEWMAN JR	\$ 20,007.92	
	R OUELLETTE	\$ 39,330.50	
	L PAQUETTE	\$ 7.50	
	N POLUCHA	\$ 2,502.50	
	D SETARO	\$ 735.00	
	A THIBAUT	\$ 39,166.60	
	C TRACY	\$ 1,020.00	
	C URBAN	\$ 2,937.37	
	K WALKER	\$ 41,536.82	

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>
<b>FOOD SERVICES</b>	S MARSHALL	\$ 10,028.41
	I AFONSO	\$ 6,968.54
	C ANDREWS	\$ 2,432.45
	D ARAKALIAN	\$ 14,000.60
	C BEAUDOIN	\$ 222.25
	R BLAIR	\$ 13,653.13
	J BLOOD	\$ 26,097.87
	D BUMA	\$ 4,982.31
	T CUGINI	\$ 12,833.76
	P DORE	\$ 504.00
	J FARRELL	\$ 148.75
	E FONTAINE	\$ 17,271.44
	P GARDINI	\$ 25,427.82
	K GOLDMAN	\$ 8,642.22
	C GREENE	\$ 25,803.27
	K HAMILTON	\$ 1,992.20
	D HARTLAND	\$ 12,410.36
	K HENDERSON	\$ 11,003.03
	L HUTCHINSON	\$ 10,869.14
	D KING	\$ 45,817.12
	A LOWELL	\$ 15,453.10
	S MASSICOTTE	\$ 18,117.67
	D MCGRATH	\$ 12,569.17
	A MCLAUGHLIN	\$ 346.50
	AM MIDGETTE	\$ 504.00
	L MORAN	\$ 63.00
	C MUTELL	\$ 18,894.26
	J PERKINS	\$ 10,427.15
	R PUGLISI	\$ 22,953.11
	S ROY	\$ 14,284.36
	J SEAGRAVE	\$ 17,228.76
	L SIMMONS	\$ 6,958.61
	J SMYTH	\$ 9,925.90
S SWETT	\$ 1,788.50	
J WILLIAMSON	\$ 20,332.48	
<b>TEACHER GRANT</b>	P SMITH	\$ 29,308.29
	S ASHBY	\$ 9,515.00
	C LEVY	\$ 23,318.30
	A COLONERO	\$ 58,437.55
	K THERIAULT	\$ 35,623.79
D WARE	\$ 54,694.24	
<b>BALMER SCHOOL</b>	S BAZOUKAS	\$ 61,081.23
	S BONNER	\$ 43,489.45
	P BRAZAUSKAS	\$ 71,346.78
	J BRILLHART	\$ 48,317.45
	D CEDERBAUM	\$ 35,623.79
	P CHESNA	\$ 65,271.94
	L CLARK	\$ 52,788.53
	S DAVIS	\$ 62,033.52
	M DEJORDY	\$ 61,081.23
	J DEYOUNG	\$ 63,281.23
	T DIPILATO	\$ 62,227.22
	C FULLER	\$ 61,081.23
	M HUELIN	\$ 36,123.79
	J KUCINSKAS	\$ 60,521.99
	S KUROWSKI	\$ 63,966.13
	M LABA	\$ 47,302.57
	J LACHAPELLE	\$ 21,045.56
	S LANZILLO	\$ 45,719.08
	D LIGHT	\$ 67,519.63
	E LINGA	\$ 62,383.52
	C LOMBARDI	\$ 6,808.14
	P MAHONEY	\$ 61,554.08
	L MCCALLUM	\$ 23,445.35
S MCLAUGHLIN	\$ 46,704.99	
H MCNEIL	\$ 13,182.23	

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>
	J O'BRIEN	\$ 48,155.59
	J PELLETIER	\$ 62,033.52
	C PEPIN	\$ 63,681.23
	B RANDALL	\$ 61,185.00
	S TRINGALI	\$ 54,114.20
	S VINCENT	\$ 21,959.63
	S WARCHOL	\$ 48,495.61
	T WILCOX	\$ 41,674.58
	P WILLIAMS	\$ 65,033.40
	A WILSON	\$ 39,727.44
	S HASTINGS	\$ 1,285.20
	E HITRON	\$ 14,136.84
	C STEINWAND	\$ 72,033.43
	A BOURGET	\$ 61,225.97
	C CIOFFI	\$ 62,033.52
	L JASUKONIS	\$ 17,459.63
	A JETTE	\$ 35,623.79
	S MARINO	\$ 54,382.95
	S PAUL	\$ 61,081.23
	J SHANAHAN	\$ 61,081.23
	K TOWER-LUDWIG	\$ 62,033.52
	J WHORTON	\$ 35,322.37
<b>ALDRICH SCHOOL</b>	L D'AMATO	\$ 62,308.52
	S GUERTIN	\$ 48,009.08
	P KUINDERSMA	\$ 39,910.43
	D PINHEIRO	\$ 61,561.23
	M SCHOFIELD	\$ 61,356.23
	M SHENIAN	\$ 67,071.13
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	C CUMMINGS	\$ 28,346.20
	R ADAMS	\$ 70,333.40
	J ARCHIBALD	\$ 38,130.91
	P BAKER	\$ 67,114.79
	J BEVERIDGE	\$ 13,475.07
	K BOYLE	\$ 42,824.22
	J CESTONE	\$ 41,142.51
	J CHARTRAND	\$ 13,986.99
	B COLUMBUS	\$ 66,733.52
	J CONLAN	\$ 48,517.45
	H CORBETT	\$ 39,680.91
	M DABNEY	\$ 64,666.13
	P DEARY	\$ 61,081.23
	K DEJONG	\$ 64,336.18
	A FINKEL	\$ 33,489.34
	M GADDIS	\$ 50,075.98
	J GOODRICH	\$ 12,434.13
	J GORMAN	\$ 45,537.43
	M GREIM	\$ 24,948.45
	K GUERIN	\$ 49,070.54
	M HUGHES	\$ 63,321.99
	T JOYCE	\$ 26,899.02
	D KATZ	\$ 73,381.11
	J KATZ	\$ 67,873.69
	P KOSCIAK	\$ 41,456.19
	K LACHAPELLE	\$ 75,304.29
	R LAPOINTE	\$ 51,174.36
	R LAURENS	\$ 67,733.52
	J LEBLANC	\$ 65,319.65
	E MACOMBER	\$ 61,281.23
	D MANCUSO	\$ 63,106.37
	M MANOSH	\$ 38,930.43
	M MARTIN	\$ 16,045.56
	P MATHIEU	\$ 47,304.99
	A MURADIAN	\$ 66,696.78
	G OSTOPOWICH	\$ 62,333.52
	S PALMER-HOWES	\$ 50,875.98
	A PANEHELLI	\$ 39,799.22
	D PAPAIZIAN	\$ 61,081.23

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>
	J PEPIN	\$ 63,581.23
	R PLASSE	\$ 66,281.23
	K RANDALL	\$ 39,128.77
	M REILLY	\$ 51,328.56
	M ROACH	\$ 40,835.89
	J SAUTER	\$ 57,297.55
	K SAVAGE	\$ 12,874.77
	S SIMONCINI	\$ 49,146.93
	D SKARIN	\$ 13,475.07
	R SUROZENSKI	\$ 42,872.06
	S SWAIN	\$ 26,023.44
	J SWAYZE	\$ 43,373.57
	N SWEENEY	\$ 69,166.13
	M VEJACK	\$ 13,059.63
	R WRIGHT	\$ 12,434.13
	M CONTINO	\$ 69,483.40
	C GREEN	\$ 63,243.54
	R GROVER JR	\$ 21,359.42
	K MCCARTHY	\$ 20,759.85
	J ROBB	\$ 42,243.57
	J M SHANAHAN	\$ 62,033.52
	W KRAUSE	\$ 67,535.20
	P CHENET	\$ 62,552.27
	W EGAN	\$ 66,796.78
	M FRASCA	\$ 47,675.29
	C GENDRON	\$ 13,059.63
	A LINDBERG	\$ 39,357.51
	R MARSHALL	\$ 60,421.99
	A RICHARDS	\$ 59,528.92
	R WATSON	\$ 62,596.02
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	P KRYGSMAN	\$ 26,124.02
	B MOORADIAN	\$ 28,451.57
	P RITTER	\$ 41,674.67
	M ASHBY	\$ 41,643.07
	L BACHAND	\$ 44,143.57
	J BEDIGIAN	\$ 50,525.98
	D BENNETT	\$ 40,853.77
	B BERARD	\$ 50,275.98
	L BLANDING	\$ 25,009.13
	M BUMA	\$ 49,194.36
	J DONOHUE	\$ 50,434.93
	D DUCHARME	\$ 49,194.36
	J DUQUETTE	\$ 14,082.69
	D EKBERG	\$ 43,435.89
	J FLAYHAN	\$ 46,592.09
	K GAUDETTE	\$ 41,674.58
	M GAUTHIER	\$ 58,318.71
	C GNIADEK	\$ 44,495.00
	S GUERRA	\$ 37,880.91
	M HAZELWOOD	\$ 53,388.92
	D JACQUES	\$ 62,258.14
	K JENKINS	\$ 30,465.27
	L KAMATARIS	\$ 16,947.99
	R KLEIN	\$ 13,059.63
	M LARSON	\$ 46,592.09
	B LEONARD	\$ 64,081.11
	P MACEK	\$ 21,586.50
	M MALONE	\$ 57,686.18
	K MANCINI	\$ 64,131.23
	R MCLAUGHLIN	\$ 17,487.63
	K MIEDEMA	\$ 10,198.97
	G NEALON	\$ 60,371.99
	N OUELLETTE	\$ 52,188.92
	R PHILLIPS	\$ 40,143.57
	D POLLARD	\$ 62,933.52
	J PROVOST	\$ 43,561.19
	C RAMIAN	\$ 21,973.38
	K RHEAUME	\$ 66,531.23

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>
	J ROACH	\$ 65,933.40
	J ROIX	\$ 41,030.43
	J RUSSO	\$ 69,121.99
	D SABOURIN	\$ 12,874.77
	J SKILLEN	\$ 44,497.13
	S SMALL	\$ 64,766.13
	T SPADARO	\$ 43,097.06
	B STEEVES	\$ 63,233.52
	M STINCHFIELD	\$ 41,609.61
	P STOCKHAUS	\$ 61,081.23
	J SULLIVAN	\$ 47,674.58
	P THISTLE	\$ 64,081.23
	S TRAVERS	\$ 64,983.52
	K WARCHOL	\$ 76,155.22
	K WOOD	\$ 13,434.13
	J MURRAY	\$ 64,033.52
	K SAWDON	\$ 62,883.52
	J SPRATT	\$ 62,533.52
	M MORASSE	\$ 64,601.75
	L BENOIT	\$ 41,814.58
	M CONNELL	\$ 39,727.44
	L GERAGHTY	\$ 51,672.89
	K LEVY	\$ 62,033.52
	N LIMOGES	\$ 43,954.94
	C NELSON	\$ 57,148.68
	C REMIAN	\$ 44,308.57
	N SANKO	\$ 62,033.52
	L SULLIVAN	\$ 52,188.92
	L CANARRI	\$ 42,458.80
	T COADY	\$ 48,304.99
	K MCNEIL	\$ 40,704.12
	M OUELLETTE	\$ 50,075.98
	L SNELGROVE	\$ 50,075.98
	J TETREAUULT	\$ 11,583.36
<b>PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	J BOUTHILLETTE	\$ 62,258.68
	K DAIGE	\$ 12,434.13
	L DUQUETTE	\$ 37,002.65
	E GOSSELIN	\$ 62,208.68
	J GUERTIN	\$ 22,670.35
	A MERRIFIELD	\$ 24,678.85
	D MIGNAULT	\$ 55,954.30
	M SUTTON	\$ 46,529.99
	K AVERKA	\$ 61,156.23
	J BRIAND	\$ 63,966.13
	J BRYAN	\$ 35,623.79
	P DEVEAU	\$ 64,081.11
	J JUGES	\$ 61,156.23
	M LANDRY	\$ 52,338.92
	B MARTIN	\$ 66,966.01
	D O'DONNELL	\$ 38,792.51
	J REDDING	\$ 60,269.28
	W RIORDAN	\$ 59,358.54
	R TROMBLEY	\$ 64,394.65
	M USENIA	\$ 55,929.30
	D VERDOLINO	\$ 64,706.11
	K WALKER	\$ 46,229.13
	C CAPITE	\$ 63,048.52
	L MCGEE	\$ 13,059.63
	E ABBONDANZA	\$ 62,921.02
	K BOULAY	\$ 36,823.79
	C NATHAN	\$ 52,628.70
	M RACICOT	\$ 62,108.52
	E STEAD	\$ 40,185.60
	J WING	\$ 42,341.58
	D CARPENTER	\$ 22,749.02
<b>ROCKDALE SCHOOL</b>	L BELSETH	\$ 60,146.99
	C LAVALLEE	\$ 60,496.99

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>
	S PERRON	\$ 64,991.13
	M STRID	\$ 64,619.65
<b>TEACHERS GRANT</b>	R MORO	\$ 61,689.32
	C ROBINSON	\$ 61,843.73
	D PLAUD	\$ 66,496.78
	K WORTHINGTON	\$ 61,343.73
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>	G MURRAY	\$ 89,938.23
	M ROSSETTI	\$ 86,224.81
	D INCUTTO	\$ 84,999.98
	J ZYWIEN	\$ 69,111.52
	J CARROLL	\$ 24,923.07
	M GAUTHIER	\$ 81,730.60
	R MEAGHER	\$ 72,999.94
	E NOSEK	\$ 68,138.89
	J BEASLEY	\$ 46,126.86
	C JOHNSON	\$ 98,349.94
	J SUSIENKA	\$ 51,624.90
	J ZANGHI	\$ 42,499.99
	G ARSENAULT	\$ 89,499.93
	S CULLEN	\$ 80,499.90
	B GONYEA	\$ 83,499.91
	S DIMARE	\$ 65,249.86
	S FALCONER	\$ 63,689.80
	D GIARD	\$ 56,322.19
	L LANGILLE	\$ 84,499.87
<b>SCHOOL SECRETARY</b>	M SHENIAN	\$ 30,966.18
	D HENEY	\$ 30,966.18
	D MORREALE	\$ 31,016.18
	S POITRAS	\$ 30,966.18
	L ST. PIERRE	\$ 30,966.18
	B DUCLOS	\$ 30,966.18
	E FISHER	\$ 30,966.18
	C ROY	\$ 30,966.18
	P LUBAS	\$ 30,966.18
	L WHITE	\$ 30,966.18
	M GUILBEAULT	\$ 27,454.86
	N GANGAI	\$ 41,389.10
<b>LUNCH AIDES</b>	S BEGGS	\$ 1,106.00
	A GUERIN	\$ 185.00
	M KEATON	\$ 310.00
	A MOORE	\$ 392.00
	L O'CALLAGHAN	\$ 980.00
	M RICHARD	\$ 2,971.50
	D THOMPSON	\$ 1,979.25
	T THOMPSON	\$ 14.00
	T TOURVILLE	\$ 1,967.00
	L BOUSQUET	\$ 574.00
	L CAMERON	\$ 420.00
	K HEALY	\$ 1,778.00
	C KELLETT	\$ 134.75
	A WHEELER	\$ 2,469.25
	C STUART	\$ 2,964.50
<b>SUBS/AIDES</b>	J REMUCK	\$ 10,854.86
	K GARRON	\$ 4,140.00
	H REITER	\$ 112.50
	C HARRINGTON	\$ 22,733.50
	A DREW	\$ 50.00
	K ARIEL	\$ 125.00
	D AUDETTE	\$ 500.00
	A BALANCA	\$ 125.00
	J CLAFIN	\$ 2,175.00
	L CLEMENT	\$ 1,650.00
	J DAVIEAU	\$ 35.00
	K DEMERITT	\$ 200.00

**ANNUAL SALARIES  
CALENDAR YEAR 2005**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>YTD GROSS</u>
	S GOLDSTEIN	\$ 1,280.00
	C HENEY	\$ 50.00
	M HENEY	\$ 950.00
	L MAHONEY	\$ 50.00
	K O'DONNELL	\$ 1,275.00
	S REILLEY	\$ 6,487.50
	A SCHOTANUS	\$ 25.00
	C SUSIENKA	\$ 150.00
	E UNDERWOOD	\$ 25.00
	S BEAUDOIN	\$ 23,310.91
	R BEAUDOIN	\$ 200.00
	D BECCIA	\$ 1,378.00
	B BEDROSIAN	\$ 7,150.00
	M BORGHETTI	\$ 650.00
	K BRAZAUSKAS	\$ 50.00
	L CAPISTRAN	\$ 1,475.00
	D CARROLL-MENDES	\$ 125.00
	S DORFMAN	\$ 8,537.50
	R DUMAS	\$ 2,416.50
	A FULLER	\$ 1,125.00
	E KOTZEN	\$ 9,975.00
	V KUIK	\$ 750.00
	R LAGUE	\$ 75.00
	K MCCALLUM	\$ 650.00
	M MELLEN	\$ 11,027.50
	J ANDONIAN	\$ 19,862.58
	M PEPIN	\$ 100.00
	A RATCLIFFE	\$ 2,100.00
	H ST. PIERRE	\$ 375.00
	W BROUWER	\$ 17,800.00
	S COYLE	\$ 4,500.00
	C GIVENS	\$ 11,350.00
	C JAMESON	\$ 475.00
	J JONCAS	\$ 14,100.00
	C NOSEK	\$ 450.00
	C PHELAN	\$ 75.00
	E RUSSO	\$ 800.00
	E SHUGRUE	\$ 150.00
	S THULIN	\$ 3,500.00
	J ARCHIBALD JR	\$ 1,785.00
	R BOBERG	\$ 5,925.00
	J BRUYERE	\$ 700.00
	P EDWARDS	\$ 400.00
	R FLAHERTY	\$ 9,567.50
	C GIGARJIAN	\$ 2,400.00
	A KATZ	\$ 2,600.00
	K NUTTER	\$ 2,237.50
	F STROM	\$ 150.00
	S STROM	\$ 150.00
	M TRABULSI	\$ 3,075.00
	L YEO	\$ 200.00
	K MCCLOSKEY	\$ 5,725.00
	D CICCONE	\$ 20,829.48
	D CUNDIFF	\$ 425.00
	J GARREAU	\$ 325.00
	M GILBERT	\$ 7,200.00
	S NELSON	\$ 175.00
	S PARSLow	\$ 1,500.00
	S ROCHE	\$ 1,138.10
	B STEELE	\$ 1,800.00
	K WITTENBERG	\$ 75.00
	D ARIEL	\$ 15,196.41
	M BEAUREGARD	\$ 4,365.90
	A DEROSIERS	\$ 12,754.85
	AM DUGGAN-HASTINGS	\$ 6,266.65
	K GALLAGHER	\$ 4,417.53
	M GAY	\$ 14,470.21
	S HARRIS	\$ 1,355.85
	L HARTWICK	\$ 11,530.04



**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.....508-234-7416  
    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 Appeals.....508-234-0819