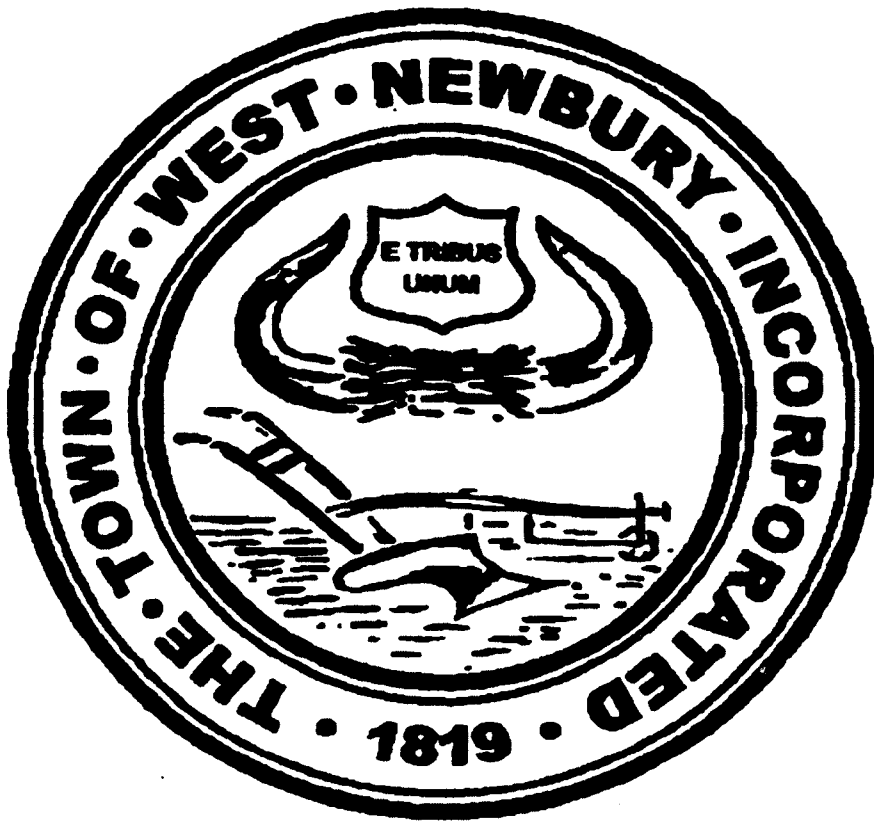


TOWN REPORT

JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008

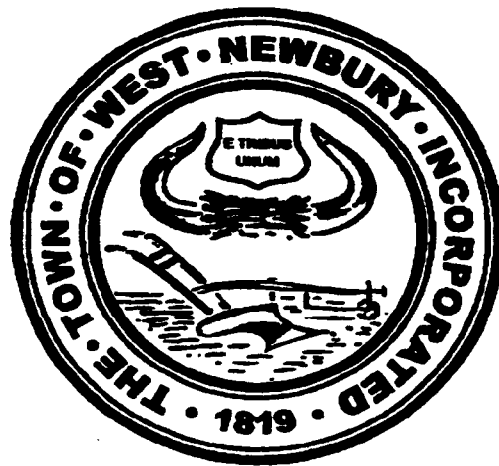


TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY MASSACHUSETTS

381 Main Street, West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985

**ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2008**

TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY



Together with the reports of the School Committee, Board of Fire Engineers, Board of Water Commissioners, Trustees of the Public Library, Assessors, Finance Director, Treasurer, Collector, Town Clerk, and various departments and committees.

**SELECTMEN
1900-2008**

Charles W. Ordway
Richard Newell
Sam Rogers
Daniel Cooney
Robert S. Brown
George E. Noyes
Parker H. Nason
Robert J. Forsyth
George C. Howard
Joseph Newell
Albert E. Elwell
Albert Beckford
Harold T. Daley
*Francis A. Bartlett
Ralph Woodworth
Fred Knapp

Leonard R. Burrill
Walter Swap
M. Paine Hoseason
*Howard Cox
*Norman L. Brown
Russell Zeaman
A. Neil Gadd
Elsie M. Spalding
Raymond H. Poore
James W. Bingham
Irving A. Burrill
William M. Rowe
Stephen F. Burke, Jr.
Ann S. Reilly
Frank E. Hobson
Merton E. Chute

Thomas E. Pulkkinen
Robinson M. Shively
Patricia W. Knowles
Steven Cashman
Sandra J. Raymond
David W. Cook
Charles A. Robinson
Richard Berkenbush
John S. McGrath
Patricia P. Reeser
Nelson A. Valverde
Albert H. Knowles, Jr.
Ann L. O'Sullivan
Richard J. Cushing
Sherrie H. Gadd
Glenn A. Kemper
John S. McGrath

*Died in office

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

(As of June 30, 2008)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John S. McGrath, Clerk, 2009

Glenn A. Kemper, Chairman, 2011

Richard J. Cushing, 2010

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Blake J. Seale, 2011

Robert P. Janes, Chairman, 2009

Kimberly Cole, 2010

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Victor A. Gangi, 2009

William J. Krajeski, Chair, 2011

Cheryl Hoenemeyer, 2010

TOWN MODERATOR

Kathleen C. Swallow, 2009

PENTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WEST NEWBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Heather Conner, 2011

Jill Albert, 2009

Thomas H. Atwood, 2010

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Brian Warne, 2009

William H. Campbell, Chair, 2010

R. Scott Wolke, 2011

CONSTABLES

Stephen Alvino, 2009

Glenn W. Coffin, 2010

Richard J. Connolly, 2010

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, G.A.R. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lucile A. Waehling, 2010

Alexandra Guralnick, Chair, 2010

Elizabeth Torissi, 2009

M. Dorothy Cavanaugh, 2011

Judith W. Marshall, 2011

Scott P. Berkenbush, 2009

R. Bruce Hamilton, 2011

Theresa A. Bisenius, 2010

Virginia J. Selman, 2009

PLANNING BOARD

Ann E. Bardeen, 2013

Arthur T. Wallace, Chair, 2012

Raymond Cook, 2011

Brian R. Murphey, 2009

Peter R. Haack, Clerk, 2010

Michael I. Jones, Associate, 2009

BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Brian Conn, 2009

John Duggan, 2011

Greg Pope, 2010

WEST NEWBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

W. Lawrence Corcoran, 2010

Nancy J. Barry, Chair, 2012

Irene Durkin, 2011

David S. Houlden, 2009

Richard Berkenbush, State Apptd.

DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

FINANCE DIRECTOR/TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Tracy Blais

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Kristine A. Pyle

TOWN CLERK

Lawrence J. Murphy, Esq.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Susan Yaskell

CHIEF ASSESSOR

Karen Rassias

ASST. TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Jennifer Yaskell

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Gary Bill, Director

Douglas Gelina, Buildings and Grounds Foreman

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Mark Hemingway, Chairman

Stephen N. Arnold
Kenneth Berkenbush

Robert Janes
Michael D. Dwyer

FIRE CHIEF

Raymond S. Dower, III

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lisa Holmes, Chief, 2011

Michael Dwyer, 2009

Eric Forni, 2011

Jeffrey Durand, Sgt., 2009
Royster Johnson, IV, 2009

Daniel Cena, Sgt., 2011
Barry Coker, 2010

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

Joy Fleck

Robert Bishop

James Riley

Timothy Rivet

Narciso Garcia, Jr.

Patrick Clay
Gregory Whitney
Monica Carnes
Danielle Connolly
Henry Olshefsky

Brian Warne
Benjamin Jennell
Robert Mercurio
Charles Courtemanche*
W. Lawrence Corcoran*
*Detail only

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Scott P. Berkenbush, E.M.A.

Madelyn L. Cirinna, A.C.O.

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

Richard J. Cushing, E.M.A.
Carolyn Davies, E.M.A.
Richard Davies, E.M.A.
Fred Beaulieu, E.M.A.

Bruce Hamilton, E.M.A.
Lee Ann Delp, E.M.A.
George Evans, E.M.A.
Benjamin Jennell, E.M.A.
David Jennell, E.M.A.

Mark Hemingway, E.M.A.
Richard Berkenbush, E.M.A.
John Connolly, E.M.A.
Brandon Lamson, E.M.A.

FIELD DRIVER AND FENCE VIEWER

Stephen C. Alvino

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Madelyn Cirinna

Kim York, Assistant

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS and SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Judy Romano (Full-time)

Lee Ann Delp
(Lead Dispatcher, Full-time)

Joy Fleck (Full-time)
Alex McKeon (Full-time)
Danielle Connolly (Part-time)
Lisa Duxbury (Part-time)
D. Joshua Niles (Part-time)

Glenn Coffin (Part-time)
Benjamin Jennell (Part-time)
Monica Carnes (Part-time)

Sara Connolly (Part-time)
Gregory Whitney (Part-time)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Michael Dwyer, Co-Deputy
Director
Carolyn Davies, Radiological
Officer
Richard Davies, Radiological
Officer
Fred Beaulieu, Radiological
Officer
and Administrative Asst.
John Connolly, Communications
Mark Hemingway,
Communications
Paul Sevigny, Board of Health
Rep.

Scott P. Berkenbush, Director
Raymond Dower, Fire Dept. Rep.
Kenneth Berkenbush, Fire
Dept.Rep.
Glenn Coffin, Fire Dept. Rep.
Steve Arnold, Fire Dept. Rep.
Lisa Holmes, Police Dept. Rep.
James Riley, Police Dept. Rep.
Bruce Hamilton, Transportation
Benjamin Jennell, Transportation

Lee Ann Delp, Co-Deputy Director
and Administrative Asst.
Glenn Kemper, Selectmen's Rep.
Richard Cushing, Selectmen's Rep.
John S. McGrath, Selectmen's Rep.
Richard Berkenbush, Special
Needs
Brandon Lamson, Special Needs
Gary Bill, DPW Rep.
David D. Jennell, Staging Officer
George Evans, Staging Officer

TOWN COUNSEL and CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Lawrence J. Murphy

CROSSING GUARD – PAGE SCHOOL

Alexander Krawczyk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Archibald, 2011
Jessica G. Schlather, 2010
William E. Bachrach, 2011

David Kapturowski, Chair, 2009
Tracy Blais, Ex Officio

Mary Harada, 2010
Joseph Anderson, 2010

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Madelyn L. Cirinna
(Appointed by the Commonwealth)

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICERS

Margaret A. Priest,
Walnut Hill Cemetery

Albert H. Knowles, Jr.,
Rural Cemetery
Robert Janes, Merrimack Cemetery

Bernard L. Guilford, Jr.,
Bridge St. Cemetery

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Elise Henrichs, 2011

Rosamond B. Veator, Chair, 2010
Lawrence J. Murphy, Ex Officio

Gail Majauckas, 2009

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Glenn Clohecy

Kenneth Ward, Alternate

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

David Levesque

Larry S. Fisher, Alternate

GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Ronald Caruso

Stanley Kulacz, Alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Sandra Barnes, 2011
Peter Phillips, 2010

Paul O. Kelly, Chair, 2010
William Studzinski, 2010
Dionne Sutton, Alternate, 2009

Richard Berkenbush, 2010
Albert H. Knowles, Jr., Alt., 2009

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Peter J. Flink, 2011
N. Dawne Fusco, 2009

Judith H. Mizner, Chair, 2009
Richard J. Spieler, 2011
Deborah Hamilton, 2009

John R. Dimitry, 2010
Barry P. Fogel, 2010

HARBOR COMMISSION

Thomas Goodwin, 2010

Lisa Holmes, Ex Officio
Stephen Burke, 2009

Charles Littlefield, 2011

HARBOR MASTER

James Riley, 2011

HARBOR ASSISTANTS

Geoffrey Hills, 2011

Thomas M. Goodwin, 2010
Robert Bishop, 2011

David Evans, 2011

COUNCIL ON AGING

Allan P. Jarvis, 2010,
Vice Chairman
Richard F. Preble, 2011, Secretary
G. Phyllis Lavoie, 2009
George T. Allen, Alternate, 2009

Gene Tatro, 2011, Chairman
Mary Ellen Hubley, 2011
Barbara Gove, 2011

Dorothy Cavanaugh, 2009,
Treasurer
Muriel Mathias, 2009
Zella Haskell, 2011
Mary C. Cornell, Alternate, 2009

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Theresa Poore

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Richard Berkenbush, 2010
Albert H. Knowles, Jr., 2009

Mary C. Cornell, 2009
Susan Follansbee, 2011

Jane W. Wild, 2011
Peter Haack, 2009

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Reinelle K. Verschoor, 2011
Peter Stuart, 2011
John M. Alden, Alternate, 2009

Margaret I. Dunlap, 2009, Chair
Suzanne Wolke, 2011

M. Clifton Robinson, 2009
Jeffrey L. Hogan, 2010
David Danis, Alternate, 2009

MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Arthur T. Wallace, Planning Brd.

Robert S. Phillips, Jr., Alternate

WHITTIER VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

David Mansfield

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Loretta Harrigan
Christa Phillips

Judith H. Mizner
Tracy Blais, Ex-officio

Richard J. Cushing,
Selectmen's Representative

MILL POND COMMITTEE

Paul Delaney, 2011

Thomas Craig, 2010
James P. Sperelakis, Associate
Barbara L. Raiche, Associate
Amy Bresky, Associate
Susan M. Delaney, Associate

Charles D. Reynolds, 2011,
Chairman
Cindy Bourquard, 2010
Nathaniel M. Peirce, 2009
Joan M. Reynolds, Associate
Edmund Markewicz, Associate

Deborah R. Hamilton, 2011

Curt D. Bergeron, 2009
Jason Dembowski, Associate
Stephen W. Shipps, Associate
Deborah Schnappauf, Associate
Lindsay A. Rose, Associate

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Judith Mizner, 2009
Richard Berkenbush, 2010
Tracy Blais, Ex Officio

Glenn A. Kemper,
Selectmen's Rep.
David Kapturowski, FinCom Rep.

Richard Preble, 2011
Gail Majauckas, 2011

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James Teal, Chairman

Kevin Bowe

CULTURAL COUNCIL

M. Dorothy Cavanaugh, 2011
Miriam D. Brenner, 2011
Rose Veator, 2013

Catherine DeWitt, Chairman, 2008
Beverly Mitchell, 2011

David Fullman, 2009
Susan M. Dougherty, 2011
Margo Pullman, 2011

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Glenn Clohecy, Coordinator

Douglas Gelina, Asst. Coordinator

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kristine A. Pyle
Scott Berkenbush

Richard Cushing, Selectmen's Rep.
Judy Romano
Jennifer Yaskell

Albert H. Knowles, Jr., Retiree
Gary Bill

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Anne B. Madden, 2010
A. Don Bourquard, 2010
N. Dawne Fusco, Associate

Jennifer Germain, 2011, Chairman
Patricia Reeser, 2010
Felicity Beech, 2011

Jean T. Lambert, 2009
Janet P. Thibeau, 2009
Barry LaCroix, Associate

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Kristine A. Pyle

Deborah Burke

Jennifer Yaskell

SEXUAL HARASSMENT GRIEVANCE OFFICERS

Loretta Harrigan

Lawrence J. Murphy

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICERS

Terry Hart (978-356-3915)

Richard Berkenbush
West Newbury Representative

COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE

Brian Murphey
Patricia Reeser

Gail Majauckas
John S. McGrath, Selectmen's Rep.

Marjorie Peterson
David Houlden

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Arthur T. Wallace, 2009,
Vice Chair, Planning Board Rep.
Gregory Pope, 2011,
Parks and Recreation Rep.

Albert H. Knowles, Jr., 2010,
Chair; Historical Commission Rep.
Ann O'Sullivan, , 2010, At-Large
Tracy Blais, Ex-Officio

Judy Mizner, 2010, Secretary,
Conservation Comm. Rep.
Irene Durkin, 2009,
Housing Authority Rep.

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Arthur Wallace

David Kapturowski
Ann Craig

Richard Parker

COUNCIL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Amy Friend
Linda Schaeffer

Erin Young, Chairman

Ellen Ulfelder
Cyndy Bourquard

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

To the Citizens of the Town of West Newbury:

Fiscal Year 2008 began with some important tasks already underway. Selectmen had applied for funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for necessary repairs to Page School; were considering the purchase of Indian Hill property in collaboration with the Greenbelt Association; were working to turn over the management of the Pipestave Hill Apartment House to the Housing Authority; and moving forward with the Community Housing Committee for development of the Mullen property with a \$34,745 grant from Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to determine how to increase the Town's required affordable housing units.

Chief of Police Jonathon Dennis retired from the Department after 30 years of service. Over this time he brought many improvements to the Department and the town, and as Acting Clerk of the Works on the Public Safety Building he steered the construction of the Building to completion when the contractor went out of business.

Selectmen unanimously approved the appointment of Sgt. Lisa Holmes to Acting Police Chief starting September 1st. Chief Holmes has served on the Department since 1983, and was appointed to the rank of Sergeant in 1991. After her appointment she reported to the Selectmen on a regular basis and was appointed Police Chief in March, 2008.

The Indian Hill Project Team worked closely with Selectmen and Greenbelt to secure the Indian Hill property through a State grant to purchase and keep it undeveloped into the future. The diligent work of the Indian Hill Project Team has brought us access to this lovely property.

The Community Housing Committee has put in countless hours working with consultant Nick Cracknell, of the Horsley Witten Group, to develop a plan for land the Town purchased for housing between Main Street and Church Street, known as the Mullen property. Development of affordable housing units has been a "tough sell" for past WN committees, but the proximity to the Town Office Building, Senior Center, and Town Square were considered a good fit for affordable housing, reasonably priced "Over 55" homes, and senior rentals. With these needs in mind, the Committee moved forward with the approval of the Selectmen. In June their work was suspended for about two months to allow the Water Department to dig test wells; the test wells were unsuccessful.

Selectmen learned that Page School was not on the MSBA's priority list. MSBA recommended that the Pentucket School District write a Master Plan so the priorities are clear. The School Committee began the process, with Tom Atwood and Dick Deveau serving as the Town's representatives. By late June the MSBA had rejected this Master Plan, stating that they want Pentucket to recommend one major problem. The Committee was asked to submit a new Master Plan to meet the MSBA's requirements. An appropriation was proposed to fund a Feasibility Study for Page School's structure and systems in the event that Page does not receive MSBA's help. Selectmen felt this is necessary to the school's safety and it cannot wait.

Discussions of replacing the Fire Department's aerial ladder truck were on-going and laborious. Because the ladder on the old truck failed certification, the Town had little choice but to replace the truck. In the end, Selectmen and Fire Engineers decided to buy a new, built-to-specs ladder truck through a lease/purchase agreement. On February 7th a Special Town Meeting was held to determine how the ladder truck would be replaced. In the meantime the Town will have the use of a loaner truck to take the stress taken off mutual aid provided by Groveland, Newburyport, and Newbury fire companies. In May Fire Engineers recommended a proposal from KME for a new ladder truck and the Selectmen accepted it. Delivery will take about a year.

A piece of property near town square, known as the Sullivan property, came on the market and will be explored for potential Town uses. Boards and committees were asked for their in-put.

In December the town lost a well-loved native son when Kenny Fowler suffered a fatal heart attack. No words can express the depth of sorrow felt by family, friends, and fellow firefighters, while the doors of the Fire Department were draped in black.

Selectmen set their 2009 budget goals as: on-going maintenance of Page School, improving and installing more sidewalks, better parking in the town square, not having an override this year, and completion of the Town's Master Plan. Our request for the State to help fund installation of sidewalks from Pentucket to Page has been a priority for several years. We hope that some day children can safely walk from Page School to the GAR Library, and from Pentucket to the soccer fields at Pipestave Hill.

Residents held a benefit dance for the Veterans' Memorial Building tower roof and interior repairs. The developer of housing being built on land behind the Veterans' building has offered to "spruce up" the exterior and landscaping, and provide land for some parking.

In April the Selectmen re-established a 5-member Board of Fire Engineers by appointing Mark Hemingway, Mike Dwyer, Steve Arnold, Kenneth (Kip) Berkenbush, and Bob Janes.

Ocean Meadow construction was in high gear, building homes for "over 55" residents. The Fire Department was allowed to hold drills at the property, which was very beneficial for the Fire Fighters. A request was made by the builder to allow the affordable units to be off-site, but the Selectmen determined that the units should be built on the property as originally planned.

Complaints about uncontrolled dogs and horses at Mill Pond and neglect on the part of their owners, raised concern from the Board. They met with Mill Pond Committee members, the Animal Control Officer, and Chief of Police and decided to put stricter signs and controls in place to make it possible for all users of the Mill Pond area to enjoy its beauty.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners reinstated a summer program with the help of funding from a \$20,000 State grant acquired by Finance Director Blais. We look forward to the continuation and expansion of these summer programs.

As of August 1, 2007, the implementation of the Community Preservation Act had accumulated approximately \$208,000 through a small real estate tax increase; this amount will be matched by a percentage of the total by the Commonwealth. A new Community Preservation Commission was established consisting of a representative from each of the following: Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Housing Authority, Parks and Recreation, Historical Commission, Open Space, one at-large community representative, and the Finance Director as Ex-officio. The Committee will receive proposals for projects that qualify, providing a way to accomplish needed work in town without placing the burden of the whole cost on taxpayers.

At the Annual Town Meeting Robinson Shively was named "Citizen of the Year." Robin has served as Selectman, was very active on the Apartment House Committee, on the Roads Committee, taped the Selectmen's meetings and Town meetings for many years, helped build the Action Cove playground, and has donated time, energy, and support to numerous town activities. Custodian David Meister was named "Employee of the Year" by the Selectmen. We are fortunate to have Town employees like Dave who take pride in their work.

We thank all of our residents who serve on Town committees and boards, those who lend a hand to help our elderly and home-bound neighbors, Girl Scout and Boy Scout leaders, our volunteers in schools and with sports programs, those who get together to clean-up town roadsides and park areas in the spring, and all those not referenced here who are proud of being part of this special town.

We encourage all residents to attend Town meetings and to vote in elections. Your vote determines how your tax money will be spent. Thank you for giving us the privilege of working with you and for you.

Glenn A. Kemper, Chairman

Richard J. Cushing

John S. McGrath

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Pyle

December 31, 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
West Newbury, Massachusetts

The Annual Financial Report for the Town of West Newbury for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, Section 61, is submitted herewith.

The financial statements have been prepared from the records of the Finance Department. The town operates under accounting procedures established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which agree in most respects with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) established by the Government Accounting Standards Board.

Citizens seeking additional financial information regarding the status of town resources should contact the Finance Department in the 1910 Town Office Building. Statements of financial position for all town funds, the town's annual Schedule A, departmental expense reports and other financial information on file will be made available on request.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Yaskell
Town Accountant

**Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
*****TOWN MODERATOR*****		
Moderator's Salary & Wages	200	200
Moderator's Expenses	60	20
Department Total	260	220
*****BOARD OF SELECTMEN*****		
Selectmen's Salaries	3,181	3,181
Appointed Personnel-Salary & Wages	61,176	58,828
Selectmen's Operating Expenses	12,600	8,461
Technology Expenses	29,150	29,136
Professional & Technical Services	30,000	9,375
Unpaid Bills Prior Years	0	0
Department Total	136,107	108,981
*****FINANCE COMMITTEE*****		
Finance Committee Expenses	5,000	2,296
Department Total	5,000	2,296
Reserve Fund	60,000	48,180
Department Total	60,000	48,180
*****BOARD OF ASSESSORS*****		
Assessor's Salaries	3,742	3,742
Appointed Personnel Salary & Wages	100,885	100,659
Expenses	21,650	19,363
Assessor's Vehicle Allowance	1,600	1,600
Department Total	127,877	125,364
*****FINANCE DEPARTMENT*****		
Salary & Wages	252,370	247,756
Annual Audit	19,750	19,750
Postage Expense	12,789	12,747
Telephone Expense	20,000	7,953
Tax Title & Foreclosure	2,500	1,490
Expenses	40,211	39,139
GASB 45 Actuarial	12,000	12,000
G.L. Software	1,348	1,348
Department Total	360,968	342,183
*****TOWN COUNSEL/LEGAL*****		
Town Counsel Retainer and Fees	19,700	17,509

**Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
*****TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*****		
Technology Committee Expenses	0	0
Department Total	0	0
*****TOWN CLERK*****		
Salary & Wages	87,414	87,414
Expenses	3,966	3,690
Preservation of Town Records	4,180	3,170
Operation of Photo/Fax Machine	11,000	9,196
Department Total	106,560	103,470
BOARD OF REGISTRARS/ELECTIONS		
Town Clerk Compensation	150	150
Bd of Registrars Salary & Wages	2,758	2,758
Bd. Of Registrars Expenses	7,942	6,423
Department Total	10,850	9,331
*****CONSERVATION COMMISSION*****		
Salary & Wages	18,399	18,357
Expenses	1,921	1,921
Department Total	20,320	20,278
*****PLANNING BOARD*****		
Salary & Wages	23,579	23,258
Expenses	11,900	5,754
MVPC Assessment	2,500	1,345
Implement Executive Order 418	3,349	0
Department Total	41,328	30,357
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
Salary & Wages	6,000	1,000
Expenses	3,120	1,910
Department Total	9,120	2,910
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMNT		
Land Preservation/Growth Mgmnt	731	731
Stm 10/07 - Indian Hill Parking	4,600	0
Stm 10/07 - Mullen Prpty Feasibility	10,000	0
WHT Admin Asst	668	0
Stm 10/07 - Indian Hill Propty Purch	510,000	510,000
Department Total	525,999	510,731

**Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION		
Expenses	500	497
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMM		
Community Perservation Committee	500	0
****CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****		
Expenses	50	0
TOTAL - GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	1,274,826	924,741
*****POLICE DEPARTMENT*****		
Salary & Wages	655,503	655,503
Expenses	96,136	95,760
ATM 4/07 Computer Module	7,801	5,904
Stm 10/07 - New Cruiser	29,914	29,914
Department Total	<u>789,354</u>	<u>787,081</u>
*****FIRE DEPARTMENT*****		
Fire Alarm Wages	82,108	79,475
Fire Drills	26,320	19,940
Fire Stipends	35,350	19,697
Fire Administration	21,746	21,742
Hydrant Maint & Repair	15,750	15,750
Fire Alarm & Communications	9,500	9,490
Expenses	39,600	39,427
ATM 4/07 - Fire Turnout Gear	60,000	60,000
Stm 10/07 - Defibrillators	12,756	12,756
Art 13 10/98 Medical Exams	5,306	0
Department Total	<u>308,436</u>	<u>278,277</u>
*****AMBULANCE*****		
Ambulance Retainer	20,400	20,400
*****INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT*****		
Salary & Wages	88,108	87,316
Stm 10/07 - Oblique Angle Photography	8,000	4,809
Expenses	9,380	8,939
Vehicle Allowance	4,980	4,980
Department Total	<u>110,468</u>	<u>106,044</u>
*****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*****		
Salary & Wages	13,200	10,903

**Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
Expenses	3,035	3,035
Department Total	16,235	13,938
*****ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER*****		
Salary & Wages	20,438	19,260
Expenses	4,470	603
Department Total	24,908	19,863
*** HARBORMASTER***		
Harbormaster Salary and Wages	2,080	2,080
Harbormaster Expenses	1,680	882
Department Tot	3,760	2,962
MUNICIPAL DISPATCH SERVICE		
Salary & Wages	212,114	199,888
Expenses	23,137	23,137
Department Total	235,251	223,025
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	1,313,930	1,238,675
*****ASSESSMENTS*****		
Pentucket Assessment	4,489,910	4,489,910
Whittier Assessment	45,549	45,549
TOTAL - EDUCATION	4,535,459	4,535,459
PUBLIC WORKS		
Salary & Wages	386,433	362,676
Overtime Wages	10,000	9,462
Snow & Ice Removal	248,100	248,099
DPW Expenses	4,000	3,668
Town Bldgs Improvements	75,242	74,522
Street Paving/Repairs	150,000	150,000
ATM 4/07- Energy Study	5,000	0
Town Bldgs Operating Expenses	189,615	189,615
Parks Expense	20,000	19,983
Road Machinery Operating Expense	46,000	45,995
ATM 4/06 DPW Capital Outlay	32,000	31,904
Highway Sidewalk & Trees	100,000	99,965
DPW Vehicle Allowance	3,600	3,600
STM 10/04 Strm Drain Infrstr, etc.	3,205	3,205
STM 7/06 Page School Repairs	82,864	82,864

**Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
STM 7/07 1941 Bldg Roof Plans	8,000	6,861
STM 10/06 P&R Bldg Repairs	2,716	2,716
STM 4/07 Athletic Fields Upgrade	15,924	15,924
STM 10/07 - 1910 Building Roof	143,000	91,035
ATM 4/07 - DPW Dump Truck	41,000	37,787
Public Street Lights	15,000	12,079
Department Total	1,581,699	1,491,960

*******BOARD OF HEALTH*******

Boad of Health Sal Wages	92,361	88,074
Newburyport Health Center	5,662	5,482
Waste Collection	359,380	326,400
Hazardous Waste Expense	2,500	2,250
Board of Health Expenses	10,000	9,106
Department Total	469,903	431,312

*******COUNCIL ON AGING*******

Salary & Wages	43,307	40,422
Expenses	17,347	16,230
Department Total	60,654	56,652

*******VETERANS*******

Rental C. L. Carr Post	200	200
Assessment	13,323	13,323
Soldiers' Grave Expenses	1,500	435
Veteran's Retirement-C. Whitcomb	1,980	1,980
N. Essex Veterans Svs. Benefits	15,000	3,987
Department Total	32,003	19,925

TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	562,560	507,889
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*******GAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY*******

Salary & Wages	186,802	181,812
Expenses	37,873	33,942
Books & Periodicals	54,919	52,198
Department Total	279,594	267,952

**Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
*****PARKS & RECREATION*****		
Recreation Expense	7,435	7,435
Mill Pond Operating Expenses	4,450	4,326
Tree Planting Program	2,559	0
Bandstand Operating Expenses	4,000	3,473
Action Cove Committee	1,000	961
Department Totals	19,444	16,195
*****CULTURAL COUNCIL*****		
Cultural Council Expense	100	40
Departmental Total	100	40
TOTAL - CULTURE & RECREATION		
	299,138	284,187
*****MATURING DEBT SERVICE*****		
Maturing Debt	715,000	715,000
Maturing Debt Total	715,000	715,000
Interest & Paydowns on Long/Short Term Debt	360,719	360,719
Interest on Debt Total	360,719	360,719
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE		
	1,075,719	1,075,719
*****STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS*****		
M.V. Excise Tax Bills	1,620	1,620
Air Pollution Control District	1,396	1,396
Mosquito Control	38,232	38,232
MA Bay Trnsprt'n Auth Assess	25,574	25,574
Regional Transit Authority	878	878
Agricultural Tuition Assessment	24,985	24,985
County Retirement Assessment	337,260	337,260
TOTAL - STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	429,945	429,945
*****BENEFITS/INSURANCE*****		
Unemployment Insurance	1,000	0
Group Insurance	205,460	185,594
F.I.C.A. Insurance	29,666	29,666
Insurance & Bonds	132,334	130,644
Department Total	368,460	345,904
TOTAL - BENEFITS/INSURANCE		
	368,460	345,904

**Town of West Newbury
Revenue Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Revenue Year to Date
*****PROPERTY TAXES*****	
Personal Property 2007	
Personal Property 2007	362
Personal Property 2008	83,963
Real Estate 2007	63,511
Real Estate 2008	8,955,946
Department total	9,103,782
*****TAX LIENS REDEEMED*****	
Tax Liens Redeemed	30,849
Department total	30,849
*****EXCISE TAXES*****	
Motor Vehicle Prior Years	311
Motor Vehicle 2004	563
Motor Vehicle 2005	4,151
Motor Vehicle 2006	9,812
Motor Vehicle 2007	84,096
Motor Vehicle 2008	473,793
Motor Boat 2008	1,855
Farm Animal 2007	896
Classified Forrest Lands 2007	32
Department total	575,509
*****PENALTIES & INTEREST*****	
Penalties and Interest	30,297
Department total	30,297
*****IN LIEU OF TAXES*****	
In Lieu of Taxes	16,065
Department total	16,065
*****DEFERRED TAXES*****	
Chapter 61A Rollback Taxes	900
Department total	900
****DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS****	
Municipal Lien Certificates	4,125
Police Reports	286
Police Service Charges - Details	2,846
Miscellaneous Town Clerk Receipts	3,155
Filing Fees	6,991
Research Fees	501
Other Departmental Revenue	3,266

**Town of West Newbury
Revenue Report For All Activity
FY 2008**

	Revenue Year to Date
Department total	21,170
*****RENTAL FEES*****	
Other Rentals	13,071
Department total	13,071
*****LICENSE & PERMITS*****	
Other Licenses	5,040
Dog Licenses and Fees	14,906
Firearm and Related Permits	1,613
Fire Inspection Permit/Fees	6,785
Building and Occupancy Permits	68,555
Wiring Permits	20,909
Plumbing and Gas Permits	10,064
Septic, Wells, Perc Permits	19,361
Other Permits	280
Mooring Permits	1,300
Alcoholic Beverage License	800
Department total	149,613
*****CHERRY SHEET ITEMS*****	
Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouse	15,846
Abatements to Elderly	3,514
State Owned Land	58,971
Police Career Incentive	29,208
Lottery Distribution	350,138
Department total	457,677
FINES & FORFEITS	
Court and Parking Fines	30,568
Non-Criminal Disposition Fines	1,180
Department total	31,748
*****EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS*****	
Earnings on Investments	153,962
Department total	153,962
*****MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES*****	
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	9,765
Non-Recurring Miscellaneous Revenue	149,519
Unanticipated Grant Proceeds	310,439
Department total	469,723
TOTAL REVENUES	11,054,366



**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
DEBT SCHEDULE
FY 2008**

PRINCIPAL		Issue Date	ISSUE	TOTAL	2008
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Mullen</i>	12/15/05	1,005,000.00	900,000.00	100,000.00
MWPAT		11/16/05	196,900.00	186,537.00	10,363.00
MWPAT		07/03/03	195,088.95	151,679.99	10,852.24
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Dunn</i>	05/01/03	1,750,000.00	1,310,000.00	110,000.00
* MILL POND DREDGING		09/01/02	85,000.00	55,000.00	5,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX		09/01/02	3,400,000.00	2,710,000.00	170,000.00
CRAVEN PROPERTY		09/01/02	575,000.00	435,000.00	35,000.00
* BALL FIELDS		09/01/02	600,000.00	420,000.00	45,000.00
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Dunn/Cherry Hill</i>	09/01/02	2,245,000.00	1,930,000.00	85,000.00
CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX		10/15/98	2,450,000.00	1,370,000.00	135,000.00
* MILL POND DREDGING		10/15/98	150,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00
MINGO PROPERTY		10/15/98	205,000.00	85,000.00	15,000.00
				9,583,216.99	736,215.24
INTEREST					2008
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Mullen</i>			160,000.00	33,125.00
MWPAT				2,518.28	272.03
MWPAT				0.00	
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Dunn</i>			350,350.00	50,350.00
* MILL POND DREDGING				12,170.66	2,008.76
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX				924,591.25	106,077.50
CRAVEN PROPERTY				123,328.75	16,422.50
* BALLFIELDS				86,711.25	15,067.50
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Dunn/Cherry Hill</i>			745,198.75	77,892.50
CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX				297,252.50	55,655.00
* MILL POND DREDGING				1,200.00	900.00
MINGO PROPERTY				10,210.00	3,220.00
				2,713,531.44	360,990.79
TOTALS				12,296,748.43	1,097,206.03
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Mullen</i>			1,060,000.00	133,125.00
MWPAT				189,055.28	10,635.03
MWPAT				151,679.99	10,852.24
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Dunn</i>			1,660,350.00	160,350.00
* MILL POND DREDGING				67,170.66	7,008.76
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX				3,634,591.25	276,077.50
CRAVEN PROPERTY				558,328.75	51,422.50
* BALLFIELDS				506,711.25	60,067.50
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	<i>Dunn/Cherry Hill</i>			2,675,198.75	162,892.50
CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX				1,667,252.50	190,655.00
* MILL POND DREDGING				31,200.00	15,900.00
MINGO PROPERTY				95,210.00	18,220.00
				12,296,748.43	1,097,206.03

* Debt Exclusion Overrides

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

The Special Town Meeting was called pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on October 4, 2007 which was posted according to law by Constable Richard J. Connolly on October 5, 2007, who made proper return of his doings thereon. The Special Town Meeting was held at the Town Hall, 491 Main Street, West Newbury. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow upon report from the Board of Registrars of a quorum of 90 registered voters. The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting and the return of service. The Moderator introduced Town officials and reviewed Town Meeting procedure. There were no objections to non-resident Town officials who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees.

David Houlden gave an interim report for the Community Housing Committee regarding the Mullen property which is bounded by Main Street, Church Street and Prospect Street. The Committee favors an intergenerational housing project including senior and affordable housing which maximizes open space. The Committee is working with the consultant to develop 3 design alternatives. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for November 7, 2007. The committee hopes to make its report for the April 2008 Town Meeting. The Committee requests support for Article 3 for an additional \$10,000.00 to supplement the Priority Development Grant.

Per custom this Article was kept open throughout the meeting. David Kapturowski of the Indian Hill Project team gave a report at the call of Article 5. Mr. Kapturowski reported that there has not yet been a decision on award of the state grant. If the grant is awarded the final cost to the Town, after contribution from Essex County Greenbelt, will be approximately \$112,500.00. If the Town does not get the grant Greenbelt will increase its contribution resulting in a cost to the Town of approximately \$269,000.00. Michael Mokrzycki, Chair of the Open Space Committee reported the favorable recommendation of the Open Space Committee. Edward Becker of Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc., a non-resident, spoke with permission of the meeting in favor of the appropriation.

ARTICLE 2. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Appeals Chair Paul Kelly. Voted to transfer \$1,420.00 from Free Cash to the Zoning Board of Appeal's Expense Account to pay for legal services from Fiscal year 2007. A 9/10 vote being required the Moderator announced the vote passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

ARTICLE 3. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Selectman Richard Cushing. Voted to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the Priority Development Grant for the Mullen Property Feasibility Study, said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 4. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Selectmen Chair Glenn Kemper. Voted to transfer \$187,000.00 from Free Cash to fund Post Retirement Benefits.

ARTICLE 5. FinCom: Recommend Approval, conditioned upon the award of a State Self-Help Grant. Voted to transfer \$510,000.00 from Free Cash to acquire by purchase or otherwise a conservation restriction on 21 acres of land, more or less, being a portion of a parcel of land on Indian Hill Street, West Newbury, shown on Assessor's Map R-17 as Lot 1, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to determine the precise size and dimensions of the conservation restriction and to enter into any contracts for this purpose, this appropriation is not contingent upon receipt of a grant from the state. A 2/3 vote being required the Moderator declared the motion passed by a vote of 70 in favor and 20 opposed.

It was also voted under this Article to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board

of Selectmen to accept and expend a grant under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 132A Section 11 for the acquisition by purchase or otherwise of a conservation restriction on 21 acres of land, more or less, being a portion of a parcel of land on Indian Hill Street, West Newbury shown on assessor's Map R-17 as Lot 1 and to take any action necessary to secure said grant.

ARTICLE 6. FinCom: Recommend Approval: Motion by Selectman John McGrath. Voted to transfer \$4,600.00 from Free Cash to construct a parking area on a portion of a parcel of land on Indian Hill Street, West Newbury, shown on Assessor's Map R-17 as Lot 1, said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 7. FinCom: 3 Recommend Approval, 3 Recommend Disapproval. Motion by Selectman Richard Cushing to transfer \$5,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase light-weight, folding, multi-station voting booths, said sum to be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years, failed to gain approval. The Moderator declared the motion did not pass.

ARTICLE 8. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Appeals Chair Paul Kelly. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to increase the Zoning Board of Appeals Expense Account.

ARTICLE 9. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Selectman John McGrath. Voted to transfer \$91,989.00 from Free Cash to the Police Department Salary and Wages line item.

ARTICLE 10. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Selectman Richard Cushing. Voted to raise and appropriate \$29,914.00 to purchase a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of cruiser #303, the 2004 Crown Victoria, in the best interest of the Town, said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 11. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Fire Engineer John Connolly. Voted to transfer \$12,756.00 from Free Cash to purchase 8 Defibrillators and peripheral support equipment, said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 12. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Selectmen Chair Glenn Kemper. Voted to transfer \$1,060.00 from the Harbormaster's Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to the Harbormaster's Expense Account.

ARTICLE 13. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Selectman John McGrath. Voted to transfer \$8,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase oblique angle aerial photography from Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 14. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Selectman Richard Cushing. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 to increase the Insurance and Bonds Account.

ARTICLE 15. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Department of Public Works Director Gary Bill. Voted to transfer \$126,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to pay for the 1910 Building roof replacement and all related costs, said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years. A 2/3 vote being required the Moderator declared the motion passed by a unanimous vote in favor.

ARTICLE 16. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Library Trustees Chair Alexandra Guralnick. Voted to raise and appropriate \$449.00 to increase the Library Books and Periodicals Account.

ARTICLE 17. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Water Commissioners Chair R. Scott Wolke. Voted to transfer \$17,000.00 from the Water Department's Free Cash for compliance of the Stage 2 Disinfectant Byproducts Rule mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ARTICLE 18. FinCom: Recommend Approval. Motion by Board of Water Commissioners Chair R. Scott Wolke. Voted to transfer \$9,000.00 from the Water Department's Free Cash to rate, clean, and redevelop 8 wellheads at the existing 999 Main Street well field, said sum to be closed out if the amounts remain unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 19. FinCom: Recommend No Action. The Article related to the acceptance of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 19K providing for additional compensation for a town clerk awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association as a certified municipal clerk. On motion of Board of Selectmen Chair Glenn Kemper No Action was voted on this Article.

ARTICLE 20. FinCom: Recommend No Action. The Article related to acceptance of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108P providing for additional compensation for a collector or a treasurer awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association as a certified municipal collector or a certified Massachusetts municipal treasurer or a certified Massachusetts district treasurer. On motion of Selectman John McGrath No Action was voted on this Article.

ARTICLE 21. FinCom: Recommends Approval. Motion by Selectman Richard Cushing. Voted to amend the Mill Pond Committee Bylaw originally adopted at the Special Town Meeting of October 22, 1991 by adding the following paragraph:

"Beginning with the June 2008 appointments the Board of Selectmen shall appoint two voting members each to a one year term to expire on June 15, 2009, two voting members each to a two year term to expire on June 15, 2010, and three voting members each to a term to expire on June 15, 2011; thereafter all voting members shall be appointed to three year terms to expire on June 15 of the applicable year. Associate members shall continue to be appointed for one year terms which shall expire on June 15 of each year. In the event of a vacancy caused by the resignation, removal or inability to serve of any voting or associate member, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a voting or associate member, as the case may be, to serve the balance of any such term."

ARTICLE 22. FinCom: Recommends Approval. Motion by Board of Selectmen Chair Glenn Kemper. Voted to amend the Open Space Committee Bylaw adopted at the third session of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 12, 1997 by adding the following paragraph:

"Beginning with the June 2008 appointments the Board of Selectmen shall appoint two voting members each to a one year term to expire on June 15, 2009, two voting members each to a two year term to expire on June 15, 2010, and three voting members each to a term to expire on June 15, 2011; thereafter all voting members shall be appointed to three year terms to expire on June 15 of the applicable year. Associate members shall continue to be appointed for one year terms which shall expire on June 15 of each year. In the event of a vacancy caused by the resignation, removal or inability to serve of any voting or associate member, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a voting or associate member, as the case may be, to serve the balance of any such term."

At 9:45 P.M. it was moved and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Town Meeting.

A true copy, Attested:
Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2008

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on January 17, 2008, which was posted on January 18, 2008 according to Bylaw by Constable Richard J. Connolly, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Town Meeting was held on February 7, 2008 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:51 PM by the Moderator, Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report by the Board of Registrars of a quorum of 62 voters. The Town Clerk read the return of service.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Selectman John McGrath called for a moment of silence in memory of Kenneth Fowler who passed away unexpectedly on December 6, 2007 at the age of 37. Mr. McGrath spoke of Mr. Fowler's service to the community, particularly as a Lieutenant and long time member of the West Newbury Fire Department. Mr. McGrath offered sympathy and support for the Fowler family.

ARTICLE 2. FinCom: Recommend No Action. Fire Engineer Mark Hemingway moved to transfer \$5,000.00 from Free Cash for logistic and technical expenses towards the lease, purchase and/or lease with option to purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the West Newbury Fire Department. David Kapturowski offered a friendly amendment to the motion that the money be transferred to the Selectmen's Professional and Technical Expense Account. This was accepted as a friendly amendment by Mr. Hemingway. The Motion, as amended, passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 3. FinCom: Recommend No Action. Selectman Glenn Kemper moved No Action. The Motion for No Action passed by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. FinCom: Recommend No Action. Selectmen John McGrath moved No Action. The Motion for No Action passed by unanimous vote.

Selectman Glenn Kemper moved to dissolve the meeting at 8:07 P.M. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote the Town Meeting.

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING -- MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on April 11, 2008, which was posted on April 11, 2008 according to law by Constable Glenn W. Coffin, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Annual Town Meeting was held on April 28, 2008 at the Town Hall, 491 Main Street, West Newbury. The meeting was called to order at 7:48 P.M. by the Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report of the Board of Registrars of voters of a quorum of 90 or more registered voters. The Town Clerk read the return of service. The Moderator introduced town officials and reviewed Town Meeting procedures. There were no objections to non-resident town officials who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary.

The Moderator recessed the Annual Town Meeting and convened a Special Town Meeting at 8:09 P.M. The Annual Town Meeting re-convened at 9:01 P.M. following dissolution of the Special Town Meeting. The record of that Special Town Meeting follows the account of the Annual Town Meeting in this record book.

ARTICLE 1. Was passed over for action at the Annual Town Election on May 5, 2008.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees.

Selectman John S. McGrath presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Robinson M. Shively of 5 Archelaus Place.

Selectman Glenn A. Kemper presented the second annual Employee of the Year Award to Custodian David Meister.

Michael J. Mokrzycki, Co-Chair of the Open Space Committee, gave a report on behalf of the Committee. He reported on the Indian Hill parcel acquisition in collaboration with Essex Greenbelt. He called the attention of the Meeting to a trail map handout, acknowledging the efforts of Don Bourquard in preparation of the handout. He reported on the ongoing development of a stewardship and management plan for the Town's open space. The Committee will continue to update its Open Space Plan with the State in order to continue eligibility for State grants; \$2.3 Million having been received in State grants to date for the acquisition of Open Space. The Committee will be sending out surveys to residents of the Town seeking input to the Committee.

Ann O'Sullivan, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, gave the Committee's report during the discussion on Article 15. She reported that the CPC began meeting in November 2007 and continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month. The Committee is developing a booklet with an introduction to the Committee and an overview of the Community Preservation Act and the Committee's responsibilities. The Committee envisions a two step process in applying for CPC funds; first an informal meeting to discuss eligibility; and if the proposal is found eligible then one or more meetings with the Committee to weigh the merits of the proposal with other competing proposals. Guidelines are under development. Ms. O'Sullivan reported that \$430,000.00 has been raised to date through property tax assessments and an additional \$355,000.00 has been received from the Commonwealth in matching funds.

ARTICLE 3. (The Budget) The Line item budget was moved as recommended by the Finance Committee. Finance Committee Chair David Kapturowski clarified that the Committee's recommendation on Line 64, Pentucket Stabilization, was "0". The Motion passed after debate on several line items. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,555,202.00 for the Total Line Item Budget as follows:

**Town of West Newbury
Line Item Appropriations
FY 2009**

	Adopted Budget
*****TOWN MODERATOR*****	
1 Moderator's Salary & Wages	200
2 Moderator's Expenses	60
Department Total	260
*****BOARD OF SELECTMEN*****	
3 Selectmen's Salaries	9,514
4 Appointed Personnel-Salary & Wages	64,803
5 Professional & Technical Services	22,000
6 Selectmen's Operating Expenses	7,700
Department Total	104,017
*****FINANCE COMMITTEE*****	
7 Finance Committee Expenses	4,000
8 Reserve Fund	66,000
Department Total	70,000
*****BOARD OF ASSESSORS*****	
9 Assessor's Salaries	3,835
10 Appointed Personnel Salary & Wages	108,853
11 Expenses	22,450
12 Vehicle Allowance	1,800
Department Total	136,938
*****FINANCE DEPARTMENT*****	
13 Salary & Wages	259,777
14 Annual Audit	19,750
15 Tax Title & Foreclosure	2,500
16 Technology Expenses	29,150
17 Telephone Expense	10,000

18	Postage Expense	12,200
19	Expenses	<u>37,000</u>
	Department Total	370,377

*******SPECIAL COUNSEL*******

20	Legal Fees	6,000
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*******TOWN CLERK/TOWN COUNSEL*******

21	Salary & Wages	89,375
22	Preservation of Town Records	1,500
23	Operation of Facsimile Machine/Photocopiers	11,000
24	Expenses	<u>5,680</u>
	Department Total	107,555

BOARD OF REGISTRARS/ELECTIONS

25	Town Clerk Compensation	150
26	Salary & Wages	5,200
27	Expenses	<u>10,000</u>
	Department Total	15,350

*******CONSERVATION COMMISSION*******

28	Salary & Wages	18,783
29	Expenses	<u>1,921</u>
	Department Total	20,704

*******PLANNING BOARD*******

30	Salary & Wages	23,566
31	Expenses	11,900
32	MVPC Assessment	<u>1,369</u>
	Department Total	36,835

*******BOARD OF APPEALS*******

33	Salary & Wages	6,000
34	Expenses	<u>1,700</u>
	Department Total	7,700

*****OPEN SPACE & RECREATION*****

35 Expenses 1,500

36 *COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE*

Expenses 0

******CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE******

37 Expenses 50

TOTAL - GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT 877,286

*******POLICE DEPARTMENT*******

38 Salary & Wages 664,105

39 Expenses 92,500

40 Capital Outlay 0

Department Total 756,605

*******FIRE DEPARTMENT*******

41 Alarms 84,161

42 Drills 20,000

43 Stipends 20,000

44 Administration 22,290

45 Hydrant Mapping, Maintenance & Repair 15,750

46 Fire Alarm & Communications 9,500

47 Expenses 29,600

48 Capital Outlay 46,493

Department Total 247,794

*******AMBULANCE*******

49 Ambulance Retainer 20,400

*******INSPECTION DEPARTMENT*******

50 Salary & Wages 89,876

51 Expenses 8,420

52 Vehicle Allowance 4,980

Department Total 103,276

*******EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*******

53 Salary & Wages 13,530
54 Expenses 3,000

Department Total 16,530

*******ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL*******

55 Salary & Wages 20,949
56 Expenses 3,470

Department Total 24,419

*******HARBORMASTER*******

57 Salary & Wages 2,500
58 Expenses 500

Department Total 3,000

*******PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH*******

59 Salary & Wages 220,024
60 Expenses 23,137

Department total 243,161

TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY 1,415,185

*******ASSESSMENTS*******

61 Pentucket Minimum Contribution 3,640,898
62 Pentucket Supplemental Assessment 1,061,052
63 Pentucket Capital Assessment 22,938
64 Pentucket Stabilization

Department Total 4,724,888

65 Whittier Minimum Contribution 42,311
66 Whittier Other Assessments 24,334
67 Whittier Debt/Capital Assessments 8,160

Department Total 74,805

TOTAL - EDUCATION 4,799,693

*****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS*****

68	DPW Salary & Wages	361,021
69	Overtime Wages	10,000
70	Snow & Ice Removal	100,000
71	Town Building Operating Expenses	170,000
72	Town Buildings Improvements	50,000
73	Road Improvement Program	110,000
74	Highway, Sidewalk & Trees	100,000
75	Vehicle Allowance	3,600
76	Highway Expenses	4,000
77	Parks/Playground Expenses	21,000
78	Road Machinery Expense	46,000
79	Capital Outlay	0
80	Street Lighting	15,000
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	Department Total	990,621

TOTAL - HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS 990,621

*******HEALTH DEPARTMENT*******

81	Salary & Wages	105,455
82	Newburyport Health Center	5,888
83	Waste Collection	370,000
84	Hazardous Waste Collection	2,500
85	Expenses	10,000
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	Department Total	493,843

*******COUNCIL ON AGING*******

86	Salary & Wages	40,181
87	Expenses	17,347
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	Department Total	57,528

*******VETERANS*******

88	Rental C. L. Carr Post	200
89	Soldiers' Grave Expenses	1,500
90	Assessment	13,476
91	Veteran's Retirement-C. Whitcomb	1,980

92	N. Essex Veterans Svs. Benefits	15,000
	Department Total	32,156
	TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	583,527
	*****GAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY*****	
93	Salary & Wages	191,706
94	Expenses	31,873
95	Books & Periodicals	56,145
	Department Total	279,724
	*****RECREATION*****	
96	Recreation Expense	7,435
97	Mill Pond Operating Expenses	4,450
98	Bandstand Operating Expenses	4,000
	Department Total	15,885
	*****CULTURAL COUNCIL*****	
99	Expenses	100
	TOTAL - CULTURE & RECREATION	295,709
	*****MATURING DEBT SERVICE*****	
100	Maturing Debt	605,000
101	Interest & Paydowns on Long/Short Term Debt	289,139
	TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	894,139
	*****BENEFITS/INSURANCE*****	
102	Essex Regional Retirement	329,142
103	Unemployment Insurance	1,000
104	Group Health Insurance	205,000
105	F.I.C.A. Insurance	28,500
106	Insurance & Bonds	135,400
	Department Total	699,042
	TOTAL - BENEFITS/INSURANCE	699,042
	TOTAL TOWN LINE ITEM BUDGET	\$10,555,202

ARTICLE 4. FinCom: Will of the Town. No motions were brought under this Article.

ARTICLE 5. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke, it was voted unanimously to appropriate, in anticipation of Water Department revenues, the sum of \$622,852.00 of which \$188,490.00 is for Salaries and Wages, \$30,162.00 for Insurances, \$383,750.00 for Expenses, \$20,450.00 for Debt Service.

ARTICLE 6. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke, it was voted unanimously to transfer from Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$17,000.00 to fund Post Retirement Benefits.

ARTICLE 7. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 8. FinCom: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$53,300.00 for a Structural Safety and Component Assessment of the Page School.

ARTICLE 9. FinCom: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted unanimously to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$64,000.00 for Maintenance, Repairs and Upgrades of the Page School.

ARTICLE 10. FinCom: Disapprove. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by the majority to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$17,000.00 to purchase a pick up truck.

ARTICLE 11. FinCom: Disapprove. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by at least a 2/3 majority to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$54,300.00 to pay for Maintenance, Repairs and Upgrades to the Town Hall. The Moderator announced the motion passed by a vote of 86 for to 35 against.

ARTICLE 12. FinCom: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by at least a 2/3 majority to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$138,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Dump Truck and Sander. The Moderator announced the motion passed by a vote of 100 for to 2 against.

ARTICLE 13. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Board of Health Member Kimberly Cole it was voted by the majority to appropriate the sum of \$21,472.00 from the Septic Loan Revolving Account for the repayment of septic loan debt service.

ARTICLE 14. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman John S. McGrath it was voted unanimously to appropriate from the Receipts Reserved for Dunn Debt Account the sum of \$145,950.00 to pay the debt service associated with the Dunn Property Acquisition.

ARTICLE 15. FinCom: Approve. On Motion of Ann O’Sullivan, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, it was voted unanimously to appropriate and reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2009, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2009 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 18,254

Reserves:

From FY 2009 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 36,508

From FY 2009 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 36,508

From FY 2009 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 36,508

From FY 2009 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$237,300

ARTICLE 16. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$91,000.00 to fund Post Retirement Benefits.

ARTICLE 17. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash and the sum of \$200,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for the acquisition and equipping of an aerial ladder fire truck for the Fire Department, by purchase, lease and/or lease with option to purchase, or such other means or methods of acquisition as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

ARTICLE 18. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman John S. McGrath it was voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,200.00 to fund computer, radio and DVR replacements, for the Police and Dispatch Departments.

ARTICLE 19. FinCom: Will of the Town. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was voted by the majority to recommend that the Selectmen appoint a committee to study and make recommendations regarding the Town’s acquisition of the Sullivan property, being a parcel of land of approximately 37.5 acres off Sullivan’s Court

ARTICLE 20. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted unanimously to amend the Town Bylaws by adopting the Trench Excavation Bylaw as printed in Appendix C on page 39 of the Finance Committee booklet.

ARTICLE 21. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Ann O’Sullivan, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, it was voted unanimously to amend the Community Preservation Committee Bylaw adopted at the April 30, 2007 Annual Town Meeting by deleting “Chapter 13” in the heading and by renumbering Sections 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5 & 13-6 as Sections 1, 2 ,3 ,4, 5 & 6 respectively.

At 11:09 P.M. on motion of Selectman John S. McGrath it was voted unanimously to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

ATTEST: Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 5, 2008

Pursuant to Article 1 of the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on April 11, 2008, the Annual Town Election was held on Monday May 5, 2008 in the Town Office Building. The Constable, Glenn W. Coffin, duly posted the Warrant on April 11, 2008, according to applicable statutes and the Town Bylaws, and made proper return of his doings. The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. Prior to opening of the polls, the Clerk read the Warrant and Return of Service, swore in the Election Officers and turned over election materials to the Warden. The Warden, Clerk and Police Officer inspected the ballot box and a zero report was printed. The Election Officers sworn to the faithful performance of their duties were: Warden, Virginia Selman; Clerk, Nancy Mitchell; Inspectors, Dianne Faulkner and Beverly Murphy; Tellers, Mary Jarvis, Jacqueline Johnson, Susan Berkenbush, Theresa M. Ritzel, Eleanor Bragg, Vivian Cogswell, Margaret Dunlap and Marjorie Peterson.

There were 759 ballots cast. The Town Clerk announced the following results upon completion of the final vote count. All positions are for three year terms unless otherwise indicated.

SELECTMAN

Glenn A. Kemper	423	(Sworn May 5, 2008)
Dave Kapturowski	335	
All Other	0	
Blanks	1	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Blake J. Seale	561	(Sworn May 6, 2008)
All Other	5	
Blank	193	

PLANNING BOARD

	For Five Years	
Ann E. Bardeen	536	(Sworn May 6, 2008)
All Other	5	
Blank	218	

TRUSTEES OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

	(3 Seats)	
M. Dorothy Cavanaugh	558	(Sworn May 6, 2008)
R. Bruce Hamilton	540	(Sworn June 4, 2008)
Judith W. Marshall	523	(Sworn May 28, 2008)
All Other	2	
Blank	654	

ASSESSOR

William K. Krajewski	514
All Other	0
Blank	245

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Heather Conner	528	(Sworn June 6, 2008)
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All Other 3
Blank 228

WATER COMMISSIONER

R. Scott Wolke 551 (Sworn May 28, 2008)
All Other 1
Blank 207

PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSIONER

John W. Duggan 541 (Sworn May 6, 2008)
All Other 7
Blank 211

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on January 17, 2008, which was posted according to law on January 18, 2008 by Constable Richard Connolly who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Presidential Primary was held in the Town Office Building on Tuesday February 5, 2008. The polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Election materials were turned over to the Warden by the Town Clerk prior to the opening of the polls. The ballot box was inspected by the Warden and the Police Officer on duty and a zero report was printed. The following persons served as election officials and were duly sworn to their duties: Warden, Marjorie Peterson; Clerk, Nancy Mitchell; Inspectors, Dianne Faulkner and Virginia Selman; Tellers, Susan Berkenbush, Jacqueline Johnston, Mary Jarvis, Theresa Ritzel, Vivian Cogswell, Eleanor Bragg, Dorothy Cavanaugh and Margaret Dunlap. There were 1663 ballots cast as follows: 975 Democratic, 687 Republican, 1 Green-Rainbow and 0 Working families. The following results were announced:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

President

John R. Edwards	11
Hillary Clinton	430
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	1
Christopher J. Dodd	1
Mike Gravel	0
Barack Obama	524
Dennis C. Kucinich	1
Bill Richardson	1
No Preference	2
Write-ins:	4

State Committee Man (First Essex and Middlesex Dist.)

Daniel J. Lauzon	570
Write-ins:	2

State Committee Woman (First Essex and Middlesex Dist.)

Kathleen A. Pasquina	685
Write-ins:	4

Town Committee

Kathleen A. Pasquina	540
Rosamond B. Veator	456
Robert S. Phillips	442
Catherine Garnache	442
Linda A. Schaeffer	450
Phyllis A. Leonard	450
Steven P. Ober	459

Kevin P. Bowe	428
C. Joan Smart	436
Margaret A. McClure	460
R. Michael Fosburg	440
Patricia Lang Skibee	457
M Dorothy Cavanaugh	481
James P. Sperelakis	452
Leigh A. Stoecker	471
Maria H. Thomas	433
Shirley R. Graham	422
Debra C. Green	425
Ann E. Dooley	468
Mary A. Harada	467
Deborah B. Grinnell	446
James C. Dougherty	468
Susan M. Dougherty	486
Barbara J. Haack	477
Ingred M. Sanborn	464
Denise A. Tinguely	427
Lewis S. Athanas	434
Nancy D. Tsakirgis	424
Richard J. Cushing	512
Deborah Niman	436
Barry P. Fogel	427
Gregory C. Garnache	430
Virginia Jones Selman	463
Judith H. Mizner	476
Write-ins:	
James Bowers	10
Others	7

REPUBLICAN PARTY

President

John McCain	271
Fred Thompson	0
Tom Tancredo	0
Duncan Hunter	1
Mike Huckabee	18
Mitt Romney	374
Ron Paul	16
Rudy Giuliani	0
No Preference	3
Write-ins:	2

State Committee Man (First Essex and Middlesex District)

John J. Racho	408
Write-ins:	3

State Committee Woman (First Essex and Middlesex)

Christina A. Bain	403
Write-ins:	1

Town Committee

Richard A. Baker	327
Leisa J. Mingo	331
Glenn A. Kemper	388
Thomas M. Atwood	340
Write-ins:	9

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

President

Jared Ball	0
Ralph Nader	0
Elaine Brown	0
Kat Swift	0
Cynthia McKinney	0
Kent Mesplay	0
No Preference	0
Write-ins:	1

State Committee Man

No Candidates on ballot and no write-ins

State Committee Woman

No Candidates on ballot and no write-ins

Town Committee

No Candidates on ballot and no write-ins

WORKING FAMILIES PARTY

No Candidates appeared on this ballot for any office and no ballots were cast

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN WEST NEWBURY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2008
(July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)

Births Recorded: 23
 Deaths Recorded: 14
 Marriages Recorded: 8

Note: In accordance with the intent of M.G.L. Chapter 51, Section 6, the recorded births will not be listed.

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2008

RECORD DATE* <i>(Date of Marriage)</i>	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	OFFICIANT
July 17, 2007 (7/6/07)	Alfonso J. Picone Frances C. Leitz	West Newbury West Newbury	West Newbury	Rev. Laura Biddle Clergy
Sept. 18, 2007 (9/15/07)	Brian Lee Duchemin Sarah Eaton Richards	West Newbury Bedford, NH	West Newbury	Edward F. Sherry Priest
Sept. 25, 2007 (9/22/07)	Jason David Costello Dominica Catherine Kelley	West Newbury West Newbury	Gloucester, MA	Rev. T.S. Deacon Economos Member of Clergy
Sept. 26, 2007 (9/15/07)	Norman Alan Lawler, Jr. Brandi Anne Doucette	Merrimac, MA Merrimac, MA	West Newbury	Cynthia K. McNeil Justice of the Peace
Oct. 22, 2007 (9/15/07)	Rebecca S. DeSmith John J. Collins	Springfield, MA West Newbury	Harwich, MA	James G. Munroe Priest

Nov. 2, 2007 (3/15/07)	Christopher James Price Laura Ann Tereso	West Newbury West Newbury	Quepos Aguirre, Costa Rica	Marcello Galli
Jan 22, 2008 (10/27/07)	Andrew Jay Fritton Ayanna P. Trent-Richardson	West Newbury West Newbury	San Jose del Cabo, Mexico	Maria Luisa Conzalez Castro Deputy Clerk
May 20, 2008 (5/16/08)	Laura Marie Staunton Christopher Owen Gregg	Burlington, MA Burlington, MA	Danvers, MA	Alan W. Ulrich Justice of the Peace

* The Record Date is the date the Marriage was recorded in the Town Records
The Date of Marriage is the date of the Marriage Ceremony

DEATHS RECORDED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2008

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF DISPOSITION	RECORDED
June 30, 2007	Frederick F. Slack, Sr.	90	72 Church St.	St. Patrick's Cemetery Stoneham, MA	July 3, 2007
Dec. 6, 2007	Kenneth Edward Fowler	37	12 Prospect St.	Bridge Street Cemetery, West Newbury	Dec. 12, 2007
Dec. 11, 2007	Floyd William McLaughlin	80	138 Main St.	Rural Cemetery, West Newbury	Dec. 14, 2007
Dec. 27, 2007	Marion Angela Maroncelli	91	55 Indian Hill St.	St. Patrick's Cemetery, Haverhill, MA	Dec. 28, 2007
Jan. 3, 2008	Beatrice Marie Downey	90	803 Main St.	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	Jan. 17, 2008
Feb. 3, 2008	Gregory H. Laing	60	356 Main St.	Sawyers Hill, Newburyport, MA	Feb.6, 2008

Feb. 9, 2008	Mary L. Woitkowski	93	43 Prospect St.	Bridge Street Cemetery, West Newbury	Feb. 13, 2008
Feb. 26, 2008	Haydn Thurlow Poore	82	575 Main St.	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	March 4, 2008
April 6, 2008	Helen G. Clark	101	10 Prospect St.	Bridge Street Cemetery, West Newbury	April 10, 2008
May 7, 2008	Helen R. Eaton	96	17 Tewksbury Ln.	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	May 9, 2008
May 16, 2008	Ruth E. Christofferson	91	80 Church St.	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	May 20, 2008
June 2, 2008	Marie Louise Marquis	90	13 Bridge St.	St. Joseph Cemetery, Haverhill, MA	June 3, 2008
June 7, 2008	Daniel Patrick Hurlid, Jr.	83	13 Kimball Rd.	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	June 11, 2008
June 25, 2008	Janet Leigh Schwarz	87	261 Main St.	Phoenix Crematory, Hampton, NH	June 27, 2008

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK
(For Fiscal Year 2008: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)

DOG LICENSES

Total Licenses Issued: 843
Total amount turned over to the Town Treasurer (including late fees): \$ 14,961.00

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Fishing, Trapping, Hunting & Sporting Licenses Issued: 81
Primitive Firearms, Waterfowl & Archery Stamps Issued: 19
Total amount paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife: \$ 2,334.25

RAFFLE & BAZAAR PERMITS

Total Number Issued: 1
Total amount turned over to Town Treasurer: \$10.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS - FISCAL YEAR 2008

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report to the Honorable Board of Selectmen. In FY 2008 all values were updated to reflect market value based upon calendar year 2006 sales data for the Town of West Newbury. The values were approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The Average Assessed Value for FY08 was \$535,129, with an average tax bill of \$6,068.36. The tax rate was certified at \$11.34 per thousand.

The Community Preservation Act that was passed effective in FY 2007 and remained at three percent for FY 2008.

VALUATION

Real Estate	805,494,009
Personal Property	<u>7,519,530</u>
Total Taxable Value FY 2008	813,013,539

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

Motor Vehicle Tax 2005	3,993.34
Motor Vehicle Tax 2006	8,868.36
Motor Vehicle Tax 2007	76,757.10
Motor Vehicle Tax 2008	<u>501,247.14</u>
Total Excise in FY 2008	590,865.94

APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

Town Appropriation	13,227,578.25
State and County Appropriations	94,479.00
Overlay	71,145.53
Other Amounts to be Raised	<u>426,802.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	13,820,004.78

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	464,482.00
Local Estimated Receipts	2,201,938.00
Free Cash	870,747.00
Other Available Funds	<u>1,063,264.25</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS	4,600,431.25

TAXES FOR COUNTY, STATE AND TOWN

On Real Property	9,134,302.06
On Personal Property	<u>85,271.47</u>
TOTAL	9,219,573.53

NUMBER OF PARCELS

On Taxable Real Property	1,723
On Personal Property	28
On Farm Animals	9
On Forest Products	4
On Boats for excise	54

NUMBER OF ACRES

7,532

Respectfully submitted



Victor A. Gangi, Chairman

William Krajeski, Member

Cheryl Hoenemeyer, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS
(For Fiscal year 2008: July 1, 2007 through June 20, 2008)

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following Census data was compiled as of June 30, 2008:

Number of Residents by Age:

65 and Older:	504
50 To 64:	1153
35 To 49:	1112
17 To 34:	868
5 To 16:	760
Under 5:	131
TOTAL:	4528

Number of Registered Voters:

Democrats:	796
Republicans:	707
Unenrolled:	1659
Other:	22
TOTAL:	3184

The following Town Meetings and Elections were held during Fiscal Year 2008. Unless otherwise indicated Town Meetings were concluded in one session. The Board of registrars attended each Town Meeting session for voter check-in and conducted voter registration sessions prior to each Town Meeting and Election. The Registrars certified signatures on absentee ballot applications and nomination papers.

Special Town Meeting	October 22, 2007
Presidential Primary	February 5, 2008
Special Town Meeting	February 7, 2008
Annual Town Meeting	April 28, 2008
Special Town Meeting	April 28, 2008
Annual Town Election	May 5, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Rosamond Veator, Chair

**West Newbury Housing Authority
Town Report
FY 08**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The West Newbury Housing Authority respectfully submits our FY 08 Annual Report.

INCOME STATEMENT	FY08
Income	
3110 - Shelter Rents	104,021.00
3610-00 · Interest Income	1,066.00
3690 · Other Revenue	3,459.00
3801 · Operating Subsidy	43,152.00
3920 · Gain/Loss Sale/Disposal	
Total Income	151,698.00
Expense	
4110-00 · Administrative Salaries	19,104.00
4130-00 · Legal	184.00
4150-00 · Travel	22.00
4170-00 · Accounting Services	5,146.00
4190-00 · Administrative Other	3,323.00
4310-00 · Water	13,176.00
4320-00 · Electricity	17,053.00
4330-00 · Gas	539.00
4340-00 · Heating 667	10,109.00
4390-0 · Septic Pumping	167.00
4410-00 · Maintenance Labor	25,909.00
4420-00 · Materials & Supplies	13,381.00
4430-00 · Contract Costs	7,695.00
4510-00 · Insurance	4,256.00
4520-00 · Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,592.00
4540-00 · Employee Benefits	6,121.00
4610-00 · Extraordinary Maintenance	11,597.00
4611-00 · Non Capitalized Equipment	3,383.00
4801-00 - Depreciation Expense	60,025.00
Total Expense	204,782.00
Net Income	(53,084.00)

**West Newbury Housing Authority
Town Report
FY 08**

BALANCE SHEET	<u>FY08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1112-00 · Cash - Admin	33,427.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>33,427.00</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1122 · A/R Tenants	4,286.00
1125 Accounts Receivable Subsidy	11,510.00
1129 Accounts Receivable Other	4,705.00
1130 · Accounts Receivable-Interprogram	35,560.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>56,061.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
1114-00 · Security Deposit	1,236.00
1117-00 · Petty Cash	150.00
1162-00 · Investments	17,512.00
1211-00 · Prepaid Expenses	1,287.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>20,185.00</u>
Total Current Assets	109,673.00
Fixed Assets	
1402 · Buildings/Improvements	2,401,029.00
1403 · Equipment	12,697.00
1406 · Accumulated Depreciation	(853,057.00)
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,560,669.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,670,342.00</u></u>

**West Newbury Housing Authority
Town Report
FY 08**

BALANCE SHEET	FY08
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Current Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
2114 · Tenants Security Deposits	1,396.00
2117 · Payroll Liabilities	2,314.00
2118 · Subsidy Overpayment	
2119 · Interfund	5,578.00
Total Other Accounts Payable	<u>9,288.00</u>
Deferred Credits	
2240 · Prepaid Rents	299.00
Total Current Accounts Payable	<u>299.00</u>
Accrued Liabilities	
2137 · Payment In Lieu of Taxes	1,365.00
2138 · Accrued Payroll	
2139 · Other	17,997.00
Total Accrued Liabilities	<u>19,362.00</u>
Total Liabilities	28,650.00
Equity	
2802 · Invested in Net Assets - NOD	1,560,669.00
2806 · Unrestricted Net Assets	18,783.00
2805 · Restricted Net Assets	55,000.00
Net Income	6,941.00
Total Equity	<u>1,641,393.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,670,342.00</u></u>

During this fiscal year, the West Newbury Housing Authority was awarded \$133, 753.00 in Modernization Grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development. These funds were used primarily for 8 gas burner replacements and extraordinary miscellaneous repairs.

Thank you to the Town for its continued assistance and support in all of our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
David Houlden, Chairperson
Nancy Barry
Richard Berkenbush
Larry Corcoran
Irene Durkin
Kathleen Thurston, Executive Director

Annual Report of the Library Trustees

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008 various maintenance projects were undertaken including the burying of exterior wiring for electrical, telephone and FIOS services. In addition some of the older internal wiring for light fixtures was upgraded for safety reasons.

Also required was the replacement of the front door and the carpeting throughout the library.

The grounds maintenance included the removal of a dead dogwood tree while the tree in the courtyard was able to be treated and saved.

**Work on the web-sight design and document preservation was completed.
Our web-sight can be accessed at www.westnewburylibrary.org**

The Board of Directors of the Library Trustees as elected are ;

Chairman	Alexandra W. Guralnick
Vice-Chairman	Scott P. Berkenbush
Recording Secretary	Theresa A. Bisenius
Corresponding Secretary	Elizabeth S. Torrisi
Treasurer	Lucille W. Waehling

The Trustees thank the community for its' continuous support, especially for the generous donations and endowments that the library receives from its' patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

**M. Dorothy Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Circulation for FY 2008 was 104,328. The average daily circulation was 363, and the average daily traffic count was 154. Non-resident circulation was 23,837.

The State Incentive Grant was \$7,078.92, which included a non-resident offset of \$2,481.66.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Money Market Account:	Balance 6/30/2007	16,367.94
	Gifts & Bequests	14,015.62
	Grants	11,600.00
	Interest	<u>341.67</u>
		42,325.23
Expenditures:	Salaries	4,092.41
	Programs	1,200.00
	Museum passes	2,075.00
	Website Set-up	1,600.00
	Supplies	4,416.66
	Building repairs	<u>12,702.79</u>
		26,086.76
	Balance June 30, 2008	16,238.47
Invested Funds:	Balance 6/30/2007	818,519.85
	Dividends & Interest	<u>72,014.27</u>
		890,534.12
Expenditures:	History digitizing	5,264.36
	Website design	1,650.00
	Capitol Loss	<u>165,693.20</u>
		172,597.56
	Balance June/30/2008	717,936.56

IN MEMORIAM

Hazel Hammond Albertson	Marjorie I. Bardsley	Dorothy M. Johnson
Lawrence & Alice Dodge	Eleanor J. Cook	Albert E. Elwell
Christopher Blunt	James Durgin	James H. Durgin
Barbars F. Carbone	Jennie M. Foss	Thomas Kennett
Georgiana Emery	Bessie S. Koebele	Sylvia McGrath
J. Winston Popplewell	Norman Hobson	Esther Thurlow
Valerie Leary Berkenbush	Margaret M. Nichols	Frank Hobson
The Laing Family	Margaret Coit Elwell	Leah M. Mingo
	Pauline M. Marston	

Respectfully submitted, Katharine M. Gove

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN 2008

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

"Catch The Beat @ your Library" was the theme of the Summer Reading Program. We tried a new approach to reading and recording hours. Kids could register on line and record everything read on their own web page. This proved popular with 243 children who then read 3,336 hours. I think computers and this generation are a natural fit. It attracted some kids who otherwise wouldn't have joined. Anything that encourages reading is a good thing in my book.

Story hours were very busy with Summer session seeing 92 children register, Fall 108, Winter 92 and Spring 99. Toddler time trundled along with the Summer session hosting 18, Fall 19, Winter 15 and Spring 14 little ones enjoying stories, crafts and co-operative (sometimes) play.

The Children's Room hosted 169 programs with an attendance of 4,507 patrons. We were very grateful to the Friends of the Library and the Edward & Winifred Moseley Foundation for their generous support.

Thanks also go Dorothy Carr, Dawn Watson, Amy Custance and Renee Hamilton - a great staff!

Sincerely,
Katharine (Kate) Gove
Children's Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectman:

The ZBA held four hearings on petitions resulting in the granting three, with one being denied.

The summaries of results are:

Petitions granted	3
Petitions denied	1
Petitions withdrawn	0
Petitions dismissed	0
C.40B applications	0

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Kelly, Chair, ZBA

**Annual Report of the Planning Board
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During Fiscal Year 2008, The Planning Board conducted the following activities:

Special Permit Applications for Common Driveway, Reduced Frontage Lot Special Permit, and Open Space Preservation Development (OSPD): The Planning Board reviewed three applications for Special Permits:

1. Open Space Preservation Development and Site Plan Review at 365 Main Street (Map 10, Lots 33, 42A, and portions of 37 and 68A); still under review
2. Reduced Frontage Special Permit for 2 lots at 33 Meetinghouse Hill Road (Map R-9, Lot 6) – denied May 6, 2008
3. Common Driveway Special Permit at 33 Meetinghouse Hill Road (Map R-9, Lot 6) – denied May 6, 2008

Approval Not Required Plans: The Planning Board reviewed six plans resulting in the creation of three additional lots.

1. 95 Indian Hill Street, (Map R-17, Lot 1), 3 lots created, with Lot 2C to be conveyed to the town, and a Conservation Restriction to be placed on Lots 2B and 2C, approved November 20, 2007.
2. 61 Rogers Street, (Map R-20, Parcels 6 and 6A), one additional lot created, approved December 4, 2007
3. Sullivan's Court/Whetstone Street, (Assessors map R 11, 18, and 18B), lot line reconfiguration, no additional lots created, approved December 8, 2007
4. 799/801 Main Street, (Map 26, Lots 7 and 6), lot line reconfiguration, no additional lots created, approved January 8, 2008
5. 294 Main Street/Whetstone Street (Map U-1, Parcels 20 and 25), lot line reconfiguration, no additional lots created, approved January 8, 2008
6. 33 Meetinghouse Hill Road, (Map 9, Lot 6), reviewed concurrently with Special Permit Applications, denied May 6, 2008

Modification to Definitive Subdivision:

823 Main Street (Map 26, Lot 4), Ocean Meadow, Modification of Condition 20 of Definitive Subdivision Certificate of Vote, to replace natural gas service to the site and to each of the units with propane gas – approved August 21, 2007.

Zoning Bylaw Amendments:

The Zoning Bylaw was amended at the Special Town Meeting on April 28, 2008, as follows:

1. Amended Section 5.B. of the Business District to allow residential units in the same buildings as commercial enterprises, subject to a Special Permit from the Planning Board
2. Section 6.B., Open Space Preservation Development, was amended to add clarification and incentives to encourage use of the bylaw section.

General Administration:

During the year, the Planning Board conducted ongoing review and follow-up of various projects to ensure compliance with approvals, i.e., 823 Main Street (56 units), Moulton Street (3 lots), Off Dole Place a/k/a Nichols Place (9 lots), 902 Main Street (6 lots), 29 Ash Street (1 lot), Bailey's Lane - Long Hill (3 lots), 103 Stewart Street (Hemingway Place) (4 lots), and 21 Mechanic Street (1 lot).

The Planning Board also worked with town officials to review such projects as potential uses of the town-owned Mullen property, and the purchase of Indian Hill Farm Reservation, including assisting with preparation of the Commonwealth Capital Application. The Board initiated work on a draft Site Plan Review Zoning Bylaw, continued discussion as recommended in the Community Development Plan regarding the downtown Business District, and discussed potential projects with landowners who came before the Board.

Membership and Personnel:

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Brian R. Murphey	Chairman	2009
Raymond A. Cook	Vice Chairman	2011
Peter R. Haack	Clerk	2010
Ann E. Bardeen	Member	2013
Arthur T. Wallace	Member	2012
Michael I. Jones	Associate Member	June, 2009

At the Annual Town Election, Ann Bardeen was elected to a five year term. In June, Planning Board Administrator Joan Vontzalides retired. The Board is extremely thankful to Joan for her dedicated service to the Board and to the Town. Jean Nelson was hired as the new Planning Board Administrator.

Members of the Planning Board also serve on other town boards and committees: Brian Murphey is a member of the Community Housing Committee; Peter Haack is a member of the Historic Commission; Arthur Wallace serves on the Community Preservation Committee, the Energy Advisory Committee, and is the Town's Commissioner to the Merrimac Valley Planning Commission.

The Planning Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Murphey, Chairman
Raymond A. Cook, Vice Chairman
Peter R. Haack, Clerk

Ann E. Bardeen
Arthur T. Wallace
Michael I. Jones, Associate Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health and staff remains dedicated to enforcing state and local regulations regarding wells, septic systems, camps, food, trash and recycling. During the Fiscal Year 2008, the Board of Health approved applications for nine (9) new construction septic systems and twenty-six (26) repair systems. Inspections for the installation of systems are done by the Health Agent ensuring compliance with Title V and West Newbury's Local Regulations. Our office issued six (6) camp licenses, fourteen (14) food permits, eight (8) permits for wells this year, and forty-one (41) licenses for installers and haulers.

Approximately eighty-four (84) West Newbury households participated in our Hazardous Waste Collection held on September 15, 2007 in conjunction with the City of Newburyport.

Pipestave Hill Recycling area continues to be open Saturday 9:00 am through 3:00 pm for residents to drop off their recycling and white goods.

FY08 was the second year for West Newbury as a member of the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program which is a part of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. Surveillance by trapping and testing mosquitoes is the primary function of Mosquito Control. By analyzing the data collected from the traps, the Town will be informed regarding possible EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) and West Nile Virus, and therefore can act preemptively to protect the public health.

In October we partnered with Got Books in an effort to reduce the Town's trash tonnage by offering a book recycling program. This program encourages residents to drop off any books they no longer want at a collection box located in the back parking lot at Town Hall. Removing books from the waste stream potentially lowers the cost of trash removal as well as generates monies for the Town's General Fund.

In our continued effort to address environmental issues, the BOH office is still collecting button batteries, mercury thermometers, thermostats and cellular telephones. In February we began accepting rechargeable batteries for recycling. These can all be dropped off at the BOH office.

We continue to have a "Medical Sharps" program with the purpose of collecting medical needles and lancets which provides safe storage containers for residents. These containers can be picked up for a donation of \$1 at the Town Office Building either in the Health Office or the Council on Aging Office.

The Board would like to thank all the residents who recycle, when you recycle you are doing your part to protect our environment. The Board of Health would also like to remind residents that recycling is a tax cost-saver as well as a State mandated program.

RECEIPTS:	Percolation Testing	\$3,750
	New Septic Systems Plans	2,700
	Repair Septic Systems Plans	2,825
	Septic Revision Plans	500
	Wells	1,600
	Licenses and Permits	6,775
	Got Books Recycling Program	<u>569</u>
	Total	\$18,719

Respectfully Submitted:
Robert Janes, Chairman
Blake Seale, Member
Kimberly Cole, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14, Section 49, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Board of Water Commissioners herewith submits a report of activities of the Water Department for the Fiscal Year ending Jun 30, 2008.

Installations:	888
Dwellings in Town: (per Assessors)	1481
% on Town Water:	60%
Town Population: (per Town Clerk)	4484
Gallons Billed:	63,348,990
Average residential daily gallons:	195
Hydrants/Valves:	192
Street Valves:	137
Feet of Main:	146,006

The beginning of the year 2008 saw the realization of the Variable Frequency Drives project. The addition of these drives allows the blending of water pumped from our well field with water purchased from Newburyport. The automated blending optimizes our well output while minimizing the amount of expensive Newburyport water pumped.

The positive impact of the drives continues to be proven out. The year 2007 was a dry one and caused us to purchase much more water than usual from Newburyport. So much so that in January 2008, anticipating our regular usage of Newburyport water for the remainder of the year, we requested an additional \$50,000 from Water Department Free Cash to fund Newburyport water. This article, created in January just as the new drives begin to hum, was reduced on Town Meeting floor from \$50,000 to \$25,000 as the reduction in Newburyport water usage became more evident. By the end of June 2008 we returned all of the \$25,000 to our free cash account, thanks to favorable weather and the effectiveness of the new drives.

As our recently updated Hydraulic Study affirms, our first priority remains the development of a second economical source of water for the town. Our primary focus area is along the Merrimack River. As properties become available we review their viability as well sites. In the spring of 2008 Commissioner Wolke made a presentation to the School Committee advising them of our interest in a possible well site behind the High School. Unfortunately, the Regional School Committee deferred considering our proposal until they have further developed their long range plan for the High School's buildings and space needs.

The Mullen property was, after several reviews with the Board of Selectmen, another site of interest. While the Mullen site test wells did not prove to be sources worth pursuing, as the year comes to a close we are again arranging for site testing on the Nichols property and the Sullivan property, just outside the town center. As long as there are possibilities for a shallow well, and a well that would be relatively close to the existing water

distribution system, the Department will continue to postpone development of the bedrock well sites acquired several years ago.

The commissioners also reached out to the Groveland commissioners to discuss several topics of mutual interest, including cooperative efforts when the Brake Hill Water Tank is offline for maintenance, water purchase possibilities, and emergency water supply agreements. We look forward to meeting with them again in the coming year.

The commissioners have been in discussions with and attended a Newburyport Water Commissioners Meeting to propose a long term water purchase contract and its relationship to the Surface Water Protection By-law that has been discussed for many years now. We will continue to pursue a closer relationship with them, meeting at least yearly to update and discuss topics of mutual interest.

Other projects worked on in 2008 include:

- The continuing deployment of radio read water meters.
- The updating of SCADA management software at the well field.
- An easement for the Brake Hill Water Tank access from Hilltop Circle.
- A Rain Barrel purchase program offered through a local company. 43 were sold. The program will probably be offered again in 2009.
- A metal recycling program was started by the Superintendent, returning \$1500 dollars to the Department.
- Revision of the water bill payment process – water bills should now be paid at the first floor Finance Department office (the separate Water Bill Payment Box will still be available in the 1910 Building lobby).

A small Water Rate increase went into effect in the spring as an unfortunate by-product of increases in chemical, metal and utility supply costs.

In an attempt to minimize the stress on our only well and limit the usage of Newburyport water we instituted a Voluntary Water ban in the summer. The water usage in August was down to its lowest level in recent memory, although most likely because of the extremely wet weather. In general customer cooperation was excellent and water usage overall was down during the ban.

We also cooperated with the Open Space committee in their effort to update the Open Space plan.

Lastly but very importantly, Bob Janes, our stalwart Laborer/Operator, announced his intention to retire at the end of 2008. We wish to thank Bob for his steadfast presence and experience over the years and for the important role he played in developing the West Newbury Water Department into the organization it is today. The Water Department is privileged to have had a dedicated employee and citizen like Bob.

COMMITMENTS TO WATER FUND (CHARGES TO USERS)
TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008

Water Usage (regular bills):

October 2007	\$ 312,454.89	
April 2008	<u>257,895.75</u>	570,350.64

Water Usage (special bills):

Addl. Water & Municipal Liens	8,470.75	
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Services:

Unscheduled Reading Fee	900.00	
Labor & Inspection Charges	19.96	
Tapping Fee	425.00	

Materials:

New Meters	796.50	
Other	262.00	

<u>Hydrant Rental: (Fire Dept.)</u>	<u>15,750.00</u>	<u>26,624.2154</u>
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<u>TOTAL COMMITMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2008</u>		596,974.85
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Additional Revenue:

Misc. Revenue (backflow, red cards, etc)	2,539.00	
Systems Development Charge	<u>39,000.00</u>	<u>41,539.00</u>

<u>TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED F/Y 2008</u>		<u>\$638,513.85</u>
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OPERATING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008

Operating Expenses:

Facilities Cost	\$33,276.20	
Office Expense	5,144.29	
Professional Assoc.	26,039.37	
Outside Services/Training	11,395.50	
Computer Expense	1,855.00	
Vehicle/Equipment Expense	6,925.86	
Materials/Supplies/Outside Contractors	53,210.57	
Water Purchase-Newburyport	188,498.52	
Safe Water Drinking Assessment	<u>697.32</u>	327,042.63

Salary/Wages: **172,846.22**

Insurances: **20,800.68**

Debt Service: **21,050.65**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES F/Y 2008 **\$541,740.18**

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

R. Scott Wolke

Bill Campbell, Chairman

Brian Warne

Michael E. Gootèe, Manager/Superintendent
Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant



WEST NEWBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Lisa A. Holmes, Police Chief
chief@westnewburysafety.org

Annual Report of the West Newbury Police Department

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The West Newbury Police Department has seen a remarkable increase in calls for service this past year with 18,809 calls for service and total activity logged for this fiscal year. That is a considerable increase from the year before which had 14,672 calls for service. In particular, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of domestic violence and restraining order calls and complaints over the past year. The department has increased the number of traffic citations since last year and as a result it has decreased the number of traffic accidents in town. We have utilized the speed sign to educate the motoring public of the posted speed limit in a particular area and follow up with actual enforcement. The results are a decrease in speeding violations and motor vehicle crashes. The police department continues to strive to provide more community oriented services to the residents.

Several months ago the police department hired Daniel Cena to fill the vacant full time police position which had remained open since September 2007. He was also appointed to fill the open sergeant position. As a result of his appointment, we are back to the level of personnel we were at prior to the two retirements in August 2007. However, we have remained at 7 full-time officers for the past thirteen years. The national average is 2 officers per 1,000 citizens. The town's population is nearly 5,000 which have us well below the national average. Additionally, we are still in need of another full time position in order to fill the remaining shifts which have been covered by using reserve officers. When there are no reserve officers available the shifts are being covered by incurring overtime expenses. The new hire would provide for full time officers to cover most all patrol shifts and the reserve officers would be used to fill officer's time off.

Our annual Public Safety Day was held in September at Cammett Park. It was attended by countless residents as well as the Board of Selectmen. Representatives from the Fire, Police, Harbormaster, EMA, ACO, Council on Aging, TRIAD Program, were all in attendance. Apparatus from the fire department, Environmental Police, State Police mounted unit, State Police Air wing unit, Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit were all big crowd pleasers again this year. I would like to extend my thanks to all those who helped to organize the event and all the public safety personnel who participated to make this event such a great time for all the participants.

This spring the police department held its annual Seat Belt Pledge Drive at Pentucket Regional High School. Many high school students and staff participated in taking the pledge that

they would wear their seatbelts. The officers gave out 20 prizes from a raffle conducted of those who took the pledge. The prizes were donated by local merchants of whom we were extremely appreciative for their contributions and their continued support.

The police department has continued the D.A.R.E. program a tradition started 15 years ago to deliver programs to students in order to educate them against the use of drugs and alcohol and to promote good decision making. This program is currently being conducted at the Middle School by Officer Joy Fleck.

We continue to work with the schools as well as area police departments in preparedness for potential critical situations which may arise at the schools and in our communities. The police department has been conducting drills in conjunction with area police departments on responses to such emergencies.

Each year the officers take part in the Memorial Day Parade. This year Fire Chief Dower and I joined together and walked the parade route in an effort to show unity between the two departments. It was a fun time for both of us and something that we plan on doing in the years to come. As in many past years we also participated in the annual Apple Harvest Road Race sponsored by the PTA. EMA Director Scott Berkenbush and I were given the distinct honor of starting the road race again this year.

It is always a well planned and heavily attended event. This year was no exception. These two events are attended by many and the police officers also enjoy being involved in these two yearly events.

The TRIAD Program continued with the many public awareness and safety programs that have been in place. The File of Life, Yellow Dot Program, Grab and Go Bags and Identification Cards are all programs that are available throughout the year. We held the annual Spring Fling again this year. Each year the members of the TRIAD Program and other community volunteers provide dinner and entertainment during Elder Americans Week in May. It was attended by many residents who expressed their thanks for a very enjoyable evening.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the Public Safety Departments; police, fire, EMA, and the public safety dispatchers for their continued support and whose hard work and dedication has made West Newbury a safe community for its residents. I would also like to thank DPW Director Gary Bill and the Highway Department for all of their assistance to us throughout the year. Thank you for always being there when we needed assistance.

In conclusion, I want to express my thanks to the residents of the Town of West Newbury for their continued support of the public safety departments. We are extremely appreciative for all of your assistance.

Lisa A. Holmes
Chief of Police



Emergency Management Agency

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Tel# 978-363-1103 Fax# 978-363-2409
Director Scott P. Berkenbush

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Training, preparedness, and response are the key elements for the town to be able to respond to a disaster whether the disaster is manmade or natural. During the 2008 fiscal year the West Newbury Emergency Management Agency (EMA) worked with the West Newbury Board of Health and the Local Area Emergency Planning Committee/Northern Essex Emergency Regional Planning Committee to ensure all town employees have identification badges. The town received a new amateur radio communications system from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Preparedness is not always forefront on our minds but is essential during a disaster. Over the last few years EMA has received trash pumps to assist the fire department with pumping out cellars during major flooding; shelter supplies including cots; 5 gallon collapsible water jugs; blankets; tents; and personal care kits. These items have been made possible through the Citizens Corps Program Grant overseen by MEMA. Although we hope not to have to use or distribute these items it is comforting to know that the town has them if the need arises.

This past spring, EMA Volunteer James F. Riley, who is also a firefighter, reserve police officer, and the Harbormaster for the town, began a crusade to increase the CPR awareness and training for town employees. His vision of not only offering the CPR classes, but also offering practice time and refresher classes to ensure the trainee maintained a level of comfortableness with performing CPR was a perfect fit for the goals and mission of EMA. With the dedicated help of Deputy Director Lee Ann Delp, the Citizen Corp Grant was able to supply him with CPR training equipment and materials to kick off the program. Long term goals of the Training CERT*/CPR Training will include offering classes to residents, teachers in the school district, and after school to older children.

As always an annual reminder: review your Seabrook Emergency Public Information Calendar for 2009. The information is important, and helpful in planning for an emergency.

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers that assist throughout the year. I appreciate all of your help and support.

Sincerely,

Scott P. Berkenbush
Emergency Management Director
Town of West Newbury



BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

WEST NEWBURY, MA

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Fire Department responded to 379 calls in fiscal 2008 including 196 rescue calls and 40 motor vehicle accidents with injuries.

The new personal protective equipment was received and distributed to the members of the Fire Department which brings everyone up to the current NFPA standards.

After many meetings with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Fire Engineers, Fire Chief, and Ladder Truck Committee, a course of action was formulated, to procure an aerial device for the Town. The Selectmen listened to all the arguments for and against the different types of aerial trucks and how they should be obtained and their decision was that the Town should go forward and obtain quotes for a new aerial truck. At the October 2008 Special Town Meeting the sum of \$5000 was voted under the direction of the Selectmen to check out the different manufactures of aerial trucks.

A set of specifications was drawn up after a lengthy time period and was sent out to bid. Six bids came back with a wide range of prices. The lowest bid was carefully gone over and was disqualified as it did not come close to meeting the bid specifications. The second lowest bid was then carefully gone over by the Fire Engineers and Fire Chief and that bid was deemed qualified. The Board of Selectmen then had the Town Counsel and Procurement Officer Lawrence Murphy go over the bid and qualify it. It was then brought before the Townspeople at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2008. The Town voted unanimously to purchase a 95 ft. Tower Ladder from KME of Pennsylvania for the amount of \$745,000. Finance Director Ms. Blais was able to negotiate a financial package which brought the price down to \$723,000 saving the Town \$22,000. The actual procurement of the Tower Ladder will be in the next fiscal year.

As the Fire Service throughout the country gets busier, and manpower is at a premium we will be looking into several ways that coverage of the Fire Department can be obtained during the daytime hours when manpower is very limited. We feel that the need for some on duty manpower during the daytime is imperative for the protection of the residents of the Town. We are looking into the different plans and ideas that can work for the Town.

Congratulations to Brett Berkinshaw, Lisa Duxbury, David Evans, and Robert Pierce for completing the Firefighter I&II course. This course was sponsored by the West Newbury Fire Department and held at the Pentucket Middle School, with graduation exercises held at the Pentucket High School. Thank you to the Superintendent and the Administration of both schools for their support.

It was a very sad year for the West Newbury Fire Department as we lost one of our most popular and loved members, Lt. Kenny Fowler. Kenny's popularity was driven home by the outpouring of accolades from his peers in the Fire Service and the loss felt by the residents of the Town, and countless others who attended the services that December day. One of Kenny's last projects for the Fire Department was to assemble the department's forestry truck. Proudly put his name on the truck in his memory as it is on Engine 24, the truck he was in charge of. There is a large hole that can never be filled in our hearts and in the Fire Department as we remember Kenny. Lt. Fowler's number C11 has been permanently retired from service, and a stone marker has been put in place at the Public Safety Building in remembrance for Lt. Kenny Fowler who has answered his last alarm. REST IN PEACE LT. FOWLER.

The Board of Fire Engineers and the Fire Chief would like to thank the members of the Fire Department along with the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, Public Safety Dispatchers, Emergency Management Agency and the Townspeople for their continued support and cooperation.

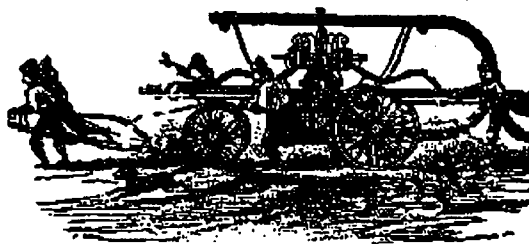
Lastly, we thank the surrounding towns for their mutual aid help, especially the Town of Groveland for supplying West Newbury with ladder coverage for an extended period of time during our ladder crisis.

As always the Board of Fire Engineers and the Fire Chief will continue to strive to bring to the Town of West Newbury the best in firefighting protection and emergency medical services.

Sincerely,

Chief Raymond S. Dower, 3rd

The Board of Fire Engineers



Annual Report of the Board of Fire Engineers

The West Newbury Fire Department responded to 379 calls during fiscal year 2008.

Arcing Wires/Wires Down	20	Faulty Alarm System	35
Animal Inc	1	Hazardous Materials	1
Assist the Public	6	Illegal Burn	1
Assist the Police	3	Investigate odor or Smoke	17
Boat/Water Inc	2	Lightning Strike	0
Brush, Grass or Woods	2	Mutual Aid	11
Building fire	0	Oil Burner	2
Car/Vehicle	3	Natural Gas	1
Chimney or Stove	7	Rescue / Accident	40
Co Detector	7	Rescue / Medical	196
Electrical	4	Standby / Power Failure	1
False Alarm	19		
		Total Alarms	379

Organization of the West Newbury Fire Department Fiscal Year 2008

Raymond S. Dower III, Fire Chief

Assistant Chief Stephen Arnold

Deputy Kenneth Berkenbush Deputy Scott Berkenbush Deputy Glenn Coffin

Kenneth Fowler, Lt. *Last Alarm, December 6, 2007*

Carl Babendreier*	George Evans, Lt.	Brandon Lamson, Lt.
Brett Burkinshaw	Keri Fowler	Thomas McCraine
Scott Cimino	Mark Hemingway, Capt	Thomas Natario
John Connolly	Joshua Hills	Allen Osgood, Lt.*
Sara Connolly	Richard Hills	Jamie Osgood
Richard Davies, Capt	Geoff Hills	Kara Osgood
William Donahue	John Hume	Frank Otis Lt.*
Duncan, Brett	Robert Janes, Lt	Robert Pierce
Duxbury, John	Benjamin Jennell, Lt.	James Riley
Duxbury, Lisa	David Jennell, Lt.	Kevin Samson
Michael Dwyer, Lt	Gregory Jennell.	Keenan Leonard-Solis
Evans, David		David West

*Retired

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Fire Engineers

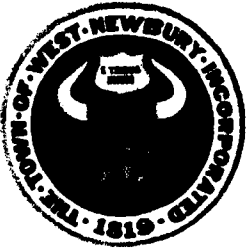
Assistant Chief Stephen Arnold

Deputy Chief Kenneth Berkenbush

Capitan Mark Hemingway

Lieutenant Robert Janes

Lieutenant Michael Dwyer



WEST NEWBURY HARBORMASTER

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James F. Riley, Harbormaster

Annual Report of West Newbury Harbormaster

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The mission statement for the West Newbury Harbormaster is "to maintain the West Newbury portion of the Merrimack River in as clean and safe condition as possible, through the use of the town's pump-out boat for watercraft's sanitary systems, preventing pollution, and by periodic patrol of the river to assure safety of boaters, and others using the river".

It is with great pleasure that I report during the fiscal year 2008, The American bald eagles, (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), our national bird, were seen nesting and raising their young along the Merrimack River banks in West Newbury, a testament to the success of keeping the 7 miles of river frontage as a beautiful, natural resource to be enjoyed by the boating public and the residents of the Town of West Newbury.

The town has been able to offer twelve continuous years of no cost pump-out service to the boating public with the assistance of the Clean Vessels Act Program. This has directly attributed to keeping our natural resource pristine. This was a record year for pump-out service due to the economy and record high fuel costs, more boaters stayed tied at the docks resulting in an increase of calls for dockside pump-outs.

The town boat was also utilized for numerous requests for service for disabled boaters, and rescue calls. The boat provides invaluable service to both the Fire and Police Departments in their rescue efforts throughout the year.

Many volunteer hours have been donated to the town to keep the river clean and safe. I would like to thank all of the following:

HARBOR COMMISSION:

Thomas Goodwin
Stephen Burke

VOLUNTEERS:

Robert Bishop
Geoffrey Hills
David Evans

I would also like to acknowledge, and publicly thank Thomas Goodwin and his daughter Tenley, for their countless hours of assistance and dedication.

Sincerely,

James F. Riley
Harbormaster

Harbormaster Department Information Sheet

1. Activity

Assist to other Harbormasters	5
Speeding Violations/no wake zone	14
Miscellaneous 90B Violations	7
Assist disabled boaters	5

2. Pump out Service

There were a total of 72 boats pumped out this year and 1,140 gallons of effluent were properly disposed of and did not go into the river.

3. Dock and Mooring Permits

Dock Permits	10	@ \$50	\$ 500.00
Mooring Permits	15	@ \$50	\$ 750.00
<u>Total:</u>			----- \$1,650.00

4. Volunteer Hours

Thomas Goodwin 24 hours

5. Monies Spent

Gas	\$1,587.43
Labor	\$ 2,080.00

Reimbursement from the State \$2,482.07

Net Expense: \$1,185.36

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL OFFICER
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:**

Activities of the Animal Care and Control Officer July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Total number of dogs licensed for the year of April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 was 726. The number of dogs licensed by June 30, 2008 was 634. The Annual Rabies Clinic was held on April 16, 2008 and 49 animals were vaccinated. Destroyed under suspicion of Rabies were 2 skunks and 1 fox. None of these animals had contact with a human or domestic animal and were not tested at the Sate Lab. Having a current Rabies vaccination on all pets is the best prevention for rabies. Quarantine times vary depending on vaccination status.

There were 8 reported dog bites and 1 cat bite. All were 10 day Quarantines per MA State Law. Breeds involved were: Schipperke, Golden, Lab mix, 3 Labs, Pit Bull, Pit Bull mix. Three cats had wounds on unknown origin and 2 were 45 day quarantines (had current rabies vaccination) and 1 was a 6 month quarantine. Two dogs were quarantined for biting each other for 10 days. 1 dog was quarantined for 45 days as it had contact with a bat. Another dog bit a woman but ran off and remained an unknown animal. She required post exposure rabies shots.

Thirty-four dogs were picked up running at large and were returned to their owners. A first for the Town, there were no stray dogs found. Two cats and four kittens were picked up and adopted. Two rabbits were found and turned in. They were taken to the MSPCA for adoption.

Dead Animals were: 2 dogs; 10 cats; 4 foxes; 1 opossum; 3 skunk; 5 raccoon; 1 fisher; 1 woodchuck; 4 deer. (The numbers may not be completely accurate for many reasons.) Injured were: 1 horse which the Fire Department & DPW helped with; blue jay, starling, screech owl hit a windshield but recovered and flew off, a Great Blue Heron with a broken leg was taken to a wildlife rehabilitator, beagle bleeding from a fight with?, a deer stuck in the snow but it got out on its own, and two very old dogs - skinny GSHP & yellow lab. Reported sick and acting strangely were raccoons, foxes, skunks, and coyotes. Mange is a common disease of fox and the mites cause hair loss and inability to concentrate because of the intense itching.

Complaints concerning nuisance dogs were eighty. Considered a nuisance can be loose dogs-in a yard, chasing people, cars, other dogs or cats, etc; leaving their waste, getting into trash, and unleashed dogs at Mill Pond Recreation area causing problems for walkers, horseback riders, and other dogs. There were a few complaints of people hitting dogs and investigations of neglect. There were 30 complaints of dogs barking and some remain ongoing issues. A responsible neighbor monitors how long a dog barks. Dogs bark from boredom, as well as seeing or hearing people, dogs, and wildlife near their yard. Dogs were reported killing a woodchuck, cat, and snake. There was one Public Hearing with the Board of Selectmen about an aggressive dog and a few meetings about ongoing Issues with loose dogs at Mill Pond Recreation area.

Wildlife is varied and doing well in West Newbury. There is less open space for wildlife in the entire Northeastern United states. Bear and moose once rarely seen in West Newbury, are now reported yearly in our town. Coyote, deer, Canadian goose, and beaver populations are increasing causing concerns. Not all wildlife poses a threat. Understanding the behaviors and needs of wildlife will help determine if there is a problem or risk. Great sources of information are: Mass.Wildlife@state.ma.us and www.livingwithwildlife.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Madelyn Cirinna, Animal Care and Control Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Permits for the following building activities were issued during the Fiscal Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

6 New Single Family Homes
12 Foundations for New Single Family Houses/additions/condos
9 Decks & Porches
38 Other Additions
8 Outbuildings, garages, barns & sheds
35 Alterations & Renovations
7 Pools
45 Reroof, Siding or Windows
2 Demolition
7 Wood Stoves/Chimneys
5 Misc
6 Waived Fee Permits

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	180
Estimated Value of New Homes	\$ 2,184,342.00
Estimated Value of Other Construction	4,732,345.00
Estimated Value of Fees Waived Permits	<u>126,000.00</u>
Total Value of Construction	\$ 7,042,687.00
 TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	 \$ 66,201.00

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clohecy
Inspector of Buildings

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

TOTAL COLLECTED FOR BUILDING PERMITS	\$ 66,201.00
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR PLUMBING & GAS PERMITS	8,101.00
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS	14,593.00
 FY DEPT. TOTAL	 \$ 88,895.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

PLUMBING PERMITS issued during the Fiscal Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

6	New Homes	\$ 1,010.00
38	Remodel & Additions	3,133.00
9	Water Heater Systems	464.00
3	Fee Waived	

Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued 56

Total Plumbing Fees Collected \$4,607.00

GAS PERMITS issued during the Fiscal Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

Total Number of Gas Permits Issued 66

Total Gas Permit Fees Collected \$ 3,494.00

COMBINED TOTAL OF PERMITS ISSUED 122

TOTAL COMBINED FEES PLUMBING & GAS \$8,101.00

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Caruso
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

ELECTRICAL PERMITS issued during the Fiscal Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

12	New Homes	\$ 6,208.00
104	All Other	8,385.00
	Annual Permits	
3	Fees Waived	

TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS ISSUED 119

TOTAL ELECTRICAL FEES COLLECTED \$ 14,593.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Levesque,
Electrical Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Over the past year the Conservation Commission has continued its efforts to protect the wetlands under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection and Rivers Protection Acts and Town by-law. The Commission is charged with regulating activities in, or within 100 feet of, wetlands resource areas in order to prevent damage to these often fragile and often irreplaceable resources. The regulations under the Rivers Protection Act provide for regulating activities within 200 feet of a river or perennial stream flowing into a river in order to protect these resources. Wetlands serve many functions. These include filtering and cleansing water (which helps protect groundwater and drinking water supplies), providing flood storage, preventing storm damage and providing wildlife habitat.

The Commission held hearings and conducted site walks in connection with Notices of Intent, Requests for Determinations of Applicability and Requests for Resource Area Delineations for new projects. We discussed potential projects on an informal basis with landowners, and investigated and responded to wetlands related issues brought to our attention. The Commission monitored ongoing projects for compliance with orders of conditions through site inspections and follow-up with parties involved. We invite people considering projects to contact us for informal discussion of available options.

The Commission supports the goals of protecting drinking water supplies and preserving both open space and the Town's remaining agricultural assets. Our goal is to protect and preserve irreplaceable natural resources and to work with other Town boards to ensure that growth and development is done in ways that are consistent with environmental protection and preservation of open space for the benefit of all residents. As part of the effort to preserve open space and natural resources the Commission has participated in obtaining conservation restrictions and worked with organizations such as Essex County Greenbelt to preserve open space in Town, including the area on Indian Hill Street. We support the goals and objectives of the Open Space Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Mizner, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008, the following work was completed by the Highway and Building and Grounds Divisions.

Brush cutting, roadside mowing, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, pruning trees, cutting dead and hazardous trees, drainage repairs and upgrades, patching pot holes, sign repair and placement, picking up rubbish and debris from roadsides, and crack sealing. The Highway Department also mowed the grass on all the playing fields, and all other town owned property. The department plowed, sanded town roads and all other town property, maintained the sidewalks, and hauled away snow from the town center.

The Highway Department repaved a portion of Garden Street with Chapter 90 funds.

The Building and Grounds Department completed these projects in addition to the routine maintenance and repairs to the Town Buildings and grounds:

- New floors were installed at the Page School.
- New roof on the 1910 Town Office Building
- Installed new energy efficient doors and windows at the Annex Building
- Installed energy efficient lighting in the Library, Annex Building and rear of the Old Town Hall.

The Department of Public works will strive to keep the roadways, Town Buildings and grounds maintained, safe and in presentable appearance in the upcoming 2009 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary J. Bill
D.P.W. Director

Annual Report of the Council on Aging

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The West Newbury Council on Aging continues to be excited about the growth that our Senior Center has had over the past year.

There have been many changes that have taken place within the past year. The face of the board has changed but our mission has not. We welcomed a new Chairperson, Eugene Tatro to lead our board. We also welcomed new members Barbara Gove, Mary Ellen Hubley, Zella Haskell, Mary Cornell and George Alan to the board.

Our 2nd annual Spring Fling was well attended with almost 100 people coming to enjoy the music and home made food. We also gave away door prizes; the lucky winners got a variety of gift certificates to local businesses. Again this year our Spring Fling was sponsored by the Park and Recreation Committee and the TRIAD Program. The focus of the Spring Fling was to recognize all the hard working volunteers that we have at the center as well as to introduce the Grab & Go Bag.

The Grab and Go back is a bag that has basic items in it so that if you need to leave your house quickly during an emergency everything is in one place. We received many donations from area businesses to help us fill the bag. We suggested that residents put copies of important documents into the bag as well.

Our Ice Cream Social was again a success. Everyone came out for an afternoon of ice cream sundaes. This year we did not have the annual cookout. We hope to start it back up again next year.

Our Trips continue to be a huge success. We have been working with Best Of Times to plan the trips. This year we went on a Clambake, Oktoberfest, and many different shows. We have also started doing monthly trips to lunch and breakfast. The lunch trips seem to be a success.

All of our senior citizens are welcome to drop in at the Senior Center or to call our director, Theresa Poore, to learn what services are available to them. We are always looking for new ideas for the center and welcome them. Stop by or call us if there is an activity that you are interested in having at the center. We will do our best to make sure that it happens. The number to call is 978-363-1104.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Poore,
Director



**Mill Pond Committee
West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985**

**Report of the Mill Pond Committee
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Mill Pond Committee is charged with managing the varied recreational activities that take place in the Mill Pond Recreation Area while maintaining its natural, aesthetic beauty. The Mill Pond Committee is also responsible for implementing the Management Plan according to the Essex County Greenbelt Association Conservation Restriction. The Committee wishes to thank the many individuals and town officials who contribute to the success of our activities.

New signs were posted at all parking areas to facilitate mixed recreational use. All dogs must be leashed in all parking areas, roadways, on and around the athletic fields, picnic areas and Mill Pond dock. Dog and horse feces must be removed from all designated leash areas. A pet wading area was created 300 feet beyond the Mill Pond dock area. The Mill Pond Committee thanks all pet owners who follow the rules and keep the Mill Pond Recreation Area a special place for all to enjoy.

Mill Pond building maintenance and renovation projects continued to progress. They included:

- Accumulated storage materials were removed and discarded
- Rotted porch sills and decking were replaced
- An electric heater and hot water system were installed
- A handicap accessible bathroom, wheelchair ramp and entrance door were constructed

Significant events that occurred during the past fiscal year were:

- West Newbury's Council for Young Children held their second annual Halloween party at the Mill Pond building. The Mill Pond building was also used for one Girl Scout, and one Cub Scout outing.
- Four equestrian events were held on Pipestave Hill.
- Three Pentucket cross-country track meets were held.
- The West Newbury Winter Carnival was canceled due to a preceding rain storm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Reynolds, Chairman



WEST NEWBURY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985

To the Honorable Board of Selectman:

The Open Space Committee met regularly during Fiscal Year 2008. Following are some of the highlights and accomplishments from this year:

- Collaborated with the Moseley Trust, Essex County Greenbelt Association, and the Town to preserve the Indian Hill Farm for public access and passive recreation.
- Updated and expanded West Newbury trail maps for the public's use. The first version was distributed at spring Town Meeting.
- Worked with volunteers, Essex County Trail Association, West Newbury Riding and Driving Club, and Gary Bill on the continued effort to keep trails clear and usable.
- Worked with Tracy Blais and many town departments and committees on completing the Riverbend Management Plan.
- Continued to work regularly with the Planning Board to review proposed developments and negotiation of trail easements. Ocean Meadow was a particular focus.
- Conducted and analyzed town-wide survey on open-space and recreation priorities to gather information required for revising the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
 - A first and substantial step in this process was developing, the survey, with input from the Park and Recreation Commission, and administering the survey. The survey was sent to every household in town and available at the 1910 Building, GAR Library and Food Mart, as well as on the OSC website.
 - A complex second step was analyzing the 334 completed surveys returned and presenting results highlights at Fall Town Meeting.
- Began update of Open Space and Recreation Plan, including setting new and/or modified goals taking into account survey results. The Plan will be completed in 2009.
- Redesigned our website, www.westnewburyopenspace.net, to allow the public better access to trail maps, trail conditions, links to other open space resources, and information about our membership and meetings. A pilot version is currently in development.
- Updated the Priority Parcel List.

The Open Space Committee meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month in the 1910 Building at 7:30pm. We welcome the participation of anyone who is interested in any of our open space related activities.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Jennifer W. Germain, Chairperson

TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE
Annual Town Report: July '07 thru June '08

The Community Housing Committee (CHC) was formed by our Board of Selectmen to advance the work of the former Workforce Housing Trust and Over 55 Housing Committee including ensuring the town's compliance with Chapter 40B, implementation of our State-approved Planned Production Policy and the promotion of the development of other types of housing that will ensure the sustainability of our community for current and future generations. The primary focus this year is to determine the optimal housing use for former Mullen property located on Main, Prospect and Church Streets, which was purchased by the town three years ago.

Through the assistance of a \$34,745 State Priority Development Grant, and supplemented with an added \$12,000 also approved by the State, the CHC has conducted dozens of public meetings and met with most town committees and boards to define the most appropriate type of housing for the property based on community need. The CHC favors an intergenerational housing concept of no more than 40 units including affordable starter homes, reasonably-priced Over 55 units and senior rental housing that could be permitted through either the creation of a Chapter 40R Smart-growth overlay zoning district or under a "Friendly" Chapter 40B comprehensive permit process. The development of the site would also be controlled by a detailed disposition agreement that would ensure the town's best interests. It is our desire to development no more than 25% of the property to minimize impact on the surrounding neighborhood and to maximize open space opportunities.

Working with our consultant, Horsley Witten Group, the CHC developed three alternative design concept plans based on community input. Current consensus supports a concept that allows a point of access from Main Street to the Elderly Housing and another point of access from Church Street to a traditional neighborhood village of 18-20 units without creating a through road. A final marketing and financial feasibility study must be conducted prior to deciding any reduced density, architectural standards and the development of the disposition agreement.

The CHC informed the Board of Selectmen in April '08 that they suspended exploration of the Mullen Property for housing until questions on well exploration were resolved. Water Commissioners drilled for water in May and determined that the site was not suitable. The CHC resumed meeting in June. During that time, the Board of Health stated that a change in regulations was not likely in the short-term regarding issues affecting a Chapter 40R project and the CHC has decided to pursue a 'friendly' 40B project option. Developing project design criteria and a 'request for proposal' document will be the remaining tasks ahead for the CHC in the remainder of '08 and into '09.

The CHC remains steadfast in its commitment to a town-driven affordable housing development and is poised to complete a Mullen Property housing plan that both addresses neighborhood concerns and provides sustainable housing options for current and future generations.

COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE
David Houlden, Brian Murphey, Patricia Reeser, Marge Peterson & Gail Majauckas

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During 2008, the Capital Improvement Committee reviewed and coordinated the planning and proposed financing of West Newbury capital improvements (items over \$10,000) and updated the twenty year plan for the Stabilization Fund.

Meetings were conducted with each Town Department that was requesting funds over the amount of \$10,000. Ten items were reviewed with all of them requesting funds for Fiscal Year 2009. After review, each of the items was prioritized using the litmus test. The order of prioritization is shown below.

Below is a summary of Fiscal 2009 items and Exhibit A is an updated Stabilization fund overview.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS							
	Priority	2009 Requested	Water Fund	Free Cash	Stabilization Fund	Approved 2008 Mtg	
WATER DEPARTMENT							
Purchase 120 additional Water Meters	3	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000				
Repairs to Brake Hill water tank	2	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000				
Repairs to Distribution System	4	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000				
Monitoring System-Artichoke wellfield	5	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000				
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS							
Repairs to Page School Building	1	\$ 125,985			\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	
Upgrades to Town Hall	8	\$ 54,300			\$ 54,300	\$ 54,300	
HVAC system for Annex	9	\$ 39,930			\$ 30,000	N/A	
Purchase new Pick-up Truck	10	\$ 17,000			\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	
FIRE DEPARTMENT							
Purchase new Ladder Platform Truck	7	\$ 800,000			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	
Purchase new Dump Truck/Sander	6	\$ 138,000			\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000	

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Berkenbush	Tracy Blais	Mary Harada	Dennis Unger
Gail Majauckas	Judy Mizner	Richard Preble	Richard Cushing

CAPITAL ASSET REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS

As Of Jan 10, 2008

Department of Public Works

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Annex	39,930			3,000					
Apartment House									
Bandstand									
Concession Stand									
DPW Building									
Garden Street Fire Station							12,000		
GAR Memorial Library				11,000					
Highway Department/Salt/Sand Shed		5,500							
DPW Garage									
Mill Pond Recreation Building	125,985								
Page School									
Park and Recreation Building									
Public Safety Complex									
Town Hall						16,500			
Town Office Building (1910 Building)	54,300		11,000						
Page School	51,000	50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000	
Unanticipated Building Repairs		12,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	14,000
1982 Bombarier Sidewalk Plow		40,000							
1990 Ford Dump/Sander L8000									
1992 Ford F150 Pickup Truck	17,000								
1997 Ford Truck L8000 Dump/Sander	138,000	100,000							
1998 Caterpillar Backhoe				100,000					
1999 Ford F350 Dump							49,000		
2000 International Dump			94,000						
2000 John Deere Tractor Mower					45,000				
2002 John Deere Tractor Mower					40,000				
2002 Kubota Mower		12,000							14,000
2003 International Dump						105,000			
2005 Ford F350 Dump									
2005 John Deere Tractor w/Loader				47,000					
Total DPW	426,215	219,500	128,000	225,000	98,000	184,500	74,000	63,000	28,000

Do not replace

Fire Department

1969 Ford Combo F-16(Eng 24)									
1980 Seagrave Aerial Ladder Truck	100,000								
1985 Ford Tanker-Pumper						375,000			
1989 Ford L8000 Chassis Fire Engine (Eng 22)									
1994 Ford Rescue									
2003 KME Pumper (Eng 23)									
2006 KME Pumper (Eng 24)									
1984 Ford F250 (Forestry Truck)									
1996 Ford F250 (Forestry Truck)							25,000		
1997 Rescue Boat Zodiac Mark II w/Trailer					30,000				
Jaws of Life	18,000								
Bunker Gear									
Air Equipment									
Total Fire Department	118,000	0	0	0	30,000	375,000	25,000	0	0

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Television Advisory Committee is a permanent committee with annual appointments selected by the Board of Selectmen of West Newbury. During 2008, the Cable Television Advisory Committee consisted of just two members; Jim Teal Chairman and Kevin Bowe. This year, the Cable Television Advisory Committee's activities were greatly diminished over the prior year's activities.

West Newbury now has 2 cable franchises providing a combination of services. As part of the franchise process, each company has provided West Newbury with the ability to provide a "PEG" channel. PEG (Public, Education, and Government) channels provide local governments with a TV channel to provide local programming. Due to limited funding, we have not yet implemented this service. Meetings during this past year have been focused on what it would take to enable local PEG programming.

Major inhibitors to providing the PEG Channel service has been related to resource based constraints. The first is a limited number of committee members. The current committee of two needs to be expanded to help broaden the perspective of the committee and add additional human resources to the tasks related to the committee. These include contract renewals which will commence again shortly for the Comcast Agreement, and planning for PEG Access among other things. If you have an interest in joining the Cable Advisory Committee (CAC), please notify the Board of Selectmen.

The second major inhibitor to providing the PEG Channel has been funding. When the CAC signed the contract with Verizon for a cable franchise, there were provisions for an up-front cash payment to fund capital purchases related to PEG broadcasting as well as quarterly revenues based on subscriber revenues. Since the contract was signed, these funds have been accumulating to the point where we can plan to enable PEG in the near future. At this time, Larry Murphy, Town Council and the Town's Chief Procurement Officer has requests for quotes out to a few firms as the first phase of our PEG broadcasting plans start to come to fruition.

We will be working over the coming months to define guidelines for use of the PEG facilities. The prospects are great, and we hope to engage a wider audience to provide guidance and support for this process. Presently, our high level plan is to:

- Create a low maintenance automated broadcasting infrastructure that will support broadcasting of recorded content with the ability to add live content broadcasting from the 1910 Building.
- Enable 'simulcasting' of content to both the Comcast and Verizon networks.
- Provide the ability to broadcast recorded content in MPEG or DVD format on the PEG Channel. This facility will initially be limited to recorded government meetings like School Committee and Selectmen's meetings.

- Provide "Message Board" functionality on the PEG channel when programs are not in progress. This may include items like:
 - Local Weather
 - Events
 - Meeting Schedules
 - Emergency notices

Looking ahead in 2009, the committee expects to start the contract renewal process with Comcast and continue to plan for PEG Broadcasting.

I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation the support that Kris Pyle, the Assistant to the Selectmen, provides to us. She consistently supports us in fast, friendly, and professional manner.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Teal, Chairman
Kevin Bowe

2008 West Newbury Parks and Recreation Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Commission consisted of three Commissioners:

Greg Pope, Chairman;
Brian Conn, Vice Chairman; and
Jack Duggan, Secretary.

Mr. Duggan was re-elected to a three year term on the Commission at the spring, 2008 election.

Over the course of the year, the Commission provided oversight of upkeep, events and activities at the Page School, Bachelor Street, Action Cove and Pipestave playing fields. Throughout the year several individuals commented on the excellent conditions of these fields and their maintenance by the town's Department of Public Works. Significant improvements were made to drainage at Pipestave's Babe Ruth field as well as creation of an access walkway to the Pipestave lower fields. Youth sports organizations again provided significant contributions to spring cleanups and repairs and upgrades to the fields.

Organized youth sports played on West Newbury fields have included baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse. West Newbury Baseball held another successful inter-town tournament. Baseball and soccer camps were also held on Town facilities.

A summer recreation program was offered this year for the first time in several years. The program was started with the aid of a generous grant from the Moseley Foundation. The six-week program drew over 150 West Newbury youths. The program was located at the Page School building and grounds and included weekly activities off-site. Several West Newbury teenagers received summer employment under this program as counselors.

Jack Duggan, Secretary

**Council on Young Children
West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985**

**Report of the Council on Young Children Committee
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008**

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Council on Young Children provides activities, information, education, and support for families of young children residing in West Newbury. Over the past year we worked to develop our committee and leadership to create a sustainable core group of volunteers and participants, including developing an email contact list with over 50 families. The Council expresses gratitude for the support of town officials, G.A.R. Memorial Library, the West Newbury Garden Club, the Mill Pond Committee, Council members, and the families who have been instrumental in making this second year successful.

During this past fiscal year the events the Council on Young Children organized and sponsored included:

- The first Annual Pumpkin Patch Halloween Parade for preschoolers and parents at Mill Pond in October 2007.
- A forum for parents on selecting a preschool in November of 2007.
- A yoga course for preschoolers and parents in February of 2008
- A community yard sale for children's items in June 2008.
- A series of Children's Community Garden educational programs for parents and preschoolers running every other week throughout the summer from May through August 2008. The Children's Community Garden establishing a flower and vegetable garden at G.A.R. Memorial Library and in collaboration with the West Newbury Garden Club.
- Committee member Cyndy Bourquard led several nature workshops for children at the West Newbury Library. Programs included water explorations, frogs, bugs, and nature crafts.

Sincerely,

Erin Seaton, Chair

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a summary of our FY 2008 activity:

- ◇ Met with the Public Works Director to encourage consideration of several energy saving opportunities.
- ◇ Met with the Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police to discuss potential hybrid vehicle purchase for police or other town department usage.
- ◇ Applied to Commonwealth of Massachusetts for an energy audit service to be provided at no charge to the Town.

Members:

Richard Parker

David Kapturowski

Anne Craig

Arthur Wallace

Community Preservation Committee

July 2007 – June 2008.

The Community Preservation Committee spent the early part of the year getting organized and familiar with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act. The Massachusetts nonprofit Community Preservation Coalition briefed us on the statute and where to find model programs from other CPA communities. By June 2008 the CPC had essentially finished creating application forms and guidance for applicants. These were to be distributed later at Town Meeting and posted on the town website. Town staff had established appropriate financial accounting procedures, with accounts designated for community housing, open space, historic preservation, and other funds. Total available funds at the end of fiscal 2008 were

Open space	\$ 43,722.00
Historic resources	\$ 43,722.00
Community housing	\$ 43,722.00
Unreserved funds	<u>\$515,057.37</u>
Total	\$646,223.37.

This amount includes \$211,064 in state matching funds received in 2008.

Members as of June 30, 2008:

Ann O'Sullivan, Chair,
Arthur Wallace, Vice Chair
Tracy Blais, Ex Officio
Irene Durkin
Brian Conn
Judy Mizner
John McGrath
Bert Knowles

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Dr. William I. Hart
Assistant Superintendent**

The West Newbury Annual Report of the School Department activities for FY08 has been developed by the Principals of the Dr. John C. Page School, Pentucket Regional Middle School and Pentucket Regional High School on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools and the Pentucket Regional School Committee.

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**Pentucket Regional School District
Dr. John C. Page Elementary School
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

The 2007-2008 school year at the Dr. John C. Page School was an exciting one! The prek-6 student enrollment was 542 students. The enrollment was comprised of West Newbury students as well as 14 intra-district placements, 34 students through the school choice program along with 51 preschool students.

The School Improvement Plan focused on the strategic goals relative to student achievement, developing social competence in our students, providing students with more age appropriate performance opportunities, and the systematic maintenance and repair of the facility. The Plan, as presented and approved by the PRSD School Committee last spring, is a three year document (2007-2010) which will be reviewed and updated each year.

Money was appropriated last spring at town meeting for continued capital improvements to the school. Classroom carpets were replaced with tile on the top floor of the school. Exterior trim painting was done. The roof was repaired so that it no longer leaks. We wish to extend our special thanks to a few devoted parents, our highway department leadership, and buildings and ground workers who installed four basketball units on our playground. Town workers also painted lines on the playground hot top so that half court games could be played. It was a valuable lesson in teamwork for the students as they had raised the money to purchase the equipment, but did not have the money or resources to do the installation.

The Professional Learning Community Model (PLC) was adopted by the staff last year as a way to collaborate to improve student achievement. Staff focused on determining students' entry points into the curriculum and continuously progress monitoring achievement. Staff analyzed all student achievement data available to them to set annual, measurable goals while articulating the instructional strategies and activities to support goal attainment. The positive energy generated by staff collaboration on behalf of students was impressive.

Our commitment to working with children to develop social competence continued at the school. Led by our school counselor, we explored what we collectively stand for as a learning community, our individual contributions to the community, and the positive contributions of others to our school. The visual support for our work was displayed throughout the school which proved to be reinforcing and powerful.

We look forward to our continued work on behalf of the students in the upcoming year. We appreciate the community support to help us with our mission.

Sincerely,

Lizabeth M. Perry, Principal

**Pentucket Regional School District
Pentucket Regional Middle School
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

The 2007-2008 school year at Pentucket Regional Middle School was a productive one. Student enrollment was 530 and comprised of 111 from West Newbury, 191 from Groveland, 216 from Merrimac, and 12 students through the school choice program.

At the beginning of SY 2008 we learned that our school was placed in corrective action by the Department of Education due to not meeting annual yearly progress as measured by No Child Left Behind. This designation became the focal point of the work done by the school advisory council, staff, parents and students. I have outlined some of the accomplishments below.

Staff heightened the focus on improving student achievement through literacy as it was identified as a deficit through MCAS data analysis. One measure to address this issue was the inclusion of professional learning community (PLC) time to our schedules. Each week staff members met by department and worked collaboratively on goals to improve student achievement. Having been identified as a school in corrective action by the Department of Education, the PLC collaborative work was instrumental in the development of strategies and corresponding initiatives. Some of the initiatives included incorporating Study Island; a web based interactive math education program that students could access at home and school, after school tutoring in the areas of math and English, and the inclusion of supplemental curriculum targeting areas of weakness as identified by MCAS data. I am pleased to report that the middle school has met the annual yearly progress goal for the 2009 school year, and is one year out of corrective action status. (*Schools in corrective action must make annual yearly progress in the identified area for two consecutive years prior to receiving a cleared status*).

Respectfully submitted,
Robin L. Wilson, Principal

**Pentucket Regional School District
Pentucket Regional High School
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Pentucket Regional High School is engaged in an ongoing process of identifying core issues within the school facility and our educational practice, implementing and planning for improvements. Since the end of the school year 07-08 facility the following list of facility related issues have been addressed:

1. Stripping and resurfacing of floors throughout the building, including the gymnasium.
2. Refurbishing of the cafeteria entrance with signage and landscaping
3. Auditorium painting and construction of sound and lighting booth
4. Electronic message board donated by the class of 2008 installed in the main lobby
5. Repairs to the heating system are ongoing with boiler 2 receiving maintenance and repair.
6. Athletic training space is being constructed to create more classroom space.

Initiatives related to direct instruction include:

1. School wide focus on engaging all students in the learning process
2. Staff are using the 90 minute early release time to work collaboratively on developing specific goals on improving our instructional practices. Staff are writing SMART goals and developing action plans, and are using this time throughout the year to implement these plans and monitor their goals.
3. Other school wide initiatives include increasing student voice in decision making throughout the school, empowering them to have a positive impact on school culture. Strategies include leadership training and small student advisory groups to consult with each academic department in the school.
4. The school council will be leading a review of the graduation requirements which have an important impact on decision making and allocation of resources in the years to come as we define what a PRHS graduate should know and be able to do after 4 years of high school.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Seymour, Principal

West Newbury Graduates:

Ashley Adams
Rachel Aganski
Jonathan Andreas
Lauren Atherton
Lyndsay Beaton
Hillary Biggs
Jeffrey Boyd
Jonathan Brenner
Stephen Cavallaro
Max Chase
Anne Cleary
Matthew Colangelo
Brianna Connolly
Ryan Cooney
Elyse Cosentino
Liam Crawford
Robert Delotto
Ryan Deveney
Ryan Durkin
Brooke Elmi
Julie Fallavollita
Cara Freitas
Sarah Galligan
Amanda Gavin
Matthew Green
Christina Guillemette

Michael Guzelian
Emily Harrington
Stephen Hayden
Stephen Jenkins
Katherine Lake
Brandon Lambert
Keenan Leonard-Solis
Hannah Libby
Benjamin Mead
Jenna Moughan
Matthew Murphey
Joseph Nolan
Juliette Nolan
Allison Pearsall
Elizabeth Pope
Benjamin Radville
Matthew Roberts
Kayla Rose
Emma Sector
Williams Shipps
David Spalding
Katherine Studzinski
Jonathan Vito
Jacob Webber
Calley Yocum
Colgan Young

MICHAEL GILBERT
Chairperson/School Committee

WILLIAM P. DeROSA
Superintendent



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September 15, 2008

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: David Mansfield, Whittier Representative
William P. DeRosa, Superintendent

Whittier offers 21 vocational technical career areas designed to provide the necessary training and skills for further education or work force success.

Whittier's academic program is designed to offer students the fundamental skills through its core curriculum in English, Math, Science and Technology, Social Studies, World Languages, Physical Education/Health, and Elective subjects. Courses are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in order to achieve success on the MCAS.

Courses are offered in a sequential format and are integrated with the vocational-technical areas, wherever practicable and mutually beneficial. All academic courses offer advanced sections for students who desire to further their education. We offer honors courses in English, science, and math to lead toward advanced placement courses. Moreover, a Tech Prep program is offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students which parallels the College Prep program and provides students with the opportunity to earn college credit and/or advanced college placement.

Since all programs are open to both females and males, we encourage our students to explore and to specialize in non-stereotyped, non-traditional vocational-technical areas and to strive for the maximum realization of their goals and potential.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is entering its thirty-sixth year. To date we have graduated 8,670 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from West Newbury: 10

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The October 1, 2007 Day School Enrollment:


	Boys	Girls
Grade 9	2	1
Grade 10	0	1
Grade 11	0	1
Grade 12	0	0

Total – 5

2008 Graduates – 0

The cost to West Newbury for the school year 2007-2008 was \$45,549.00.

Respectfully yours,



David Mansfield
West Newbury Representative



William P. DeRosa
Superintendent

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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Superintendent's Office _____ (978) 363-2280
Business Manager's Office _____ 363-5104
Dr. John C. Page School (Principal Lizabeth Perry) _____ 363-2672
Pentucket Regional Middle School (Principal Renzo Binagi) _____ 363-2957
Pentucket Regional High School (Principal Arlene Townes) _____ 363-5507

WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent's Office (Supt. Paul Livingston) _____ (978) 373-4101

COMMUNITY SERVICES

W.N. Veteran's Rep., Richard Berkenbush _____ 363-6488
Veterans' Service Officer Terry Hart _____ (978) 356-3915
Housing Authority Office _____ 363-2723
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Driving Club Sec. Felicity Beech _____ 363-2021
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Official Town Website, for information on line: www.wnewbury.org

West Newbury Cemetery Information*

<u>Locations:</u>	<u>Contact person:</u>
Rural Cemetery (Chase St.)	Dick Cunningham _____ (978) 465-0486
Walnut Hill (Bachelor St.)	Rick Thurlow _____ 363-2009
Bridge Street Cemetery	Rick Marchand _____ 363-5784
Merrimack Cemetery (Pleasant St.)	Rick Davies _____ 462-4879

* All Cemeteries in West Newbury are privately owned and maintained.

WEST NEWBURY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The meeting times below are subject to change. For an up-to-date idea of when a committee or board will next meet, check the schedule on the Town website or the meeting board outside the Town Clerk's Office.

Board of Selectmen	Mondays (If Mon. is Holiday, Tues.; July-Aug. every other wk.)	7:00 p.m.	Town Office Bldg. First Floor Hearing Room
Board of Assessors	As Posted		Town Office Bldg.
Board of Health	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Town Office Bldg.
Planning Board	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Town Office Bldg.
Housing Authority	As Posted	7:00 p.m.	Community Room 379 Main Street
Board of Water Commissioners	2nd Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Town Office Bldg.
Park & Recreation Commissioners	As Posted		
Pentucket School Committee	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Middle School
Zoning Board of Appeals	2 nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Town Office Bldg.
Emergency Management Agency	As Posted		Public Safety Bldg.
Finance Committee	As Posted		Town Office Bldg.
Council on Aging	1 st Thursday	12:30 p.m.	Sr. Drop-In-Center
Conservation Commission	1 st & 3 rd Monday	7:30 p.m.	Town Office Bldg.
Board of Fire Engineers	As posted		Fire Stn. – Public Safety Building
Board of Library Trustees	1st Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	GAR Library
Friends of the Library	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	GAR Library
Mill Pond Committee	1st Wednesday Oct.- April; May – Sept. or as posted	7:30 p.m.	Town Office Bldg.; Mill Pond Bldg.
Open Space Committee	2nd Wednesday and as posted	7:30 p.m.	Town Office Bldg. 2nd Fl Hearing Rm
Energy Advisory Committee	As posted		
Capital Improvement Committee	Jan.-Mar., as posted		
Community Housing Committee	As posted		
Workforce Housing Trust	As posted		
Council on Young Children	As posted		

The 1910 Town Office Building is located at 381 Main Street. The Town Hall at 491 Main Street is used for Town Meetings and does not house any Town offices.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Acts of 1975, Chapter 303, a notice of every meeting of any governmental body shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the notice publicly posted on the official board at least forty-eight hours prior to such meeting.

Annual Town Meeting
Annual Town Election

Last Monday in April
First Monday in May

Town Hall
Town Office Building

STREET INDEX

1
 Albin Lane - C2
 Appleton Court - B2
 Archelus Road - D3
 Archelus Hill Place - C3
 Arrowhead Way - F3
 Ash Street - C2-D2
 Avoa Lane - D3
 Bachelor Street - C2-D4
 Bailey's Lane - C2
 Beaver Brook Lane - B3
 Brake Hill Terrace - A4
 Brackett Street - D4
 Bridge Street - D2-C2
 Brown Lane - E2-E3
 Barbary Lane - A4-B4

2
 Carlson Road - B4
 Chase Street - B2
 Cherry Hill Street - D4-E3
 Chestnut Street - A4
 Chestnut Hill Street - A4
 Church Street - B2-B3
 Coffin Street - C1-C2
 Colby Lane - C2
 Crane Neck Street - B4-D2
 Grand Drive - B4
 Captain Thomas Drive - B5
 Corland Lane - C1
 Dels Place - A3
 Deaven Drive - C3
 Emery Lane - E1

Farm Lane - A4
 Fallon Lane - E2
 Ferry Lane - B2

3
 Garden Street - E2-E3
 Georgetown Road - C4-C5

Honeye Lane - D1
 Harrison Avenue - B3
 Hoberg Lane - B2
 Hulse Circle - B4

Holy Hill Road - D4
 Indian Hill Street - D3-F4
 Indian Ridge Road - E2-E4
 Ironstone - F3-F4
 Ironwood Way - B2

Keele Court - B4
 Kimball Lane - C4

LeBene Lane - E3

4
 Main Street - A3-B1
 Maple Street - B3
 Meadow Sweet Road - A3-A4
 Mechanic Street - B3
 Montinghouse Hill Road - C3
 Merrill Street - B3
 Middle Street - B2-F2
 Montclair Road - D4
 Moulton Street - D4-E3
 Murray - E1-E2

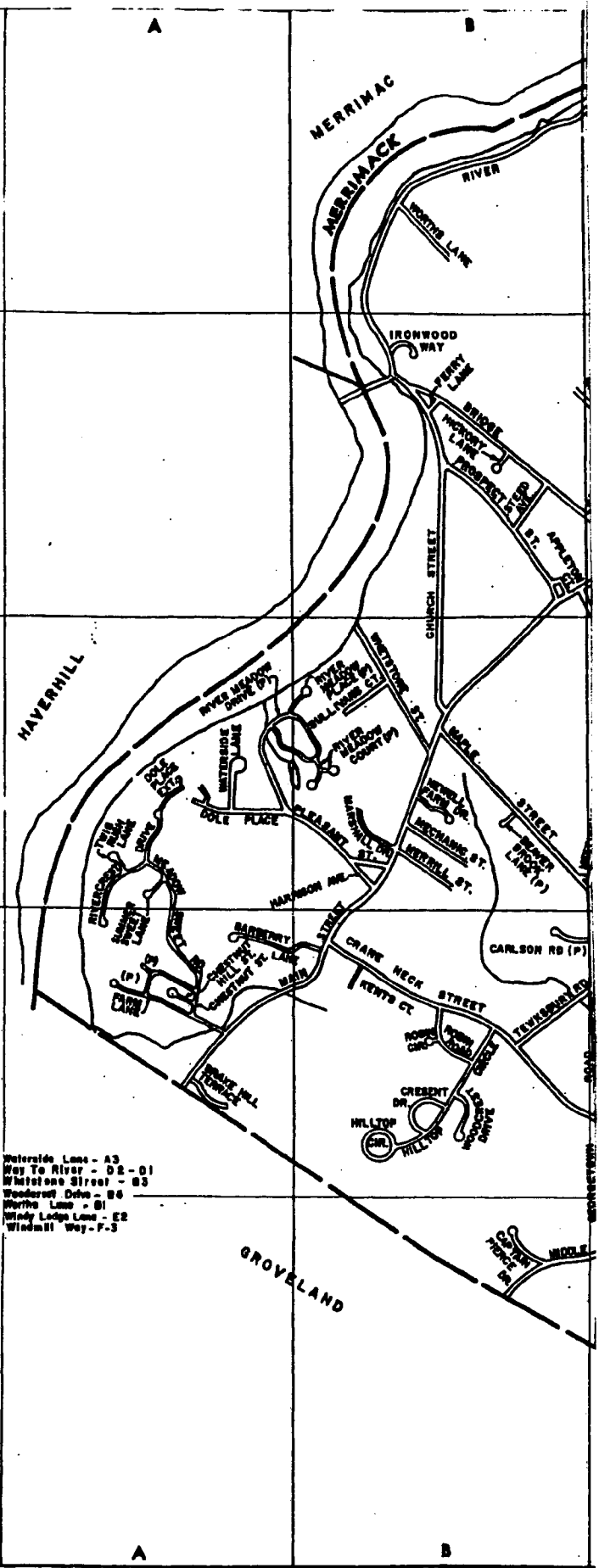
Howell Farm Drive - B3
 Horton Drive - E1-E2
 Olds Parish Way - D2

Parsons Road - E1-E2
 Pleasant Hillway - C2
 Pines Bridge Road - E3
 Pleasant Street - B3
 Poorland Lane - C2-C3
 Pouch Lane - E2
 Prospect Street - B2

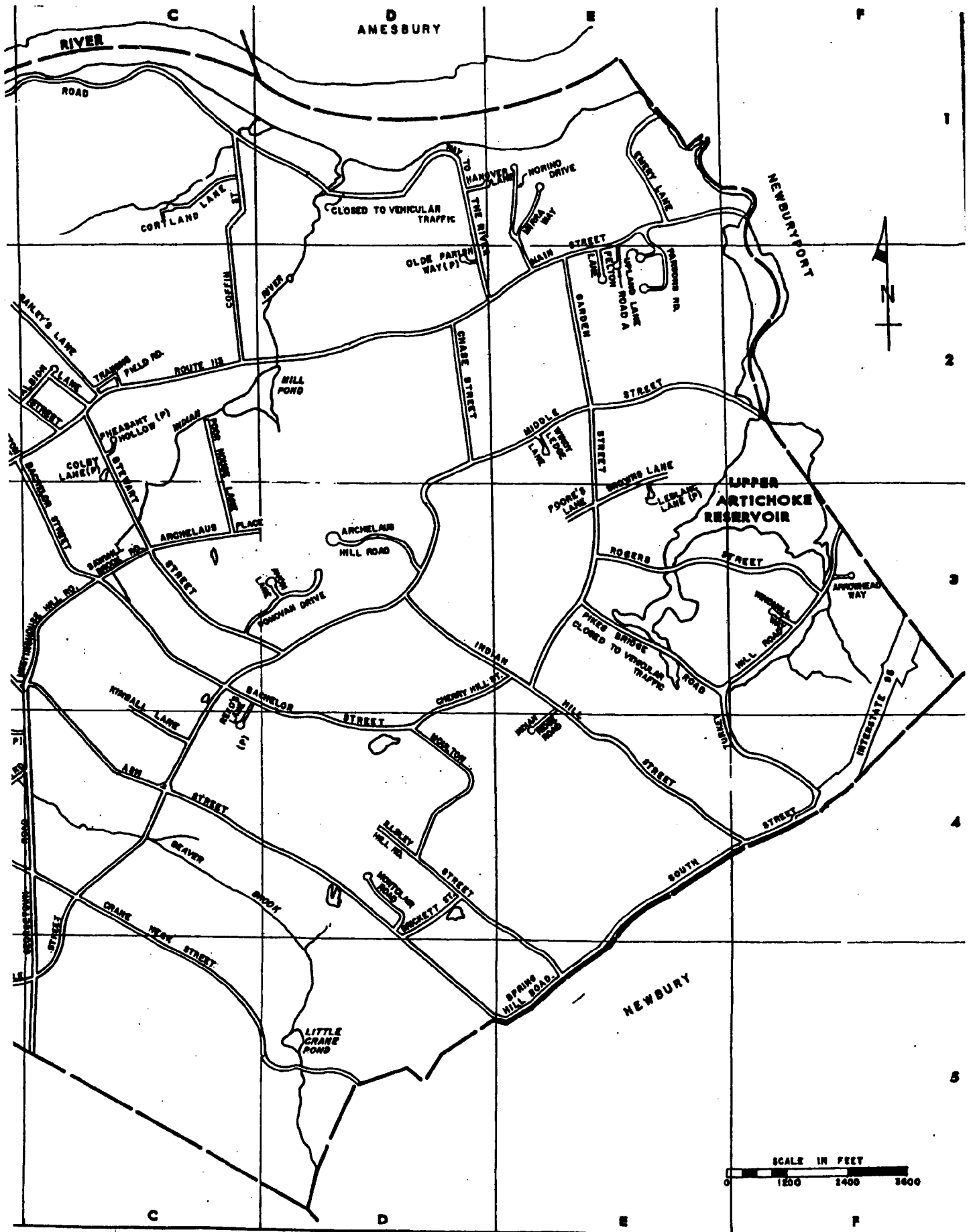
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 Road 6 Lane - C3-C4
 River Meadow Court - B3
 River Meadow Drive - A3-B3
 River Meadow Place - A3-B3
 River Road - B1-D1
 Riverport Drive - A3-A4
 Robin Circle - B4
 Robin Road - B4
 Rogers Street - E3-F3
 Route 115 - A4-E1
 Sawmill Brook Road - C3
 South Street - E3-F4
 Spring Hill Road - E3
 Slead Avenue - B2
 Stewart Street - C2-D3
 Sullivan Court - B3
 Summer Sweet Lane - A3

Tewksbury Road - B4
 Training Field Road - C2
 Turbay Hill Road - F3-F4
 Trig Bush Lane - A3

Upland Lane - E2



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