

TOWN REPORT

JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009

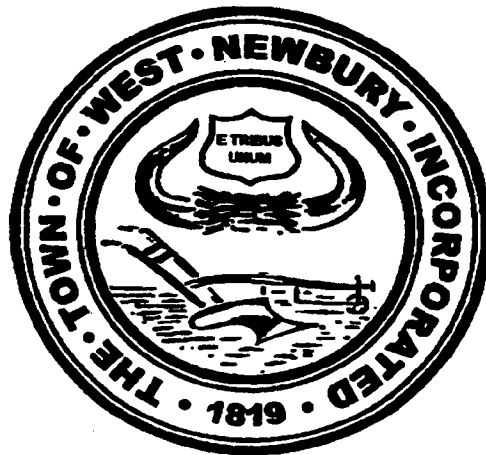


TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY MASSACHUSETTS

381 Main Street, West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985

**ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2009**

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
1900-2009**

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
Albert H. Knowles, Jr.

*Died in office

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS
(As of June 30, 2009)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard J. Cushing, Clerk, 2010 Glenn A. Kemper, Chairman, 2011 Thomas M. Atwood, 2012

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Blake J. Seale, 2011 Robert P. Janes, Chairman, 2012 Kimberly Cole, 2010

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Victor A. Gangi, 2012 William J. Krajeski, Chair, 2011 Cheryl Hoenemeyer, 2010

TOWN MODERATOR

Kathleen C. Swallow, 2012

PENTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE – WEST NEWBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Heather A. Conner, 2011 Jill C. Eichhorst, 2012 Wendy Willis, 2010

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

W. Lawrence Corcoran, 2012 William H. Campbell, Chair, 2010 R. Scott Wolke, 2011

CONSTABLES

Stephen Alvino, 2012 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, 2012
M. Dorothy Cavanaugh, 2011 Judith W. Marshall, 2011 Scott P. Berkenbush, 2012
R. Bruce Hamilton, 2011 Theresa A. Bisenius, 2010 Virginia J. Selman, 2012

PLANNING BOARD

Ann E. Bardeen, 2013 Raymond Cook, Chair, 2011 Arthur T. Wallace, 2012
Brian R. Murphey, 2012 Peter R. Haack, Clerk, 2010 Andrew Turbide, Associate

BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Thomas J. Flaherty, 2012 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, 2012 Marjorie Peterson, 2010 Unfilled at this time, 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, Retiring July, 2009

Eileen Deveau

CHIEF ASSESSOR

Karen Rassias

ASSTISTANT TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER

Jennifer Yaskell

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Gary Bill, Director

Douglas Gelina, Buildings and Grounds Foreman

Richard Hills, Highway Foreman

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Scott Berkenbush, Fire Chief

Peter Connolly
Benjamin Jennell

Robert Janes
Michael D. Dwyer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lisa Holmes, Chief, 2011

Michael Dwyer, 2012

Eric Forni, 2011

Jeffrey Durand, Sgt., 2012
Royster Johnson, IV, 2012

Daniel Cena, Sgt., 2011
Barry Coker, 2010

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

Danielle Connolly

Robert Bishop

Benjamin Jennell

Patrick Clay
Gregory Whitney
Narciso Garcia, Jr.
Henry Olshefsky

Brian Warne
Timothy Rivet
Robert Mercurio
Monica Carnes

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Scott P. Berkenbush, E.M.A.

Madelyn L. Cirinna, A.C.O.

AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

Bruce Hamilton, E.M.A.

Lee Ann Delp, E.M.A.

George Evans, E.M.A.

Danielle Connolly

David D. Jennell, E.M.A.

Elizabeth Berkenbush

Robert Janes

Richard J. Cushing, E.M.A.
Carolyn Davies, E.M.A.
Richard Davies, E.M.A.
Fred Beaulieu, E.M.A.
Glenn A. Kemper
Sara Connolly
Raymond S. Dower III

Mark Hemingway, E.M.A.
Greg Jennell, E.M.A.
John Connolly, E.M.A.
Brandon Lamson, E.M.A.
Thomas M. Atwood
Evan Cushing
William Donahue

FIELD DRIVER AND FENCE VIEWER

Stephen C. Alvino

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Madelyn Cirinna

Christopher Sargent, Assistant

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS and SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Judith Romano (Full-time)

Lee Ann Delp

Danielle Connolly (Full-time)

Sara Connolly (Full-time)

(Lead Dispatcher, Full-time)

Glenn Coffin (Part-time)

Richard Parenteau

Alex McKeon (Part-time)

Benjamin Jennell (Part-time)

Lisa Duxbury (Part-time)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Michael Dwyer, Deputy Director

Scott P. Berkenbush, Director

Lee Ann Delp, Deputy Director
and Administrative Asst.

Carolyn Davies, Radiological
Officer

Raymond Dower, Fire Dept. Rep.

Richard Cushing,
Municipal Officer

Richard Davies, Radiological
Officer

Robert Janes, Fire Dept. Rep.
William Donahue, Fire Dept. Rep.

Glenn Kemper, Municipal Officer
Thomas Atwood, Municipal
Officer

Mark Hemingway,
Communications

Bruce Hamilton, Transportation

Sara Connolly, Special Needs

Joseph Beaulieu, Communications

Elizabeth Berkenbush,
Special Needs

Brandon Lamson, Special Needs

John Connolly, Communications

Chief Lisa Holmes,
Police Dept. Rep.

Gary Bill, DPW Rep.

Mike Gootee, Water Dept. Rep.

Sgt. Daniel Cena,
Police Dept. Rep.

Danielle Connolly, Staging Officer

Paul Sevigny, Board of Health
Rep.

Royster Johnson, Staging Officer

George Evans, Staging Officer

James Riley, Staging Officer

David D. Jennell, Staging Officer

Greg Jennell, Staging Officer

TOWN COUNSEL and CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Lawrence J. Murphy

CROSSING GUARD – PAGE SCHOOL

Alexander Krawczyk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Archibald, 2011

David Kaptrowski, Chair, 2012

Mary Harada, 2010

Jessica G. Schlather, 2010

Tracy Blais, Ex Officio

Joseph Anderson, 2010

William E. Bachrach, 2011

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Madelyn L. Cirinna

(Appointed by the Commonwealth)

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICERS

Margaret A. Priest,
Walnut Hill Cemetery

Albert H. Knowles, Jr.,

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

Rural Cemetery

Robert Janes, Merrimack Cemetery

Elise Henrichs, 2011	<u>REGISTRARS OF VOTERS</u> Rosamond B. Veator, Chair, 2010 Lawrence J. Murphy, Ex Officio	Gail Majauckas, 2012
Glenn Clohecy	<u>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</u>	Kenneth Ward, Alternate
David Levesque	<u>INSPECTOR OF WIRING</u>	Larry S. Fisher, Alternate
Ronald Caruso	<u>GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR</u>	Stanley Kulacz, Alternate
Sandra Barnes, 2011 Peter Phillips, 2010 Albert H. Knowles, Jr., Alternate	<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u> Paul O. Kelly, Chair, 2010	William Studzinski, 2010 Dionne Sutton, 2012 Patrick Higgins, Alternate
Peter J. Flink, 2011 Richard J. Spieler, 2011	<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u> N. Dawne Fusco, 2012	John R. Dimitry, 2010 Barry P. Fogel, 2010
Thomas Goodwin, 2010	<u>HARBOR COMMITTEE</u> James Riley, Ex Officio Stephen Burke, 2012	Charles Littlefield, 2011
Geoffrey Hills, 2011	<u>HARBOR MASTER</u> James Riley, 2011	
	<u>HARBOR ASSISTANTS</u> Thomas M. Goodwin, 2010 Robert Bishop, 2011	David Evans, 2011
Allan P. Jarvis, 2010, Vice Chairman Richard F. Preble, 2011, Secretary Chester T. LeBlanc, 2010 G. Phyllis Lavoie, 2010	<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u> Gene Tatro, Chairman, 2011 Barbara Gove, 2011 Mary Ellen Hubley, 2011 George T. Allen, Alternate, 2010	Dorothy Cavanaugh, 2012, Treasurer Muriel Mathias, 2012 Luella E. LeBlanc, 2010 Zella Haskell, 2011
	<u>SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR</u> Theresa Poore	
Richard C. Thurlow, 2011 John D. Thurlow, 2012	<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</u> Jane W. Wild, 2011 Susan P. Follansbee, 2010 M. Dorothy Cavanaugh, 2012	Peter R. Haack, 2012 Mary C. Cornell, 2011

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Reinelle K. Verschoor, 2011
Peter Stuart, 2011
John M. Alden, Alternate, 2010

Margaret I. Dunlap, 2012, Chair
Suzanne Wolke, 2011

M. Clifton Robinson, 2012
Jeffrey L. Hogan, 2010
David Danis, Alternate, 2010

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
Amy Bresky, 2012
Thomas Craig, 2010
Barbara L. Raiche, Associate
Susan M. Delaney, Associate

Charles D. Reynolds, 2011,
Chairman
Cindy Bourquard, 2010
Joan M. Reynolds, Associate
Edmund Markewicz, Associate
Curt Bergeron, Associate

Deborah R. Hamilton, 2011
Pierre Avignon, 2012
Jason Dembowski, Associate
Deborah Schnappauf, Associate
Nathaniel Peirce, Associate

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Judith Mizner, 2012
, 2010
Tracy Blais, Ex Officio

Thomas M. Atwood,
Selectmen's Rep.
David Kapturowski, FinCom Rep.

Richard Preble, 2011
Gail Majauckas, 2011

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Duncan Beech

James Teal, Chairman

Kevin Bowe

CULTURAL COUNCIL

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

Catherine DeWitt, 2010
Beverly Mitchell, 2011

David Fulham, 2012
Susan M. Dougherty, 2011
Margo Pullman, 2011

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Glenn Clohecy, Coordinator
Elizabeth Croft

Douglas Gelina, Asst. Coordinator
Doris Bailey-Jones

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kristine A. Pyle
Scott Berkenbush
Jennifer Yaskell

Thomas M. Atwood,
Selectmen's Rep.
Judy Romano
Lee Ann Delp

Albert H. Knowles, Jr.,
Retirees' Rep.
Gary Bill

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Barry LaCroix, 2010
A. Don Bourquard, 2010
N. Dawne Fusco, Associate

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

Jean T. Lambert, 2012
Stephen Greason, 2012
Anne B. Madden, Associate

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Kristine Pyle

Jennifer Yaskell

SEXUAL HARASSMENT GRIEVANCE OFFICERS

Christa Phillips

Lawrence J. Murphy

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICERS

Terry Hart
(978-356-3915)

Albert H. Knowles, Jr.
West Newbury Representative

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Ann Bardeen, 2012, Chairman,
Planning Board Rep.
Thomas Flaherty, 2011,
Parks and Recreation Rep.

Glenn A. Kemper, 2010;
Selectmen's Rep.
Ann O'Sullivan, 2010, At-Large
Tracy Blais, Ex-Officio
Jane Wild, Historical Commission Rep., 2011

N. Dawne Fusco, 2010,
Conservation Comm. Rep.
Lawrence Corcoran, 2012,
Housing Authority Rep.

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Arthur Wallace
Elizabeth Callahan

Richard Parker

Ann Craig
Mark Baker

COUNCIL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Amy Friend
Linda Schaeffer

Erin Seaton, Chairman
Erin Meisner

Ellen Ulfelder
Cindy Bourquard

PAGE SCHOOL WORKING GROUP

Kathleen McWilliams
Brad Dore

Rene Guilmet
Sandra Capo
Gary Bill

Richard J. Cushing,
Selectmen's Rep.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

To the Citizens of the Town of West Newbury:

The new Ladder Truck arrived in town in the fall and our Fire Fighters were trained on the new equipment. We are indebted to the Towns of Newburyport, Merrimac, Groveland, and Rowley for responding when we needed their coverage.

The Indian Hill Property is ready for use with a small parking area. It is truly a jewel of a property and we hope that everyone in town will take a walk and enjoy the beautiful land and sky. Our thanks go to Essex County Greenbelt for helping to fund the purchase, and although the property is for use by anyone and everyone, West Newbury residents are very fortunate to have it right here in our own backyard.

A report was completed at the Selectmen's initiative to assess the safety of Page School. Because the report cited some serious concerns, Selectmen created the Page School Feasibility Working Group and appointed Sandra Capo, Kathy McWilliams, Brad Dore, Rene Guilmet, Dick Cushing, and Gary Bill. They compiled an in-depth priority list of repairs and renovations that may be addressed and they continue to work to determine the condition of the structure and systems of our elementary school. You will be hearing more about this as conclusions are reached and the Selectmen guide the process to an outcome.

Although Finance Director Blais has been warning us that tough economic times were on their way, no one truly understood just how seriously impacted the Town would be by what has become a global economic downturn. Our revenues from growth and from the state have been cut and cut deep. Fortunately the Finance Director and Finance Committee have worked over the past decade to shore-up the Town's finances and we have a good basis for dealing with this kind of crisis. Not to imply that we will not be affected because we are already experiencing the bite of having to cut departmental budgets further than they had been cut when you approved them at Spring Town Meeting. Fall Town Meeting holds more cuts for us, and next Fiscal Year, 2011, will be painful.

In July we had a gathering to say good-bye to our Town Accountant of 14 years, Susan Yaskell. She left us for retirement, which as we all know, is a very attractive lure. She will be missed but will be around to show-off her second granddaughter.

Ocean Meadow development continues to add to its number of units as it has proven to be a very nice place to live. Later this fall 4 affordable units will be sold through a lottery, and as a result West Newbury will be able to add the 4 additional units to our Affordable Housing inventory.

A Mullen property development RFP was prepared for Over-55 and starter home ownership and Senior Housing rentals. The Community Housing Committee brought the proposal to the populace at Spring Town Meeting. The majority perception was negative based primarily on the location and size of the development, and it failed to get approval. After years of dedicated

service to the town as the Committee's chairman, David Houlden stepped down. We were very fortunate for his huge contribution of time and expertise, and for being the gentleman he is. Thank you, David.

Early December brought a wind storm that knocked many branches down, and mid-Dec. brought an ice storm that took out the power to many of the towns' residents from a couple of days to several long weeks in some cases. Damage to trees and wires was very substantial and widespread throughout town and surrounding areas. Our Emergency Management Agency's record keeping of our response efforts led to substantial State reimbursement for expenses. Despite reports that came into the Selectmen's office about very narrow black bands on the woolly caterpillars, indicating a mild winter, we experienced a very long, cold winter with frequent, heavy snowfall, abundant ice, and wind. So much for the woolly caterpillars. A cool and windy spring followed.

There were two events this year to raise funds for the Veterans' Building. They did not raise enough money to do major repairs but the tower was stabilized and its roof repaired. Many people in town – and in neighboring towns – love this building and we have faith that in the coming years there will be a brighter future for it.

In August, after two-and-a-half years of dedicated work, Selectmen John McGrath resigned from his position on the Board. We know how much you love this town and how much of yourself you have put into it. Thank you, John.

A special election was held and former Selectman Bert Knowles took the reins until the next election in May. Tom Atwood won that election and took a place at a new Boardroom table after many years on the Pentucket School Committee.

Some things have not changed: several meetings were held to encourage better control over dogs and their owners at Mill Pond; Mr. Cushing (and the Selectmen) continued lobbying for sidewalks on Main Street from Pentucket to Page School; Parks and Recreation held a successful summer program; National Grid started the process to upgrade its lines; a Mail drop-box came at the Library and went (because of Post Office cuts); employee Health Insurance options were considered because of cost increases in health care; contracts were negotiated; Marge Peterson was presented with the Citizen of the Year award for her on-going volunteerism and dedication to the Town; and Jodi Bertrand, an inspiration to the Duracell battery bunny, was presented with the Employee of the year award in her two part-time positions in the Water Department and Department of Public Works office.

Some new and up-to-date changes included: getting ready for nation-wide digital TV transmission; adoption of a Trench Bylaw; Town maps are now available on the website; the ambulance contract was put out to bid to cut costs and ended up costing the Town \$0, a savings of \$1700/month; the Open Space Recreation Plan (and its ADA section) were completed by ADA Director Glenn Clohecy and the Open Space Committee; Selectmen approved a request to authorize a Municipal Wind Site Survey; the Cable Advisory Committee is making plans to broadcast Selectmen's meetings and Town Meetings on PEG channels; and the Energy Advisory Committee conducted an energy audit of Town buildings.

On March 4th, 2009 Dick Berkenbush passed from his life in this town that he loved so dearly. He had served as Police Chief, Fire Chief, Veterans' Service Officer, Selectman, and on numerous committees. He carried with him a wealth of town history and many West Newbury-related stories. He had his fans and his foes, but there is no disputing that he was one of West Newbury's finest, hardest working citizens. We thank him again for his forward-looking plan to make his farmland accessible to the townspeople.

In April the Selectmen appointed a new Board of Fire Engineers including Mike Dwyer, Bob Janes, Ben Jennell, Scott Berkenbush, and Peter Connolly. The new Engineers elected Scott Berkenbush as Fire Chief and Chief Raymond (Rock) S. Dower, III stepped down after 19 years of distinguished, dedicated service. The Selectmen and the entire town thank him.

We appreciate all of the 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, the West Newbury Garden Club for bringing beauty to our roadsides, 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 gratefully acknowledge the work of the Citizens for a Stronger Community and their efforts to open communication and educate our citizens in Town government processes. This is what public participation is all about.

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

Glenn A. Kemper, Chairman

Richard J. Cushing

Thomas M. Atwood

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Pyle

December 31, 2009

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, 2009, 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 the town's 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 upon request.

Sincerely,

Eileen DeVeau
Town Accountant

Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report for All Activity
FY 2009

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
TOWN MODERATOR		
Moderator's Salary	200	200
Moderator's Expenses	60	60
Department Total	260	260
BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Selectmen's Salaries	9,514	6,870
Selectmen's Appt'd Pers Salary	64,803	59,583
Professional & Tech Services	25,136	14,258
Selectmen's Operating Expenses	11,839	11,022
Unpaid Bills Prior Years	3,666	3,666
Department Total	114,957	95,399
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES		
Finance Committee Expenses	4,000	1,746
Department Total	4,000	1,746
Reserve Fund		
Department Total	0	0
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		
Assessors' Salaries	3,835	3,835
Assessors Appt'd Pers Salary & Wage	108,853	106,630
Assessors Expenses	24,342	23,955
Assessor Vehicle Allowance	1,800	1,800
Department Total	138,830	136,220
FINANCE DEPARTMENT		
Finance Dept Salaries & Wages	259,777	257,792
Annual Audit	19,750	19,750
Tax Title And Foreclosure	4,870	4,868
Telephone Expense	10,774	10,252
Postage Expense	12,500	12,401
Finance Dept Expenses	36,330	31,445
Department Total	344,001	336,507
TOWN COUNSEL/LEGAL		
Town Counsel Retainer & Fees	6,000	2,825
Department Total	6,000	2,825
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE		
Technology	29,150	27,192
Department Total	29,150	27,192
TOWN CLERK		
Town Clerk Salary & Wages	89,375	89,325
Preservation Of Town Records	2,510	1,552
Operation Of Fax/Photo Machine	11,000	9,611
Town Clerk's Expenses	7,430	7,424
Department Total	110,315	107,911

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FY 2009

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
BOARD OF REGISTRARS/ELECTIONS		
Town Clerk Compensation	150	150
Bd of Registrars Salary & Wages	5,200	3,866
Bd Of Registrars Expenses	13,000	12,126
Department Total	18,350	16,142
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		
Conservation Com Salary & Wages	18,783	18,778
Conservation Com Expenses	1,921	1,643
Department Total	20,704	20,421
PLANNING BOARD		
Planning Bd Salary & Wages	25,266	24,723
Planning Board Expenses	11,900	2,660
MVPC Assessment	1,369	1,368
Stm 4/03 - Exec Order 418	3,349	0
Department Total	41,884	28,750
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
ZBA Salary & Wages	6,000	1,000
ZBA Expenses	1,828	242
Department Total	7,828	1,242
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGT		
Land Preservation/Growth Mgmt	4,600	3,371
Stm 10/07 - Mullen Prpty Feasibilit	10,000	5,599
Department Total	14,600	8,970
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION		
Open Space Expenses	1,500	0
Department Total	1,500	0
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Cable Advisory Committee	50	0
Department Total	50	0
TOTAL - GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	852,429	783,584
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Police Salaries & Wages	664,105	642,127
Police Expenses	99,500	74,220
ATM 4/08 - Computer, Radio & DVR	8,098	7,927
Stm 10/08 - New Police Cruiser	31,700	29,175
Department Total	803,403	753,449

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	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Fire Alarm Wages	90,961	90,924
Fire Drills	15,200	15,167
Fire Stipends	18,000	17,367
Fire Administration	22,290	21,767
STM 10/98 - Medical Exams	5,306	0
Hydrant Mapping, Maint/Repair	15,750	15,750
Fire Alarm & Communications	9,500	9,223
Fire Expenses	29,600	28,676
Stm 10/08 - High Visblty Vests	4,000	2,099
Fire Capital Outlay	46,493	46,493
ATM 4/08 - New Fire Truck	300,000	281,455
Department Total	<u>557,100</u>	<u>528,921</u>
AMBULANCE		
Ambulance Service Retainer	20,400	20,400
Department Total	<u>20,400</u>	<u>20,400</u>
INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT		
Inspectors Salaries & Wages	89,876	89,034
Stm 10/07 - Oblique Angle Photograph	3,191	0
Inspectors Expenses	8,420	8,004
Inspectors Vehicle Allowance	4,980	4,980
Department Total	<u>106,467</u>	<u>102,017</u>
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Emergency Mgmt Salary & Wages	13,530	13,488
Emergency Mgmt Expenses	3,000	3,000
Department Total	<u>16,530</u>	<u>16,488</u>
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		
Animal Control Salary & Wages	20,949	19,606
Animal Control Expenses	3,470	668
Department Total	<u>24,419</u>	<u>20,274</u>
HARBORMASTER		
Harbormaster Salary & Wages	2,500	2,487
Stm - Harbormaster Exp	67,225	1,500
Department Total	<u>69,725</u>	<u>3,987</u>
MUNICIPAL DISPATCH SERVICE		
Municipal Dispatch Salaries & Wages	220,024	200,702
Municipal Dispatch Expenses	23,137	22,148
Department Total	<u>243,161</u>	<u>222,850</u>
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>1,841,205</u>	<u>1,668,385</u>
ASSESSMENTS		
Pentucket Regional Assessment	4,724,888	4,724,888
Whittier Assessments	74,805	74,459
TOTAL - EDUCATION	<u>4,799,693</u>	<u>4,799,347</u>

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	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
PUBLIC WORKS		
DPW Salary & Wages	361,021	360,337
Overtime Wages	10,000	9,234
Snow & Ice Removal	279,104	278,566
Town Bldgs Operating Expenses	195,747	195,747
Town Bldgs Improvements	50,000	49,250
Street Paving/Repairs	110,000	110,000
ATM 4/07* Energy Study	5,000	3,132
Highway, Sidewalk & Trees	106,500	106,473
DPW Vehicle Allowance	3,600	3,600
ATM 4/08 Struct & Safety Assess Pag	53,300	45,783
DPW Expenses	4,000	3,960
Parks Expenses	17,100	17,082
Road Machinery Op Expenses	39,653	35,288
Stm 1910 Building Roof Plans	1,139	1,000
Stm 10/07 - 1910 Building Roof	51,965	51,965
ATM 4/08 - Town Hall Maint, Repairs	54,300	54,300
ATM 4/08 - Page Sch Repairs, Upgrad	64,000	45,786
ATM 4/08 - DPW Sander and Dump Truc	158,213	158,111
Public Street Lights	15,000	13,714
Department Total	1,579,642	1,543,328
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Board of Health Salary & Wages	105,455	102,009
Newburyport Health Center	5,888	5,700
Waste Collection	362,000	307,581
Hazardous Waste Expenses	2,500	2,500
Bd of Health Expenses	10,000	8,726
Department Total	485,843	426,516
COUNCIL ON AGING		
Council On Aging Salary & Wages	41,181	41,119
Council On Aging Expenses	16,347	15,754
	57,528	56,873
VETERANS		
Rental C.L. Carr Post	200	
Soldiers Grave Expenses	1,500	1,500
Veterans Assessment	13,476	13,476
Veteran's Retirement C. Whitcomb	1,980	0
Northern Essex Veterans Services	15,000	3,029
Department Total	32,156	18,005
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TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	2,155,169	2,044,721
GAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Library Salaries & Wages	191,706	191,696
Library Expenses	33,966	30,139
Library Books & Periodicals	56,145	55,217
Department Total	281,817	277,051

Town of West Newbury
Expenditure Report for All Activity
FY 2009

	Total Budget	Expended Year to Date
PARKS & RECREATION		
Recreation Expenses	7,435	7,361
Mill Pond Operating Expenses	4,450	4,418
Bandstand Expenses	4,000	3,965
Department Total	15,885	15,744
CULTURAL COUNCIL		
Cultural Council Expenses	100	42
Department Total	100	42
TOTAL - CULTURE & RECREATION	297,802	292,837
MATURING DEBT SERVICE		
Maturing Debt	705,000	705,000
Total	705,000	705,000
Interest on Debt	335,089	335,089
Total	335,089	335,089
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	1,040,089	1,040,089
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		
Mosquito Control C.S.	38,191	38,191
Air Pollution Control District	1,424	1,424
M. V. Excise Tax Bills	1,340	1,340
Essex Aggie Tuition Assessment	24,153	24,153
Ma Bay Trnsprtn Auth Assessmt	26,298	26,298
C.S. Regional Transit Authority	878	878
Essex Regnl Retirement Assess	329,142	325,285
Department Total	421,426	417,569
TOTAL- STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMEN	421,426	417,569
BENEFITS/INSURANCE		
Unemployment Insurance	1,000	1,000
Group Insurance	201,400	188,950
F.I.C.A. Insurance	32,100	32,045
Insurance & Bonds	135,400	129,411
Department Total	369,900	351,406
TOTAL - BENEFITS/INSURANCE	369,900	351,406
TRANSFERS OUT		
Other Uses of Funds	261,826	261,826
Total	261,826	261,826
TOTAL - TRANSFERS OUT	261,826	261,826
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,039,539	11,659,763

Town of West Newbury
Revenue Report for All Activity
FY 2009

	Revenue Year to Date
PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Personal Property - 2008	302
Personal Property - 2009	130,174
Real Estate Taxes - 2008	66,609
Real Estate Taxes - 2009	9,235,258
Total	9,432,342
TAX LIENS REDEEMED	
Tax Liens Redeemed	60,661
Total	60,661
EXCISE TAXES	
Motor Vehicle Prior Years	361
Motor Vehicle 2004	122
Motor Vehicle 2005	200
Motor Vehicle 2006	865
Motor Vehicle 2007	4,015
Motor Vehicle 2008	81,190
Motor Vehicle Excise - 2009	459,471
Motor Boat Excise - 2009	1,652
Farm Animal Excise - 2008	588
Total	548,463
PENALTIES & INTEREST	
Penalties And Interest	35,572
Total	35,572
IN LIEU OF TAXES	
In Lieu Of Taxes	8,805
Total	8,805
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS	
Municipal Lien Certificates	5,025
Police Reports	301
Police Serv Chg O/S Detail	3,848
Misc Town Clerk Rev	2,780
Filing Fees	425
Other Departmental Revenue	1,729
Total	14,108

Town of West Newbury
Revenue Report for All Activity
FY 2009

RENTAL FEES

Rental - Town Other		13,530
	Total	13,530

LICENSE & PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverage Licenses		800
Other Licenses		60
Dog Licenses & Fees		12,366
Firearm & Related Permits		888
Fire Inspection/Permit Fees		2,895
Building And Occupancy		39,277
Wiring Permits		11,001
Plumbing & Gas Permits		7,132
Septic- Perc- Wells- Misc Bd		15,473
Other Misc Permits		165
Mooring Permits		500
Trench Excavation Permits		1,300
	Total	91,855

CHERRY SHEET ITEMS

C.S. Abatements To Elderly		3,012
C.S. State Owned Land		63,229
C.S. Police Career Incentive		19,252
C.S. Lottery- Beano- Charity		316,018
C.S. Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouse		17,179
	Total	418,690

FINES & FORFEITS

Non-Criminal Disposition Fines		1,345
Court & Parking Fines		23,678
	Total	25,023

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

Earnings On Investments		78,059
	Total	78,059

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Other Misc Revenue		10,772
Non-Recurring Misc Revenue		6,213
Unanticipated Grant Proceeds		74,879
	Total	91,864

Transfers In		603,252
	Total	603,252

TOTAL REVENUES	11,422,223
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**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
DEBT SCHEDULE
FY 2009**

PRINCIPAL	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE	Balance 7/31/08	2009
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	12/15/05	1,005,000.00	800,000.00	100,000.00
MWPAT	11/16/05	196,900.00	176,174.00	10,363.00
MWPAT	07/03/03	195,088.95	140,827.75	10,852.24
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	05/01/03	1,750,000.00	1,200,000.00	100,000.00
* MILL POND DREDGING	09/01/02	85,000.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	09/01/02	3,400,000.00	2,540,000.00	170,000.00
CRAVEN PROPERTY	09/01/02	575,000.00	400,000.00	35,000.00
* BALL FIELDS	09/01/02	600,000.00	375,000.00	40,000.00
* LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT	09/01/02	2,245,000.00	1,845,000.00	90,000.00
CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX	10/15/98	2,450,000.00	1,235,000.00	135,000.00
* MILL POND DREDGING	10/15/98	150,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
MINGO PROPERTY	10/15/98	205,000.00	70,000.00	15,000.00
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			8,847,001.75	726,215.24
 INTEREST				
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT			126,875.00	29,375.00
MWPAT			2,246.25	256.49
MWPAT			0.00	0.00
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT			300,000.00	45,950.00
MILL POND DREDGING			10,161.90	1,848.76
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX			818,513.75	100,637.50
CRAVEN PROPERTY			106,906.25	15,302.50
BALLFIELDS			71,643.75	13,707.50
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT			667,306.25	75,092.50
CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX			241,597.50	50,255.00
MILL POND DREDGING			300.00	300.00
MINGO PROPERTY			6,990.00	2,620.00
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			2,352,540.65	335,345.25
 TOTALS			 11,199,542.40	 1,061,560.49
 PRINCIPAL & INTEREST				
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT			926,875.00	129,375.00
MWPAT			178,420.25	10,619.49
MWPAT			140,827.75	10,852.24
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT			1,500,000.00	145,950.00
MILL POND DREDGING			60,161.90	6,848.76
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX			3,358,513.75	270,637.50
CRAVEN PROPERTY			506,906.25	50,302.50
BALLFIELDS			446,643.75	53,707.50
LAND PRESERVATION/GROWTH MGMT			2,512,306.25	165,092.50
CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX			1,476,597.50	185,255.00
MILL POND DREDGING			15,300.00	15,300.00
MINGO PROPERTY			76,990.00	17,620.00
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 TOTALS			 11,199,542.40	 1,061,560.49

* Debt Exclusion Overrides

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS
(For Fiscal Year 2009: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following are the results of Town Meetings, Town Elections and State Elections held in the Town of West Newbury during Fiscal Year 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on August 13, 2008, which was posted according to law on August 26, 2008 by Constable Richard J. Connolly who made proper return of his doings thereon, the State Primary was held in the Town Office Building, 381 Main Street, West Newbury on Tuesday September 16, 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, Nancy Mitchell; Clerk, Marjorie Peterson; Inspectors, Dianne Faulkner and Virginia Selman; Tellers, Susan Berkenbush, M. Dorothy Cavanaugh, Margaret Dunlap, Frederick Faulkner, Susan Follansbee, Mary Jarvis, Jacqueline Johnston, and Joan Tranfaglia. There were 310 ballots cast as follows: 250 Democratic, 60 Republican, 0 Green-Rainbow and 0 Working families. The following results were announced:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

VOTES

John F. Kerry	160
Edward J. O'Reilly	89
Blanks:	1
All Other:	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Sixth District

John F. Tierney	191
Blanks:	55
All Other:	4

COUNCILLOR

Fifth District

Mary-Ellen Manning	124
Timothy P. Houten	58

Blanks: 68
All Other: 0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
First Essex and Middlesex District

Blanks: 247
All Other: 3

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
Second Essex District

Harriett L. Stanley 157
Blanks: 88
All Other: 5

REGISTER OF PROBATE
Essex County

Pamela Casey O'Brien 152
Blanks: 98
All Other : 0

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

VOTES

Jeffrey K. Beatty 51
Blanks: 8
All Other: 1

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Sixth District

Richard A. Baker 54
Blanks: 6
All Other: 0

COUNCILLOR
Fifth District

Blanks: 60
All Other: 0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
First Essex and Middlesex District

Bruce E. Tarr 57
Blanks: 3
Others: 0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
Second Essex District

Blanks: 59
 All Other: 1

REGISTER OF PROBATE
Essex County

Blanks: 60
 All Other: 0

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

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

WORKING FAMILIES PARTY

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

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

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SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on August 27, 2008, which was posted according to law on September 2, 2008 by Constable Richard J. Connolly who made proper return of his doings thereon, a Special Town Election to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen was held in the Town Office Building, 381 Main Street, West Newbury on Saturday September 27, 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, Nancy Mitchell; Clerk, Marjorie Peterson; Inspectors, Leisa Mingo and Susan Berkenbush; Tellers, Vivian Cogswell, Mary Jarvis, Eleanor Bragg, Susan Prokop, Margaret Dunlap, Joan Tranfaglia, Gail Dinero and Sharon Pulkkinen. There were a total of 893 ballots cast. The following results were announced:

<u>SELECTMAN</u>	<u>VOTES</u>	
Thomas M. Atwood	375	
Albert H. Knowles, Jr.	515	(Sworn in 9/27/2008)
Others:	3	

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy

Town Clerk
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2008

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on October 2, 2008, which was posted on October 3, 2008 according to law by Constable Glenn W. Coffin, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Town Meeting was held on October 20, 2008 at the Town Hall, 491 Main Street, West Newbury. The meeting was called to order at 7:44 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.

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

Theresa Poore, Director of the Senior Center, presented the Boston Post Cane to the Town's eldest resident, Ella A. Gould of 220 Main Street, age 97.

Jean Lambert of the Open Space Committee thanked the Town for the responses to the Committee's recent survey and announced that the results were available at the Meeting.

Richard Parker of the Energy Advisory Committee gave a brief report. He explained the Clean Energy Choice Program available through Mass. Technology Collaborative and encouraged residents to participate. There is a modest surcharge added to the kWh usage to fund this program. The advantages of the program are energy conservation and a return to the Town in the form of grant money for promotion of renewable energy and energy conservation purposes.

ARTICLE 2. FinComm: Approve. On Motion of Selectman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. it was unanimously voted to transfer \$3,190.64 from Free Cash to pay the Housing Authority for the Town's portion of shared heating oil and water heater repair bills for the Annex from Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008.

ARTICLE 3. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was voted by majority vote to raise and appropriate \$1,750.00 to be added to the Town Clerk/Town Counsel Expense Account.

ARTICLE 4. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted by majority vote to transfer \$3,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the Board of Registrar's Expense Account.

ARTICLE 5. FinComm: Approve. On Motion of Planning Board member Brian Murphey it was voted by majority vote to raise and appropriate \$1,700.00 to be added to the Planning Board Salary and Wage Account.

ARTICLE 6. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. it was voted by majority vote to transfer \$31,700.00 from Free Cash to be added to the Police Capital Outlay line item.

ARTICLE 7. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was voted by majority vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 to be added to the Police Department Expense Account.

ARTICLE 8. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted by majority vote to transfer \$927.50 from the Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to the Harbormaster's Expense Account.

ARTICLE 9. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. it was voted by majority vote to transfer \$4,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase ANSI/ISEA high visibility vests. Said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 10. FinComm: No Action. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to take No Action under this Article. This Article was a repeat of Article 9 and had been included on the warrant by mistake.

ARTICLE 11. FinComm: Approve. On Motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by majority vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to be added to the Town Buildings Operating Expense Account.

ARTICLE 12. FinComm: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by majority vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to be added to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

ARTICLE 13. FinComm: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by majority vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the Snow and Ice Account.

ARTICLE 14. FinComm: No Action. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was voted by majority vote to take No Action under this Article. The Article read as follows "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000.00 to install a separate heating system and a new air conditioning system in the Annex. By request of the DPW Director."

ARTICLE 15. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner William H. Campbell it was unanimously voted to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash Account to purchase new radio read meters. Said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after a period of three years.

ARTICLE 16. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner William H. Campbell it was unanimously voted to transfer \$8,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash Account for engineering of booster pumps, variable frequency drives, and incorporating new equipment into the SCADA system at the booster pump station; and for the design of a bulkhead, steps and door to access the basement. Said sum will be closed out if the amount remains unexpended after three years.

ARTICLE 17. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted by majority vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Act Unreserved Fund Balance \$43,722.00 to the Historic Preservation Account; \$43,722.00 to the Community Housing Account; and \$43,722.00 to the Open Space Account.

ARTICLE 18. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. it was unanimously voted to rescind \$4,911.00, from the authorization voted at the April 26, 1999 Annual Town Meeting, under Article 23..

ARTICLE 19. FinComm: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to rescind \$3,100.00, from the authorization voted at the Nov. 13, 2000 Special Town Meeting, under Article 8.

At 9:05 P.M. on motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Attest:

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

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STATE ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on October 8, 2008, which was posted according to law on October 15, 2008 by Constable Richard J. Connolly who made proper return of his doings thereon, the State Election was held in the Town Office Building on Tuesday November 4, 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, Nancy Mitchell; Clerk, Marjorie Peterson; Inspectors, Dianne Faulkner and Virginia Selman; Tellers, Susan Berkenbush, M. Dorothy Cavanaugh, Frederick Faulkner, Susan Follansbee, Mary Jarvis, Jacqueline Johnston, Beverly Murphy, Sharon Plummer, Theresa Ritzel and Joan Tranfaglia. There were 2,765 ballots cast. The following results were announced:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

Baldwin and Castle, Constitution	1
Barr and Root, Libertarian	20
McCain and Palin, Republican	1199
McKinney and Clemente, Green-Rainbow	1
Nader and Gonzalez, Independent	23
Obama and Biden, Democratic	1504
Others	9
Blanks	8

SENATOR IN CONGRESS:

John F. Kerry, Democrat	1506
Jeffrey K. Beatty, Republican	1105
Robert J. Underwood, Libertarian	78
Others	2
Blanks	74

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, SIXTH DISTRICT:

John F. Tierney, Democratic	1479
Richard A. Baker, Republican	1147
Others	2
Blanks	137

GOVERNOR'S COUNCILLOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

Mary Ellen Manning, Democratic	1725
Others	31
Blanks	1009

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT, FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT:

Bruce E. Tarr, Republican	1896
Others	23
Blanks	846

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, SECOND ESSEX DISTRICT:

Harriett L. Stanley, Democratic	1904
Others	63
Blanks	798

REGISTER OF PROBATE, ESSEX COUNTY

Pamela Casey O'Brien, Democratic	1718
Others	28

Blanks 1019

QUESTION 1: STATE INCOME TAX

Yes 962
No 1759
Blanks 44

QUESTION 2: MARIJUANA

Yes 1807
No 916
Blanks 42

QUESTION 3: DOG RACING

Yes 1575
No 1131
Blanks 59

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008

The Board of Registrars meeting was called to order by the Chair at 3:03 PM in the second floor meeting room of the Town Office Building. Present: Rosamond Veator, Chair, Elise Henrichs, Member, Gail Majauckas, Member, and Lawrence J. Murphy, Clerk.

The first order of business was the review of provisional ballots and overseas ballots for the November 4, 2008 election. Mr. Murphy reported to the Board that there were 3 provisional ballots received at the election. The provisional ballots were accepted from individuals who are residents of the Town of West Newbury, but whose names did not appear on the voter list. In all three cases the individual reported that he or she had registered to vote at the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). Inquiries were directed to the RMV through the Secretary of State's Elections Division on election day. Reports were received back on provisional ballots 1 and 2 last week. The report from the RMV was that these individuals had not registered to vote in West Newbury through the RMV. The report on provisional ballot number 3 was not received until November 17th. In that case the RMV records indicated that the individual had indeed registered to vote in West Newbury in December of 2005 and therefore should have been included on the voter list for the November 4th election. The Board also reviewed ballots submitted by Federal Post Card, Specially Qualified and Federal Write in Absentee Ballot Applicants which were received after the November 4th election. These ballots are cast by US citizens living abroad or by US Armed Forces members on foreign assignment. In order to count such ballots the return envelopes must be postmarked by November 4, 2008 and received in the Town Clerk's Office by November 14, 2008. The Board found that a total of 6 such ballots had been timely received: 2 Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots, 2 Federal Post Card Absentee Ballots and 2 Specially Qualified Absentee Ballots. Three additional such ballots were examined and found not to have been postmarked by the 4th of November or received by the 14th of November. Elise Henrichs moved that Provisional Ballot Number 3 and the 6 ballots from the Federal Write-in, Federal

Post Card and Specially Qualified Absentee Voter applicants which were received on time be opened and counted and added to the total of the November 4th election. The motion was seconded by Gail Majaukas and passed unanimously. The ballots were counted as follows:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

Baldwin and Castle, Constitution	0
Barr and Root, Libertarian	0
McCain and Palin, Republican	3
McKinney and Clemente, Green-Rainbow	0
Nader and Gonzalez, Independent	0
Obama and Biden, Democratic	4
Others	0
Blanks	0

SENATOR IN CONGRESS:

John F. Kerry, Democrat	3
Jeffrey K. Beatty, Republican	3
Robert J. Underwood, Libertarian	0
Others	2
Blanks	1

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, SIXTH DISTRICT:

John F. Tierney, Democratic	3
Richard A. Baker, Republican	2
Others	1
Blanks	1

GOVERNOR'S COUNCILLOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

Mary Ellen Manning, Democratic	3
Others	0
Blanks	4

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT, FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT:

Bruce E. Tarr, Republican	2
Others	0
Blanks	5

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, SECOND ESSEX DISTRICT:

Harriett L. Stanley, Democratic	2
Others	0
Blanks	5

REGISTER OF PROBATE, ESSEX COUNTY

Pamela Casey O'Brien, Democratic	3
Others	0
Blanks	4

QUESTION 1: STATE INCOME TAX

Yes	2
No	3
Blanks	2

QUESTION 2: MARIJUANA

Yes	4
No	1
Blanks	2

QUESTION 3: DOG RACING

Yes	4
No	1
Blanks	2

In counting the ballots the Registrars took care to randomly mix the ballots in such a way that no ballot could be identified to a particular voter. The counted ballots were placed in a sealed envelope along with the post marked and date stamped return envelopes in such a way that the ballots cannot be identified to a particular voter. The rejected absentee ballots were not removed from the date stamped ballot envelopes and were placed in a sealed envelope along with the postmarked outer return envelopes.

The next order of business was consideration of the draft Board of Registrar’s Report for the Fiscal Year 2008 Town Report. Gail Majaukas moved to adopt the report as drafted. The motion was seconded by Elise Henrichs and passed unanimously.

The Board next reviewed the draft minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting. Gail Majauckas moved to accept the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Rosamond Veator and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence J. Murphy, Clerk

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – FIRST SESSION
APRIL 27, 2009**

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on April 9, 2009, which was posted on April 10, 2009 according to law by Constable Richard J. Connolly, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Annual Town Meeting was held on April 27, 2009 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.

ARTICLE 1. Was passed over for action at the Annual Town Election on May 4, 2009.

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

Pursuant to custom, this Article was left open throughout the meeting.

Selectman Chairman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Marjorie Peterson of 189 Ash Street.

Selectman Chairman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. presented the third annual Employee of the Year Award to Jodi Bertrand Administrative Assistant to the Water Department and Department of Public Works.

Finance Committee Chairman David Kapturowski introduced William Bachrach the newest member of the Committee. He also introduced the line item budget, commenting on the cuts necessary to bring the budget into balance; in particular cuts to the DPW budget and the need for future funding of road repairs and improvements.

Board of Health member Kimberly Cole gave a report on behalf of the Board of Health. She reported savings of approximately \$40,000.00 for fiscal year 2010 from re-negotiation of contracts for solid waste transportation and disposal. She spoke about the recycling program and the expanded categories of materials which can now be recycled. She challenged the Town to save as much as \$50,000.00 per year through a commitment to recycling thereby reducing the amount of solid waste generated Town wide. She also reported that the "Got Books" program for recycling books was a success netting the town \$1,500.00.

James Teal, Chair of the Cable Advisory Committee, reported on the Committee's efforts to obtain equipment to begin taped and eventually live cable broadcasting of meetings and events and called for volunteers to help with these activities.

At 8:32 P.M. the Moderator recessed the Annual Town Meeting to open the Special Town Meeting. The record of the Special Town Meeting follows below. The Annual Town Meeting was re-opened at 10:37 P.M. following dissolution of the Special Town Meeting. At 10:40 P.M., on Motion of Terry Hartford which was seconded and passed unanimously, the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday May 6, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 27, 2009

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on April 9, 2009, which was posted on April 10, 2009 according to law by Constable Richard J. Connolly, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Town Meeting was held on April 27, 2009 at the Town Hall, 491 Main Street, West Newbury. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 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.

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

Pursuant to custom this Article was left open throughout the meeting.

Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke reported on behalf of the Water Commissioners when Article 5 was reached. Mr. Wolke explained the free cash balance in the Water Department Enterprise Fund and the intended use of free cash to fund capital projects. In particular he reported on the advisability of establishing a stabilization fund under Article 10 to set money aside for capital projects.

The Community Housing Committee gave its report when Article 13 was reached. Member Marjorie Peterson introduced the Intergenerational Housing Plan proposed for the Mullen property. The Mullen property is a parcel of land of approximately 35 acres with frontage on Main and Church Streets which the

Town purchased from Dorothy A. Mullen. Mrs. Peterson spoke about the history of efforts to bring affordable housing to West Newbury and the demonstrated need for rental units and starter homes. Chairman Brian Murphey introduced Nicholas Cracknell of the Horsley Witten Group, the Town's consultant on development of the Mullen property. The meeting agreed that Mr. Cracknell, a non-resident, would be allowed to address the meeting. Mr. Murphey continued the presentation. He explained that the Over 55 Housing Committee and the Workforce Housing Trust were merged by the Selectmen in 2007 to create the Community Housing Committee. He spoke about the history of development efforts for the Mullen property and about other parcels of Town owned land which had been considered for the development of affordable housing in West Newbury. The Committee concluded that the Mullen property was the best available location. He spoke about the state guidelines to meet the Town's affordable housing requirements and the Committee's goal of meeting those requirements. He explained that because the Town's quota of affordable housing units has not been met, a developer could bring an application for development under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B. Chapter 40B allows developers to bypass local regulations in communities which have not met their affordable housing requirements. He explained that the Horsley Witten Group had been hired by the Town through a \$50,000.00 state grant to work with the Committee to develop a plan for the Mullen property. The Committee had looked at a "Smart Growth" development allowed under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40R. This approach was not feasible because local Board of Health Regulations relating to septic system setbacks from wetlands did not make this practical. As an alternative the Committee developed a plan for the publication of a detailed Request for Proposals for a private developer to purchase or lease the Mullen property to build an Intergenerational Residential Development. This would be done under the provisions of Chapter 40B. This would be a "friendly" Chapter 40B project, meaning that the Town would retain control over the development; unlike an "unfriendly" Chapter 40B project in which the Town had no control over development. If the plan is approved, Mr. Murphey reported, the Town would be exempt from other Chapter 40B developments for a period of two years. He went over the main points of the Request for Proposals. Of the 40 proposed units, 20 would be senior housing units. There are currently only 14 senior housing units in Town with a multi year waiting list. He urged the meeting, on behalf of the Committee, to support Article 13.

ARTICLE 2. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Albert H. Knowles, Jr. it was unanimously voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$474.89 to pay the following outstanding bills from prior Fiscal Years:

Parks and Recreation Commission	
Pearson septic pumping	\$275.00
Open Space Committee	
Copying Expenses	70.80
Police Insurance	
Greater Newbury Emergency	<u>129.09</u>
	\$474.89

ARTICLE 3. FinCom: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$154,103.58 to fund the Snow & Ice deficit.

ARTICLE 4. FinCom: Approve. On motion of DPW Director Gary Bill it was unanimously voted to appropriate from available funds subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause (2)(a), the sum of \$165,956.00.

ARTICLE 5. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to make repairs to the Brake Hill Water Tank.

ARTICLE 6. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 to purchase Radio Read Meters.

ARTICLE 7. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to the Well Exploration Account.

ARTICLE 8. FinCom: No Action. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to take No Action on this Article.

ARTICLE 9. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 to install new booster pumps, variable frequency drives, and incorporate the new equipment into the SCADA system; and to install a bulkhead, steps, and door to provide access to the basement.

ARTICLE 10. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$33,000.00 to establish a Water Stabilization Fund to be used to repair, replace, maintain, expand or upgrade capital assets, or for any other lawful purpose.

ARTICLE 11. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$17,500.00 to replace the #2 vertical turbine pump and motor located at Wellfield #1.

ARTICLE 12. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Water Commissioner R. Scott Wolke it was unanimously voted to transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash the sum of \$7,000.00 to conduct a Water Rate Cost of Service Study.

ARTICLE 13. FinCom: Approve. Selectman Richard J. Cushing made the following Motion under this Article:

I move to authorize the Selectmen to sell or lease for the development of an Intergenerational Residential Development, the Mullen property, so called, a parcel or parcels of land containing 35 acres more or less on Church and Main Streets purchased from Dorothy A. Mullen; the same to be substantially in compliance with the "Town of West Newbury Request For Proposals For the Surplus And Development Of The Mullen Property" (the "RFP") printed on pages 49 through 60 of the Finance Committee booklet dated April 27, 2009; and provided, further, that the Selectmen may vary the form but not the substance of the RFP within the scope of the general objectives of the RFP, but in no event shall the property be sold for less than the minimum price specified in the RFP.

A motion by Nancy Von Kittlitz to amend Mister Cushing's Motion to change the minimum sale price to \$1,200,000.00 was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

A motion by Donna McGovern for a paper ballot failed.

After lengthy discussion and debate Mr. Cushing's motion, as originally presented, was voted upon. The Moderator declared the motion failed.

ARTICLE 14. FinCom: Approve. Selectman Glenn A. Kemper moved to amend the Quorum By-Law adopted at the Annual Town Meeting April 30, 1977 to read as follows:

QUORUM BY-LAW That the quorum for action on Special Town Meeting articles with appropriations which do not exceed twenty thousand dollars, shall be forty legal voters; for all articles with appropriations which exceed twenty thousand dollars and the Annual Town Meeting, ninety voters shall constitute a quorum.

The motion passed by vote of the majority.

At 10:37 P.M. on motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Attest:

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION – MAY 4, 2009

Pursuant to Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on April 9, 2009, the Annual Town Election was held on Monday May 4, 2009 in the Town Office Building, 381 Main Street. The Constable, Richard J. Connolly, duly posted the Warrant on April 10, 2009, 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, Nancy Mitchell; Clerk, Marjorie Peterson; Inspectors, Dianne Faulkner and Susan Berkenbush; Tellers, Eleanor Bragg, Vivian Cogswell, Margaret Dunlap, Mary Jarvis, Jacqueline Johnston, Susan Prokop, Sharon Pulkkinen and Joan Tranfaglia.

There were 412 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

Albert H. Knowles, Jr.	170	
Thomas M. Atwood (Write in)	206	(Sworn May 4, 2009)
All Other	3	
Blanks	33	

MODERATOR

Kathleen C. Swallow	273	(Sworn May 6, 2009)
All Other	10	
Blank	129	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert P. Janes	295	(Sworn May 5, 2009)
All Other	2	
Blank	115	

PLANNING BOARD

For Five Years

Brian R. Murphey	268	(Sworn May 6, 2009)
All Other	6	
Blank	138	

HOUSING AUTHORITY

For Five Years

David S. Houlden	280	(Sworn May 19, 2009)
All Other	1	
Blank	131	

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(3 Seats)

Scott P. Berkenbush	246	(Sworn May 29, 2009)
Virginia J. Selman	269	

Elizabeth Torrasi	273	(Sworn June 18, 2009)
All Other	0	
Blank	448	

ASSESSOR

Victor A. Gangi	266	(Sworn May 18, 2009)
All Other	1	
Blank	145	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jill Eichhorst	261	(Sworn May 5, 2009)
All Other	7	
Blank	144	

WATER COMMISSIONER

W. Lawrence Corcoran	290	(Sworn May 6 , 2009)
All Other	1	
Blank	121	

**PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSIONER**

Thomas J. Flaherty	291	(Sworn May 6, 2009)
All Other	1	
Blank	120	

CONSTABLE

For One Year

Stephen C. Alvino	250	(Sworn May 5, 2009)
Jacob Taylor	94	
All Other	0	
Blank	68	

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – SECOND SESSION
MAY 6, 2009**

The Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting was called to order at the Town Hall, 491 Main Street, at 7:48 P.M. on May 6, 2009 by the Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report of the Board of Registrars of Voters of a quorum of 90 or more registered voters. There were no objections to the following non-residents who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary; Paul Livingston, Pentucket Regional School District Superintendent, Bill Des Rosas, Whittier Regional School District Superintendent, Kevin Mahoney, Whittier Regional School District Business Manager and Kathleen McWilliams, Pentucket Regional School District Business Manager.

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

Pursuant to custom, this Article was left open throughout the meeting.

Arthur "Chip" Wallace of the Community Preservation Committee reported for the Committee. He explained the process for determining eligibility and approval for projects. The Committee considered 5 applications this year, 3 of which are on the Warrant for Town Meeting approval and 2 of which did not pass the test for eligibility. He reported the following balances:

Open Space	\$ 101,130.00
Historic Resources	\$ 101,130.00
Community Housing	\$ 101,130.00
Administrative	\$ 18,254.00
Budgeted Reserve	\$ 237,300.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$ 716,506.37</u>
Total	\$1,275,450.37

Deborah Hamilton gave a report for the Mill Pond Committee. She spoke about the improved situation regarding dogs in the Mill Pond area, improved field and trail maintenance and acknowledged the efforts of volunteers. She informed the meeting that the Essex County Trail Association has prepared a draft trail management system. She urged the Meeting to act favorably on Article 15.

Thomas M. Atwood reported for the Pentucket Master Plan Committee when Article 29 was reached. Mr. Atwood explained that the Massachusetts State Building Authority (MSBA) requires the amendment to the Pentucket Regional School District in order to qualify for funding for needed projects.

After Article 3 was considered and before Article 4 was considered the Moderator announced the results of the May 4, 2009 Annual town Election.

ARTICLE 3. (The Budget) The Line Item Budget was moved as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Moderator addressed the procedure for adoption of the Line Item Budget. For purposes of this Article the recommendation of the Finance Committee is considered the main motion. Each line item is considered a separate appropriation and the main motion for each line item may be considered separately. Any Town Meeting member wishing to discuss a line item or move a different amount may call out "Hold" as the line item is read. A motion to amend a line item requires two steps; first a motion to amend the main motion (the Finance Committee recommendation) and then a motion to approve the main motion, as amended. The Moderator read each line item of the proposed budget. After the Moderator finished reading the budget each "Hold" was considered in turn. Holds were placed on Lines 13, 28, 40, 48, 56, 57, 60, 66, 79, 80, and 94. After discussion and debate the Town voted to approve the Finance Committee recommendations on all of the above except Line 80 Newburyport Health Center and Line 94 Recreation Expense.

Board of Health Chair Robert Janes moved to amend the Line 80 appropriation to \$5,700. The Finance Committee recommended the amendment and the motion to amend the main motion passed by unanimous vote. The Town then considered the main motion, as amended, and the same was passed by unanimous vote of the Town.

Park and Recreation Commissioner Greg Pope moved to amend the Line 94 appropriation to \$7,435. The Finance Committee opposed the amendment. The motion to amend the main motion passed by a majority vote of the Town and the main motion, as amended, likewise passed by majority vote.

Finance Committee Chair David Kapturowski moved to reconsider Line 5. The motion to reconsider passed unanimously. He then moved to amend the Line 5 main motion to \$16,508. The motion to amend the main motion passed by unanimous vote of the Town and likewise the main motion, as amended, was unanimously passed.

It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,614,527.00 for the Total Line Item Budget, as follows:

Town of West Newbury Line Item Appropriations FY 2010

	Budget
*****TOWN MODERATOR*****	
1 Moderator's Salary & Wages	200
2 Moderator's Expenses	60
Department Total	260
*****BOARD OF SELECTMEN*****	
3 Selectmen's Salaries	6,626
4 Appointed Personnel-Salary & Wages	60,188
5 Professional & Technical Services	16,508
6 Selectmen's Operating Expenses	8,301
Department Total	91,623
*****FINANCE COMMITTEE*****	
7 Finance Committee Expenses	2,500
8 Reserve Fund	66,000
Department Total	68,500
*****BOARD OF ASSESSORS*****	
9 Assessor's Salaries	3,912
10 Appointed Personnel Salary & Wages	107,745
11 Expenses	22,450
12 Vehicle Allowance	1,800
Department Total	135,907
*****FINANCE DEPARTMENT*****	
13 Salary & Wages	264,622
14 Annual Audit	19,750
15 Tax Title & Foreclosure	2,000
16 1910 Building Technology Expenses	29,150
17 1910 Building Telephone Expense	10,000
18 Postage Expense	12,800
19 Expenses	37,000

Department Total 375,322

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

20 Legal Fees 6,000

*******TOWN CLERK/TOWN COUNSEL*******

21 Salary & Wages 91,158

22 Preservation of Town Records 1,500

23 Operation of Facsimile Machine/Photocopiers 8,000

24 Expenses 7,430

Department Total 108,088

BOARD OF REGISTRARS/ELECTIONS

25 Town Clerk Compensation 150

26 Salary & Wages 4,140

27 Expenses 8,190

Department Total 12,480

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

28 Salary & Wages 0

29 Expenses 1,921

Department Total 1,921

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

30 Salary & Wages 25,770

31 Expenses 10,769

32 MVPC Assessment 1,369

Department Total 37,908

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

33 Salary & Wages 1,000

34 Expenses 1,700

Department Total 2,700

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

35 Expenses 500

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

36 Expenses 50

TOTAL - GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT 841,259

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

37 Salary & Wages 677,401
38 Expenses 99,500
39 Capital Outlay 0

Department Total 776,901

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

40 Alarms 84,161
41 Drills 20,000
42 Stipends 20,000
43 Administration 22,290
44 Hydrant Mapping, Maintenance & Repair 15,750
45 Fire Alarm & Communications 9,500
46 Expenses 29,600
47 Capital Outlay 0

Department Total 201,301

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

48 Ambulance Retainer 0

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

49 Salary & Wages 91,723
50 Expenses 8,420
51 Vehicle Allowance 4,980

Department Total 105,123

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

52 Salary & Wages 13,800
53 Expenses 3,000

Department Total 16,800

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

54	Salary & Wages	21,368
55	Expenses	3,000
	Department Total	<u>24,368</u>

*****HARBORMASTER*****

56	Salary & Wages	2,500
57	Expenses	800
	Department Total	<u>3,300</u>

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

58	Salary & Wages	224,425
59	Expenses	23,137
	Department total	<u>247,562</u>

TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY 1,375,355

*****ASSESSMENTS*****

60	Pentucket Minimum Contribution	4,002,512
61	Pentucket Supplemental Assessment	810,605
62	Pentucket Capital Assessment	13,856
	Department Total	<u>4,826,973</u>

63	Whittier Minimum Contribution	72,593
64	Whittier Other Assessments	29,391
65	Whittier Debt/Capital Assessments	8,363
	Department Total	<u>110,347</u>

TOTAL - EDUCATION 4,937,320

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

66	DPW Salary & Wages	368,242
67	Overtime Wages	10,000
68	Snow & Ice Removal	125,000
69	Town Building Operating Expenses	180,000
70	Town Buildings Improvements	50,000
71	Road Improvement Program	110,000
72	Highway, Sidewalk & Trees	100,000
73	Vehicle Allowance	3,600
74	Expenses	4,000

75	Parks/Playground Expenses	10,000
76	Road Machinery Expense	49,000
77	Capital Outlay	0
78	Street Lighting	15,000
	Department Total	<u>1,024,842</u>

TOTAL - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS **1,024,842**

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

79	Salary & Wages	107,434
80	Newburyport Health Center	5,700
81	Waste Collection	320,400
82	Hazardous Waste Collection	2,500
83	Expenses	10,000
	Department Total	<u>446,034</u>

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

84	Salary & Wages	42,960
85	Expenses	14,568
	Department Total	<u>57,528</u>

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

86	Rental C. L. Carr Post	200
87	Soldiers' Grave Expenses	1,500
88	Assessment	14,824
89	Veteran's Retirement-C. Whitcomb	0
90	N. Essex Veterans Svs. Benefits	8,000
	Department Total	<u>24,524</u>

TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES **528,086**

*******GAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY*******

91	Salary & Wages	195,518
92	Expenses	31,873
93	Books & Periodicals	56,848
	Department Total	<u>284,239</u>

*******RECREATION*******

94	Recreation Expense	7,435
95	Mill Pond Operating Expenses	4,450
96	Bandstand Operating Expenses	4,000

Department Total 15,885

*******CULTURAL COUNCIL*******

97 Expenses 100

TOTAL - CULTURE & RECREATION 300,224

*******MATURING DEBT SERVICE*******

98 Maturing Debt 595,000
99 Interest & Paydowns on Long/Short Term Debt 267,747

TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE 862,747

*******BENEFITS/INSURANCE*******

100 Essex Regional Retirement 354,199
101 Unemployment Insurance 1,000
102 Group Health Insurance 218,325
103 F.I.C.A. Insurance 29,000
104 Insurance & Bonds 142,170

Department Total 744,694

TOTAL - BENEFITS/INSURANCE 744,694

TOTAL TOWN LINE ITEM BUDGET \$10,614,527

ARTICLE 4. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1936, to see what instructions, rules and regulations the Town may wish to impose on the Board of Water Commissioners. 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 unanimously voted to raise and appropriate, in anticipation of Water Department revenues, the sum of \$591,939.00 of which \$171,946.00 is for Salaries and Wages, \$36,195.00 for Insurances, \$351,950.00 for Expenses, \$19,848.00 for Debt Service, and \$12,000.00 for Extraordinary and Unforeseen.

ARTICLE 6. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 7. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was voted by the majority to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 to fund Post Retirement Benefits.

ARTICLE 8. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Board of Health Member Robert Janes it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$21,457.00 from the Septic Loan Revolving Account for the repayment of septic loan debt service.

ARTICLE 9. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Thomas M. Atwood it was unanimously voted to appropriate from the Receipts Reserved for Dunn Debt Account the sum of \$142,075.00 to pay the debt service associated with the Dunn Property Acquisition.

ARTICLE 10. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$46,567.00 to pay the ladder truck lease payment.

ARTICLE 11. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Community Preservation Committee Member Arthur Wallace it was unanimously voted 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 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 11,325.00

Reserves:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 22,650.00

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 22,650.00

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 22,650.00

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$147,222.00

ARTICLE 12. FinCom: Approve. Community Preservation Committee Member Arthur Wallace moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve the sum of \$43,243.00 to rehabilitate the Records Storage Facilities in the Town Office Building; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the DPW Director. John McGrath moved to amend the main motion to read "fiscal oversight of the Community Preservation Committee and the direction of the DPW". Mr. McGrath's motion to amend the main motion failed. The main motion was then passed, as originally made, by majority vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 13. FinCom: Undecided. On motion of Community Preservation Committee Member Arthur Wallace it was voted by the majority to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve the sum of \$7,500.00 to rehabilitate the shoe shop located at the Hills House, our town museum; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the West Newbury Historical Society.

ARTICLE 14. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Community Preservation Committee Member Arthur Wallace it was voted by the majority to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve the sum of \$15,000.00 to create West Newbury's Housing Production Plan; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 15. FinCom: Approve. On Motion of Mill Pond Committee Member Charles Reynolds it was unanimously voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,500.00 for the engineering evaluation and work-scope development to permit a contractor to clean out and dispose of the sediment at two Mill Pond fore-bays.

ARTICLE 16. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Animal Control Officer Madelyn Cirinna it was voted by the majority to amend the Restraint of Dogs section of the Animal Bylaw by increasing the fines for violations to the following:

First Offense	\$ 25.00
Second Offense	\$ 50.00
Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses	\$100.00

ARTICLE 17. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Animal Control Officer Madelyn Cirinna it was voted by the majority to amend the Enforcement of Town Bylaws by increasing the fines for violations of the Restraint of Dogs section of the Animal Bylaw to the following:

First Offense	\$ 25.00
Second Offense	\$ 50.00
Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses	\$100.00

ARTICLE 18. FinCom: Disapprove. Planning Board Member Brian R. Murphey moved that the current Section 7.C., Signs, of the Zoning Bylaw be deleted and that it be replaced with a new Section 7.C., Signs, as printed in the Finance Committee booklet dated April 27, 2009, pages 36 through 40. A 2/3 vote being required for passage, the Moderator conducted a hand count and declared that the motion failed by a vote of 19 Yea to 90 Nay.

ARTICLE 19. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Planning Board Member Brian R. Murphey it was unanimously voted that Zoning Bylaw Section 6.B.7.a.i of the Open Space Preservation Development Bylaw be amended to delete the text which reads: "...under Section 1.B. of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations..." and replace it with "...in *Planning Board Rules and Regulations.*"

ARTICLE 20. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Planning Board Member Brian R. Murphey it was unanimously voted that Zoning Bylaw Section 6.A., Intensity of Use, be amended to delete the sentence which reads "*When creating a new street, at least one lot must maintain frontage on the existing street".

ARTICLE 21. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Planning Board Member Brian R. Murphey it was unanimously voted that Zoning Bylaw Section 2., Definitions, be amended to delete the second sentence of the definition of Frontage at corner lot, which second sentence now reads "When creating a new street that produces a corner lot, legal minimum frontage for at lease one lot must be maintained on the existing right of way."

ARTICLE 22. FinCom: Approve. Planning Board Member Raymond Cook moved that Zoning Bylaw Section 4.B., Exempt Uses, Subsection 1. be amended to delete the word "regulate". Section 4.B. as amended hereby to read: "4.B.1. Nothing in this By-Law shall prohibit, or restrict the use of land or structures in any district for:" A 2/3 vote being required for passage, the Moderator conducted a hand count and declared the motion passed by a vote of 65 Yea to 29 Nay with 18 abstentions.

ARTICLE 23. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was voted by the majority to approve the actions of the Board of Selectmen to change the name of Chestnut Street Extension to Chestnut Lane.

ARTICLE 24. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Richard J. Cushing it was unanimously voted to approve the actions of the Board of Selectmen in laying out Hemingway Place as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Sections 21 through 23 and to approve the name designated as Hemingway Place and to accept the fee in the way and drainage easements. The layout for Hemingway Place is shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Hemingway Place West Newbury, MA" dated August 1, 2008, as amended, and such plan is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

ARTICLE 25. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Thomas M. Atwood it was unanimously voted to approve the actions of the Board of Selectmen in laying out an extension of Kimball Road also known as Kimball Lane as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Sections 21 through 23 and to approve the name of Kimball Road for the extension as well as for the existing public way to Middle Street. The layout for the extension of Kimball Road also known as Kimball Lane is shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan for Kimball Road Extension West Newbury, Massachusetts" dated February 27, 2009, as amended, and such plan is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

ARTICLE 26. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Glenn A. Kemper it was unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept a deed or deeds to an extension of Kimball Road also known as Kimball Lane, said deed or deeds to include an extension of Kimball Road to be laid out as an extension of the existing public way.

ARTICLE 27. FinCom: Approve. Selectman Richard J. Cushing made the following motion:

"I move to amend the Capital Improvements Committee Bylaw by adding the following section, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Section 6: The provisions of Sections 2 through 5 of this Capital Improvements Committee Bylaw shall not apply to capital projects, appropriations, or expenditures made under authority of the Community Preservation Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, or the Community Preservation Committee Bylaw."

Mr. Cushing accepted a friendly amendment from Judy Mizner to strike "or take any other action relative thereto" from the motion. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 28. FinCom: Will of the Town. Finance Committee Member David Kapturowski moved to amend Section 8 of the Town Bylaws prescribing the appointment of the Finance Committee as shown on page 27 of the Finance Committee Booklet. The motion called for the establishment of a 5 member Appointment Committee, consisting of the 3 Selectmen, the Finance Committee Chair and the Finance Director, to appoint members of the Finance Committee. After some discussion Mr. Kapturowski moved to amend his main motion to substitute the Moderator for the Finance Director as a member of the Appointment Committee. The motion to amend passed by majority vote. After more discussion Mr. Kapturowski moved a further amendment of his main motion to add a sentence providing that the Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee shall serve as an alternate for the Finance Committee Chairman when considering the reappointment of the Chairman. This motion to amend the main motion was passed by majority vote. After additional discussion and debate a vote was taken on the main motion, as amended. The Moderator conducted a hand count and declared the motion failed on a vote of 50 Yea, 59 Nay and 2 Abstentions.

ARTICLE 29. FinCom: Approve. On motion of Selectman Thomas M. Atwood it was voted by majority vote to amend the Regional Agreement of the Pentucket Regional School District as follows, contingent upon approval by all three member towns of a school building plan which includes an expanded (grades 6-8) middle school residing within the middle and high school complex and passage of debt exclusion votes in all three member towns to fund said project; said amendment of the Regional Agreement becoming effective when the expanded middle school is ready for beneficial occupancy and the overall plan is ready for implementation as voted by the Pentucket Regional District School Committee.

- 1) Changing the wording in Section II. Type of School, Subsection B from grades 7-12 to grades 6-12.
- 2) Changing the wording in Section II. Type of School, Subsection C from grades PK-6 to grades PK-5.
- 3) Changing the wording in Section III. Location of Schools, Subsection B from grades PK-6 to grades PK-5.
- 4) Changing the wording in Section VIII-2. Withdrawal of member towns from the regional school district at the elementary level, Subsections A and C, from grades PK-6 to grades PK-5.

At 12:02 A.M. on May 7, 2009 on motion of Judy Mizner it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting.

ATTEST:

Lawrence J. Murphy, Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
 VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS RECORDED IN WEST NEWBURY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009
 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

The following vital records and statistics were recorded in the Town Clerk's Office during Fiscal Year 2009:

Births Recorded: 38
 Marriages Recorded: 11
 Deaths Recorded: 22

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

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009

RECORD DATE* (Date of Marriage)	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	OFFICIANT
July 11, 2008 (6/25/2008)	Mary Tamez Matthew P. Foley	West Newbury West Newbury	West Newbury	Barbara L. Sica Justice of the Peace
Aug. 5, 2008 (8/2/08)	Jason Andrew Kershaw Andrea Elizabeth Muise	West Newbury West Newbury	West Newbury	Jonathan Mackenzie Episcopal Priest
Sept. 17, 2008 (9/14/08)	Teri Lee Dow William Eugene Funk	West Newbury Merrimac, MA	West Newbury	Rev. Catherine Boyle Member of Clergy

Sept. 18, 2008 (9/12/08)	Curt Don Bergeron Lindsay Anne Rose	West Newbury West Newbury	Georgetown, MA	Anne L. Deneen Member of the Clergy
Sept. 23, 2008 (9/20/08)	Thomas J. King Maureen E. Barna	West Newbury West Newbury	Boston, MA	Francis N. Fitzgerald Solemnizer
Oct. 29, 2008 (10/25/08)	James M. Garvey Christen Elizabeth Worth	Londonderry, NH Londonderry, NH	Gloucester, MA	Richard E. Perry, Jr. Justice of the Peace
Feb 25, 2009 (2/20/09)	Joan Marie Powell Christopher Scott Peck	West Newbury West Newbury	Newbury, MA	Rev. Sarah Mount Elewononi Pastor in the United Methodist Church
April 3, 2009 (3/30/09)	Sarah Brooke Kennedy Scott Edward Modeste	Lincoln, CA Lincoln, CA	West Newbury	Rev. Curtis Almquist Priest of Episcopal Church
May 20, 2009 (5/16/2009)	Heather Lynn Adams Mark Alexander McKeown	Aurora, CO Aurora, CO	Duxbury, MA	Bryan K. Parrish Priest
May 20, 2009 (5/23/09)	Melinda Joy Fish David Rameau	West Newbury Boston, MA	West Newbury	Rev. Kevin Leach Clergy
June 22, 2009 (6/19/09)	Asaad Andrew Faquir Tara Lynn Fry	Middleton, MA Middleton, MA	Haverhill, MA	Rev. Dennis T. Nason Priest

* 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 2009

RECORDED	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF DISPOSITION	DATE OF DEATH
July 24, 2008	Frederick L. Sforza	65	124 Crane Neck St., West Newbury	So. Byfield Cemetery, Georgetown, MA	July 23, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008	Victor J. Zalanskas	88	160 Bachelor St., West Newbury	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	July 30, 2008
Aug. 20, 2008	Don Joseph Brewer	81	628 Main St., West Newbury	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	Aug. 16, 2008
Sept. 17, 2008	John Brandon Hayden	58	61 Rogers St., West Newbury	Rural Cemetery, West Newbury	Sept. 13, 2008
Sept. 17, 2008	Cheryl E. Lamson	61	10 Crane Neck St., West Newbury	Harmony Grove Crematory, Salem, MA	Sept. 12, 2008
Sept. 18, 2008	John H. Doliber	71	178 Crane Neck St., West Newbury	Waterside Cemetery, Marblehead, MA	Aug. 7, 2008
Sept. 21, 2008	Mary K. Gaffney	68	30 Bridge St., West Newbury	Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, MA	Sept. 18, 2008
Oct. 30, 2008	Harry S. Kimball	72	142 Moulton St., West Newbury	Union Cemetery, Amesbury, MA	Oct. 3, 2008
Nov. 9, 2008	Laura Jean Iannitelli	41	35 Church St., West Newbury	Walnut Grove Cemetery, Danvers, MA	Oct. 30, 2008

Feb. 25, 2009	Leon Jandreau	93	48 South St., West Newbury	St. Charles Vault, St. Francis, ME	Feb. 25, 2009
Feb. 27, 2009	Mary Anne Roberts	60	17 Prospect St., West Newbury	So. Byfield Cemetery, Georgetown, MA	Feb. 4, 2009
March 12, 2009	Oscar M. Metcalf	78	44 Coffin St., West Newbury	Conte Funeral Home, Georgetown, MA	March 4, 2009
March 13, 2009	Jestina Elizabeth Garrett	81	101 Bachelor St., West Newbury	Walnut Hill Cemetery, West Newbury	Feb. 10, 2009
April 2, 2009	Marcia Lois Gammon	74	76 South St., West Newbury	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	March 31, 2009
April 6, 2009	Lydia Grimes Grew	76	183 River Rd., West Newbury	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	April 1, 2009
April 6, 2009	Pasquale Campano	91	104 Georgetown Rd., West Newbury	Lone Oak Mausoleum, Leesburg, FL	Feb. 14, 2009
April 6, 2009	Richard Berkenbush	84	23 Farm Lane, West Newbury	Merrimack Cemetery, West Newbury	March 4, 2009
May 6, 2009	Alice M. Hemingway	81	102 Garden St., West Newbury	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	April 3, 2009
May 11, 2009	William F. Hitchcock	83	12 Spring Hill Rd., West Newbury	Walnut Grove Crematory, Danvers, MA	April 21, 2009

May 18, 2009	Ruth W. Norwood	84	107 Middle St., West Newbury	Harmony Grove Crematory, Salem, MA	April 7, 2009
June 8, 2009	Thomas John Levenson	43	56 Thompson St., Amesbury, MA	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	June 3, 2006
June 30, 2009	Earl Morris	63	659 Primrose St., Haverhill, MA	Linwood Crematory, Haverhill, MA	June 25, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence J. Murphy
Town Clerk

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK
(For Fiscal Year 2009: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009)

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

The following licenses and permits were issued by the Town Clerk's Office during Fiscal Year 2009:

DOG LICENSES

Total Licenses Issued:	744	
Total amount turned over to the Town Treasurer (including late fees):		\$ 12,141.50

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Fishing, Trapping, Hunting & Sporting Licenses Issued:	76	
Primitive Firearms, Waterfowl & Archery Stamps Issued:	26	
Total amount paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife:		\$ 1,872.25

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 2009

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report to the Honorable Board of Selectmen. In FY 2009 all values were updated to reflect market value based upon calendar year 2007 sales data for the Town of West Newbury. The values were approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The Average Assessed Value for FY09 was \$514,340, with an average tax bill of \$6,213.23. The tax rate was certified at \$12.08 per thousand. The Community Preservation Act that was passed effective in FY 2007 and remained at three percent for FY 2009.

VALUATION

Real Estate	781,692,989
Personal Property	<u>10,937,390</u>
Total Taxable Value FY 2009	792,630,379

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

Motor Vehicle Tax 2007	823.86
Motor Vehicle Tax 2008	70,774.84
Boat Excise Tax 2009	1,963.00
Motor Vehicle Tax 2009	<u>485,536.46</u>
Total Excise in FY 2009	559,098.16

APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

Town Appropriation	13,281,760.14
State and County Appropriations	92,564.00
Overlay	100,049.98
Other Amounts to be Raised	<u>79,588.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	13,553,962.12

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	471,895.00
Local Estimated Receipts	2,207,080.00
Free Cash	491,990.64
Other Available Funds	<u>808,021.50</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS	3,978,987.14

TAXES FOR COUNTY, STATE AND TOWN

On Real Property	9,442,851.31
On Personal Property	<u>132,123.67</u>
TOTAL	9,574,974.98

NUMBER OF PARCELS

On Taxable Real Property	1,742
On Personal Property	30
On Farm Animals	11

<u>NUMBER OF ACRES</u>	7,532
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Respectfully submitted

Victor A. Gangi, Chairman
William Krajewski, Member
Cheryl Hoenemeyer, Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS
(For Fiscal year 2009: July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2009)

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following data was compiled from the 2009 Annual Town Census:

Number of Residents by Age:	Number of Registered Voters:
65 and Older: 522	Democrats: 804
50 To 64: 1195	Republicans: 674
35 To 49: 1049	Unenrolled: 1722
17 To 34: 847	Other: 14
5 To 16: 756	
Under 5: 159	
 TOTAL: 4528	 TOTAL: 3214

The following Town Meetings and Elections were held during Fiscal Year 2009. 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. The Board of Registrars convened on November 18, 2008 to tally provisional ballots and overseas ballots for the November 4, 2008 State (Presidential) Election.

State Primary Election	September 16, 2008
Special Town Election	September 27, 2008
Special Town Meeting	October 20, 2008
State (Presidential) Election	November 4, 2008
Annual Town Meeting, First Session	April 27, 2009
Special Town Meeting	April 27, 2009
Annual Town Election	May 4, 2009
Annual Town Meeting, Second Session	May 6, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Rosamond Veator, Chair
Elise Henrichs
Gail Majaukas
Lawrence J. Murphy, Clerk

**West Newbury Housing Authority
Town Report
FY 09**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The West Newbury Housing Authority respectfully submits our FY 09 Annual Report.

INCOME STATEMENT	<u>FY09</u>
Income	
3110 -Shelter Rents	110,899.00
3610-00 · Interest Income	485.61
3690 · Other Revenue	1,400.00
3801 · Operating Subsidy	21,737.47
3920 · GainLoss Sale/Disposal	
Total Income	<u>134,522.08</u>
Expense	
4110-00 · Administrative Salaries	16,136.06
4130-00 · Legal	0.00
4150-00 · Travel	38.62
4170-00 · Accounting Services	4,852.00
4190-00 · Administrative Other	3,076.34
4310-00 · Water	13,633.74
4320-00 · Electricity	15,229.10
4330-00 · Gas	230.66
4340-00 · Heating 667	13,151.20
4390-0 · Septic Pumping	2,914.50
4410-00 · Maintenance Labor	26,043.11
4420-00 · Materials & Supplies	9,008.27
4430-00 · Contract Costs	10,829.11
4510-00 · Insurance	4,258.71
4520-00 · Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,189.56
4540-00 · Employee Benefits	10,769.07
4610-00 · Extraordinary Maintenance	5,944.42
4611-00 · Non Capitalized Equipment	2,452.00
6580-00 - Collection Loss	1,557.23
7520-00 - Replacement of Equipment	21,535.00
Total Expense	<u>164,848.70</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(30,326.62)</u></u>

West Newbury Housing Authority
Town Report
FY 09

BALANCE SHEET	<u>FY09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1112-00 · Cash - Admin	77,591.73
Total Checking/Savings	<u>77,591.73</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1122 · A/R Tenants	9,861.23
1125 Accounts Receivable Subsidy	0.00
1129 Accounts Receivable Other	733.00
1130 · Accounts Receivable-Interprogram	(1,207.16)
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>9,387.07</u>
Other Current Assets	
1114-00 · Security Deposit	1,236.04
1117-00 · Petty Cash	150.00
1162-00 · Investments	17,777.36
1211-00 · Prepaid Expenses	47,568.55
Total Other Current Assets	<u>66,731.95</u>
Total Current Assets	153,710.75
Fixed Assets	
1402 · Buildings/Improvements	2,401,029.07
1403 · Equipment	12,697.00
1406 · Accumulated Depreciation	(853,057.19)
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,560,668.88</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,714,379.63</u></u>

**West Newbury Housing Authority
Town Report
FY 09**

BALANCE SHEET

FY09

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

2000 · Accounts Payable	340.95
Total Current Accounts Payable	<u>340.95</u>

Other Current Liabilities

2114 · Tenants Security Deposits	1,396.04
2117 · Payroll Liabilities	412.23
2118 · Subsidy Overpayment	1,752.50
2119 · Interfund	5,578.00
Total Other Accounts Payable	<u>9,138.77</u>

Deferred Credits

2240 · Prepaid Rents	0.00
Total Current Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>

Accrued Liabilities

2137 · Payment In Lieu of Taxes	949.22
2111.1 A/P · Accrued	70,048.82
2139 · Other	19,636.00
2290 - Deferred Income	3,200.00
Total Accrued Liabilities	<u>93,834.04</u>

Total Liabilities	103,313.76
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Equity

2802 · Invested in Net Assets - NOD	1,560,668.88
2806 · Unrestricted Net Assets	25,723.61
2805 · Restricted Net Assets	55,000.00
Net Income	(30,326.62)
Total Equity	<u>1,611,065.87</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,714,379.63</u></u>
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Thank you to the Town for its continued assistance and support in all of our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

David Houlden, Chairperson
Larry Corcoran
Irene Durkin
Marjorie Peterson

Kathleen Thurston, Executive Director

Annual Report of the Library Trustees

To The Honorable Board of Selectman:

During the fiscal year ending June 2009, several major maintenance projects were completed. The installation of underground wiring for electrical, telephone and FIOS service was finalized. New carpeting was laid on the first and second floors of the Library as well as in the children's room. The front door was replaced and the exterior trim of the Library was painted.

Significant work was undertaken and completed in insulating and ventilating the attic. LED fixtures were installed. This work has created a more energy efficient environment.

In May 2009, officers were elected as follows:

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

The Trustees are appreciative of the ongoing support of the community and the generous gifts of the Library's patrons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa A. Bisenius
Recording Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Circulation for FY 2009 was 114,061. The average daily circulation was 405.5, and the average daily traffic count was 148. Non-resident circulation was 25,363.

The State Incentive Grant was \$7,929.29, which included a non-resident offset of \$13,104.06.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Money Market Account	Balance 6/30/2008	16,238.47
	Gifts & Bequests	13,340.95
	Interest	<u>194.33</u>
	Total	29,773.75

Expenses	Programs (Moseley Grant)	1,775.00
	Building repairs	11,037.64
	Museum passes	1,625.00
	Supplies	<u>993.42</u>
		15,431.06
	Balance June 30, 2009	14,342.69

Invested Funds	Balance June 30, 2008	717,936.56
	Dividends and Interest	<u>11,027.58</u>
	Total	728,964.14

Expenses	Building repairs	18,460.11
	Capital loss	<u>232,469.21</u>
	Total	250,929.32
	Balance June 30, 2009	478,034.82

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
Barbara F. Carbone	Jennie M. Foss	Thomas Kennett
Georgiana Emery	Bessie Sawyer 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

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We had a wild summer at the Library. "Wild Reads @ your Library" was this years summer reading program. 264 children registered on line and then enjoyed 3,710 hours of reading. I'm sure the prizes they received each week didn't influence them at all.

Story hours were again popular with 76 children signing up for the Summer session, 77 for the Fall, 85 for the Winter, and 90 for the Spring. Toddler Time was a lot of fun with the toddlers and their caregivers enjoying a story, a game and a craft. We had 16 register for the Summer session, 30 for the Fall, 35 for the Winter and 26 for the Spring.

The Children's Room hosted 192 programs with 4,862 attendees We saw owls, did origami, saw puppet shows and made our own puppets, and sent Frisbees flying (we did that outside!). That was just a sampling please drop by to see what your library has to offer or look online at westnewburylibrary.org.

Thank you so much to the great library staff: Dorothy Carr, Dawn Watson, Amy Custance without whom I never would have made it through the process of re-carpeting the whole library!! After 21 years it was much needed (alligators urinating for one, you really don't want to know what else). But moving everything twice was no vacation but the end result was awesome.

Thank you to the Friends of the West Newbury Library and the Edward & Winifred Moseley Foundation for their generous support.

Sincerely,
Katharine (Kate) Gove
Children's Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

To the Honorable Board of Selectman:

The ZBA held one hearing on a petition resulting in the granting of the petition

The summaries of results are:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Kelly
Chair, ZBA

August 5, 2009

**Annual Report of the Planning Board
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During Fiscal Year 2009, 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 two 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). The Planning Board continued review of the application which had been filed in December, 2008. The Application was withdrawn by the Applicant in June, 2009.
2. Application by Active Adult Living at Ocean Meadow LLC to Modify the Definitive Subdivision and Special Permit Approvals to locate the affordable housing units off-site. The Application was denied.

Approval Not Required Plans: The Planning Board reviewed and approved three plans resulting in the creation of one additional lot.

1. 2 and 5 Hemingway Place, (Assessors Map R-15 Lots 12 and 12C) lot line reconfiguration, no additional lots were created.
2. 168 Garden Street/ Indian Hill Street, (Assessors Map R-17, Lots 8C & 10), lot line reconfiguration, no additional lots were created.
3. 160 Bachelor Street (Assessors Map R-15, Lot 86), two new lots, one additional lot created.

Requests to Extend Definitive Subdivision Approval:

The Board received requests to extend the Definitive Subdivision Plan Approval for 902 Main Street and 29 Ash Street/36 Georgetown Road. A one-year extension was granted for 29 Ash Street/36 Georgetown Road.

Scenic Road Bylaw, Section XXXII of the General Bylaws:

The Planning Board approved an application from Essex County Greenbelt Association for removal of a section of stone wall on Indian Hill Street, Assessors Map R17, Lot 1D. This work was performed in conjunction with creation of a parking lot at the Indian Hill Farm Reservation.

Zoning Bylaw Amendments:

The following amendments to the Zoning Bylaw were proposed for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Voters approved all of the amendments with the exception of the Signs bylaw.

1. Section 7.C., Signs, to replace the existing Section 7.C. with a new Signs Bylaw.
2. Section 6.B. 7.a.i of the Open Space Preservation Development Bylaw, to revise existing reference.
3. Section 6.A., Intensity of Use, to delete the sentence which reads "When creating a new street, at least one lot must maintain frontage on the existing street".
4. Section 2., Definitions, to revise the definition of Frontage at corner lot.
5. 4.B., Exempt Uses, Subsection 1. b, amended to delete the word "regulate".

Subdivision Rules and Regulations Amendments

Subdivision Regulations were amended at a Public Hearing held on April 21, 2009. The amendments were recorded at the Registry of Deeds in Book 28675, Pg 435. The amendments made are as follows:

1. Section 2.5. to increase filing fees.
2. Section 4.0. Design Standards, to add frontage requirements for creating a new street, and
3. Section 3.3, to add a plan requirement to reflect the revised Design Standards.

General Administration:

The Planning Board worked with the developers of Kimball Road Extension and Hemingway Place and the Board of Selectmen to bring the streets before Town Meeting for Street Acceptance. Both streets had been approved as Definitive Subdivision Plans, and have been completed. The streets were accepted at the Annual Town Meeting.

During the year, the Planning Board conducted ongoing review and follow-up of various projects to ensure compliance with approvals, i.e., Ocean Meadow (56 units), Bailey's Lane - Long Hill (3 lots), Hemingway Place (4 lots), Kimball Road Extension (4 lots.) Both Ocean Meadow and Kimball Lane Extension were approved under the Open Space Preservation Development Zoning Bylaw, and contain an open space element. The Board worked to obtain a Trail Easement across Lot 2, the open space parcel, at Ocean Meadow, as well as the final Conservation Restriction.

The Board continued working on a new Site Plan Review Bylaw, and initiated discussion of a potential Wind Turbine Bylaw. The Board also filed an application with the Community Preservation Committee requesting funds to update the Housing Production Plan, which will expire in August, 2009. Funding was approved at Town Meeting, an RFP was issued, and the Board has selected a consultant to update the Housing Production Plan. Implementation of the Housing Production Plan will be the responsibility of the Community Housing Committee. Members of the Planning Board worked with town officials to review such projects as potential uses of the town-owned Mullen property.

Membership and Personnel:

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Brian R. Murphey	Chairman	2014
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
Jean Nelson	Planning Board Administrator	

At the Annual Town Election, Brian Murphey was elected to a five year term. In May, the Board voted to re-organize. Raymond Cook was elected as Chair, Ann Bardeen as Vice Chair, and Peter Haack remained as Clerk. In June, Associate Member Michael Jones resigned from that position. The Board is extremely thankful to Michael for his dedicated service to the Board and to the Town.

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 and the Energy Advisory Committee, and is the Town's Commissioner to the Merrimac Valley Planning Commission. Rob Phillips is the Alternate Commissioner to MVPC.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Bardeen
Raymond A. Cook
Peter R. Haack
Brian R. Murphey
Arthur T. Wallace

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 2009, the Board of Health approved applications for seven (7) new construction septic systems and sixteen (16) 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 five (5) camp licenses, seven (7) food permits, one (1) permit for a well this year, and thirty-three (33) licenses for installers and haulers.

Approximately eighty-five (85) West Newbury households participated in our Hazardous Waste Collection held on September 20, 2008 in conjunction with the City of Newburyport.

Pipestave Hill Recycling area continues to be open Saturday 9:00 am through 4:00 pm for residents to drop off recycling and white goods.

FY09 was the third 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.

Got Books is an effort to reduce the Town's trash tonnage by offering a book recycling program. This program encourages residents to drop off books they no longer want at a collection box located in the back parking lot at Town Office Building. Removing books from the waste stream lowers the cost of trash removal as well as generating monies for the Town's General Fund. Over 10 tons of books were picked up, more than double since last year, producing \$1180.15. 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 purchased for a fee at the Town Office Building either in the Health Department Office or the Council on Aging Office.

The Board of Health would like to remind residents that recycling is a tax cost-saver as well as a State mandated program. The Board would like to thank all the residents who recycle, when you recycle you are doing your part to protect our environment. Three hundred and ninety-three tons of recyclables were removed via curbside and Pipestave recycling area saving \$28,100 in waste removal.

RECEIPTS:

Percolation Testing	\$ 2,300.00
New Septic Systems Plans	2,400.00
Repair Septic Systems Plans	1,950.00
Component Repairs	300.00
Septic Revision Plans	150.00
Wells	200.00
Licenses and Permits	5850.00
Got Books Recycling Program	<u>1,180.15</u>
Total	\$ 14,330.15

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, 2009.

Installations:	930
Dwellings in Town: (per Assessors)	1491
% on Town Water:	62%
Town Population: (per Town Clerk)	4528
Gallons Billed:	57,456,408
Average residential daily gallons:	169
Hydrants/Valves:	192
Street Valves:	137
Feet of Main:	146,006

The "blending" project that allows us to pump West Newbury and Newburyport water at the same time has been successful and lowered our expenditures for purchased water. We are now pursuing other means of engineering the town's wellfield to be more productive. We have scheduled the installation of two large diameter wells for calendar year 2010. Once they are put into production, two of the original small-bore "driven" wells will be eliminated. The new wells will be more efficient, which means we can pull more water out of the ground. The existing vacuum system will continue to be used to extract the water, but we will have the potential of using submersible pumps if necessary in the future.

We have funded an important update to the Pipestave Booster Station that should be implemented in the coming year. The existing pumps will be replaced by smaller, less expensive and more easily maintained pumps that will be driven by Variable Frequency Drives. Should the Brake Hill Tank, which services 90% of the water users in town, go off-line, the VFDs are essential to safely maintain pressure in the system.

The Booster Station revision is critical because within the next 2-3 years the department plans to do a major rehab of the 1936 steel Brake Hill Tank. It will be drained, painted on the outside, and possibly coated on the inside as well. This will be a major project that will cost over \$400,000 and will mean that the tank will be down for a minimum of two weeks. In addition to the tank rehab, the department is very intent on installing or replacing pipe in the vicinity of the tank to eliminate some restrictions. The most important new pipeline will be a "loop" from the Brake Hill Tank to Hilltop Circle so that we are not completely dependent on the existing single pipe from the tank to Main Street.

The department hired a consultant to conduct a Water Rate Study (a previous study was done in 2003). This new study, in draft form at the time of this writing, is intended to focus on the cost of Fire Protection provided to the town, according to standards set by the AWWA (American Water Works Association). As an Enterprise Fund, the Water Department should account for all costs and revenues, and in early 2009 a study conducted for the Selectmen determined that the department owed the town about \$46,000 annually in indirect costs. It would appear that the Fire Protection Charge will be at approximately the same level and that these figures will offset each other. The Rate Study is also

meant to determine what rate increases are needed to accomplish the tank rehab and pipeline work described above, within the Rate Study scope of the next three fiscal years.

When the department’s FY 2010 budget was set at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting we created two new accounts to give us better financial controls. The first was a “Reserve Fund” though according to the guidelines for Enterprise Funds it is called the “Extraordinary and Unforeseen Fund.” This fund can be utilized by the Commissioners in a financial emergency. This flexibility allows us to tighten our budget in other places. Second, we established a “Water Stabilization Fund” which will act like the town’s Stabilization Fund. Money from our System Development Fees (i.e. connection fees) will go into it, as well as other Water Department funds when available, and the balance will be built up to use in the future for planned capital projects not large enough to require borrowing.

Other projects completed or in process include:

- The continuing deployment of radio read water meters.
- Securing a professional survey and plan of the roadway access from Hilltop Circle to the Brake Hill Water Tank, including an area designated for building a future water tank.
- Funding a \$17,000 “Chemical Safety Initiative” project for the wellfield to do work mandated by Mass. DEP. The project prevents accidents that could contaminate the public water supply with excess chemicals.
- Application to the Commonwealth and U.S.D.A. for “stimulus” money for capital projects, including building a new (second) water tank on Brake Hill.

Finally, the Water Dept wishes to thank Brian Warne for his service as Water Commissioner, and to welcome newly elected Commissioner Larry Corcoran.

COMMITMENTS TO WATER FUND (CHARGES TO USERS)
TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

<u>Water Usage (regular bills):</u>		
October 2008	\$ 270,653.96	
April 2009	<u>254,614.70</u>	525,268.66
 <u>Water Usage (special bills):</u>		
Addl. Water & Municipal Liens	6,597.88	
 <u>Services:</u>		
Unscheduled Reading Fee	1,140.00	
Labor & Inspection Charges	49.69	
Tapping Fee	425.00	
 <u>Materials:</u>		
New Meters	3,129.34	
Other	837.88	
 <u>Hydrant Rental: (Fire Dept.)</u>	 <u>15,750.00</u>	 <u>27,929.79</u>
 <u>TOTAL COMMITMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2009</u>		 553,198.45

Additional Revenue:

Misc. Revenue (backflow, red cards, etc)	2,931.48	
Systems Development Charge	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>29,931.48</u>

TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED F/Y 2009 **\$583,129.93**

OPERATING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009

Operating Expenses:

Facilities Cost	\$28,281.59	
Office Expense	2,627.79	
Professional Assoc.	22,872.00	
Outside Services/Training	18,400.20	
Computer Expense	2,543.91	
Vehicle/Equipment Expense	5,381.26	
Materials/Supplies/Outside Contractors	93,126.66	
Water Purchase-Newburyport	52,839.23	
Safe Water Drinking Assessment	<u>649.43</u>	<u>226,722.07</u>

Salary/Wages: **176,022.19**

Insurances: **18,223.86**

Debt Service: **20,449.21**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES F/Y 2009 **\$441,417.33**

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

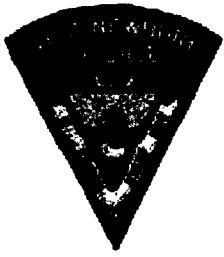
R. Scott Wolke, Chairman

Bill Campbell

Larry Corcoran

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Jodi Bertrand, Administrative Assistant



WEST NEWBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Lisa A. Holmes, Police Chief
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Annual Report of the West Newbury Police Department

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

These past few years the police department and public safety dispatch have seen a considerable increase in activity and calls for service. This year was no exception as the departments received 22,462 calls for service which were logged for the fiscal year. In comparison with the last two years this is a sizeable increase in calls. There were 18,809 calls logged in FY 2008 and 15,167 calls logged in FY 2007. The trend for domestic related crimes as well as theft and larceny complaints continues to rise again this year as has the alcohol and drug related activity.

Notwithstanding the increase in activity, the police department has remained at 7 full-time officers since 1996. The national average is 2 officers per 1,000 citizens. The town's population is nearly 5,000 which has us well below the national average. We are still in need of at least one additional full time position in order to fill the remaining shifts which have been covered by reserve officers. When there are no reserve officers available to cover the shift we are often forced to incur overtime expenses. The new hire would provide us with full time officers to cover most patrol shifts and the reserve officers would be used to fill in on full time officer's time off.

For many years, the police department has conducted several events at the Pentucket Regional Schools. We have continued with many of these measures and training again this fiscal year but sadly we have had to eliminate the D.A.R.E. program after this fiscal year as a result of budget reductions as well as other restraints. This was a tradition started 16 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 training has proven to be very valuable to the students and was an opportunity for them to get to know the police officers of the department. It was continued by Officer Joy Fleck who restructured the material and brought a 20th century approach to the subject matter. We plan to continue to have officers in the schools to deliver talks on various subjects of interest to the student body this coming school year.

Each year the police department conducts its annual Seat Belt Pledge Drive at Pentucket Regional High School. This year we had an outstanding participation of both students and staff who agreed to take the pledge to wear their seatbelts. This event is held in conjunction with the Governors Highway Safety, Click it or Ticket program in an effort to raise the percentage of

individuals who wear their seat belts. There was a raffle conducted from those who participated in the pledge drive. Many of the prizes were donated by local merchants who are very supportive of our efforts year after year. We are very appreciative to them for their continued support.

We have continued to work with the area police departments as well as the Pentucket Regional Schools in preparedness training for potential critical incidents which may arise at the schools and also in our communities. The area police departments have been conducting drills and exercises to respond to such emergencies. This training proved useful last fall when this department, along with many others; responded to assist Newburyport Police with a man with a gun incident. We continue to expand our knowledge and training to such emergencies several times each year and plan on an event in the fall at Pentucket.

The police department maintains its support and participation in the TRIAD program. This program, aimed at the senior population, has continued with the many public awareness and safety programs which we have had in place for several years. We continue to add to these programs each year. For the third year the members of the TRIAD program as well as many other community volunteers and town departments have held a Spring Fling dinner dance for the seniors. This event is attended by many residents who enjoy a night of dinner, dancing and entertainment. This year we hope to extend our programs to other community safety initiatives.

Public Safety Dispatch took on a new look this year when they designed their own patch. However, we lost two full time dispatchers who took jobs in neighboring communities due to better benefits. We have increased our training certifications for all full time dispatchers and most of the part time dispatchers. This year dispatchers were trained and certified in APCO Emergency Medical Dispatch. APCO Institute is the premier organization addressing educational and certifications needs of public safety communications agencies. This certification was in compliance with the state guidelines and enables us to provide medical assistance to callers when needed until medically trained units arrive on scene.

In conclusion, I want to convey my thanks to the residents of the Town of West Newbury for their support of the public safety departments. I want to thank all of the members of the Public Safety Departments; the police, fire, EMA, and the public safety dispatchers for their support and dedication which has made West Newbury a safe community for its residents. This would not be possible without the dedication of the officers and dispatchers who strive to maintain the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and work ethic in serving the public..

Lisa A. Holmes
Chief of Police
Director of Public Safety Dispatch



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Director Scott P. Berkenbush

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The West Newbury Emergency Management Agency had a relatively uneventful summer and fall in 2008. Winter, hit the town with a bang.

November 5, 2008 marked the bi-annual Seabrook Station FEMA graded exercise. The agency performed remarkably well and the town received "no deficiencies" for the fully staffed exercise showing that the town meets the state and federal requirements for readiness and preparedness to respond to a nuclear emergency. The next graded exercise will be in 2010. New this year, Seabrook Station and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency conducted a siren sounding alert notification test for the first time last fall. EMA stationed a staff member at each of the siren polls throughout town to assure that the sirens were operational and sounding. The test was completed without incident.

The entire town was hit with an ice storm in December 2008. The storm affected a good portion of New England, causing power outages everywhere. In West Newbury it caused the entire town to be without electricity for a period of time. Although power was restored to some during the first 24 hours, the majority of homes were without electricity for two days, for others, it was over a full week. The town's Emergency Operations Center opened for 2 ½ days. There were numerous conference calls with the electric company and various state agencies to update the town on the status of restoring power to the town during the aftermath. The Public Safety Complex (PSC) training room was opened as a reception center offering residents a place where that they could stop in, get warm, have a cup of coffee or a snack, or use an electrical outlet to recharge their cell phone. Thanks to the Council of Aging agreeing to loan the use of their van, EMA staff were able to offer transportation if needed to a shelter in Amesbury that was set up by the Amesbury EMA and the American Red Cross as a community shelter. 99.5% of the residents who were displaced by the storm relocated to family and friends homes or chose to remain in their own homes fighting the cold while waiting for the power to return. Collapsible 5 gallons jugs were given out to residents that needed water. Residents also filled their own buckets and containers. As the Director, I worked very closely with the Selectmen, Police, Fire, Dispatch, Highway and Water Departments, along with MEMA during the storm and the days following the ice storm. The Public Safety Complex saw a record number of visitors and phone calls throughout the week after the storm hit. Most calls were residents checking on the power situation. This was truly a disaster in some areas of town, where roads were closed for two days due to the downed trees and wires. The cleanup took days and all town employees and volunteers deserve a huge "thank you" for helping not only assisting the residents, but for aiding other town departments and employees as well. In addition, I want to thank all of the town departments for their assistance with their documentation of the damages, expenses, and equipment and labor costs associated with the December ice storm.

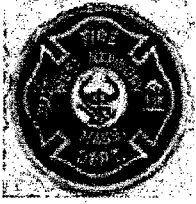
Also, I want to say a special thank you to EMA Deputy Director Lee Ann Delp for all of her help, efforts and dedication to the Town of West Newbury. Once the emergency had passed she met with representatives from MEMA, FEMA, and the Army Corps of Engineers documenting the damages and expenses occurred in West Newbury. With the help of the other town departments, especially Police Chief Lisa Holmes, DPW Director Gary Bill, and Deputy Fire Chief Michael Dwyer, the town was able to receive over \$78,000 in reimbursed costs from the ice storm.

Thank you to all of the truly great people I work with in Emergency Management! I do appreciate your help - as I hope all of the town's resident's do - when you assist with a road race, partake in a Seabrook Station drill, or respond during an emergency, it does not go unnoticed.

In closing I want to remember the passing of Richard Berkenbush, my father, a long time volunteer of the Emergency Management Agency and to the town. His help with special needs notification delivery of faxes, and listening to the radio for the Emergency Alert System notification during the Seabrook Station drills and exercises will surely be missed this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott P. Berkenbush



Annual Report of the Board of Fire Engineers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Fire Department met with many changes during fiscal year 2009. The department welcomed the new KME 95 foot Tower. Tower 28 became the newest piece of equipment at the Fire Department. Firefighter Richard "Butch" Hills was promoted to lieutenant and put in charge of Tower 28. His years on the department coupled with his vast heavy equipment knowledge made him the perfect charge for the new piece of equipment. Tower 28 is pictured below in front of the Dr. John C. Page Elementary School with members of the department.



Another major event this year was the retirement of several key members due to a ruling by Town Counsel that firefighters must retire at age 65. Assistant Fire Chief Stephen Arnold, Deputy Fire Chief Kenneth "Kip" Berkenbush, and Deputy Chief Glenn Coffin were all active members of the fire department that were forced to retire. Berkenbush joined the Fire Department in 1958, Arnold in 1961, and Coffin in 1964. The loss of their combined expertise, dedication, and enthusiasm has been felt throughout the department. Not only were all three members in leadership roles within the organizational structure of the fire department, but all 3 were also in town and able to respond to calls during the day. The motto of the West Newbury Fire Department "*Ever Ready and Always Willing*" exemplifies these three men. The Board of Fire Engineers would like to again thank these men for their many years of dedication and service to the Town. These 3 men were available to help 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year after year. Being a call firefighter does not come without sacrifice and these 3 men, as well as all firefighters, have had to leave family events to respond to calls for service.

The Board of Fire Engineers also took a surprise turn this spring. The Selectmen appointed Raymond "Rock" Dower III, Michael Dwyer, Robert Janes, Scott Berkenbush, and Benjamin Jennell as Engineers. When the Board of Fire Engineers voted for fire chief long time Fire Chief Dower was not voted in as Fire Chief. Scott Berkenbush was voted in as Fire Chief. Former Chief Dower declined the position of Assistant Fire Chief and resigned from the Board of Fire Engineers stating he was stepping aside to allow the new regime to forge ahead with their ideas and plans for the future. He remains with the department as a firefighter. Peter Connolly was appointed to fill the vacancy by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Engineers would like to again thank Chief Dower for all his years of service to the Town, over 43 years at this time. 30 of which were as a Chief Officer. Chief Dower became Fire Chief following the retirement of Fire Chief Richard Berkenbush in 1990.

Retired Fire Chief Richard Berkenbush passed away in March after a brief illness at the age of 84. He first joined the department after returning home from service in World War II and served as fire chief from 1954 to 1990. As his brother Deputy Chief Kip Berkenbush stated, his passing truly marked the end of an era.

The fire department responded to two house fires one on Bailey's Lane and the other on Stewart Street. In both cases, due to the professional firefighting tactics of the department, damage to each of the homes was kept to a minimum. Below is a tally of the fire calls for the fiscal year.

Wires Down/Tree Down	16
Animal Incident	3
Assist the Public/PD/Other	24
Boat/Water Incident	1
Outside Fire	7
Building fire	2
Car/Vehicle Fire	3
Chimney or Stove fire	6
Co Detector	8
Electrical Problem	2
Fire alarm activation	60
Hazardous Materials	2
Illegal Burn	3
Investigate odor/Smoke/other	14
Mutual Aid	5
Heating system problem	3
Motor vehicle crash	34
Rescue / Medical Aid	159
Fuel spill	2
Lock out	3
Station Standby	8
Fire Watch (Pentucket)	2
TOTAL CALLS	366

Firefighters were put the test during the ice storm of December 11-14, 2008. Power outages were throughout the region. In West Newbury some residents were without power for over a week. Temperatures were dropping and many residents were without heat. The majority of homes had their power back on in two to three days. The fire department along with the police, emergency management, dispatch, and highway departments worked around-the-clock to help the residents through a difficult time. Although we've seen these types of ice storms in the news - this was the first time that the town experienced such an ice storm. The storm was reminiscent of the big hurricanes in the mid 1950s when the entire town was shut down and roads were impassable due to downed power lines and trees. For firefighters, the ice storm began at 2:08 a.m., when a call came in for a tree that had fallen on top of a car trapping the driver inside. At 4:12 a.m. wires were reported on fire, followed by a call for a transformer explosion on Bridge St. The Fire Alarm system rang for a call at the Dr. John C. Page School. A window had blown out at the school causing the pipes to burst turning on the sprinkler system. A carbon monoxide detector activation at a home on Maple Street was activated when the exhaust from a generator was going back into the home making the people inside the home ill. A home on Indian Hill also had a build up of Carbon Monoxide from their generator use. Firefighters responded to a call for a family that had returned home to their new home on Dole Place to find water damage throughout their house due to a burst pipe. Firefighters were up around the clock answering call after call for assistance. Many residents called needing assistance with pumping out their flooded basements. Storms like this do not happened often but when a storm does come along that causes this type of havoc - knocking out power, dropping trees and wires all over town - the Firefighters respond to help wherever it is needed.

The Fire Department saw many changes in the past year. The department will continue to see changes as members are required to retire at 65 years of age. The members of the Fire Department remain committed to training for and responding to the needs of the townspeople. The Department is continuing to look at the best way to staff the department to ensure coverage and to meet current firefighting standards.

The Board of Fire Engineers wants to thank all of the other town departments for their cooperation and support over the last year.

Organization of West Newbury Fire Department Fiscal Year 2009

Fire Chief

Raymond S. Dower III*

Assistant Chief

Stephen Arnold*

Deputy Chiefs

Kenneth Berkenbush* Scott Berkenbush* Glenn Coffin*

Captains

Richard Davies Mark Hemingway

Lieutenants

Michael Dwyer* George Evans Richard Hills Robert Janes Benjamin Jennell David Jennell Brandon Lamson

Kenneth Fowler, Lt. Last Alarm December 6, 2007

Firefighters

Brett Burkinshaw	Scott Cimino	John Connolly	Peter Connolly	Sara Connolly
William Donahue	Rock Dower	John Duxbury	Lisa Duxbury	David Evans
Keri Fowler	Geoff Hills	Joshua Hills	John Hume	Gregory Jennell
Keenan Leonard-Solis	Doug Mead	Thomas McCraine	Thomas Natario	Robert Pierce
Mark Richardson	James Riley	Kevin Samson	David West	

**from July 2008 through April 30, 2009*

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott P. Berkenbush, Chief
Robert Janes, Assistant Chief
Michael Dwyer, Deputy Chief
Benjamin Jennell, Lieutenant
Peter Connolly, Firefighter



WEST NEWBURY HARBORMASTER

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James F. Riley, Harbormaster

Annual Report of West Newbury Harbormaster

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

At the end of the 2008 boating season the town's pump out boat went out of service due to a failed engine. For the first time in 12 years the town was not able to provide the much needed service. It is my goal in the upcoming fiscal year 2010 to fulfill the department's mission statement:

"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".

Resident and Assistant Harbormaster Tom Goodwin, helped save the Harbormaster program. Once the ice cleared and the boaters came back out on the river the town had use of one of Tom's boat during emergencies and dock space to tie up to. I would like to publicly acknowledge Tom Goodwin for his dedication to the town and the Merrimack River. In addition to the use of a boat for emergencies and dock space he also donated many volunteer hours to the town.

I would also like to thank both Geoffrey Hills and Tenley Goodwin for their many volunteer hours of service.

Sincerely,

James F. Riley

Harbormaster

Town of West Newbury

West Newbury, MA 01985

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, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Total number of dogs licensed for the year of April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 was 783. The number of dogs licensed by June 30, 2009 was 701. The Annual Rabies Clinic was held on April 8, 2009 and 19 cats & 45 dogs were vaccinated.

Destroyed under suspicion of Rabies were two raccoons and neither had contact with a human nor domestic animal and were not tested at the Sate Lab. Tested for rabies were 2 bats - 1 negative and the other untestable. 2 dogs were also tested - one a puppy unvaccinated showing neurological signs and one bit a human and died because seriously injured by a car (both were negative). Quarantine times vary depending on vaccination status. There were 5 Dog Bite quarantines of 10 days; 2 Cats had 45 day quarantines for unknown wound but current rabies; and one cat a 6 month quarantine for wound of unknown origin and unvaccinated. One person was bitten at Mill Pond and the dog owner refused to give a name. Even with a current rabies vaccination, there is a mandatory ten day quarantine for a dog or cat bite.

Thirty-seven dogs were picked up running at large and were returned to their owners. A stray husky puppy was adopted after being held 10 days. One cat was picked up and adopted. One blue parakeet was found as a stray and taken in. Leash Law Violation money collected and turned over to the General Fund was: \$1,045. At the May 2009 Town Meeting it was voted to increase the fines to: \$25 for 1st offense, \$50 for 2nd offense, and \$100 for 3rd and subsequent offense for Leash Law violations.

Dead Animals were: 5 dogs; 10 cats; 2 foxes; 4 opossum; 4 skunks; 3 raccoons; 1 fisher; 2 woodchuck; 8 deer, 1 beaver, and various birds.. (The numbers may not be completely accurate for many reasons.) Injured were: 1 dog caught in ice of swamp which the Fire Department helped rescue; a deer impaled on a fence and 2 deer fell through ice at Reservoir. Reported sick and acting strangely were cats, beaver, raccoons, foxes, skunks, and coyotes.

Complaints concerning nuisance dogs were forty-eight. There were 12 complaints of dogs barking and some remain ongoing issues. There were eight complaints concerning cats - attacking another cat, under bird feeders, in a neighbor's yard.

There were two investigations of neglect and care, two complaints of abandonment, one case of possible abuse, and the MSPCA helped with two other investigations. The laws are very general and hard to prove when dealing with animals in most cases.

Several horses, cows, chickens, guinea hens, and a goat required catching and returning to their owners.

Wildlife calls were varied as usual. General advice and help dealing with exclusion from homes and yards, sightings reported, identification of snakes, concerns of illness in the animals, and risks to humans totaled eighty-seven calls.

Water's Edge Veterinary Hospital has agreed to serve as an Emergency Animal Shelter in the event of a Disaster in West Newbury and was part of Emergency Response Disaster Planning for the town.

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 2008 to 30 June 2009

6	New Single Family Homes
10	Foundations for New Single Family Houses/condos/additions
7	Decks & Porches
4	Other Additions
8	Outbuildings, garages, barns & sheds
44	Alterations & Renovations
2	Pools
43	Reroof, Siding or Windows
1	Demolition
24	Wood Stoves/Chimneys
5	Misc
4	Waived Fee Permits

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	158
Estimated Value of New Homes	\$1,771,000.00
Estimated Value of Other Construction	3,230,439.00
Estimated Value of Fees Waived Permits	7,500.00
Total Value of Construction	\$5,008,939.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$ 38,633.00

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clohecy
Inspector of Buildings

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

TOTAL COLLECTED FOR BUILDING PERMITS	\$ 38,633.00
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR PLUMBING & GAS PERMITS	7,194.00
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR ELECTRICAL PERMITS	10,580.50
FY DEPT. TOTAL	\$ 56,407.50

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

PLUMBING PERMITS issued during the Fiscal Year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

6	New Homes	\$ 1,190.00
41	Remodel & Additions	2,960.00
12	Water Heater Systems	520.00
5	Fee Waived	

Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued 59

Total Plumbing Fees Collected \$4,670.00

GAS PERMITS issued during the Fiscal Year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

Total Number of Gas Permits Issued 46

Total Gas Permit Fees Collected \$2,524.00

COMBINED TOTAL OF PERMITS ISSUED 105

TOTAL COMBINED FEES PLUMBING & GAS \$7,194.00

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 2008 to 30 June 2009

8	New Homes	\$4,049.00
82	All Other	6,531.00
5	Fees Waived	

TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS ISSUED 95

TOTAL ELECTRICAL FEES COLLECTED \$10,580.50

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Levesque,
Electrical Inspector

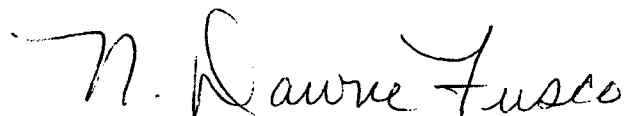
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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. We support the goals and objectives of the Open Space Plan.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "N. Lawrence Fusco". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009, 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, composted, fertilized, limed and seeded the playing fields. 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, Archelaus Hill Road and a portion of Indian Hill Street with Chapter 90 and Town funds.

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

Replaced floors at the Page School, worked on Mill Pond Building bathrooms and porches. Cleaned out and made repairs on the Park and Recreations Building.

The Department of Public works will strive to keep the roadways, Town Buildings and grounds maintained, safe and in presentable appearance in the upcoming 2010 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.

Our 3rd 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 reintroduce the programs that the TRIAD Program offers.

Our Trips continue to be a huge success. We have been working with Best of Times to plan the trips. We continue to do our monthly lunch trips and breakfast outings. As well as, trips to do grocery shopping and errands.

This past year we reintroduced the Boston Post Cane which is presented to the oldest resident. The Boston Post Cane was presented to Ella Gould at the Fall Town meeting. Ella and her family were honored to accept this award from the town.

We also introduced our new Early Bird dinner in March. This dinner has been a huge success. We offer a homecooked meal the second Tuesday of every month. The crowd has continually been 50 people coming to enjoy the meal and the company.

Another crowd pleaser is the Breakfast with the Police. We are asking an officer to come in on the last Friday of the month to talk about topics ranging from identity theft, to safety during the winter. The Police and residents have both enjoyed this time to get to know each other and answers concerns.

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009**

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.

The Mill Pond Area was enjoyed by the general public with no incidents to report. Individuals using the area were respectful to each other and the Mill Pond Recreation Area as a whole was well maintained.

Funding for an assessment of the need for clean out of the two Mill Pond sediment bays was authorized at the annual town meeting and the work was consigned to Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Significant events that occurred during the past fiscal year were:

- West Newbury's Council for Young Children held their annual Halloween party at the Mill Pond building. The event provided Halloween fun for those children too young to participate in conventional activities.
- The West Newbury Winter Carnival featuring sledding, skating and a horse-drawn sleigh ride was successfully held and drew a large turnout due to perfect winter conditions.
- A Boy Scout Camporee attracting 100 Scouts from a dozen area Troops enjoyed camping and outdoor activities at Mill Pond for three days.
- The Mill Pond building was also used for one Girl Scout, and one Boy Scout outing and a graduation party was hosted by town residents.
- Four equestrian events were held on Pipestave Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Reynolds, Chairman



WEST NEWBURY OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

West Newbury, Massachusetts 01985

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Open Space Committee (OSC) met regularly during Fiscal year 2009. Our accomplishments include:

Our foremost accomplishment was completing and obtaining state approval of the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Plan builds upon the previous plans completed in 1996 and 2003. The Plan was developed with input from a Town-wide Survey conducted in June 2008, deliberations of the Committee, public forums, and input from other Town boards. The major goals of the Open Space and Recreation Plan are:

1. Preserve the Town's rural character, charm, and sense of community by protecting the agricultural heritage of West Newbury, its scenic vistas, architectural gems, and housing diversity.
2. Protect and manage key natural resources, including water protection, and wildlife corridors.
3. Provide passive and active recreational activities for all townspeople, by developing and managing trail systems and other public amenities.

The Open Space Committee worked closely with the Planning Board to identify opportunities to preserve and expand trails throughout the Town wherever possible by creating or maintaining linkages. The Committee is committed to preserving, acquiring, and protecting a permanent Town-wide trail system.

The Open Space Committee hosted a "Speak of the Land" event to recall and record the historical place names of West Newbury including the orchards, truck and dairy farms.

The Open Space Committee with the help of talented members updated and enhanced the West Newbury Open Space Web site www.westnewburyopenspace.net. The site is professional looking and a resource of high quality, linked to the Town website and includes trail maps.

The Open Space Committee updated the Priority Parcel list.

The Open Space Committee continued to work with West Newbury Driving and Riding Club, the Department of Public Works, Merrimac Valley Planning Commission and the Essex County Trail Association in mapping, managing and maintaining trails.

The Open Space Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen began to implement the Riverbend Conservation Area Management Plan completed in 2008.

The Open Space Committee with the Community Housing Committee advocated for a cooperative alliance between the Open Space Committee and affordable housing stakeholders to provide diverse housing in West Newbury with a commitment to developments that preserve open space and trails.

The Open Space Committee worked with the Essex County Trails Association and the Conservation Commission to develop a Model Trail Management Plan.

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

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Barry J. LaCroix, Chair

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

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

**Report of the Council on Young Children Committee
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009**

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, 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

2009 West Newbury Parks and Recreation Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of three Commissioners: Greg Pope, Chairman; Jack Duggan, Vice Chairman and Tom Flaherty, Secretary. Mr. Flaherty was 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 facilities and their maintenance by the town's Department of Public Works. Significant improvements were made to the Bachelor Street "Major A" baseball field. This upgrade included installation of new fencing and repair and reglazing of the field's infield and base-lines. A second batting cage was also installed at the Bachelor Street facility. The West Newbury Youth League provided funds for these upgrades. Youth sports organizations again provided significant contributions to spring cleanups and routine repairs and upgrades at 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 bottle and can recycling program was initiated at the Pipestave and Bachelor Street facilities in coordination with the Town's Department of Public Works.

A summer recreation program was offered for a second consecutive year. The program was continued with the aid of a generous grant from the Moseley Foundation. The six-week program drew approximately 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.

Annual fees for youth sports programs, camps and tournaments were assessed to off-set the Parks and Recreation budget deficit due to a reduction in Town funding.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FY 2009

The Cable Advisory Committee is currently comprised of three people other than residents providing ad-hoc support in areas of interest or expertise. The Committee includes Jim Teal, Chairman, Kevin Bowe, and Duncan Beech with ad-hoc support from Ted Winter and Russ Jones. As we look back at this year we have made great progress on our goals. We have been broadcasting a bulletin board on the Cable Channels since the late spring of 2009, and we will start to broadcast Selectmen's meetings as of this fall. We are anxious for our production equipment to arrive to allow us to start broadcasting meetings live from the 1st Floor Hearing Room and streaming on the internet through Granicus. As we look forward, we need to assemble a team of volunteers to help keep the momentum going. This will include people willing to assist with website management, Bulletin Board and Scheduling support, Resource Coordination (equipment and volunteers), and more. Additionally, as we look forward, we will be starting the renewal process for the contract between the Town and Comcast. The 3-year renewal process will include assessments of our needs as a community with the goal of obtaining additional funding from Comcast to support our Community Media efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Teal, Chairman
Kevin P. Bowe
Duncan C. Beech

As of Feb 5, 2008 (updated)
OTHER AVAILABLE FUND SUPPORTED

Police Department

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2006 Ford F150-4x4		31,000			34,000		37,000		38,000
2005 Ford Crown Victoria - Car 307			32,000			34,000			
2006 Ford Crown Victoria - Car 301	30,500			33,000				36,000	
2008 Ford Crown Victoria - Car 303					34,000				
2008 Ford Crown Victoria - Administrative Vehicle									
Total Police Department	30,500	31,000	32,000	33,000	68,000	34,000	37,000	36,000	38,000

(FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET)

Water Department

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Brake Hill Water Storage Tank Painting	25,000		100,000						
Pipestave Hill Water Storage Tank									
Pipestave Hill Booster Pump Station			50,000			40,000			50,000
2007 Chevy Silverado Pickup Truck		25,000							
2003 Chevy Silverado Pickup Truck		40,000						20,000	
1996 Dodge Pickup Truck					30,000				
Telemetry System									
Air Compressor									
Meters	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Upgrade of Distribution System	21,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Wellfield Generator							30,000		
Total Water Department	66,000	115,000	200,000	200,000	80,000	90,000	80,000	70,000	100,000

(FROM WATER UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT)

Department of Public Works

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2001 Ford Pickup F250	17,000						36,000		40,000
1992 Ford F150 Pickup Truck									
2005 Ford Pickup F250				35,000			38,000		
Total DPW	17,000	0	0	35,000	0	0	74,000	0	40,000

(FROM DPW OPERATING BUDGET)

CAPITAL ASSET REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS

As of Feb 5, 2008 (updated)

Department of Public Works

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Action Cove Playground									
Annex	39,930			3,000					
Apartment House									
Bandstand									
Concession Stand									
DPW Building							12,000		
Garden Street Fire Station									
GAR Memorial Library			11,000						
Highway Department/Salt/Sand Shed		5,500							
DPW Garage									
Mill Pond Recreation Building	125,983								
Page School									
Park and Recreation Building			11,000			16,500			
Public Safety Complex									
Town Hall									
Town Office Building (1910 Building)	54,300								
Page School	51,000	50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000	
Unanticipated Building Repairs		12,000		12,000		13,000		13,000	
1982 Bombadier Sideswalk Plow		40,000							14,000
1990 Ford Dump/Sander L8,000									
1997 Ford Truck L4000 Dump/Sander	138,000								
1998 Caterpillar Backhoe		100,000							
1999 Caterpillar Loader				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		13,000					14,000
2003 International Dump						105,000			
2005 Ford F350 Dump				47,000					
2005 John Deere Tractor w/Loader									
Total DPW	409,215	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									
1989 Ford L4000 Chassis Fire Engine (Eng 22)									
1994 Ford Rescue									
2003 KME Pumper (Eng 23)									
2006 KME Pumper (Eng 24)									
2000 Ford F250 (Forestry Truck)							30,000		
1996 Ford F250 (Forestry Truck)									
1997 Rescue Boat Zodiac Mark II w/Trailer					30,000				
Jaws of Life		32,000							
Bunker Gear									
Air Equipment, SCBA				25,000	25,000	25,000			
Total Fire Department	100,000	32,000	25,000	25,000	55,000	25,000	30,000	0	0

\$800K purchase

Animal Care & Control

2005 Ford Freestar Cargo Van							20,000		
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Board of Health

1999 Ford F250			40,000						
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Council on Aging

2006 Ford Eldorado Handicapped Accessible Van									55,000
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TOTAL ASSET REPLACEMENTS

	509,215	251,500	193,000	250,000	153,000	209,500	124,000	63,000	83,000
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ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

	170,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
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STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE

	530,732	191,517	130,017	127,017	104,017	94,517	170,517	307,517	424,517
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Energy Advisory Committee Annual Report July 2008 – June 2009

The committee started the year with several discussions on how to measure energy use patterns, investigate renewable energy options and identify cost reduction opportunities for the town.

Energy audits. The committee applied to the Mass. Department of Energy Resources for an energy audit of town buildings. After a waiting period of several months, the audit was in progress at the end of the fiscal year. The Pentucket Regional School District also had energy audits conducted in its buildings. The committee awaited audit reports with recommendations about energy related improvements to town and school district buildings.

Wind resource site survey. In June 2009, the committee submitted an application to DOER for a survey of wind power opportunities at several hilltops in the town. Initial feedback indicated that only Brake Hill appeared to merit further analysis.

Clean Energy Funding. The town had approximately \$6500 in Clean Energy Choice funds, allocated to West Newbury by the Mass. Technology Collaborative based on voluntary green power purchases from National Grid by West Newbury residents. Through Town Meeting leaflets, letters to the editor and public service announcements, the committee publicized the green power purchase program to encourage West Newbury residents to join. Funds can be used for a variety of activities that promote clean energy.

Solar panel installation project. The committee worked on a project to identify the best location and install a small solar photovoltaic installation on town property. The location chosen was at Pipestave Hill on town DPW property. The committee planned to seek proposals from solar PV system vendors, with funding to be provided by Clean Energy Choice and other grant monies.

Fuel efficient vehicles. In August and September 2008, the committee researched the possible use of fuel efficient hybrid vehicles by the town. Several cities around the US have started buying hybrid vehicles for police use. We had a discussion with the selectmen and the chief of police regarding how to incorporate fuel efficiency into police department vehicle purchases.

Committee members as of June 30 were:

Rick Parker, chairman
Ann Craig
Liz Callahan
Mark Baker
Chip Wallace

**Community Preservation Committee
July 2008 – June 2009**

At the beginning of FY 2009, the Community Preservation Committee had created application forms and guidance for applicants, to be posted on the Town's website. Appropriate accounting procedures were in place, with accounts for separate funds established, according to statutory requirements.

Beginning in the fall of 2008, the CPC received several applications for projects to be funded by CPA money. Two projects did not make it past the eligibility stage; either there was not enough information about the costs and benefits, or there was a feeling that the benefits to the town did not exceed the cost.

Three projects went through the review process. First, they were determined to be eligible for funding. After detailed review of each project's goals, budget, timeline, and level of community support, the CPC decided to recommend that the town adopt them.

At the Spring Town Meeting on April 27, 2009, four articles were presented by the CPC and approved by the Town:

- Article 11: a routine allocation of CPA funds to accounts for housing, open space, historic preservation, and administrative expenses (as required by statute).
- Article 12: \$43,243 to rehabilitate the Records Storage Facilities in the Town Office Building. Work includes renovation of the northwest corner of the basement for a new records storage area, with the room receiving new lighting, paint, and rubber flooring. Shelving, waterproof bins, fireproof cabinets, and flat file cabinets for storage of materials, plus a table for reading records, are to be purchased and installed. Current storage capacity will be increased by 235%. New security measures to be implemented include a sign-out process for designated personnel, and access via key pad or new locks.
- Article 13: \$7,500 to rehabilitate the historic shoe shop located at the Hills House. The West Newbury Historical Society, which operates the Hills House, is contributing an additional \$2,500 to fund the project's total cost of \$10,000. Work includes repair and renovation to stabilize the building: new sills and joists, on solid concrete block supports, are to be installed; sheathing and trim will be replaced as necessary; new cedar clapboard siding will be installed; four windows will be replaced. The shoe shop is part of the Hills House complex, a local museum that is maintained and operated by the all-volunteer Historical Society. The house, outbuildings, and gardens are a link to the Town's past; open to the public for tours, the property is visited by history buffs, school children, genealogical researchers, gardeners, and others.
- Article 14: \$15,000 to update West Newbury's Housing Production Plan. This study will help direct the Town's future efforts to meet its affordable housing needs. The Town filed a Housing Plan with DHCD in 2004, and the state requires that the plan be updated every five years. In the absence of professional planning staff in town, a specialized consultant will be hired. The scope of work includes collection, presentation, and interpretation of data required to produce a housing needs assessment matrix; and the development of housing goals and strategies.

Progress toward the affordable housing goals in the previous document will be examined.
Public input will be sought in developing current goals.

Total available funds at the end of fiscal 2009 were

Open space	\$101,130.00
Historic resources	\$101,130.00
Community housing	\$101,130.00
Unrestricted funds	<u>\$791,401.23</u>
Total	\$1,094,791.23

This amount includes \$218,618.00 in state matching funds received in 2009.

Members as of June 30, 2009:

Arthur Wallace, chair
Tracy Blais ex officio
Irene Durkin
Bert Knowles
Judy Mizner
Ann O'Sullivan
Greg Pope
Jane Wild

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Dr. Paul A. Livingston
Superintendent of Schools**

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

The West Newbury Annual Report of the School Department activities for FY09 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.

**Thomas Atwood, Chairman
Maureen Moran, Vice Chairman
Jill Eichhorst, Assistant Treasurer
Joseph D'amore, Secretary
John Willett
Heather Conner
Todd Treado
Kathleen Katrinelis
Jill McGrail**

**Pentucket Regional School District
Dr. John C. Page Elementary School
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

The 2008-2009 school year at the Dr. John C. Page School saw a pre K-6 student enrollment of 541 students. The enrollment was comprised of West Newbury residents as well as 10 intra-district placements, 34 students through the school choice program, and 47 preschool students.

The School Improvement Plan continued to focus on student achievement, developing the social competence of our students, providing students with age appropriate performance opportunities, and the systematic maintenance and repair of the facility. The Plan, as presented and approved by the PRSD School Committee in the spring of 2007, is a three year document which is reviewed and updated each year.

The town of West Newbury financed a feasibility study to be completed last year on the school's facility. The results of the study, along with articulated priorities and options for the school, were presented to the West Newbury Board of Selectman this fall. Future meetings will explore the study's findings in more detail.

Concurrent with the study, the town has continued to appropriate the funds for continued capital improvements to the school. Classroom carpets continued to be replaced with floor tile. Many classrooms, hallways, and the cafeteria were painted. The lower parking lot was resurfaced and lined. Several trees were removed from the perimeter of the lot as they were assessed as unsafe. The exterior of the school was sealed to prevent water seepage along with the repair of some windows.

The Professional Learning Community Model has continued as a way for all staff to collaborate to improve student achievement. Additionally, staff worked together to create dynamic learning environments in their classrooms by planning lessons together that required students to be active participants in their learning, to communicate well, collaborate with their peers, and reflect on what they had learned. One indicator of our students' academic achievement was the 2009 MCAS results. For the second year, our grade six students were among the highest achieving in the state. I believe that the results are representative of the accumulative efforts of the staff in forging educational partnerships with our families.

Students were also provided with many extracurricular opportunities at the school. The PTO sponsored After School Arts Program offered twenty-five classes from which children could choose to participate. Tennis, drawing and painting, theatre, cooking, scrapbooking, ceramics and skateboarding are a few examples. Under the direction of Ms Stacey Fix, the Theatre Workshop program was also introduced at the school. Finally, the Page School's art, music, physical education, and library/media specialists

collaborated to work with students in grades 2, 3, and 4 to pull the courses of social studies together in performances for parents that included art, music, and dance.

Finally, our commitment to working with children to develop social competence continued at the school. With the creativity and passion of our school counselor, students were given an opportunity to experience the lasting impact a kind or generous deed may have. Our theme, **One Deed, One Seed**, was supported visually throughout the school with each student planting a daffodil bulb in a bed at the front of the school to be enjoyed for years to come along with other reinforcing activities.

We look forward to our continued work on behalf of the students in the upcoming year. We appreciate the continued support the community has provided us with to help with our mission to educate all children to high levels of achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

Lizabeth M. Perry, Principal

Pentucket Regional School District
Pentucket Regional Middle School
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2008-2009

The 2008-2009 school year was productive at Pentucket Regional Middle School. Student enrollment was 541 and comprised of 119 from West Newbury, 191 from Groveland, 214 from Merrimac, and 17 students through the school choice program.

Staff continued with the focus of improving student achievement through literacy and worked with a consultant from the Center for Applied Child Development at Tufts University. Throughout the year staff met with the consultant to learn and be observed using different literacy strategies in their lessons. The early release PLC collaborative time was highly beneficial in supporting the literacy work, specifically in the development of comprehensive literacy strategies to be used across disciplines and provided the time necessary to measure the concurrent impact on student achievement.

Looking forward, staff will continue their collaborative practice and the focus on literacy as well as beginning to explore the newly developed Habits of Learning; ***thinking, communication, collaboration, independence, creative exploration***. We encourage families to be a part of this process by engaging their children in ongoing conversations about what they learned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin L. Wilson, Principal

Pentucket Regional School District
Pentucket Regional High School
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2008-2009

The 2008-2009 school year was productive at Pentucket Regional High School. Student enrollment was 848 and comprised of 189 from West Newbury, 296 from Groveland, 329 from Merrimac, and 34 students through the school choice program.

Staff worked this year to implement the facets of a powerful classroom. With input from a variety of stakeholders the district created the 5 Elements of a Powerful Learning Environment. The Elements include increasing student **Ownership** for learning, making learning **Experiential** in nature, creating learning that pushes the student **Outside their Comfort Zone**, creating a learning environment that provides **Multi-faceted Support** and provides a chance for **Reflection**. The early release time that began last year was an essential part of implementing these strategies. During this time staff met with their departments and used learning protocols to facilitate discussions about how to bring these concepts to the classroom on a regular basis. The early release time is a chance for staff to learn from each other and share best practices. This time will be a critical part of professional development next year and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan P. Seymour

West Newbury Graduates:

Harold Amberg
Henry Amberg
Andrea Attenasio
Hannah Bacheller
Kristie Barry
Emma Brady
Stacey Caver
Dylan Chase
Robyn Chesebrough
Ryan Clancey
James Costello
Margaret Craig
Cassandra Delp
Christopher Donahue
Kayla Doyle
Stephanie Eaton
Sarah Evers
Megan Fields
Kayla Forrest
Sydney Foster
Emily Funk
Christopher Guilmet
Lauren Hannigan
Connor Harrison
Emily Hartmann
Kristin Hersey
Geoffrey Hills

Olaf Karasch
Michael Kennefick
Kelsey Killeen
Kirstyn Leone
Ryan McDonald
Douglas Mead
Anthony Mirra
Samantha Morrow
Elizabeth Morse
Keith Mosley
Michael O'Donnell
Holly Parker
Sarah Parker
Matthew Pearsall
Matthew Pendergast
Brooke Richard
Skylar Ridabock
Carly Seale
Harrison Shea
Alexandra Stiles
Connor Sullivan
Jacob Taylor
Leana Thorn
Erica Vaughn
Katelyn Walsh
Taylor Warne
Karena Webber



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Charles LaBella
Chairperson
School Committee

William P. DeRosa
Superintendent

September 29, 2009

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

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

Whittier offers 20 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-seventh year. To date we have graduated 8,902 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from West Newbury: 4

Whittier Tech: *Working on your future*

Honorable Board of Selectmen
September 29, 2009
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The October 1, 2008 Day School Enrollment:

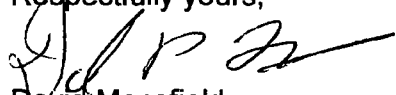
	Boys	Girls
Grade 9	2	2
Grade 10	2	0
Grade 11	0	1
Grade 12	0	1

Total -- 8

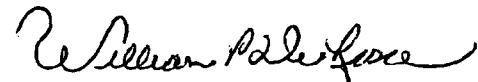
2009 Graduates -- 1

The cost to West Newbury for the school year 2008-2009 was \$74,805.00.

Respectfully yours,



David Mansfield
West Newbury Representative



William P. DeRosa
Superintendent

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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Business Manager's Office _____ 363-5104
Dr. John C. Page School (Principal Lizabeth Perry) _____ 363-2672
Pentucket Regional Middle School (Principal Robin Wilson) ____ 363-2957
Pentucket Regional High School (Principal Jon Seymour) _____ 363-5507

WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Veterans' Service Officer Terry Hart _____ (978) 356-3915
Housing Authority Office _____ 363-2723
West Newbury Riding and Pres. Amy Bresky (978) 270-3880
Driving Club Sec. Felicity Beech " 363-2021
Merrimack Valley Concert Band Kathy Peavey (978) 346-9511

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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	As Posted	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 special functions 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, Last Monday in April Town Annex, 381 Main St., rear
Annual Town Election, First Monday in May Town Annex, 381 Main St., rear

Broadcast of Selectmen's meetings:

The Selectmen are happy to announce that a couple of key milestones have been met this year to assist with helping make open meetings more accessible. Through the use of funds from the Cable Franchise Fees and the efforts of the Cable Advisory Committee, we are now able to broadcast content on our local Community Access Television Stations. West Newbury Comcast subscribers can tune to Channel 9. Verizon FiOS Customers can tune to Channel 42. The content on both channels is identical.

The CAC has been recording meetings for playback since the fall of 2009 and initial feedback is that townspeople are finding this new level of access helpful. At the current time, the Selectmen's meetings are the only meetings that are being broadcast. The hope is to expand this functionality to additional committees and boards moving forward. Our Community Access Channel is different than other local stations in one major way. It is fully volunteer run. We are actively looking for volunteers who will be willing to 'man the equipment' to broadcast shows. Please send an e-mail to ableadvisory@TheToWN.tv if you would like to help participate.

Another exciting component to our new programming is a feature called Granicus. Granicus is a service that provides a unified record of public meetings. While the meeting is running, the secretary of the meeting uses an application from Granicus to record roll calls, motions, and notes. This information is time synchronized with the video and audio from the meeting and streamed to the internet for on-line live viewing and recorded for later on-demand playback. Please visit <http://TheToWN.tv> (**The Town of West Newbury**) and select Granicus Meetings to visit the Granicus site. In addition to providing live streaming and on-demand playback, Granicus provides a very useful search tool. As meetings are loaded into Granicus, the meeting agendas and approved meeting minutes become searchable. Since the meeting information was capture real-time during the meeting, the content is time synchronized with the video, so clicking a result from a search will queue you up to the very moment in the meeting when the topic was discussed. We are excited to offer this service to our community and expect it will be put to great use.

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 Bailey's Lane - C2
 Beaver Brook Lane - E3
 Beech Hill Terrace - A4
 Belmont Street - D4
 Bridge Street - D2-C2
 Brown Lane - E2-E3
 Barbary Lane - A4-B4

Carbon Road - B4
 Chase Street - D2
 Cherry Hill Street - D4-E3
 Chestnut Street - A4
 Chestnut Hill Street - A4
 Chewab Street - E2-B2
 Coffin Street - C1-C2
 Colby Lane - C2
 Crane Road Street - B4-D2
 Crown Drive - B4
 Cummins Home Drive - B2
 Carlinae Lane - C1

Dale Place - A3
 Dehaven Drive - C2
 Emory Lane - E1

Farm Lane - A4
 Felton Lane - E2
 Ferry Lane - B2

Gordon Street - E2-E3
 Georgetown Road - C4-C2

Honey Lane - D1
 Harrison Avenue - B2
 History Lane - B2
 Hillside Circle - B4

High Hill Road - D4
 Indian Hill Street - D2-F4
 Indian Ridge Road - E3-E4
 Inverness - F3-F4
 Ironwood Way - B2

Kings Court - B4
 Kimball Lane - D4

Lobbins Lane - E2

Main Street - A2-E1
 Maple Street - B2
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 Mechanic Street - B2
 Meetinghouse Hill Road - C2
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Nowell Farm Drive - B2
 Norton Drive - E1-E2
 Old Parish Way - D2

Parsons Road - E1-E2
 Pleasant Hillway - C2
 Pineau Bridge Road - E2
 Pleasant Street - B2
 Poor Road Lane - C2-C3
 Power's Lane - E2
 Prospect Street - B2

Road's Lane - C2-C4
 River Meadow Court - B2
 River Meadow Drive - A3-B2
 River Meadow Place - A3-B2
 River Road - M - D1
 Riverview Drive - A3-A4
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Tewksbury Road - B4
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 Tule Rush Lane - A3

Upland Lane - E2

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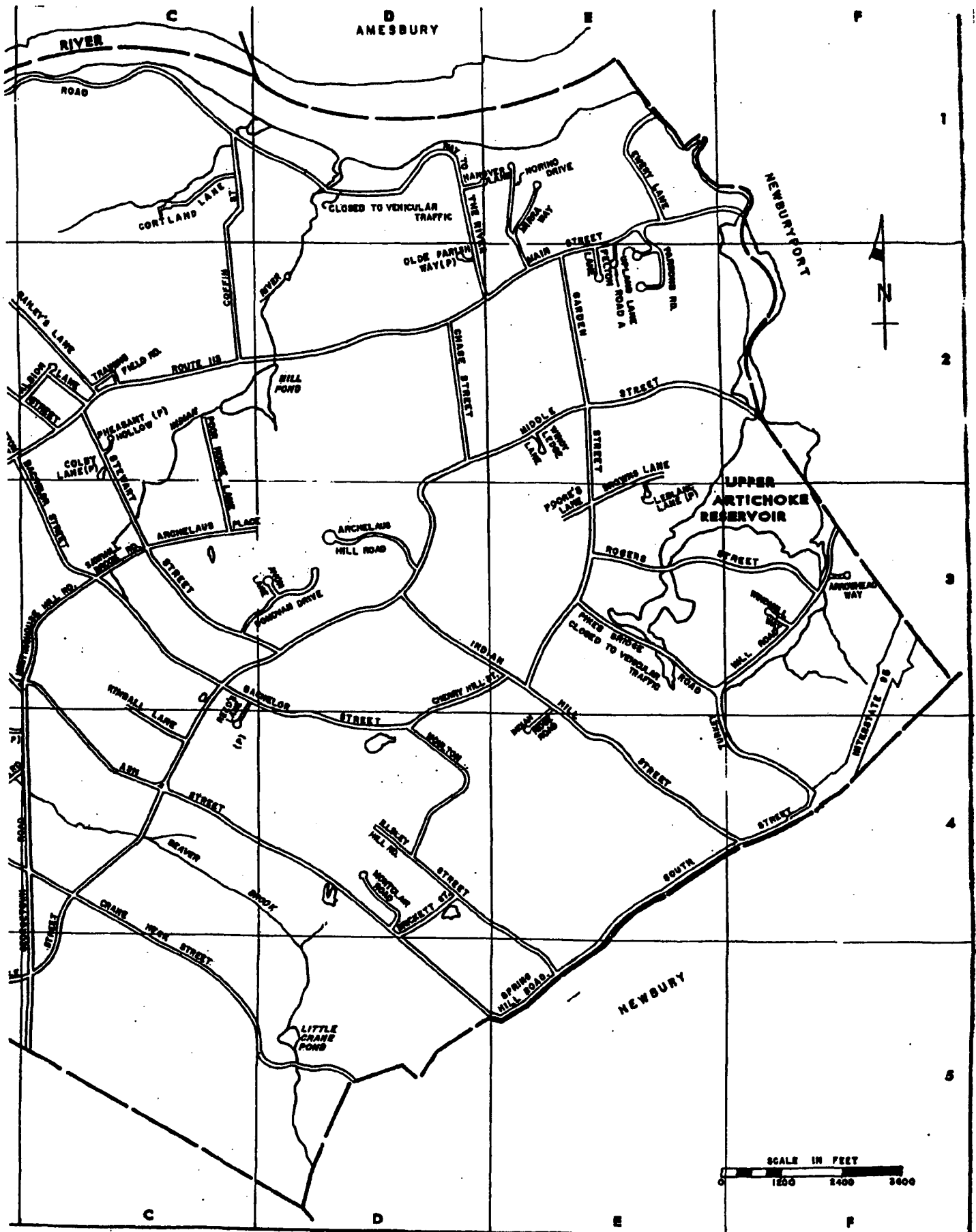
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 Way To River - D2-D1
 Whistlers Street - B2
 Woodcrest Drive - B4
 Worth Lane - B1
 Wylie Lodge Lane - E2
 Windmill Way - F-3

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